

**Call for Papers**  
**Mini-Conference on *Rethinking Marriage: Class, Race, and Public Policy***

**Co-sponsored by the Association of Black Sociologists.**

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SSS this year includes a mini-conference on “Rethinking marriage: Class, Race, and Public Policy.” The Supreme Court decision Obergefell v. Hodges has put marriage into the spotlight again, with some proponents suggesting that liberals and conservatives should now join together to support "inclusive marriage." But marriage remains highly stratified by race and class, and trends in family complexity are also reshaping it. What do we know about recent trends, and what can social science say that is relevant to public policies that might impinge upon marriage?

Already scheduled invited speakers include Kevin Roy (Maryland), Linda Burton, (Duke), Andrew Cherlin (John Hopkins), Jessie Streib (Duke), Rossalind Chou (Georgia State), Jennifer Bratter (Rice), Fenaba Addo (Wisconsin-Madison), Katherine Michelmores (University of Michigan Ford School), Christina Gibson-Davis (Duke). This lineup promises to provoke stimulating discussion around contemporary research on marriage and the family.

**We are making a call for papers to be presented at this mini-conference.** If you have original research that explores trends in marriage and the changing significance of marital relations, we encourage you to submit a proposal to the 2016 Rethinking Marriage Mini-Conference. We welcome all submissions encompassing the broad topic of marriage, particularly policy-relevant papers integrating an analysis of race and class.

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>.

[Submit your paper to SSS 2016 Rethinking Marriage Mini Conference](#)

When filling out the submission form, be sure to indicate that you'd like your paper to be considered for a 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.

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Organizers:

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