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## **FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW ORLEANS**

**KATHLEEN F. SLEVIN  
PRESIDENT**

Greetings!

The program for the 72<sup>nd</sup> annual meetings of the Southern Sociological Society will go to press next week. Graham Ousey and Matt Lee have done an outstanding job of getting submissions into shape and creating a program that promises to be as exciting as it is well-executed. We had so many submissions that the only way Graham and Matt could accommodate everyone was to shave time off each session, extend the hours of sessions, and introduce an evening session on Thursday. Not a bad problem to have! All of us owe them a huge debt of gratitude for the endless hours they have given to this task. Please thank them when you see them in New Orleans.

As you know, the theme for this year's conference is "Inequalities Across the Life Course," and, broadly speaking, you will see it reflected over much of the program, but especially in the thematic sessions listed below:

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### **Thursday, 4/2**

- 12. Thematic Session— Trajectories of Life Course Capitals (Cabildo) (9:30—10:50 a.m.)
- 32. Thematic Session—Inequalities across the Academic Life Course (Bonnet Carre) (12:30-1:50 p.m.)
- 41. Thematic Session— LGBT Issues Across the Life Course (Queen Anne Parlor) (2:00—3:20 p.m.)
- 56. Thematic Session—Minority Mental Health: Points Along the Life Course (Orleans/Royal) (3:30—4:50 p.m.)

### **Friday, 4/3**

- 85. Thematic Session— Persistent Inequalities in the Life Course Before and After Hurricane Katrina Among Drug-Using New Orleans Evacuees (Beauregard) (9:30—10:50 a.m.)
- 129. Thematic Session—Social Connections over the Life Course (Orleans/Royal) (3:30—4:50 p.m.)

### **Saturday, 4/4**

- 144. Thematic Session— Popular Culture Across the Life Course (Iberville) (9:30—10:50 a.m.)
- 145. Thematic Session—Race, Gender and Place on Inequality Across the Life Course (Ursulines) (9:30—10:50 a.m.)

The election of our first African American president has inspired several presentations/sessions that I commend to you. Among the most notable are:

### **Thursday, 4/2**

- Panel Session— What Sociologists Want to Tell the President (Iberville) (9:30-10:50 a.m.)
- ASA President's Address:** "Answering the Call to Service: Youth, Inequality and the Obama Phenomenon", Patricia Hill Collins, University of Maryland (3:30—4:50 p.m.)

### **Friday, 4/3**

- President's Invited Address:** Did Racism End in America on November 4th, 2008? Towards a Sociological Interpretation of the Obama Phenomenon, Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, Duke University (2:00—3:20 p.m.)

Overall, there are a total of 198 sessions for you to chose among and enjoy.

I thank the Program Committee for an outstanding job.

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Also, don't forget the special extra-curricular opportunities available and described in this edition by our creative Local Arrangements Committee led by Carl Bankston. Be sure to check out Carl's information in this and past issues of TSS before heading to New Orleans. Jay Arena's special tour "The New Orleans Disaster Capitalism Tour--The Case of Public Housing" promises to be especially interesting. Finally, the Exhibits Coordinators, Tom Linneman and Kay Jenkins, have organized a special book exhibit managed by the Library of Social Science that will bring together a wide range of titles covering the full spectrum of books in Sociology. Kay and Tom have been working closely with the Library of Social Science to ensure an exhibit that will contribute to the intellectual value of the conference by providing a comprehensive collection of the latest and most significant publications.

Special thanks to the following colleagues for all their work in preparing the New Orleans program and events:

The Program Committee, especially co-chairs, Graham Ousey, College of William and Mary and Matt Lee, Louisiana State University

The Local Arrangements Committee, especially chair, Carl Bankston, Tulane University

The Exhibits coordinators: Thomas Linneman and Kathleen Jenkins, College of William and Mary

Vice President: David Maume, University of Cincinnati

Equipment coordinator: Cameron Lippard, Appalachian State University

The Committee on Honors, especially chair, Toni Calasanti, Virginia Tech

Secretary-Treasurer: Stephanie Bohon, University of Tennessee

See you in New Orleans!

Kate Slevin

College of William and Mary

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED!**

President-elect: Vincent J. Roscigno, Ohio State University

Vice President-elect: Catherine Zimmer, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Executive Committee: John Reynolds, Florida State University and Denise Bissler, Randolph Macon College

Publications Committee: Beth Rubin, University of North Carolina-Charlotte.

Members also voted to amend the Constitution to allow on-line voting for future elections.

## Spring 2009 SSS Meetings Local Arrangements Committee on New Orleans

The Local Arrangements Committee would like to draw your attention to a number of activities and suggestions for the New Orleans meetings. Committee member Diane Grams has created a slideshow of New Orleans cultural activities, including second lining (if you don't know what that is, we'll tell you when you get here). You can access the slideshow at the website of the SSS under Local Arrangements (<http://www.southernsociologicalsociety.org/annual.html>). In the same location, you will also find a New Orleans Dining Guide and a New Orleans Entertainment Guide. Loyola University's Tony Ladd has supplemented these with his own guide to entertainment, restaurants, and bars in the Vieux Carré and beyond. Tony has crawled through most of the bars personally, and we're impressed that he can remember so much.

Also on the website, you will find a link to the New Orleans Backstreet Museum. Devoted specifically to African American culture in New Orleans, this is a center for musicians, community leaders, and interesting local people, as well as a site for exhibits you will find nowhere else. The museum is easily accessible from the Monteleone.



If you will be in New Orleans through Sunday, April 5, the Ladies of Unity and Men of Unity Second Line Parade invite SSS members to join them in a parade that will begin on Sunday at noon at Tipitina's at 501 Napoleon Avenue.

For reservations for a shuttle from the Hotel Monteleone to Tipitina's, please email [ydao@tulane.edu](mailto:ydao@tulane.edu).

Three and a half years after Hurricane Katrina, the Lower Ninth Ward is still rebuilding. If you would like to take a driving tour of the Lower Ninth, please email [ydao@tulane.edu](mailto:ydao@tulane.edu). The availability of the tour and cost will depend on how many clear expressions of interest we receive.

Finally, we want to remind you of the public housing tour offered by CUNY professor, former New Orleanean, and activist Jay Arena. Jay's tour will include visits to recently demolished public housing sites and public housing still open in the company of local activists. This promises to be a thought-provoking and informative opportunity. All those interested should contact Jay at <mailto:arena@mail.csi.cuny.edu>.

For general suggestions or questions about local arrangements, get in touch with Carl Bankston at <mailto:cbankst@tulane.edu>.

See you in the Big Easy!

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## Spring 2009 SSS Meetings The New Orleans Disaster Capitalism Tour The Case of Public Housing

Jay Arena of the College of Staten Island will be coordinating an interesting New Orleans tour during the 2009 SSS conference. A description of the tour follows below. Interested persons should contact Jay at [jarenanynola@gmail.com](mailto:jarenanynola@gmail.com).

Despite the claims and rhetoric of local boosters, wide swaths of the New Orleans—outside the tourist corridor—remain in shambles, while approximately half the pre-storm population remains displaced. Much of the continuing damage and displacement is due not to the storm, but rather the political choices made by powerful state, corporate, and non-profit actors. A case in point was the recent demolition of some 5,000 viable public housing apartments, which has exacerbated the affordable housing crisis and obstaculized the return of many low income people, especially African Americans. While lauded in some quarters, including not a few academics, the decision by the Bush and Nagin administrations, and the local city council, was met with intense local opposition and international condemnation, including by the United Nations. SSS conference attendees will be offered a tour, led by local housing activists, of these key battlegrounds of post-Katrina New Orleans. This tour, which will include the demolished sites as well as the developments still open, will be used to educate attendees on the race, class, and gender-justice issues at play in the post-Katrina battle over public housing and other public services, and the need for continuing solidarity with the right of return movement. Participants will be asked for a donation of \$20 to cover costs of tour transportation.

The tour will take place on Friday, 4/3; participants should meet in the Hotel Monteleone lobby at 10:45 a.m.

## Special Student Rate for Annual Meeting

The annual meetings are an excellent opportunity to socialize future graduate students.

Any SSS member who registers for the annual meetings is welcome to bring one or more undergraduate student(s) to these meetings. The cost for each student is \$20, and these students do not have to be SSS members to attend. The SSS member sponsor must submit a list of all attending students along with their pre-paid registration to the Secretary/Treasurer prior to the meetings. The discounted registration fee for undergraduates applies only to undergraduates who are observing the meetings; any undergraduate presenting a paper must pay the regular registration cost (\$25) and hold membership in SSS.

If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Bohon at <mailto:secretary@southernsociologicalsociety.org>.

## Spring 2009 SSS Meetings

***Florida State University and Virginia Tech***

***Invite you to a Reception Honoring***

***Patricia Yancey Martin***

***and***

***Clifton D. Bryant***

The 2009 Awardees of the Southern Sociological Society's Highest honor,  
placement on the Roll of Honor

Please join their friends and admirers in the Monteleone's  
Queen Anne Ballroom

Thursday, April 2 6:30 - 8:00

John Ryan  
Professor and Chair  
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Virginia Tech  
Blacksburg, VA 24061-0137

Irene Padavic  
Pepper Professor and Chair  
Department of Sociology  
Florida State University  
Tallahassee FL 32306-2270

Panels in their honor will precede the reception:

Dr. Bryant's panel is 5:00 p.m. in the Orleans/Royal room

Dr. Martin's panel is 5:00 p.m. in the Iberville room

## Spring 2009 SSS Meetings

The final program is available at:

<http://www.southernsociologicalsociety.org/assets/2009%20Meeting%20Guide/SSS%202009%20Conference%20Final%20Program%20New%20Orleans>

Pre-registration is available online at:

<http://southernsociologicalsociety.org/response%20form/pre-registration.htm>

Pre-registration forms are used primarily to ensure that your conference name badge is printed correctly. Before pre-registering, please pay membership dues and conference fees. You may check your membership and conference status by using the online database, which is located at:

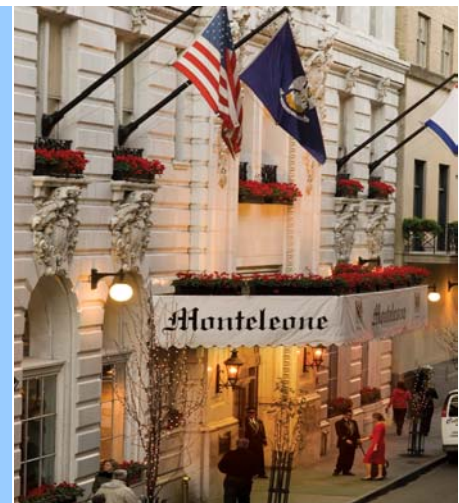
[http://southernsociologicalsociety.org/member\\_search.php](http://southernsociologicalsociety.org/member_search.php).

You may pay your registration and membership online at

<https://cart.southernsociologicalsociety.org> .

## 2009 Annual Meeting

April 1-4, 2009  
Hotel Monteleone  
New Orleans



## SWS-South Silent Auction to Benefit ASA Minority Fellowship Program



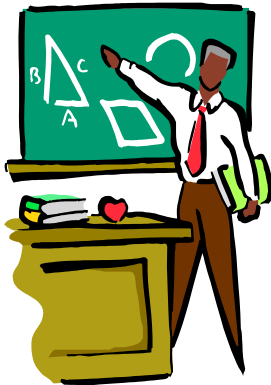
The Southern chapter of Sociologists for Women in Society, SWS-South, organizes a silent auction at the annual SSS meeting to benefit the ASA Minority Fellowship program. The success of this venture depends on the generosity of SSS members who attend. We need you to be present to bid on and purchase some of the treasures for yourself. This is definitely one event you won't want to miss! Items sold at past auctions included autographed monographs by SSS members, handmade jewelry and knitwear, member-made pottery and other artwork, as well as local memorabilia. Come by the auction to see what turns up this year!

The auction will begin at 3:30 Friday, April 3 in the Bienville Room of the Hotel Monteleone. All items will be auctioned off by the beginning of the SWS-South Business Meeting. For more information, contact Shannon Davis, SWS-South Treasurer (<mailto:sdaviso@gmu.edu>).

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND BID!**

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# The Teaching Corner



**Daniel M. Harrison, Guest Editor  
Lander University**

## **Committee on Sociology in Community and Small Colleges Committee Members**

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Please feel free to contact any of these individuals with ideas or suggestions for the committee.

### **What is happening at the meeting in New Orleans?**

The **Committee on Sociology in Community and Small Colleges** is sponsoring two paper sessions, one roundtable presentation, one panel presentation, and is organizing a dinner at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society in New Orleans.

The first paper session is on **Active and Community Based Learning in Small and Community Colleges on Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 11:00 – 12:30** in the Beauregard room. Participants include Denise L. Bissler, Randolph-Macon College, Presider; Cheryl Chambers, Christopher Newport University: *Integrating Active Learning in Small Methods Classes.*; Beth Gill, Randolph-Macon College: *Expanding the Boundaries of the Classroom: Service Learning and the Liberal Arts Experience*; Susan H. Ambler, Maryville College: *Implementing Community Based Research in an Interdisciplinary Research Methods Class*; Siti Kusujiarti and Janet Jones, Warren Wilson College: *Faculty Teaming with Campus & Community Partners for In-*

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*teractive Service-Learning*; and Marion Manton and Joseph Healey, Christopher Newport University: *Group Examinations: Advantages and Disadvantages*.

The second paper session is on **Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 2:00 – 3:20 and addresses Advantages and Disadvantages to Online Versus "Brick-n-Mortar" Classes in Sociology**. This session will be

in the Gallier Room. Participants include Daniel M. Harrison, Lander University: *Assessing the Costs and Benefits to Online Teaching in Sociology*; Adrian F. Aveni, Jacksonville State University: *Teaching Online vs. Teaching in the Classroom: A Comparison of Experiences in Introduction to Sociology Classes*; Isaac W. Eberstein, Florida State University: *Effective and Efficient: Hybridizing a Large Lecture*; Annette M. Allen, Troy University, Montgomery: *Transformative Education, Sociology, and Online Teaching*; and Susan P. Robbins, University of Houston: *Designing and Implementing Online and Hybrid Courses: Lessons from the Trenches*.

The roundtable presentation is on **Assessment in the Undergraduate Classroom**, features Chandrouti R. Persaud of Mississippi Valley State University, and will take place on **Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 – 12:20** in the Queen Anne Ballroom (Roundtable 1).

The panel session, **Do You Want to Work at a Small or Community College?** is on **Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30 – 4:50**. Participants include Denise L. Bissler, Randolph-Macon College, Presider; Michael Lewis, Christopher Newport University: *Life After Tenure at a Small College*; Cheryl Brown, Greensboro College: *Mutually Assured Fit*; Patrick Feeney, Montgomery College: *Full Circle: From Community College Student to a Doctorate, Tenure, and Community College Professor*; Josh R. Packard, Midwestern State University: *Redefining Productivity: Transitioning from a Research-Based Graduate School to a Small or Community College*; and Farrah Gafford, Xavier University of Louisiana: *Working at Small Universities, Particularly Historically Black Colleges and Universities*.

The Committee also invites colleagues from small and community colleges to join them for a **dinner at a local restaurant on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Meet in the lobby of the Hotel Monteleone at **6:30**. Email Denise Bissler ([dbissler@rmc.edu](mailto:dbissler@rmc.edu)) for more information.

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## Teaching Exercise

### *In-Class Exercise on Applying Social Research*

Amy Armenia

#### **Biographical Information:**

**Amy Armenia** is an assistant professor of Sociology at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA. Her specialty areas include methods and work and family. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 2006.

**Utility:** This is an exercise that I have used as follow up to Lareau's Unequal Childhoods in a Social Stratification course, but could be used in a wide variety of courses. The goal is to get students thinking about how research could be used to design social policy or intervention. The exercise takes about 60 minutes of class time.

**Exercise:** Begin by putting students into groups of 4-5 students. As a group, they should address the following issues:

1. Describe one specific social problem that is identified in the research. For example, Lareau discusses how working class and poor children have access to fewer structured activities, which in the long run may result in less cultural capital.
2. Identify the evidence of this social problem, as presented by the author. What data do the author use to make his/her case? Students should cull the text for specific quotes or evidence.
3. Design a program or policy that might help alleviate this problem. Remind students that solutions should be on institutional (rather than individualistic) levels.
4. What obstacles or limitations might you face in implementing this policy? Students can typically bring up issues related to funding, political concerns, public opinion about redistribution of resources, resistance from potential participants.

After groups have had a chance to work (20-30 minutes), each group can briefly present its plan to the class. We discuss similarities in programs and obstacles as a large group. Overall, I find that students get excited to apply the research to possible solutions, and it helps with some of the pessimism about inequality and society that often pervades a stratification class.

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## 2009 Carolina Undergraduate Social Science Symposium April 23-24, 2009

The University of South Carolina Aiken  
Sponsored by the South Carolina Sociological Association

Undergraduate students in all disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences are invited to participate. Reports of social science research and investigation regardless of methodology, including qualitative and quantitative works, theoretical pieces, visual sociology, secondary analysis papers, essays on social science topics, and posters are all appropriate for presentation at the symposium.

Students wishing to participate should submit a proposal (preferably electronically) that includes the author's name, institutional affiliation, paper/poster title (specifying format), and a brief abstract. Abstracts should be approximately 100 words and reflect the general content of the paper including a theoretical orientation and questions and issues the presentation will address. Please also indicate any equipment needed for the presentation. The deadline for submission of proposals is April 1, 2009.

A cash award will be given to the students with the papers judged to be best. To be included in the student paper competition, a completed paper must be submitted by April 15, 2009. Additionally, an award will be given for the best student poster. Papers and posters included in the competition must be single authored.

Dr. Subhadra Mitra Channa, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Delhi and USCA's Fulbright Scholar in residence, will deliver the keynote address at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 23. She will speak on "Religion and Gender in India."

Proposals and papers should be sent to

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# Member News

Starting January 2010, *American Sociological Review*, will be published at Vanderbilt University under the editorship of **Tony Brown, Katharine Donato, Larry Isaac, and Holly McCammon.**

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*The Honors Committee* would like to thank the many SSS members who applied on behalf of their schools to host **Larry Griffin**, the SSS Distinguished Lecturer. Because of the many excellent applications, we faced a very difficult decision. Ultimately, we decided that Dr. Griffin will deliver his talk, "Race, Memory, and Historical Responsibility: What Do Southerners Do With a Difficult Past?" at Centenary College of Louisiana and at Jackson State University.

We appreciate the wide interest in hosting Dr. Griffin and the work that many people put into their applications. It speaks well for both Prof. Griffin and the desire of SSS members to bring sociological insights to their campuses and communities.

Toni Calasanti  
Chair, Honors Committee

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



# Opportunities

## *Michigan Sociological Review* Call for Papers

*Michigan Sociological Review* (MSR) encourages submissions for its fall 2009 issue. The MSR is an official, peer-refereed publication of the Michigan Sociological Association. The MSR publishes research articles, essays, research reports, and book reviews. This editorial cycle particularly welcomes quality manuscripts in all areas of sociology. Submissions will be accepted until **May 1, 2009**. Send a sanitized manuscript via email attachment in MS Word format (not pdf) along with a brief biographical statement to: [verschaj@gvsu.edu](mailto:verschaj@gvsu.edu). Send disks via postal mail to: Joseph Verschaeve, Editor, *Michigan Sociological Review*, Department of Sociology, Grand Valley State University, 2169 AuSable Hall, Allendale, MI 49401.

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## **The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research

**The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research funds highly-qualified individuals to undertake broad studies of the most challenging health policy issues facing America. We will award approximately 10 grants of up to \$335,000 each to investigators from a variety of disciplines to support projects that combine creative and conceptual thinking with innovative, policy-relevant approaches.

We welcome applications from investigators in the health, social and behavioral sciences as well as other fields. We seek a diverse group of applicants, including minorities, early-career investigators and individuals who work 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 or its territories. Past Investigator Awardees are ineligible to apply.

**Letter of Intent Deadline: March 25, 2009**

The complete call for applications is available at <http://www.investigatorawards.org>.

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**THE SOUTHERN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

<http://www.southernsociologicalsociety.org/>

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* 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.

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

Regular .....	60.00
Emeritus	
with <i>Social Forces</i> .....	30.00
without <i>Social Forces</i> .....	no cost
Associate (non-voting) .....	58.00
Student .....	25.00

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

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**INFORMATION WANTED. . .CONTRIBUTE TO TSS**

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.

**TSS**

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: April 30, 2009**