Greetings and thanks to all for the awesome response to this year’s call for papers. In our world, “SSS” has come to stand for “Sorting and Sifting of Submissions.” Because of the tremendous membership participation, we have been able to put together a great 70th Annual SSS program. We got by with a lot of help from our friends. The Program Committee diligently organized the nearly 600 submissions into a coherent preliminary program of over 160 assorted regular, thematic, poster and panel sessions. Wow!

The link to the preliminary program appears at the Preliminary Program Page of the SSS website at: http://sss2007.pubpol.duke.edu/preliminaryprogram.htm

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We still need volunteers for presiding and discussion--there is a link to click on at the above site.

A couple quick highlights:

• This year, the Presidential Honors and Convocation will be held on Thursday, April 12 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Habersham meeting room with a reception to follow.
• The poster session will be in the North Ballroom on Friday, April 13 from 1:15 p.m. till 6:00 (judging at 4 p.m.), so we’ll have plenty of time for viewing.
• “Why am I a Sociologist? What am I doing about it?” We have a thematic session to help you ponder these and related questions.

Thanks to all the Program Committee members with special recognition to Jill Fuller, Dana Greene, James Peacock, Matthew Irvin, Christa Reiser, Wanda Rushing, Patricia Warren, Susan Webb and Jennifer Nooney ----for putting abstracts into sessions. Also, thanks to Robert Wortham for exhibit coordinating and to Marty Levin for tons of sage advice.

See y’all in Atlanta!
Linda and Donald

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Oh Atlanta!

Dawn Baunach
Local Arrangements

As the last vestiges of winter leave and the tell-tale signs of spring abound, thousands of sociologists will soon descend on Atlanta for the Southerns' Annual Meeting.

As you plan your trip to Atlanta, keep in mind some of the events and attractions described below. For many of them, you will need to purchase advance tickets.

The Fox Theatre hosts the Ultimate Doo-Wop Show on Saturday April 14. Featuring Gene Chandler, Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs, The Crystals, and many more, the show starts at 7:00p.m. Tickets run from $39.50 to $59.50 and can be purchased online from http://www.foxtheatre.org and http://www.ticketmaster.com.
Oh Atlanta!

The Atlanta Braves are playing in town from April 10 through April 15. The Braves play three night games (starting at 7:35 p.m.) at home against the Washington Nationals April 10-12. Tuesday's game is "2-for-1 Tuesdays." Buy one upper-reserved ticket and get a second upper-reserved ticket for free; two seats for $8. On Wednesday, buy one outfield-pavilion ticket and get a second for free; two lower-level seats for $20. Thursday is "Hank Aaron Statue Night." The first 15,000 fans will get a player statue. The Florida Marlins are in town for three games April 13-15. Friday's night game (starting at 7:35 p.m.) will be followed by a free fireworks display. "Wild West Night" is Saturday; see a ballgame, learn the two-step, and test your mechanical bull riding skills all in one evening. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. Sunday's day game (starting at 1:05 p.m.) boasts several special promotions, foremost among them being a celebration of "Jackie Robinson Day." Children (ages 4-14) are invited on field after the game to run the bases, and Braves alumni will sign autographs from 11:00 a.m. to noon. For additional information and ticket purchases, go to http://www.atlanta.braves.mlb.com.

More than 60 live animals await you in the Fernbank Museum of Natural History's interactive, hands-on exhibit "Lizards & Snakes: Alive!" Admission to the exhibit is included in the general museum admission ticket, which costs $13 for adults, $12 for students and seniors, and $11 for children (ages 12 and under). You can purchase tickets in advance by calling (404) 929-6400. For more on Fernbank and this exhibit, see their website at http://www.fernbank.edu/museum.
Oh Atlanta!

The **Alliance Theatre** is presenting *Cuttin' Up*, a "celebration of the spirit and community of the barber-shop," based on the book *Cuttin' Up: Wit and Wisdom Inside Black Barbershops* by Craig Marberry. In "CurtainUp," Rich See calls *Cuttin' Up* a "feel good show" with "both humorous and sobering" "golden moments." Parental guidance is suggested. Performances start at 8:00 p.m. April 11-15. You can save 25 percent on tickets for the April 11-17 performances by calling the box office at (404) 733-5000 and mentioning the special "Heritage" discount. (There's a limit of nine tickets for every discounted order.) For more information and ticket purchases, go to [http://www.alliancetheatre.org](http://www.alliancetheatre.org).

The **14th Street Playhouse** is putting on *Respect: A Musical Journey of Women*. From the producers of *Menopause the Musical*, *Respect* is a "funny, exuberant look at the lives of women as told through your favorite Top-40 songs." Evening performances start at 8:00 p.m., with weekend matinees at 2:00 p.m. For more information and ticket purchases, go to [http://www.woodruffcenter.org/14thstplayhouse](http://www.woodruffcenter.org/14thstplayhouse).

Atlanta's longest running show, **Peachtree Battle**, is playing at the **Ansley Park Playhouse** at 8:00 p.m. April 12-14, with a 3:00 p.m. matinee on April 15. Called a "phenomenal hit" by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, the "Best of Atlanta" by Atlanta Magazine, receiving three Phoenix Awards from the City of Atlanta, and recognized by GLAAD, *Peachtree Battle* is described as "What happens when the son of one of Atlanta's high society families announces his engagement to a Hooters girl? Mix in the alcoholic grandmother, a cheating husband, a carb-counting daughter, the oldest gay son, and a 'guest worker' maid from across the border, and this blueblood family wedding is truly a Peachtree battle!" General admission tickets cost $26 and can be reserved online at [http://www.ansleyparkplayhouse.com](http://www.ansleyparkplayhouse.com).
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The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra presents The Rite of Spring & Orlsson’s Mozart April 12-14 at 8:00 p.m. Ticket prices range from $28 to $63 and can be purchased online at http://www.atlantasymphony.org. Performances sell out quickly; make your purchases soon.

Those wanting to hear some bluegrass should check out the Ferst Center for the Arts' Bluegrass Barbecue, featuring Cherryholmes, Hot Buttered Rum, Peachtree Station, and barbecue. Tickets cost $20 or $30; for additional information and ticket purchase go to http://www.ferstcenter.gatech.edu.

The Variety Playhouse has Antibalas (on the right) – described as combining Nigerian Afro-beat, American soul, and Latin dance grooves – on April 11 at 8:00 p.m. and TV On The Radio – described as creatively mixing post-punk, electronic, and atmospheric elements – on April 13 at 8:00 p.m. For more information and ticket purchases go to http://www.variety-playhouse.com.

The Rialto Center for the Performing Arts honors Steve Reich with a festival celebrating "America's greatest living composer" April 10-11 at 8:00 p.m. Jazz trombonist Slide Hampton is performing with the GSU Jazz Band at 8:00 p.m. on April 13. Ticket prices range from $16 to $42 and can be purchased online at http://www.rialtocenter.org.

Make sure to check out the Local Arrangements webpage. It has dozens of links to area attractions, restaurants, and information.

See you in Atlanta!
The Teaching Corner

Carrie L. Cokely, Chair
Committee on Sociology in Community and Small Colleges

The Teaching Corner features innovative ideas to enhance student learning. If you have a classroom exercise, an assignment or project, a favorite video, or other teaching technique that you have found effective in helping students understand course material, please submit it for possible inclusion in future editions of this column (mailto: cokelyc@meredith.edu).

The Committee on Sociology in Community Colleges and Small Colleges will be sponsoring several sessions at the SSS Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA. You will want to be sure to check the final program beginning in April for exact days and times for these sessions. Thus far the sessions are scheduled as follows in the preliminary program.

**Friday, April 13, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Panel Session**
“What Have I Done?!” Transitioning to Your First Job Following Graduate School
This session is designed for those who are preparing to enter the job market in the near future. The panel is comprised of individuals with a wide range of experiences and who have worked at a variety of institutions throughout their careers. Panelists will discuss the job search process and will offer insights on what to do and what to avoid as you transition to your first job. Panelists will be Patricia M. Campion, Tennessee Technological University, Larry D. Hall, Spring Hill College, Daniel M. Harrison, Lander University, David Rudder, Delaware Technical & Community College, and Kristina B. Wolff, University of Maine at Farmington.

**Friday, April 13, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Paper Session**
Trials and Triumphs of Being Nontraditional: Higher Education and the Nontraditional Student
This session will focus on a variety of issues related to nontraditional students in higher education. Presenters include Peg Wimmer, Virginia Tech University, who will present on the sandwich generation student and the challenges balancing work, life, and school; Dawn Norris, University of Maryland, College Park, who will present on stigma management and social integration among nontraditional students; and Lachelle Norris, Tennessee Tech University, who will present on a mentoring program for female nontraditional students.

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In addition to these sessions at the Annual Meeting, the committee will also sponsor a dinner out in Atlanta as a way for those from community colleges and small colleges to meet, network and share their experiences teaching at these institutions. Please check the final program for the date and time of this event – we’ll meet in the lobby of the hotel to decide where to go. All are welcome!

Finally, the Committee on Sociology in Community Colleges and Small Colleges will meet to talk about issues impacting community colleges and small colleges and to develop a plan of action for the coming year. If you have any issues or concerns that you would like the committee to address, please send them to Carrie L. Cokely by April 10, 2007.

Websites for Teaching about Sociological Issues

The previous issue of the Teaching Corner included some websites that were useful tools for teaching sociology. Because of the positive response to this section, here are a few more web resources to explore.

Tolerance.org  http://www.tolerance.org
This website, organized through the Southern Poverty Law Center, contains a number of resources that are helpful for teaching about issues related to inequality and stratification in our society. There are resources for all ages, elementary school through college level, as well as news briefs and commentaries on contemporary issues related to intolerance in society. There are also many curriculum sets that teachers can request for free – one that is particularly well done is The Shadow of Hate: A History of Intolerance in America.

This series is described in the following way by the NYT, “A team of reporters spent more than a year exploring ways that class--defined as a combination of income, education, wealth, and occupation - influences destiny in a society that likes to think of itself as a land of unbounded opportunity.” The series explores issues related to immigration, health, marriage, religion, and education through interactive graphics, current data, articles, and slideshows.

StoryCorps http://www.storycorps.com
This website contains an archive of stories from ordinary people. Through their stories they discuss immigration, racial discrimination, living through wars, issues related to gender, sexuality, disability, religion, and a host of other factors that shape our lived experiences day to day. This is a good resource to generate discussion around the impact of larger societal events and social issues.
Florida State University The Sociology Department at Florida State University welcomed two new tenure-track faculty members in Fall 2006: Verna Keith joined the faculty from Arizona State University and Janice McCabe from Indiana University. Professor Keith’s areas of research are health, mental health, and race/ethnicity, and Professor McCabe’s are gender, race, childhood, and the scholarship of teaching and learning. Dr. Annette Schwabe was appointed as the first non-tenure track teaching faculty member in sociology, and Dr. George Luke was appointed as a Visiting Assistant in Sociology. Dr. Schwabe is a medical sociologist, and Dr. Luke specializes in political sociology and social movements.

Dr. Deana Rohlinger was chosen as the department’s annual J. Michael Armer Faculty Teacher Awardee in 2006. The department received good news recently that Dr. Anne Barrett and Dr. John Taylor will be promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure in Fall 2007.

Several FSU sociology graduate students have been honored with awards or scholarships. Carolyn Sawtell received the 2006 Best Graduate Teaching Assistant Award and Manacy Pai received the 2006 Allen-Klar Graduate Student Research Paper Award for her paper titled, “Long-Term Pay-offs of Work? Women's Paid Work Histories and Mental Health in Widowhood.” For the 2006-2007 AY, Natalie Armstrong was awarded the FSU Leslie Wilson Graduate Fellowship, Brandon McKelvey an FSU Presidential Fellowship, and Carmen Von Rohr the College of Social Sciences Teaching Fellowship. Graduate student Margaret Leaf won the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction's 2006 Blumer Award for a paper based on her master's thesis titled, "Seeing it physically made me feel more real emotionally: Self-Injury as Bodily Emotion Work."

FSU alumna Dr. Lori Parham is the new Florida state director of American Association of Retired Persons, effective February 26. Lori formerly served as AARP’s chief legislative advocate and succeeds longtime state director Bentley Lipscomb, who was named to a national advisory role to senior AARP leaders in late 2006. She brings important strengths to the post, including an in-depth knowledge of issues important to AARP volunteers and the 2.8 million Florida members, plus an impressive track record of accomplishments in the state Legislature. Parham received a Ph.D. in sociology with a concentration in gerontology in 2002 from Florida State University.

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Several FSU faculty received external grants recently, including R. Jay Turner from the National Institutes of Drug Abuse for his research on disability and mental health. Deana Rohlinger received an American Sociological Association Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline Grant (with others) for a proposal titled, “Social Movement Strategies: Sources, Processes, and Outcomes.” Internal grants were awarded to Professors Anne Barrett, Koji Ueno, Marc Dixon, and Brian Starks in 2006 and to Karin Brewster, Janice McCabe, and Deana Rohlinger in 2007 either through FSU’s Committee on Faculty Research Support (COFRS) program or its First Year Assistant Professorship (FYAP) program.

Dr. Jill Quadagno (Claude and Mildred Pepper Professor) gave a talk to the U. S. Senate Democrats at their annual retreat in 2006 on the topic of national health insurance. Professor Quadagno was invited by Senator Harry Reid to make a presentation at the annual Democratic Senators Issues Conference. The conference, held in Philadelphia, was organized by the Democratic Policy Committee and chaired by Senator Byron Dorgan. The panel was entitled "Getting to Universal Coverage: Challenges and Opportunities." Thirty-two Democratic senators attended the conference including Ted Kennedy, Barbara Boxer, Carl Levin, Mary Landrieu, Harry Reid and Ron Wyden. Among the 18 other guest speakers were CNN terrorism analyst Peter Bergen, former Supreme Allied Commander of NATO and former Democratic presidential candidate General Wesley Clark, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and former Vice President Al Gore who made a presentation on global climate change. The event concluded with a tour and dinner at the National Constitution Center. Additionally, Professor Quadagno’s paper, “Why the United States Has No National Health Insurance: Stakeholder Mobilization Against the Welfare State, 1945-1996” [Journal of Health and Social Behavior 45:25-44], was accorded the “Eliot Freidson Outstanding Publication Award” by the Section on Medical Sociology of the American Sociological Association.

Dr. Patricia Martin received the 2006 Feminist Activism Award from Sociologists for Women in Society, an award that carried an honorarium of $1000 and required her to give lectures on two U. S. campuses on her research and to meet with local activists concerned with the welfare of women and girls. Martin was also selected as one of seven Phi Beta Kappa members for the 2007 southeast region’s Phi Beta Kappa Fellows Lectureship Program. Her name and biographical information were distributed to all Phi Beta Kappa Chapters in the Southeast that were invited to issue her an invitation for a campus visit and lecture in 2007.

Sage Publications has recently released the two-volume set titled 21st Century Sociology: A Reference Handbook, co-edited by Dennis L. Peck (University of Alabama) and Clifton D. Bryant (Virginia Polytechnic Institute), and including selections by numerous members of the Southern Sociological Society. This 106 chapter set will serve the reference and general research needs at all levels of scholarship given the wide-range of topics and the emphasis contributors to the Handbook place on the historical development, contemporary knowledge, and future research and applied prospects for more than 100 topics of interest to students, practitioners, college and university instructors, and academic scholars.

**Description:** Because sociological inquiry is multi-faceted in perspective, and does subsume a variety of specialty interests, literature in this discipline has developed and proliferated in a near exponential fashion. Sociology, today, has become so specialty driven in its research and theory agenda that the result is an enormous and complex body of sociological knowledge.

21st Century Sociology: A Reference Handbook provides a concise forum through which the vast array of knowledge accumulated, particularly during the past three decades, can be organized into a single definitive resource. The two volumes of this Reference Handbook focus on knowledge garnered in traditional areas of sociological inquiry, as well as document the general orientation of newer and emerging areas of sociological inquiry.

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- Addresses the various traditional sub-fields of sociology such as political sociology, educational sociology, rural sociology, criminology, occupational sociology, and minority relations, among others
- Explores important new, evolving sub-fields such as environmental sociology, sociology of sports and leisure, military sociology, medical sociology, the sociology of food and eating, and the sociology of emotions
Opportunities

Call for Participation
Expanding our Branches: Nourishing our Roots

Association of Humanist Sociology
2007 Annual Meeting
October 25-28
Hilton Garden Inn, Henderson, Nevada

Come to the sunny southwest to help us reflect on where we have come from and discover how we can go places we have never been.

We invite proposals for papers or sessions that feature:
- scholarly work
- music, theatre, video, or other forms of creative expression
- teaching
- film screenings
- book discussions
- social activism
- sociological tours of area

Submission deadline:
June 30, 2007
Send Proposals to Emma Bailey, Program Chair
mailto: baileye@wnmu.edu
The Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) funds highly qualified individuals to undertake broad studies of the most challenging policy issues in health and health care facing America. Up to 10 grants of up to $335,000 are awarded to investigators from a variety of disciplines. Successful proposals combine creative and conceptual thinking with innovative approaches to critical health problems and policy issues.

Applications are welcomed from investigators in fields such as anthropology, business, demography, economics, engineering, ethics, genetics, health and social policy, history, journalism, law, medicine, nursing, political science, public health, psychology, science policy, social work, and sociology. We seek a diverse group of applicants including minorities and individuals in nonacademic settings such as research firms and policy organizations. Applicants must be affiliated either with educational institutions or with 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations located in the United States. Past awardees are not eligible to apply.


The 2007 meeting is scheduled for April 11-14 at the Sheraton Colony Square in Atlanta.
University of South Carolina Aiken invites applications for two tenure-track positions at the rank of Assistant Professor of Sociology to begin August 2007. Ph.D. in sociology is required by August 16, 2007. Teaching load is four courses, normally two lower-level and two upper-level involving three preparations per semester. Candidates must be prepared to teach Introductory Sociology and advise undergraduate students. Position #1: Candidates must be prepared to teach courses in the criminology/criminal justice concentration; preference may be given to those also prepared to teach research methods courses. Position #2: Preference may be given to candidates who are prepared to teach research methods, sociological theory, social psychology, and/or criminology. The Department of Sociology offers the B.A. in Sociology with concentrations in criminology/criminal justice, human services, and general sociology.

Apply on-line at http://uscjobs.sc.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=57379 (Position #1) or http://uscjobs.sc.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=57380 (Position #2) and attach cover letter and curriculum vita. Mail three current letters of reference, unofficial graduate transcripts, and evidence of teaching effectiveness and scholarly activity to Dr. Barbara Johnson, Chair, Search Committee, Department of Sociology, USCA, 471 University Parkway, Aiken, SC 29801. Review of applications will begin March 19 and continue until position is filled. USCA is an AA/EOE.
The SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES AS COMPARED TO BUDGET for the year ended June 30, 2006, appears below. The complete FINANCIAL REPORT 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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(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 and online access to The Southern Sociologist and to a membership directory. 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 gender. For statistical purposes, we also ask you to include your race and/or ethnic group and three areas of specialty.

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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.