

**Diversities:**

**Inequality, Inclusion, and Resistance**

**80th Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society**

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**Greenville, SC Hyatt Regency**

**Sessions Seek Papers**

**SESSION TITLE: Appalachia and Environment**

I am trying to organize a paper session on “**Appalachia and Environment**” for the 2017 Southern Sociological Society Meeting.

I expect the session will focus on multiple issues of Appalachia such as economy, culture, migration, health, and etc. In particular, I welcome papers that discuss the environmental issues of Appalachia including CO2 emissions, coal slurry, disaster and risk, environmental justice movement, public opinion about the environment, and etc.

If you would like to participate in this session please send the following information to me [atfenghao@sar.usf.edu](mailto:atfenghao@sar.usf.edu) by **Friday, November 4, 2016**:

1. The title of your paper
2. An extended abstract of 450 to 550 words
3. The name, affiliation, and contact information for each author\* \*\* Please remember that at least one author must be a SSS member.

**SESSION TITLE: Group Processes**

I will be organizing two sessions on Group Processes at Southern Sociological Society this year. This is part of a rotation of spring regional conferences on this topic. Any paper in the general area of Group Processes would be appropriate. I am especially interested in new findings, but would be happy to consider theoretical pieces, replications, re-analyses, etc.

To submit, please email me ([lisa.walker@uncc.edu](mailto:lisa.walker@uncc.edu)) by October 20th: (a) the title of the paper, (b) names, affiliations, and contact information for each author, and (c) an extended abstract. Extended abstracts should be approximately 450-550 words and organized, when possible, with the following three section headings: Objectives, Methods, and Findings. I realize that these section headings may not apply to all submissions; I expect you to provide information that is relevant to your submission.

I look forward to continuing this vibrant, mid-year mini-conference for Group Processes, and hope that you can join us in Greenville in 2017! Please share this call for submissions with any other interested colleagues.

Lisa Slattery Walker

### **SESSION TITLE: Sociology and Interdisciplinary Programs**

Still looking for participants on a panel at SSS 2017. This panel will address Sociology that functions as a part of Interdisciplinary Programs. Consider contributing work that addresses programming, curriculum, mentoring and working across disciplines and schools. Questions or submissions can be sent to Marni Brown at [mbrown30@ggc.edu](mailto:mbrown30@ggc.edu)

### **SESSION TITLE: Racialized Authentication: Assembling Constructions of Culture, Identity, and Community**

Organizer: Amanda Anthony, University of Central Florida ([amanda.anthony@ucf.edu](mailto:amanda.anthony@ucf.edu))

The concept of authenticity, as related to 'realness' or 'genuineness,' has received increasing interest across sociological research and popular culture. Even so, there are many opportunities to more specifically develop conceptualizations of racial authenticity.

Racial authentication can generally refer to the ways we socially perpetuate race as a meaningful concept, which can be done through drawing from both traditional racial rhetoric and new racial ideology to construct something or someone as 'authentic.'

Much research may be related to the concept of racial authentication, even though it has yet to be identified as such. I am therefore looking to bring together empirical and theoretical work that can be understood as addressing racialized authenticity. Research topics can include, but are not limited to: advertising/marketing/branding, communities, consumer/consumption, education, fashion, food, high art/art worlds, identity, law, politics, popular media/culture, space/place, and tourism. As these potential topics demonstrate, racialized authentication can cross all areas of life, yet critically influence individuals lived experiences and life chances.

Many of the above listed areas remain understudied and/or siloed within fields or subfields, preventing much needed and potentially critically enlightening comparisons and contrasts. To unite this research and work towards develop the concept of racial authentication, I request that submissions align with the conference theme of diversities to critically address issues of inequality, inclusion, and resistance. Submissions should include: 1) paper title; 2) name, affiliation, and contact information for author(s); and 3) an extended abstract of 450-550 words. Please email your submissions to [amanda.anthony@ucf.edu](mailto:amanda.anthony@ucf.edu).

### **SESSION TITLE: Regular Paper Session: Quantitative Methods (Organizers: J Micah Roos and Shawn Bauldry)**

J Micah Roos and Shawn Bauldry are organizing a paper session for the 2017 Southern Sociological Society meetings. If you have a project that focuses on the development of quantitative methods, quantitative measurement of important sociological concepts, or a novel application of quantitative methods, we ask you to consider submitting your abstract.

Please submit to [micah.roos@okstate.edu](mailto:micah.roos@okstate.edu) and [sbauldry@purdue.edu](mailto:sbauldry@purdue.edu) by November 1st. Please include: (1) Title of paper, (2) contact information and affiliation for each author (at least one author must be a member of the SSS, please note which authors are), and (3) extended abstracts (2000-5500 characters) that includes the following: Objectives and theoretical framework, methods and data sources, and findings.

**SESSION TITLE: Comparative Study of Anti-Blackness beyond the Borders of the United States**

“...but with the Negroes of Africa we come to a full stop, and in its heart the civilized world with one accord denies that these come within the pale of nineteenth century Humanity” (W. E. B. Du Bois, “The Philadelphia Negro”).

As familiar as Du Bois’ proclamation “the problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the color-line,” what has been less known is that the color line did not stop at the borders of the United States and how the world beyond the borders has come to a “full stop” - the unconditional exclusion of Blacks. This session calls for papers that address how anti-Blackness serves as the basis of enslavement, from everyday life to social systems beyond the U.S. and its relation to global white supremacy. With collection of topics from diverse transnational locations, the session will provide an outlet for scholarship focused on the comparative study of the sociology of race and ethnicity.

As the deadline for all SSS 2017 submissions are due by November 15, 2016, I would ask that you send your information (paper title, abstract as detailed in general SSS CFP, names of authors, emails of authors, and affiliations of authors) by November 10, 2016 to Jae Kyun Kim ([jkkim1@illinois.edu](mailto:jkkim1@illinois.edu)).

**SESSION TITLE: Reproduction and Inequalities Mini-Conference 80th Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society**

We are seeking papers for a mini-conference on Reproduction and Inequalities. Our focus on inequalities fits with the broader conference theme “Diversities: Inequality, Inclusion, and Resistance” and is conceptualized broadly to encompass the perpetuation of inequalities based on gender, sex, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, nationality, social class and disability through the lens of reproduction. All regular paper submissions should include: (a) the title of the paper, (b) names, affiliations, and contact information for each author, and (c) an extended abstract. Extended abstracts should be approximately 450-550 words and organized with the following three section headings: Objectives, Methods, and Findings.

We acknowledge that these section headings may not apply to all submissions. We expect you to provide information that is relevant to your submission. Please submit materials in a single Microsoft Word attachment by October 10, 2016, for consideration for inclusion in the miniconference. Materials may be submitted via email to Shannon Carter at [skcarter@ucf.edu](mailto:skcarter@ucf.edu). Please direct any questions or ideas to the mini-conference organizers: Shannon K. Carter [skcarter@ucf.edu](mailto:skcarter@ucf.edu) Theresa Morris [theresa.morris@tamu.edu](mailto:theresa.morris@tamu.edu) Carrie Lee Smith [carrie.smith@millersville.edu](mailto:carrie.smith@millersville.edu) Miranda Waggoner [mwaggoner@fsu.edu](mailto:mwaggoner@fsu.edu)

**SESSION TITLE: Is there a place for social mourning in academia?**

Organizer: Sancha Medwinter, [sdoxilly@gmail.com](mailto:sdoxilly@gmail.com)

Is there a place for social mourning in academia? Mourning is a universal response to loss of life. We assume that the capacity to mourn exists in all of us. When we mourn we acknowledge the void that absence of life creates. We also mourn the possibilities for ourselves and others through the persistent existence of this life. We discern the value of a life to a family, community and to humanity. In as much as we perceive our personal value and the value of our contributions to humanity, we expect that others will mourn for us, or with us, if a life is cut short by a single act of brutality. We expect social mourning when brutality is systemic. As scholars, we are not only members of our professional disciplines but are also members of communities of suffering. How do we grapple with observations of an unequal shouldering of pain and mourning in the context of Black Lives Matter? What does it really mean for a nation, a state, a city to mourn? Where do we locate our own pain? Can we theorize social pain? How do we understand an absence of social mourning? Is there a place for social mourning in academia? This panel will explore these questions through creative works that advance work on social justice, social inequality, and sociology of knowledge. We are seeking scholars who are willing to be transparent about their own desire

to engage in work that creates a space for social mourning. Panel submissions should be essays (450 words). please send text in the body of your email to [sdoxilly@gmail.com](mailto:sdoxilly@gmail.com)

**SESSION TITLE: Death in the Public Domain: Dark Tourism and Legacies of Suffering**

Organizer: Bethany Nelson, [Bnelso27@vols.utk.edu](mailto:Bnelso27@vols.utk.edu)

There has been an increasing predilection among consumers to visit sites of death, suffering, murder, pain, disaster or the macabre. Thanatourism, or dark tourism, the act of touristic travel to sites of or sites associated *with* death and disaster has gained attention in both cultural productions and academic discussions. However, the field of dark tourism is still young with bountiful opportunities for study. This session seeks papers that build on transdisciplinary foundational literature regarding dark tourism and its role in modern society. Possible topics include, but are not limited to: ethical concerns in dark tourism, the relationship of thanatourism to bio-politics, the commodification of death, education and historical remembrance, legacies of violence/suffering, dark tourism in the media, and folk beliefs.

Participants interested in this session should email Bethany Nelson at [Bnelso27@vols.utk.edu](mailto:Bnelso27@vols.utk.edu). Please include the title of your paper, an extended abstract of no more than 550 words, author information including name, affiliation, and contact information. Please note, at least one author must be a member of SSS.

I look forward to an interesting and stimulating annual meeting.

**SESSION TITLE: Contemporary Racial Attitudes in America**

Organizer: J. Scott Carter, Associate Professor, University of Central Florida

Session Abstract: The purpose of this session is to explore current research dealing with racial attitudes in America. Research dealing with race and politics is particularly welcome.

If you are interested in participating in this paper session please submit your proposal to J. Scott Carter ([carter@ucf.edu](mailto:carter@ucf.edu)) and include:

- 1) The title of the paper
- 2) Authors' names, affiliations and SSS membership status\*
- 3) Contact information for each author
- 4) An extended abstract of approximately 450-550 words.

NOTE: SSS policy requires for at least one author for each submitted paper to be a current member of SSS at the time of submission.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

**SESSION TITLE: Innovations in Teaching Undergraduate Sociology**

Organizer: DeAnna Gore, [deannag@usca.edu](mailto:deannag@usca.edu)

The Committee of Sociology at Community and Small Colleges often sponsors a couple of sessions focused on teaching at the undergraduate level. This session will explore innovations in teaching, which can include but is not limited to service learning, community-based learning, collaborative assignments and projects, experiential learning, study abroad programs, and flipped or blended classrooms. Additionally, we are also interested in presentations of new assignments and activities that you have developed and used in your classes.

### **SWS-South Sponsored/Co-Sponsored Proposed Sessions:**

If you are interested in submitting a paper to any of these sessions, email the session organizer directly.

**Submission requirements:** All regular paper submissions should include: (a) the title of the paper, (b) names, affiliations, and contact information for each author, and (c) an extended abstract. Extended abstracts should be approximately 450-550 words and organized with the following three section headings: Objectives, Methods, and Findings. We acknowledge that these section headings may not apply to all submissions. We expect you to provide information that is relevant to your submission.

**Session Title: Gender Benders: Research and Activism Beyond the Binary** Organizer: Penny Harvey, [pharvey5@gsu.edu](mailto:pharvey5@gsu.edu)

**Description:** Working with local organizations to link our research to front lines activism is an important part of Feminist Sociology. This year Sociologists for Women in Society-South's (SWS-S) Vision Committee has partnered with a local Greenville charity and activism group *Gender Benders*. As such, SWS-S would like to include papers for a thematically linked panel.

This session seeks to examine how gender binaries are constructed, blurred, and resisted. Additionally, this panel ties in well with this year's conference theme "*Diversities: Inequality, Inclusion, and Resistance*." Thus, we would like to see how this theme could be extended to focus on those living outside of the gender binary. Papers might focus on (but are not limited to): trans\* identity or community research, activism and social movements focusing on resisting gender binaries, or persons, groups, or cultures that resist or subvert traditional gender binaries. We are excited to see what you put forward. Submissions should include: 1) paper title; 2) name, affiliation, and contact information for each author; and 3) an extended abstract of 450-550 words. Please email your submissions to Penny Harvey ([pharvey5@gsu.edu](mailto:pharvey5@gsu.edu)) by **Tuesday, October 25, 2016**.

**Session: Panel on Transgender Scholarship and Experience in Sociology, Cosponsored by SWS-South and the Committee on Sociological Practice** Organizer: J. Sumerau, [jsumerau@ut.edu](mailto:jsumerau@ut.edu) and Tiffany Taylor, [ttaylo36@kent.edu](mailto:ttaylo36@kent.edu)

For this session, we seek panelists who identify as transgender sociologists and people of varied gender identities doing scholarship related to transgender experience for a discussion about the state of transgender people and work in contemporary sociology and sociologies of gender. We seek panelists for a discussion about (1) the experiences of transgender sociologists, (2) the experience of publishing and otherwise doing work related to transgender experience in sociology, and / or (3) the potential for better moving sociology beyond an almost entirely cisgender focus in theory, methods, and published scholarship. If you are interested in being considered for this panel, please submit a brief abstract summarizing how you can speak to these themes to J. Sumerau (SWS-S Early Career Award Winner, 2016) at [jsumerau@ut.edu](mailto:jsumerau@ut.edu) and Tiffany Taylor (SWS-S Awards chair) at [ttaylo36@kent.edu](mailto:ttaylo36@kent.edu).

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### **Session: Gender/Intersectionality and Social Movements**

Organizer: Emily Cabaniss, [erc016@shsu.edu](mailto:erc016@shsu.edu)

In recent years, we have seen the emergence of small and larger scale movements for change. This session seeks to examine how gender and/or intersecting inequalities shape these efforts in sometimes obvious and other times less obvious ways. Papers might focus on gendered forms and expressions of activism (strategies, narratives, frames, etc.), intersecting movement identities, the reproduction of inequality within movements, the development of fusion movements, and so on. These are just some possibilities! Submissions should include: 1) paper title; 2) name, affiliation, and contact information for each author; and 3) an extended abstract of 450-550 words. Please email your submissions to [erc016@shsu.edu](mailto:erc016@shsu.edu).

### **Mini-Conference: Reproduction and Inequalities**

Organizers: Shannon Carter (along w/Theresa Morris, Carrie Lee Smith, and Miranda Waggoner).

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### **Session: Creating an Inclusive Classroom**

Organizer: Kris DeWelde, [kdewelde@fgcu.edu](mailto:kdewelde@fgcu.edu)

I am open to interpretations of this topic including in-class activities, pedagogical approaches, choice of content, etc. If you are interested please email me your extended abstract (SSS instructions for these just below). I am hopeful to cross-list this session with SWS-South.

### **Session: Marginalized Mothers**

Organizer: Tiffany Taylor, [ttaylo36@kent.edu](mailto:ttaylo36@kent.edu)

At the 2015 SSS meetings, several scholars presented research highlighting the struggles and voices of women and mothers in poverty, mothers facing disasters, scholarly activist work to help mothers, and more. We all thought this important work should continue and had an amazing session last year focusing on single mothers in college, homeless mothers dealing with social services, and how welfare-to-work managers enforce particular mothering ideologies with clients. This year, our third year, we extend this call for presentations. Topics within this area are open and may include basic and/or applied research that focuses on marginalized mothers, rural women/mothers, women/mothers in persistent poverty areas, and women/mothers and social services. The purpose of these continuing sessions is to make this research more visible, but it is also to connect scholars who are doing this important research.

**Roundtable: Sexual Assault on Campus.**

Organizer: Denise Bissler at [dbissler@rmc.edu](mailto:dbissler@rmc.edu)

This session will explore how campuses are reacting to mandates to combat sexual assault, address incidents, and assess programming. We invite presentations on these topics and/or research on rape culture, campus climate, and bystander intervention.

**Session: Sociology in Interdisciplinary Programs.**

Organizer: Marni Brown, [mbrown30@ggc.edu](mailto:mbrown30@ggc.edu)

Please feel free to contribute work that deals with pedagogy, curriculum, college wide activities, and administrative work.

**Session: Queer Rural/South Identities + Issues**

Organizer: Penny Harvey, [pharvey5@student.gsu.edu](mailto:pharvey5@student.gsu.edu)

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**Session: Gender & Religion**

Organizer: J. Sumerau at [jsumerau@ut.edu](mailto:jsumerau@ut.edu)

For this paper session, we are seeking research focused on intersections of gender and religion including but not limited to gendered-religious identities, intersectional approaches to religion, religious notions of femininities and masculinities, cisgender and transgender religious and nonreligious identities, experiences, and inequalities, and the social construction of sacred notions of gender within and between different religious contexts and traditions. Please send abstracts summarizing your paper for consideration to J. Sumerau ([jsumerau@ut.edu](mailto:jsumerau@ut.edu)).

**Session: Research and Teaching About Death, Dying, and Grief: A “Write Where It Hurts” Panel**

Organizer: J. Sumerau and Xan Nowakowski, at [jsumerau@ut.edu](mailto:jsumerau@ut.edu)

For the next Write Where It Hurts panel, we seek panelist with teaching, research, and personal experience navigating subjects related to death, dying, and grief as well as race, class, gender, and sexual variations related to these experiences. We are specifically seeking panelists to speak to (1) the emotional and personal aspects of doing death, dying, and grief scholarship and teaching, (2) coping and caregiving related to death, dying and grief research, teaching, and personal experiences, and (3) techniques for approaching these issues in teaching and research. Panelists will be expected to give a five minute introduction to the topic and how they come to it before the panel session shifts into a collaborative conversation about these issues and experiences. Please send an abstract summarizing your potential contribution to the panel to either J. Sumerau ([jsumerau@ut.edu](mailto:jsumerau@ut.edu)) or Xan Nowakowski ([xnowakowski@fsu.edu](mailto:xnowakowski@fsu.edu)).

**Session: Body Politics/Discourses in Fat Studies**

Session Organizers: Lyla Byers, [lbyers2@gmu.edu](mailto:lbyers2@gmu.edu) and Stephanie Gonzalez Guittar, [sguittar@gmail.com](mailto:sguittar@gmail.com)

In this session, we seek papers that explore the intersections of gender, race/ethnicity, sexuality, ability and/or socioeconomic status as it relates to fat bodies. We are particularly interested in papers that examine representations of fat in the medical establishment, the body positivity movement, the pharmaceutical industry, or any sociological analysis of fat bodies in our culture.

Please send an abstract summarizing your potential paper to [sguittar@gmail.com](mailto:sguittar@gmail.com).

### **SESSION TITLE: International Migration After the Great Recession**

Organizer: Maria Aysa-Lastra, [aysalastra@winthrop.edu](mailto:aysalastra@winthrop.edu)

International migration flows are shaped by global economic cycles, the structure and fluidity of transnational social networks, and by the structural changes in the countries of origin and destination. This panel seeks to explore whether migration flows and migration integration patterns have change since and after the Great Recession. Papers on any area or region are welcome. In your submission include title, name, affiliation, and contact information for each author. Please remember that panel submissions should include extended abstracts (450 to 550 words), send text in the body of your email to [aysalastram@winthrop.edu](mailto:aysalastram@winthrop.edu).

### **SESSION TITLE: Bernie, Hillary and The Donald: Making Sense of the 2016 Election Cycle**

Organizers: Idee Winfield [winfieldi@cofc.edu](mailto:winfieldi@cofc.edu) and Tracy Burkett [burkett@cofc.edu](mailto:burkett@cofc.edu)

Elections are all about capturing how people think, but voters' values don't come out of nowhere. This session takes a broad look at the shifting constructions of meaning, their sources and variations. We are interested in both quantitative and qualitative analyses that contribute a deeper understanding of this unusual election cycle.

### **SESSION TITLE: Style, Fashion, and Dress**

Organizer: J. Slade Lellock

Fashion, style, and dress are not just about outward appearances. They are deeply linked to identity, embodiment, personhood, group solidarity, symbolic boundary-construction/maintenance, and other social processes. Clothing and dress are imbued with social meanings and the practices surrounding them can be hugely consequential. I am seeking panelists who wish to present research that sociologically investigates style, fashion, and dress.

Send paper title, author name(s), affiliations, contact information, and a well-developed abstract (400-550 words) to [jsl@vt.edu](mailto:jsl@vt.edu) no later than November 13, 2016.

### **SESSION TITLE: Making the most out of a Non-Tenure Track Faculty Position**

Organizers: Dr. Teresa Roach, Appalachian State University, [roachta@appstate.edu](mailto:roachta@appstate.edu) Dr. Melissa Bamford, University of Memphis, [mjbamford@memphis.edu](mailto:mjbamford@memphis.edu)

Since the 1970s the growth in contingent or non-tenure track faculty members on university campuses has been growing. Recent estimates suggest that contingent or non-tenure track faculty make up roughly half of new hires (Chronicle of Higher Education, 2001; AAUP; 2016). Non-tenure track faculty represent a growing, yet often invisible population of faculty as they may be the sole non-tenure track member of their department. Additionally, tenure-track positions have been disappearing rapidly at universities giving rise to more contingent faculty contracts. This issue is particular fitting for the overall SSS meeting theme of Diversities, with particular attention to inequality and inclusion. **For this session, we seek panelists who have diverse experience as non-tenure track faculty or contingent faculty members at a variety of educational institutions.**

If interested in participating in this panel, please contact Dr. Teresa Roach ([roachta@appstate.edu](mailto:roachta@appstate.edu)) by **Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup>** with a short bio and how your experiences as a non-tenure track or contingent faculty member add to this continuing conversation in a shifting academic climate.

### **SESSION TITLE: Virtual Sessions at SSS**

The Committee of Sociology at Community and Small Colleges is sponsoring a virtual paper session at the annual Southern Sociological Society in Greenville, SC. We recognize that, for many faculty, traveling to the conference may be difficult, whether because of work, family, or other obligations. However, faculty often want an opportunity to present and engage with other faculty in the field. This session is an opportunity for faculty to present to their fellow Southern sociologists virtually. While the session is open for any topic, those papers that are consistent with the theme of the conference, "Diversities: Inclusion, Equality, and Resistance," will be given priority. Those who wish to be considered for this session must register for the conference and must have the ability to connect virtually through internet software such as Skype or Facetime (final software is still to be determined). Those who participate will be given access to watch any sessions that are streamed. It is anticipated that at least 3 sessions, including the virtual session will be available. Please send extended abstracts to Jake Milne at [milnejs@longwood.edu](mailto:milnejs@longwood.edu) by Nov. 15th for full consideration in the virtual session.