FROM THE PRESIDENT, LARRY ISAAC--
MEMORIES OF ATLANTA,
VISIONS FOR RICHMOND

The Society meeting in Atlanta was, without a doubt, a most memorable event. President Ron Wimberley, Vice President Karen Campbell, Program Chairs Donald Woolley and Linda Treiber, and Local Arrangements Chair Dawn Baunach orchestrated, with your contributions, a wonderful program. We are all grateful to this group and a host of others whose volunteer labor made the meetings such an enjoyable occasion.

I extend congratulations and warm welcome to the newly elected officials of the Society: Kate Slevin, College of William & Mary, President-Elect; David Maume, University of Cincinnati, Vice President-Elect; Executive Committee: David Brunsma, University of Missouri, Kirsten Dellinger, University of Mississippi; Publications Committee: Peggy Thoits, University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill, and Susan Hinze, Case Western Reserve University. I look forward to working with all of you!

As you may already know, Marty Levin is resigning from his Secretary-
Treasurer post effective June 30, 2007. Marty has been a pillar of Society governance serving with distinction as Secretary-Treasurer since 1991. We all owe Marty a huge “thank you!” We are also extremely fortunate to have our new Secretary-Treasurer, Stephanie Bohon, who with Tom Hood as senior advisor, is currently working with Marty to make the transition from Mississippi State to the University of Tennessee a smooth one. Many thanks to Stephanie and Tom for undertaking this demanding and important Society responsibility.

With fond memories of Atlanta fresh in mind, I encourage you to think ahead to Richmond in 2008. I have always enjoyed New Orleans and Atlanta, but really look forward to the change of pace offered by “off-the-beaten-path” venues every third year. SSS met in Richmond during the mid-1990s with great success, and Richmond 2008 promises to be even more exciting. As you make plans for next year, please keep in mind that 2008 is a presidential election year and we will be close to the nation’s capital. This will be an opportune moment to bring our southern sociological imaginations to bear on electoral politics, which would certainly articulate well with next year’s theme.

The theme for the 2008 meeting will be “Movement Matters: Vision, Mobilization, Memory.” I like a big tent for meeting thematics, one that spreads out and embraces a large number of our substantive concerns. But I also like one that has a central pillar. The “movement matters” couplet is that pillar and is intended to signify a duality, one that calls forth concerns of social movement scholarship as well as the belief that movements matter as collective agents in changing the world. There is plenty of room under the movement tent for us to examine all sorts of key sociological concerns—class, gender, race, age, sexuality, labor, immigration, civil rights, environmental degradation, region, globalization, and many others. Yet I also want to signal a conceptual expansiveness that pushes beyond traditional movement questions, one that opens on the movement front-end and back-end, so to speak.

Social vision, an imagination of alternative worlds, is what often inaugurates, animates, and drives many social activists who become part of movements to change the world. Yet we see little attention to such vision in the larger corpus of social movement studies. Where do such visions come from? How do certain biographical events and historical circumstances lead some to become visionary movement leaders? How does vision get shaped in the movement framing process? I want to encourage work that focuses on such vision, visionaries, and ways in which new visions sometimes get shaped into a social formation we recognize as a social movement.

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Social or collective memory is also an integral feature of social movements that has been relatively neglected. We should be attentive to the possible role that collective memory plays in the process of movement mobilization as well as after movements decline. When and how does social memory matter for movements? How does collective memory of social movement events and campaigns get shaped? What sort of relationships have been forged in the history of different movements between visions of an alternative future and social memory of the past? How do these two forms of time/place-dependent constructions about the world–vision and memory–combine to play a role in forging social movements? I want to encourage a wide array of movement work (both academic and activist oriented), and it is my aim that the civil rights movement will be a significant portion of movement work that appears on the 2008 program. We will be meeting 40 years after the assassination of one of the greatest movement visionaries in this nation’s history. I hope the Richmond meeting will provide a forum for revisiting the long civil rights struggle and the various political projects that have been or might have been launched from visions in and memory-making processes about the movement.

Much of my excitement about the coming year stems from the good fortune of having talented people working with me, including Vice President Jeanne Hurlbert (Louisiana State University) and Presidential Aide, Lyndi Hewitt (Vanderbilt University). I also have excellent leadership talent and enthusiasm in my Program Committee and Local Arrangements Committees. Program 2008 co-chairs are: Peggy Hargis (Georgia Southern University) and Woody Beck (University of Georgia) and Richmond Local Arrangements co-chairs are: Sarah Jane Brubaker (Virginia Commonwealth University) and Denise Bissler (Randolph-Macon College). With Peggy, Woody, Sarah Jane, and Denise in the driver’s seat, you know Richmond 2008 will be special. Watch for further calls, announcements, and special feature articles about Richmond in forthcoming issues of *TSS*. We will be in touch soon with a call for participation and instructions for submission to the program. I am excited about the theme, the people leading the charge, the venue, and the opportunity to see all of you there!

Larry Isaac
Vanderbilt University
Next year’s annual meeting will be in Richmond, Virginia April 9-12 at the Marriott Hotel. The program theme is “Movement Matters: Vision, Mobilization, and Memory.” The program chairs are Peggy Hargis and Woody Beck. Further program information and announcements will be in the next issues of TSS. Begin to prepare your ideas for the 2008 program.

Richmond is a beautiful mid-size Southern city with a rich history and cultural traditions that provide wonderful sights, sounds, tastes and other experiences to visitors and residents. Although it served as the capital of the Confederacy during the Civil War, this no longer defines the city; Richmond has experienced significant social change and is now a progressive, ethnically and culturally eclectic city. Its famous Monument Avenue reflects these changes as its string of monuments honoring Civil War Confederate heroes was most recently enhanced by a monument honoring Arthur Ashe. Richmond’s Southern history and tradition and contemporary diversity provide much of sociological and general interest in cuisine, neighborhoods, places of worship, and the arts. Look for more details on the unique neighborhoods, history and cultural traditions of Richmond and surrounding areas in upcoming issues.

Local Arrangements Co-Chairs
Sarah Jane Brubaker
Virginia Commonwealth University
Denise Bissler
Randolph-Macon College

2008 Annual Meeting
April 9-12, 2008   Richmond Marriott   Richmond, Virginia
2007 SSS Awards

William W. Falk of the University of Maryland receives congratulations for the Charles S. Johnson Award from President Ron Wimberley.

President Wimberley presents Woody Beck of the University of Georgia the Distinguished Lectureship Award.

Richard L. Simpson, Professor Emeritus of the University of North Carolina Chapel also received recognition by having his name added to the Society’s Roll of Honor.
Odum Awards

Undergraduate Award

Meagan Elliot, Southwestern University, won the undergraduate Odum Award for her paper “Locating Jewish Identity in Poland: Thoughts and Photographs.”

Graduate Awards

Lydia Aletraris, University of Georgia, receives congratulations from President Wimberley for her graduate Odum Award for her paper “How Satisfied Is the Temporary Labor Force? A Study of Job Satisfaction, Job Characteristics, and Temporary Agency Workers in Australia.”

Matthew Mahutga, a graduate student at the University of California-Irvine, won a graduate Odum Award for his work on “The Persistence of Structural Inequality? A Network Analysis of International Trade, 1965-2000.”
Vice President Karen Campbell presents retiring Secretary-Treasurer Marty Levin something to help him relax and enjoy the extra time he will have without the Secretary-Treasurer duties. Dr. Levin has served as Secretary-Treasurer since 1991.

President Wimberley delivers his Presidential address: “Sociology with a Southern Face: Why Are We Sociologists, and What Are We Doing about It in the South?”
2007 Annual Meeting a Success

For the 2007 Annual Meeting, the Southern Sociological Society returned to the Sheraton Colony Square in Atlanta, Georgia. The Program Committee led by Donald P. Woolley, Duke University, and Linda Treiber, Kennesaw State University produced a diverse and exciting program. Ron Wimberley’s Presidential Address combined stories of his youth growing up in segregated Louisiana, riding segregated school buses, with knowledge gained from his years of research on the South. The program included several sessions directly related to the program theme “Sociology with a Southern Face” including thematic sessions on “Why Am I a Sociologist?” and several sessions trying to answer the question “What Are We Doing About Being Sociologists in the South?” Congressman Artur Davis, the Representative from the 7th Congressional District of Alabama, discussed “A Regional Commission for the Black Belt South” in a plenary session on Friday morning.

The 2008 Award Winners were announced Thursday afternoon at the “Presidential Honors and Convocation Plenary.” At the 2008 Annual Meeting, Gregory Weiss, Roanoke College, will receive the Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award and Clifton Bryant, Virginia Tech, will receive the Martin L. Levin Award. Ida Harper Simpson, who is retired from Duke University, will have her name added to the SSS Roll of Honor. Larry Griffin, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill will be the 2008 Distinguished Lecturer. More information about these award winners will be provided in the Fall edition of TSS.
Bob Moxley, North Carolina State University, introduces President Wimberley for the Presidential Address.

President Wimberley with current and former students.

President Wimberley with frequent research collaborator Libby Morris, University of Georgia
Effective July 1, 2007, Stephanie Bohon (University of Tennessee at Knoxville) will be the new Secretary-Treasurer of the Society. The Society’s new mailing address is:

Southern Sociological Society
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Knoxville TN 37996

Please make a note of it.

2007 Reports and Minutes

Full text of the reports of all SSS committees as well as minutes of the Executive Committee meetings and annual Business Meeting are available at

Nominations Committee Seeks Candidates

The SSS Nominations Committee requests nominations for elected officers and committee members in Southern Sociological Society. In the fall, members of SSS will vote for

- President-Elect (who will become President for 2009-10);
- Vice-President-Elect (to become VP in 2009-10);
- two members of the Executive Committee, who will serve 3-year terms (2008-11);
- one member of the Publications Committee, to serve a 5-year term (2008-13).

The SSS Handbook of Operations specifies the following eligibility requirements (p. 28): "To be eligible for nomination, a person must be a voting member whose dues have been paid for the fiscal year during which the election is held and for at least three of the four preceding years." If you are uncertain whether a possible candidate is eligible, send her/his name anyway.

Please, by June 1, send (1) names of persons you would like to nominate to run for offices or committee memberships; (2) the office or committee for which you are nominating each; (3) contact information (e-mail address, phone numbers), if you have it; and (4) one sentence describing the nominee's qualifications. Self-nominations are perfectly appropriate. It is important to SSS that our officers and elected committee members represent the diversity of southern sociologists. So . . . think expansively!

Thanks in advance for your help. Please send all information to

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Vice President
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2008 SSS Annual Meeting
April 9-12, 2008
Richmond Marriott
Richmond, Virginia
Many thanks to all who attended the SSS Annual Meeting sessions that were sponsored by the Committee on Sociology in Community Colleges and Small Colleges. We had informative sessions on transitioning to your first job following graduate school as well as on working with non-traditional students. Additionally, a small group of individuals attended a dinner out in Atlanta to network and talk about issues related to teaching at small colleges and community colleges, and we look forward to repeating this at next year’s meetings.

In future issues of The Teaching Corner, we would like to highlight class assignments or activities that you have used successfully to teach sociological concepts or ideas. All submissions should contain a short description of the assignment along with objectives and an assessment of how it has worked in your class. Additionally, we would like to highlight outstanding undergraduate students at your institutions. If you have someone you would like us to highlight in The Teaching Corner please send a short write up along with a picture (if available). All submissions should be sent to Carrie Cokely mailto: cokelyc@meredith.edu.

**Integrating Data Analysis into the Classroom**

Several years ago the American Sociological Association began a coordinated effort to have sociology departments integrate data analysis into the undergraduate college classroom. Through this effort, several resources are available for use which give ideas for classroom modules and activities using census data and other national datasets. One source of information is the Social Science Data Analysis Network [http://www.ssdan.net](http://www.ssdan.net). This site contains links to CensusScope, a resource for exploring 2000 Census data and demographic trends in the United States; Kids Count in the Classroom, a resource for using the Kids Count data in social science courses; and Data Counts!, a resource containing teaching modules which utilize 2000 Census data.

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Teaching About Issues of Social Class – NYT Class Matters Series

One resource that can be used in teaching students about the difference that social class can have on an individual’s experiences is a recent series that ran in The New York Times called ‘Class Matters.’ You can link to the site at http://www.nytimes.com/pages/national/class/.

The online series links students to a series of articles related to the impact of social class on marriage, health care, religion, education and culture, among other things. Within each topic are interactive graphics that allow students to explore their own class status, and slideshows highlighting the experiences of Americans from various social classes. Through examining the series, students obtain a snapshot into where they might fit in the class structure and what advantages and disadvantages are experienced by various groups. They can also read first-hand essays reflecting on the ways in which class impacts our lives everyday.

Understanding Prejudice

If you are looking for a resource with ideas for teaching about issues of prejudice and discrimination, you may want to explore http://www.understandingprejudice.org. This site was funded in part through a NSF grant and offers resources for instructors free of charge. There are interactive exercises that students can use to explore the issues of prejudice, stereotyping, and discrimination. While the site was designed with McGraw-Hill to be used with a specific textbook, the site is broad enough to use with a variety of texts or readings related to prejudice and discrimination. The site also offers ideas for classroom activities and discussions that can be used by instructors as well as links to organizations and experts in various areas related to prejudice and discrimination.

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).
Carolina Undergraduate Social Science Symposium

On April 19 and 20, students and faculty participated in the Carolina Undergraduate Social Science Symposium sponsored by the Department of Political and Social Sciences at Lander University and the South Carolina Sociological Association. On Thursday evening Woody Beck, University of Georgia, delivered the keynote address. Dr. Beck, the first SSS Distinguished Lecturer, lectured on “Dynamics of Mob Violence in the American South.” Dr. Beck also spoke at lunch on Friday on “The Practice of Social Research” using examples from his own work and giving suggestions for future research.

The Carolina Undergraduate Social Science Symposium is an annual event providing undergraduates an opportunity to present their research in a professional environment. Next year’s Symposium will be held at the College of Charleston.
Opportunities

SOUTHERN DEMOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION
2007 Call for Submissions

You are invited to submit abstracts for papers and/or completed papers for the 2007 annual meeting of the Southern Demographic Association (SDA). You are also invited to suggest topics for panels and poster sessions (see below). This year’s meeting will be Oct 11-13 at the Sheraton in Birmingham, Alabama. For emerging details, please check http://sda-demography.org/. This SDA web page will include a “forms” page for submitting your proposed session topics and paper abstracts.

Presentations of research in both applied and academic sociology are welcome as are related topics in economics, sociology, geography, political science, public health, epidemiology, and psychology. Though SDA is known for regional emphases and membership, we encourage the membership and participation of individuals from any region of the country or world. The structure of presentations is flexible; potential contributors are encouraged to not only send abstracts for individual research papers, but also for complete sessions, thematic sessions, panel discussions, software demonstrations and more! ALL PAPER AND SESSION SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE SENT THROUGH THE SDA WEB SITE TO RECEIVE PROPER CONSIDERATION!

Please email Mike Irwin (irwinm@duq.edu), this year’s program chairperson, if you have any questions regarding a potential submission. Presentations by (or coauthored with) students are especially welcome; they can offer a student a significant first professional meeting experience. SDA also awards cash prizes to the best undergraduate and to the best graduate student paper (see details next page). Please send all proposals and abstracts by June 30, 2007, to the SDA web site http://sda-demography.org/SDA2007.php.

The SDA web site will ask you for:

- Your name
- Name(s) of any co-authors or other presenters if you are proposing a session
- Descriptions of paper(s) or poster(s)/topics of proposed session(s)
- Institutional affiliation(s)

Complete contact information (email address, telephone number, fax number, and mailing address)

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Spaces for Difference: An Interdisciplinary Journal

Spaces for Difference: An Interdisciplinary Journal invites scholars to submit papers for its inaugural online issue. We are an interdisciplinary, peer-reviewed and open access journal that creates publishing space for scholars to challenge the traditional canons. The journal encourages work that examines issues of race and racism, racial and gender ideologies, and social activism. As well, we welcome alternative forms of presenting research including, but not limited to, photography and digital media. Spaces also invite relevant book and film reviews.

Criteria
- Work submitted must examine issues of race and racism, racial and gender ideologies, and social activism.
- Manuscripts should not exceed 30 double-spaced typewritten pages (12 point font and including footnotes, references, tables and figures, pictures and artwork).

Submission Deadline: July 1, 2007
Email Manuscripts to spacesfordifference@sa.ucsb.edu
Member News

Michael Schulman, North Carolina State University, received the Advocacy Award from the NCSU Association for the Concerns of African American Graduate Students. This award is presented to a faculty member who best exemplifies positive activity towards the recruitment, retention, and graduation of African American graduate students. In addition, Michael will be appointed a William Neal Reynolds Professor in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences effective July 1. This honor is in recognition of his achievements as a faculty member and is one of the greatest honors that the College bestows. William Neal Reynolds established the endowment creating the distinguished professorships through the gift of stock in the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

Robert Moore, an Associate Professor of Sociology at Frostburg State University, has written a book titled They Always Said I Would Marry a White Girl: Coming to Grips With Race in America. Hamilton Books published this book in 2007.

James R. Bruce, Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Hendrix College, lectured to the Lublin Chapter of the Polish Academy of Science on “A Key to the Understanding of Societies” Secrets: Cultural Values Revealed in Death and Dying” in Lublin, Poland, February 7, 2007.

Barbara E. Johnson, Professor of Sociology at University of South Carolina Aiken, is serving as President of the Southern Demographic Association during 2007. She will be succeeded by Michael D. Irwin, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and The Graduate Center for Social & Public Policy at Duquesne University, who is currently serving as President-elect and Program Chair of this association.

THE SOCIAL CAPITAL FOUNDATION
Annual Conference

This year’s conference will be held in Hawaii. For more information see: http://www.socialcapital-foundation.org/conferences/2007/TSCF%20International%20Conference%202007.htm.
Demographic Transitions

Everett S. Lee died at the age 89 in Atlanta on March 16, 2007. He was born in Raines, South Carolina, on December 31, 1917. He is survived by his wife, Anne whom he married on August 4, 1950, their four children, Dorothy, Deborah, John, Sarah, and four grandchildren. Anne is also a respected demographer.

Everett received his Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. His life was devoted to teaching and research. He spent many years in the Sociology Department at the University of Georgia. After retirement, he remained at the University's Gerontology Center until 2005. He was a very prolific author but is probably best known for “The Turner Thesis Revisited.”

Among Everett's numerous contributions to the scholarly word, he and Anne were instrumental in the founding of the Southern Regional Demographic Group in 1973, which later became the Southern Demographic Association (SDA). He and Anne were charter members, and both served as President of this Association. Everett remained very active in SDA until about a year ago when his health began to fail.

Everett has been my esteemed mentor in life both professionally and personally. He fostered and encouraged my career path in demography when I was a Ph.D. student at the University of Georgia. He served as my major professor when I completed my degree in 1973. He was of great help to me and supported me throughout the process. I will always be appreciative of him for all of the valuable assistance I received.

Dr. Lee will be missed not only as a good husband, father, grandfather, and friend but as a highly respected scholar who contributed much to the world of sociology and, in particular, demography.

C. Jack Tucker
Job Opportunities

Western Michigan University. The Department of Sociology at Western Michigan University seeks applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Sociology for Fall, 2007, pending budgetary approval. The position requires a PhD degree in sociology or a related field or evidence of imminent award. We are seeking candidates with experience or demonstrated potential for teaching, scholarship, and grant writing. Areas of specialization are open though we are particularly interested in someone with expertise in applied sociology/evaluation. Persons with additional specializations in social psychology, criminology, or other areas of departmental emphasis (comparative sociology, gender/feminism, race and ethnicity, theory, and methods) are encouraged to apply. The department offers the MA and PhD in Sociology and has undergraduate majors in Sociology, Criminal Justice and Social Psychology. Western Michigan University, an Equal Opportunity Employer, is a Carnegie Classification Research Extensive Institution. Send a letter of application, vita, academic transcripts, statement of research agenda, and teaching philosophy, three letters of reference, teaching evaluations, sample syllabi and publications to: David J. Hartmann, Chair, Sociology Department, 1903 W. Michigan Avenue, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008-5257. FAX: 369-387-2882; EMAIL: david.hartmann@wmich.edu. Review of applications will begin April 2, 2007 and will continue until the position is filled. For more information see http://wmich.edu/sociology.

Send your comments, suggestions, or materials for The Southern Sociologist to the editor Bob Freymeyer mailto: rhfreym@presby.edu
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(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.

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To bring you the news, I 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 the next issue, submissions must be received by the deadline below.

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.

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