



Sociological Perspectives: Essential Science to Understand Health and Eliminate Health Disparities

2010 MSSA Annual Conference Call for Papers

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

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| ANNUAL MEETING PAPER SUBMISSIONS | June 28 |
| UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION | June 30 |
| GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER OF DISTINCTION | June 30 |
| STANFORD LYMAN SCHOLARSHIP | September 1 |
| STANFORD LYMAN BOOK AWARD | June 1 |

**October 13-16, 2010
Baton Rouge, LA
Crown Plaza Hotel**

You are invited to submit papers around the conference theme or on any topic related to sociological theory, applied or basic research, education, or history of the profession.

- ◆ Papers that address the social problems related to health disparities, disasters, violence, and responses to health disparities by professionals in health care, social service, sociological research or sociological practice, and those that report on interdisciplinary research are encouraged. The program would be enriched by papers on: social problems related to health disparities, disaster, violence, and responses to health disparities by the health care and social service professions and within sociological research and practice.
- ◆ Papers on broader topics are also welcome, including papers on teaching sociology, sociological theory and methods, course redesign and online teaching, service-learning and other strategies to encourage civic engagement. Papers on gender, crime, deviance, family, and policy are appropriate as well.
- ◆ Papers on topics of interest to graduate/undergraduate students, and papers (co)authored by graduate/undergraduate assistants are encouraged.
- ◆ We welcome sessions/papers on the history of MSSA and current and future issues for the MSSA and the profession.
- ◆ Papers on other topics not closely related to the conference theme will be given full consideration as well.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Abstracts (no longer than 200 words) of papers to be presented should be submitted to:

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If you want to discuss your idea prior to submission, you may call the Program Chair, Dr. Roma Hanks, at:

(251) 460-6020.

Earlier submissions are encouraged and will be reviewed upon receipt.

From the Field

This year's conference will feature "From the Field" sessions to provide opportunities for sociologists and their community partners to showcase partnerships and the application of sociological theory and methods, as well as student/faculty community engagement. If you have ideas for a specific "From the Field" session, please submit it to the Program Chair

We expect this conference to attract medical sociologists, health care researchers and providers, social workers, and other audiences who may collaborate with sociologists in community-based research or program development. Continuing education credits will be available.

Think about and suggest possibilities for interdisciplinary papers/sessions.

List of Current Sessions on Reverse

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Changing Workforce: Work-Family Issues
Contemporary Health Lifestyles and the Reproduction of Inequality
Crime
Deviance
Disaster Sociology
Dumping in Dixie: Environmental Inequality in the U.S. South
Educating the Next Generation of Professionals in Health Disparity Research and Practice
From the Field
From the Field: Community Based Participatory Research and Advocacy
Gender Research in Progress
Getting the Sociological Perspective to the Table in Discussions of Health Disparities
Health and Place
Health Care
Homicide Studies
How Do You Do It? Methodological Questions, Challenges, and Ideas in Researching Health Disparities
Inequality and Health
International Healthcare and Health Disparities
Leisure and Sport Studies
Moving Forward in Policy and Practice: New Directions for U. S. Health Care Delivery
Negotiating the Health Care System: Gender, Race, and Sexuality
Obesity: Causes, Consequences, and Interventions
Operationalizing Place and Health
Physical and Mental Health Issues among Women in Prison
Post-Feminism for Children
Poverty and Health
Rampage and Campus Crimes: The Silent Killers (Paper Session)
Rural Health
Rural Sociology
Service Learning and the New Millennium: Understanding Pedagogy and Service (Round Table)
Services to Overwhelmed and Affluent Groups
Social Capital
Social Inequality & Health Care
Social Movements
Social Psychology
Social Theory
Socioeconomic Differences in Health and Disability
Sociological Perspectives on Health Science Professions, Professionalism, and Practice
Sociology of Drugs
Sociology of Education
Sociology of Health and Illness
Sociology of Religion
Students Doing Sociology: Student Organizations and Sociology
Teaching Feminist Perspective
Teaching Sociology
Teaching Sociology Online
Theorizing Health Disparities

Additional session ideas are still welcome. Also, if you are interested in reviewing abstracts, serving as a discussant, or just have a great program idea to share, please contact Dr. Roma Hanks at: (251) 460-6020 or rhanks@usouthal.edu