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Recap: MSS 2015 Annual Meeting

By Doug Hartmann, *MSS President*

The official results have yet to be tabulated by the Annual Meeting Committee—heck, you still may not have filled out your online evaluation—but the early returns suggest that the 2015 Midwest Sociological Society conference in Kansas City was a resounding success. The meetings included an incredible array of paper sessions, panels, special workshops, roundtables, and poster events covering the full range of research and teaching in this great field. There was a great intellectual energy and social buzz in the hallways, meeting rooms, and late-night watering holes. And the program theme, “Sociology and its Publics: The Next Generation,” really seemed to resonate with conference attendees across ranks and interests. An unprecedented number of sessions

related to public engagement were organized for the conference. The plenary events, headlined by Dalton Conley, Theda Skocpol, our own Kevin Leicht, and Lisa Wade (who did double duty!), drew huge crowds and, more importantly, inspired profound and potentially transformative reflections on the nature, style, and ultimate purpose(s) of the sociological enterprise. And what other sociological organization ever has hosted a presidential session that started with Buddhism, had incense wafting throughout the hall, and insisted that audience members talk more than panelists. (Thanks to you, Monte Butel!) I can only hope that the emphasis on engagement becomes a permanent, defining feature of all MSS meetings and programming.

Thanks to all who helped to make the 2015 meetings such a success. That includes everyone from student director Erin Hoekstra and local arrangements chair Eve Blobaum to MSS executive director Lauren Tiffany and each one of you who organized a session, presented a paper, participated in the trivia competition, served on a committee, or talked with friends and colleagues about the discipline and ideas that bring us all together. While venues such as Kansas City may not attract the sheer number of attendees as some bigger cities, the quality of the intellectual exchanges and camaraderie of this year’s conference remind us once again that it is the people not the place that makes the MSS and its meetings truly special and uniquely satisfying.

Leicht Passes MSS Presidency to Hartmann

At the conclusion of the MSS Annual Business Meeting, held on Sunday, March 29, outgoing President Kevin Leicht passed the presidential gavel to incoming President Doug Hartmann.

With the passing of the gavel, Kevin begins his fourth year of the presidential track, serving as past president, ASA representative, and chair of the Nominations & Elections Committee.



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Phyllis Baker Elected to MSS Presidential Track



Last fall, MSS members elected Phyllis Baker, University of Northern Iowa (UNI), to the MSS presidential track. Phyllis stepped onto the four-year MSS presidential track at the recent annual meeting in Kansas City, when she officially became MSS president-elect-elect. She will serve MSS as president-elect and program chair for the 2017 annual meeting, as president in 2017-18, and as past president in 2018-19.

Phyllis Baker is a Professor of Sociology and Department Head of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology at the University of Northern Iowa. She received her Ph.D. in sociology from the University of California, San Diego. She was an American Council of Education fellow in 2011-2012, placed in the Office of the Provost at the University of Iowa. She is also an alumnus of the Office of Women in Higher Education Regional Women's Leadership Forum 2010 and the Higher Education Resource Services Denver Summer Institute 2008. Phyllis has been the director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program and the associate dean in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at UNI.

Her published work frames Phyllis's concerns about inequality. One of her most recent publications uses survey data to explore gender differences in sexual socialization as a determinant of hooking up by college students. Another contributes to the sociology of sport and gender literature using an ethnographic analysis of high school wrestling. She and her co-author found that the behavior of high school wrestlers fell along a gender continuum between an orthodox

masculinity and an orthodox femininity making it necessary to understand men's sporting behavior within framework of gender, not just masculinity. Dr. Baker is currently involved in cross national research looking at the relationship between growing inequality among men and women's well-being.

In addition to her research, teaching, and administrative roles, Dr. Baker participates in the MSS making it her disciplinary home. She attends, participates in, and has served in various capacities such as State Director for Iowa and Chair of the Women in the Profession Committee, Nominations and Elections Committee, and the Long Range Planning Committee. Her most recent work has been helping to lead MSS through the development of strategic priorities and objectives.

During her presidency, Phyllis's vision is that MSS enhances its position as the premiere regional sociological association in the U.S. She says that "What is needed to reach that vision is a continued focus on serving our diversity of members. This can be done through 1) high quality, professional, and fun (yes, fun!) annual meetings, 2) member services including our publications and scholarships, 3) professional development opportunities for our members, and 4) financial stability."

She welcomes all of you to the MSS and hopes that you enjoy the time and effort you give to this great organization and asks that you feel free to contact her with any questions or concerns. She can be reached at her UNI office at (319)273-2786; or with an email to baker@uni.edu.

ELECTION RESULTS

DIRECTORS ELECTED TO REPRESENT ILLINOIS, MINNESOTA, AT-LARGE MEMBERS

AT LARGE

Newly-elected at-large director, Mike Lacy, is an Associate



Professor in the Sociology Department at Colorado State University [CSU], where he also serves as Director of Graduate Studies. He has been at CSU since 1990. Mike first joined MSS in 1976 while pursuing his M.A. He received his Ph.D. at the University of Kansas in 1981.

Election to the board is not Mike's first service to MSS. He has served on several committees, including the Publications Committee, which he also chaired.

Mike outlined his vision for the future of MSS: "I'd like MSS to continue its tradition of serving members with differing professional interests and from varying kinds of institutions. One of our strengths has been to provide a home for those of us whose primary interest and professional occupation is teaching, as well as for those who focus more on research," Mike said. "I'd like to see MSS renew efforts to encourage participation from our colleagues who focus on research, including Midwesterners as well as those outside the region," he added.

If you live outside the nine-state Midwest region, Mike Lacy represents you on the board. Connect with him at Michael.Lacy@colostate.edu

ILLINOIS

Diane Rodgers, Associate Professor at Northern Illinois University, is the new state director from Illinois.



Diane looks forward to her term on the board, and hopes to bring new members to MSS.

"MSS is already known for its intellectually stimulating, supportive environment", she said. "I think MSS could offer an opportunity for even more inclusivity. For instance, I want to tap into the growing network of high school sociology teachers."

Diane has participated formally in MSS as a session organizer, moderator and presenter ever since her first presentation at an MSS annual meeting in 1998, when she was completing her M.A. She was awarded her Ph.D. at the University of Missouri Columbia in 2006. She knows from personal experience that MSS makes a positive difference for those who might otherwise feel they may not fully belong in the academy. "I would like to create outreach materials for first-generation students, explaining the value of professional socialization that MSS provides," she added.

Diane's areas of interest include social theory; science and technology studies (STS); social movements, organizations and historical sociology.

Illinois members can reach Diane by emailing drodgers@niu.edu.

MINNESOTA Sheryl

Grana, the newly-elected state director from Minnesota, is a Full Professor at the University of Minnesota Duluth, the second-largest campus in the U. of Minnesota system.



As a past treasurer of MSS for four years, Sheryl was an ex-officio member of several MSS committees. She has also chaired and/or been a member of the Finance Committee, the Early Career Scholarship Award committee, the Nominations and Elections committee, and the Social Action committee, among others. A long-time member of MSS, Sheryl has organized sessions and presented papers at many annual meetings.

During her term on the Board of Directors, Sheryl hopes to expand MSS membership. "The membership of the Society creates its vitality, intellectual leadership and welcoming atmosphere. As State Director, I want to work on bringing unaffiliated sociologists – faculty, students and practitioners – to the Society," said Sheryl. "Tapping all our resources would be amazing!"

Sheryl earned her B.A. at Hastings College, Nebraska, and her M.A. at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln [UNL]. She was awarded her Ph.D. at UNL in 1989.

A specialist in the sociology of women, social stratification and inequality, and criminology, Sheryl does research and teaches classes in those substantive areas as well as in the overlap of all three areas. Among other works, she is the author of "Women and Justice," published by Rowman & Littlefield, now in its second edition, and co-author of "The Social Context of Law," now also in its second edition.

Minnesota members can contact Sheryl at sgrana@d.umn.edu.

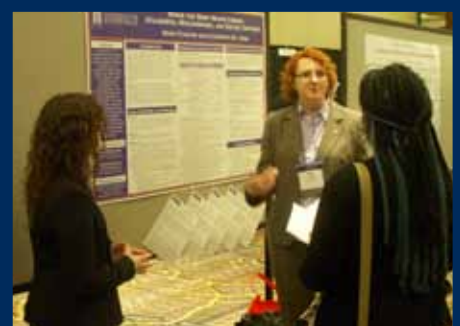
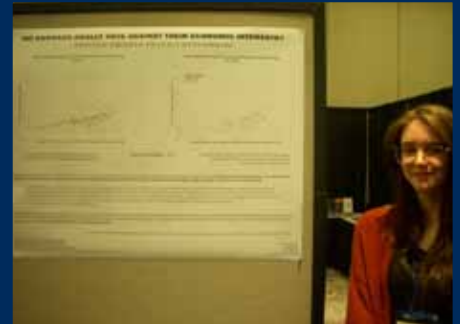
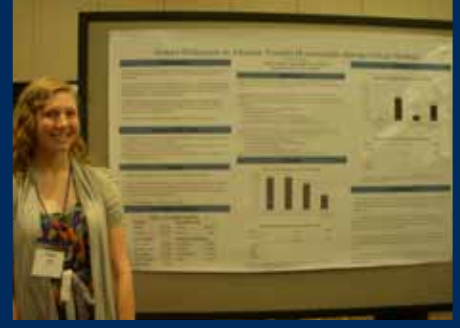
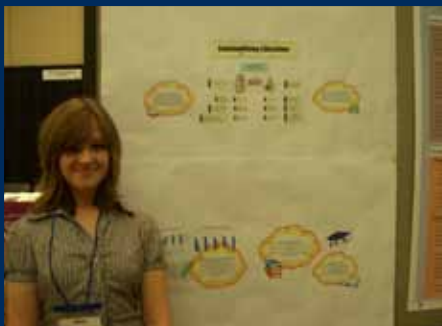
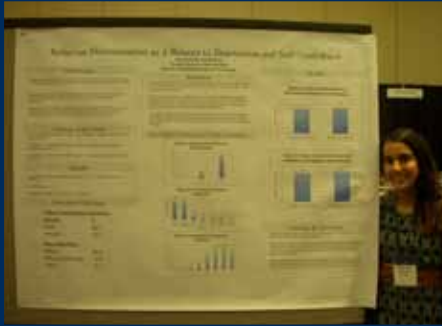
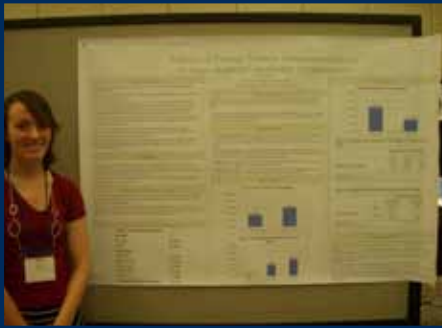
41 Undergrad Posters!

Forty-three undergraduate students, representing twenty colleges and universities, submitted forty-one posters on topics that covered the whole spectrum of sociological study. Congratulations to all the poster session participants -most of whom were enjoying their first professional conference - and to the dedicated teachers who mentored them.

Participants were: Amber Ancil, Caroline Berblinger, Matthew Bowman, Barbara Brewer, Kendra Clark, MacKenzie Dornbier, Erin Dyas, Jessica Fort, Stacy Fratt, Alayna Gillespie, Stacey Harrison, Doren Hilmer, Taylor Hunt, Ashley Johnson, Katie Johnson, Brandi Keith, Grace Kelly, Zachary Klehr, Michael Knoll, Shannon Kochensparger, Katy Krogstad, Robert Leonard, Ruby Linkhart, Elizabeth Long, Ashley Marsh, Haley McKie, Brittney Michel, Mikka Mills, Toby Nelson, Natalie Nordlund, Lauren Phillippi, Katie Shindle, Elizabeth Silsby, Mikayla Swanson, Ryan Swayne, Brian Switzer, Courtney Terry, Laura Tibbs, Katie Tindell, Samantha Vallabhbhai, Sen Wang, Elizabeth White, and Kelsey Whiteley.

Schools represented were: Augsburg College, Baker University, Benedictine University, Coe College, Cornell College, Doane College, Drake University, Fort Hays State University, Illinois Wesleyan, Indiana University Kokomo, McKendree University, Midland University, Minnesota State University Moorhead, Northland College, St Ambrose University, University of Evansville, University of Wisconsin River Falls, Wartburg College, Washburn University, Winona State University.

Thanks to Jean Karlen, Wayne State College, who coordinated the session.



Undergrad Paper Competition Attracts 13 Participants

Congratulations to the winners of the 52nd Annual MSS Student Paper Competition in Honor of R. Dean Wright.

Student paper competition awards were presented at the annual meeting on Friday, March 27, by President Kevin Leicht. Each competition winner received a plaque and a check.

Thirteen undergraduate students from seven institutions submitted twelve papers for the undergraduate competition.

Coordinator of the review process for the undergraduate division was Gina Petonito, Miami University of Ohio. Reviewers were Glenda Miles, Miami University, Diane Wysocki, University of Nebraska Kearney, and Mac-Z Zurawski, Chicago State University. MSS thanks Gina, Glenda, Diane and Mac-Z for investing time and effort to benefit sociology's next generation!



First Place:

Mary Mitchell, Metropolitan State University

Advisor: Janet Enke

Title: *I Treasure My Body: The Social Significance of the Body for Older Women in a Senior Living Community*

Third Place:

Sean D'Amico, Macalester College

Advisor: Terry Boychuk

Title: *On-Campus Barriers to Social Integration: Student Employment and Status Cultures in Higher Education*

Second Place:

Laura Tibbs, Benedictine University

Advisor: Karen Wood

Title: *Preferential Association of Similar Birth Orders among College Roommates*

Honorable Mention

Mario Cosey, Purdue University

Advisor: Elizabeth Hoffmann

Title: *The Iron Cage of Rationalization and the Perversion of Capitalism: From Textile Mills to the NCAA*

PHOTOS, above right, from top: MSS President Kevin Leicht congratulates undergraduate student paper competition winners Mary Mitchell, top; Laura Tibbs, center; and Sean D'Amico. Mario Cosey was unable to attend.

19 Grad Students Enter Graduate Paper Competition

Sixteen papers authored or co-authored by nineteen students from ten universities were submitted to the graduate-level paper competition. The graduate-level competition was coordinated by Pamela Quiroz, University of Illinois Chicago. Papers were reviewed by Christina Gomez, Northeastern Illinois University, Phyllis Moen, University of Minnesota, and Elizabeth Raleigh, Carleton University. MSS thanks Pamela, Christina, Phyllis and Elizabeth for giving your time so generously!

See the facing page for details about the winners and enjoy reading their abstracts.



PHOTOS, above, from left: MSS President Kevin Leicht congratulates graduate student paper competition winners Natasha Yurk Quadlin, left; and Ryan Ceresola, right. Ray Sin was unable to attend.

For your reading pleasure:

Graduate Paper Competition Abstracts

First Place:

Natasha Yurk Quadlin, Indiana U.
Advisor: Brian Powell

*Gender and Time Use in College:
Converging or Diverging Pathways?*

ABSTRACT: Although gender differences in time use during childhood and adulthood are well-documented, few have examined the intervening period—young adulthood. College is one of the few settings with a large concentration of young adults, so college student time use gives us a unique window into how gender differences manifest during this life stage. Using three years of time use data from the National Longitudinal Survey of Freshmen and latent transition analysis, I examine whether college men and women spend their time differently, both within and across the college years. Among students who are consistent in their time use throughout college, I find that women are more likely to exhibit academic time use, and men are more likely to exhibit social time use. However, results also show that a substantial number of men transition from social time use at the beginning of college to academic time use at the end—to the extent that gender gaps in academic time use are effectively closed by the third year. These findings demonstrate that men and women take distinct pathways through higher education, but that they exit college positioned similarly for the transition to adulthood.

Sharing Second Place:

Ryan Ceresola, SIU Carbondale
Advisor: Rachel Whaley

*Gauging Gendered Governance: The Effect of
Female Elected Officials on Political Corruption
in the United States*

ABSTRACT: Political corruption is a complicated issue, with political pundits as well as researchers often speculating on what makes some political systems so seemingly systemically corruptible. One potential area for change to occur addressed in previous literature is when more women enter into governing bodies and have the opportunity to alter potentially corrupt government actions through governing with more of a focus on the citizenry than male elected officials, changing attitudes held by men in power to be more egalitarian, and disrupting “old boys’ networks” where corruption is prevalent. To test these ideas, and with a base in gender stratification and socialization theories, I examine the effect of women in politics on rates of political corruption and whether that effect changes over time. Using over thirty years of data from the U.S. Department of Justice on state political corruption convictions, I employ linear regression to assess the effect of women governors and women in state legislatures on political corruption for three distinct time periods (1981-1990, 1991-2000, and 2001-2010). Furthermore, I conduct two-sample t-tests to see if this effect changes over time. I find that increasing numbers of women in these political positions led to lower levels of state political corruption from 1981-1990, but this power to decrease political corruption has since vanished. Thus, I suggest that the transformative power of women elected officials has waned due to female elected officials assimilating to structured realities in state governments that potentially support political corruption. I end with theoretical and empirical conclusions and suggestions for future research.

Sharing Second Place:

Ray Sin, U. of Illinois at Chicago
Advisor: Barbara Risman

*Does Acculturation Matter?: Predicting
Variability in Attitudes Toward Same-Sex
Relations Among College Students*

ABSTRACT: Attitudes toward homosexuality have been liberalizing consistently for the past several decades. At this same moment in history, the United States is undergoing a dramatic demographic shift with sustained immigration from Latin America and Asia. Previous studies tend to emphasize cohort turnover as the main determinant in explaining the growing acceptance of sexual non-conformity. What is missing is understanding variability within cohort. Drawing from assimilation theories and methodological insights from intersectionality, I argue that acculturation is an important process accounting for the liberalization and variability of attitudes toward same-sex relations among young adults but there is much variation between regions of origin and race/ethnicity. Specifically I ask: among college students, does acculturation explain variability in attitudes toward same-sex relations? I examine whether attitudes of immigrants toward same-sex sexual behavior are shaped by their race/ethnicity, region of origin and if their values, over time, adapt to the prevailing standards in their new home country. For this analysis, I utilize a dataset of college students from 22 universities and colleges across the United States (N=18,967). On average, the results show that generational differences exist among immigrants, children of immigrants and native-born Americans. The pace of attitudinal change, however is contingent upon region of origin and ethnic category.

Jane Addams Award for Outstanding Service Presented to Betty Edwards

By Aditi Mitra, Member, Women in the Profession Committee

It has been an honor to nominate Ms. Betty Edwards and see her win the 2015 Jane Addams Outstanding Service Award.

She had started the Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado (HTTFSC) and served as Chair since 2008.

HTTFSC works to build a collaboration of organizations and individuals to reduce human suffering caused by human trafficking, through advocacy, awareness, rehabilitation, and services for survivors.

Ms. Edwards was also invited to serve on the Advisory Boards of The Colorado Project; and the Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships, Inc., located in Florida.



From left to right: Aditi Mitra, member, Women in the Profession Committee; Betty Edwards, winner, Jane Addams Award; Mac-Z Zurawski, Chair, Women in the Profession Committee; Kevin Leicht, MSS President.

Distinguished Book Award to Patricia Morris's *Blue Juice: Euthanasia in Veterinary Medicine*

The winner of this year's MSS Distinguished Book Award is Patricia Morris of Drury University for her ethnographic account of behind-the-scenes "dirty work" of veterinary medicine in her book, *Blue Juice: Euthanasia in Veterinary Medicine* (Temple University, 2012).

The award committee found *Blue Juice* to be compelling, well-written, and addressing new information about the hidden work in small animal veterinarians' lives, as well as how animal companion and pet end-of-life issues are handled by staff and clients (both human and animal).

The carework that is described here is grounded theoretically, while being quite readable at the same time. This work expands importantly the research on human-animal relationships, and highlights the emerging role of animals in society, especially within the institutions of family and medicine.

The Distinguished Book Award Committee congratulates Dr. Morris on this prestigious award.



Marybeth Stalp, left, chair of the 2014-15 Distinguished Book Award Committee, presented the award plaque and check to author Patricia Morris on Friday, March 27, at the Annual Meeting in Kansas City. Other members of the Distinguished Book Award Committee were Peter Kivisto, Augustana College, and Linda Lindsey, Washington University in St Louis.

Social Action Awards to Veronica's Voice, and the Organization for Black Struggle

By Andrea Nichols, Chair, Social Action Committee

The MSS 2015 Social Action Award winners were two outstanding grass-roots groups working for social change.

The Organization for Black Struggle was founded in 1980 by volunteer activists, students, union organizers and other community members. The group continues to strive for a society free of all forms of exploitation and oppression, and particularly those that impact black communities. The OBS sponsors a coming of age mentoring program in the St. Louis area, informing youth about social action and how it betters communities.

The Midwest Sociological Society's \$1000 Social Action Award will be used for leadership development programs for youth and young adults that will engage them in both service and social action in their communities. Accepting the Award on behalf of the Organization for Black Struggle were well-known activist, author, and community leader Jamala Rogers, and MSS member, activist, graduate student, and community leader Jonathan H. Long.

Veronica's Voice is a local Kansas-City based organization dedicated to helping women and girls involved in commercial sexual exploitation. Through grass roots activism, Kristy Childs founded Veronica's Voice. It is one of relatively few organizations across the nation that explicitly provides assistance and services to commercially sexually-exploited people.

The Midwest Sociological Society's \$1000 Social Action Award will be used to fund existing programs. The group provides direct services to survivors, community education and awareness, outreach to at-risk populations, runs a 24 hour crisis line, and offers court/legal services to survivors. Kristy Childs, Founder, Survivor, and Executive Director received the Award on behalf of Veronica's Voice.



Above, from left: Andrea Nichols, Chair, Social Action Committee; Jonathan H. Long and Kamala Rogers, representing the Organization for Black Struggle; Kevin Leicht, MSS President.

Below, from left: Kelly Dagan, Member, Social Action Committee; Kristy Childs, Founder, Survivor, Executive Director, Veronica's Voice; Kevin Leicht, MSS President.



To learn more about Veronica's Voice and the Organization for Black Struggle, visit their websites:

<http://obs-stl.org/>

<http://www.veronicasvoice.org/>

The Commons!

By Anne Eisenberg, Chair, Director of Exhibits and Advertising



In recent years, the exhibits area had become increasingly sparse with the winnowing down of the number of actual publishers due to mergers and the number of publishers willing to exhibit at the regional meetings.

The goal of transforming the exhibits area into The Commons was to create a central gathering area with a range of exhibits to appeal to all MSS members and meeting participants. The 2014 inaugural year of The Commons was well received by meeting participants.

More than 70% of respondents to the post-meeting survey expressed interest in having the graduate sociology programs,

state-level sociology organizations, and NGO exhibitors return to The Commons.

In response to your feedback on the 2014 post-meeting survey, The Commons was moved to a larger and more central location for the 2015 meetings. Additionally, we had a wider range of exhibitors including two more book exhibits than in 2014 (University of California press and Library of Social Science); representatives from professional and applied graduate programs in the area;



the Social Action Award winners; state-level sociology organizations; AKD; and software program developers. We, again, highlighted key exhibitors throughout the meetings with an hour each day devoted to graduate sociology programs, professional and applied graduate programs, and state-level sociology organizations.

We look forward to improving and expanding The Commons even further for the 2016 joint MSS/NCSA meetings



in Chicago. Specifically, the program committee is dedicated to holding more events in The Commons to encourage greater participation and “foot traffic” for exhibitors. We have already started working on identifying larger NGOs and potential employers to bring into The Commons as exhibitors.

Finally – in addition to the Social Action award winners, we look forward to including affiliated groups (such as MSWS and SSSI), additional book exhibits, and other state-level sociology organizations.



Please send any suggestions for The Commons to Anne Eisenberg at eisenber@geneseo.edu.



Photos from MSS2015

Distinguished Speaker



Keynote speaker Lisa Wade, founder of the wildly-popular website *Sociological Images*, kicked off the conference with her first-day address, "Doing Public Sociology: Notes from a Practitioner." At left, Lisa Wade, Occidental College, and Program Chair Doug Hartmann.

First-Night Welcome



The traditional welcome party, held the first evening of the annual meeting in the Commons, saw meeting participants greeting old friends and colleagues - and getting acquainted with new ones. Attendees enjoyed ballpark snacks - popcorn, peanuts, brats and beverages.



Ice Cream Social

The ever-popular ice cream social drew a crowd to the Commons. MSSers enjoyed greeting the past presidents who served the ice cream. Below left, in red aprons, Past Presidents Clark McPhail, Diane Pike, Sue Wright and Barbara Keating dish up chocolate and vanilla.



2015 ANNUAL MEETING

Trivia Night

Best Trivia Night crowd ever!

Many thanks to Vicky Herbel,
Trivia Organizer Extraordinaire!



PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE SEEKS TWO NEW MEMBERS, INVITES APPLICANTS

The MSS publications committee seeks two new members to serve three-year terms beginning in spring 2016, and ending in spring 2019. Interested MSS members may apply directly, or nominate others.

The committee is charged with overseeing, monitoring and recommending policy to the board concerning publication of *The Sociological Quarterly*; and administration of the annual student paper competition. The committee also judges the biennial TSQ Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Award, advises the board on the operation of the website, solicits applications for new editors for the society's publications, makes recommendations to the board with respect to the appointment of editors, advises the editors on policy, solicits proposals from publishers, and makes recommendation to the board with respect to the selection of a publisher. Please send queries about the committee's work by email to Chair Marybeth Stalp: marybeth.stalp@uni.edu.

Please send applications for appointment to the Publications Committee to Chair Marybeth Stalp, following the directions below. Applicants who have experience with refereed publications are encouraged to apply. Applications/nominations are accepted until Aug. 1st. To apply, please put APPLICATION FOR PUB COMMITTEE in the subject line of your cover email. Send your vita and brief application letter, as attachments, to Chair Marybeth Stalp: marybeth.stalp@uni.edu.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE SEEKS NEW MEMBER WITH SPECIAL EXPERIENCE

The Long Range Planning Committee seeks a new committee member with particular expertise in social media and the role of technology in organizational change.

OTHER COMMITTEES SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

To apply for a position on any of the committees listed below, please contact the MSS office at mwsocsoc@centurylink.net before August 1st to signify your interest. Learn more about committee work and see application directions at www.TheMSS.org/committees.html.

These committees are all seeking new members:

- Long Range Planning [see box above]
- Minority Scholars
- Nominations & Elections (Needs one committee member each from IA, KS, MO)
- Professional Issues & Standards
- Publications [see article, top of page]
- Scholarship Development
- Social Action
- Sociological Practice
- Student Issues
- Teaching & Learning
- Women in the Profession

Committee applicants!

Please remember-

- Committee appointments are made by the president and board of directors, at their fall meeting, after taking many factors into account.
- Nominations made by the committee itself are considered by the board, but are not a guarantee of appointment.
- A call for committee applications will be emailed this summer to all MSS members. Deadline for applications is Aug. 1st. Beat the rush! Send your email application now. See application directions at www.TheMSS.org/committees.html
- In any given year, there are more applicants for committee membership than there are openings for new members, so if your first application does not succeed, please do not take it personally; and please do try again.

Committee reports

are now accessible from the COMMITTEE page at www.TheMSS.org.



Call for Research Grant Proposals

Based on the budget allocated for this program for 2016, there may be an opportunity for graduate student members of the MSS to apply for dissertation research funding.

If you are a grad student interested in this grant funding, please check back in late fall to see if the guidelines have changed.

As of May 2015, these are the applications guidelines:

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE IF:

- You are a current member of MSS.
- Hold a faculty position with Ph.D. (This includes teaching faculty, adjunct faculty, visiting faculty and non-tenure track faculty as well).

The MSS Scholarship Development Committee offers research grants up to \$2,500.

We seek to fund high-impact proposals. Such proposals could be:

- Early stage research. Such research could consist of the data collection for a new project or a pilot or preliminary study that could lead to refining a research design / conceptualization.
- Completion of an ongoing project. Funding for such research would accelerate the time to completion for a project already in process.
- Leverage for other resources. Such research would clearly make other available resources more productive. In making funding decisions, the committee will prioritize efficient use of resources that directly contribute to the proposed research. Research proposals should specify how funding from the MSS Scholarship Development Committee will make a significant impact on the research project by identifying alignment with one of the above goals.

The principal applicant must submit a report of the outcome of the research to the Scholarship Development Committee. Additionally, grant recipients are expected to present findings at the subsequent year's MSS Annual Meeting.

References should follow the ASA style guide.

A complete proposal includes

- A cover page including identification of a principal investigator, a mailing address, and a statement of intention to attend the MSS Annual Meeting the following year to present research findings. NB: We do not fund travel to the MSS conference to present your results; such expenses, therefore, should not be in the proposal's budget.
- A complete proposal that, in a maximum of 1200 words, provides
 - ◊ A statement of the research problem;
 - ◊ A theoretical framework;
 - ◊ A summary of methodology and design; and
 - ◊ An itemized budget with a budget justification. Applicants should 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 funding needs of the project so that the committee can determine whether the research is likely to be successfully carried out in the one-year time period allotted. Also, the applicant must list all other funding awards, pending grants, and /or any monies applied for in relation to their submitted proposal.
- A list of works cited.
- Proof of IRB approval or a completed IRB submission if human subjects' research is part of the project. (IRB approval not required at the time of grant application, but will be required upon completion).
- A letter approving your access to any agency/organization/research facility/databank required for your project.
- C.V. and list of references.

SEND E-COPIES

Please collate all your application documents into a single pdf. Please create the PDF by saving the word processing file as a PDF, rather than by scanning printed versions of the application documents. Please send your application pdf by email, with "MSS RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION" in the subject line of your email, to Committee Chair Erik Larson, larsone@macalester.edu. Please cc your application to the executive office at mwsocsoc@centurylink.net.

TIMING

The submission process opens January 15, 2016, and closes at 11:59 pm Central Time, February 15th, 2016. Applications submitted before or after this time period will not be considered. Decisions will be communicated shortly after the MSS Annual Meeting to be held March 23-26, 2016.



Call for Nominations for Distinguished Book Award*

Nominations and review copies are due Oct. 31, 2015.

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 2013, 2014, or 2015.

**Before nominating, see the complete nominations requirements online or request them from the MSS Exec Office by email to: mwsocsoc@centurylink.net*

GRANT & AWARD OPPORTUNITIES



Call for Applications: Visiting Scholar / Researcher Grants

Applications accepted year-round as long as funds available. *Before applying, inquire about fund availability.*

The MSS Scholarship Development Committee accepts applications for the Visiting Scholar/Visiting Researcher Program year-round, as long as there are funds left to give. 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 in the nine-state MSS region (The Dakotas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin) and must not have a Ph.D. program in sociology. Or an at-large member of the MSS whose host institution has no Ph.D. program in sociology may apply on behalf of his or her institution.

The invited scholar/researcher must be a member of the Midwest Sociological Society at the time of application. (To determine whether a scholar/researcher is an MSS member in good standing, please contact MSS at mwsocsoc@centurylink.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; the host school must fund any meals, hospitality, and honoraria. The scholar/researcher contributes his or her time and skill.

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

- 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 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 you.

Please make pdfs of all documents, if possible, before sending. If possible to combine several pdfs into fewer documents, that is even more desirable. Please send your application pdf by email, with "MSS VISITING SCHOLAR APPLICATION" in the subject line of your email, to Committee Chair Erik Larson, larsone@macalester.edu. Please cc your application to the MSS office at mwsocsoc@centurylink.net.



Call for Nominations for the Early Career Scholarship Award*

Nominations are due Nov. 15, 2015.

The Early Career Scholarship Award will recognize a body of work by a younger scholar, working alone or with collaborators, which is particularly meritorious, creative or enlightening. The award is offered every other year, and includes a \$500 prize. Instituted to underscore the Society's commitment to the professional development of younger scholars, the Early Career Scholarship Award will be bestowed at the annual meetings in 2016.

Nominations for the award shall be submitted to the chair of the award committee by Nov. 15, 2015. *

**Before nominating, see the complete nomination requirements online or request them from the MSS Exec Office by email to: mwsocsoc@centurylink.net*



Call for Nominations for Social Action Awards

The MSS Social Action Committee invites nominations of community-based organizations for two annual \$1,000 Social Action Awards. The nominated organizations are typically located in the geographic area of the annual conference. However, other organizations from the MSS region or an international organization that works on global issues and affects the local or regional area will be considered. The award recognizes grass roots work toward social justice and social change. The awards will be presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Please include the following when nominating an organization:

1. Organization's name, address, phone and fax number
 2. Name of a contact person
 3. Attachment of a brief (1-2 page) description of what the organization has done that merits this award.
- Submit nominations by email after Sept. 1, and before Nov. 1, 2015, to: Social Action Committee, mwsocsoc@centurylink.net.

MSS Plans for Retirement of Executive Director

By Tom Gerschick, Illinois State University, and Phyllis Baker, University of Northern Iowa

After serving the MSS for ten years, our stellar Executive Director, Lauren Tiffany, has announced that she will retire effective at the end of the 2016 Annual Meetings. She will be greatly missed based on the excellent job she has done for the Society. The following details the MSS's plan to replace her.

Upon Lauren's announcement, an ad-hoc group largely involving the MSS Executive Committee began exploring models for administering the organization in the future. Four primary models emerged from their research: continuing our current arrangement which involves hiring the Executive Director (E.D.) as an independent contractor; retaining an organizational management firm to administer the MSS; employing a faculty member to work in an adjunct role managing the MSS; or paying a university an annual fee to hire the E.D. as a university employee on a "soft money" contract.

At the annual Fall Board meeting in 2014, the Board formally created a Transition Committee comprised of Phyllis Baker as Chair and Tom Gerschick, Barbara Keating, Kevin Leicht, Lisa Thrane, and Deb White as members. They represent MSS Committees and State Directors with whom the E.D. intensively interacts. At this meeting, the Board discussed the options for administering the organization in the future. Based on consultation with a lawyer, it was determined that it is no longer legally possible to hire the E.D. as an independent contractor. The Board was exceptionally reluctant to turn the MSS over to a management firm and consequently elected to make this the model of last choice. Given the time-consuming nature of the job, the Board did not see a faculty member as feasible. Thus, it instructed the Transition Committee to explore the option of placing the E.D. within a university.

Between the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 Board meetings, the Transition Committee successfully solicited seven proposals from universities to host the E.D and developed the E.D Position Description. In developing it, the Transition Committee sought input from a wide range of individuals including MSS past presidents and committee chairs regarding the skills and characteristics needed in the new E.D.

The Board approved the Position Description at the 2015 annual Board meeting. It also reviewed the seven university proposals and chose Illinois State University in Normal, IL as the host institution. The Board also created a five-member Interview Committee which it tasked with conducting in-person interviews with E.D. finalists in Chicago in August. The Transition Committee nominated Phyllis Baker and Tom Gerschick to represent it on the Interview Committee. The Board approved them and appointed Xavier Escandell, Laurie Linhart and Marybeth Stalp to represent it.

Furthermore, the Board approved the Transition Committee's proposed timeline:

May 15, 2015

Illinois State publicizes the national search for the next E.D. The job advertisement and position description will be available on the MSS website at this time.

June 30

Evaluation of E.D. applications by the Transition Committee begins.

Mid-late July

Skype interviews with the short list transpire.

August 19-20

In-person interviews for E.D. finalists in Chicago, IL in conjunction with the SSSP and ASA meetings.

Late August

The Interview and Transition Committees make a hiring recommendation to the MSS Board.

Fall Board Meeting Sept. 11-12

The Board decides whom to hire; negotiations commence.

Early-mid October

The new E.D. starts work and begins shadowing Lauren Tiffany. Lauren's hours will begin to decrease as the new E.D. takes on more responsibility.

Annual Meetings 2016

Lauren Tiffany officially retires; the new E.D. is now exclusively responsible for administering the MSS.

In order to ensure a large pool of qualified applicants the Board authorized a national search. The search will be publicized in places such as the Chronicle of Higher Education, the American Sociological Association's Employment Service and the Chronicle of Philanthropy. The Board requires, via the Position Description, a minimum of 5 years of experience directing or in a senior management position of a membership organization, a non-profit and/or university/college-including involvement in association, board and volunteer management.

MSS members are encouraged to see the official job position description on pages 18-19, and to apply if they meet the requirements. The Board, Transition Committee and Interview Committee will continue to use *The Midwest Sociologist* to apprise MSS members of the search progress.

Position Description:

Executive Director, Midwest Sociological Society

MSS is a 501(c)(3) organization, founded in 1936, and incorporated under the laws of the State of Missouri in 1961.

Overview

The Board of Directors of the Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) seeks a full-time, enterprising Executive Director. In conjunction with the MSS Board, the successful candidate will manage the day-to-day operations of the MSS and advance the 78 year legacy of promoting sociology and sociologists.

About the Midwest Sociological Society

The Midwest Sociological Society is a professional organization of academic and applied sociologists as well as students of the discipline. Nearly 1300 scholars, students and practicing sociologists in universities, government and business belong to the organization. Known for its accessible but rigorous annual meetings, the MSS encompasses nine states - Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, Kansas, South Dakota and North Dakota. However, more than one-third of the members are from other parts of the nation and the world. The MSS has an annual operating budget of approximately \$300,000 and a significant endowment.

Strategic Direction

The MSS Board, under the guidance of its Long Range Planning Committee, has adopted the following six-point Strategic Plan to promote sociology and sociologists:

- Expand the size and diversity of MSS leadership and membership.
- Enhance the utility, vitality, and good fellowship of the annual meeting.
- Develop a financial plan that supports the MSS vision and strategies.
- Enhance the status and visibility of MSS publications.
- Actively expand opportunities for professional development, and continuing education .
- Expand awareness of sociological knowledge and its usefulness in public dialogue .

Basic Function

The Executive Director provides strategic leadership and is directly responsible for the overall management of the MSS, including negotiating contracts with vendors, managing membership, providing financial accounting and fiscal management, fundraising, planning the Fall Board and Annual meetings and facilitating the work of fifteen MSS committees.

Required Qualifications:

1. Minimum of 5 years of experience directing or in a senior management position of a membership organization, a non-profit and/or university/college-including involvement in association, board and volunteer management.
2. Strong interpersonal skills and significant experience working collaboratively with a wide diversity of people.
3. Successful fundraising experience, ideally in capital campaigns and planned giving.
4. Strong and proven contract negotiation skills.
5. Excellent written and oral communication skills.
6. Highly developed web management skills and ability to utilize word processing, database, website and spreadsheet software.

Position Description, *continued*

7. Exceptional organizational, time management and planning skills. Demonstrable experience in following policies and procedures and setting and meeting deadlines. Proven ability to work in a complex environment with competing demands.
8. Demonstrated event planning experience in order to organize the Fall Board and Annual meetings.
9. Accounting and fiscal management.
10. A bachelor's degree or higher.
11. If this position is Security Sensitive or if you are subject to a criminal background investigation based on University policy, employment is contingent upon you passing a satisfactory criminal background investigation. You may not begin work until the criminal background investigation results have been received and cleared by Human Resources.

Desired Qualifications:

1. Association management credentials and commitment to professional development.
2. Demonstrated social media and IT skills.
3. Experience in guiding the professional development of organization members.
4. Newsletter and similar publishing experience.
5. Some familiarity with the MSS, the discipline of sociology and/or academia.

Application Process:

To be assured full consideration, an application along with a resume and a detailed cover letter describing their interest in the position, qualifications and relevant management experience must be submitted online at www.IllinoisState.edu/jobs.

Illinois State University:

Founded in 1857, Illinois State is a coeducational, residential university that emphasizes undergraduate study. Its 34 academic departments in 6 colleges offer 63 undergraduate programs in more than 160 fields of study. The Graduate School coordinates 38 masters, 2 specialist, and 7 doctoral programs. Illinois State ranks 74th among the top 100 public universities in the nation according to U.S. News & World Report rankings of "Best National Universities" released in fall 2014.

Bloomington-Normal Community:

Illinois State University is located in the twin-city community of Bloomington-Normal, with a population of approximately 125,000 and is located within easy driving distance of the financial and business centers in Chicago and St. Louis. Expansion Management Magazine rated Bloomington-Normal as one of two metro areas with a five-star quality of life, giving the community high rankings in such areas as standard of living, quality of schools, and traffic and commute. In their most current rankings, Forbes ranked Bloomington-Normal as 20th in its list of the Smartest Cities in America.

For more information, please visit our website at: <http://www.ilstu.edu/>

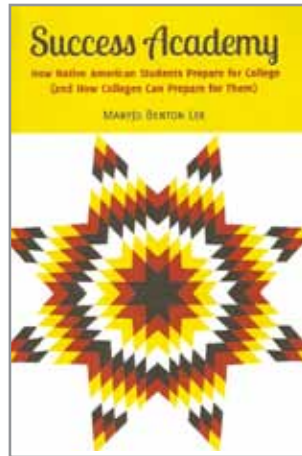
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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

MEMBER NEWS

MaryJo Benton Lee Publishes *Success Academy*

MaryJo Benton Lee, South Dakota State University, is the author of *Success Academy: How Native American Students Prepare for College (and How Colleges Can Prepare for Them)* (Peter Lang, 2013). The book looks at a highly successful college preparatory program for American Indian high school students through the lens of critical theory.



LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

At their spring meeting, the MSS Board of Directors awarded Life Memberships to retired members Gale Miller, Marquette University; and David Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University.

OPPORTUNITIES

Visit the Jobs & Opportunities page at MSS's website: www.theMSS.org

FALL BOARD MEETING

The MSS Board of Directors will hold their fall board meeting Sept. 11-12 at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile, site of the upcoming annual meeting.

ABOUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP

TO JOIN or RENEW: Visit the membership page at www.themss.org to pay your dues by credit card. OR download and print the membership form at the membership page to pay dues by mail with check or credit card.

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, "2015" your membership will end Dec. 31, 2015.

NOT RECEIVING MSS PUBLICATIONS?

NOT RECEIVING MSS EMAIL?

MOVING? Contact the MSS Exec Office by email to: mwsocsoc@centurylink.net

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 mwsocsoc@centurylink.net and request a copy.

FUTURE ANNUAL MEETINGS

2016 — Chicago, IL
Chicago Marriott Downtown
Magnificent Mile
A joint meeting with NCSA
Wednesday — Saturday, March 23-26

2017 — Milwaukee, WI
Milwaukee Hilton City Center
Thursday — Sunday, Mar 30-April 2

2018 — Minneapolis, MN
Hyatt Regency Minneapolis
Thursday — Sunday, Mar 22-25

2019 — Chicago, IL
Chicago Hyatt Regency
Wednesday—Saturday, March 17-20

Curious about how annual meeting dates are chosen?

Annual meeting dates are negotiated separately with each hotel, generally for a Thursday-Sunday period in late March or early April.

However, when in Chicago, the meeting is deliberately scheduled for the week preceding Easter weekend in order to maximize hotel discounts and provide the lowest possible sleeping room prices to the members.

2016 ANNUAL MEETING

MIDWEST SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY &
NORTH CENTRAL SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING

March 23-26, 2016

Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile

Inequality, Injustice, and Intersectionality

We invite you to attend and participate in the combined, collaborative Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) and North Central Sociological Association (NCSA) annual meeting in downtown Chicago, March 23-26, 2016.

Perhaps no concepts have greater contemporary significance or have ignited sociologists' passions more than social inequality and injustice. For many, gaining a better understanding of social inequalities is what initially attracted us to the discipline and is at the very core of what defines us as intellectuals. Often, it is our understanding of the foundations and consequences of inequalities and injustices that guides our actions in our communities, not just as social activists but also as activist sociologists. As educators, we seek to inspire in our students a sociological imagination that will empower them to investigate, interrogate, and confront the social causes, content, and consequences of inequality and injustice.

The diversity of perspectives and methods of inquiry we employ as sociologists uniquely positions us to explore the complexities and intersectionalities of various forms of inequality and injustice. We invite you to join us in Chicago as we explore related concepts such as growing and pervasive income inequalities, social injustice, economic exploitation, downward mobility, and intersecting systems of power and privilege.

We encourage you to present a paper, participate in a professional workshop, facilitate a teaching workshop, present a poster, or just come to be inspired and rejuvenated by what is certain to be an exciting collaborative meeting.

We look forward to seeing you in Chicago!

Deb White
MSS President-Elect/Program Chair
Minnesota State University Moorhead

Brendan Mullan
NCSA President
Michigan State University

Contact us at mssncsa2016@gmail.com

Changes to Submission Process for 2016 MSS-NCSA Annual Meeting



Our 2016 annual meeting in Chicago will be held in collaboration with the North Central Sociological Association (NCSA). As a result, certain aspects of the submission process will differ from past years. In an effort to streamline our work and find a submission method that meets the needs of both societies, ***we will not open a formal call for sessions.*** We have instead developed the list below of session topics based on past lists used by MSS and NCSA, as well as input from MSS committee and board members.

The call for papers will be sent out to members of both organizations by Sept. 1. When members submit papers, they will select a session topic in which their paper best fits. After the submission deadline, members of the program committee and other volunteers will review proposals for each session topic, select those to be presented, and assign them to either formal paper or roundtable sessions.

What other types of submissions will be included in the call for papers?

The call for papers that we will send by September 1 will include individual submissions to formal paper, roundtable, and poster sessions. Members may also organize and submit closed sessions, workshops, and panels. For these last three types of submissions, the session organizer will submit in Meeting Savvy information about the session, such as a session title and names and contact information for all presenters.

How will papers be assigned to sessions?

As we review submissions under each topic, members of the program committee and other volunteers with expertise in those areas will help to group submissions into separate sessions. If you are interested in helping to organize sessions, email me at mssncsa2016@gmail.com. In your note, include session topics from the list below which you wish to help organize (Note: if there are topics which you feel should be added to the list below, you may send these as well).

Thank you!

Deb White, 2016 Program Chair

See Deb's theme for
MSS-NCSA 2016
on page 21.

Deadlines for 2016 MSS-NCSA Annual Meeting

SEPT 1, 2015	ONLINE PORTAL OPENS FOR (1) PAPER ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS, (2) GRAD & PROFESSIONAL POSTER SUBMISSIONS, (3) SUBMISSION OF CLOSED SESSIONS.
OCT 31, 2015	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS 1-3 ABOVE.
NOV 30, 2015	TARGET DATE FOR <u>PRELIMINARY</u> PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED. [NO SESSION DAYS, TIMES, ROOMS WILL HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED YET.]
DEC 7, 2015	TARGET DATE FOR MEETING REGISTRATION & HOTEL RESERVATIONS TO OPEN.
DEC 18, 2015	DEADLINE FOR CORRECTIONS TO PRELIMINARY PROGRAM.
JAN 9, 2016	DEADLINE FOR UNDERGRADUATE POSTERS, ROUNDTABLES.
JAN 31, 2016	TARGET DATE FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF <u>FINAL</u> PROGRAM, WITH DAYS, TIMES, AND ROOM ASSIGNMENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THIS TIME.

Draft list of Session Topics

See the theme and call for participation for MSS-NCSA 2016 on page 21.

Research Topics

- Aging and the Life Course
- Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity
- Animals and Society
- Applied Sociology, Sociological Practice
- Body and Embodiment
- Children and Youth
- Comparative and Historical Sociology
- Courts, Prisons, and the Legal System
- Crime and Punishment
- Culture and Popular Culture
- Demography, Population
- Deviance
- Disabilities
- Economic inequality, class, poverty
- Education
- Environment and Ecology
- Family
- Food
- Gender
- Global & Transnational Sociology
- Homelessness and Housing Insecurity
- Human Rights
- Immigration, Migration
- Intersectionalities (of race, class, gender, age, sexuality, etc.)
- Law
- LGBTQ Studies
- Life Course
- Masculinities
- Media, Communication, Information Technologies, and New Social Media
- Medicine, Health, Health Care, Mental Health
- Organizations, Occupations and Work
- Peace, War, and Social Conflict
- Political Sociology, Political Economy, Social Policy
- Public Engagement
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Quantitative Research Methods
- Race and Ethnicity
- Religion
- Rural Sociology
- Sexualities
- Social Change, Sociology of Development
- Social Movements, Collective Behavior
- Social Problems
- Social Psychology and Symbolic Interaction
- Sport
- Statistics
- Stratification and Inequalities
- Teaching and Learning
- Theory
- Urban Sociology, Community
- Work and Family

Teaching Topics

- Active Learning/Student Centered Learning
- Assessment of Learning
- Books that Help Us Teach
- Choosing Textbooks and other Course Materials
- Community College Instruction
- Community Engagement and the Classroom
- Concurrent Enrollment
- Curriculum Design
- Ethics and the Classroom
- Great Ideas for Teaching
- Issues and Challenges in Teaching
- Mentoring issues
- Online Teaching
- Organizing Undergraduates for Clubs
- Retention Strategies
- Service and Project-based Learning
- Solving Teaching Problems
- Student Writing
- Swapping Teaching Ideas
- Teaching Awards: How to Assemble a Strong Nomination
- Teaching at Different Kinds of Institutions
- Teaching Difficult Topics
- Teaching Diversity-Related Topics
- Teaching with Diverse Populations
- Teaching Large Classes
- Teaching Online Classes
- Teaching Portfolios
- Teaching Poster Session
- Teaching Sociology through Film/Media/News
- Teaching Sociology in Highschool
- Technology in the Classroom
- Undergraduate Research
- Teaching topics: Criminology
- Teaching topics: Research Methods and/or Statistics
- Teaching topics: Theory
- Teaching topics: Other



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—Marie-Anne Dujarier

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—Robert Antonio

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Surveillance and Big Data
—Detlev Zwick

Response: Dealing with the Welcome Critiques of
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—George Ritzer

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Michael Lynn

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