

Call for Papers
Mini-Conference on *Marriage Equality: Evolving Family Policies for Same-Sex Couples*

Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings
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April 13th-16 2016

SSS is including a mini-conference on Marriage Equality. We have planned for an engaging and active mini-conference that includes invited panels as well as sessions selected through submission process. The theme of the SSS is The Politics of Marriage: From Intimacy to Public Policy.

We are excited that Brian Silva (Executive Director Marriage Equality), Lee Badgett (University of Massachusetts, Amherst), and Wendy Manning (Bowling Green State University) will discuss the role of social science research in the movement to advance marriage equality. The panel is titled "Marriage Equality: Social Science Research in Action." The second panel will focus on recent research advances and include an interdisciplinary set of researchers: Lee Badgett (U of Massachusetts, Amherst) Gregory Lewis (Georgia State University), and Wendy Manning (Bowling Green State University). These researchers will discuss successes and challenges in keeping pace with the contemporary policy context.

We are looking forward to hearing about your new research on LBGQT youth, adults, couples, and families. Research on policies related to the lives of the LBGQT population is welcome. We are interested in a wide range of papers with differing methodological approaches. You are welcome to work with colleagues and submit a session together or submit your own research abstract/paper.

To submit a paper, send an extended abstract through the SSS portal by clicking on the hyper link below or going to <http://mymeetingsavvy.com/sss/login.aspx>. The deadline for submission is **November 1, 2015**.

[Submit your paper to SSS 2016](#)

When filling out the submission form, be sure to indicate that you'd like your paper to be considered for the mini-conference. All program participants must be registered for the annual meeting and anyone who is on the program and who is attending the annual meeting must be current dues-paying members of SSS.

Organizer:

Wendy Manning: Bowling Green State University