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From the President:
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As I write my last newsletter column for TSS, I am reminded of a conversation I had with friend and Past SSS President Maxine Atkinson who lamented, “It goes so fast” referring to the year of being President. It is true—it simply flies by. As you know, we have so many incredible members in our society who make it all look so easy! Behind the scenes there is a ton of labor, and love, for SSS. It all begins with the Executive Office with two wonderful colleagues, David Brunsmma and Slade Lellock (Virginia Tech) who just keep things churning along! They are incredible.

As is our program! Are you ready? I simply can’t wait for Charlotte April 2-5. The program is at the printers as I write. Thank Daniel Buffington (UNC Wilmington) and the entire Program Committee (see their names on [page 5](#)) for crafting such an inspiring program around the conference theme, “Poverty, Social and Policy and the Role of Sociologists.” We have three excellent plenary sessions that address this topic, along with numerous thematic sessions that focus on poverty in the South (see Winter issue of [TSS](#) for descriptions of each).

The North Carolina Sociological Association is holding its annual conference on Wednesday April 2nd at our conference hotel, so try to make those sessions. We are very happy to partner with NCSA on this endeavor. Their program looks very good and certainly complements ours.

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Contact SSS Member Cameron Lippard, President of NCSA, for more information or go to this link for their program <http://www.ncsociology.org/new/schedule14.pdf>.

We have also brought back the research incubator sessions that were so successful two years ago that match emerging scholars with veteran scholars. Mike Maume (UNC Wilmington) has organized five incubator sessions providing a great opportunity to share expertise and learn about new research projects and research agendas. We greatly appreciate the veteran scholars lending their hand with these incubator projects.

On Saturday, AKD is hosting a Teaching and Learning workshop during our conference. They have worked closely with the SSS Committee on Community and Small Colleges to put together this event. Here is a link to the AKD schedule: http://www.alphakappadelta.org/uploads/2014_AKD_T_L_Event_Guidelines.pdf.

Other workshops and opportunities for learning include a great policy session organized by ASA Executive Officer Sally Hillsman and ASA Director of Research Roberta Spalter-Roth entitled “Writing for Policy Makers.” This is a timely and important workshop scheduled for Friday morning. Also, look for Michael Schulman’s (North Carolina State University) helpful workshop on understanding the editorial and review process scheduled for Thursday morning. Likewise on Thursday look for a session entitled “Media Training for Sociologists” co-sponsored by the Committee on Gender and Sexuality and the Committee on Sociological Practice.

A very interesting panel session has been organized by Sociologists for Women in Society–South and the Committee on Gender and Sexuality scheduled for Saturday afternoon featuring nine of the fourteen women presidents elected to serve SSS. The panel of nine female presidents, whose terms range from 1988 to present, will reflect on women’s leadership in SSS and discuss gender in the profession more broadly.

And as I have mentioned in every newsletter this past year, you won’t want to miss the great mini-conference on the Sociology of Food organized by Tracy Ore (St. Cloud State University). I asked Tracy to organize this Conference for us in Charlotte as this research area is very close to my heart as much of my current research focuses on rural agriculture and economic development projects focused on local food movements in the South. Tracy has pulled together an excellent mini-conference, and I look forward to attending these sessions over our three days together. Look for the carrot symbol in the program denoting these sessions.

We have two SSS Roll of Honor Awards to bestow this year: Ken Land (Duke) and Walter Gove (Vanderbilt) will both receive the highest honor from the Southern Sociological Society.

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Both Roll of Honor sessions are scheduled back-to-back on Friday, along with receptions sponsored by their home institutions honoring each recipient later Friday evening. The receptions are located right next to each other so you can go back and forth easily to congratulate and celebrate with both award winners.

When I started my work as President last April 2013, I asked the Executive Committee to support a request for a Presidential Taskforce to work with SSS Committee Chairs to examine their mission and vision, to see what needs to be changed, tweaked or eliminated, and to help committees rethink their work and determine how their committees can best serve the broader mission and vision of SSS. In this effort to build our capacity as a society, Denise Bissler (Randolph-Macon College) has chaired a Presidential Taskforce on Committees along with Cameron Lippard (Appalachian State University) and James Maples (University Tennessee-Martin). Denise, Cameron, and James have worked closely with committee chairs over the past year and will be reporting to the Executive Committee on their progress. It is rewarding to see committees becoming rejuvenated based on this effort. As you already know through our membership vote, one committee changed its name to reflect a new mission, and is now the Committee on Gender and Sexuality (formerly named the Committee on the Status of Women) chaired by Julie Wiest (West Chester University of Pennsylvania). The Committee on Sociological Practice chaired by Brooke Kelly (UNC Pembroke) has worked extremely hard over the past year and is revamping its mission along with the creation of sociological practice briefs that will be made available to membership through *TSS* and other outlets. I greatly appreciate each committee taking the time this past year to focus on their committee work as it reflects and enhances



the broader work of the society. In truth, the work of committees should be done throughout the year, not just in terms of providing a session at the annual conference. By focusing on building our society, we can turn to our committees to provide guidance and visioning as we move ahead in our regional work.

As you know, this past year has welcomed the first issue of our new official journal of the Southern Sociological Society, *Social Currents*. This represents a ton of love and labor from several past presidents and many SSS members. Our two new editors are doing a fantastic job and we will be hearing from them and from SAGE at our

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conference in Charlotte. Editors Toni Calasanti (Virginia Tech) and Vinnie Roscingno (The Ohio University) will lead us through the formation of *Social Currents*, and we will hear from some of the Editorial Board members on their plans and vision for the journal.

You will see lots of new touches to the program and our time together in Charlotte. I've worked closely with Dave Brunnsma in trying to create a vibrant reception area that will feature more networking opportunities. We are working on book signings for Author Meets Critics authors that will be scheduled 45 minutes prior to their sessions. There may be local wine tastings on occasion (North Carolina Yadkin Valley wines are actually very nice!). And SAGE will be tabling along with other groups and associations. In short, we have tried some new ideas this year, and you can tell us how you think it worked out after it is all said and done!

Please help me extend an enthusiastic congratulations to our newly elected officers: Our President-Elect is Barbara Risman (University Illinois-Chicago); Vice President-Elect is Steve McDonald (North Carolina State University); our two new Executive Committee members are Dawn Robinson (University of Georgia) and Lisa Slattery Walker (UNC Charlotte); and our newest member of the Publications Committee is Martha Crowley (North Carolina State University). I see a NCSU pattern emerging. (You'll have to let the University of Illinois-Chicago president-elect explain why she decided to leave the South; I have no idea why someone would do this!) Congratulations everyone! I look forward to working with all of you over the years to come.

Spring in Charlotte will be absolutely breathtaking. Enjoy the local food movement in the region and, of course, the exquisite craft beer industry. We will feature a lot of the local craft beer and local food at our receptions, but you will also want to experience the incredible local food dining scene. Local Arrangements Committee Chair Lisa Walker (UNC Charlotte) will put together a list of restaurants that are sure to please.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see an entry entitled "[Giving to SSS](#)" that lists donors we have had over the past two years. Please consider donating to this great society. Your contributions will enhance all of our programmatic work. We greatly appreciate the members and organizations that have contributed in the past and your stewardship and care for SSS.

This is my last newsletter column! The next one will be coming to you from our President-Elect David Maume (Cincinnati) who, along with his Program Chair Shannon Davis (George Mason) are already busy planning for their New Orleans conference in 2015!

Indeed, time flies when you are having fun! This has been a fantastic year as President of SSS! I can't wait to see you all in Charlotte April 2-5.

Leslie

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THANK YOU PROGRAM COMMITTEE!

Kristin Godwin, Assistant to Program Chair, University of North Carolina Wilmington

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Links for hotel reservations at Charlotte Marriott City Center:

http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Southern%20Sociological%20Society%20Annual%20Meet-ing^cltcc`sssssa`199.00`USD`false`4/2/14`4/6/14`3/12/14&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes

Here is a shortened version: <http://goo.gl/zIkM4w>

Thing to Do in Charlotte April 2-5

Lisa Walker
2014 Local Arrangements Chair

Here's just a sample of the things you could do while visiting Charlotte for the SSS meetings!

Uptown (all within walking distance of the Marriott):

- Take a culinary walking tour (<http://www.tourdefood.net/>)
- Catch the Charlotte Symphony, with a special guest—Debby Boone (<http://www.blumenthalarts.org/>)
- See the touring production of *Ghost, the Musical* (<http://www.blumenthalarts.org/>)
- Watch the Charlotte Bobcats play Orlando (<http://www.nba.com/bobcats/>)
- The Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture has a great exhibition called “I SEE YOU: The Politics of Being” (<http://www.ganttcenter.org/>)
- Speaking of great exhibitions, the Museum of the New South has one about Latino youth in North Carolina entitled, “Out of the Shadows: Undocumented and Unafraid” (www.museumofthenewsouth.org)
- Oh, and the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art has “Mario Botta: Architecture and Memory” as well (www.bechtler.org)

With kids (Uptown):

- The Charlotte Symphony Orchestra has a children's program, too, called Lollipops. *Little Red Riding Hood* will be performed April 5th (<http://www.blumenthalarts.org/>)
- A play about a spelling bee! *Spelling 2-5-5* at Children's Theatre of Charlotte (<http://www.ctcharlotte.org/>)
- There's a lot to do for families at Charlotte's award-winning children's science museum, Discovery Place (<http://www.discoveryplace.org/>)

In NoDa or South End, just a couple miles from Uptown, easily accessible by cab (NoDa) or light rail (South End):

- Food Truck Friday happens every week in SouthEnd (<https://www.facebook.com/FoodTruckFriday>)
- Atherton Mill in SouthEnd hosts a farmers' market every Saturday morning (www.historicsouthend.com)
- NoDa is home to an art/gallery crawl on the first Friday of the month (and also home to great restaurants and craft breweries) (www.noda.org)

Further afield:

In to cars? Visit the Charlotte Motor Speedway for AutoFair which brings together thousands of automobiles, collector car auctions, 10,000 vendor spaces, a massive manufacturer midway, and a kids' play zone (<http://www.charlottespeedway.com/>)

Visit the Metrolina Expo for their Spring Spectacular antiques show (<http://icashow.com/>)

It's just a short cab ride to Charlotte's long-standing community theatre, and they're doing *Driving Miss Daisy* (<http://www.theatrecharlotte.org/>)

2014 Meeting Registration

Anyone attending the conference will need to be registered by the day in which they participate in a session. Please note that the structures of conference registration fees have been revised and expanded, as outlined by David Brunσμα in *The Southern Sociologist* (volume 45, issue 1 <<http://www.southernsociologicalsociety.org/assets/TSS.v45/TSSVolume45Number1.pdf>>). Of particular note is the alteration in conference registration procedures. Those who register on or before March 3, 2014, will pay the discounted Pre-Registration fees, while those who register after this date will pay On-Site Registration fees.

Here is a breakdown of the different registration fees:

	Pre-Registration Fees	
	(for those who register on or before March 3)	(for those who register after March 3)
Regular & Sustaining	\$60	\$75
Student	\$30	\$40
Non-Member	\$100	\$140
Emeritus	\$0	\$0

While registering (<https://cart.southernsociologicalsociety.org/>), go ahead and secure your hotel room (http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkIdData=Southern%20Sociological%20Society%20Annual%20Meeting%5ecltcc%60sssssa%60199.00%60USD%60false%604/2/14%604/6/14%603/12/14&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes) for the conference.

If you have any questions, please contact Daniel T. Buffington, 2014 Program Committee Chair (<mailto:program@southernsociologicalsociety.org>) or Kristin Godwin (<mailto:programassist@southernsociologicalsociety.org>).

SWS-South Plans Events at SSS Meeting to Support Fight Against Human Trafficking



SWS-South, the Southern chapter of Sociologists for Women in Society, will hold its second annual “**Coffee for a Cause**” **reception and silent auction** at the SSS meeting this year. Auction proceeds benefit both our new awards program, which identifies outstanding papers on gender presented at the SSS meeting, and **All We Want Is L.O.V.E.**, a Charlotte-based organization that works to end human trafficking. The success of this venture depends on the generosity of SSS members. We need you to be present to bid on and purchase some of the auction treasures for yourself. This is one event you won’t want to miss! Items sold at past auctions include 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 reception and auction will be held **4:15-5:50 p.m., Thursday, April 3, in Salon E**. Please bring items to donate for the auction to the SWS-South table in the registration area ahead of time or to Salon E beginning at 4 p.m. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND AND BID!** For more information about membership in SWS-South or our “Coffee for a Cause” event, contact Julie Wiest at jwiest@highpoint.edu.

In addition, SWS-South is spearheading a national campaign in SWS to spread awareness of the inhumane practice of human trafficking. As part of this campaign, we will place **wristbands** inscribed with the toll-free trafficking hotline number in public areas around Charlotte with the hope that they will get into the hands of a victim, and **we will wear T-shirts on Thursday** to increase awareness of our stand against the trafficking of girls and women everywhere. T-shirts are still available for purchase through the SWS-South website (www.swssouth.org), and all proceeds will go to All We Want Is L.O.V.E. For more information about this campaign, contact Sancha Medwinter at sld28@soc.duke.edu.

ATTENTION FIRST-TIMERS:

Are you attending the Southern Sociological Society meeting in April?



If it's your first time – or if you just find academic meetings daunting or unfriendly – let **SWS – South** lend you a **SOUTHERN HAND!**

Sociologists for Women in Society – South organizes the annual Southern Hand Program to provide assistance to new SSS attendees. SWS-South members will act as mentors for those attending the SSS meeting who could use a hand, especially graduate students.

- Talk to your mentor before you leave for advice on which receptions to attend; what to wear to your presentation; navigating the sessions; and how to meet people who share your interests.
- Meet with your mentor after you arrive to ask questions about the program, or get explanations for conference lingo (What's a plenary?) and symbols (Just what *do* those ribbons mean?).
- Or just arrange to meet your mentor for a meal or coffee to see a friendly face during the hustle and bustle of the busy meeting.

Your Southern Hand Program mentor will reach out and help you make the most of your SSS meeting!

To participate in the Southern Hand Program contact Stephanie Gonzalez Guittar at guittar@mailbox.sc.edu by March 15th.



2014 Annual Meeting Student Mixer

This year's student mixer will include a special session Friday, April 4, at 4:15 on "Brewing up Entrepreneurship" where several local Brewers and other Entrepreneurs will join academics to discuss local economic development. Immediately following the session, from 5:30—7:00, we will be holding "Phase 1" of the Student Mixer, with micro-brewery beers, other beverages, and light snacks provided by the SSS. After Phase 1, the Student Mixer will move to a local establishment (TBA) where the festivities will continue.

Donations are being sought to support the Phase 2. All donations will be used to provide food and (if possible) a beverage or two for the students who attend Phase 2. To donate you can go online to the [SSS Website](#) and click on the DONATE button or you can send a check to David Brunσμα at the address below. Donations will also be accepted at the conference. Your assistance in making this year's Student Mixer the best is appreciated!

Send donations to: Dr. David L. Brunσμα
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For additional information about the student mixer, contact

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2014 Annual Meeting Travel Scholarships

The Southern Sociological Society and the Committee on Race and Ethnic Minorities is pleased to announce that travel scholarships are available to support the attendance and participation of undergraduate minority students at the annual conference to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina. Scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis and are meant to assist students in defraying costs associated with attending the SSS meeting. We anticipate granting scholarships of up to \$200 per recipient; however, the amount of funds and the number of scholarships may fluctuate depending on the number of applications and need therein.

Eligibility and Application Requirements

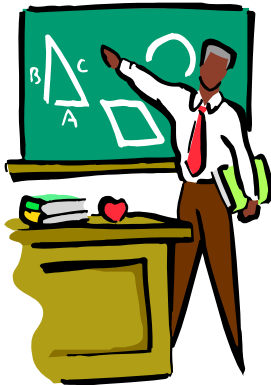
To be eligible for the scholarship, an applicant must be:

- An undergraduate minority student pursuing a sociology degree in an academic institution.
- An active participant of the meeting by presenting a paper during a paper session or round table, presenting a poster on research, or participating in workshops or special programs designated to enrich the undergraduate experience or to prepare the student for graduate education.
- A student member of the Southern Sociological Society at the time of receiving the scholarship.

To apply, an applicant must submit:

- A completed Travel Scholarship Application (available from Cameron Lippard (lippardcd@appstate.edu))
- A letter of support or recommendation from a faculty member

Completed applications and letters of supports should be submitted via e-mail to Cameron Lippard (lippardcd@appstate.edu) **no later than March 7, 2014**. The Race and Ethnic Minorities Committee will make selections and announce decisions shortly after the deadline. No part of the application may be submitted by fax and only applications from individuals on their own behalf will be accepted.



The Teaching Corner



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Kimberly Lancaster, Coastal Carolina Community College

Susan Ambler, Maryville College

Work of the Committee

Charlotte 2014 is upon us, and the Committee on Sociology in Community and Small Colleges has much to talk about. First, Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honor society, will be hosting a teaching and learning symposium in partnership with the Southern Sociological Society on Saturday, April 5th. This symposium includes a keynote address by Maxine P. Atkinson (NCSU) in addition to sessions on writing, teaching difficult sociology topics, getting students to read, inquiry based learning, and teaching large classes. The event requires a separate registration, and more information about fees is available at <https://cart.southernsociologicalsociety.org/>.

Next, our committee is sponsoring four sessions at the SSS meeting in Charlotte. Session 58 (Thursday, 2:45-4 p.m.) examines teaching non-sociology majors in multiple classroom environments. Session 111 (Friday, 2:45-4 p.m.) is a discussion aimed at sociologists thinking of applying for jobs at small or community colleges. Session 178 (Saturday, 1:15-2:30 p.m.) focuses on the sociology of food and includes a presentation by Carmel Price who authored a teaching note in [Teaching Corner 45:1](#). Finally, Session 186 (Saturday, 2:45-4 p.m.) focuses on the challenges of teaching sociology, and includes presentations on gender violence, service learning, and classroom culture.

Finally, we will have our committee lunch from 12:30-1:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 3. Meet at the front door of the Marriott at 12:30 p.m. for a one-block walk to the restaurant, The Dande-

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lion Market. All SSS attendees are invited. This is a casual lunch, great for networking and chit-chat. Everyone is responsible for her/his own check. For more info, go to the event's [Facebook page](#) or contact Nick Guittar (NGUITAR@mailbox.sc.edu). Until next time, best wishes for a productive semester.

Jesco White and the Sociological Imagination: Utilizing *The Dancing Outlaw* to Emphasize History's Role in Stratification **James N. Maples, The University of Tennessee at Martin**

As a native Appalachian, I often think of ways to use my familiarity with Appalachian life in the classroom. Perhaps my favorite is using the documentary *The Dancing Outlaw* (1991; 30 minutes) when teaching my students about stratification. *The Dancing Outlaw* follows the story of mountain dancer Jesco White, a native of Bandytown, West Virginia, as he copes with his Appalachian cultural ties and his desire for upward mobility. Jesco's story helps students see how stratification shapes individual outcomes. Further, students can use Jesco's story to apply the work of C. Wright Mills to real-life examples.

Most students are already somewhat familiar with Jesco. Students in the know will be quick to tell classmates about *The Wild and Wonderful Whites of West Virginia* (2009; 88 minutes), a documentary that follows members of the White family over a year as they negotiate the passing of the family matriarch (The Miracle Woman, Jesco's mother), Jesco's nephew's (Brandon Poe) pending prosecution for the attempted murder of his aunt's boyfriend, and Jesco's niece's (Kirk White) addiction struggles and temporary loss of her newborn child to protective services. Although this documentary introduces students to Jesco (then in his early 50's), it is his sister (Mamie) and Appalachian social problems that truly star in this later documentary. Few students today have seen *The Dancing Outlaw*, and they are fascinated to go back in time to witness a much younger Jesco White (then 35) thinking about how his family and culture are shaping his life decisions.

I have designed my social problems course so that it builds up to my showing of *The Dancing Outlaw*. I spend the first five lectures discussing what is meant by a social problem, common barriers to fixing social problems, fairness and social justice, and why we would benefit from fixing social problems. At this point, I have already introduced students to the concepts of stratification, social mobility, and the sociological imagination so they are ready when we discuss Jesco's own history and biography. I generally like to view this documentary in the class immediately after the first exam, beginning a series of lectures examining stratification, inequality, and poverty. I spend about ten minutes lecturing again on stratification and C. Wright Mills, re-emphasizing how history can shape things like poverty and life outcomes. I then show the documentary and spend the rest of class (approximately 30 minutes) engaging students in discussion.

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In the final moments of the documentary, Jesco has a poignant argument with his wife (Norma Jean) that invokes Mills's terminology for classroom discussion. In the earlier scenes, it is clear that Jesco envisions this video as part of his upward mobility. In this argument, Jesco tells Norma Jean "I don't want stuff like this on my video messing it up." Norma Jean replies that "it ain't going to be in your video, it's in your *biography*...it's your story." As

the credits role, I ask students if we have seen Jesco's biography or instead watched a documentary of the *history* shaping Jesco's biography. Students quickly select the latter option.

In discussion, my students readily identify elements of Mills' history that shaped Jesco's understanding of life: poverty, prevalent drug usage, and lack of education. Students recognize (perhaps even sympathetically) that Jesco has made certain life choices, but that many of his choices were invariably shaped by history. Still, I press students to dig deeper to create a comprehensive picture. Although it is not directly addressed in the documentary, my students often ask about the shaping forces of *economic* activity (e.g., coal) on the local community members. I discuss the general lack of jobs in Boone County, particularly the overrepresentation of mining industry jobs. Digging into my own research agenda, I note that Bandytown (Jesco's hometown) is threatened by mountaintop removal, and that nearby Lindytown has already been razed for use as a valley fill site. (See Maples and East 2013 at <http://socialshutter.blogspot.com/2013/10/community-lost-mountaintop-removal-and.html>.)

Students frequently point out the power of family and rurality in shaping one's biography. In the documentary, Jesco mentions that he felt he never had a chance to meet people beyond Bandytown, describing a trip to nearby Charleston, West Virginia, as a rare chance to talk to new people. Jesco later describes the need to separate himself from his family because they are "messing up with (his) good life." Students here often apply material from *The Wild and Wonderful Whites of West Virginia* and begin making connections between the young Jesco in *The Dancing Outlaw* and today's older Jesco. I'm excited to see my students often use examples from their own life, as well, demonstrating a sociological imagination has taken root early in the semester.

Jesco White's story is a useful tool for initiating a classroom conversation about stratification while engaging Mills' sociological imagination. Although an unauthorized copy of the documentary appears on YouTube and bootleg copies are common, I encourage professors and universities to purchase a copy of the documentary directly from the director at www.dancingoutlaw.com to ensure Jesco White is compensated.

About the author:

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Opportunities

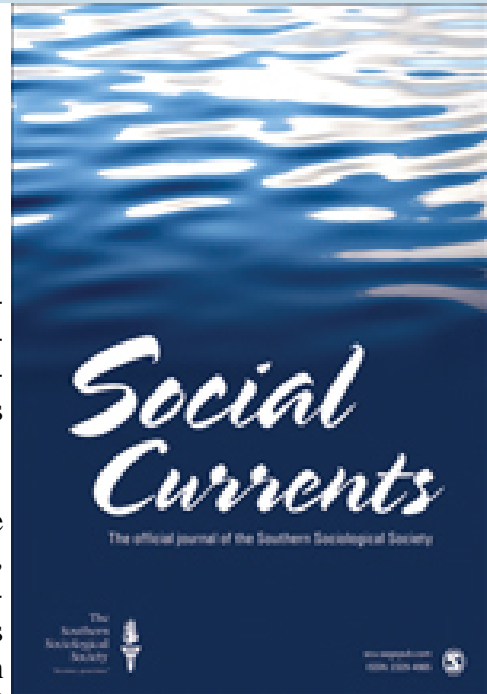
Social Currents First Issue Now Available

Social Currents, the official journal of the Southern Sociological Society, is a broad-ranging social science journal that focuses on cutting-edge research from all methodological and theoretical orientations with implications for national and international sociological communities.

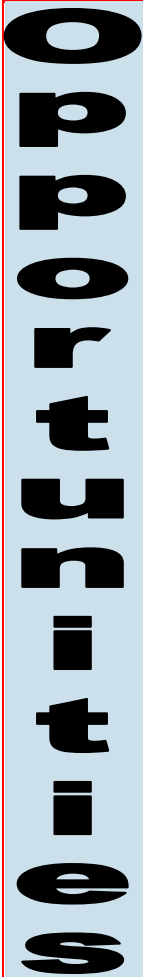
The uniqueness of *Social Currents* lies in its format. The front end of every issue is devoted to short, theoretical, agenda-setting contributions and brief, empirical, and policy-related pieces. The back end of every issue includes standard-length journal articles that cover topics within specific subfields of sociology, as well as across the social sciences more broadly.

The journal welcomes standard-length journal articles; data, methods, and empirical insights; shorter pieces with clear-cut policy implications; and theoretical and substantive area agenda-setting contributions and debates. Along these lines, the journal especially welcome submissions that speak to broad social science audiences, challenge the field, and offer innovation and novel insights for our regional, national, and international audiences.

View the [Manuscript Submission Guidelines](#) for full author instructions.



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<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/scu>



2014 Carolina Undergraduate Social Science Symposium Call for Participation

The 2014 Carolina Undergraduate Social Science Symposium will be held at Lander University in Greenwood, South Carolina. The Symposium provides undergraduate students with the opportunity to present their research at a professional meeting. Presentations in any area of Social Science are welcome. Students whose papers are accepted will give a 10-12 minute presentation of their research on Friday, April 25.

All presenters will receive *Certificates of Participation*. The two best papers and two best posters will receive a *Certificate for Excellence in Undergraduate Research* and a cash prize.

George Singleton, John C. Cobb Endowed Chair in the Humanities at Wofford College, will be delivering the keynote address in the Lander University Cultural Center Auditorium on Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Application Procedure (Deadline: Monday, March 31, 2014)

Interested students should email Daniel Harrison (dharrison@lander.edu) the following items with the term "CUSSS" in the subject line:

1. Abstract (approximate 200 words) that reflects the general content of the paper or poster, author's name, and institutional affiliation.
2. Specify the presentation format: paper session or poster session.
3. Specify the equipment that is desired for the presentation.
4. To participate in the paper competition, completed papers must be submitted electronically by Friday, **April 11, 2014**, to Daniel Harrison (dharrison@lander.edu).
5. A registration fee of \$15.00 which includes lunch will be required for all participants (including accompanying professors). Groups of 8 and more can register for a reduced rate of \$10/person. Checks should be made payable to the Lander Foundation.

Papers or posters with multiple authors may be presented at the symposium. However, to be considered for competition, papers and posters must be single-authored.

For more information about CUSSS, please contact: Daniel Harrison (dharrison@lander.edu) or 864-388-8779.



Looking Back, Moving Forward: The Effects of Hurricane Katrina on the Gulf Coast

Call for Papers

Monday, August 18, 2014

San Francisco, California

San Francisco Marriott Marquis

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Description: The nation will soon pause and remember the tenth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, one of the most catastrophic natural and man-made disasters in American history. Hurricane Katrina forever changed the physical, social, economic, and demographic landscape of the Gulf Coast. The devastating storm both revealed and exacerbated a host of social problems, including: crime and deviance, residential segregation, asset poverty, social disorganization, racial tensions, income inequality, unemployment, deviance, substance abuse, dissolution of the family, school segregation, health disparities, disenfranchisement, civic disengagement, and environmental justice, among others. We invite papers that critically analyze the effects of Hurricane Katrina on a contemporary social problem. Panelists may submit papers for publication in a forthcoming special issue of *Critical Sociology*.

Please email an abstract of 500-750 words to Lori Latrice Martin at lorim@lsu.edu by **April 30, 2014**.

Send your comments, suggestions, or materials for *The Southern Sociologist* to the editor Bob Freymeyer [mailto: rhfrey@presby.edu](mailto:rhfrey@presby.edu)





2014 Esther Ngan-ling Chow and Mareyjoyce Green Scholarship

Applications are invited for the 2014 Esther Ngan-ling Chow and Mareyjoyce Green Scholarship, formerly known as the Women of Color Dissertation Scholarship. All applications are due no later than April 1, 2014. *Please email 2014.ChowGreenAward@gmail.com with applications or questions.*

Scholarship Purpose

Sociologists for Women in Society, has worked hard to build a coalition of women scholars who share concerns about the status of women both domestically and internationally. In keeping with that mission, SWS established a Women of Color Scholarship at its annual meeting in February 2007. The primary purposes of the scholarship are:

1. To offer support to women scholars who are from underrepresented groups and are studying concerns that women of color face domestically and/or internationally.
2. To increase the participation of students of color in SWS.

Selection Criteria

- Student must be a woman from a racial/ethnic group facing racial discrimination in the United States.
- Dissertation must be sociologically relevant scholarship that addresses the concerns of Women of Color, domestically and/or internationally.
- Student must be in the early stages of writing a dissertation.
- Student must be "All But Dissertation" (ABD) by the time the term of the award begins (must be certified by the student's advisor or Graduate Director).
- Applicant must demonstrate a financial need for the award.
- Domestic and international students are eligible to apply.

Student Application Process

Complete application packets should be emailed to 2014.ChowGreenAward@gmail.com.

Each packet must include:

- A personal statement which details short and long term career and research goals. The letter must also state which racial/ethnic group(s) the applicant represents
- A resume or Curriculum Vitae
- Two letters of recommendation addressing the content and quality of the student's work and progress in the program. One of these letters must be from the Graduate Director or Advisor, who should address the financial need of the applicant as well as certify the date on which the applicant became or will become ABD. Please have letter writers email the letters

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directly to 2014.ChowGreenAward@gmail.com. Letter writer should include “Chow-Green Award” in the subject heading of their email.

- Proposal (not to exceed 5 pages) for the dissertation research which outlines:
 - o Purpose of research
 - o Work to be accomplished through scholarship sponsorship
 - o Time line for completing dissertation
- All of these documents (with the exception of the letters of recommendation) **must be compiled into one PDF file.**

Responsibilities of Recipient

- Attend the summer and winter meetings. Free registration and a \$500 stipend will be available to the winner for this purpose.
- Submit a brief report (3 pages max) on the work completed during the scholarship year, no later than 1 month after the end of the award period. This report should be mailed to the SWS executive office to the attention of the “Women of Color Scholarship Committee.”
 - o SWS Executive Office, 1415 Jayhawk Blvd. Rm. 716 , Lawrence, KS 66045

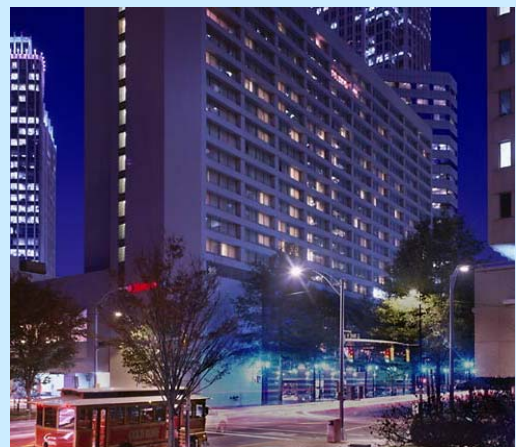
Funding

The winner will receive a \$15,000 scholarship, a plaque, and SWS membership for one year. In addition the recipient will receive free registration for both the summer and winter meetings, along with an additional \$500 grant to enable attendance at the winter meeting.

See also: <http://www.socwomen.org/esther-ngan-ling-chow-and-marejoyce-green-scholarship/>

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April 2-5, 2014
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- (b) valid and reliable methods of research in the study of human society;
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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*.

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