

Southern Sociological Society  
2022 Annual Meeting

CALL FOR PAPERS

**“Invisibility”**

Birmingham, Alabama

The Birmingham Sheraton

April 6-April 9, 2022

Submission Deadline: November 5, 2021

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**Theme: Invisibility**

The people and actions that have been rendered invisible have long been the subject of sociological inquiry, and our Birmingham meetings will provide us an opportunity to spend time engaged in exploring the hegemonic processes and motivations for the creation of invisibility. Hopefully, we are now emerging from a period of active federal data suppression. We are also at a moment where some of what has been produced as invisible—especially police-caused violence—is being made visible. Clearly, some of the light that makes what has been rendered invisible suddenly visible is the work of sociologists, especially sociologists as activists.

The theme of invisibility lends itself to a variety of interesting topics such as invisible labor, disability, efforts to suppress data on gun violence, and accounts of Appalachia that assume heterogenous Whiteness, just to name a few. The theme also allows us to better explore concepts that are intrinsically intertwined with invisibility such as the environmental injustices occurring in “forgotten” communities, the treatment of immigrants as *homo sacer*, and the production of ignorance. We welcome a broad interpretation of our theme and look forward to fruitful face-to-face conversations in Birmingham.

**A note about COVID**

We are excited to plan an in-person 2022 conference. We understand that the COVID situation is fluid, particularly with the development of highly contagious variants. As a result, we surveyed SSS membership between August and mid-September to collect information about travel plans, funding availability, university policies, and virtual possibilities. The survey is now closed, however, if you have questions, comments, or concerns regarding the 2022 conference, please email Executive Officer David L. Brunsmas at [executiveofficer@southernsociologicalsociety.org](mailto:executiveofficer@southernsociologicalsociety.org).

In addition, the Birmingham Sheraton is following the latest guidelines from the CDC and WHO. For information about the conference venue's COVID policies (e.g., masking, distancing) and cleaning procedures please visit this website, which will have the most updated information: <https://clean.marriott.com/>. SSS will be closely monitoring the situation as it develops.

**Submission Deadline: Friday, November 5, 2021 at midnight EST.**

### **Submission Details**

There are three submission types: individual papers, poster presentations, and full session proposals.

Important notes: The information provided through the submission portal will appear exactly as it is entered (including capitalization). Therefore, enter your paper title, name, and affiliation as you wish it to appear in the program. Also, time slots are limited, thus, participants may serve in no more than two presentation roles (author of a paper, panel participant, workshop leader, poster presenter, etc.). There are no restrictions on the number of times a participant may serve as a session presider or discussant.

1) *Individual Papers*: You may submit extended abstracts of individual papers for inclusion in a regular paper session. These abstracts will be organized into sessions by the program committee members on the basis of common themes. All regular paper submissions should include: (a) the title of the paper, (b) names, affiliations, and contact information for each author, and (c) an extended abstract. Extended abstracts should be approximately 400-450 (max. 450) words and organized with the suggested three section headings: Objectives, Methods, and Findings.

2) *Poster Presentations*: You may submit abstracts for inclusion in a poster session. All poster submissions should include: (a) the title of the paper, (b) names, affiliations, and contact information for each author, and (c) a brief abstract (max 250 words). Posters should display relevant objectives, theory, methods, results, and conclusions in a way that is accessible (readable from a distance of six feet) and visually appealing. Easels, clips, and backing boards are provided. Your poster should not exceed 30" x 40".

3a) *Full Session Proposals*: All full session proposals must include a short abstract (max. 450 words) detailing the theme of the proposed session. This should include a brief description of the session's prospective broad appeal and/or connections with the 2022 meeting theme of invisibility. All areas of sociology are welcome! If the session is being submitted on behalf of an SSS Committee (or multiple committees), include this information in the session title. Additionally, you must include full details for all participants including: submission title, submission type, abstract, three keywords, name, institution, email, and position. Participants include the presider and organizer, in addition to the presenters or panelists, and discussant, if included.

3b) *Full Session Proposals, AMCR and Workshops*: Author-Meets-Curious-Readers

(AMCR) sessions spotlight books with broad enthusiasm across SSS membership. AMCRs may be self-nominated and should include three to four potential 'curious readers'. Proposals for workshops on a range of topics like social change, pedagogy, methodology, networking, and publishing, for example, will be considered too. Proposals for AMCRs and workshop sessions should be sent directly to the program co-chairs for consideration and follow the guidelines described above under 3a) *Full Session Proposals*.

Members are encouraged to submit to 'Sessions Seeking Papers,' which will be updated and subsequently circulated as a digest on a weekly basis.

### **Submission and Registration Procedures**

Anyone attending the meeting or listed in the program must be a current dues-paying member of SSS (with the exception of undergraduate observers and presenting undergraduate affiliates of SSS Departmental Members). All program participants (presenters, presiders, discussants, panelists, etc.) must also be registered for the annual meeting. Please note that conference attendees are strongly encouraged to pre-register for SSS 2022 on or before March 1, 2022. Those who register after this date will pay increased on-site registration fees. You may join/renew your SSS membership, submit abstracts, and pre-register for the conference from our website: <https://www.southernsociologicalsociety.org/>

### **Hotel Information**

Book your room at the Birmingham Sheraton using this link: <https://book.passkey.com/event/50226565/owner/16607/home>. Web-based reservations are preferred but you may also call 205-324-5000 to reserve a room. The SSS conference rate is \$169 for single/double, \$179 for triple, and \$189 for quadruple per night. Deadline for booking within the SSS Annual Meeting room block rate is March 13, 2022. However, the room block often fills up well before this cut-off date.

Please direct conference program questions to: [program@southernsociologicalsociety.org](mailto:program@southernsociologicalsociety.org). Questions regarding membership or registration should be directed to: [webmaster@southernsociologicalsociety.org](mailto:webmaster@southernsociologicalsociety.org).