

Quiet Room**Wednesday | 12:00 pm-6:30 pm | Johnson**

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Registration**Wednesday | 12:00 pm-6:30 pm | Promenade****Executive Council Meeting****Wednesday | 1:00 pm-2:00 pm | Polk****1. Crime and Criminology- Challenges to Reentry for Incarcerated Persons [Regular Paper Session]****Wednesday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Embassy East****Organizer:** David C. May, Mississippi State University**Chair:** David C. May, Mississippi State University

- *Evaluating The Effectiveness of a Substance Abuse Education Program Among Incarcerated Individuals in Mississippi.*Chandleigh Barton, Mississippi State University, Catherine Rene` Authement, Mississippi State University, Angela Robertson, Mississippi State University, Stacy Haynes, Mississippi State University, David C. May, Mississippi State University
- *Did Thinking for a Change Really Change My Thinking?.*Adeline Barrett, Mississippi State University, Catherine Rene` Authement, Mississippi State University, Stacy Haynes, Mississippi State University, David C. May, Mississippi State University
- *When I Get Out of Here, I'll Still Be Doing Time: Perceptions of Incarcerated Fathers about Financial Penalties in Criminal Justice.*Michayla Mack, Mississippi State University, Stacy Haynes, Mississippi State University, David C. May, Mississippi State University
- *The Impact of Childhood Trauma on Unhealthy Behaviors Among Correctional Officers in Mississippi.*Julie Stepp, Mississippi State University, Stacy Haynes, Mississippi State University, David C. May, Mississippi State University

2. Undergraduate Research I [Regular Paper Session]**Wednesday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Embassy West**

- *Themes of Black Womanism in Modern Black Female Artists' Songs.*Wisdom Sanai Chandler, Fisk University

- *The Souls of Black Folk: A Comparative Historical Analysis of the Harlem Renaissance and Modern Art Movements.*[Symone Micah Gaskin, Kennesaw State University](#)
- *Exploring Theoretical Explanations for Race, Racism, and Punitive Attitudes toward Crime.*[Colton Rodano, University of Montevallo](#), [Chris Bounds, University of Montevallo](#)
- *Historical Context of the Federal Writers Project NC Born in Slavery Narratives.*[Jenna Catherine Humble, University of North Carolina-Pembroke](#)
- *The Relationship Between Restrictive Voting Laws, Social and Political Contexts, and Voter Turnout.*[Sania Williams, Fisk University](#), [Meagan Rainock, Fisk University](#)

3. Digital Sociology [Regular Paper Session]

Wednesday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | International

Organizer: Rachel E. Davis, Middle Tennessee State University

Chair: Eryn Gruzca Viscarra, Georgia College

- *Consumer Trust Under Siege: The Rise and Impact of Fake Reviews in the Digital Marketplace.*[Tina Deshotels, Jacksonville State University](#), [Craig J. Forsyth, University of Louisiana-Lafayette](#)
- *Unpacking Family Fun: A Sociological Exploration of Bonding and Making Memories.*[Julie Mikles-Schluterman, Arkansas Tech University](#)
- *Culture Jamming: A Media Literacy Activity.*[Eryn Gruzca Viscarra, Georgia College](#)

4. Socio-political Contexts: Race, Class, Gender and Deviance [Regular Paper Session]

Wednesday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Embassy West

Organizer: Rachel E. Davis, Middle Tennessee State University

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- *She Who Must Not Be Scammed: Transphobes, Trolls, and Tricksters in Online Research.*[Brianna Turgeon, Jacksonville State University](#), [Sarah Beth Donley, Jacksonville State University](#)
- *Racism, Antiracism, and Other Values.*[Peter John Shrock, Southeastern Louisiana University](#), [John Boulahanis, Southeastern Louisiana University](#)
- *Gender in Emerging Adulthood: Perceptions and Experiences of Masculinity and Femininity in Oklahoma.*[Afra Sayara Rahman, Oklahoma State University](#), [Rebecca Rose Alberty, Oklahoma State University](#), [Heather McLaughlin, Oklahoma State University](#)
- *Black Bisexual Men's Intersectional Stigma Experiences.*[Opal Gay, Georgia State University](#), [Angela-Faith Thomas, Georgia State University](#)
- *Child Welfare Cultures: Identifying Gendered Barriers to State-Specific and Nationwide Child Protective Services.*[Christa Moore, The University of Virginia's College at Wise](#)

Discussant:

- Christianne Marie Corbett, University of Arkansas;

5. 50th Commemorative Panel I: Sociology, 50 Years Forward [Panel]

Wednesday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Embassy East

Chair: Shelly McGrath, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Panelists:

- Tina Deshotels, Jacksonville State University
- Vanessa Greenslade, Southern University
- Melanie Anne Escue, University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- Joel Crombez, Kennesaw State University

6. Applying to Ph.D. and MA programs - Sponsored by the Committee on Professions [Panel]

Wednesday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | International

Chair: Mattea Sylvester, University of North Carolina-Greensboro

This Q&A Panel, sponsored by the Committee on the Profession, provides a space for undergraduate and master's level students to learn about the graduate school application process. Emphasis will be placed on sociology programs. Representatives of both master's programs and Ph.D. programs will serve on the panel. Each panelist will discuss what the application process looks like in their programs before answering a series of frequently asked questions, including questions about funding/assistantships, application materials, and deciding where to apply. Significant time will be dedicated to answering audience questions.

Panelists:

- Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville
- Vicky M. MacLean, Middle Tennessee State University
- Lawrence Stacey, Vanderbilt University

Professional Headshots

Wednesday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Jackson

Need a professional headshot? Drop by and have your photo taken. Photos will be delivered via share drive after the conference.

7. Welcome Reception: 50th Anniversary Kick-Off

Wednesday | 5:00 pm-6:30 pm | Grand Ballroom Central

Join us for special recognition of our past presidents. All registered attendees are invited.

Breakfast

Thursday | 7:00 am-8:30 am | Grand Ballroom East

Available for registered MSSA conference participants.

Sociological Theory Caucus Breakfast - Theory Mini Conference

Thursday | 7:00 am-8:30 am | Grand Ballroom East

Organizer: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville

Chair: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville

Join members of the sociological theory caucus for breakfast. Open to registered MSSA conference attendees.

8. Vaxxers, Preppers, and Immunizers: Where is the dis"pair"ity? [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Embassy East

Organizer: Neil Robert White, University of Louisiana Monroe

- *College students beliefs concerning if "flu shots cause the flu", flu shot behaviors, and perceptions concerning if the state should be preparing people for a flu pandemic.. ..*Neil Robert White, University of Louisiana Monroe, Thomas Michael Kersen, Jackson State University
- *The Spanish Flu and its Effects on Population Growth: The Aftermath.*Jessica Lynn Burke, Francis Marion University, Lisa A. Eargle, Francis Marion University, Ashraf Esmail, Dillard University
- *The Pandemic Did Not Happen: Interpreting COVID-19 Through Baudrillard's Simulacra and Simulation.*John McCollum, Alabama A and M University

9. Death, Dying, and Disease Studies [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Embassy West

Chair: Jason Shawn Ulsperger, Arkansas Tech University

- *"The Youngest in the Room": Embodied Aberration for Young Adults in Cancer Treatment Spaces.*Kathryn Norton-Smith, University of Arkansas
- *Addressing Health Equity in Marginalized Populations in Life Course Perspective: A Comprehensive Review and Future Directions for Research and Action.*Nancy Kelley, University of South Alabama, Hosik Min, University of Texas - Tyler, Ashley Williams, University of South Alabama, Roma Hanks, University of South Alabama

- *“Death Bouncers” and “Spiritual Guides”: How End-of-Life Doulas Provide, Frame, and Navigate Spirituality and Spiritual Care.*Sarah Beth Donley, Jacksonville State University, Casey Fannin, Jacksonville State University

10. Potpourri: Immigration, Environment, Drug Use [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Forum West

Chair: Erin L Rider, Nevada State University

- *Environmental Volunteering as a Gateway to Environmental Justice Frameworks? An exploratory case study of volunteer water monitors in Coastal Carolina.*Matthew Jerome Schneider, University of North Carolina Wilmington
- *Faith-Based Organizations' Navigation of External and Internal Regulations and Resources in Providing Humanitarian Resettlement Opportunities to Refugees.*Erin L Rider, Nevada State University
- *Navigating Barriers to Healthcare: A Case study of one Hispanic Church as a Site of Community Cultural Wealth.*Katie Knop, Wingate University, Jaqueline Hernandez-Ramos, Wingate University
- *Correlates of Psilocybin Use Among Emerging Adults in the United States.*Lauren Norman, University of North Carolina Pembroke

11. Arts In Movement: Courageous 8 [Panel]

Thursday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Forum East

Organizer: Jessica Barker, Alabama Association for the Arts, Inc

Chair: Jessica Barker, Alabama Association for the Arts, Inc

An arts exhibition and speaker series centered on the intersectionality of history, civics, art, and culture to include the examination of various art forms and their impacts on the movement for civil rights and social justice. Through partnership, AL Association for the Arts, National Education and Empowerment Coalition, and Friends of Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trails will manage the Southern Tour of the traveling exhibition based on Selma's voting rights activists, known by historians as the "Courageous Eight." These famous "Eight" were Rev. F.D. Reese, Ulysses Blackmon, Amelia Boynton-Robinson, Ernest Doyle, Marie Foster, James Gildersleeve, Rev. J.D. Hunter and Rev. Henry Shannon. These unsung heroes didn't get the same notoriety or name recognition as other historic figures, but they were instrumental in the fight for equal rights for African-Americans. Their stories of sacrifices and efforts during the Civil Rights Movement are now preserved in an artistic traveling exhibit that bears its name. Accompanying the charcoal art exhibit, panelists will speak to the lives of these figures and how they powered the movement to cross the bridge, sparking the Bloody Sunday massacre, in efforts to champion for and successfully advance the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Panelists:

- Keith Parker, National Education and Empowerment Coalition, Inc.
- Althestien Johnson,

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- *From Civil Rights to Armed Resistance to Community Empowerment: The Rise and Fall of the Black Panther Party.*Andrew Wayne Austin, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
- *Child of Courage: The Life and Legacy of Ruby Bridges.*Keith Parker, National Education and Empowerment Coalition, Inc.
- *Liberty House.*Thomas Michael Kersen, Jackson State University

13. Navigating the Dynamic Landscape of Social Interaction in the Digital Age [Regular Paper Session]**Thursday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Embassy West****Organizer:** Monica Bixby Radu, Southeast Missouri State University**Chair:** Rachel E. Davis, Middle Tennessee State University

- *Digital Sovereignty, Material Atrocities: Social Media Corporations as State Criminal Actors.*Rachel E. Davis, Middle Tennessee State University
- *Webkinz & the Genesis of Digital Selfhood.*Jennifer Nicholas, Georgia Tech
- *The Family in the Age of AI-Chat bots: Implications for Policy.*Julietta Raymond, Southern University and A&M College
- *Following Trends or Principled Decision Making? Evaluating the Influence of NLP Benchmarks on Digital Sociology.*AJ Alvero, Cornell University, Ruohong Dong, University of Florida, Klint Kanopka, New York University, David Lang, Stanford University

14. Critical Sociology and the Politics of Fear - Theory Mini-Conference [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Forum West

Organizer: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville

Chair: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville

- *Digital Charisma and Conspiracy: The Role of Live Streaming in QAnon's Rise.*[Christopher Conner, University of Missouri](#)
- *An Explicit Sociology of Fear and Anxiety.*[Joel Crombez, Kennesaw State University](#), Chasidy Harris, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- *Whiteness in Control: Power Mechanisms in U.S. Refugee Policy Through the Lens of Foucault and Critical Race Theory.*[Sarah Castillo, University of Tennessee](#)

15. Teaching Sociology and Criminology [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | International

Organizer: Matthew West, Lawson State Community College

- *Engaging Students in Criminology: Qualitative Results from a Photographic Assignment.*[Brett Lehman, Auburn University at Montgomery](#), Amanda Heitkamp, Troy University
- *Integrating Sociology and Philosophy in Justice Studies.*[Justin Smith, Western Kentucky University](#)
- *Grad School Glow-Up: Success Strategies of the SS-6690 Seminar Course.*[Jolene Vincent, Troy University](#)
- *What's Wrong With Gen-Z?!?: Exploring Claims About Generational Differences Using The General Social Survey in Statistics Courses.*[Andrew James Tatch, Troy University](#), Noelle Kemper, Troy University, Thomas Pohlmeier, Troy University

16. Crime and Criminology- White Collar Crime and Ethical Use of Private Data [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Embassy East

Organizer: David C. May, Mississippi State University

Chair: David C. May, Mississippi State University

- *The Promise and Peril of Using Surveillance Economy Data for Public Research.*[Barton Moffatt, Mississippi State University](#), Emma Biddles, Mississippi State University, [David C. May, Mississippi State University](#), Mike Potter, Mississippi State University
- *Understanding Why People Act Ethically in Using Public Data.*[David C. May, Mississippi State University](#), Emma Biddles, Mississippi State University, Mike Potter, Mississippi State

University, Barton Moffatt, Mississippi State University, Clay Hardwick, Mississippi State University, Timothy McClure, University of South Carolina Aiken

- *Community Structure and White-Collar Crimes: Testing Social Disorganization Theory.*[David Oluwashina Ademule, Mississippi State University](#)

17. Environment and Society [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Embassy West

Organizer: Angela Mertig, Middle Tennessee State University

Chair: Angela Mertig, Middle Tennessee State University

- *Racial/Ethnic Residential Segregation and Health Inequalities in North Carolina Rural-Urban Neighborhoods.*[Melanie Anne Escue, University of North Carolina at Pembroke](#), Kai Anderson, University of North Carolina-Pembroke, Kristen Stowell, University of North Carolina-Pembroke, J. Porter Lillis, University of North Carolina-Pembroke, Shaohu Zhang, University of North Carolina-Pembroke
- *Resource Exploitation, Pollution, and Quality of Life in Developing Nations..*[Jessica Lynn Burke, Francis Marion University](#), Lisa A. Eargle, Francis Marion University, Ashraf Esmail, Dillard University
- *"Eco-Friendly Solutions for Enhancing Urban Resilience: A Case Study Fostering Environmental Sustainability to Combat Homelessness in Skid Row, Los Angeles, California".*[Cameron Sumlin, University of Louisiana, Monroe](#), Ogbonnaya Nwoha, Louisiana Tech University, Lemmy Akoma, Grambling State University, Frances Staten, Grambling State University

18. Critical Criminology, Critical Criminology, Critical Sociology, and Critical Theory in/of America - Theory Mini-Conference [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Forum West

Organizer: Christopher Conner, University of Missouri

Chair: Anthony J. Knowles, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

- *Murderous Enthusiasm: The "Exultant Mood" of Police Sovereignty.*[Tyler Wall, University of Tennessee, Knoxville](#)
- *Cur Country: The Role of the "Dangerous Dog" in American Society.*[Jeremy Smith, University of Tennessee-Knoxville](#)
- *America's Aversion to Critical Self-Reflexivity.*[Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville](#)

19. Navigating Tenure and Promotion in Academia [Roundtable]

Thursday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | International

Organizer: Giselle Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University

This roundtable is designed to provide faculty, specifically Assistant Professors and Associate Professors strategies and tips for navigating promotion from Assistant to Associate Professor, and from Associate to Professor. Attendees will also learn about the tenure process and how to negotiate benefits including salary. This session may be beneficial to Black scholars.

Discussants:

- Melencia Johnson, University of South Carolina Aiken
- Erin L Rider, Nevada State University
- Giselle Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University

20. Gender and Sexualities Roundtable [Roundtable]

Thursday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Polk

Chair: Natalie Blanton, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

- *Biphobia within in the Queer Community.. ..*Matine Haizlp, Middle Tennessee State University
- *Disability, Sex Education & The Denial of Pleasure.*Mikael Emmett Nelson, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Natalie Blanton, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
- *Abortion Policy and Bodily Autonomy in State Legislation.*Kelsey Johnson, Middle Tennessee State University

21. Building on Du Bois' Sociological Approach to Address Health Disparities at the Neighborhood Level [Panel]

Thursday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Forum East

Organizer: Nancy Seay, Simmons College of Kentucky

Chair: Nancy Seay, Simmons College of Kentucky

W.E.B. DuBois' seminal neighborhood study, *The Philadelphia Negro: A Social Study*, challenged the prevailing narrative identifying race as the cause of health disparities. DuBois resisted this false narrative by employing meticulous methodology to demonstrate how multilevel environmental factors surrounding the Black residents of Philadelphia's Seventh Ward, rather than inward and genetically acquired characteristics, determined health differences between Black and White Philadelphians. We reflect on DuBois' neighborhood research as we also resist prevailing narratives connecting social and individual characteristics to the health outcomes in neighborhood contexts. Inspired by the concept of the Universal Basic Income, we introduce the Universal Basic Neighborhood (UBN) to suggest that instead of diagnosing and treating individuals (only) that we need to diagnose and write prescriptions for whole communities to

decrease health disparities swiftly and significantly. Our panel will discuss the UBN concept and associated fieldwork comparing our community-based participatory action research and resource-based approach, to methodological approaches used early on by DuBois.

Panelists:

- Nancy Seay, Simmons College of Kentucky
- Jecorey Arthur, Simmons College of Kentucky
- Joel Goza, Simmons College of Kentucky
- Camara Douglas, Simmons College of Kentucky
- Patricia Reeves, University of Louisville

Discussant:

- Michael Emerson, Rice University;

22. Education as Empowerment: How can we support immigrant students? [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 12:30 pm-1:30 pm | International

Organizer: Phattra Marbang, University of Georgia

Chair: Sarah Castillo, University of Tennessee

- *Education as Empowerment: Supporting Immigrant Students in a Hispanic-Serving Institution.*[Angela Vergara, University of Central Florida](#)
- *Difficulties faced by female international students with dependent children.*[Farah Tasneem, University of Georgia](#)
- *Regulating and Disciplining International Students' Bodies: The Mechanics of "Othering" in the United States.*[Phattra Marbang, University of Georgia](#)

Women, Gender, and Sexualities Caucus Luncheon

Thursday | 12:30 pm-1:30 pm | Grand Ballroom East

Organizer: Andrea Nicole Hunt, University of North Alabama

A time for women, gender, and sexualities researchers and members of historically marginalized genders and sexualities to gather. A limited number of lunches will be provided for registered MSSA Conference attendees.

23. Media, Politics, and Inequality [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Forum East

Organizer: Marcus Brooks, Western Kentucky University

Chair: Jiabin Fan, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

- *"From Androgyny to Binary and Back: A Content Analysis on Nonbinary TikToks".*[Freddie Hatton, University of Louisville](#)
- *Fabricated testimonials: White savior narratives and a new lens of observation.*[Elliott Howard, University of Tennessee-Knoxville](#)
- *Is There Only White Christian Nationalism? An Analysis of the Black Christian Right on TikTok..*[Marcus Brooks, Western Kentucky University](#)
- *"Not French enough"? Aya Nakamura and the Paris Olympics. Debates, controversies, backlash, and misogynoir..*[Marie des Neiges Leonard, The University of South Alabama](#)
- *Understanding the Sexualization and Objectification of Gender in Print Advertisements Over Time: An Intersectional Approach.*[Susan McClain, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Jiabin Fan, University of Arkansas at Little Rock](#)

24. Sociological Theory: Fine Arts, Objects, and Social Breakdown - Theory Mini-Conference [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Forum West

Organizer: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville

Chair: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville

- *Deepening Students' Understanding of Sociological Theory through Fine Visual Arts.*[Laura Hart, Missouri State University](#)
- *Fantasy Production and Risk.*[Jeremy A Ross, Jacksonville State University, Joshua Coheely, Jacksonville State University](#)
- *Object Placement Theory.*[Kiya Rayne Simmons, UT Martin](#)
- *Social Breakdown: Structural Ritualization Theory, the DDR Model, and Therapeutic Possibilities.*[Jason Shawn Ulsperger, Arkansas Tech University, Kristen Ulsperger, Arkansas Tech University](#)

25. AI, Scholarship, and Teaching: Creative Tools for Learning and Teaching [Roundtable]

Thursday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Jackson

Organizer: Kimberly Michelle Murray, Texas A&M University Texarkana

- *Student Survey Data about AI at a Southern Regional University.*[Kimberly Michelle Murray, Texas A&M University Texarkana, Sara Lawrence, Texas A&M University - Texarkana, Joe Burzynski, Texas A&M University - Texarkana](#)

26. Criminology Research in Progress Roundtable [Roundtable]

Thursday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Polk

- *State-Level Retention of the Death Penalty: Factors Driving Continued Use in the U.S.*[Shara Anansa Mintz, Norfolk State University](#)
- *Do Children Feel Safe at School?.*[Vaun Baltimore, Middle Tennessee State University](#)

27. Research Methods in the Current Era of COVID-19 [Panel]

Thursday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Embassy East

Organizer: Lain A.B. Mathers, Indiana State University

Chair: Lain A.B. Mathers, Indiana State University

The COVID-19 pandemic posed challenges to the ways many sociologists gather data. In Spring 2020, scholars were having to shift course in their research endeavors, and quickly, as new public health information became available. There were regular conversations among sociologists about how to adapt to these changes when we knew little about COVID-19, how it spread, and the broader impacts of this illness on our social life. Four years later, many COVID-19 precautions and discussions have fallen to the wayside. Indeed, some even go so far as to suggest that the pandemic is over, despite data that reveals that COVID-19 is still a prevalent virus impacting thousands of individuals. However, there has been relatively little discussion about how our research is continually impacted by COVID-19 in the later stages of the pandemic. This panel discussion will bring together scholars using multiple research methods to discuss how their work is shaped by the present moment we are in vis-à-vis the COVID-19 pandemic. How might recruiting survey respondents be shaped by anti-science discourses that became more prevalent in the wake of early COVID-19? How do ethnographers who continue to wear masks in public blend into settings where most people don't anymore? In short: the focus of this panel will be: How are our decisions about what we research, and how we do our research, shaped by the lingering impacts of COVID-19?

Panelists:

- Nik Lampe, University of South Florida
- Lisa Miller, Eckerd College
- J. Sumerau, University of Tampa
- Katie Cooper, University of Tampa

Discussant:

- Lain A.B. Mathers, Indiana State University;

28. Black Women's Resistance through Persistence [Panel]

Thursday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Embassy West

Organizer: Melencia Johnson, University of South Carolina Aiken

Chair: Giselle Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University

Resistance comes in many forms. This interdisciplinary panel will discuss paths of personal resistance to micro-politics and institutional pressure to conform and exit their chosen field. Their inspiring stories of how persistence in their disciplines has led to rewarding careers in and out of academia will be beneficial to students and faculty alike. In discussing their current projects, panelists will hone in on the importance of mentorship and support to their success.

Panelists:

- Nastassia Jones, Southern University Baton Rouge
- Lola Olufemi, National Institutes of Health
- Harriet Crockett-Woods, Childrens Healthcare of Atlanta
- Melencia Johnson, University of South Carolina Aiken

29. Criminal Legal System [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Embassy West

Chair: Sherry Skaggs, University of Central Arkansas

- *Pre-prison Polyvictimization among Women Serving Life in Prison.Ron Aday, Middle Tennessee State University, Nicole Seabold, Tennessee Tech University, Meredith Huey Dye, Middle Tennessee State University.*
- *A Network Perspective on Officer Diversity and Racial Disparity in Police Use of Force.Scott Duxbury, University of North Carolina*
- *School Safety Concerns in Adolescence and Criminal Offending in Short and Long Terms.Vaun Baltimore, Middle Tennessee State University, Chloe Catherine Davenport, Middle Tennessee State University*
- *Police-Community Relations: A National Analysis of Law Enforcement Personnel.Sherry Skaggs, University of Central Arkansas*
- *Do Perceptions of Justice Matter in Predicting Crime Victim Fear?.Jessica Abbott, Utah Tech University, Shelly McGrath, University of Alabama at Birmingham*

30. Sociology of Disaster [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Forum East

- *Mitigation Beliefs and Risk Perceptions: How Disaster Root Cause Attributions Impact Policy Support.Marjorie Prokosch, Rochester Institute of Technology, Jessica W. Pardee, Rochester Institute of Technology.*

- *"Life is Too Short": Necropolitics in the Shadows of Corporate Governance.*[Kasey Henricks, University of Illinois at Chicago](#)
- *An Interdisciplinary Research Method: Reflective Listening Visualization.*[Jo DeRouen, University of Louisiana at Lafayette](#)

31. Sociology and Film/Television - Theory Mini-Conference [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Forum West

Organizer: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville

Chair: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville

- *Surviving the Post-Apocalypse: Station Eleven, Classical Education, and the Therapeutic Life.*[Joel Crombez, Kennesaw State University](#)
- *(D)evolution, Class, and Alienation in an Unexpected Science Fiction Film.*[Anthony J. Knowles, University of Tennessee-Knoxville](#)
- *'Brooklyn Nine-Nine' and Exploring Implicit(?) Copaganda on TV.*[Sukanya Bhattacharya, University of Tennessee-Knoxville](#), Elliott Howard, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

32. W.E.B. Du Bois and His Legacy of Critical Research on Race [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | International

Chair: Melencia Johnson, University of South Carolina Aiken

- *DuBois' Double Consciousness as Meta-Axiological Dilemma.*[Sundjata ibn-Hyman, Coppin State University](#)
- *The Talented Tenth: W. E. B. Du Bois' Social Justice Warriors.*[Earl Wright II, Rhodes College](#)
- *Unveiling the Power of Black Feminist Thought in Challenging U.S. Policing Methods.*[Emerald Jones, Alabama A&M University](#), Mariyah Johnson, Alabama A&M University

33. Poster Session [Poster Session]

Thursday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Grand Ballroom East

- *Interpersonal Regret Choices among Undergraduates.*[Teagan Ainsley Slade, East Carolina University](#), Emily Herrle, East Carolina University, David Knox, East Carolina University, Elizabeth Perkins, Morehead State University, I Joyce Chang, University of Central Missouri, Lacey Ritter, Mount Mercy University
- *Party At The Polls: Voter Registration Initiative.*[Jaycob Beasley, Tuskegee University](#)
- *Analyzing News Reports on Black Parent-Child Socialization to Explore Gender Neutrality.*[Mahir Mahmud Khan, Wichita State University](#)

- *A Comparative Analysis of Animal Cruelty Law Categories and Reported Incidents Across U.S. Regions.*Shelly McGrath, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Kirsten Tjarks, University of Alabama-Birmingham
- *Impact on Hair Color, Tattoos, and Scent on Partner Desirability.*Haley Nicole Morrow, East Carolina University, David Knox, East Carolina University, I Joyce Chang, University of Central Missouri, Lillian Griffin, East Carolina University, Elizabeth Perkins, Morehead State University
- *Remaining Together After an Affair.*Lillian Griffin, East Carolina University
- *Social Media and Public Opinion on Gun Control.*Maruice Mangum, Jackson State University
- *Retribution or Reform? A Qualitative Analysis of Racial and Gendered Opinions towards Rehabilitative Justice.*Emil M Cucksee, University of Alabama in Huntsville
- *Interpersonal Regrets among Undergraduates.*Emily Michele Herrle, East Carolina University, Teagan Ainsley Slade, East Carolina University, David Knox, East Carolina University

34. Multi-Initiative Collaboration Between Sociology and Criminal Justice Programs [Roundtable]

Thursday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Jackson

Organizer: Courtney Waid, Auburn University at Montgomery

Chair: Courtney Waid, Auburn University at Montgomery

Discussants:

- Kimberly Brackett, Auburn University at Montgomery
- David Feltmate, Auburn University at Montgomery
- Brett Lehman, Auburn University at Montgomery
- Jacqueline McNett, Auburn University at Montgomery
- Sarah Napper, Auburn University at Montgomery
- Theresa Pelfrey, Auburn University at Montgomery
- Courtney Waid, Auburn University at Montgomery
- Lauren Norman, University of North Carolina Pembroke

35. 50th Commemorative Panel II: Sociology, 50 Years Forward [Panel]

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Chair: Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University

Panelists:

- David C. May, Mississippi State University
- Roma Hanks, University of South Alabama
- DeMond Miller, Rowan University
- Stephen Davis, Arizona State University

36. Innovative Approaches in Qualitative Research: New Horizons and Methods [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 5:00 pm-6:15 pm | Embassy East

Organizer: Kristie Perry, Southern University and A&M College

Chair: Julietta Raymond, Southern University and A&M College

- *Students Attitudes on College Education: Qualitative Study.*[Ashraf Esmail, Dillard University](#)
- *Overcoming Barriers to Grant-Funded Qualitative Research in Universities: Challenges and Solutions |.*[Kristie Perry, Southern University and A&M College](#), Julietta Raymond, Southern University and A&M College
- *Moving from Quantitative to Qualitative Research: Shifting Research Methods to Understand the Challenges Animal Advocates Face.*[Shelly McGrath, University of Alabama at Birmingham](#)

37. Undergraduate Research II [Regular Paper Session]

Thursday | 5:00 pm-6:15 pm | International

- *Bias and the Trustworthiness of Information on the Internet.*[Sreekuttan Palakkadan Subash, Berea College](#)
- *ADHD and Academic Well-Being.*[Andrea Rene Patton, Berea College](#)
- *Death Anxiety, Religion, and Religiosity: A Quantitative Research Report.*[Kaitlyn Sarah Nicole Ferguson, Berea College](#)
- *The Sense of Belonging Among Berea College Students.*[Ilaisa`ane Leetham, Berea College](#)
- *College Capital: Social and Cultural Capital Development and What it Means for Pell-Eligible Students Aiming for Upward Mobility in Higher Education.*[Andrea Woodward, Berea College](#), Lily Barnette, Berea College, [Ethan Elliot Crofts, Berea College](#), [Ülvi Gitaliyev, Berea College](#)

Southern Illinois University Carbondale Meet Up

Thursday | 6:30 pm-7:00 pm | Maxwell's Lounge

All faculty, students, alumni and friends of Southern Illinois University Carbondale invited. Let's gather and catch up!

Small and Community Colleges Caucus Breakfast**Friday | 7:00 am-8:30 am | Grand Ballroom East****Breakfast****Friday | 7:00 am-8:30 am | Grand Ballroom East**

Available for registered MSSA conference participants.

38. Environmental Crime/Harm and Justice Issues [Regular Paper Session]**Friday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Embassy East****Organizer:** Lisa A. Eargle, Francis Marion University**Chair:** Jessica Lynn Burke, Francis Marion University

- *Let's Talk about Fast Fashion: Patterns of Consumerism among College Students in the U.S. Rural South.*[Cara Elizabeth Martin, UNC Charlotte](#), [Melanie Anne Escue](#), University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- *Investigating the Socio-Ecology of the Renewable Energy Supply Chain: Lessons from Extraction in Appalachia and the Future of Extraction in the Global North.*[Patrick Clemens, University of Tennessee, Knoxville](#)
- *Blue Hegemonies: Confluences of Geocultural Power in the Pacific.*[Julian Aaron Padgett, University of Missouri](#)

39. Reproductive Justice in the Deep South [Regular Paper Session]**Friday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Embassy West****Organizer:** Autumn Rena Martin, University of Louisville

- *Navigating Women's Healthcare in a Post-Dobbs Era: The Maternal and Reproductive Healthcare Crisis in Kentucky and Tennessee.*[Autumn Rena Martin, University of Louisville](#)
- *Subordinate Bodies: The Sociological Ramifications of Recent Supreme Court Decisions.*[Lauren Warren, Centenary College of Louisiana](#)
- *Examining Race and Gender Variation in Abortion Opinions.*[Michaela Patsy Robinson, Fisk University](#), [Meagan Rainock, Fisk University](#)
- *Religion in Politics: Evaluating the Influence of Religiosity on State Abortion Bans Post Dobbs.*[Vanessa Greenslade, Southern University](#)

40. Undergraduate Research III [Regular Paper Session]**Friday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Forum East**

Chair: Theresa Clare Davidson, Samford University

- *Gendered Fear of Crime.*[Mary Baker, Samford University](#)
- *The Relationship between Individualism & Mental Health.*[Katie McGinley, Samford University](#)
- *Acculturation vs. Religiosity of Latinos in the U.S.*[Shaun Patrick O`Neil, Samford University](#)
- *Hispanic Disaggregation and Variation in Social Capital Access.*[Eli Golde, University of Florida](#)

41. Social and Cultural Capital: Researching Access and Understanding Barriers [Regular Paper Session]

Friday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Forum West

- *Morality is Not Blind: A Racialized Approach to Understanding Morality.*[Austin W Ashe, Norfolk State State University](#)
- *Culture of Poverty: Meta-Axiological Dilemma as Occludent to Social Capital Development.*[Sundjata ibn-Hyman, Coppin State University](#)
- *Veteran Food Insecurity: Social and Structural Barriers to Accessing Food Assistance Programs after Military Service.*[Jimmy Joe Esquibel, Oklahoma State University](#)
- *Influences of Poverty.*[Amari Geneva Brown, Norfolk State University](#)

42. Creating an Individualized Development Plan for Promotion and Tenure [Workshop]

Friday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | International

Organizer: Erin L Rider, Nevada State University

Chair: Erin L Rider, Nevada State University

This session will help faculty, and grad students, develop a 1-5 year plan for promotion and tenure. We will focus on identifying tasks by promotability and building in accountability. Further we will create a useful time management plan to achieve work/life balance and reduce burnout.

Quiet Room

Friday | 8:00 am-5:00 pm | Johnson

This room is open as a quiet space to work on projects or step away from the noise of the conference.

Registration

Friday | 8:00 am-5:00 pm | Promenade

43. Outside the Box: New, Creative, or Innovative Approaches to Social Research [Regular Paper Session]

Friday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Embassy West

Organizer: Stephen Davis, Arizona State University

- *Fixed Points for Relative Sociology: The New Technology Approach.*[Christopher Elliott, UNCW](#)
- *Museums, Stadiums, & the Potential of Public Places in Sociological Research.*[J. Sumerau, University of Tampa](#)
- *Minding the Gap: Client Professionalization of End-of-Life Doulas.*[Sarah Beth Donley, Jacksonville State University](#), Casey Fannin, Jacksonville State University
- *Using Quantitative Ethnography and Epistemic Network Analysis to Explore Social and STEM Identity.*[Nastassia N. Jones, Southern University and A&M College](#)
- *Corporate Leadership in a Racist Community: Integrating the Sociological Histories of Coffee, Slavery, and the Klan at Nashville's Maxwell House Hotel (1859-1961).*[Stephen Davis, Arizona State University](#)

44. Undergraduate Research IV [Regular Paper Session]

Friday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Forum East

Organizer: Meredith Huey Dye, Middle Tennessee State University

Chair: Umang Dhingra, Duke University

- *Protecting the American Family: Preserving Familial Intimacy and Cohesiveness during Parental Incarceration.*[Umang Dhingra, Duke University](#)
- *Long-Term Economic and Financial Effects of School Bullying.*[Naman Kumar, Ransom Everglades School](#), Yosef Bonaparte, University of Colorado at Denver
- *Toy Story: A Content Analysis of Sex Toys.*[Fletcher Nicholas Wilson, University of Alabama in Huntsville](#)
- *Autism and BDSM: The Impact of Communication within Sexual Scripts.*[Alex Watts, University of Georgia](#)

45. Media, Music, and Popular Culture [Regular Paper Session]

Friday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Forum West

Organizer: Ruth Chananie, University of Tampa

- *Creepy Comics and Rostow's Stages of Development: Construction of the Underdeveloped Third World in Horror Comics.*[Stanley Adam Veitch, Tuskegee University](#)

- *“She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named”*: Examining Identity and Behavior Change in the Harry Potter Fandom.[Tierra James](#), Auburn University, [Jacob Church](#), Jacksonville State University, [Brianna Turgeon](#), Jacksonville State University, [Leonela Martinez Ramirez](#), Jacksonville State University, [Ariel Vicars](#), Jacksonville State University, [Alicia Carter](#), University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- *Myth, Media, and Motorsport: A Qualitative Document Analysis of Stock Car Racing's Regional Identity*.[Joshua Vadeboncoeur](#), Gardner-Webb University
- *The Role of Macroaggressions in the “Blind Curtain” Selection Process of National Symphony Orchestras: A Symbolic Interactionist’s Perspective*.[Edward Sanford](#), Tennessee State University

46. Maintaining an Active Research Agenda at a Teaching Institution [Panel]

Friday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Embassy East

Organizers: Jessica Abbott, Utah Tech University; Aaron Rowland, University of Tennessee-Martin;

This panel is comprised of faculty at teaching institutions who will provide tips, guidance, and other ideas for maintaining an active research agenda. Audience participation is encouraged.

Panelists:

- Jessica Abbott, Utah Tech University
- Aaron Rowland, University of Tennessee-Martin
- Brett Lehman, Auburn University at Montgomery
- John McCollum, Southwestern Community College

47. Race, Social Media, and Politics [Panel]

Friday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | International

Organizer: Marcus Brooks, Western Kentucky University

Chair: Melanie Anne Escue, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

- *The Impact of Social Media Algorithms on Black Artists Through a Black Feminist Lens*.[Nakaja Weaver](#), Missouri State University
- *Which Black Lives Matter?: An Examination of Black Conservative Views on Abortion and Policing*.[Keziah Monk](#), Western Kentucky University
- *Colorblind Nationalism: Toward a New Theory of New Racism for the Modern United States*.[Marcus Brooks](#), Western Kentucky University
- *A Sociological Glimpse into America’s Future if Project 2025 is Enacted*.[Robert K. Perkins](#), Norfolk State University, [Cameron Foreman](#), Norfolk State University, [Micaiah Stephens](#), Norfolk State University

- *Ethnic Demographics in Focus: A 2020 U.S. Census Study of Turkish and Kurdish Communities.*[Ismail Yigit, Tennessee State University](#)

48. Homicide Studies [Regular Paper Session]

Friday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Embassy East

Organizer: John Boulahanis, Southeastern Louisiana University

Chair: John Boulahanis, Southeastern Louisiana University

- *Tarnowsky: Exposing her influence on theories of homicide.*[Lin Huff-Corzine, University of Central Florida](#), [Kayla Toohey, University of Tampa](#)
- *Homicide Cases: Examining Exceptionally Cleared to Open Cases.*[John Boulahanis, Southeastern Louisiana University](#)
- *Segregation and its Impact on Hispanic Homicide: The Use of the Index of Qualitative Variation as a Measure of Internal Hispanic Segregation.*[Michael Bisciglia, Southeastern Louisiana University](#)

49. Sexuality, Gender, and Policy [Regular Paper Session]

Friday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Embassy West

Organizer: Andrea Nicole Hunt, University of North Alabama

- *"I thought I was just a late bloomer": Exploring asexual people's experiences of identity and community.*[Jennifer Patrice Sims, University of Alabama in Huntsville](#), [Jess Walter, University of Alabama-Huntsville](#)
- *Tying Down Safety: A Gender-Based Analysis of BDSM Product Reviews.*[Tina Deshotels, Jacksonville State University](#)
- *The Gendered Agency Penalty in the Race for the U.S. Presidency.*[Christianne Marie Corbett, University of Arkansas](#)

50. Undergraduate Research V [Regular Paper Session]

Friday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Forum East

- *Seven Deadly Sins in Fashion: Exploring the Intersectionality of Religion, Clothing, and Emotions.*[Janeice Allen, Southern University and A&M College](#)
- *An Exploration of Voter Apathy in Louisiana: Implications for Policy.*[Jareh Buchanan, Southern University and A&M College](#)
- *An Assessment of Foreign Language Exposure and Media Consumption.*[Ashanti Scott, Southern University and A&M College](#)

- *Addressing Reparative Justice for Black Louisiana Slave Descendants with Implications for Public Policy.Marshall Wilson, Southern University and A&M College*
- *An Assessment of Hospice Care on Patients Quality of Life.Ashton Merrett, Southern University and A&M College*

51. Author Meets Curious Readers: Gratuitous Angst in White America [Panel]

Friday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Forum West

Organizer: Marcus Brooks, Western Kentucky University

Join us for an engaging "Author Meets Curious Readers" session featuring *Gratuitous Angst in White America*. This groundbreaking book introduces a new criminological theory that examines how whiteness influences deviant and criminal behaviors among white individuals, and why they are treated differently by the criminal justice system. Challenging traditional perspectives, the author offers an intersectional framework that sheds light on America's racialized history and current societal divides. A panel of experts will discuss these compelling insights with the author present, offering a unique opportunity for lively discussion and critical reflection.

Panelists:

- Isom Deena, University of South Carolina
- Sarah Castillo, University of Tennessee
- Angie Crouse, University of Mississippi
- Cameron Lippard, Appalachian State University

Discussant:

- Marcus Brooks, Western Kentucky University;

52. Experiential Learning: Using Monopoly to Teach about Social Justice [Workshop]

Friday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | International

Organizer: Rebecca K Davison, Morehead State University

This interactive workshop will demonstrate how the game of Monopoly (in modified versions) can be used as a tool to engage students in the exploration of equity and equality. This modified version has numbered envelopes that determine each participant's situation for the game. Some participants begin with property and additional money. Some have "special rules" they must follow. And, not all participants start at "Go." This activity stimulates dynamic classroom discussions and challenges students to reflect deeply on their assumptions about power and privilege. Experiential learning provides an opportunity for students to become more self-aware and reflective learners (Kolb, 1984). More specifically, Bogo, et al. (2014) argue that the use of

simulation provides a holistic approach to teaching. Not only do students learn knowledge and practice skills, they also explore their assumptions, feelings and reactions through classroom experiences that cause self-reflection which, in turn, affects their professional judgment. In addition, Segal (2018) contends that experiential learning can increase social empathy. This teaching tool can be used by instructors to teach concepts about antiracism, and social and economic justice and create a space for students to self-reflect, self-regulate, and increase their social empathy towards people with different lived experiences. The workshop will include a brief history and overview of the game, an interactive demonstration of how the game can be adjusted to teach concepts and engage students in discussions about social and economic justice, and research findings related to social empathy levels using the Social Empathy Index (SEI) developed by Segal, Wagaman, and Gerdes (2012). Understanding the history of the Monopoly game in the context of capitalism and progressive, anti-capitalist movements in the early 1900s provides a foundation for understanding systemic racism, like housing discrimination, and basic lessons in economics (Pilon, 2016). The interactive demonstration of the modified version of the game will show how the game can be manipulated to teach a variety of global concepts related to racial, social, and economic justice including systems theory, social justice theories, income inequality, structural racism, and social stratification and mobility. Discussion questions revolve around students' concepts of fairness, luck, free will, discrimination, power, and privilege. For example, a discussion question is "Do you think that all people start at 'Go'?" Finally, the presenters will share findings from their research comparing participants' Social Empathy Index (SEI) scores before and after playing the game. **LEARNING OUTCOMES:** 1. Participants will understand the benefits of experiential learning as a holistic approach to teaching about social justice. 2. Participants will learn a variety of ways to use the game of Monopoly to teach concepts and facilitate classroom discussions around racial, social, and economic justice.

Professional Headshots

Friday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Jackson

Need a professional headshot? Drop by and have your photo taken. Photos will be delivered via share drive after the conference.

Racial and Ethnic Minorities Caucus Luncheon

Friday | 12:30 pm-1:30 pm | Grand Ballroom East

Chair: Jessica McCarty, University of South Alabama

A time for members and researchers of racial and ethnic minorities to gather. A limited number of lunches will be provided for registered MSSA Conference attendees.

53. Plenary: Leading with Equity**Friday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Grand Ballroom West****Chair:** Melencia Johnson, University of South Carolina Aiken

Sharon K. Roberson, Esq. is a seasoned C – Suite executive with 30+ years of experience in the corporate, government, and nonprofit sectors. She’s served as President and CEO of YWCA Nashville & Middle Tennessee since 2016. In that time, she’s broadened the agency’s services by expanding the Weaver Domestic Violence Center, creating a children’s program at shelter, and opening the largest DV pet shelter in Tennessee. She’s overseen the expansion of all school-based and adult education programming. Sharon’s renewed the agency’s focus on racial justice, implementing a dedicated social justice program, which has led to several new laws in Tennessee. During her tenure, the YWCA has also received the largest single donation in its 125-year history. Sharon has been recognized with numerous awards and in 2018, she and the organization were selected Person/Organization of the Year by the Tennessean newspaper. Sharon earned her undergraduate and law degrees from Vanderbilt University.

Panelist:

- Sharon Roberson, YWCA of Nashville and Middle Tennessee;

Discussant:

- Andrea Nicole Hunt, University of North Alabama;

54. Discrimination, Health and Mental Health [Regular Paper Session]**Friday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Embassy East****Organizers:** Whitney Frierson, Vanderbilt University; Meagan Rainock, Fisk University;**Chair:** Whitney Frierson, Vanderbilt University

- *A Qualitative Investigation of Microaggressions, Coping Strategies, and Well-Being among Black Men and Black Women Ph.D. Students.*[Whitney Frierson, Vanderbilt University](#)
- *Caste and Mental Health in Nepal.*[Sanjeev Acharya, Arkansas State University](#)
- *Depression in Marginally Food Secure Households.*[Aimee Imlay, Mississippi State University, Margaret Ralston, Mississippi State University](#)
- *Advocating for a Culture of Referral: The Social Epidemiology Behind Endometriosis Education.*[Angela Allgood Crouse, University of Mississippi](#)
- *Understanding the Link Between Juvenile Delinquency and Mental Health.*

55. Looking Back: A History of Germantown in North Nashville [Panel]**Friday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Forum East**

Our panel will examine the social and cultural history of one of Nashville's oldest neighborhoods—that of Germantown. Located just north of the Capitol, the first suburb of North Nashville was established in the 1850s by German and Swiss immigrants. By the 1920s, many of the initial families in the neighborhood had moved away from Germantown into other areas of Nashville, in part due to urban developments in transportation and an anti-German sentiment in the post-WWI era. From the 1920s to the late 1970s, the neighborhood would experience social and political and economic changes like most U.S. cities—leading to a mostly hollowed out, increasingly industrial, area in disrepair. In the late 1970s, a small group of individuals moved into the neighborhood began the process of preserving historic structures, protecting the neighborhood's character, and fostering community cohesion. In 1979, the neighborhood was listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Looking back across the last four and a half decades, the neighborhood of Germantown has experienced considerable change—now often described as “one of the most well-traversed destinations” in Nashville and a place in which “boutiques with thoughtfully curated wares sit cheek to cheek with local restaurants helmed by James Beard Award-winning chefs.”

Panelists:

- Katherine Everhart, University of Virginia at Wise
- Valeria Eadler, Middle Tennessee State University

56. 50th Commemorative Panel III [Panel]

Friday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Forum West

Chair: Earl Wright II, Rhodes College

Panelists:

- Marcus Brooks, Western Kentucky University
- Andrea Nicole Hunt, University of North Alabama
- Anita Bledsoe-Gardner, Johnson C. Smith University
- Giselle Greenidge, Northwest Missouri State University

57. Let's Get Ready to Advance [Workshop]

Friday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Embassy West

Chair: Jessica McCarty, University of South Alabama

The growth of educational programs and the recruitment of talented and diverse students are essential components of institutional expansion. In this abstract, I will delve into strategies of effective program expansion and recruitment enhancement strategies, drawing from various scholarly sources and best practices. This research-driven approach ensures that programs are

aligned with industry demands, relevant, and appealing to prospective students. Additionally, strategic partnerships with other educational institutions, industry organizations, and community stakeholders can significantly enhance program growth and recruitment efforts. Collaborative initiatives such as articulation agreements, internships, and joint events create additional resources and opportunities for learners, expanding the institution's reach and visibility among potential students. Effective marketing and communication strategies are vital in attracting and engaging prospective students. Implementing a comprehensive digital marketing campaign, including social media, search engine optimization, and targeted advertising, can effectively reach a wider audience and generate interest in the program.

Undergraduate Networking Session

Friday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Grand Ballroom East

Network with other undergraduate students attending the conference. Sponsored by Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society.

58. Organizing Your Workplace in a Right-to-Work State

Friday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | International

Chair: Rachel E. Davis, Middle Tennessee State University

In this workshop, experienced worker-organizers affiliated with United Campus Workers will demonstrate the importance of workplace organizing in right-to-work states, particularly for higher education workers, and will guide participants through the organizing process.

Remembering Departed MSSA Members

Friday | 5:00 pm-5:30 pm | Grand Ballroom Central

Organizer: Theresa Clare Davidson, Samford University

Join us and share your memories of members of MSSA who have departed over the last 50 years.

President's Closing Reception

Friday | 5:30 pm-6:30 pm | Crown Ballroom

Business Meeting and Awards Banquet

Friday | 6:30 pm-9:00 pm | Crown Ballroom

Open to all registered MSSA conference attendees.

**59. Theorizing U.S. Undergraduate Education: Boyer 2030 - Theory Mini-Conference [Panel]
Saturday | 8:00 am-9:15 am | Virtual 4**

Organizer: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville

Chair: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville

Panelists:

- Steven Dandaneau, Colorado State University
- Joel Crombez, Kennesaw State University
- Alexander Stoner, Northern Michigan University
- Charles Walton, Houston Community College
- Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville

Executive Council Meeting

Saturday | 8:30 am-10:00 am | Polk

60. Social Determinants of Health and Well-Being [Regular Paper Session]

Saturday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Virtual 1

Chair: Kristen Nicole Sobba, Southeast Missouri State University

- *Beyond Genetics: The Social Structural Determinants of Health.*[Aida Wisecup, Missouri State University](#)
- *The association between health-related locus of control and BMI and health behaviors among college students.*[Miranda Reiter, University Of North Carolina Pembroke](#), [Abigail Reiter, UNC Pembroke](#)
- *Advising Styles & Quality: An Assessment of Graduate Students' Beliefs on Advising.*[Kristen Nicole Sobba, Southeast Missouri State University](#)
- *Length of US Residence and Mental Health among Asian American Immigrants.*[Ying Ma, Austin Peay State University](#)
- *Forced Therapy vs. Educational Opportunities: Counteracting Cognitive Behavioral Programs in Prison.*[Jennifer Schlosser, Coastal Carolina University](#)

61. Student Perceptions of Satisfaction and Learning [Regular Paper Session]

Saturday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Virtual 2

Chair: Cameron Taylor Graham, University of Tennessee at Knoxville

- *Exploring Student Perceptions of Infographic Creation in an Undergraduate Social Inequalities Course: A Mixed-Methods Study.*[Makeela Johari Wells, Auburn University](#)
- *Metaphors and Social Reflections: Using Cinematic Sociology to Aid Instruction.*[Cameron Taylor Graham, University of Tennessee at Knoxville](#)
- *Incorporating Sociology “Labs” into an Introductory Sociology Course.*[Deborah Lowry, University Of Montevallo](#)
- *Determinants of difference: Understanding racial differences in college student satisfaction.*[Philip B Mason, University of South Carolina Aiken](#), [Michelle Petrie, University of South Carolina Aiken](#)

**62. Teaching Survey Courses to Freshman and Sophomores [Regular Paper Session]
Saturday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Virtual 3**

Organizer: Matthew West, Lawson State Community College

Chair: Matthew West, Lawson State Community College

- *Cultural Scavenger Hunt.*[Katie Patton, Delgado Community College](#)
- *Divisive Concept Laws and Intro to Sociology Courses.*[Thomas Moore, Columbia State Community College](#)
- *Diversity Icebreaker Activity.*[Amy Skinner, Shelton State Community College](#)
- *Designing a Religion: How Institutions Work in Society.*[M. Kelly James, University of Memphis](#)
- *Hot Topics.*[Likita Wyatt, Lawson State Community College](#)

**63. Critical Social Theory and Politics - Theory Mini-Conference [Regular Paper Session]
Saturday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Virtual 4**

Organizer: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville

Chair: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville

- *Understanding Climate Disavowal: A Directed Qualitative Content Analysis of Technological Fetishism in U.S. Newspaper Articles on A.I. and Climate Change.*[Alexander Stoner, Northern Michigan University](#)
- *Toward a Critical Theory of Global EV Adoption.*[Anthony J. Knowles, University of Tennessee-Knoxville](#)
- *Critical Theory in the Field: Reflections on Fieldwork Experiences from Nashville to Kurdistan.*[Stephanie Gibb-Clark, Iowa State University](#)
- *Humans Eating Animals: Natural, Healthy, and Humane - or the Opposite?.*[Nadya Vera, University of Tennessee-Knoxville](#)

**64. Undergraduate Research in Progress: Sociology of Deviance [Regular Paper Session]
Saturday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | Virtual 5**

Discussants:

- Ayondayla Abney, University of South Carolina Aiken
- Ashtin Barton, University of South Carolina Aiken
- Emily Copley, University of South Carolina Aiken
- Chloe Powell, University of South Carolina Aiken
- Trenton Appleford, University of South Carolina Aiken

**65. Media and Society [Regular Paper Session]
Saturday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Virtual 1**

Organizer: Kristen Nicole Sobba, Southeast Missouri State University

- *Consumer Perspectives on True Crime Media Representations.* Kailee E.D. Lancaster, University of North Carolina Wilmington
- *Responses to Viewing Cyberbullying Victimization: Examining College Students' Perspectives.* Kristen Nicole Sobba, Southeast Missouri State University, Monica Bixby Radu, Southeast Missouri State University
- *Towards a Holistic, Age-Graded Understanding of Excessive Internet Use: An Application of Containment Theory.* Marian Borg, University of Florida, Ryan Jackson Howard, University of Florida

**66. Understanding Ethnicity and Gender Based Attitudes and Violence [Regular Paper Session]
Saturday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Virtual 2**

Chair: Anjolaoluwa Joy Ogunsina, AUBURN UNIVERSITY

- *Understanding the causes of violence against wives in Bangladesh: An Analysis of Husbands' and Wives' Perspectives.* Farah Tasneem, University of Georgia
- *"He Called Me a Whore": Campus Preachers Acting as Gatekeepers at the Intersection of Gender, Sexuality, and Christianity.* Mandi N. Barringer, University of North Florida, Brenda Savage, Louisiana Tech University
- *Fresh off the Boat No More? Christian Nationalism and Attitudes Toward US Immigration Policies Among US Asians.* Fanhao Nie, UMass Lowell
- *"Even If It's Not Super Radical or Direct Action, It All Still Matters:" Occupational Activism in the Weight-Inclusive Healthcare Movement.* Gabriele Jaclyn Gomez, Oklahoma State University

67. Gender Research in Progress [Regular Paper Session]**Saturday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Virtual 3**

- *Queer and Thriving? Community as Resilience in an Anti-LGBTQ State.*[Lauren Nicole Aitken, University of Central Florida](#)
- *Equitable Funding Achievement: Exploring Workload Allocation Inequalities Among STEM Faculty.*[Colby Ryan Kopf, University of Central Florida](#), [Amanda Koontz, University Central Florida](#)

68. Critical Theory, Dialectic of Enlightenment, and Adorno's Sociology - Theory Mini-Conference [Regular Paper Session]**Saturday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Virtual 4****Organizer:** Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville**Chair:** Alexander Stoner, Northern Michigan University

- *Adorno Predicted Trump: "Zur Prädisposition für demagogische Beeinflussung" as a Defining Theme and Problem.*[David Smith, University of Kansas](#)
- *Adorno as Fieldworker?.*[Steven Dandaneau, Colorado State University](#)
- *Classical Sociology and the Dialectic of Enlightenment.*[Dan Krier, Iowa State University](#)
- *Severance as Perseverance: Negation of Subjectivity in a Fragmented World.*[Reha Kadakal, California State University Channel Islands](#)

69. Poster Session II [Poster Session]**Saturday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Virtual 5**

- *Spatial Analysis of Economic Disparities in West Virginia - What are they?.*[Terence Amankatoa Asitibasi, Clemson University](#)
- *Participant Perspectives on the WIC program in Mobile, AL.*[Hosik Min, U of South Alabama](#), [Roma Hanks, University of South Alabama](#)
- *Exploring the Influence of General Strain Theory on the Relationships Between Childhood Maltreatment and Adulthood Prescription Drug Misuse.*[Abby Gray Williamson, University of Central Florida](#), [Thomas Stafford Jones, University of Central Florida](#)
- *Compassion Fatigue in Kentucky Animal Shelter Workers.*[Elizabeth Perkins, Morehead State University](#), [Suzanne Tallichet, Morehead State University](#), [Matthew Fitch, Morehead State University](#)

70. Walking Tour of Historic Germantown**Saturday | 11:00 am-12:30 pm | Germantown Tour**

Organizer: Katherine Everhart, University of Virginia at Wise

Chair: Valeria Eadler, Middle Tennessee State University

Saturday, October 19th 11:00am-12:30pm Starting Point: Tennessee State Museum, 1000 Rosa L Parks Blvd Note: This tour is limited to the first 20 people to sign up. Contact: Katherine Everhart, sks9nm@uvawise.edu

71. Disease, Disaster, and the Environment [Regular Paper Session]

Saturday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Virtual 1

Organizer: DeMond Miller, Rowan University

- *Xenophobia, Immigration and Disease.*[Abigail Reiter, UNC Pembroke](#), [Aziza Samieva, Wake Tech Community College](#)
- *Reflections on Race-based Urban Health Disparities: Lessons Learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic.*[Micah Pyles, Western Carolina University](#), [Asa Jacobucci, Bridgewater State University](#), [Liam Downey, University of Colorado, Boulder](#), [Adenife Modile, University of Colorado, Boulder](#)
- *Power Elite Theory in Global Environmental Conflicts.*[Emily Katherine Swanson, University of Florida](#)
- *Angle of Attack: The 737 MAX Tragedy Frame and the Discrediting of DEI.*[Milton Vickerman, University of Virginia](#)
- *The Dark Side of Vicarious Citizenship.*[Jeffrey Parker, University of New Orleans](#), [Ciel Quebedeaux, University of New Orleans](#)

72. Sociology of the Profession [Regular Paper Session]

Saturday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Virtual 2

Chair: Deniz Yucel, William Paterson University of New Jersey

- *Co-visioning a Transformed Society through Precariously Employed Subjects of Disablement's Critiques of Productivity.*[Ioana Cerasella Chis, University of Birmingham](#)
- *"Strangers" of the Academy: Cultural Capital Influencing the Career Mobility and Integration of Immigrant Faculty in U.S. Higher Education.*[Debaleena Ghosh, Georgia Southwestern State University](#)
- *Teachers are not your politicians: The disconnection between teachers' agency and the political atmosphere of the classroom.*[Alicia Walker, Missouri State University](#), [Madeline Cope, Missouri State University](#)
- *From Office to Home: How Meaningful Work Shapes Well-Being Across Locations.*[Deniz Yucel, William Paterson University of New Jersey](#)

73. Theorizing the Apocalypse: Constructive Approaches to Crises - Theory Mini-Conference [Regular Paper Session]

Saturday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Virtual 4

Organizer: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville

Chair: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville

- *Teaching the Economic Apocalypse.*Adam Rafalovich, Pacific University
- *Apocalyptic Imagery, Normative Structures of Collective Life and the Search of New Forms of Social Mediation.*Reha Kadakal, California State University Channel Islands
- *How to Avoid the Apocalypse? Towards the Societal Rationalization of the Economy.*Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville
- *Ecological Crisis and Ecological Crisis Diagnosis.*Roderick Condon, Trinity College Dublin

74. Teaching Health Professions Students [Workshop]

Saturday | 2:00 pm-3:15 pm | Virtual 3

Organizer: Xan Nowakowski, Florida State University

This interactive workshop sponsored by the Committee on the Profession will orient participants to effective approaches for teaching health professions students at various stages of career development. Our presenters each have over a decade of experience teaching health professions learners in undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, graduate, and professional degree and certificate programs. Both presenters also work with practicing clinicians for continuing education, providing both general interdisciplinary sociomedical science enrichment and detailing on specific related care competencies. Possible topics for group discussion include classroom activities for learners in different stages and types of clinical education, barriers faced by students pursuing health professions careers and how to address them, helpful resources for learners in diverse training and practice pathways, navigating an increasingly team-based clinical education and health care delivery landscape, and making core sociology content accessible for students coming in from laboratory science disciplines. We will tailor the workshop heavily to questions from attendees—so come prepared with things you've always wanted to know about teaching health professions students and ask away!

Panelists:

- Xan Nowakowski, Florida State University
- J. Sumerau, University of Tampa

75. Criminology and Criminal Justice [Regular Paper Session]

Saturday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Virtual 1

Chair: Nicola Davis Bivens, Johnson C. Smith University

- *Mass Shooters and the Death Penalty: An Exploration of Sentencing Outcomes and Changes Over Time.*Adam Lankford, The University of Alabama, Tova Cohen, The University of Alabama
- *Hidden Perspectives: The Homeless Population and Their Perceptions of Unfair Police Treatment.*Chloe Catherine Davenport, Middle Tennessee State University, Vaun Baltimore, Middle Tennessee State University
- *Higher Education and Public Safety Organizations: Successful Collaborations for Diversity.*Nicola Davis Bivens, Johnson C. Smith University
- *In Search of a Place Called "Home": Domestic Violence, Homelessness, and Mobility Across the U.S. Legal Landscape.*Julio Richard Montanez, University of Central Florida
- *Restorative Justice: Understanding the Appeal of Supernatural Justice in Ghana.*Stella Korleki Apenkro, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

76. Investigating Inequalities and Social Movements [Regular Paper Session]

Saturday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Virtual 3

Chair: Monica Bixby Radu, Southeast Missouri State University

- *Deinstitutionalisation, Neoliberalism and Urbanism: A Confluence of Neglect and Exploitation.*Ryan Harris, Georgia State University
- *"I Have No Family": A Qualitative Analysis of Crowdfunding for Pet Care Amidst Personal Hardships.*Monica Bixby Radu, Southeast Missouri State University
- *Historical-Comparative Analyses of Social Acceptance in the United States, Turkiye, and South Africa.*Ismail Yigit, Tennessee State University, Karin Abel, Tennessee State University
- *"Choices, Choices": The Struggle Between Identity and Orientation in the BDSM Community.*Alicia Walker, Missouri State University, Sawyer Ray Wampler, Missouri State University
- *Exploring Student Movements in Bangladesh in Relation to Political Environment through the Lens of Repression based Social Movements.*Aishwarya Ahmed, Oklahoma State University

77. Social Theory and History: Habermas' Legitimation Crisis after 50 Years - Theory Mini-Conference [Regular Paper Session]

Saturday | 3:30 pm-4:45 pm | Virtual 4

Organizer: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee - Knoxville

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- *What Hangs in the Anthropological Balance? On the Latent Phenomenology in Habermas's Crisis Theory.*Steven Dandaneau, Colorado State University
- *Habermas, Weber, and the Legitimacy of Communitarian Authority.*Dan Krier, Iowa State University
- *From Motivation to Desertion: Habermas, Berardi, and the Problem of Ethical Madness in Planetary Sociology.*Joel Crombez, Kennesaw State University
- *Prescience and Limits of Habermas' Legitimation Crisis.*Robert Antonio, University of Kansas

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