

# An Invitation to You from the Midwest Sociological Society



Join us in St. Louis March 24-27, 2011, as we consider the “Dynamics of Inequality” and celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> MSS anniversary with an array of sessions, speakers and special events.

Here is just a sampling of what is in store for those who attend:

- Plenary speaker Chloe Bird, Senior Sociologist at the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, California, and author of Gender and Health: The Effects of Constrained Choices and Social Policies, will discuss the social origins of health disparities and the promise of health care reform.
- President Peter Kivisto’s Presidential Address, “We *Really* Are All Multiculturalists Now.”
- The MSS’s 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year kickoff with music by the Downtime Band -and birthday cake!

• Featured thematic speakers, including Alexander Smith, Huddersfield University, West Yorkshire, UK, presenting a paper drawn from his research on Midwestern U.S. politics entitled “American Pragmatism in an Age of Immoderation,” and our own Peter Hall giving this year’s installment of his lecture series, an autobiographical talk about his experiences growing up as a “red diaper baby.”

- Tours of the Scott Joplin House State Historic Site and the Old St. Louis Courthouse, site of the Dred Scott trials.
- Pub Crawl to the Soulard district, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and dates back to the late 1700s.
- Documentary Film Festival organized by MSS graduate students and featuring a number of entries you won’t want to miss, with showings during the noon-time break and in the evening.

See more details inside - and on the website at [www.TheMSS.org](http://www.TheMSS.org).

Please meet us in St Louis - we hope to see you there!



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## Chloe Bird of RAND Corporation Will Give Plenary Address



Chloe Bird

“Dr. Bird has quickly established herself as a distinguished scholar working outside the traditional academic setting,” said MSS Program Chair Mary Zimmerman.

“Her work using the concept of ‘constrained choices’ links the idea of individual health behaviors to the social contexts of families, communities, institutions and policies, which act together with biological factors to produce gendered health disparities. This conceptual framework brings together agency and structure to constitute a compelling example of one type of inequality dynamic,” Mary added.

Dr. Bird is a senior sociologist at RAND Corporation, a 60-year-old nonprofit institution that helps improve policy and decision-making through research and analysis. Dr. Bird’s research focuses on social determinants of health and health care; and on gender, racial/ethnic and socioeconomic disparities in health and health care.

Two of her recent projects are: “Women, Neighborhoods and Coronary Heart Disease: A Perspective Study.” The overarching objective of the project is to examine the impact of neighborhood factors on women’s development of CHD.

Another study, “Neighborhoods, Behaviors, Allostatic Load, and Health,” explores how neighborhood context affects and interacts with individual behavior and biology to determine health and disease.

In her book, *Gender and Health: The Effects of Constrained Choice and Social Policies*, Dr. Bird and co-author Patricia Rieker integrate social and biological models to improve understanding of the contributions of the contexts in which we live to differences in men’s and women’s health. *Gender and Health* was published by Cambridge University Press in 2008.

Dr. Bird received a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, in 1986; and a master’s degree in sociology in 1988 from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She was awarded a doctorate in sociology, with honors, from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in 1992.

Her dissertation was titled, “Comparing Women’s Representation in Three Health Professions: Dentistry, Medicine, and Veterinary Medicine.” She subsequently completed a post-doctoral fellowship in society and health through a joint program of The Health Institute, New England Medical Center, and the Department of Health and Social Behavior, Harvard School of Public Health.

With Peter C. Conrad, Allen M. Fremont, and Stefan Timmermans, she recently edited the forthcoming sixth edition of *The Handbook of Medical Sociology*. Dr. Bird has been with the RAND Corporation since 2000.

**Join us at the MSS Annual Meeting at 2:00 on Saturday, March 26, for the plenary address by Chloe Bird.**

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## Peter Hall Series Lecture Will Be Given by Peter Hall: *Growing up Red, White, and Jewish: The Personal is Sociological*



Peter M. Hall on his way to becoming a sociologist.

In a presentation entitled, “Growing up Red, White, and Jewish: The Personal is Sociological.” Peter M. Hall will explore his own roots and background and how his early experiences shaped him into a sociologist.

“What makes a sociologist? How does one’s background, anchored in history and society, influence one to become a sociologist? While sociology is a profession, it is also intensely personal,” Hall writes.

His lecture will also reflect on the ways his biography and the times shaped his sociological perspective and practice.

Hall writes, “My parents, an Alabama Southern Baptist father and a Latvian-born Jewish immigrant mother, met in 1932 on a college student trip to protest mine workers conditions in Harlan County, KY.

“They were active in radical politics for the next 25 years. Born in Chicago in 1934, I grew up as a “red diaper baby” in Birmingham, Alabama, Washington, DC, New York City, and Berkeley, California.

“I was active in the early Berkeley student movement and later in civil rights and anti-war movements, and the 1968 Eugene McCarthy for President Campaign. As a teenager, I began to question my parents’ political philosophy, as did they themselves. It was not their values of human rights, social justice, democracy, and equality that I challenged, but their claimed monopoly of TRUTH and the political practices and crimes associated with their ideology.

“Sociology, Pragmatism, and Symbolic Interaction offered me a more appealing path to understanding society and to being an active participant in pursuing a just society. In my lecture, I will share and examine some events and incidents from different locales and times that were consequential in shaping my beliefs, persona, and education as well as showing the changing political contexts and regional cultural differences over time in the U. S.”

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Peter M. Hall is Affiliate Professor of Sociology, Colorado State University, and Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Education, University of Missouri. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1963.

Hall has taught at the University of Iowa; University of California, Santa Barbara; and York University, Ontario, Canada; in addition to the University of Missouri. He joined the MSS in 1960 and is a Life member. Hall was Program Chair for the 1985 MSS meetings in St. Louis and served as President in 1985-86. He is also a charter member of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (SSSI) and received the G.H. Mead Award for career contributions in 1994. His publications have focused on social organization, inequality, policy processes, and power. He is currently working on a co-edited volume on meta-power and a memoir on his youth.

**Join us at the MSS Annual Meeting at 3:45 on Saturday, March 26, for the Peter M. Hall lecture.**

- Organizer and President:* Mary Jo Neitz, Women’s and Gender Studies, University of Missouri.
- Discussant:* James R. Barrett, Department of History, University of Illinois.

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## Welcome back to St. Louis...Gateway to the West!



A new attraction in St Louis - the City Garden.

This year's theme "The Dynamics of Inequality," will call to mind a great deal of history.

Two of our planned tours will help bring that history to life.

We have planned a tour of the Scott Joplin House where we will be taken back in time when ragtime was the sound of the day and social inequality was an accepted feature of society. We will also tour the Old St. Louis Courthouse where the Dred Scott case challenged social inequality and the movement it exemplified led to significant changes in American culture and politics.

This year's meeting will introduce an interactive component. The MSS will participate in a Penny Drive being held by the Dred Scott Foundation to help fund a sculpture of Dred and Harriett Scott which will be erected near the Old Courthouse.

Visitors to Dred Scott's grave site often leave pennies on the headstone. Many believe the penny is left as a tribute to Lincoln, an icon for the abolition of slavery. Look for penny collection containers around the hotel facilities and help the MSS raise money to donate to this worthy cause.

You will also have the opportunity to visit some of the city's great sites at your leisure.

The Hilton is only a few blocks away from the Gateway Arch and a new feature, the City Garden. The downtown trolley will be running and can get you to these and other downtown attractions. And, back by popular demand, we will have a pub crawl in historic Soulard, an area rich with stories of immigrants from the past. Today, Soulard remains economically and culturally diverse with architecture dating back to the 1840s when the French made their way to St. Louis.

I look forward to seeing you in St. Louis!  
*Vicky Herbel*, Local Arrangements Chair

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[mss2011STL@yahoo.com](mailto:mss2011STL@yahoo.com).

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## SSSI Banquet at the 2011 MSS Meetings in Chicago

The Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (SSSI) will again host a banquet during the annual meetings. The banquet will be held Saturday, March 26th, from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm, at Kemoll's, 3 blocks from the conference hotel.

A St Louis fine dining tradition since 1927, Kemoll's offers breathtaking views of the city from its location on the 40th floor of #1 Metropolitan Square. Preview your experience -or peruse the menus and choose your dinner- by visiting Kemoll's website: [www.kemolls.com](http://www.kemolls.com)]

We will order from the dinner menu. Entrees range in price from \$20 to \$47, salads from \$7 to \$8. More information and walking directions to Kemoll's will be provided to those who sign up to attend. ***In order to accommodate our group comfortably, we need to know in advance how many will be there. Before March 11, please email Laurie Linhart at [Laurie.linhart@drake.edu](mailto:Laurie.linhart@drake.edu).*** to let her know you'll attend.

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## Experience St Louis's history and cultural diversity on an MSS tour

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### **TOUR #1 Pub Crawl in Historic Soulard [Back by popular demand!]**

The Soulard district gets its name from Antoine Soulard, a Frenchman who first surveyed the area for the King of Spain. About 1840, landowner Julia Soulard donated land for, and established, a public market. Immigrants poured into St Louis, and they constructed Soulard's buildings on European-style narrow lots using Americanized architectural styles including Federal, Italianate and Second Empire, all wrought in red brick. Soulard today remains economically and ethnically diverse - and offers exciting nightlife. We'll explore 4-5 pubs in historic Soulard. Bus transportation will be provided. You must be 21 to participate.

**Tour date/time:** Thursday, March 24th, 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm. (Meet in hotel lobby by 6:45 pm.)

**Special notes:** You must be 21 to participate.

**Tour cost:** \$35 per person - which covers your transportation and tour guide only. Bring beverage money!

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### **TOUR #2 The Scott Joplin House**

In a modest walk-up flat at 2658A Delmar Boulevard, Scott Joplin and his new bride Belle began their life. It was then called Morgan Street, a busy, densely populated, blue-collar district of African-Americans and German immigrants. Located nearby were the honky-tonks and dives of the notorious Chestnut Valley. This black musical genius, buoyed by his success with the Maple Leaf Rag, was making his move toward the national arena. He would soon be known as the "King of Ragtime."

Lit by gaslight, and appropriately furnished for 1902, the Joplin flat where many ragtime classics were composed awaits your visit. We will tour the Joplin home, hear some ragtime on the player piano, and learn about this historic neighborhood. This tour will last about one hour. Bus transportation will be provided.

**Tour date/time:** Friday, March 25th, 12:00 noon. (Meet in hotel lobby by 11:45 am.)

**Special notes:** Tour group size limited to 20.

**Tour cost:** \$15 per person.

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### **TOUR #3 The Old Courthouse in St. Louis**

From the hotel, we will walk across the street together to the majestic Old St. Louis Courthouse. The Old Courthouse has remained over the past 170 years as one of St. Louis's most prominent architectural landmarks. Built in 1839 and incorporating an older courthouse within its walls, the Old Courthouse was the site of the first two trials of the pivotal Dred Scott case in 1847 and 1850. It was also where Virginia Minor's case for a woman's right to vote came to trial in the 1870s. You will tour this historic structure, and visit the restored courtrooms to learn more about our 19th-century judicial system. The tour will last one hour.

**Tour date/time:** Saturday, March 26th 10:00 am – 11:00 am. (Meet in lobby by 9:45 am.)

**Special notes:** Tour group size limited to 30.

**Tour cost:** \$3 each.

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**TOUR AVAILABILITY:** You may purchase tours when you pre-register online at [www.TheMSS.org](http://www.TheMSS.org) or by mail using the form in this packet. If there are tours that do not fill during the pre-registration period, tickets will be available onsite in St Louis at the 2nd-floor MSS registration desk.

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# Financial Aid for Travel to the Annual Meeting

## •Travel grants for students - deadline for application is March 7.

MSS offers travel reimbursements of \$100 each to 90 student members who participate in the annual meeting.

To qualify, you must

(1) be a current MSS member, (2) act as a presenter, organizer or discussant for an annual meeting session, (3) join MSS and pre-register for the meeting before Feb. 1, and (4) submit your request for a travel grant with an email by Monday, March 7th, to Student Director Chad McPherson at [chad-mcpherson@uiowa.edu](mailto:chad-mcpherson@uiowa.edu)

Include the following information:

1. Put 'MSS Travel Award' in the email subject line.
2. In the body of the e-mail include: your full name, your institutional affiliation, the session number in which you are participating (The session number will be available after Jan. 10th in the final program online at [www.TheMSS.org](http://www.TheMSS.org).)
3. Award winners are randomly drawn from all applicants. [Last year - 130 applicants - 90 winners!]

If your name is randomly drawn, you will be notified in advance of the meeting, and can pick up your check at the registration desk in St Louis.

If you have any questions regarding the meetings (i.e., where to stay, whom to contact, or how to get to St. Louis), please contact student directors, Chad McPherson [chad-mcpherson@uiowa.edu](mailto:chad-mcpherson@uiowa.edu) or Sadie Pendaz ([pend0035@umn.edu](mailto:pend0035@umn.edu)).

## •Travel grants for adjunct and contingent faculty - deadline extended to Feb. 15.

MSS is offering this year a limited number of travel grants for adjunct/contingent faculty members. Each grant provides two nights at the conference hotel paid in full. Contingent faculty eligible for this award are men and women who teach part-time/adjunct positions, and who are not graduate students.

### Award Application Requirements:

1. Applicants must be current MSS members in good standing at the time of application.
2. Applicants must be participants in the MSS annual meeting as presenters in a paper session or round table, or as panelists in a non-paper session/round table or as members of an MSS committee.
3. Applications must be submitted via e-mail to the Contingent Faculty Travel Grant Committee Chair, Monica Snowden, at [Mosnowd1@wsc.edu](mailto:Mosnowd1@wsc.edu) by Feb. 15, 2011. In your email, include the following information:

Type 'MSS Contingent Faculty Travel Award' in the e-mail subject line.

In the body of the e-mail include: your full name, your institutional affiliation, contact information and the name and contact information of your Department Head, and indicate you will not be receiving any funding from your department/college/university for travel to the annual MSS meeting.

Attach (as a word or rich text format document) or include in the body of the email one of the following:

1. an abstract for a traditional paper presentation session/round table;
2. a one-paragraph description of your role in a non-paper panel/round table session; OR
3. the title of the MSS committee of which you are a member and your role on the committee.

### Award Criteria

1. All applicants that meet eligibility and application requirements will be entered into a lottery for random selection.
2. If an applicant withdraws his/her paper session/round table, participation in a non-paper panel/round table or committee meeting of their own accord (to be distinguished from having his/her session/panel/meeting canceled as a result of an absentee organizer/presider/committee chair, etc.) the award will be withdrawn.

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# New Rules and Old Expectations for Annual Meeting Articulated by MSS Board

Under guidelines adopted by the Board of Directors at the fall board meeting and published in the fall TMS, these new annual meeting regulations will take effect for the 2011 meeting:

## Presenters must

1. Pre-register for the meeting by Feb. 1 – including becoming a member of the MSS. Those presenters not pre-registered may be removed from the program.
2. Submit, or deliver, their completed presentation paper to the session organizer on or before the conference date. [Exception: Undergrad posters are due. Jan. 4th.]
3. Prepare and deliver a complete presentation in the session to which they are assigned.
4. Immediately notify the session organizer if unable to attend the meetings or deliver the presentation.

## Session Organizers must

1. Actively solicit papers for their session(s).
2. Review abstracts and tentatively accept papers for their session (typically 3-4 per session).
3. If there are multiple authors on a paper, identify which author(s) are responsible for presenting it, and update the program chair in the event of any changes in presenter.
4. Confirm by Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> that tentatively accepted papers will be completed for presentation at the annual meeting. Organizers may remove from their session any presenter who does not demonstrate progress on their paper so as to have a completed paper by the Annual Meeting.
5. Send finalized session details to the program chair no later than Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>. If finalized session details are not provided by Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, the session itself may be cancelled and the viable papers reassigned.
6. Remind all session participants to pay dues and pre-register no later than Feb. 1.
7. Remind all session participants of their responsibilities as well as provide them with information about the session day, time, and location before March 15.
8. Within two weeks of the end of the Annual Meeting, session organizers will be asked to respond to a short feedback form, reporting to the Program Chair on attendance at their session(s) and reporting the names of scheduled presenters who did not attend and/or present.

**Meeting Participants:** Those attending the Annual Meetings are expected to display their nametags while attending sessions, meetings and official events. Session organizers will ask all attendees at their sessions to display their name tags.

## III. Follow-Up Procedures

- A. We distinguish between the *final draft* of the conference program which is printed and the *official* conference program which will be posted online after the Annual Meeting's end. Presenters who did not attend will be removed from the official program. A notice shall be placed within the printed program to indicate that it is a draft and that the official program will be placed online after the meetings end.
- B. Presenters and session organizers who fail to fulfill their responsibilities as detailed above, may be prevented from participating in, and appearing on the program of the following year's Annual Meeting. A member may petition the board for a waiver of this practice by writing a letter to explaining why she/he did not fulfill her/his responsibilities.

# Logistics

## Hotel reservations / Hotel parking / Directions

**Hilton St Louis at the Ballpark has created a special web page** for MSS conference participants to use in making hotel reservations. Click to it from the MSS website at [www.TheMSS.org](http://www.TheMSS.org). CityView rooms [one king bed or two doubles] are offered at the conference rate of \$119 plus taxes. Other rooms are available as upgrades at higher cost. Don't want to make reservations online? Call 1(877) 845-7354 with your credit card; be sure to cite the discount code, MWS.

**Hotel parking:** \$18/day if parking it yourself; or \$25/day for valet parking.

**Directions to the hotel:** online at [www.TheMSS.org](http://www.TheMSS.org) or at the hotel website.

## Child care / Disability / Employment center information

•MSS will help you subsidize quality **childcare** so you can attend sessions during the meetings. MSS will also provide reasonable accommodations for **disabilities**. To arrange childcare or an accommodation, **before March 7, 2011**, please contact:

Vicky Herbel: [mss2011STL@yahoo.com](mailto:mss2011STL@yahoo.com).

Phone: (314) 496-4704

•**Employer/job-seeker forms:** Available online at [www.TheMSS.org](http://www.TheMSS.org), or request from MSS office by e-mail [MidwestSS@centurytel.net](mailto:MidwestSS@centurytel.net) or phone (608)787-8551. Submit forms (address and fax number are on form) by mail or fax to Vicky by **March 7, 2011**.

## Audiovisual equipment for meeting presenters

The availability of audiovisual equipment changes each year. This year:

All presentation rooms will have LCD [also called digital or data or PowerPoint] projectors. YOUR presentation room WILL have a digital projector even if you

did not request it. Please note: To use your digital projector, you or your session organizer must bring a laptop computer to hook up to the digital projector. NO computers will be provided. Confer with your session organizer to make arrangements.

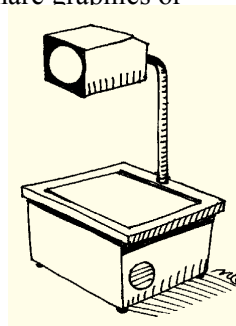


Some presentation rooms will also have overhead projectors - if one was requested. If an overhead was requested for your session, you can share graphics or data with your audience by making

overhead transparencies or handouts to bring with you. Please confer with your session organizer.

NO other audiovisual arrangements - Internet hookup, microphones, dvd players - will be provided unless requested of the program chair **BEFORE MARCH 1**.

NO audiovisual equipment will be provided to roundtable presenters.



### Why last-minute pre-registration is not a good idea

Please note that the last day to postmark by-mail pre-registration or to register online is Monday, March 7.

*It is not unusual for several hundred people to attempt to pre-register online on the last day of pre-registration. The onslaught of would-be registrants can cripple the online system: If something goes wrong, you may be unable to complete your pre-registration in time and will be forced to register onsite at a greater cost. Leaving your pre-registration to the last moment allows you no extra time to seek assistance if you have trouble with the online system.*

**Save hassle - pre-register EARLY!**


## CONTACT US

**Questions about membership, pre-registration or logistics?**  
Contact MSS Executive Director Lauren Tiffany  
(608) 787-8551  
[MidwestSS@centurytel.net](mailto:MidwestSS@centurytel.net)

**Questions about the program schedule?**  
Contact Program Chair Mary Zimmerman or her Assistant Chair Pooya Naderi at  
[MSS2011@ku.edu](mailto:MSS2011@ku.edu)



# Your annual meeting deadlines and to-do list

 Deadlines in blue bars apply only to annual meeting session organizers and presenters.

 Deadlines in purple bars apply to everyone.

 Deadline in pink bar applies to persons attending the annual meeting, *who are not participating in the annual meeting as organizers or presenters.*

## This date is the deadline for.....

<b>Jan 10</b>	annual meeting participants to submit corrections/amendments to the preliminary program posted online.
<b>Jan 24</b>	organizers to confirm session details with their presenters and report to program chair.
<b>Feb 1</b>	annual meeting participants to join MSS and pre-register for the annual meeting, either by mail or online. [Those who miss this deadline risk being dropped from the program.]
<b>Feb 15</b>	applying for adjunct/contingent travel grants.
<b>Mar 1</b>	requesting special audiovisual support. [See more information on facing page.]
<b>Mar 7</b>	non-participating meeting attendees to pre-register for the annual meeting, either by-mail or online. <i>Non-participating meeting attendees may also choose to register onsite in St Louis, but registration will cost \$15-\$30 more.</i>
<b>Mar 7</b>	submitting employment forms to MSS.
<b>Mar 7</b>	requesting childcare / disability accommodation.
<b>Mar 7</b>	applying for student travel grants.
<b>Mar 7</b>	reserving your hotel room at the discount rate. <i>Please remember that hotel rooms are offered at the discount rate until March 7 or until they are gone - whichever comes FIRST!</i>
<b>Mar 15</b>	organizers to remind all your session participants of their responsibilities as well as providing them with information about the session day, time, and location.

### Pre-register soon

Receive a deep discount when you PRE-REGISTER for the meeting and for optional tours by using the form and envelope bound into this packet; or use a credit card to pre-register online at [www.TheMSS.org](http://www.TheMSS.org). Pre-registration ends March 7 for all; Feb 1 for meeting participants.

### Check your membership status

This mailing was sent to current AND past members of the MSS. To check whether your membership is current, see the address block on the back cover: If it says 'LIFE,' or '2011,' you are an MSS member in good standing. If it says '2010' or any previous year, your membership has EXPIRED. If you have 'expired,' please renew before Feb. 1st to be eligible to participate in the annual meeting, to keep your subscriptions coming, and to remain eligible for committee service, MSS awards, and MSS research grants. RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP by using the form inside this packet; or with a credit card online at the MSS website, [www.TheMSS.org](http://www.TheMSS.org)

## 2011 Conference Schedule Overview

*Note: If scheduled event varies from time frames in first column, its time is given in parentheses.*

	Thursday, Mar 24	Friday, Mar 25	Saturday, Mar 26	Sunday, Mar 27
7:00-8:00		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASA Dept Chairs Breakfast</li> <li>• MSS Committee Chairs Breakfast</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MSS State Presidents &amp; State Directors Breakfast</li> </ul>	
8:00-9:30		<p><b><u>Session 4</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee on Teaching &amp; Learning</li> <li>• Social Action Committee</li> <li>• New Board Member Orientation</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Session 8</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Meeting Committee</li> <li>• 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force</li> <li>• 2012 Program Committee</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Session 12</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2011-12 Board Meeting #1 (8:15-12:30)</b></li> </ul>
9:45-11:15		<p><b><u>Session 5</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President-Elect Session</li> <li>• Endowment Committee</li> <li>• Student Issues Committee</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Session 9</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tour 3: Old Courthouse</b> (Meets 9:45, lobby)</li> <li>• Women in the Profession Committee</li> <li>• Finance Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MSS Business Meeting (9:45-10:30)</b></li> <li>• <b><u>Session 13</u></b> (10:45-12:15)</li> </ul>
11:30-12:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2010-11 Board Meeting #3 (11:30 – 4:30)</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>LUNCH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tour 2: Scott Joplin House</b> (Meets 11:45, lobby)</li> <li>• <b>Film Festival</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>LUNCH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Film Festival</b></li> </ul>	
12:15 - 1:45	<p><b><u>Session 1</u></b> (1:00 – 2:30)</p>	<p><b><u>Session 6</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minority Scholars Committee</li> <li>• Long-range Planning Committee</li> <li>• Roundtable sessions</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Session 10</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publications Committee</li> <li>• Executive Committee</li> <li>• Roundtable sessions</li> </ul>	
2:00-3:30	<p><b>Commons</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MSS Awards I (2:45-3:30)</b></li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Session 7</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership Committee</li> <li>• Nominations Committee</li> <li>• Roundtable sessions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Plenary Session: Chloe Bird, Speaker</b></li> </ul>	
3:45-5:15	<p><b><u>Session 2</u></b></p>	<p><b>Commons (3:45-4:45)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MSS Awards II</li> <li>• MSS Undergrad Student Posters</li> <li>• Ice Cream Social and Meet the Board</li> <li>• <b>Plenary: Peter Kivisto, Presidential Address (5:00-6:30)</b></li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Session 11</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Peter Hall Lecture</b></li> <li>• Prof Issues/ Standards Committee</li> <li>• Sociological Practice Committee</li> <li>• Roundtable sessions</li> </ul>	
5:30-7:00	<p><b><u>Session 3</u></b></p>	<p><b>All members welcome: Presidential Reception and 75<sup>th</sup> B'day Party (approx 6:30-8:30)</b></p>	<p><b>MSWS Meeting (time tba)</b></p>	
7:00-10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tour #1: MSS Pub Crawl</b> (Meets 6:45, hotel lobby)</li> <li>• <b>Film Festival</b></li> <li>• <b>Student Social</b></li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rainbow Sociologists</b></li> <li>• <b>Film Festival</b></li> <li>• <b>Student Social</b></li> <li>• <b>SSSI Banquet</b></li> </ul>	

**NOTE: "COMMONS" and "PLENARY" events are for everyone.**

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PRINT names & affiliation exactly as desired for your conference name badge(s).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
first name last name

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Current email address: \_\_\_\_\_

OPTIONAL spouse/partner name: \_\_\_\_\_

[No fee necessary to register your non-sociologist spouse/partner. Name badge is complimentary.]

**Does MSS have your current mailing address?**

**Please check your address inked onto the back of this form.**

**IF IT IS MISSING OR INCORRECT, please make corrections on back and check here. \_\_\_\_\_**

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#### MEMBERSHIP FEES

- \$21 Student
- \$55 Regular
- \$70 Joint
- \$110 Sustaining
- \$140 Joint & sustaining

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#### ADVANCE REGISTRATION FEES

- \$25 Student [Onsite rate will be \$40.]
- \$75 Regular [Onsite rate - \$100.]
- \$95 Nonmember [Onsite rate - \$125.]

#### OPTIONAL TOURS\* [See details in this packet, page 5.]

**IMPORTANT! Use the lines below to indicate number of tickets you want for each tour.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$35\*\* #1 Pub Crawl in Historic Soulard [Thurs., Mar 24, 7 - 10 pm.]
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 #2 Scott Joplin House [Fri., Mar 25, noon to 1:30 pm]
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$3 #3 The Old Courthouse in St Louis [Sat., Mar 26, 10 - 11 am]

**\*If bringing spouse or companion on tours, please purchase two tour tickets.**

**\*\* Fee covers pub crawl transportation only.**

TOTAL TOUR FEES

TOTAL FEES TO BE PAID WITH THIS FORM  
Add membership, registration, tour fees.  
**Please double check your addition!**

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