The Southern Sociologist

Southern Sociology in Atlanta: An Invitation From President Charles Tolbert

As I write on a wintry day, spring-time in Atlanta seems far away. Yet, we’ll see those blooming dogwoods and azaleas soon enough. So soon, in fact, that many members are working at a feverish pace to finalize plans for a great meeting. Program co-chairs Mike Irwin and Dawn Robinson are busy assembling the program. The theme Southern Sociology has generated some exciting and imaginative sessions. Mike and Dawn have set days and times for key events as you will see elsewhere in this issue of TSS (page 3). More details will follow soon. Local arrangements chair Mindy Stombler is making Atlanta an even better host city. Watch her announcements for everything from Broadway to the Braves. (page 8)

In early January, several of us went on a site visit to the Sheraton Colony Square. We remain very pleased with the facilities, the friendly staff, and the mid-town location. A couple of us rode MARTA from the airport to the Arts Center stop (for all of $1.25). We found ourselves about three blocks from the complex of attached buildings that includes the Sheraton. (Continued on page 2)

From the Editor:
This issue contains information about the SSS annual meeting and Atlanta. The preliminary program will be posted online when it is available in mid-February. Please send information and suggestions for TSS electronically (preferably in Word) mailto:rhfreym@presby.edu.

Bob Freymeyer

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Follow the Colony Square arrows in the MARTA station that point you up the hill on 15th to Peachtree. Across Peachtree, you will see a Houlahan’s and an entrance labeled “Shops at Colony Square.” Enter there, and you will find the hotel at the other end of the mall.

Now it isn’t easy for this Main Street guy to tout a mall. But, I think the large atrium with ample casual seating is going to be a big draw for our folks. It is surrounded by eateries of all sorts. No golden arches here. To anticipate the presidential address, these food establishments seem to be largely run by locals or they are branches of local chains (“multi-locals” in our parlance). Bring your wireless laptop and enjoy breakfast, lunch, or a coffee break in the atrium.

**Bluegrass kickoff:** Our traditional opening reception will be Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Attention students: David Gay and his committee have done the fundraising again. Courtesy of graduate departments around the region, the Thursday evening student reception will be well-catered. Enjoy! (See page 5)

**Committee members:** See you for continental breakfast on Friday a.m.

Everyone: Join me at the presidential reception for great views, hors d’oeuvres, and conversation in the Crown Room on top of the hotel. This event will be Friday around 6:00 p.m., following the awards convocation and presidential address.

Early risers: Come to the business meeting Saturday morning.

**Please stay with us.** It is something of a litany these days that officers of professional associations make pleas for members to stay in meeting hotels at the meeting rate. The Internet has turned us all into travel agents, and we look for the best deal. This may be great for an individual, but only temporarily. When associations fail to make room quotas, they are contractually liable for extra hotel charges. These extra costs eventually have to be made up in higher dues and registration fees. We are proud that the SSS has always exceeded its room block. We need your help to keep it that way.

Sure, there’s much to be done between now and mid-April, but this promises to be a great meeting in a splendid new Atlanta venue. Let’s celebrate southern sociology and our affiliation with the best of the regional associations.

Charles Tolbert
Baylor University
This year’s program promises to be an exciting one. Our membership has once again responded enthusiastically to the call for papers, with nearly 600 submissions. The Program Committee is currently organizing these submissions into a preliminary program, which we should have posted online by mid-February. *If you have not heard from us, you should assume that your submission has been accepted.*

Preliminary times for a number of events are listed below. This schedule is subject to change as we finalize the program.

Plan to arrive on Wednesday, April 14th. Sessions may begin as early as late Wednesday afternoon. Conference registration will open on Wednesday afternoon in the South Ballroom. Publishers and Graduate Programs will also open exhibits at this time. Throughout the Ballroom, open tables will be available to meet colleagues. The Blue Grass Welcome Reception will officially kick off SSS festivities on Wednesday evening at 6 p.m.

Thursday and Friday we will have consecutive periods for sessions running from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. On Saturday we will have two consecutive periods for sessions, running from 8:30 a.m. until 12 p.m.

On Wednesday the SSS Executive Committee will meet beginning at 2 p.m., and will meet again on Thursday morning from 8:30 a.m. until 12 p.m. The Executive Committee will meet again from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday.

On Thursday at 7:30 a.m. the ASA is sponsoring a Department Chairs Meeting complete with light breakfast. On Thursday evening from 6 to 7:30 p.m. the Nominations and Honors Committees will meet. Also on Thursday evening we have several social events including a silent auction for the ASA Minority Scholarship Fundraiser, from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m., sponsored by Sociologists for Women in Society-South. This event will be followed immediately

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by the Sociologists for Women in Society-South Business meeting from 8:30 until 10 p.m.

The Graduate Student Reception, organized by David Gay and the Committee on the Status of Students, will run from 6:30 until 9 p.m. Also on Thursday evening, The Committee On Small and Community Colleges will organize interested parties in meeting for dinner out at several fine Atlanta restaurants (we’ll provide specific information on the SSS Web site in weeks to come--see page 6).

Friday morning SSS Committees not previously scheduled will meet from 7:30 to 9 a.m. On Friday from 3 until 4:00 p.m., we have the Plenary Juried Posters Session, with refreshments available. Immediately following this, the awards convocation and presidential address will run from 4 until 5:30 p.m. Following the address, members may gather for a reception in the Crown Room at the top of the Sheraton. This reception will run from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m.

The SSS Business Meeting will be on Saturday from 7:30 until 8:30 a.m.

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Annual Meeting Reminders:

1. Pre-register for the meeting (link to web site) ($50 regular, $25 Students)
   
   http://www.msstate.edu/org/sss/memberaccounts/Publish/page2.html

2. Make hotel reservations as early as possible (March 15th last day for convention rate)

   http://www.msstate.edu/org/sss/04Meet/Publish/page7.html

3. If you are on the program, at least one author of the paper must have paid dues and be registered by March 1st.
The Committee on the Status of Students is composed of both students and faculty. The purpose of the committee is to increase student involvement in the SSS and support students at the annual meetings by sponsoring social gatherings, sessions, and opportunities for discussions. The upcoming Atlanta meetings will include a reception for graduate students and other helpful activities.

Funds to sponsor a reception are not readily available. As a result, we are asking for moderate contributions ($100 or so) from graduate departments and other interested persons in the SSS region to fund a special reception. The committee has received the support of the SSS President, Charles M. Tolbert, II, to solicit funds for a student event. If enough departments are willing to contribute, then we should be able to host a nice reception. The committee’s goal in this regard is to limit “out of pocket” expenses for the students. As a result, we are planning to provide a meal and soft drinks for graduate and undergraduate students on a different night than that of the general reception. We hope this contributes to participation at both receptions and limits any confusion.

All contributions are needed and welcomed. Please make out checks to the Southern Sociological Society and send to Charles M. Tolbert, II, Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Baylor University, Waco, TX 76798-7326. Invoices will be provided as needed. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Charles Tolbert (phone 254-710-6060; mailto: charlie_tolbert@baylor.edu) or me (phone: 407-823-2227; mailto: dgay@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu)

In addition, please share this information with your students and contact us with any suggestions you have for involving students at our upcoming Atlanta meetings. COSS members include David Gay (chair), Chardie Baird, Nicole Flynn, Matt Hembree, Melinda Kane, Stephanie Moller, and Saundra Westervelt.

We would really appreciate your help. Thank you for your time and consideration.
The annual meeting in Atlanta is just around the corner. The Committee on Small and Community Colleges encourages all of you, especially our colleagues at smaller schools and community colleges, to attend this year’s meeting. Although faculty at small and community colleges may be discouraged from coming to the meeting because of lack of funding and heavy teaching loads, the benefits of attending are many. In fact, there are at least 10 benefits small and community college faculty can reap from coming to this year's Southern Sociological Society annual meeting:

**TOP 10 REASONS SMALL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACULTY SHOULD COME TO ATLANTA IN APRIL**

10. You will have the opportunity to meet other faculty who teach at similar institutions with whom you can share problems and ideas.
9. You could use your travel to the meetings to begin an observational study of the job satisfaction of TSA employees.
8. You can attend the Committee on Small and Community Colleges’ annual business meeting to suggest ideas they should address or to become active on the committee.
7. You get to network with faculty who have similar research agendas and perhaps meet someone with whom to collaborate on a research project.
6. Atlanta restaurants! Enough said.
5. Inspirational teaching or research ideas may come to you in a paper session or informal conversation.
4. When you return home you can impress your colleagues with the story of how you successfully navigated I-75 through Atlanta.
3. You can present your research findings or teaching ideas in a supportive environment of fellow sociologists.
2. You will have the opportunity to wager a bet with a fellow airline traveler on whether you will get pulled for an extra security screening.
1. The World of Coca-Cola, Lenox Square Mall, Buckhead, Underground Atlanta, Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site, Turner Stadium, CNN Headquarters…it’s all in Atlanta!

If you are looking for dinner companions on Friday, April 16, a group of folks from the Small and Community Colleges will gather in the hotel lobby around 6:30 p.m. and head out to a local restaurant.

Lee Millar Bidwell
Longwood University
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Get your tickets now for entertainment in Atlanta!

SSS became more hip when it moved to swank Midtown, in the middle of the Atlanta arts district. We are sure you will find the Sheraton at Colony Square an upgrade from our past Atlanta hotel. Below you’ll find a list of opportunities to enjoy performing arts, visual arts, concerts, and sporting events. Interested parties can purchase tickets in advance to the more popular shows and events—Local Arrangements Committee, Atlanta

Special Features

The Producers

Mel Brooks’ Tony award winning musical comedy
Broadway series at the Fabulous Fox Theatre (beautiful historic site)
Tickets go on sale February 1st, 2004 and the show runs through April 18; Ticket prices $17-$56; http://www.foxtheatre.org

Edward Albee’s Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?
The Alliance Theatre—Located within the Woodruff Arts Center in Midtown http://www.alliancetheatre.org/atc_plays_season.asp
Tickets range between $25-$35
Show your student ID for discount

Champions on Ice!

Featured skaters include: Michelle Kwan, Sasha Cohen, Irina Slutskaya, Elvis Stojko, Victor Petrenko, Rudy Galindo, Surya Bonaly and many more!
Phillips Arena
April 13, 2004, 7:30 p.m.
Tickets on sale now- $67, $47, $32 http://www.newatlantaarena.com

Messiaen: Turangalila-symphonie

Classical concert presented by the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra
Located within the Woodruff Arts Center in Midtown
April 15, 16, 17, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. http://www.atlantasymphony.org
Robert Spano, conductor
Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano
Mary Chun, ondes martenot

Braves vs. 2003 World Champion Marlins

The Atlanta Braves at “The Ted”
April 16 and 17
Ticket prices range from $1 - $48 http://www.atlanta.braves.mlb.com

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The Performing Arts

Actor’s Express

http://www.actors-express.com
Located at the King Plow Arts Center
No events scheduled that week

14th Street Playhouse
http://www.woodruff-arts.org/woodruffI/14thresident.asp
Lovers by Brian Friel
Tickets - $16 - $22; student discount
See also http://www.theatregael.com

Horizon Theatre Company
http://www.horizontheatre.com
Located in the eclectic Little Five Points shopping and dining entertainment district
See website for upcoming performances

Variety Playhouse
http://www.variety-playhouse.com
Also located in the eclectic Little Five Points shopping and dining entertainment district
See website for performance information

Woodruff Arts Center
http://www.woodruff-arts.org
Home of the High Museum of Art, The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, The Alliance Theatre, and The 14th Street Playhouse

Art Galleries/Museums

High Museum of Art
Wonderful art museum in stunning modern setting. In walking distance from Colony Square Sheraton hotel.
http://www.high.org/visitor_information/high_museum/hours_admission.html

King Plow Arts Center
http://www.kingplow.com

The Marietta Street Art District
http://www.artery.org
See website for gallery options

Bennett Street Design District
http://www.buckhead.org/bennetstreet
Located in tony Buckhead, Bennett Street it is the home to several high-end art galleries

Concerts

http://www.atlantamusicguide.com
Check the website for great local music and national tours.

The Cotton Club (local and national concert venue within walking distance from local midtown hotels)

The Coca-Cola Roxy (local and national concert venue in bustling Buckhead – the nightlife entertainment district)

The Tabernacle (transformed historical church located downtown)
http://www.atlantamusicguide.com/tabernacle.htm

Smith’s Olde Bar (local and national concert venue located in midtown)
http://www.smithsoldebar.com

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The Star Bar
(local and national concert venue in the eclectic Little Five Points shopping and dining entertainment district - near the best tattoo, piercing, and kitsch stores)
http://www.starbar.net

Lakewood Amphitheatre
http://www.hob.com/venues/concerts/hifibys/
See website for scheduled events

The Rialto
Located at the historic Rialto Theatre, owned and operated by Georgia State University
http://www.rialtocenter.org
Tuesday, April 13, 2004
Georgia State University School of Music presents
Big Band Jazz
Gordon Vernick, director
Guest Artist: Kenny Garrett, saxophone
Georgia State University Jazz Band
Cost: $10 general admission, $5 students

Variety Playhouse
http://www.variety-playhouse.com
Also located in the eclectic Little Five Points shopping and dining entertainment district
See website for performance information

Professional Sports

See Braves in Special Features section

Georgia Xplosion (Women’s Professional Football)
April 17 vs. Miami (Not sure if this is a home or away game)
http://www.atlantaxplosion.com

Georgia Force (Arena Football) April 18 vs. Orlando @ 3 p.m.
http://www.georgiaforce.com/

Atlanta College/University Athletics
(a sampling)

Georgia Tech Men’s Baseball
April 14 vs. University of Georgia at 7 p.m.
April 16 and 17th at 7 p.m. and April 18 at 1 p.m. vs. Washington
Georgia Tech Women’s Softball
April 13 at 3:00 p.m. vs. Alabama

For more on Georgia Tech athletics:
http://ramblinwreck.ocsn.com

Georgia State University Women’s Softball
April 13 at 2 p.m. vs. Florida Atlantic
April 16 at 4 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. vs. Mercer
For more on Georgia State athletics: http://www.georgiastate.com/home/p_home.cfm

Atlanta will host the SIAC Championship April 17th-19th, a series where Morehouse and Clark Atlanta men’s baseball teams will play. The time and location are TBA.
http://www.morehouse.edu
http://www.cau.edu

Emory University Women’s Softball
April 13 at 4 p.m. vs. Agnes Scott College

For more on Emory athletics: http://www.emory.edu/sports
In recent years, professors (and often university administrators as well) have become increasingly interested in “service-learning”—encouraging students to learn and apply course material outside the classroom while simultaneously offering a service to the community. As Barbara Jacoby and Associates explain in *Building Partnerships for Service-Learning* (Jossey-Bass, 2003, xvii):

“Through high quality service-learning, students perform activities that directly address human and community needs. In addition, students engage in critical reflection about what social responsibility means to them and how they will make socially responsible choices throughout all aspects of their lives. Communities benefit from new energy brought to bear on their problems and enhanced capacity to capitalize on their assets. When service-learning lives up to its potential to lead institutions of higher education to transform themselves into fully engaged citizens of their communities and the world, its ability to bring about positive social change is limitless.”

As promised in the fall, the focus of this edition of The Teaching Corner is on service-learning. Read on to see how some of your colleagues have incorporated service-learning components into various courses.

- Dr. Arvilla Payne-Jackson (apayne-jackson@Howard.edu), Professor and Anthropol-

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ogy Coordinator at Howard University initiated a service-learning project involving the 50 students in her Introduction to Cultural Anthropology course and the 30 students in her Magic, Witchcraft, and Healing class in which students hosted a breakfast in the fall semester and a forum in the spring to generate ideas to address the concerns of ex-offenders, welfare families, and youth in the Washington, D. C. metropolitan area. Students worked with Solutions, VII, Inc., a grassroots, faith-based, non-profit organization to organize the “First Annual Consortium Breakfast: Bridging the Gap,” attended by over 120 people including representatives from the White House and the Mayor’s office, to generate ideas and suggestions for how to help these marginalized populations. In the spring semester, students hosted a Consortium Service Learning Forum to further explore solutions. The students were charged not only with organizing and promoting these events, but they also collectively developed the mission and vision statements for the consortium.

- Dr. Susan Williams ([lswilli@ksu.edu](mailto:lswilli@ksu.edu)), Assistant Professor of Sociology at Kansas State University, incorporated service-learning into a cross-listed sociology/criminology course entitled “Women and Crime.” Funded through the university’s Community Service Program, students in Dr. Williams’ class are paired with selected female inmates at the Topeka Correctional Facility. Students correspond with their assigned inmate a minimum of six times during the semester. Students are encouraged to discuss topics related to the course with their correspondent-partner. Students keep a file of all correspondence with their partner, write a reflection paper at the end of the course about their learning experience, and write a research report on a specific issue related to criminality. Dr. Williams asks for feedback on research reports from the inmates and prison officials.

- William Holt ([William.Holt@UConn.edu](mailto:William.Holt@UConn.edu)), University of Connecticut has integrated service-learning into Introduction to Sociology and Urban Problems courses. Students in the Introductory course had the option of participating in 20 hours of service-learning work as part of the course, but it was not mandatory. Students had the option of maintaining a journal about their service-learning in lieu of a more traditional 10-page term paper. At the end of the course, students participated in a Community and Service conference on campus where they presented their project to an audience of faculty, students, and community members. In the Urban problems course, students were responsible for 60 hours of service-learning during the semester. Students gave a class presentation on their service-learning work and wrote a 12-15 page report analyzing an urban problem, the agency at which they volun-

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tered, and the effectiveness of the agency in handling the issue. Additionally, students kept a journal about their experiences.

Mr. Holt cautions those interested in integrating service-learning into a course that although there are many benefits for students and the community, it is very time consuming for the faculty member to supervise the projects. Faculty members must be diligent in seeing that students fulfill their commitments to agencies so that one student’s irresponsibility does not destroy a relationship with an organization that a faculty member may have taken months to establish. He notes that students must be encouraged to make explicit connections between course material and their community experiences in writing and in class discussion, and suggests that untenured faculty members should check to see if taking the extra time to integrate service-learning into a course will be recognized by the institution.

Please submit teaching ideas or profiles of exceptional students and their projects to me (lbidwell@longwood.edu) for possible inclusion in future editions of The Teaching Corner.

Undergraduate Research Conferences

Call for Papers

Southeastern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium
March 1, 2004

The Southeastern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium will be held on March 1, 2004 at the Holiday Inn in Athens, GA. Papers can be on any topic that relates to sociology. These papers should be approximately 15 to 20 pages in length and the oral presentations will be limited to 15 minutes. A title and brief abstract (100 words or less) must be submitted to Dean Rojek, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602 by January 30, 2004. Completed papers need to be submitted no later than February 13, 2004. There will be a symposium banquet at the end of the paper session on March 1 with awards given to the top three papers. Contact Dean Rojek at 706-542-6370 mailto: drojek@uga.edu for further information.
Carolina Undergraduate Social Science Symposium
April 22-23, 2004

The South Carolina Sociological Association and Newberry College are hosting the annual Carolina Undergraduate Social Symposium at Newberry College on April 22 and 23, 2004. Dr. Lala Steelman of the University of South Carolina will be speaking April 22 at 7:30 on “Is Tracking on the Right Track?” Student presentations will be on April 23.

Students are encouraged to submit proposals to present papers in any area of the social sciences. The proposals should include the title of the paper and an approximately one hundred word abstract. The deadline for submission is March 31, 2004. An indication of equipment needs for the presentation should be included with the abstract.

There is a cash prize for the top three student papers. To participate in the paper competition, students must submit the completed paper by April 15, 2004.

All materials should be sent to: Dr. Kathlyn Fritz, Newberry College, Department of Sociology, 2100 College Street, Newberry, SC 29108, Mailto: Kfritz@newberry.edu

Arkansas Undergraduate Sociology and Anthropology Symposium, 25th Annual Meeting
March 19, 2004

The 25th Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Undergraduate Sociology and Anthropology Symposium will be held Friday, March 19, 2004, 12:30-5:30 P.M. in the Mills Center of Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas. Student presentations with a keynote address "Creating Humanized Spaces for People Through Architecture: A Social Psychological Viewpoint" by Dr. Anna Szafranek of the Technical University of Lublin, Poland.

E-mail abstracts by March 8, 2004, to James R. Bruce, Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Hendrix College, 1600 Washington Ave., Conway, AR 72032, Mail to: brucejr@hendrix.edu.
The year 1964 was an important one for me. While the country was still reacting to President Kennedy’s assassination in November of the year before, and the U.S. Congress passed measures relating to civil rights and the establishment of Medicare, I was concluding my years of service to the Census Bureau and heading for my first and only academic appointment at Florida State University.

My membership in SSS went back to my graduate school days at the University of North Carolina. I continued to be a regular participant at annual meetings in subsequent years, but my Washington location and non-academic status for several years put me out of the loop regarding official positions in the Society’s organization. To my surprise, in 1963, I was invited to join the SSS Committee on the Profession which, at the time, included only senior university professors. Among other things, Committee members were encouraged to set up sessions at the annual meeting.

Wanting to organize a session that would be of general interest to the members, I hit upon the idea of recognizing the tenth anniversary of the famous Brown vs. Board of Education decision of the U.S. Supreme Court. That decision, in 1954, declared separate schools for racial groups inherently unequal and laid the groundwork for later actions that integrated educational systems. The Program Committee reacted favorably to my proposal and gave me a plenary session in which to hold it.

I decided to have a panel of people who could reflect meaningfully on the Court’s decision and its impact later on. The panel I ended up with was one of diversity and knowledgeable people. It included Charles Gomillion, Tuskegee sociologist and civil rights activist, who led the fight to end racial gerrymandering of voting districts that resulted in the 1960 Supreme Court decision to outlaw such practices (Gomillion vs. Lightfoot); Guy Johnson, long-time scholar of race and society at UNC; Kurt Back, whose studies at Duke had encompassed the social psychology of race; and Morton Sobel, an official in the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai Brith. I was intent on also including someone who questioned the Court’s 1954 decision, and I approached James Kilpatrick, a noted conservative newspaper columnist. In his gracious reply to my letter, he indicated his unavailability due to a prior commit-
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ment but he strongly suggested Henry Garrett, a Columbia University psychologist whose writings on the racial inferiority of Blacks were well known. My first reaction was that Professor Garrett was too biased to be included on the panel; but my second reaction was that it was desirable to have that point of view on the panel. I invited him and he accepted.

The meeting took place in Asheville before an audience of Southern sociologists who filled a large ballroom. Each speaker made profound remarks, all with the anticipated orientation. Professor Garrett was the last of the speakers and did not refrain from presenting the same point of view that he had stated in his articles. Subsequently, there was a spirited discussion among the panelists and some searching questions from the floor.

When I concluded the session, there was a fair amount of murmuring in the audience. Several attendees came to the stage to talk with panelists and with me. I received two types of comments. One set included commendations for a wonderful session. The other set included remarks such as “How could you invite a racist to the Southern Sociological Society meeting?” I felt that the desired effect of the session had been achieved. The Supreme Court decision had been celebrated, many wise remarks were made by the panelists, and some Southern sociologists got to see and hear a real, live racist.

Charles B. Nam

Florida State University

Falk, Schulman, and Tickamyer Publish Book

William W. Falk, (University of Maryland), Michael D. Schulman (North Carolina State University), and Ann R. Tickamyer (Ohio University), edited a book on Communities of Work: Rural Restructuring in Local and Global Contexts that was published by Ohio University Press in the fall of 2003.
M.A. in Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (QMSS)

Columbia University

Columbia University offers an interdisciplinary M.A. degree program that trains students in how to apply quantitative methods to a variety of issues in non-profit organizations, government, business, and social research. The program combines rigorous training in statistical techniques with an examination of how these methods are applied to a diverse set of problems in the social world.

The program is structured for both full-time and part-time students. Past graduates have found positions in non-profits, market research, public health, finance, and government. Individuals working in these areas would also benefit from the specialized training in quantitative methods this degree provides.

Applications to begin study in fall 2004 are due May 1.

Contact: http://www.qmss.columbia.edu/, mailto:qmss@columbia.edu, 212-854-8039.

Ken Land elected President of National Association of State Sociological Associations

Ken Land of Duke University and former SSS president became president of the National Association of State Sociological Associations at the group's annual meeting in August during the ASA meeting in Atlanta.

The NCSSA facilitates information for and among the state sociological associations across the United States and reaches many sociologists who are not members of the regional associations or the ASA. Ken will serve a two-year term.

The NCSSA can be contacted via http://www.statesociologicalassociations.org. Watch for a set of articles on the achievements and opportunities of state associations in a forthcoming ASA Footnotes.
Demographic Transitions

James Copp, 1925-2003

James Copp passed away on January 18, 2003 in College Station, TX. He was born in Thief River Falls, Minnesota on April 28, 1925. Jim completed his B.S. and M.S. degrees at the University of Minnesota in 1949 and 1951. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1954. Prior to coming to Texas A&M University in 1972, Jim taught at Kansas State University, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Penn State University; he also served as the Branch Chief of Human Resources in the Economic Research Service at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. After 27 years at Texas A&M, Jim retired in the spring of 1999 and was an emeritus professor at the time of his death. After his official retirement, Jim continued to teach in our department on a part-time basis.

Jim made important contributions to the field of rural sociology. His research sought to understand rural communities in light of the forces of urbanization and the restructuring of agriculture. His edited book, Our Changing Rural Society: Perspectives and Trends (Iowa State University Press, 1964), long served as a cornerstone in the instruction of rural sociology throughout the country. Jim also published numerous articles and book chapters that focused attention on rural communities. His most recent work addressed the changes underway in rural communities in the West. He played a leading role in the ongoing activities of the Western Regional Coordinating Committee (WRCC-84) and its “Community, Institutional Change and Migration in Rural America Project.” His interest in Western communities was featured in his co-edited book (with John Wardwell), Population Change in the Rural West, 1975-1990 (University Press of America, 1996).

Jim provided intellectual leadership to the field of rural sociology in yet other ways. He served as President of the Rural Sociological Society (RSS) in 1971-1972. His presidential address, delivered in 1972, chided and challenged rural sociologists to play a more aggressive role in the development of rural communities, a priority that he viewed as a normative goal. Jim asserted that rural sociology research was being shaped by funding agencies and administrators of the agricultural complex where many rural sociologists worked. He was afraid that rural sociologists were imprisoned by the structures that supported their work, which resulted in the general absence of research addressing critical issues of the time. Given the contemporary dependence of rural sociologists, and sociologists more broadly, on funding agencies, Jim’s admonishment continues to be relevant to the way we conduct business today. Jim also served as editor of both Rural Sociology (the official journal of the Ru-
ral Sociological Society) and Southern Rural Sociology (the official journal of the Southern Rural Sociological Society). We do not believe there is another individual who served as RSS president and editor of these two journals.

Jim made significant contributions to the development of sociology and rural sociology at Texas A&M beginning with his arrival in 1972. He served as the head of both the Departments of Sociology and Anthropology (1972-1981) and Rural Sociology (1972-1980), with each of these departments located in different colleges. Both his intellectual influence and his commitment to democracy had immediate impact. It was under his leadership that sociology and rural sociology expanded at Texas A&M, with the mission of sociologists increasing from primarily teaching to a dual mission associated with research and teaching. After completing his terms as department head, Jim continued to make important contributions to the department through his research, teaching, and service activities. He made particularly important contributions in the internationalization of the departmental curriculum through his development of courses on Soviet Society (later renamed Post-Soviet Society) and Islamic Societies. Even after his retirement, he continued to teach these courses on a fairly regular basis. His love of teaching and his continued commitment to teaching were apparent even after his retirement. Indeed, he mentioned on several occasions to the current department head that he didn’t have to be paid for teaching the courses.

Another indication of his dedication to the department is reflected in a conversation he had with a former department head in the early 1990s. He told the head that he was approaching retirement and was not conducting enough research to warrant a 2-2 teaching load, and he asked to teach an additional undergraduate course each semester. Jim had a 3-3 teaching load until the late 1990s while maintaining an enviable research program, including publishing the aforementioned 1996 book with Wardwell, and presenting research papers at professional conferences.

Jim Copp’s friends, colleagues, and students will always remember him for his wry sense of humor, cheerfulness, and unassuming manner. He had a perpetual enthusiasm for learning and discovery that invigorated those around him. He loved to exchange and challenge ideas and he was interested in almost everything—from biology to theology with stops at sociology and physics. His fondness for learning and discovering extended to photography, hiking, camping, and plant identifying. An avid traveler, he visited many countries throughout the world. He also logged thousands of miles driving through rural communities armed with his camera and his sociological imagination conducting sociological “windshield reconnaissance.” He and, his wife, Veronica, regularly entertained his
colleagues and students at their home with sociological slide shows from their trips. We will all miss those wonderful evenings.

Jim is survived by his wife, Veronica Copp, four daughters (Christine Avery and her partner Terry Johnson; Karen Copp and her partner Steve Hendrix; Sarah Copp and her husband Humberto La Roche; and Martha Copp and her husband Jeff Supplee), one son (John Copp and his wife Peggy), and seven grandchildren. A memorial fund has been established at Texas A&M University to support research activities of undergraduate minority students. Donations to the memorial fund may be sent to the Texas A&M Foundation, Memorial Scholarship Fund: James H. Copp, c/o John Knudsen, 601 Blocker Building, 4223 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-4223.

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The Society for the Study of Social Problems

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) invites proposals for its 54th Annual Meeting, to be held August 13-15, 2004 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco, CA. Theme: "THE CULTURE OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS: Power, People, and History." Deadline for submissions is January 31, 2004. Complete papers, abstracts, or 2-3 page outlines should be sent to Mary Haught, Administrative Assistant, Department of Sociology, 112 Piskor Building, St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY 13617, mhaught@stlawu.edu. Questions relating to the 2004 program should be directed to Program Co-Chairs: Stephen Pfohl, Boston College, W: 617-552-4135, F: 617-552-4283, pfohl@bc.edu and R. Danielle Egan, St. Lawrence University, W: 315-229-5120, F: 315-229-5830, degan@stlawu.edu. When sending an email, please place SSSP in the subject line.

2004 Minority Scholarship Program
The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) is recruiting applications for the 2004 Minority Scholarship. Persons accepted into an accredited doctoral program in any one of the Social and/or Behavioral Sciences are invited to apply for the $10,000 Minority Scholarship. Deadline for submission is March 15, 2004. Visit http://www.sssp1.org for an application or contact Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer with questions (W: 865-689-1531, mkoontz3@utk.edu). Upon completion of the application, it should be forwarded to Dr. Teresa Scheid, Chair. Full address is contained in the application form.

New Editor Sought for Social Problems
The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) has begun its search for the next editor of Social Problems. The Editor’s three-year term starts with operation of the new editorial office at mid-year 2005 and assumption of responsibility for editing Volumes 53-55 (years 2006-2008). The SSSP seeks an individual with a distinguished scholarly record, previous editorial experience (i.e., service as a journal editor or associate editor), strong organizational and management skills, the ability to work well with others, and a familiarity with and commitment to Social Problems. A full description of desired qualifications and application process is posted on our website, http://www.sssp1.org. Deadline for initial nominations and inquiries: January 1, 2004.

Applications, requests for further information, or names of potential nominees should be sent to: Leon Anderson, Chair, SSSP Editorial and Publications Committee, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Ohio University, Athens, OH 45701; W: 740-593-1377, F: 740-593-1365, andersoe@ohio.edu.
The Southern Sociological Society Financial Information

The SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES AS COMPARED TO BUDGET for the year ended June 30, 2003, appears below. The complete FINANCIAL STATEMENT and additional FINANCIAL INFORMATION as compiled and reported by Christopher and Grogan, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, is available at

http://www.msstate.edu/org/sss/Financial/Publish/

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| **EXPENSES**            |                  |        |                              |
| Data Entry Service      | $10,500          | $10,500| $0                           |
| Legal & Accounting      | 1,000            | 1,000  | 0                            |
| Office Expenses and Supplies | 3,225          | 1,171  | (2,054)                      |
| Insurance and Fidelity Bond | 150            | 100    | (50)                         |
| President's Expenses    | 2,000            | 1,608  | (392)                        |
| Special Projects        | 0                | 0      | 0                            |
| Publication of "Social Forces" | 22,500        | 22,054 | (446)                        |
| Publication of "The Southern Sociologist" | 15,200 | 79    | (15,121)                     |
| Memberships             | 825              | 810    | (15)                         |
| Election Expenses       | 2,600            | 840    | (1,760)                      |
| Annual Meeting          | 31,128           | 29,785 | (1,341)                      |
| Committee Expenses      | 3,700            | 650    | (3,050)                      |
| Depreciation            | 1,100            | 1,100  | 0                            |
| **TOTAL EXPENSES**      | $93,926          | $69,497| ($24,429)                    |

**EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES**  
$(6,801)  $25,496  $32,297
The Southern Sociological Society (SSS) is a non-profit organization that seeks to promote the development of sociology as a profession and scientific discipline by the maintenance of high academic professional and ethical standards and by encouraging:

(a) effective teaching of sociology;
(b) valid and reliable methods of research in the study of human society;
(c) diffusion of sociological knowledge and its application to societal problems;
(d) cooperation with related disciplines and groups;
(e) recruitment and training of sociologists; and
(f) development of sociology programs in educational and other agencies.

Members receive Social Forces, The Southern Sociologist, and a membership directory (biennially). An annual meeting is held in the spring, usually mid-April. Membership is open to any person who can assist in promoting the objectives of the society. Persons wishing to join SSS may send dues directly to the Secretary-Treasurer. Please include your first middle and last name, address, phone number, where employed, and sex. For statistical purposes, we also ask you to include your race and/or ethnic group and three areas of specialty. Husbands and wives may be joint members. One spouse receives publications and dues notices, but both vote, receive separate listings in the directory, and are eligible for reduced registration rates at the annual meeting.

The membership year is July 1 through June 30. Membership classes, annual charges and dues are:

- Regular ...........................................................50.00
- Emeritus
  - with Social Forces.....................................21.00
  - without Social Forces............................ no cost
- Associate (non-voting) .................................48.00
- Student ...........................................................25.00

Dues, subscriptions, membership inquiries and address changes should be addressed to:

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Mississippi State, MS 39762
http://www.msstate.edu/org/sss/memberaccounts/updateinformation.htm

To bring you the news, we need your news! Please send any news of your department and/or colleagues for possible publication in TSS. Articles pertaining to the state of the profession or the discipline are also welcome. To appear in a specific issue, submissions must be received by the below deadline.

In addition to news and other information, I am also interested in any thoughts you may wish to suggest regarding the format and/or content of TSS. Please send these to me as well.

The editor reserves the right to publish or not to publish any submission. Also, there may be times when submissions need to be edited. This will be done where appropriate, but in no case will the substance of any submission be changed without the prior consent of the author.

Next Issue Deadline:
May 1, 2004