

Mytoan Nguyen Named to MSS/ASA Minority Fellowship

The American Sociological Association has named Mytoan Nguyen the recipient of the 2011-12 MSS Minority Fellowship. A doctoral candidate in sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Mytoan is currently writing her dissertation on ethnic return migration from developed to developing countries, focusing on refugees' children returning to Vietnam.

Her interest in migration and return migration arose naturally from her own international experiences. Born in Vietnam, she grew up in San Jose, California, but has also lived in Melbourne, Australia; Santiago, Chile; and in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

"My family and I came to the U.S. as boatpeople," she said. "And obviously, my dissertation has a connection to historical and social forces that have influenced my own trajectory. For my research in Vietnam, I benefited by reconnecting with distant extended relatives who could not leave Vietnam after the war."



Mytoan Nguyen

Mytoan earned a bachelor's degree in political economy of industrial societies at the University of California-Berkeley, which she credits with helping her to develop a global perspective. She also holds a master's degree in Australian Studies/Refugee Studies from the University of Melbourne.

Currently, Mytoan is at work on her dissertation, which explores diasporic extended family relations, social class, and global diasporic identity-making within global cities, with insights based on the experiences of Vietnamese Americans from the post-1975 wave of U.S. refugees. She focuses on a small subset of Vietnamese Americans who are now finding opportunities for skilled work in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

"My passion for teaching is one of the reasons I decided to pursue a Ph.D. in sociology," Mytoan said. "I believe education is the great leveler of the playing field in U.S. society."

Mytoan's passion for teaching inspired her volunteer work as founder and coordinator of the Telling Our Stories in Madison youth mentorship writing project that engaged Madison high-schoolers in crafting their own creative non-fiction stories based on their own interviews and research on their family history.

"I had been reflecting about what it means to be in Madison, but to have your history come from somewhere else that isn't just the dominant and hegemonic Midwestern construction of Wisconsin identity," she said. "The volunteers I recruited were individuals who were personally invested in volunteering hundreds of hours of their time to further this conversation about identity. The ideas led to one small grant, which led to a large project, which led to a mentorship project, then an anthology, then a larger grant, then a similar project version 2.0, and finally a web anthology release."

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CALL FOR PAPERS
for the 2012 Annual Meeting was issued by email blast on Sept 21. A second call will go out mid-October.

Deadline for abstract submission is Oct. 24. Questions? Contact the program chair's team: MSS2012@maryville.edu

You're Invited to the 75th MSS Annual Meeting

"Sociological Understandings of the Global Transformation"

March 29 - April 1, 2012

Minneapolis Marriott City Center 30 South 7th St / 55402

Program Chair: Linda Lindsey

Program Assistant: Priya Dua

What's in store for you in Minneapolis?

- More than 180 academic sessions
- Meet-the-Authors Luncheon
- 75th Anniversary Celebration
- Filmfest
- Inaugural MSS Trivia Night
- Three sociological tours:
 1. Food Spaces, Tradition & Cultural Identity in the Twin Cities
 2. Resilient & Sustainable Twin Cities: A Two-Wheeled Exploration
 3. Exploring Feminism & Identity through Minneapolis's Vibrant Art Scene

Advance registration will open Dec. 1st.

Advance registration fees:

\$80 - Regular MSS members \$25 - Student MSS members

Need travel assistance? 150 student travel Grants to be awarded!
Watch your e-news for application information.

75th MSS Annual Meeting: Minneapolis March 29-April 1

Irwin Deutscher Will Give Keynote Address at Annual Meeting



Irwin Deutscher

Dr. Irwin Deutscher will keynote the MSS Annual Meeting with a presentation forged from his lifetime of experience in sociology. His preliminary title is: *“Toward a Sociology of Sociology, or How to Study What You Think is Important and Do It the Way You Like While Pretending to Conform to Academic Ritual: The Case of Intergroup Violence Around the World.”*

A long-time member of MSS, Dr. Deutscher is Professor Emeritus of Sociology at the University of Akron. He holds B.A. (Philosophy), M.S. (Statistics), M.A. (Sociology) and Ph.D. (Sociology) degrees from the University of Missouri. He has held professorships at Syracuse University, Case Western Reserve University, and the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands as well as visiting professorships at Ohio State University, The University of California at Berkeley, The University of California at San Diego, and Calcutta University in India. He is past president of two national and two regional sociological societies and is the author of nine books and more than a hundred articles and book reviews.

Dr. Deutscher holds the Annondale Memorial Medal for distinguished service to Indian Anthropology. Among his other honors and awards are the American Sociological Association’s Distinguished Career Award for the Practice of Sociology (1997) and the Lee Founders Award from the Society for the Study of Social Problems (1997).

His 2002 volume, *Accommodating Diversity: National Policies That Prevent Ethnic Conflicts* (Lexington Books) described a set of national policies which have successfully avoided ethnic conflict. Among these are two remarkable pieces of legislation dating back to the mid-1970’s— one in Sweden and the other in Ghana. A central theme of the book is the debate about the desirability of national unity versus national diversity, an issue with special resonance for an increasing number of nations, including our own.

With the assistance of Professor Linda Lindsey, an updated teaching edition of *Accommodating Diversity: National Policies That Prevent Ethnic Conflicts* was published in 2004 under the title: *Preventing Ethnic Conflict: Successful Cross-National Strategies*. Deutscher and Lindsey are currently working on a new edition of that volume.

Dr. Deutscher is perhaps best known for *What We Say/What We Do: Sentiments and Acts* (1973, Scott, Foresman).

He served in the South Pacific with the Marines in World War II and holds two distinguished flying crosses and nine air medals. A single-handed sailor for most of his life, Dr. Deutscher has sailed both North American coasts as well as the Great Lakes and the Baltic Sea. He plays clarinet and saxophone in several Washington-area ensembles. As a volunteer with Amnesty International, he served as Legislative Coordinator for Washington, D.C. He currently serves as a volunteer docent at the U.S. Library of Congress.

Deutscher resides in Washington D.C. with his wife, Verda.

His plenary address to the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting will take place on Friday, March 30.

75th MSS Annual Meeting: Minneapolis March 29-April 1

Top Ten Things to Do in the Twin Cities

By Local Arrangements Chair Sue Smith-Cunnien

See Sue's list with live links to these attractions and more online at www.TheMSS.org.

Most of us will spend our time at the 2012 MSS meetings in Minneapolis attending sessions, committee meetings and the great plenary sessions and MSS 75th anniversary events that are being planned. But at the end of the day (or the end of the conference!) some folks will want to explore what makes the Twin Cities such a great place. While the possibilities are endless, here are ten things you might want to do. Some are free, some are pricey; some are family-friendly, some are for the “discerning sophisticate;” some are close to our home base at the Marriott City Center and some are farther out in the metro area.

- 1 Grab a nature break. We're not called the Land of 10,000 Lakes for nothing. Even downtown, you can head to Loring Park and walk around a lake (okay, pond). Or cross the downtown and stroll along the Mississippi. Take a peek at a city map and you'll find numerous lakes and parks, all with good walking and cycling paths. If you have only a few minutes, take a walk down Nicollet Mall or through the downtown skyways.
 - 2 Explore the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. A 10-minute drive will get you to the MIA and its amazingly varied collections. No admission fee, but a \$5 donation is encouraged.
 - 3 Head to the Science Museum of Minnesota. On the banks of the Mississippi in downtown Saint Paul, this is always a winner with kids and adults. Coming in February: *Real Pirates*, an exhibit of authentic pirate treasures.
 - 4 Enjoy a night out at the Dakota Jazz Club and Restaurant. Come for the music and enjoy a great meal. Maybe you'll luck into one of their “Foodie Nights!”
 - 5 Take in a play at the Guthrie. Now located in downtown Minneapolis in the Old Mill District, the Guthrie boasts a full schedule of plays, concerts and other events. Public tours are available at 10 AM on Fridays.
 - 6 The Walker Art Center is internationally known for its contemporary art: You'll find exhibitions, performing arts, films, and outdoor sculpture gardens.
 - 7 Rent a Segway. It may be chilly, but it's a great way to tour the Minneapolis riverfront or Saint Paul's Summit Avenue area. See humansonastick.com or magicalhistorytour.com for more.
 - 8 Relax -or rock out- with a concert. For classical music lovers - the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra in downtown Saint Paul or the Minnesota Orchestra in downtown Minneapolis. Or check out who's playing at the Target Center in Minneapolis.
 - 9 Sports fan? Target Field, Minnesota's major league ballpark, is located in downtown Minneapolis and baseball fans can tour the Twins' new home. Tours run Thursday through Sunday in March.
- Take the light rail to the Mall of America. Love it or hate it, the Mall of America is not to be missed by a sociologist. With its umpteen million stores, restaurants, movie theaters, carnival rides and sea life aquarium, there is a lot to see and do. www.MallofAmerica.com.

We look forward to seeing you in Minneapolis!

75th MSS Annual Meeting: Minneapolis March 29-April 1

Preliminary Conference Schedule

	Wednesday March 28	Thursday March 29	Friday March 30	Saturday March 31	Sunday April 1
7:00-8:00			Breakfasts: ASA Committee Chairs	Breakfast: State Presidents & State Directors	
8:15-9:45		Films 8:15-5:15	<u>Session 4</u> New board member orientation	<u>Session 6</u>	<u>Session 11</u>
10:00- 11:30		<u>Session 1</u> Pre-conference workshop teaching/ thematic	<u>Commons</u> : Keynote Address: Irwin Deutscher	<u>Session 7</u>	<u>Session 12</u>
11:45- 12:30		Lunch Exhibits open at noon	Lunch	Lunch Meet-the-Authors	MSS Business Meeting
12:45 -2:15		<u>Session 2</u> Roundtables	<u>Session 5</u> Roundtables Undergrad Posters	<u>Session 8</u> Roundtables	
2:30-3:30		<u>Commons</u> Welcome Refreshments	<u>Commons</u> Undergrad Posters Ice Cream Social	2:30-3:45 <u>Session 9</u>	
3:45-5:15		<u>Session 3</u>	<u>Commons</u> Awards: Student Paper & Poster Competitions Presidential Address	4:00 – 5:30 <u>Session 10</u>	
5:30-6:45	Registration opens. <i>Possible early bird meet- up for dinner or happy hour</i>	<u>Commons</u> Plenary Address: Lauren Langman	<u>Commons</u> All members welcome: Presidential Reception / 75 th anniversary celebration	5:30 – 7:00 Special group meetings MSWS Minority Scholars MRSS	
6:45-9:00		Inaugural MSS Trivia Night / food and snacks provided / cash bar		-	

Committees will meet on Friday and Saturday in Sessions 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Watch for your committee's assigned time to appear in the January Annual Meeting Packet. **Board meetings** will take place Thursday, 11:30 – 5:00; and Sunday, 8:00 – 11:30.

opportunities

Date first posted online	PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS / OPPORTUNITIES
9/29/11	The Editorial Staff of the Journal of Contemporary Ethnography (JCE) announces a search for the next editor of our journal. The editor will serve a four-year term beginning January, 2013, and ending with Volume 45 (4) in December, 2016. This editorial term is potentially renewable if the editor wants to continue and receives permission from Sage Publications to do so. Review of applications begins Dec. 1, 2011.
9/23/11	The Department of Sociology and the Women's Studies Program at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire invite applications for a tenure-track faculty position with a joint appointment in both departments at the rank of assistant professor, beginning Aug. 20, 2012. Applications must be received by Dec. 1.
9/23/11	The Department of Sociology and the Department of Communication and Journalism at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire invite applications for a tenure-track faculty position with a joint appointment in both departments at the rank of assistant professor, beginning August 20, 2012. Applications must be received by Dec. 1.
9/22/11	Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI , has two assistant professor positions, both tenure-track. For both, review of applications will begin October 31, 2011, and continue until the positions are filled.
9/22/11	Roanoke College invites applications for a tenure-track position at the assistant professor level in sociology beginning in August 2012. Review of applications begins December 1 and will continue until the position is filled.
9/13/11	The Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at Villanova University invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor position to begin in August 2012 (teaching load is 3-2). This position requires a specialization in Race and Ethnic Relations. Review of applications begins October 15, 2011, and continues until the position is filled.
9/2/11	The Department of Sociology-Anthropology at the University of Minnesota, Duluth , has a full-time, tenure-track assistant professor position available beginning August 27, 2012. Job duties and responsibilities include an active research agenda in criminology, 15-16 credits of teaching per academic year (currently) and standard committee, advising and service duties. Essential qualifications include Ph.D. Application reviews begin Oct. 14, 2011.
7/8/11	The Ouachita Baptist University Department of Sociology invites applications for an entry-level, tenure-track position effective fall, 2012. A Ph.D. in sociology is preferred; ABD considered.
6/17/11	Lake Forest College, Department of Sociology and Anthropology , invites applications for one tenure-track assistant professor position, to begin August 2012.
	CALLS FOR PAPERS / CONFERENCES
7/25/11	The Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) invites abstracts (sessions, papers and posters) for their 72nd Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD, March 27-31, 2012. Theme: "Bays, Boundaries, and Borders." Deadline for abstract submission: October 15, 2011.
6/30/11	The Fourth Bethel University Conference on Sociological Perspectives on Reconciliation extends a call for papers. Abstracts are due Nov. 14, 2011.

MORE info on each listing available online:

See the Jobs & Opportunities page at www.TheMSS.org.

Check the website often. Listings are updated frequently.

grant opportunities

Grants for Research Available to All MSS Members Guidelines Revised

Call for Applications for MSS Research Grants

Applicants must be current members of the Midwest Sociological Society.

The MSS Endowment Committee offers research grants up to \$1,500. Your research must be innovative and in the early stages of conceptualization. Proposals must be 1200 words or less, and include: a cover page; statement of the research problem; theoretical framework; summary of methodology and design; an itemized budget; and a brief budget justification. References should follow the ASA style guide.

The MSS Endowment Committee requires some additional items to complete the submission of your application. These are as follows:

1. Applicants are required to show proof of IRB approval or a completed IRB submission (The IRB submission does not need to be approved by your school at this time) before the application is processed.
2. Group projects, those consisting of two or more authors, need to be approved by the Endowment Committee before the application is processed.
3. Applicants are now required to clearly state what types of supplemental materials they need funded in order to carry out their research. Thus, the committee needs to know the entire expense of the project so that we can decide if the research can be successfully carried out in the one-year time period allotted.
4. Applicants are required to submit letters securing their permission to gain access to their proposed research sites. We will require a letter from the agency/organization that you seek to study.
5. Doctoral students who apply are required to have successfully passed their preliminary examinations and should be at the dissertation stage. A strong letter of support from the dissertation chair(s) is required.
6. Grant winners are expected to present their research findings at a special invited session at the Midwest Sociological Society annual meeting the following year. Please state in your application your intention of attending the MSS the following year to present your research findings if you are selected to receive MSS funding.

In addition to the application components listed above, applicants should include a C.V. and a list of references. Since applicants may not be able to send additional items via email, please include these in the hard copy version of ALL your application materials that need to be sent by snail mail. Remember to have your mailed application postmarked no later than February 15, 2012. The application submission process opens January 15, 2012, and closes before midnight, February 15, 2012. Applications submitted before or after these time periods will not be considered.

Send one hard copy of ALL your application materials to: Gail Wallace, Ph.D., Chair, MSS Endowment Committee, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Department of Sociology, HHB 460B, 1530 3rd Ave South, Birmingham, AL 35294-1152. Phone: (205) 996-2301. Send an electronic version with "MSS Research Grant Application" in the subject line heading of your email to the executive office at midwestss@centurytel.net.

grant opportunities

Call for Applications for MSS Visiting Scholar / Visiting Researcher Grants

The MSS Endowment Committee is accepting applications for the Visiting Scholar/Visiting Researcher Program. The purpose of the program is to support the dissemination of scholarship and research by providing funds for leading researchers and scholars to make short visits to colleges, universities, and state association meetings to share their knowledge and skills with faculty and students. The host school or association may be anywhere in the U.S., but a member of MSS must apply for the grants.

The invited scholar/researcher must also be a member of the Midwest Sociological Society at the time of application. (To determine whether a scholar/researcher is a member in good standing, please contact MSS at MidwestSS@centurytel.net.) The grant provides up to \$1000 (as long as funds are available) to cover transportation costs, incidental costs for the scholar/researcher while traveling to/from the host institution, and reasonable hotel/lodging expenses, while the host school provides meals, hospitality, and any honoraria. The scholar/researcher contributes his or her time and skill.

Visiting Scholars/Researchers may, among other things, participate in:

- Workshops on methodologies of interest
- Seminars on special sociological topics
- Public lectures on current issues
- Conferences with faculty members on their research
- Meetings with students interested in advanced work
- Classroom presentations
- Keynote presentations at state association meetings.

Applications can be submitted by host institutions year-round, and require a letter containing a plan for the visit, a letter of support from the host's dean or equivalent academic administrator, the contact information for the invited scholar/researcher, a tentative schedule of dates and times, and a travel budget. You may name one or more scholars you would like to have for a visit. If you have no nominees, indicate the fields or specialties of particular interest to your students and faculty, and the committee will seek to recruit a scholar/researcher for the visit.

To apply, mail materials to:

Gail Wallace, Ph.D. * University of Alabama at Birmingham * Department of Sociology HHB 460B *
1530 3rd Ave South * Birmingham, AL 35294-1152. Phone: (205) 996-2301 Email: gwallace@uab.edu

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The youth stories are showcased in a web anthology at www.tellingourstories.org.

Mytoan is fluent in English, Vietnamese and Spanish. She authored "Memory of Politics: Chilean Exiles in Melbourne and the 'Other' September 11," which appeared in the Australia-based *Journal of Iberian and Latin American Studies*. Vol. 11(1): 123-132. Learn more about Mytoan's work at her professional website: www.ssc.wisc.edu/~mnguyen.

When not engaged in sociology or community work, Mytoan enjoys making mixed music CDs, hanging out at Madison coffee shops, and cooking Vietnamese food and meatloaf. Please welcome her to MSS and congratulate her on receiving the fellowship with an email to: mytoan.nguyen@gmail.com

calls for award nominations

Call for Nominations: MSS Distinguished Book Award*

The Midwest Sociological Society invites nominations for the MSS Annual Distinguished Book Award to recognize outstanding contributions to sociological research, theory and policy analysis. Eligible books advance sociological analysis in an original and substantive way and must have been copyrighted in 2009, 2010 or 2011. Books nominated during the past two years will be considered again, if new review copies are submitted. The author (or one co-author) must be a member of the MSS with a history of some involvement in the Society, such as conference presentation or publication in *The Sociological Quarterly*. The award includes a \$250 prize. The selection committee is appointed by the MSS President.

All nominations are welcome. A complete nomination consists of a one-page letter of nomination identifying: 1) the nominated book title, author(s), publisher and copyright date; 2) the nominated author's contact information (name, institutional affiliation, phone, mail and e-mail addresses); and 3) a short statement indicating why the book deserves recognition. In addition, 4) nominators are responsible for arranging THREE review copies to be sent to the MSS Executive Office along with the nomination. (Questions? Contact the exec office at (608)787-8551 or by email to MidwestSS@centurytel.net.) **Nominations and review copies are due Oct. 31, 2011.**

***Before nominating, see the complete award guidelines online or request them from the MSS Exec Office.**

Call for Nominations: Award for Teaching Excellence*

The Departmental Award for Teaching Excellence recognizes departments that have created innovative programs, curricula, or teaching and learning strategies for the effective education of graduate or undergraduate students in the discipline of sociology, and includes a \$1000 prize. An award that promotes strategies and recognizes exemplars for teaching reform and revitalization speaks directly to the MSS mission of "advancing sociological knowledge, teaching, and practice for social scientific purposes and social betterment."

Departments should submit their applications to the executive director of the MSS, who will forward them to the MSS Committee on Teaching and Learning for evaluation. **Applications are due this year by Nov. 15, 2011.**

***Before nominating, see the complete award guidelines online or request them from the MSS Exec Office.**

Call for Nominations: Early Career Scholarship Award*

The MSS Early Career Scholarship Award recognizes a number of publications by a younger scholar, working alone or with collaborators, which are particularly meritorious, creative or enlightening. The award is offered biennially and carries a cash prize of \$500.

The Midwest Sociological Society offers the Early Career Scholarship Award in order to draw attention to the quality of scholarship being produced by younger scholars and to underscore the Society's commitment to the professional development of younger scholars and researchers. The award is bestowed upon a body of work rather than a single publication or a group of unrelated publications. The scholarly work being recognized should stem from a discernible research agenda or theoretical approach. The recipient of the award must have received his or her terminal degree within the previous 10 years. **Applications are due this year by Nov. 15, 2011.**

***Before nominating, see the complete award guidelines online or request them from the MSS Exec Office.**

calls for award nominations

Call for Nominations for the 2012 Annual Jane Addams Outstanding Service Award

The Women in the Profession Committee invites nominations for the Jane Addams Outstanding Service Award. Service to girls and women has traditionally been invisible and under-rewarded in society and in the discipline of sociology. This award is one effort to reward and make visible such efforts and to highlight positive role models who advance girls' and women's issues, causes, or status through personal involvement in service activities. Named after Jane Addams, this award will recognize, highlight, and award a modern-day individual who embodies the passion, dedication, and activism of Jane Addams through efforts to improve the status of girls or women. Individuals may receive the award for a sustained record of service to girls or women or for an intensive, short-term effort on behalf of girls or women. Award recipients may have performed such service inside or outside of the academy, in the Midwest, or beyond.

Nominations require a 1-2 page letter. Letters must clearly indicate the way in which the nominee has improved the experiences of girls or women, either in the academy or in specified communities, and should also indicate why these contributions are award-worthy. All current members of MSS are eligible to receive this award. Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominators need not be MSS members. Nomination letters should include email, phone, and mailing contact information for the nominee.

Nominations are due by Nov. 1, 2011.

Upon receipt of the nomination, the award coordinator will contact the nominee by email and request the following additional documentation: Current curriculum vitae, brief statement of service philosophy regarding girls or women's issues, information about the service for which he/she is nominated, and two letters of support (one of which one should be from the community service agencies (or colleagues/former students if the service has been academic) with whom the nominee has worked). Letters of support need not be included in the packet mailed to the award coordinator. **All documentation is due by January 10, 2012.**

The WIPC committee will make selection based on the following criteria:

- Service philosophy statement (clear articulation of service philosophy, evidence of action combined with theory)
- Strength of service (possible measures include amount of commitment (time, level); strength of letters of support; sustainability—if applicable; originality)
- Vitae (possible measures include indication of service as long-term commitment; service integrated with scholarship)
- Letters of nomination will be kept on file. All non-awarded nominees will be asked to resubmit updated documentation for consideration for the following year for no more than 3 years.

Awardee will be recognized in the following manner:

- Recipient will be presented with the award at the MSS annual meeting in Minneapolis.
- Recipient will receive a commemorative plaque.
- Recipient will receive a \$300 contribution in his or her name to a service organization (broadly defined) to which he or she has contributed time, effort and energies.
- WIPC will include an article in *TMS* about the winner.

All nominations and supporting documentation should be sent electronically to the Chair of the Women in the Profession Committee: Gina Petonito, petonig@muohio.edu. Letters of support may be sent by email, fax, or postal mail to: Gina Petonito, Department of Sociology and Gerontology, Miami University, 4200 East University Boulevard, Middletown, OH 45042-3497. Phone number: (513) 217-4177. Fax number: (513) 727-3462.

student opportunity

49th Annual Midwest Sociological Society Student Paper Competition in Honor of R. Dean Wright

The Midwest Sociological Society announces the 2012 Student Paper Competition. The competition is open to currently-enrolled undergraduate and graduate student members of MSS. Papers are judged through a blind review with separate panels of judges for graduate and undergraduate papers.

Three prizes in each division: 1st Prize: \$250 2nd Prize: \$150 3rd Prize: \$100

All winners will also be given waiver of annual meeting registration fee.
Prizes may be picked up by the winner at the annual meeting in Minneapolis.
MSS reserves the right not to award prizes, or to award 2nd or 3rd prizes but no 1st.

----- Rules for the 2012 Competition -----

Papers

1. Research-based papers involving research on human subjects must secure Institutional Review Board approval prior to beginning research; or undergo an equivalent review procedure and describe it in the methodology section of the paper.
2. Papers may be co-authored by students, but not by students and faculty. Advisors are expected to provide guidance, but not to assist with writing the paper. A student may author or co-author only one paper in the competition.
3. Students may nominate their own work. With a student's permission, an advisor may submit a paper on a student's behalf.
4. Maximum text length is 25 double-spaced pages (12-point font), not counting abstract, references, tables or figures.
5. Students who submit papers to this competition may submit the same paper to sessions at the annual meeting and/or to the editor of *The Sociological Quarterly* for publication consideration.

Submission Procedures and Deadline

6. Student competitors must pay MSS dues for 2012 prior to submitting a paper. Pay online at www.TheMSS.org
7. The paper may be submitted as two to three pdf files [preferred!] or as two to three text files, but it must be submitted as two to three documents, as follows: (1) A cover sheet including title of the paper; the name, institutional affiliation, email address, telephone number, mailing address and the graduate or undergraduate status of the author(s); AND the name, email address, telephone number, and mailing address of the student's advisor. (2) The paper itself must include NONE of the identifying information from the cover page, but must include, at the top of its first page, the full title of the paper, followed by the abstract, if one is included. (See www.theMSS.org for sample documents.) (3) IRB certification or appropriate documentation must be submitted as a third document, for research-based papers involving human subjects.
8. **All submissions must be received by January 9, 2012. Send submissions electronically ONLY to: MidwestSS@centurytel.net. [IMPORTANT: Do not send submissions to the competition chairs.]**
9. Your submission will be acknowledged by email when received. If your submission is not acknowledged within 72 hours of sending, it is your responsibility to follow up with the MSS Executive Director at: midwestss@centurytel.net; or with a call to (608)787-8551.

Notification of Competition Result / Questions / Other

10. All competitors will be notified of results by February 1, 2012.
11. Questions? Please contact Graduate Competition Chair Kathleen McKinney at kmckinne@ilstu.edu or 309-438-7706, or Undergraduate Chair Kathleen Abrahamson at kathleen.abrahamson@wku.edu or 270-745-6973.
NOTE: DO NOT send papers to the chairs!
12. NO reviews will be provided to competitors, either verbally or in writing.

student opportunity

2012 MSS Undergraduate Research Poster Session

Purpose: The Poster Session is designed to feature undergraduate work in sociology and promote interaction between all members of the *Midwest Sociological Society*.

“A poster presentation consists of an exhibit of materials that report research activities or informational resources in visual and summary form. Poster presentations provide a unique platform that facilitates personal discussion of work with interested colleagues and allows meeting attendees to browse through highlights of current research and ideas.” -*American Sociological Association*

Content: Undergraduate students experience and study the “art” of sociology in many ways. This session is designed to feature these experiences and studies. Posters may present original research and data collection, theoretical works and applications, studies of public policy using sociological frameworks, as well as other forms of being engaged with the sociological imagination.

Format: Posters must be freestanding with the ability to be displayed on an easel. Posters can be created using Power Point or with more traditional methods and attached to a tri-panel board. More information on constructing posters will be sent to all students accepted into the session.

Expectations of Poster Presenters:

- **Students must be members of the Midwest Sociological Society.** Student membership fees are \$23.
- **Students must preregister for the meeting.** Students must become members AND pre-register by February 1, 2012. Those who do not join and register will be dropped from the program and ineligible for the competition.
- **Posters must be placed on easels in the exhibits area by 12:30 pm on Friday, March 30. They will be displayed for judging during Session 5, from 12:45 – 2:15. Students should be present during the poster session to answer questions about their projects.** Posters should be left in place during the commons session and ice cream social following Session 5 and students should be available to talk about their posters with other members. Posters may be picked up by 3:30. If not picked up by 5:00, they can be claimed the next day at the MSS registration desk. All posters presented will be considered for the \$200 Undergraduate Poster Competition prize, to be awarded by the Student Issues Committee.*

Other Information: Poster presentations are treated like other submissions for sessions at the MSS with two exceptions: (1) All poster presenters must have a faculty sponsor. (2) Poster presentations are submitted directly to the coordinator and are NOT submitted through the online paper-submission portal.

Submission Information: Submissions should be emailed to the session organizer Lisa Waldner (lkwaldner@stthomas.edu) by January 6, 2012. Submissions must include the following information:

POSTER TITLE:

AUTHOR(S): If there is more than one author, indicate with an asterisk (*) the principal author responsible for presenting the poster with that author’s address and email information.

FACULTY SPONSOR: Must be a current member of MSS; provide current address and email.

ABSTRACT: A summary of your poster in 100 words or less.

**See past winning posters on the student page at the MSS website.*

membership matters

Call for papers issued:

One benefit of membership in the Midwest Sociological Society is the opportunity to participate in the annual meeting. The CALL FOR PAPERS for the 2012 Annual Meeting was issued by email blast to all members on Sept 21. A second call will go out to all members mid-October.

The deadline for abstract submission is Oct. 24.

Questions? Contact the program chair's team: MSS2012@maryville.edu

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE of TMS

Dec. 15th for Annual Meeting Packet; April 15 for spring issue. Send news by email to: MidwestSS@centurytel.net

ABOUT MSS MEMBERSHIP

TO JOIN or RENEW: Visit the membership page at www.themss.org to pay your dues by credit card. OR use the membership form in this issue to pay dues by mail.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP is available to graduate and undergraduate students at any institution of higher learning. Persons gainfully employed as sociologists should not be student members.

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIPS AND OPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS: Any contributions beyond the basic membership levels help the Midwest Sociological Society to: •provide grants, awards and minority scholarships •support the society's operations now and in the future •keep dues and meeting registration fees low.

DON'T KNOW WHEN YOU 'EXPIRE?' MEMBERSHIP is for the calendar year, beginning Jan. 1 and ending Dec. 31. To determine your membership expiration date, just check the label on this issue of *TMS*. If it says, "2011," your membership expires Dec. 31, 2011. Please renew for 2012 *before Jan. 31st* to ensure that you receive an annual meeting packet and uninterrupted publications; and that you remain eligible for MSS committees, grants and awards.

NOT RECEIVING MSS PUBLICATIONS?

If you should miss any issues of *The Midwest Sociologist* or *The Sociological Quarterly*, due to moving or other problems, please request replacement from MSS exec director Lauren Tiffany at MidwestSS@centurytel.net.

NOT RECEIVING MSS EMAIL?

MSS sends important news and annual meeting deadline reminders during the 6-8 months preceding the annual meeting. MSS also sends an occasional email 'blast' with other information of importance to members. If you are not receiving occasional emails from MSS, make sure you're subscribed by sending an email with "Subscribe Me!" in the subject line to: MidwestSS@centurytel.net

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Code of Ethics of the Midwest Sociological Society

Members of the Midwest Sociological Society subscribe to and are bound by the Code of Ethics of the American Sociological Association.

To read the Code in its entirety, please visit the ASA online at www.ASAnet.org and follow the link to "Ethics."

MSS members are reminded that sexual or racial harassment is unethical in any professional setting, and that the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society constitutes such a professional setting. Instances of harassment should be reported as soon as possible to the Professional Issues and Standards Committee. To view the MSS grievance procedure in its entirety, please go to the MSS website - www.TheMSS.org - and click through to the "About MSS" page; or email MidwestSS@centurytel.net and request a copy.

The Midwest Sociological Society 2012 Membership Form

The MSS membership year is a calendar year (January to December).

Questions? Call (608) 787-8551 or email: MidwestSS@centurytel.net

Complete & mail this form to: MSS * 429 24th Street N. * La Crosse, WI 54601.

Visit MSS online at
www.TheMSS.org

Please complete all five information blocks below. You may attach a business card for the first section.

Contact Information

First name: Middle initial: Last name:

School/organizational affiliation:

Is affiliation above part of your mailing address below? yes no

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Country if not U.S.A. Phone

Email address – Print clearly!

MSS will use your email address to send you email messages each year with annual meeting news, deadlines for annual meeting participation, deadlines for grant and award applications, and reminders to renew your membership. You may, of course, unsubscribe at any time. Names and addresses of MSS members are never sold for commercial purposes.

Type of Membership

Student/unemployed.....\$23

Professional.....\$60

Joint professional *\$75

Sustaining professional**\$120

Sustaining and Joint**\$150

* 'Joint' membership is for professional couples who share a home mailing address. Both may vote; only one set of publications will be sent.
**Memberships at the sustaining level provide additional support for MSS Endowment and Minority Scholarship funds.

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Discover, Visa or MasterCard only.

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OPTIONAL Demographic / Interest Inventory

The MSS is committed to diversity. Please describe yourself below:

Sex/gender Race/Ethnicity

Student Status: Undergraduate Graduate Not applicable

Year of your birth:

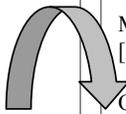
Check here if you are employed primarily as an applied sociologist.

Use the line below to note your area(s) of specialization within sociology.

Please -Before you complete the payment box at right, take a moment to consider an optional contribution of \$5 or more to the MSS Endowment and Minority Fellowship funds.

The *Crockett Endowment Fund* creates financial stability, ensures the future of MSS and helps to keep membership fees and annual meeting registration fees low by providing an ongoing cushion of support for MSS activities.

The *Exum Minority Fellowship Fund* helps provide an annual fellowship [\$10,000 in 2010!] to enable a minority scholar to continue his or her study and research. The MSS Minority Fellowship is administered through ASA.



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Next MSS Annual Meeting: March 29-April 1, 2012, at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center. We hope to see you there!

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