# Call For Papers: Poverty, Social Policy, and the Role of Sociologists

Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting
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Charlotte
Charlotte Marriott City Center

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The theme for the 2014 meeting is "Poverty, Social Policy, and the Role of Sociologists." The society president and program chair encourage thematic papers and thematic panels that address the many issues encompassed under this theme. See Leslie Hossfeld's article in *The Southern Sociologist* ([volume 45, issue 1](#)) for more details on the conference theme. We look forward to a great meeting in Charlotte!

**Submission Deadline: October 25, 2013**

We are working to create a strong, intellectually stimulating program. To be considered for a place on the program, complete submissions with title, extended abstract, author names and contact information **must be received by the above deadline**.

I. SUBMISSION TYPES AND PROCEDURES
  A. All proposed presentations or panels **will be submitted online** through the SSS online submission system at [http://www.mymeetingsavvy.com/sss](http://www.mymeetingsavvy.com/sss). The window for submission will be open from September 1 to October 25 at 6:00 p.m. EST. Five submission types are available: 1) Individual papers; 2) Complete paper sessions; 3) Thematic paper sessions; 4) Poster presentations; or 5) Research Incubators. At least one author for each submitted paper **must be a current member of SSS** at the time of submission. Please note that the structures of membership dues and conference registration fees have been revised and expanded, as outlined by David Brunsma in *The Southern Sociologist* ([volume 45, issue 1](#)). Of particular note is the alteration in conference registration procedures. Those who register on or before March 3, 2014 will pay the discounted Pre-Registration fees, while those who register after this date will pay On-Site Registration fees. So get your registration in early and pay less!

  A description of each submission type appears below.


  1. *Individual Papers*: Members may submit extended abstracts of individual papers for inclusion in a regular paper session. These papers will be organized into sessions by the program committee members on the basis of common themes. All submissions for a regular paper presentation should include: 1) the title of the paper; 2) authors' names and

affiliations and contact information for each author; and 3) an extended abstract. Extended abstracts should be approximately 450-550 words and must include the following sections:

- Objectives and theoretical framework
- Methods and data sources
- Findings

We understand that theoretical and methodological papers may include other information in lieu of methods and findings. Individual paper submissions will be assigned to either a regular paper session or a roundtable, per the discretion of the program committee. Submitters have the option of opting out of having a paper forwarded to a roundtable.

2. *Complete Paper Sessions*: Members may submit proposals for complete sessions. These sessions may take the form of paper presentations that follow a single theme, featured panel discussions of a timely topic, sessions that honor a colleague, author-meets-critics sessions, etc. Generally, complete sessions should contain four presenters (e.g., 4 authors, 3 authors and 1 discussant, 1 book author and 3 critics, and so on). The following information must be provided in the online system for *complete paper sessions*: 1) a suggested title for the panel; 2) the titles of each paper/presentation; 3) extended abstracts (see guidelines above) for each paper/presentation; 4) names, affiliations, and contact information for each author, critic, panelist, discussant, etc. An individual whose paper is part of a complete paper session will not need to submit that paper separately.

3. *Thematic Paper Sessions*: We encourage members to submit proposals for thematic paper sessions. Thematic sessions typically are identical in structure to complete paper sessions, but they are organized around a topic that fits closely with the theme of the 2014 conference: "Poverty, Social Policy, and the Role of Sociologists." The following information must be provided in the online system for *thematic paper sessions*: 1) a suggested title for the panel; 2) the titles of each paper/presentation; 3) extended abstracts for each paper/presentation (see guidelines above); 4) names, affiliations, and contact information for each author, critic, panelist, discussant, etc. An individual whose paper is part of a complete paper session will not need to submit that paper separately.

4. *Poster Presentations*: Members may submit abstracts for papers to be included in the poster session. Poster presentation submissions must include the name, affiliation, and contact information for all authors, as well as a title and brief abstract of the work to be presented. Posters should display data, policy analysis, or theoretical work in a visually appealing format that stimulates interaction with poster session attendees.

5. *Research Incubator Submissions:* Research incubators are designed as an opportunity for graduate students and junior faculty to receive focused feedback on an advanced research proposal or early project from a more senior faculty member. Authors are asked to designate that they are interested in participating in a research incubator session, then submit an extended abstract (see guidelines above). The research incubator sessions will

have 3 presenters and 1 mentor. The presentations will be limited to 10 minutes each to permit time for feedback and discussion.

B. All paper and poster presentations should be original work that has not been published or presented elsewhere. Noted exceptions may include presentation of material from books included in author-meets-critics sessions.

II. PROGRAM POLICIES

A. Meeting Participation: The 2014 meetings are held from Wednesday, April 2 through Saturday, April 5, 2014. Participants should **plan to attend for the duration of the meeting**. The Southern Sociological Society is unable to honor special requests for dates or times of presentations. All program participants (i.e., those presenting papers, presiding at sessions, serving as discussants, panelists, etc.) **must be registered** for the annual meeting.

B. Limitations on Program Appearances: Because meeting rooms and time slots are limited, an individual may serve in **no more than two presentation roles** (i.e., author of a paper, panel participant, workshop leader, poster presenter, etc.) in the program. There are no limitations on the number of times a person may serve as a session presider or discussant. The maximum number of sessions that any person may organize for the annual meeting is two.

III. EQUIPMENT

LCD projectors will be available for all panel and paper presentations to facilitate computer-based presentations. However, presenters or panel organizers will need to bring their own computers. Please keep in mind that only a limited number of our LCD projectors have HDMI inputs, therefore organizers and presenters will also need supply their own video adapter.

For more information, please go to the Southern Sociological Society Meeting page:
http://www.southernsociologicalsociety.org/annual.html

Please direct any additional questions about the conference program to:
program@southernsociologicalsociety.org

We look forward to seeing you in Charlotte!