

As President-Elect of the Midwest Sociological Society and Program Chair for our 2015 Annual Meetings it is my honor and privilege to invite you to join us for a great gathering of sociology minds March 26-29 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Our preliminary program has come together quite nicely. It features an exceptionally diverse array of paper sessions, panels, workshops, round-tables, and poster events, an unprecedented number of thematic sessions, and a very special AKD teaching symposium running Thursday afternoon into Friday morning. We've even got brand-new, original graphic art on our conference theme—"Sociology and its Publics: The Next Generation"—for our program cover.

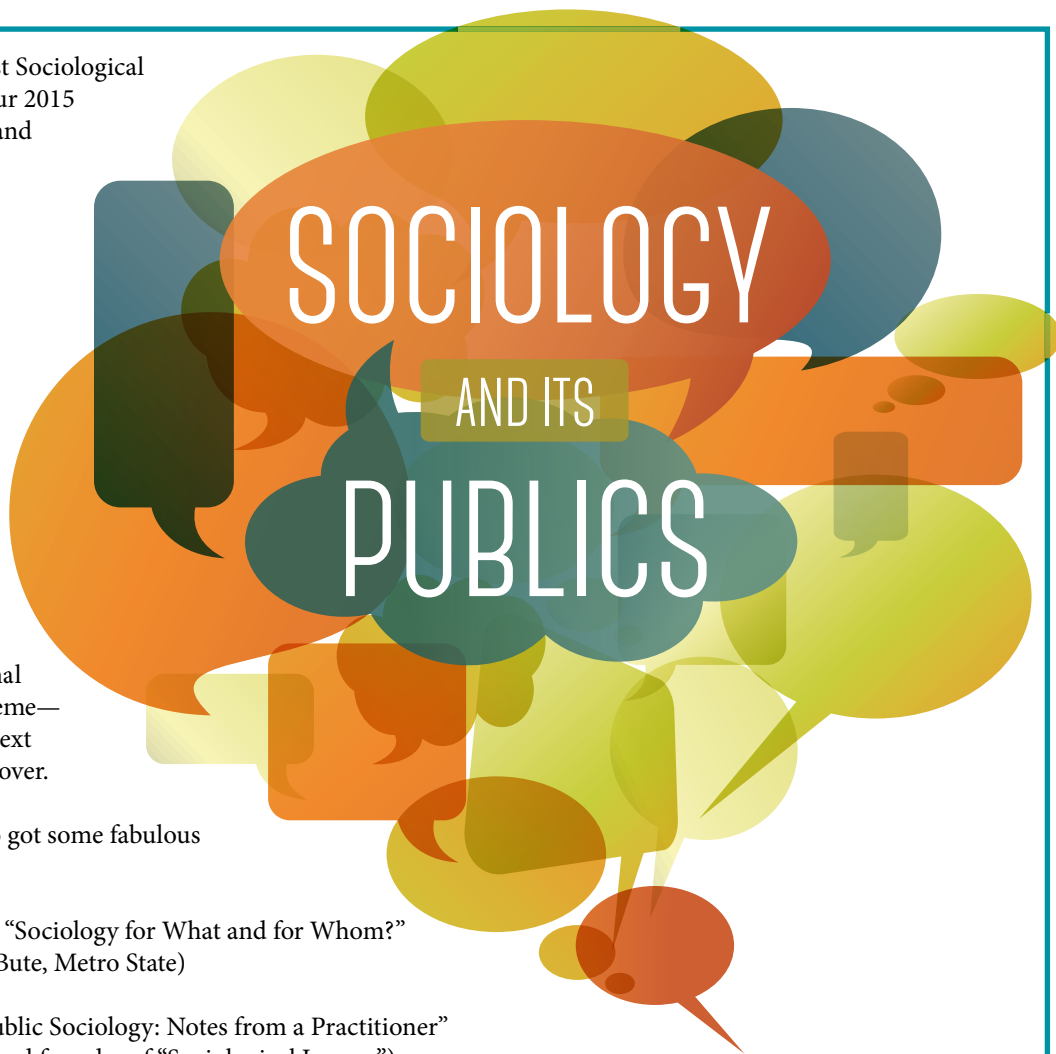
Speaking of the theme, we've also got some fabulous plenary sessions lined up:

- Opening Town Hall Discussion: "Sociology for What and for Whom?" (Organizer and Presider: Monte Bute, Metro State)
- Plenary Presentation: "Doing Public Sociology: Notes from a Practitioner" (Lisa Wade, Occidental College, and founder of "Sociological Images")
- Special Plenary Panel: "Social Science and Public Engagement" (Kevin Leicht, University of Iowa / National Science Foundation; Christopher Uggen, University of Minnesota / The Society Pages.org; Theda Skocpol, Harvard University / Scholars Strategy Network)
- Plenary Lecture: "Out of the (Ivory) Tower and Into the Fire: The Promise and Peril of Outward Facing Sociology" (Dalton Conley, New York University, and author of *You May Ask Yourself*)

In addition to all of these great opportunities to talk about sociological research, teaching, and learning, the Kansas City meetings will also feature the trademark MSS hospitality, congeniality, and good cheer. MSS Trivia night will be back by popular demand as part of the opening reception and festivities, and our Local Arrangements Chair Eve Blobaum (Johnson County) has a great set of tours planned, including one that includes KC barbeque (Sign up now!). And if you just want to make your own personal contribution to the society, we will also have committee meetings galore. What else could you want from a conference?

See you in the Show-Me State!  
March 26-29, 2015

Doug Hartmann, MSS President-elect and 2015 Program Chair



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ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION PACKET

This is your MSS  
2015 Annual Meeting  
Advance Registration  
Packet. Register  
SOON!

# General Meeting Schedule

For more details, visit [www.themss.org](http://www.themss.org)

## 78<sup>th</sup> Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting Daily Schedule

Mar 26-29, 2015

	THURS Mar 26	FRI Mar 27	SAT Mar 28	SUN Mar 29
7:00 – 8:15		Orientation for new MSS committee chairs & new MSS board members	ASA Chairs' Breakfast	8:00-8:30 MSS Business Meeting
8:30 – 10:00	REGISTRATION OPENS at 10:00 AM.	Session 3 *Nominations & Elections *Scholarship Development *Long Range Planning	Session 7 *Professional Issues & Standards *Student Issues Chairs' workshop	Session 11 8:30 – noon MSS board meeting
10:15 – 11:45		Session 4 *Annual Meeting *Social Action	Session 8 *Teaching & Learning *Publications	Session 12
noon – 1:00	11:30 – 4:15 MSS board meeting  Noon-4:30 Part 1: Alpha Kappa Delta Teaching & Learning Event	OPENING TOWN HALL DISCUSSION: "Sociology for What and for Whom?" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organizer / Presider: Monte Bute, Metro State</li> <li>Discussant: Lisa Wade, Occidental College</li> <li>Discussant: Doug Hartmann, University of Minnesota</li> </ul>	SPECIAL PLENARY PANEL: "Social Science and Public Engagement." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kevin Leicht, University of Iowa / National Science Foundation;</li> <li>Theda Skocpol, Harvard University / Scholars Strategy Network</li> <li>Christopher Uggen, University of Minnesota / The Society Pages.org</li> </ul>	ANNUAL MEETING CONCLUDES at NOON.
1:00 – 2:30	Session 1	Session 5 *Finance *Membership	Session 9 *LRP & committee chairs' lunch & planning period	
2:45 – 4:15	Session 2	Session 6 *Finance *Minority Scholars	Session 10 *Women in the Profession *Sociological Practice	
4:30 – 7:00	4:30-6:00 LISA WADE KEYNOTE: "Doing Public Sociology: Notes from a Practitioner."	4:15-4:45 ICE CREAM SOCIAL  5:00-6:30 AWARDS & ADDRESS by MSS President Kevin Leicht: "Getting Serious about Inequality."  6:30 Presidential Reception	4:30 – 6:30 TOUR #2: 18th and Vine: The Walking Tour  4:30-6:00 DALTON CONLEY KEYNOTE: "Out of the (Ivory) Tower and Into the Fire: The Promise and Peril of Outward-Facing Sociology."  6:00-7:00 PETER HALL LECTURE Prof. Joseph Kotarba, Texas State University: "From Basic to Applied to Policy: Teaming in Symbolic Interactionism."	
7:00 – 10:00	TRIVIA NIGHT	MSWS Business Meeting MSWS dinner to follow, time & place TBA.	SSSI banquet	

Each numbered 90-minute session period will have 12 or more concurrent breakout sessions.

Dark red = MSS organizational meetings: board, business, committees, leadership orientation, planning. [\* = committee meetings.]

Blue = plenary events – everyone welcome.

Orange = events requiring advance ticket purchase or fees in addition to registration cost.

Events in green are sponsored or partially sponsored by affiliated groups.

## Special Events at the Annual Meeting

Watch for more details by email and at [www.theMSS.org](http://www.theMSS.org)

### ..... Plenary Sessions .....

#### **“Doing Public Sociology: Notes from a Practitioner”**

**4:30 PM Thursday**

Address by Lisa Wade, Occidental College, founder of *Sociological Images*.

#### **“Sociology for What and for Whom?”**

**noon Friday**

Opening plenary town hall discussion,

Organizer / Presider: Monte Bute, Metro State

Discussants: Lisa Wade, Occidental College; Doug Hartmann, University of Minnesota

#### **“Getting Serious about Inequality”**

**5:00 PM Friday**

Address by MSS President Kevin Leicht, University of Iowa, National Science Foundation

#### **“Social Science and Public Engagement”**

**noon Saturday**

Organizer & Presider: Doug Hartmann, University of Minnesota

Participants: Kevin Leicht, University of Iowa / National Science Foundation;

Theda Skocpol, Harvard University / Scholars Strategy Network;

Christopher Uggen, University of Minnesota / *The Society Pages.org*

#### **“Out of the (Ivory) Tower and Into the Fire:**

**4:30 PM Saturday**

#### **The Promise and Peril of Outward-Facing Sociology”**

Address by Dalton Conley (NYU), author of *You May Ask Yourself: An Introduction to Thinking like a Sociologist*; *Being Black: Living in the Red* and *Parentology*

### ..... Social Events .....

#### **Trivia Evening**

**7:00 PM Thursday**

Meet new people in a friendly competition with food, prizes, cash bar. Tickets required.

#### **Ice Cream Social**

**4:15 PM Friday**

MSS's signature event! Take a break, meet up with old friends, make new friends, explore The Commons, enjoy some ice cream! All are welcome.

#### **Presidential Reception**

**approx 6:30 PM Friday**

Food, drink, small-group receptions-within-the-reception. All are welcome.

### ..... Special Interests .....

#### **Alpha Kappa Delta**

#### **Teaching & Learning Event**

**noon - 4:30 Thursday & 8:30 - 11:30 Friday**

#### **Midwest Sociologists for Women in Society Business Meeting**

**7:00 PM Friday**

MSWS dinner follows business meeting. [Place and time TBA.]

#### **American Sociological Association Chairs' Breakfast**

**7:00 AM Saturday**

Invitations will be sent to department chairs by ASA.

#### **“From Basic to Applied to Policy:**

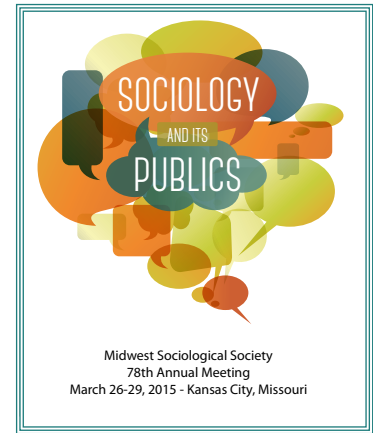
**6:00 PM Saturday**

#### **Teaming in Symbolic Interactionism”**

Peter M. Hall Lecture by Professor Joseph Kotarba, Texas State University.

**Symbolic Interactionist Banquet** follows Hall lecture. Cocktails, 7:15. Dinner at 7:30.

Reservation required, with check, by March 5. Further details to come at [www.TheMSS.org](http://www.TheMSS.org) special events page.



## The Commons formerly known as the Exhibit Hall

The Commons will once again be the hub of our conference, becoming a central space for socializing, networking, exploring grad programs, and more. *Commons open daily from noon Thursday to noon Saturday.*

## Final Program

Stay tuned to [www.TheMSS.org](http://www.TheMSS.org) where the final program, including all session days, times and room assignments, will be posted in mid-January. [MSS members will be notified by email when the final program is posted online!]

## Optional Tours at the Annual Meeting

Purchase tours when you register using the form on page 11; or when you register online at [www.theMSS.org](http://www.theMSS.org).

### TOUR #1: Kansas City: Creating the Racial Landscape

ORGANIZERS: Phil Olson, University of Missouri-Kansas City  
Jake Wagner, University of Missouri-Kansas City

TOUR TIME: Friday, March 27, 1:00 - 4:00 PM.

TOUR DESCRIPTION: This tour will examine the history and formation of the racial landscape in Kansas City and its outlying areas. The tour emphasizes the use of public policy, as well as public and private investment, in shaping the racial and socioeconomic divides, both past and present, of the Kansas City metro area.

TOUR FEE: \$18. Covers transportation and tour leadership. CAPACITY: 22



Kansas City Skyline



Charlie Parker Memorial  
in the 18th & Vine District

### TOUR #2: 18th and Vine: The Walking Tour

ORGANIZER: Andrea Broomfield, Johnson County Community College

TOUR TIME: Friday, March 27, 4:30 - 6:30 PM.

TOUR DESCRIPTION: Dedicated foodies and history buffs will enjoy this interactive tour that will take them through the historic 18th and Vine district, the birthplace of Kansas City jazz, and also an area that at one time was full of distinctive restaurants, night clubs, taverns and cook shops, many of which helped to build and sustain Kansas City's culinary reputation. During the Jim Crow era, the district was one of the few areas in Kansas City where African Americans were allowed to eat, live, shop, and play. Plan on stopping for a snack at Arthur Bryant's, about

half-way through the tour. We will conclude at the Blue Room for Indigo Hour, where live jazz performers pay tribute to the past, and where drinks and appetizers are available. Come hungry and ready to brave the weather! The tour will cover roughly 6 square blocks. Good walking shoes are recommended, as well as any necessary outerwear.

TOUR FEE: \$15 – Fee covers van ride from the hotel to the walking-tour area; and back to the hotel at conclusion of walking tour, but no food or drink. Participants should bring money for food and drink. CAPACITY: 12

### TOUR #3: Food Systems in Cow Town

ORGANIZER: Stu Shafer, Johnson County Community College

TOUR TIME: Saturday, March 28, 8:30 - 11:30 am

TOUR DESCRIPTION: From the days of Westport as an embarkation point for wagon trains, through the 19th-century cattle drive, well into the 20th century when the best steaks were to be found right next to the stockyards, even to the ongoing tradition of the American Royal livestock show, Kansas City has had a major identity as a place for beef and barbecue. Today, Greater Kansas City is quietly becoming an exemplar in the resurgence of a diverse, local food system. Urban farms of many scales, educational and support programs for newly-arrived immigrants and greenhorn market farmers, a wide range of active farmers' markets, and strong support from skilled local chefs for the best cutting-edge creations from local food sources, all are weaving a strengthening local food system as a resilient alternative to monocultural globalization. This is a bus tour, but several stops will involve some walking around urban farms and fields, so please dress appropriately and with an eye to the weather.

TOUR FEE: \$16 Covers transportation and tour leadership. CAPACITY: 23



City Market is home to one of the largest  
farmers' markets in the Midwest.

## ANNUAL MEETING SPECIAL EVENTS

fun!

prizes!

food!

## MSS Trivia Night

THURSDAY, MAR 26 7:00 - 10:00 pm

Is it an ice-breaker? A first-night welcome? A social event?

A stress-reducer? A just-for-fun competition?

YES! It's all that - with food, prizes, and cash bar thrown in, too!

MSS's THIRD ANNUAL Trivia Night is open to anyone attending the MSS annual meeting.

Reserve a table for 6, and recruit friends and colleagues to your Trivia Team.

Or purchase a table or an individual ticket - and we'll find you a team.

Meet new people, have food, drinks, and fun!

Sign up for Trivia Night when you register for the 2015 annual meeting.

Watch the MSS website and upcoming email blasts for more information-  
-and brush up on your sociological knowledge of all things trivial!

Tickets: \$10 for students / \$25 for professionals.

Or buy a table for \$125. See you there!

● **REGISTER** for the AKD  
Teaching and Learning Event  
when you register in advance for  
the MSS Annual Meeting at the  
registration page.

Workshop fee:  
Grad student - \$25  
Professional - \$45

● **LEARN MORE** about the AKD  
Teaching & Learning Event at  
the AKD website.

● **APPLY** for one of FIVE AKD  
Teaching & Learning Event  
fellowships [including up to \$500  
travel cost reimbursement] at the  
AKD website.  
[deadline - Feb. 28th]

Join us!

## Alpha Kappa Delta's Teaching and Learning Event at MSS's Annual Meeting

**Are you looking for ways to increase student learning  
without exhausting yourself in the process?**

Join colleagues interested in teaching pedagogy, practical application, and the scholarship of teaching and learning from a variety of academic settings in a half-day workshop designed to expose the inner workings of course design, student engagement, meaningful learning, and effective assessment. Participants will craft a unique workshop experience from a selection of roundtable discussions best suited to their individual interests and needs. Time will be allocated for networking with colleagues interested in sharing ideas, gaining support, and building collaboration, so participants are encouraged to bring business cards to share.

Join us!

**Join us for this two-day event on:**  
**Thursday, March 26, 2015** (afternoon session)  
**Friday, March 27, 2015** (morning session)





## A note from Student Director Erin Hoekstra

Over the past six months, the MSS Program Committee has been hard at work putting together an exciting 2015 conference for you. Over these four days we will share our research, meet new colleagues, and learn more about the theme of “Sociology and Its Publics.”

As a student, if you have not attended an MSS conference yet, I would really encourage you to come to Kansas City! Of all of the conferences I have attended in my short-ish tenure as a graduate student, the MSS conference is perhaps the friendliest and least intimidating. The conference offers faculty, professional sociologists, and graduate and undergraduate students a venue for real dialogue and collaboration.

President-elect Doug Hartmann has done a great job of recruiting a series of keynote speakers and plenary panelists who are involved as public sociologists, including Dalton Conley, Lisa Wade, and Theda Skocpol. You can find more information about the speakers, panels, and special events here: [www.themss.org/2015specialevents.html](http://www.themss.org/2015specialevents.html).

This year, we will have a hospitality suite especially for students with designated times for socializing and relaxing between sessions. Watch for updates about evening social events for undergraduate and graduate students during the conference. Also, Alpha Kappa Delta will be hosting an extended workshop on teaching and learning held over two half-days of the conference, which is open to grad students. The workshop requires advance registration. You can find more information about the AKD workshop and registration at this link: [www.themss.org/2015AKDworkshop.html](http://www.themss.org/2015AKDworkshop.html).

In addition to these student-specific events and a program full of interesting sessions, Eve Blobaum, the Local Arrangements Chair, has put together a number of really interesting tours that you may want to check out. See page 4 of this brochure for more info. Tours are a great way to experience the rich culture and history of Kansas City.

We hope that you can join us for the 2015 MSS conference. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## Travel grants for students - deadline for application is March 1

Each year, the MSS offers 150 travel reimbursements of \$100 each to student MSS members who participate in the annual meeting.

To qualify you must:

1. Be a student, grad or undergrad; and be a current MSS member;
2. Participate in an annual meeting session as a presenter, organizer or discussant;
3. Register [and pay registration fees] for the 2015 annual meeting before Feb. 1; and
4. Submit your request for a travel grant via e-mail before midnight, March 1.

To allow MSS to serve as many students with real need as possible, please do not apply for these funds, if your school is paying all your expenses to attend the annual meeting.

To apply - please follow these directions:

1. Look up the number of the session in which you're participating. You will find it in the final program, which will be posted online in mid-January at [www.TheMSS.org](http://www.TheMSS.org)
2. Put “MSS Travel Award” in the email subject line.
3. In the body of the e-mail include: your full name, your institutional affiliation, your student status [grad or undergrad], the session number(s) in which you are participating.
4. Email your request for a travel grant before midnight, March 1, to Priya Dua at [pd3d2@mail.missouri.edu](mailto:pd3d2@mail.missouri.edu)
5. If there are more than 150 eligible applicants, the 150 award winners will be randomly drawn from all applicants.

You will be notified of your award status before the meeting, and may pick up your \$100 check at the MSS registration desk in Kansas City.

Questions? Email the MSS Exec Office: [mwsocsoc@centurylink.net](mailto:mwsocsoc@centurylink.net)

## Travel grants for adjunct and contingent faculty - deadline is February 15

The MSS invites applications for the fourth year of its Contingent Faculty Travel Award which provides two nights at the conference hotel paid in full. Contingent faculty eligible for this award are NON-students who teach in part-time/adjunct positions.

### Award Application Requirements:

1. Applicant must be a current MSS member in good standing at the time of application.
2. Applicant must be a participant in the MSS annual meeting by presenting a paper in a session or round table, serving as a panelist in a non-paper session/round table or serving as a member of an MSS committee.
3. Applications must be submitted via e-mail to the MSS Exec Office at [mwsocsoc@centurylink.net](mailto:mwsocsoc@centurylink.net) by Feb. 15, 2015.
4. In your email, include the following information:
  - a. Type "MSS Contingent Faculty Travel Award" in the email subject line.
  - b. In the body of the e-mail include: your full name, your institutional affiliation, your contact information and the name and contact information of your Department Head; and indicate that you will not be receiving any funding from your department/college/university for travel to the annual MSS meeting.
  - c. Attach (as a Word document or pdf) or include in the body of the email one of the following:
    - an abstract for a traditional paper presentation session/round table; OR
    - a one-paragraph description of your role in a non-paper panel/round table session; OR
    - the name of the MSS committee of which you are a member and your role on the committee.

### Award Criteria

Awardees will be chosen randomly from a pool of all eligible applicants.

### Withdrawal

If awardee decides not to attend the meeting, he/she should inform MSS at once, so that the award can be offered to another applicant.

If an awardee withdraws from his/her annual meeting participation of his/her own accord, the award will be withdrawn by MSS.

Questions? Email the MSS Exec Office: [mwsocsoc@centurylink.net](mailto:mwsocsoc@centurylink.net)

## Your annual meeting deadlines and to-do list



Deadlines in blue bars apply only to annual meeting session organizers and presenters.

Deadlines in purple bars apply to everyone.

Deadline in pink bar applies to persons attending the annual meeting, who are NOT participating as organizers or presenters.

This	is the deadline for.....
Jan 23	-organizers to confirm session details with their presenters and report any withdrawals to program chair.
Feb 1	-all annual meeting organizers and presenters to join MSS and register for the annual meeting, by mail or online. [Any organizers/participants who have not paid membership and registration fees by this date risk being removed from the program.]
Feb 15	-applying for adjunct/contingent travel grants. [See more information this page, above.]
Mar 1	-annual meeting presenters/organizers to request special audiovisual support. [See more information on page 10.]
Mar 1	-applying for student travel grants. [See more information on page 6 at left.]
Mar 1	-requesting childcare / disability accommodation. [See more information on page 10.]
Mar 11	-reserving your hotel room at the discount rate. Please remember that hotel rooms are offered at the discount rate until March 11 - or until they are gone - whichever comes FIRST! [See more information on page 10.]
Mar 11	-non-participating meeting attendees to register in advance for the annual meeting, either by mail or online. Non-participating meeting attendees may also choose to register onsite in Kansas City, but registration will cost \$20-\$40 more.
Mar 15	-organizers to remind all your session participants of their responsibilities as well as provide them with final information about the session day, time, location, and audiovisual arrangements.

COME TO KANSAS CITY!

# The Place to be is KC!

by Eve Blobaum, Local Arrangements Chair

In case you haven't heard, Kansas City is on a roll. Whether you're into food or art, traveling alone or with the family, with its great venues and a variety of events for all tastes, Kansas City is the place to be. Even our baseball team is winning!

For those traveling with children, an array of adventures awaits in Kansas City. Head down to Crown Center ([crowncenter.com](http://crowncenter.com)) and take in the [SEA LIFE Aquarium](#) and [Legoland Discovery Center](#), then walk the Link to the iconic [Union Station](#) ([unionstation.org](http://unionstation.org)) for [Science City](#), the [Xtreme Bugs](#) exhibit, and the [KC Rail Experience](#). The whole family can enjoy a show at the [Arvin Gottlieb Planetarium](#) or the [Regnier Extreme Screen](#) at Union Station or ice skate at the [Crown Center Ice Terrace](#). Crown Center also offers [Kaleidoscope](#), a multi-sensory creative center, and productions for children at the [Coterie Theatre](#). Just five minutes southeast from the conference location, you'll find [Stone Lion Puppet Theatre](#), and there's something for everyone at the [Kansas City Zoo](#) ([kansascityzoo.org](http://kansascityzoo.org)), which boasts beloved polar bears, Nikita and Berlin, as well as the new [Helzberg Penguin Plaza](#). For little nature lovers, check out the [Anita B. Gorman Discovery Center](#) or take a trip south to the [Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead](#) in Overland Park (KS).



Nikita the polar bear, at the KC Zoo



Union Station

Looking to shop? Catch a cab or take the MAX to the [Country Club Plaza](#) ([countryclubplaza.com](http://countryclubplaza.com)) to find great shops and restaurants, as well as some of Kansas City's best-known fountains. (As the official City of Fountains, Kansas City has more fountains than any other city in the world except Rome.) If outlet shopping is more your speed, check out the [Legends in Kansas City](#), home of the [Kansas Speedway](#) and the world's tallest waterslide, Schlitterbahn's "[Verrückt](#)."

Interested in history? Kansas City is also home to the fantastic [National World War I Museum](#) at Liberty Memorial ([theworldwar.org](http://theworldwar.org)), located just across the street from Union Station. For a unique historical experience, find your way to the [Arabia Steamboat Museum](#) ([1856.com](http://1856.com)) to see the largest collection of pre-Civil War artifacts in the world. The Kansas City Royals will be training in Arizona, but baseball fans will want to visit the [Negro Leagues Baseball Museum](#) ([nlbm.com](http://nlbm.com)) at 18th and Vine. While you're there, check out the [American Jazz Museum](#) ([americanjazzmuseum.org](http://americanjazzmuseum.org)), too. *(Those wanting to learn more about the historic 18th and Vine district should consider joining us on a walking tour of the area, led by local food historian Dr. Andrea Broomfield from Johnson County Community College. SEE page 4 for more about tours.)*

Into the performing arts? The 2015 annual meetings will be held at the downtown Marriott, just steps away from the [Music Hall Kansas City](#) ([kansascity.broadway.com](http://kansascity.broadway.com)). The Marriott is also located near the [Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts](#) (Kalmar Conducts Dvorak and Beethoven, March 27-29), the [Sprint Center](#) (Fleetwood Mac on March 28), and the [Midland Theatre](#) (Excision on March 29). Just a few miles south of the downtown Marriott, you'll find "Angels in America" playing at the [Kansas City Repertory Theatre](#), and if you're willing to travel a bit farther from the conference facility, check out "The Merchant of Venice" at the [Jewish Community Center](#) or MOMIX at [Johnson County Community College](#), both in Overland Park (KS). If you have a taste for choral music, the [Heartland Men's Chorus](#) will join with the nationally-renowned [Lawrence Children's Choir](#) to offer "Modern Families," a musical documentary that celebrates the changing face of American families, March 28-29 at the Folly Theater. Fans of jazz music should head to the [Majestic](#), where there's live jazz every night, or check out the [Phoenix Jazz Club](#) in the [Kansas City River Market](#).



Negro Leagues Baseball Museum



## COME TO KANSAS CITY!

If you love art but prefer it a bit more stationary, you'll definitely want to make time for a visit to the [Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art](http://nelson-atkins.org) (nelson-atkins.org). Home of the iconic "Shuttlecocks" (1994) by Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen, the museum showcases neoclassical architecture and an extensive collection of Asian art. The Bloch Building, added in 2007, ranked number one on "TIME" magazine's "The 10 Best (New and Upcoming) Architectural Marvels." Nestled in between the Nelson-Atkins and Mill Creek Park, the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art was Kansas City's first cultural institution, established in 1885.



"Shuttlecock" at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art.

Just a few blocks from the Marriott, with its eclectic mix of boutique shops, unique restaurants, studios, and galleries, the [Crossroads Art District](http://kccrossroads.org) (kccrossroads.org) is a fabulous place to spend an evening. Foodies won't want to miss [Extra Virgin](#), where award-winning chef Michael Smith serves up adventurous Mediterranean tapas, or [Anton's](#), where the tilapia is raised in an on-site aquaponics system for the ultimate in fresh food! *(Those wanting to hear about aquaponics at Anton's and other features of the local food system should consider the tour led by Professor Stu Shafer from Johnson County Community College. SEE page 4 for more about tours.)* Crossroads patrons will also find [Fiorella's Jack Stack](#), some of Kansas City's finest barbecue, located in the impressive Freight House.

Oh, yes--we have barbecue! Local favorite [Joe's Kansas City Bar-B-Que](#) serves up delicious fare that's worth the drive! (Try the Z-Man sandwich!) Joe's was even named one of thirteen places to eat before you die by Anthony Bourdain, host of the Travel Channel's "No Reservations." At [Arthur Bryant's](#), you can eat the same legendary "que" that's been enjoyed by Presidents Harry Truman, Jimmy Carter, and Barack Obama. (Those looking to try more of KC's best will want to check out the forthcoming MSS BBQ guide.)



Arthur Bryant's legendary BBQ has been sampled by three U.S. presidents.

All that barbecue will leave you thirsty for a cold one, and [Boulevard Brewery](http://boulevard.com) (boulevard.com) has several tour and tasting options. Just make sure you visit the [signup page](#) on the first Monday of the month if you prefer the Smokestack or Unfiltered tour—they fill quickly! With the Downtown Marriott situated on the northwest corner of the vibrant [Power & Light District](#), you'll have your pick of great taprooms and bars, but beer aficionados will want to hit up the [Flying Saucer Draught Emporium](#). If local brews are what you like best, you may want to head down to the [75th Street Brewery](#) in the Waldo neighborhood, or trek up to North Kansas City for a taste of [Cinder Block Brewery's](#) finest full-flavored craft beers.



Boulevard Brewery offers several tour/tasting options. Sign up at their website on the first Monday of the month!

With all this and more, it's hard to disagree:

**Kansas City is a great place to be!**

Questions that only a 'local' can answer?  
Email Eve at [eblobaum@jccc.edu](mailto:eblobaum@jccc.edu)

## ANNUAL MEETING LOGISTICS



## REGISTERING FOR THE MEETING

Receive a deep discount when you register *before March 11th* for the MSS annual meeting by using the form at right; or use a credit card to register at the registration page at [www.TheMSS.org](http://www.TheMSS.org)

Advance registration is required by Feb. 1 for meeting participants; and available until March 11th for non-participating attendees.

## AVOID PROBLEMS... REGISTER EARLY!

March 11 is the last day to postmark by-mail registration or to register online. *It is not unusual for 200-300 people to attempt to register online on the final day of the advance registration period.*

The onslaught of would-be registrants can cripple the system: If something goes wrong, you may be unable to complete your transactions in time and will be forced to register onsite at a higher cost. **AVOID problems - beat the rush!**  
**Register WELL BEFORE March 11th!**

## AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT FOR MEETING PRESENTERS

All presentation rooms will have LCD [also called digital or data or PowerPoint] projectors. Please note: To use the digital projector, *you or your session organizer must bring a laptop computer to hook up to the digital projector.* A flash drive will not work; and **NO computers will be provided by MSS.** Confer with your session organizer to make arrangements. You are welcome to bring handouts to supplement your presentation instead of using a PowerPoint.



Have a MAC? Most LCD projectors require a special connector to accommodate Apple Macintosh computers. If you plan to use your Mac, please bring an appropriate connector.

Internet connectivity is NOT available in the meeting rooms. NO other audiovisual arrangements - microphones, sound systems, DVD players - will be provided unless requested of -and approved by- the program chair BEFORE MARCH 1. NO audiovisual equipment will be provided to roundtable presenters.

## About the CONFERENCE HOTEL

All conference events are at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown, 200 West 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105. The hotel is offering MSS attendees free use of the meeting rooms; and a generous discount on guest rooms. Guest rooms are only \$119 plus applicable taxes for one-, two-, three- or four-person rooms.

## RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation at the group discount rate, please use your credit card at the 'MAKE YOUR RESERVATION' link at the conference hotel web page on the MSS website. <http://www.themss.org/2015hotel.html> Your credit card will not be charged until you arrive. However - if you make a reservation and subsequently change your plans, failing to cancel your reservation will result in one night's lodging being charged to your card.

**Make your hotel reservation soon!** The discount rate is available only until March 11, or until the MSS room block is full, *whichever comes first.*

### Reservation-making problems or questions?

If you have any difficulty booking a room - please.....contact MSS by phoning 319.338.5247 during business hours; or by emailing [mwsocsoc@centurylink.net](mailto:mwsocsoc@centurylink.net)

## PAYING FOR HOTEL ROOM

You MUST have a major credit card at check-in, to guarantee payment for your stay.

## HOTEL PARKING

Valet parking fee: \$22 for hotel guests.

Onsite self-park fee: \$16 for hotel guests in the hotel garage or the underground Barney Allis lot.

## DIRECTIONS / MASS TRANSIT TO THE HOTEL

Kansas City International Airport is 19 miles from the hotel. The hotel offers no shuttle, but transportation to the hotel is available one-way by bus [\$1.50], taxi [\$40] and SuperShuttle [\$17.] You can access info about getting to the hotel by using the "Maps and Transportation" link at the hotel's web site: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/maps/travel/mcidt-kansas-city-marriott-downtown/>

## CHILDCARE / DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

MSS will help you subsidize quality childcare so you can attend sessions during the meetings. MSS will also provide reasonable accommodation for disabilities. To arrange childcare or an accommodation, please contact Local Arrangements Chair Eve Blobaum before March 1st, at [eblobaum@jccc.edu](mailto:eblobaum@jccc.edu)

## CONTACT US

Questions about AV equipment, membership, advance registration or logistics? Contact MSS Exec Lauren Tiffany at 319.338.5247 or by email to [mwsocsoc@centurylink.net](mailto:mwsocsoc@centurylink.net).

Questions about the program? Contact Program Chair Doug Hartmann or Student Director Erin Hoekstra, at [MSS2015@umn.edu](mailto:MSS2015@umn.edu)

## Combination Membership and/or Advance Registration Form

Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting Kansas City Marriott Downtown Thurs-Sun, Mar 26-29, 2015

PAY DUES & REGISTER ONLINE at [www.theMSS.org](http://www.theMSS.org)OR - MAIL this form with check or credit card numbers to: MSS / 1613 College Ct Pl / Iowa City, IA 52245.**DEADline!!!!!!**Forms postmarked after March 11 will not be accepted.

## PART I: Name badge preference

**PRINT** names & affiliation exactly as desired for your conference name badge(s).

First name / middle initial if you use one / last name

School or organizational affiliation [Please write out – no acronyms.]

Include affiliation named above as part of your mailing address below?  
Please CHECK yes or no. ☐ yes ☐ no

## PART II: Mailing address

If your current address is printed on the back of this form, you may skip the next four lines.

Mailing address line 1

Mailing address line 2 [if needed]

City AND State

Zip or postal code / Country if not USA

Daytime phone with area code

Current email address [Please PRINT CAREFULLY and double-check!]

Print spouse/companion first name AND last name.

[No fee necessary to register your non-sociologist spouse/companion.]

## PART V: For credit card payers only.

PLEASE! Only DISCOVER  
or VISA or MASTERCARD.

Enter card number below.

Card expiration month / year

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Street address where card is billed.

Zip code where card is billed.

Your SIGNATURE exactly as on card.

## PART III: Compute fees. Parts C, D, E are optional.

Please use the boxes below to fill in the fees you are paying.

A. MEMBERSHIP DUES *SKIP to Part B if your 2015 dues already paid!*ONE-year membership OR THREE-year membership

<input type="checkbox"/> \$23 -----	Student -----	\$55	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$60 -----	Regular -----	\$155	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 -----	Joint* -----	\$185	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$120 -----	Sustaining* ** -----	\$300	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$150 -----	Joint & sustaining** -----	\$375	<input type="checkbox"/>

\*Joint = 2 sharing home address &amp; publications. \*\*A portion of sustaining dues is contributed to the MSS Award/Scholarship &amp; Endowment Funds.

B. ADVANCE REGISTRATION FEES – available until Mar 11<sup>th</sup>.

<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	Student MSS member [Onsite registration will be \$55.]
<input type="checkbox"/> \$95	Regular MSS member [Onsite rate - \$125]
<input type="checkbox"/> \$110	Nonmember rate [Onsite rate - \$150]

## C. OPTIONAL Alpha Kappa Delta TEACHING AND LEARNING WORKSHOP

See workshop description in this packet or online at

<http://www.themss.org/2015AKDworkshop.html>

<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	Student workshop fee. [No undergrads, please.]
<input type="checkbox"/> \$45	Professional workshop fee.

## D. OPTIONAL TRIVIA NIGHT

See Trivia Night description in this packet or online at

<http://www.themss.org/2015Trivia.html>

<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	Student
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	Professional
<input type="checkbox"/> \$125	Table of six [We'll ask you for their names later!]

## E. OPTIONAL TOUR FEES\*\* See tour descriptions in this packet, or online at

<http://www.themss.org/2015tours.html>

\*\*If bringing a tour companion, please purchase two tickets.

Below, indicate number of tickets desired in first box each line; and total ticket costs for that tour in second box.

<input type="checkbox"/> @ \$18 = <input type="checkbox"/>	#1 Kansas City: Creating the Racial Landscape Fri, 3/27, 1-4 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> @ \$15 = <input type="checkbox"/>	#2 18th & Vine: The Walking Tour Fri, 3/27, 4:30 - 6:30 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> @ \$16 = <input type="checkbox"/>	#3 Food Systems in Cow Town Sat, 3/28, 8:30-11:30 am

☐ TOTAL – ALL TOUR FEES

## PART IV: COMPUTE &amp; ENTER TOTAL FEES HERE

     = \$   
A + B + C + D + E

TOTAL

Please double-check your selections &amp; your math! 8-)

Enclose check made payable to MSS.

Mail to: MSS, 1613 College Ct Pl, Iowa City, IA 52245

OR use a credit card to complete Part V at left.

## QUESTIONS?????????

- Unsure of membership status? Check the back of this packet for your membership expiration date, or email [mwsocsoc@centurylink.net](mailto:mwsocsoc@centurylink.net).
- See all conference info & updates at [www.themss.org](http://www.themss.org)

We look forward to seeing you in Kansa City!

## Please remember the DEADline!!!!!!

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***But first.....  
check your membership status!***

See the address block above.

If it says '2014' or any previous year, your membership has EXPIRED. If you have 'expired,' please renew before Feb. 1 to be eligible to participate in the annual meeting, to keep your subscriptions coming, and to remain eligible for the discounted annual meeting registration fee, committee service, MSS awards, and MSS research grants.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP by using the form inside this packet; or use a credit card to renew online on the membership page at the MSS website,  
[www.TheMSS.org](http://www.TheMSS.org)



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