

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

SESSION 1. THEMATIC PAPER SESSION

LINDELL C

Thursday · 11:10 am-12:40 pm

GENDERED YOUTH, BODIES, AND CARE: GLOBAL STRUGGLES OVER AUTONOMY

Presider: Alyssa Lynne-Joseph, Wichita State University

- *The Fear of Adolescent Gender: Bans on Gender-Affirming Care and the Erasure of Youth Agency.*Alyssa Lynne-Joseph, Wichita State University
- *Gendered Expectations of Care: Middle-Income Mothers and Early Childhood Education in Istanbul.*Ayse Meryem, Independent Scholar
- *Youth, Power, and Emotion: An Examination of Gendered Child-Rearing Practices in Mérida, Mexico.*Zelia Jacobson, Macalester College
- *Panoptic Parenting: Parental Monitoring and Adolescent Surveillance in Body Image Development and Exercise Behavior.*Amy Heath, University of Iowa

SESSION 2. THEMATIC PAPER SESSION

MARYLAND A

Thursday · 11:10 am-12:40 pm

CARE: COMMUNITIES OF SERVICE AND REHABILITATION

Presider: Rachel Phelps, Fort Hays State University

- *Continuity of Service in Senior Nutrition Programs during a Pandemic.*William Lovekamp, Eastern Illinois University; and Barbra Wylie, Peace Meal Senior Nutrition - Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System
- *"Are You Ready to be Lonely?": Social Supports and Rehabilitation for Drug Court Participants.*Lisa Kruse, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse
- *Bridging Research and Practice in Community Violence Prevention.*Anne Scheer, Southern Illinois University
- *The Care to Revolutionize: Collective Grief, Resistance, and the Sociology of Democratic Repair.*Rachel Phelps, Fort Hays State University

SESSION 3. PAPER SESSION

FORSYTH

Thursday · 11:10 am-12:40 pm

NAVIGATING THE MARGINS: INTERSECTIONALITY, INSTITUTIONS AND OUTCOMES FOR IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES IN THE UNITED STATES

Presider: Mary Miller, Columbia College

- *Tensions in the Construction of Care among Refugee-Serving Institutions.*Mary Miller, Columbia College
- *Contextual and Intersectional Approach to Understand the "Color of Success": Experiences of Asian Faculty in United States Higher Education.*Debaleena Ghosh, Georgia Southwestern State University
- *Health Outcomes among MENA Populations in the United States: A Comparative Analysis of Foreign-Born and Native-Born Individuals.*Michael Okyere, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

SESSION 4. PAPER SESSION

LINDELL A

Thursday · 11:10 am-12:40 pm

DEVELOPMENT ISSUES IN THE GLOBAL CONTEXT

Presider: Mehrangiz Najafizadeh, University of Kansas

- *Dimensions of the Social Construction of National Identity and Nationhood.*Mehrangiz Najafizadeh, University of Kansas

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- *Welcoming the Wealthy: The Impact of Foreign Elite Migration on Women Entrepreneurs and Racial Politics in Mauritius.*Roslyn Fraser, Stephen F. Austin State University
- *A Turbulent Change? Honduran Healthcare Providers' Perspectives on the Impact of a New Airport on Local Healthcare Infrastructure.*John Kaiser, University of Kansas School of Medicine
- *The Price of Water: Privatization and the Global Struggle for Water Justice.*Alyssa Lewis, University of Kansas

Discussant: Linda Lindsey, Washington University in St Louis

SESSION 5. PAPER SESSION

LINDELL B

Thursday · 11:10 am-12:40 pm

GENDERED SEXUALITIES

Presider: Thomas Vander Ven, Ohio University

- *Unsafe Gatekeepers: Transmen's Romantic Relationships with Cisgender Men.*Alexander Goode, Webster University; and Allison Gorga, Webster University
- *Well Read and Sexually Curious: Motivations and User Strategies of College Women that Read Erotic Texts.*Zainah Al Maita, Ohio University; Carly Andrews, Ohio University; Marikay Vander Ven, Albany Counseling; and Thomas Vander Ven, Ohio University
- *Bet It All on the U-Haul: Time and Lesbian Relationships.*Abigail Larrick, Louisiana Tech University
- *Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Access in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.*Camden Rappleyea, Northern Michigan University

SESSION 6. TEACHING TECHNIQUE

KINGSBURY

Thursday · 11:10 am-12:40 pm

GIFTS: COLLABORATIONS AND CARING: PROFESSORS' STRATEGIES IN HELPING STUDENTS

Presider: Mary Ann Kanieski, Saint Mary's College

- *American Literature, Sociological Perspectives and Historical Trauma: A Lesson in Caring.*Bethanie Parker, University of North Dakota
- *Creating Interprofessional Education (IPE) Events across Institutions and Disciplines.*Jeff Shelton, Wayne State College; Lisa Walters, UNMC College of Nursing Northern Division; and Monica Snowden, Wayne State College
- *Specifications Grading in an Upper-Division Sociology Class.*Mary Ann Kanieski, Saint Mary's College
- *How We Care: Sociology in the Classroom.*Nicholas MacMurray, Rockhurst University

SESSION 7. WORKSHOP

LINDELL D

Thursday · 11:10 am-12:40 pm

UNGRADING THE UNESSAY: RETHINKING ASSESSMENT THROUGH CREATIVITY AND CHOICE

This interactive workshop will demonstrate how ungrading and alternative forms of assessment can work together to reimagine student evaluation. Instructors often shift one element of course design each term. Pairing ungrading with creative and open-ended projects like the “unessay” can transform not just assessment but also course engagement itself. Participants will go through a course redesign workshop that has them exploring samples of previous student work, reflecting on inclusive assessment design using the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework, and considering assessment alternatives like contract grading and reflective verbal process letters. Guided by a digital “ungrading journal,” attendees will leave with draft plans for adapting their own

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courses to integrate alternative grading and assessment strategies that foster student creativity, accountability, and empowerment.

- *Facilitator.*Chris Adamson, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
- *Facilitator.*Isaiah Cohen, University of South Dakota

SESSION 8. MEETING	EMPIRE	Thursday · 12:00 pm-4:20 pm
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SESSION 9. WORKSHOP	PORTLAND	Thursday · 1:00 pm-2:00 pm
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SOCIOLOGIST'S CRAFT: HOW TO APPLY FOR RESEARCH FUNDING

- *Facilitator.*Chris Hausmann, Northwestern College

SESSION 10. THEMATIC PAPER SESSION	LINDELL A	Thursday · 1:00 pm-2:30 pm
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HOUSING AS CARE: RETHINKING SHELTER THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS

Presider: Erin Gaede, University of Wisconsin - Madison

- *Navigating Barriers: How Housing Instability Impacts Access to Asylum, U-Visas, T-Visas, and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Protections in the United States.*Lariatu Sulleyman, Kansas State University
- *More Than a House: Constructing Home.*Hillary Douglas, University of Iowa
- *Moving In and Out of Rural Housing Insecurity: Relational Pathways and Processes.*Erin Gaede, University of Wisconsin - Madison

SESSION 11. PAPER SESSION	FORSYTH	Thursday · 1:00 pm-2:30 pm
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FAMILY TRANSITIONS

Presider: Christopher Wienke, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

- *"Buck Up, Old Gal, Only Three More Months to Go!": Anxiety about Parenthood and Society in Eggbert Cartoons.*Kayla Pritchard, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
- *Son Preference and Its Impact on Modern Contraceptive Method Choices among Married Women in Bangladesh.*Israt Sultana Nishe, Texas Tech University
- *When Marriage Ends: Volunteering and Health among Older Adults.*Olivia Hindman, University of Kansas
- *Redivorting after 50: Experiences of Later-Life Marital Dissolution among the Previously Divorced.*Christopher Wienke, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

SESSION 12. PAPER SESSION	LINDELL B	Thursday · 1:00 pm-2:30 pm
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EXPLORING MEANING MAKING AROUND THE SACRED

Presider: Karen Bradley, University of Central Missouri

- *On God's Green Earth: Making Sense of Climate Change through Science and Religion.*Jane Ahn, University of Wisconsin - Madison
- *From "Me" to "We": Reimagining Vocation as a Shared and Inclusive Journey.*Çağlar Çetin-Ayşe, Augustana College; Phat Lam, Augustana College; Selina Adelaide Osebre Yawson, Augustana College; and Areeya Tandukar, Augustana College

- *Exploring Competing Understandings of the Secular in the Lived Space of a Public Hospital.*Mary Jo Neitz, University of Missouri; and Karen Bradley, University of Central Missouri

SESSION 13. PAPER SESSION

LINDELL C

Thursday · 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

CRITICAL THEORY SESSION: CAPITALISM END-TIMES AND AMERICAN FASCISM

Presider: George Lundskow, Grand Valley State University

- *Götterdämmerung: An Economic Eschatology of Capitalism.*Daniel Krier, Iowa State University
- *Cryptocracy and the New Bonapartism.*David Smith, University of Kansas
- *The New "Conservatism": From Neoliberalism to Illiberalism.*Robert Antonio, University of Kansas

SESSION 14. PAPER SESSION

LINDELL D

Thursday · 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

MACROSOCIOLOGICAL STRUCTURES: GOVERNMENTS AND ECONOMIES IN COMPARATIVE-HISTORICAL REVIEW

Presider: Ang Li, Brown University

- *Tourism in Cuba: A Case Study of Dependency Theory.*Abigail McCarroll, Macalester College
- *Coping with Hyperinflation in Venezuela.*Andrea Valentina Rios Henriques, Incheon National University; and Chad Anderson, Incheon National University
- *Beyond the Resource Curse: A Scoping Review and Critical Discourse Analysis of Resource Governance Scholarship on Nigeria's Extractive Frontiers.*Ojonimi Salihu, Western Michigan University
- *Compositional and Scale Effects: How Foreign Direct Investment Shapes Informal Labor Market in Latin America, 2000-2018.*Ang Li, Brown University
- *Human Development in the Gulf Cooperation Council.*Husein Alothman, University of Sharjah, U.A.E.

SESSION 15. PAPER SESSION

MARYLAND A

Thursday · 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

INTERSECTING INEQUALITIES: HOW RACE, GENDER, AND STRUCTURAL CONTEXTS SHAPE HEALTH, OPPORTUNITY, AND SOCIAL EXPERIENCE

Presider: Jessica Phelps, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- *Substance Use and Childhood Environment in Adolescent Head Injury: Examining the Effects of Race.*Jessica Phelps, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- *Whither Antiracism? Revisiting Robert K. Merton's Typological Assessment of Discrimination and (Il)Liberal Ideologies.*Wade Smith, Eastern Illinois University
- *The 'Other' Caitlin Clark Effect: The White Racial Frame and the Manufactured Rivalry Between Caitlin Clark and Angel Reese.*Tahlia Moe, Lawrence University
- *Determinants of Retirement Satisfaction among Older Latinos and Non-Latinos in the United States.*Enilda Delgado, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

SESSION 16. WORKSHOP

KINGSBURY

Thursday · 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

THE RETURN OF SALON FOR THE CURRENT AGE

Salon, literally meaning "larger reception room" in French, was developed in the 17th and 18th centuries as a space where women of high education hosted artists, writers, philosophers to engage

socially in new ideas that in turn filtered through society. Today, I use this method with winning results in both my Applied Sociological Theory and my graduate Advanced Applied Sociological Theory courses. This workshop engages the method with attendees, recreating the experience via a shared reading and discussion, hands on activities that reach all types of learners and a feedback session at the end to culminate new ideas for the method. This method fosters deep connection between students and aids their fears of disseminating and critiquing social theory.

- *Facilitator.*Jan Todd, Emporia State University

SESSION 17. PANEL SESSION

LINDELL B

Thursday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm

RECLAIMING SOCIOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM AND OUR CURRICULUM

Presider: Daphne Pedersen, University of North Dakota

Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) Session

- *Panelist.*Paul Croll, Augustana College
- *Panelist.*Patricia Maddox, University of St Thomas
- *Panelist.*Krista Lynn Minnotte, University of North Dakota
- *Panelist.*Wade Smith, Eastern Illinois University

SESSION 18. PAPER SESSION

KINGSBURY

Thursday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm

REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT: HEALTH CONCERNS IN THE MIDWEST

Presider: Justin Yates, University of Michigan

- *Watching Over Cold Waves: The Influence of Social and Technology Surveillance on Independent Older Adults' Safety.*S M Ashfaqur Rahman, Minnesota State University, Mankato
- *Eugenic Policy in St. Louis.*Han Koehle, Washington University in St Louis
- *Bridging Resources for Investigating Disparity and Gaps to Enhance Emergency Medicine (BRIDGE-EM).*Justin Yates, University of Michigan

SESSION 19. PAPER SESSION

MARYLAND A

Thursday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm

EDUCATION AND POLITICS: EXAMINING THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND POLITICAL ISSUES AND ACTIVITY

Presider: Gabe Kilzer, University of North Dakota

- *"Hands Off My School": Exploring State Regulation of Homeschooling.*Isaiah Cohen, University of South Dakota
- *Changing Cultures of Protest: Social Movement Participation and Higher Education.*Aaron Derner, Indiana University Bloomington
- *Schools and the Reproduction of Immigrant Attitudes.*Hana Blair, University of Kansas

SESSION 20. WORKSHOP

LENOX

Thursday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm

BEING A CHAIR: WHAT TO EXPECT

- *Facilitator.*Darren Hendrickson, Eastern Illinois University
- *Facilitator.*Tawnya Adkins Covert, Western Illinois University
- *Facilitator.*Robert Jenkot, Coastal Carolina University

SESSION 21. WORKSHOP**LINDELL A****Thursday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm****CRAFTING AN EFFECTIVE CURRICULUM VITAE*****Professional Development Committee Session***

As many hiring committee chairs can attest, curriculum vitae often vary significantly in their professional “presentation of self.” The focus of this interactive workshop is to provide ideas for polishing, revising, and updating a CV for an academic position. Rather than offering concrete “rules” of CV construction, we think through how to tell the stories of our academic selves during the workshop. Through analysis of samples and discussion of current trends for content, style, format, and length, this workshop provides an opportunity to consider how to best communicate our talents and experiences through a curriculum vitae.

- *Facilitator.*Kayla Pritchard, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

SESSION 22. THEMATIC PANEL**LINDELL D****Thursday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm****CULTIVATING CARE IN THE FIRST GENERATION/WORKING CLASS COMMUNITY**

Presider: Nicole Oehmen, Shenandoah University

First Generation and Working-Class Committee Session

- *Financial Wellness: Planning Considerations for FGWC Academics.*Ervin (Maliq) Matthew, Prudential
- *Gratitude and Mental Wellness for First Generation Academics.*Gina Petonito, Writing YOUR Way, LLC and Academic Womxn Reclaim Your Power
- *Building Bridges of Belonging across the Cleft Habitus.*Nicole Oehmen, Shenandoah University

SESSION 23. THEMATIC PAPER SESSION**LINDELL A****Thursday · 4:40 pm-6:10 pm****INEQUALITIES IN THE ACADEMY**

Presider: Jackie Hogan, Bradley University

- *Time and Work Pressures among STEM Faculty Members: Barriers to the Achievement of Flow State at Work.*Krista Lynn Minnotte, University of North Dakota; and Daphne Pedersen, University of North Dakota
- *Interrogating the Professorial Earnings Gap.*Jackie Hogan, Bradley University; and Elizabeth Crawford, Bradley University
- *Limitations in the Field: On Disability, Reflexivity, and Embodiment in Ethnography.*Allison Wigen, Boston University
- *Self-Care Isn't the Answer: Institutional Change to Improve Faculty Wellbeing.*Joy Crissey Honea, Montana State University Billings

SESSION 24. THEMATIC PAPER SESSION**LINDELL C****Thursday · 4:40 pm-6:10 pm****CARE WORK IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

Presider: Joe Bishop, Eastern Michigan University

- *Who Really Cares?: Reconsidering Self-Care in the Age of AI.*Joe Bishop, Eastern Michigan University; Aletra Baker, Eastern Michigan University; and Guanhua Yao, Eastern Michigan University
- *Institutionalizing Sacred Spaces: Religious Life Offices and Interfaith Programming at Private United States Colleges and Universities.*Jonathan Coley, Oklahoma State

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University; Md Muniruzzaman, Oklahoma State University; and Md Shihabul Islam, Oklahoma State University

- *Beyond the Employable Sociologist: Care, Belonging, and Adaptive Learning in Higher Education.*Rachel Phelps, Fort Hays State University

SESSION 25. AUTHOR-MEETS-CRITICS SESSION **FORSYTH** **Thursday · 4:40 pm-6:10 pm**

AUTHOR MEETS CRITICS PANEL FEATURING RIGHTEOUS SISTERHOOD: THE POLITICS AND POWER OF AN ALL-WOMEN'S MOTORCYCLE CLUB BY SARAH HOILAND

Presider: Sadie Pendaz-Foster, Inver Hills Community College

Women in the Professions Committee Session

- *Author.*Sarah Hoiland, City University of New York - Hostos Community College
- *Critic.*Betsy Lucal, Indiana University South Bend
- *Critic.*Andrea Miller, Webster University
- *Critic.*Pamela Emanuelson, North Dakota State University
- *Critic.*Bita Nezamdoust, Georgia State University

SESSION 26. AUTHOR-MEETS-CRITICS SESSION **KINGSBURY** **Thursday · 4:40 pm-6:10 pm**

AUTHOR MEETS CRITICS PANEL FEATURING JUST THE FACTS: UNTANGLING CONTRADICTIONARY CLAIMS BY JOEL BEST

Presider: Ryan Ceresola, Hartwick College

- *Author.*Joel Best, University of Delaware
- *Critic.*Debaleena Ghosh, Georgia Southwestern State University
- *Critic.*Derek Lehman, Tarleton State University
- *Critic.*Judson Everitt, Loyola University Chicago
- *Critic.*Ryan Ceresola, Hartwick College

SESSION 27. MEETING **LENOX** **Thursday · 4:40 pm-6:10 pm**

STUDENT INTEREST COMMITTEE

SESSION 28. MEETING **OGLE** **Thursday · 4:40 pm-6:10 pm**

MINORITY SCHOLARS COMMITTEE

SESSION 29. MEETING **WESTMINSTER** **Thursday · 4:40 pm-6:10 pm**

COMMITTEE ON TEACHING AND LEARNING

SESSION 30. PAPER SESSION **LINDELL D** **Thursday · 4:40 pm-6:10 pm**

CONSTRUCTING DEVIANCE: PERCEPTIONS, POLITICS, AND DISCOURSE

Presider: David Criger, Coastal Carolina University

- *Political Divides in Perceptions of Potential Mass Shooters: Mental Health Status, Gender Minority Status, and Perceived Propensities for Mass Violence among Liberals and Conservatives.*Elizabeth Felix, University of Kansas
- *The Social Origins of Law Literature.*Andrew Bisto, Northern Arizona University
- *What Shapes Perceptions of the Impact of Increased Focus on Sexual Harassment on Interactions at Work?.*Liz Legerski, University of North Dakota
- *Theorizing Gun Violence through the Active-Shooter Assemblage.*Walter Goettlich, Johnson County Community College; and Darcy Sullivan, University of Kansas

- *Vocabularies of Motive, Neutralization, and Harm: Exploring the Political Discourse and Language of Early Medical Marijuana Reform.*David Criger, Coastal Carolina University

SESSION 31. PAPER SESSION **MARYLAND A** **Thursday · 4:40 pm-6:10 pm**

CRITICAL THEORY SESSION: MORBID SYMPTOMS AND POSSIBLE FUTURES

Presiders: George Lundskow, Grand Valley State University; Lauren Langman, Loyola University Chicago

- *From the “Concealed Front” to the “Not Yet”.*Lauren Langman, Loyola University Chicago
- *Elective Affinities of Critical Theory and Native-American Spirituality after the North American Armageddon.*George Lundskow, Grand Valley State University
- *The Corporeality of Friendship.*Maor Levitin, International Herbert Marcuse Society
- *American Exceptionalism and the Project of a Social Theory of American Society.*Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee Knoxville

SESSION 32. WORKSHOP **LINDELL B** **Thursday · 4:40 pm-6:10 pm**

DECOLONIZING “INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY” IN COMMUNITY COLLEGE: CONTEXT, THEORY, APPLICATION

Decolonizing the curriculum is at the forefront of contemporary sociological pedagogy. Community colleges face unique challenges when pushing the pedagogical envelope of the introductory class. We need to engage our students in a meaningful curriculum that honors the best of the traditional canon (to ensure transferability) and incorporates students’ lives and histories through the lens of sociology. Our students are diverse, but national politics are erasing their experiences. Decolonizing our introductory courses offers a corrective. The purpose of this moderated workshop is to create a space for sociologists in community colleges, or anyone else whose focus is the introductory class, to discuss practical applications for decolonizing our curriculum. The facilitators will present foundational and current thinking on decolonizing our discipline after which we will share in Q & A.

- *Facilitator.*Dana Cole, Harold Washington College
- *Facilitator.*Rohan de Silva, Milwaukee Area Technical College
- *Facilitator.*Sydney Hart, Wilbur Wright College
- *Facilitator.*Abra Johnson, Malcolm X College
- *Facilitator.*Cynthia Manns, Olive-Harvey College
- *Facilitator.*Maria Ritzema, College of DuPage
- *Facilitator.*Sangeeta Sinha, Dallas College

SESSION 33. WORKSHOP **PORTLAND** **Thursday · 5:00 pm-6:00 pm**

SOCIOLOGIST’S CRAFT: HOW TO MINE SOCIAL MEDIA FOR QUALITATIVE DATA

- *Facilitator.*Derek Wilson, Midland University

SESSION 34. EVENT **REGENCY** **Thursday · 6:15 pm-7:15 pm**

WELCOME SOCIAL

SESSION 35. EVENT **KHORASSAN BALLROOM** **Thursday · 7:30 pm-9:30 pm**

TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

SESSION 36. MEETING	FORSYTH	Friday · 7:00 am-8:20 am
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SESSION 37. MEETING	OGLE	Friday · 7:00 am-8:20 am
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QUEER ENGAGEMENT, SCHOLARSHIP, AND TEACHING COMMITTEE

SESSION 38. MEETING	WESTMINSTER	Friday · 7:00 am-8:20 am
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GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

SESSION 39. EVENT	KHORASSAN WEST - EXHIBITS	Friday · 8:00 am-5:00 pm
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SESSION 40. POSTER SESSION	REGENCY - POSTERS	Friday · 8:40 am-9:25 am
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POSTER SESSION I

Presider: Emily Bowman, St Olaf College

- *More Equitable and More Meaningful Teaching Evaluation: Results of a Student Experience Questionnaire Pilot.*Jackie Hogan, Bradley University; and Elena Gabor, Bradley University
- *Gendered Differences in Environmental Education Podcasts.*Alistair Criswell, Stephen F Austin State University
- *Barreras Entre Éxito: The Experiences of Latino First-Generation College Students.*Jaimie Sinche Sinchi, Augsburg University
- *Doing Sociology Made Easy: Online Forms and Undergraduate Research Projects.*Colin Suchland, Lincoln Land Community College
- *Disparities in Diagnostic Experiences among College-aged Individuals with Chronic, Complex, or Rare Diseases.*Tyler Thomas, Bradley University; Jackie Hogan, Bradley University; and Austin Loerger, Bradley University
- *Coping Under Pressure: How Sociodemographic Background Shapes Mental Health and Stress Management in Competitive Academic Majors.*Tarynn Ball, University of South Dakota; and Isaiah Cohen, University of South Dakota
- *Commodified Selves: AI Education under Neoliberal and Postmodern Influence.*Guanhua Yao, Eastern Michigan University
- *Portraying Professional Women: United States Media Coverage of Gendered Experiences in Engineering.*Amanur Rahman, Wichita State University
- *Is It Art, Craft, or Something in Between? How College Students Assess and Consume Art in the Digital Age.*Isaiah Cohen, University of South Dakota; Nile Patterson, University of North Georgia; and Nicholas Boon, University of California Santa Barbara
- *The Human Cost of Data: Social Hierarchies, Organizational Dynamics, and Knowledge Production in Policy-Oriented Research.*Bijoyetri Samaddar, University of Wisconsin - Madison

SESSION 41. THEMATIC PAPER SESSION	LINDELL B	Friday · 8:40 am-10:10 am
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GENDER AS A STRUCTURING SYSTEM OF CARE AND NEGLECT

Presider: Fahad Al-Naser

- *Fathers' Involvement in Childcare in Kuwaiti Families.*Fahad Al-Naser, ; Ziarat Hossain, University of New Mexico; and Yahya Abdal, Kuwait University
- *The Social Media's Contribution to Shaping Women's Body Image.*Lutfun Nesa Shantana, Minnesota State University, Mankato

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- *Intersecting Identities and Support Systems: Examining Race, Gender, and Social Support in College Students' Mental Health.*Jayden Echols, Missouri State University; and Kyler Sherman-Wilkins, Missouri State University

**SESSION 42. THEMATIC PAPER
SESSION**

LINDELL C

Friday · 8:40 am-10:10 am

**CONTESTING CARE AND CONTROL: RACE, DISABILITY, AND YOUTH
SCHOOLING**

Presider: Rachael Hampton, University of Kansas

- *The Cost of Challenging School Seclusion and Restraint Practices for Parents of Black and White Children with Disabilities.*Charles Bell, Illinois State University
- *The Training Grounds: Assessing a Program for At-Risk Middle School Boys.*Krista Cline, Butler University; and Suneeta Kercood, Butler University
- *Care in the Troubled Teen Industry: Institutional Abuse, Moral Reclamation, and Parental Absolution.*Joshua Stout, Illinois State University; Kaitlyn Selman, Illinois State University; Brenna Jones, Illinois State University; and Pavel Ahmed, Illinois State University
- *Unmeasurable Rigor: Liberatory Belonging, Rigorous Inclusion, and the Sociology of School Reform under a State Takeover.*Lawrenzo Howell, Brown University
- *Should all Children with Disabilities be Integrated into the Education System?.*Alayna Feavel, St. Norbert College

**SESSION 43. AUTHOR-MEETS-
CRITICS SESSION**

WESTMINSTER

Friday · 8:40 am-10:10 am

**AUTHOR MEETS CRITICS PANEL FEATURING YOUNG AND UNDOCUMENTED:
POLITICAL BELONGING IN UNCERTAIN TIMES BY JULIA ALBARRACIN**

Presider: Hana Blair, University of Kansas

- *Author.*Julia Albarracin, Western Illinois University
- *Critic.*Hana Blair, University of Kansas
- *Critic.*Ryan Sheppard, St Olaf College
- *Critic.*Rahsaan Mahadeo, University of Minnesota
- *Critic.*Dukanwojo Suleman, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

SESSION 44. MEETING

EMPIRE

Friday · 8:40 am-10:10 am

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

SESSION 45. MEETING

KINGSBURY

Friday · 8:40 am-10:10 am

FIRST GENERATION AND WORKING-CLASS COMMITTEE

SESSION 46. PANEL SESSION

MARYLAND B

Friday · 8:40 am-10:10 am

METHODS IN PRACTICE: A STUDENT RESEARCH ROUNDTABLE/PANEL

Presider: Brenna Jones, Illinois State University

Student Interest Committee Session

- *Roundtable Panelist.*Sage Gladstone, Grinnell College
- *Roundtable Panelist.*Allison Wigen, Boston University
- *Roundtable Panelist.*Xinyi Zheng, Macalester College
- *Roundtable Panelist.*Arianna Saettele, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

SESSION 47. PAPER SESSION

FORSYTH

Friday · 8:40 am-10:10 am

FAITH, RELIGION, AND WELL-BEING: ACROSS AND BEYOND SOCIAL SPACES AND CULTURE

Presider: Meghna Gogoi, University of Nevada Las Vegas

- *The Social Sources of Christian Nationalism and Right-Wing Authoritarianism among Religious Conservatives.David Sikkink, University of Notre Dame*
- *Politics, Sermons, and the 2024 Election: An Analysis of Clergy Speech.Laura Krull, St. Norbert College*
- *Interfaith Marriages: Exploring the Role of Upbringing and Lived Experiences on Interfaith Couples' Unions.Meghna Gogoi, University of Nevada Las Vegas*
- *The Impact of Religiosity on Subjective Well-Being: Analyzing the Comparative Role of Religious Beliefs and Practices from the World Values Survey.Tahmid Ul Islam, Texas Tech University*

SESSION 48. PAPER SESSION

LENOX

Friday · 8:40 am-10:10 am

CISNORMATIVITY AND STRUCTURAL STIGMA

Presider: Jonathan Coley, Oklahoma State University

- *The Lay of the Land: A Survey of TERF Rhetoric from Daly to Today.Gabriel Patino, University of Kansas*
- *Stigma, Law, and Heteronormativity: Lived Realities of Gender Minorities in Bangladesh.Md Shihabul Islam, Oklahoma State University*
- *The Impact of the Symbolic Boundary Between Trans and Cis People on the Possession of Capital and its Mitigation of Discrimination.Grace Price, University of Kansas*
- *The Cisgendered Spectacle.Davida Schiffer, Northern Michigan University*

SESSION 49. PAPER SESSION

LINDELL A

Friday · 8:40 am-10:10 am

INSTITUTIONAL AND INTERPERSONAL INEQUALITY

Presider: Claire Decoteau, University of Illinois - Chicago

- *Forms of Impact: How B Corps and L3Cs Construct Social Meaning.Devin Kaiser, University of Illinois - Chicago; and Nadjate Yacoubou, University of Illinois - Chicago*
- *Hair Stories: A Black Feminist, Phenomenological Study of Black Women.Sha'Kurra Evans, University of Illinois - Chicago*
- *Navigating Abortion Resources: The Continued Dependence on Personal Connections Among Pregnant Women in the Digital Age.Joanna Arriaga, University of Illinois - Chicago*
- *Race, Health, and the Future of Food: An Ethnography of Multiple Veganisms in Chicago.Victoria Brockett, University of Illinois - Chicago*
- *Bargaining with Motherhood: How Abortion Seekers Manage Gendered Discourses that Pathologize Parenting.Claire Decoteau, University of Illinois - Chicago; Tirza Ochrach-Konradi, University of Illinois - Chicago; Tia Wilson, University of Illinois - Chicago; and Liset Rivera, University of Illinois - Chicago*

SESSION 50. PAPER SESSION

LINDELL D

Friday · 8:40 am-10:10 am

ESCAPES AND EVERYDAY LANDSCAPES: CRITICAL AND CULTURAL THEORIES AND APPLICATIONS

Presider: Joel Crombez, Kennesaw State University

- *From Understanding to Imagination: Weber, Mills, and the Emotional Scripts of Escape Rooms.*Michael O. Johnston, William Penn University
- *Theming in Everyday Life.*Ray Hutchison, University of Wisconsin - Green Bay
- *Narcissistic Pseudo-Populism and the Erosion of Democratic Norms.*Lukas Szrot, Bemidji State University
- *Welcome to the Party!: Inclusion as Assimilation.*Charlotte Kunkel, Luther College

SESSION 51. PAPER SESSION

MARYLAND A

Friday · 8:40 am-10:10 am

URBANIZATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD DYNAMICS: THE INFLUENCE OF MESOLEVEL SOCIAL STRUCTURES

Presider: Joseph Abbot, Rhodes State College

- *No View Under the Sun: A Content and Social Network Analysis of Political Engagement with Frasier Solar.*Nicholas Theis, Kenyon College; Abby Warshauer, Kenyon College; and Melissa Vu, Kenyon College
- *Trajectory of Neighborhood Changes in Cities and Suburbs, 1980-2020.*Wenquan Zhang, University of Wisconsin - Whitewater
- *Uneven Power: Neighborhood Organizations and the Geography of Urban Equity in St. Louis and Beyond.*Anne Brown, Washington University in St Louis
- *Policing the Commute: Rule Enforcement, Racial Grammar, and the Normative Rider on Twin Cities Metro Transit.*William Stamoulis, Macalester College
- *Classifying Rental Property Owners: A Typology for Understanding Risk and Decision-Making.*Samuel Mindes, Iowa State University; Jane Rongerude, Iowa State University; Jake Wegmann, University of Texas at Austin; Daniel Kuhlmann, University of Arizona; Elizabeth Mueller, University of Texas at Austin; and Taylor Michelle Cook, University of Texas at Austin

SESSION 52. PAPER SESSION

PORTLAND

Friday · 8:40 am-10:10 am

LANGUAGE, MEANINGS, AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Presider: Nancy Berns, Drake University

- *Hospice Thank You Notes: A Study on Grief, Death, and Gratitude.*Steven Beeman, Drake University
- *What They Left Behind: Managing Things and Meanings after a Death.*Nancy Berns, Drake University
- *Verbal Entrepreneurs: Fighting about the Words for Social Problems.*Joel Best, University of Delaware
- *All Noise, No Signal?: Examining the Trend Cycle of Claims about Internet Challenges.*Brian Monahan, Baldwin Wallace University

SESSION 53. TEACHING TECHNIQUE

WATERMAN

Friday · 8:40 am-10:10 am

GIFTS: ACTIVE LEARNING AS MEANINGFUL SOCIOLOGICAL ENGAGEMENT

Presider: Derek Wilson, Midland University

- *Borrowing Academic Excellence: Utilizing Active Teaching Methods from Various Disciplines.*Derek Wilson, Midland University; and Reid Ralston, Midland University
- *Fostering Demographic Literacy: A Classroom Exercise.*Jason Leiker, Utah State University; Julie Gast, Utah State University; and Styephen VanGeem, Utah State University

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- *Active Learning Strategies in the Introduction to Sociology Classroom.*Paul Croll, Augustana College
- *Rolling Towards the Bell Curve: A Dicey Statistics Activity.*Jerrod Yarosh, University of South Caroline Lancaster

SESSION 54. TOUR	HOTEL LOBBY	Friday · 9:00 am-12:00 pm
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ST. LOUIS PUBLIC LIBRARY AND CATHEDRAL BASILICA

Presider: Linda Lindsey, Washington University in St Louis

Please meet in the main hotel lobby by 8:45 a.m. for departure.

SESSION 55. POSTER SESSION	REGENCY - POSTERS	Friday · 9:25 am-10:10 am
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POSTER SESSION II

Presider: Holly Stock, University of Missouri

- *Constructing Equestrian Elites: Boundary Work, Symbolic Capital, and the Naturalization of Privilege.*Jiahe Sui, Queen Margaret's School For Girls; and Chuyao Wang, London School of Economics and Political Science
- *Social Media Made Me Woke: Social Movements in the Modern Age.*Rachel Clark, Murray State University
- *Don't Try to Mobilize Organization, Organize Community Mobilization: SMART Strategies for Organizing Mutual Aid Praxis.*Michael Lee Hurst Jr., Swansea Mutual Aid Resource Treasury; and C. Michael Awsumb, Northwest Missouri State University
- *Theory, Measurement, and Ambiguity: A Critical Review of the Religion and Vaccination Literature.*Jade Anderson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- *Exploring the Urban/Rural Divide in Contemporary United States Politics.*Regina Matheson, St Ambrose University; Zachary Carlisle, St Ambrose University; and William Parsons, St Ambrose University
- *Utilitarianism in American Media: Nationalism and Rhetoric during Times of Crisis.*Aadil Ali, University of South Dakota; and Isaiah Cohen, University of South Dakota
- *The Social Media Paradox: Links to Loneliness, Mental Well-Being, and Cultural Perceptions.*Merideth Hansen, University of Wisconsin - River Falls
- *An Analysis of Moving and Staying Behaviors in the North Central Region.*Samantha Mori, Iowa State University
- *Acknowledgment of Social and Individual Forces in Short-form Financial Self-Help Media.*Seth Semmler, Luther College
- *Narrating the Carceral State: News Representations of Migrants Detained in Guantanamo Bay.*Caroline Geer, Michigan State University
- *Postpartum Depression: Understanding Experiences, Narratives, and Support Needs.*Munia Das, Wichita State University; and Jodie Hertzog, Wichita State University
- *Regional Dialect, Bullfighting, and Flamenco: Andalusian Identity and VOX's Rise.*Amelia Grace Worthington, Macalester College
- *Social Media, Surveillance, and Vulnerability in the Lives of Foster Youth.*Davanna Ditto, Midland University
- *A Quasi-Content Analysis of Gendered Images in Contemporary Media.*Virginia Williams, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

SESSION 56. POSTER SESSION	REGENCY - POSTERS	Friday · 10:30 am-11:15 am
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POSTER SESSION III

Presider: Liz Legerski, University of North Dakota

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- *Intersectional Activism among LGBT+ Adults of Color: The Role of Intragroup Marginalization, Identity, and Community.*Nick Hornsberry, DePaul University
- *Hair Stories: An Exploration of Black Women's Lived Experiences and Meaning Making.*Mikayla McIntosh, University of Illinois - Chicago; Ramiro Martinez, University of Illinois - Chicago; and Phillissa Dawson, University of Illinois - Chicago
- *Breaking the Green Glass Ceiling: Understanding Structural and Cultural Barriers to Women's Leadership in United States Environmental Organizations.*Maggie Frost, Michigan State University; and Sam Castonguay, Michigan State University
- *Food Insecurity at the Individual and Institutional Levels.*Taeya Waggerman, Wayne State College
- *Beyond the White Gaze: Black Veganism, Food Justice, and Community Care in Chicagoland.*Ashley Jacobsen, University of Illinois - Chicago; and Anaiyah Sutton, University of Illinois - Chicago
- *Queer Cyber-Victimology on Gay Dating Apps.*Jack Russell, University of Missouri Columbia
- *Bridging the Gap: The Role of Refugee Organizations in Resettlement in the United States and Spain.*Elizabeth Salley, Saint Louis University
- *The Use Violence by the Queercore Emotional Habitus.*Penelope Guequierre, Northern Michigan University
- *Imported Panic: Russian Anti-LGBTQ Narratives and the Rise of Moral Panics in Georgia.*Luka Lazishvili, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- *Advancing Rural Justice: Planning and Assessment of Legal Accessibility Initiatives in Underserved Communities.*Lauren Franks, Fort Hays State University; and Ziwei Qi, Fort Hays State University
- *"They Think We're Hicks": Stereotypes, Belonging, and NASCAR Fandom.*James King, University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire; and Peter Hart-Brinson, University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire
- *The Impact of Religiosity on Subjective Well-Being: Analyzing the Comparative Role of Religious Beliefs and Practices from the World Values Survey.*Tahmid Ul Islam, Texas Tech University
- *Crossing Borders: The Impact of Personal and Generational Immigration Experience on American Public Opinion.*Jamey Rhea, Doane College
- *Informing Policy: Examining Socio-Cultural Factors Influencing the Prevalence of Gender-Based Violence in Nigeria.*Patricia Mmeri Ebubechukwu, Illinois State University

SESSION 57. WORKSHOP

LENOX

Friday · 10:30 am-11:30 am

SOCIOLOGIST'S CRAFT: HOW TO DESIGN A SOTL (SCHOLARSHIP OF TEACHING AND LEARNING) STUDY

- *Facilitator.*Julie Pelton, University of Nebraska Omaha

SESSION 58. AUTHOR-MEETS-CRITICS SESSION

PORTLAND

Friday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

AUTHOR MEETS CRITICS PANEL FEATURING BRINGING LAW HOME: GENDER, RACE, AND HOUSEHOLD LABOR RIGHTS BY KATHERINE MAICH

Presider: Krista Lynn Minnotte, University of North Dakota

- *Author.*Katherine Maich, Texas A & M University - Central Texas
- *Critic.*Laura Krull, St. Norbert College
- *Critic.*Krista Lynn Minnotte, University of North Dakota
- *Critic.*Charlotte Kunkel, Luther College

- *Critic.*Sadie Pendaz-Foster, Inver Hills Community College

SESSION 59. AUTHOR-MEETS-CRITICS SESSION

WESTMINSTER

Friday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

AUTHOR MEETS CRITICS PANEL FEATURING EMERGENCY: COVID-19 AND THE UNEVEN VALUATION OF LIFE BY CLAIRE DECOTEAU

Presider: Gerry Cox, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

- *Author.*Claire Decoteau, University of Illinois - Chicago
- *Critic.*Gerry Cox, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse
- *Critic.*Etta Mathews, Duquesne University
- *Critic.*Stephanie Cecava-Scott, Illinois State University
- *Critic.*Omer Durfee, Jackson State Community College

SESSION 60. MEETING

OGLE

Friday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

FINANCE COMMITTEE

SESSION 61. PAPER SESSION

FORSYTH

Friday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

MEDIA CONSUMPTION, PORTRAYALS, AND REPRESENTATION

Presider: Katherine Furl, University of North Dakota

- *Paging Dr. Nowhere: Rural Health Care in Film and Television Narratives.*Kristi Brownfield, Northern State University; and Pamela Monaghan-Geernaert, Northern State University
- *Blind Box Consumption Across Borders: A Comparative Ethnography of Social and Morality Practice in China and the United States.*Xinyi Zheng, Macalester College
- *Client Expectations of Therapists: The Role of Media Consumption.*Lindsey Ibanez, Washburn University
- *The Ordinary Extraordinary in Productivity Influencers' Mobility Portrayals.*Katherine Furl, University of North Dakota; and Ken Kowalski, Marquette University

SESSION 62. PAPER SESSION

LINDELL A

Friday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

CRITICAL THEORY SESSION: CYBER-TECHNOLOGY, AI, AND THE HUMAN CONDITION

Presider: Joel Crombez, Kennesaw State University

- *AI and the War Machine: Critical Ontology of Technologically Mediated Collective Life.*Reha Kadakal, California State University Channel Islands
- *The Poverty of Imagination.*Joel Crombez, Kennesaw State University
- *Cybernetic Society: A Theory of Late Modernity.*Michael Thompson, William Paterson University of New Jersey
- *Interpassive Character Structure in the Contemporary Media Ecosystem: Theory and Consequences.*William J. Swart, Augustana University

SESSION 63. PAPER SESSION

LINDELL C

Friday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

EMBODIED NARRATIVES: SIZEISM AND STRUCTURAL INEQUALITY

Presider: Rochelle Rowley, Emporia State University

- *Hormonal Birth Control and Romantic Relationships.*Lacey Ritter, Mount Mercy University; Megan Jones, Mount Mercy University; Megan Minks, Mount Mercy University; and David Knox, East Carolina University
- *Bariatric Surgery and Heterosexual Relationships.*Corey Stevens, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
- *We Don't Talk about That: The Avoidance of Body Size and Maintenance of the Thin/Fat Dualism in United States Secondary-Level Health Curricula.*Sage Gladstone, Grinnell College
- *Emotional Weight: The Structural Inequality of Fat.*Kendra Pospisil, Lafayette College
- *Body Mapping on the College Campus: Reflections on a Radical Pedagogy.*Katherine Phelps, University of Wisconsin - Madison

SESSION 64. PAPER SESSION

LINDELL D

Friday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

INSTITUTIONS AND ADMINISTRATIONS OF THE ECONOMY AND GOVERNMENT: SYSTEMS, CONSTRAINTS, AND SOCIAL CONTROL

Presider: Wenquan Zhang, University of Wisconsin - Whitewater

- *Socioeconomic Status, Crisis, and Changes in Public Trust.*Xiaoyan Liang, University of Kansas
- *The Contradictions of Moral Hazard: Analyzing the Outcomes of Moral Hazard in Health Insurance.*Ray Lowstetter, DePaul University
- *Bridging the Gap or Strengthening the Divide: The Blue Line and Its Contribution to the Surveillance of BIPOC Communities.*Sarah Ragoonanan, Macalester College; Marco Lopez, Macalester College; and Leovigildo Lorenzo, Macalester College

SESSION 65. PAPER SESSION

MARYLAND A

Friday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

COMPLEXITIES AND INTERPLAY IN CULTURAL AND INSTITUTIONAL DISCOURSES AND STRUCTURES

Presider: Pauline Brown, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

- *Religion and the Construction of Motherhood and Addiction in Clinical Recovery Settings.*Kevin McElmurry, Indiana University Northwest; Monica Solinas-Saunders, Indiana University Northwest; Maureen Rutherford, Indiana University Northwest; Natasha Brown, Indiana University Northwest; and Mark Thomas, Indiana University Northwest
- *"Trust Me, I'm a Midwife": Online Negotiations of Expertise and Legitimacy in Midwifery Discourse.*Pauline Brown, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
- *College Students and Cycles of Protest.*Fiona Kelley, St Olaf College

SESSION 66. PAPER SESSION

MARYLAND B

Friday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN GENDER AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Presider: Aaron Puhmann, Grand View University

- *Assessing Gender Inequities in Vocational Programs in Prison.*Jordan Fritzsche, Webster University
- *Birth Behind Bars: The Carceral Control of Pregnant Women in Prison.*Rebecca Rodriguez Carey, Emporia State University
- *The Pervasive Mark: How Stigma Undermines Reintegration for Women on Probation and Parole.*Gifty Kinful, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
- *Perceptions of Sexual Violence in a Rural College Town.*Rylee Froberg, Wayne State College

- *A Reexamination of Gendered General Strain Theory: A Reexamination of Gendered General Strain Theory: The Role of Gender Identity and Expression in Adult Offending.*Aaron Puhmann, Grand View University

SESSION 67. PAPER SESSION

WATERMAN

Friday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

PERSISTENT HEALTH INEQUITIES AMONG RACE AND SEXUALITY GROUPS

Presider: Sunkanmi Folorunsho, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- *Do Psychosocial Factors Shape the Relationship between Adverse Childhood Experiences and Health among Diverse Adults in the United States? Results from the BRFSS, 2022-2023.*Kyler Sherman-Wilkins, Missouri State University; and Anthony Lam, Missouri State University
- *Do Birth Cohorts Matter? Sexual Minority Stress and Health within Racial/Ethnic Communities.*Philip J. Pettis, Michigan State University
- *Widowhood, Functional Impairment, and Depressive Symptoms in Older Adults: A Syndemic Framework for Understanding Late-Life Vulnerability.*Sunkanmi Folorunsho, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

SESSION 68. WORKSHOP

KINGSBURY

Friday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

FROM UNDERGRAD TO GRAD, WHAT'S NEXT? A HOW-TO SESSION FOR UNDERGRADUATES

Student Interest Committee Session

Are you approaching graduation and unsure whether graduate school is the right path for you? Feeling overwhelmed by applications, program options, or just not sure where to begin? You're not alone and this session is here to help! Join us for an interactive workshop featuring a graduate program coordinator and current graduate students who will share their experiences and insights. They'll walk you through the application process, discuss what grad school is really like, and answer any questions you have. Whether you're seriously considering grad school or just exploring your options, this is a great opportunity to get honest advice and practical tips. Come with questions, our panel is ready to help!

- *Facilitator.*Brenna Jones, Illinois State University
- *Facilitator.*Rachel Whaley, Southern Illinois University
- *Facilitator.*S M Ashfaur Rahman, Minnesota State University, Mankato
- *Facilitator.*Holly Stock, University of Missouri
- *Facilitator.*Jenny Ofoe, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

SESSION 69. THEMATIC PANEL

LINDELL B

Friday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

STANDING UP FOR SOCIOLOGY: STRENGTHENING OUR DISCIPLINE IN TROUBLED TIMES

Presiders: Jennifer Pearson, Wichita State University

- *Panelist.*Adia Harvey Wingfield, Washington University in St Louis
- *Panelist.*Laurie Linhart, Des Moines Area Community College
- *Panelist.*Lukas Szrot, Bemidji State University

SESSION 70. POSTER SESSION

REGENCY - POSTERS

Friday · 11:15 am-12:00 pm

POSTER SESSION IV

Presider: Liz Legerski, University of North Dakota

- *Family-Based Immigration and Coercive Vulnerability: The Paradox of Support and Control.*Vahid Jadidi, University of Notre Dame
- *Coping with Radicalization: An Examination of Grief Experiences among Family Members of Homegrown Violent Extremists.*Lauren Etzel, University of Maine
- *Which Matters More? Comparing the Effects of School Engagement and Family Context on Juvenile Recidivism in Florida Probation Youth.*Shadrach Sackey, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- *Children and General Happiness.*Marina Tatum, Murray State University
- *Reimagining Kinship: Examining the Impact of Sexual Orientation on Attitudes of Blood Relatives Versus Chosen Family.*Addison Rosno, Doane College
- *Socioeconomic Status, Working Hours, and Perceived Work Family Conflict.*Brooke Cox, Doane College
- *Redefining the Nuclear Family? Exploring Gen Z Perspectives on Relationships and the Family.*Isaiah Cohen, University of South Dakota; Skyler DeBoer, University of South Dakota; and Tristan Helgeson, University of South Dakota
- *To Infinity and Fatherhood: Exploring Masculinity in Disney Pixar Fathers.*K. Hannah Wales, Texas State University
- *Son Preference and Its Impact on Modern Contraceptive Method Choices among Married Women in Bangladesh.*Israt Sultana Nishe, Texas Tech University
- *Reconfiguring Romance: Perceptions of AI Algorithms and their Impact on Relationship Patterns in America.*Lisa Luo, University of Notre Dame
- *Perceptions of Work and Identity of Rural Family Farms.*Aubrie Erickson, Wayne State College

SESSION 71. MEETING	LENOX	Friday · 12:00 pm-12:45 pm
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MIDWEST SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY BUSINESS MEETING

SESSION 72. PLENARY	KHORASSAN BALLROOM	Friday · 1:00 pm-2:30 pm
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PLENARY SESSION I

- *All I Wanna Say is That / They Don't Really Care about Us.*Tracie Canada, Duke University

SESSION 73. POSTER SESSION	REGENCY - POSTERS	Friday · 2:50 pm-3:35 pm
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POSTER SESSION V

Presider: Paige Miller, University of Wisconsin - River Falls

- *Beyond Stereotypes: Understanding Attitudes Toward Female Law Enforcement.*Emily Murray, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
- *Fascinated by Fear: How True Crime Shapes Our Sense of Safety.*Madeline Brock, University of Wisconsin - River Falls
- *More than a Sentence: Exploring the Sociological Impact of Plea Bargaining and Incarceration.*Kassi Hanson, Midland University
- *Early Adversity and the Allure of the Macabre: An Exploratory Study of True Crime Consumption.*Zoe Logan, University of Wisconsin - River Falls
- *Racialized Punishment from Slavery to Mass Incarceration: Institutional Logics and Prison Culture in the United States.*Rachael Hampton, University of Kansas
- *From Crimes to Cries: The Idea of Victimization Portrayed through Media.*Riley Robidoux, University of Missouri Columbia
- *Reciprocity of Fahrenheit 451.*Elisabeth Merchant, Charter Oak State College

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- *Place Managers and Geography of Crime around Amusement Parks.*Austin Roth, Truman State University
- *Improving Legal Representation for Immigrants in Detention: A Policy Analysis on Access to Counsel and Due Process.*Ashly Villeda-Guillen, Wayne State College
- *Knowledgeable Awareness of Racial Incarceration Disparities and Attitudes Regarding Criminal Justice Reform.*Sampa Shikdar, Western Illinois University
- *Mental Health and Recidivism: Perceptions of Law Enforcement Officers on Criminal Mental Health.*Chase Steele, University of Wisconsin - River Falls
- *Fear and Reality: College Students' Perceptions of Crime.*Andrew Karls, University of Wisconsin - River Falls
- *The True Expression Pursuit.*Anabeth Ratzlaff, Fort Hays State University

SESSION 74. Q&A	KHORASSAN BALLROOM	Friday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm
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STUDENT-LED PLENARY Q&A - TRACIE CANADA

Presider: Brenna Jones, Illinois State University

SESSION 75. THEMATIC PAPER SESSION	LINDELL B	Friday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm
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LIMITS TO EMERGENCY CARE

Presider: Memory Manda, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- *Factors Associated with Racial Differences in Health Care Access.*Memory Manda, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and Christina D. Falci, University of Alabama-Birmingham
- *Racial Disparities in Reproductive Healthcare: Geographic Differences in Accessing Emergency Contraception (EC) at Retail Pharmacies in the United States.*Oluwafolake Ogunkale, Texas Tech University; and Brandon Wagner, Texas Tech University
- *Spanish for the Health Professions as a Tool for Addressing Disparities.*Bruno Miranda Guerra, Missouri State University

SESSION 76. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SESSION	MARYLAND B	Friday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm
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IMMIGRANT RESETTLEMENT: ST. LOUIS AS A CARING COMMUNITY

Presider: Linda Lindsey, Washington University in St Louis

- *Panelist.*Ann Wittman, Welcome Neighbor STL
- *Panelist.*Remi Gavlick, Migrant and Immigrant Community Action (MICA) Project
- *Panelist.*Fred P. Pestello, Saint Louis University
- *Panelist.*Frances G. Pestello, Saint Louis University and Board Member of International Institute of Saint Louis

SESSION 77. AUTHOR-MEETS-CRITICS SESSION	WESTMINSTER	Friday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm
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AUTHOR MEETS CRITICS PANEL FEATURING *FUNK THE CLOCK: TRANSGRESSING TIME WHILE YOUNG, PERCEPTIVE, AND BLACK* BY RAHSAAN MAHADEO

Presider: Paul Croll, Augustana College

- *Author.*Rahsaan Mahadeo, University of Minnesota
- *Critic.*Michelle Parks, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
- *Critic.*C. Michael Awsumb, Northwest Missouri State University
- *Critic.*Paul Croll, Augustana College

- *Critic.*Abigail Tobias-Lauerman, South Dakota State University

SESSION 78. PANEL SESSION	KINGSBURY	Friday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm
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FOSTERING CONNECTION, COMMUNITY, AND ENGAGEMENT IN THE DIGITAL CLASSROOM

Presider: Christy Craig, Fort Hays State University

- *Panelist.*Christy Craig, Fort Hays State University
- *Panelist.*Aho Tabatabai, Columbia College
- *Panelist.*Kevin McCannon, University of Kansas
- *Panelist.*Daniel Bartholomay, University of North Dakota

SESSION 79. PANEL SESSION	LINDELL C	Friday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm
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RECLAIMING SOCIOLOGY BY SHARING THE PROMISES OF SOCIOLOGICAL IDEAS

Presider: Erik Larson, Macalester College

Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) Session

- *Panelist.*Gabe Kilzer, University of North Dakota
- *Panelist.*Khalidoun Samman, Macalester College
- *Panelist.*Adia Harvey Wingfield, Washington University in St Louis
- *Panelist.*Erik Larson, Macalester College

SESSION 80. MEETING	OGLE	Friday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm
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PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

SESSION 81. PAPER SESSION	FORSYTH	Friday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm
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HISTORICAL AND POLITICAL CLAIMS: CONTEXTS FOR COMPARISON

Presider: Nathan Katz, Louisiana Tech University

- *Strategic Care or Soft Power? A Reflection on China's New Silk Road Initiative.*Ali Kamali, Missouri Western State University
- **College Student Protests in Response to Israel's Invasion of Gaza: Discursive Space and Borderization.*Ori Eikenberry, St Olaf College
- *Why Nazi Punks Won't Fuck Off.*Nathan Katz, Louisiana Tech University
- *When the Government Goes Rogue: Popular Responses Thwarting Attempted Martial Law in South Korea.*Chad Anderson, Incheon National University; and Hyejin Wang, Incheon National University

SESSION 82. PAPER SESSION	LINDELL A	Friday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm
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MEDIA AND THE MAKING OF MORAL WORLDS

Presider: Ryuto Hashimoto, University of Missouri Columbia

- *Superman vs the Ironic Detachment of Modern Fascist Ideology.*Joseph Allen, Northern Michigan University
- *Watching Japan Change: Generational Shifts in T.V. Consumption.*Ryuto Hashimoto, University of Missouri Columbia; and Chao Liu, Minnesota State University, Mankato
- *"Because They Share the Same Values We Have:" Examining Far-Right Health Advertisements.*Charles Herro, University of Kansas; and Rose Marie See, Columbia University

- *Exploring Linguistic Cues: The Language of Character and Character Development.*Ayane Jarso, St Olaf College; Sophia Tedesco, St Olaf College; and Jennifer Vasquez, St Olaf College

SESSION 83. PAPER SESSION

LINDELL D

Friday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm

IDENTITIES AND SUBCULTURES IN POPULAR CULTURE

Presider: Brian Donovan, University of Kansas

- *Super Latinos: A Content Analysis of Latino Characters in Superhero Films.*Arianna Saettele, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- *Critiquing Incel Research: (Problematic?) Trends and Where to Go Next.*Christian Schlaerth, Luther College; and Aaron Puhrmann, Grand View University
- *"If My Friend Was in an Abusive Relationship, I Wouldn't Be Like, 'Well, if it Makes You Happy!'"*: Ambiguities Surrounding "Trad Wives" on Commentary YouTube.Savannah Burke, University of North Carolina; and Katherine Furl, University of North Dakota
- *Beyond the Stadium: Collective Effervescence and Emotional Energy at Taylor Swift's Eras Tour.*Brian Donovan, University of Kansas

SESSION 84. PAPER SESSION

MARYLAND A

Friday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm

CHALLENGES TO THRIVING IN RURAL ENVIRONMENTS: FOOD INSECURITY, HEALTH DISPARITIES, AND IDEOLOGICAL FRAGMENTATION

Presider: Joseph Abbot, Rhodes State College

- *Meeting Them Where They're At: Rural Health Challenges and Barriers.*Justin Yates, University of Michigan
- *Across the Fence Line: How Ideological Differences Shape Farming and Community in the Rural Midwest.*Brock Edwards, Kansas State University
- *Food Insecurity on Rural College Campuses: An Exploratory Study of Prevalence, Aptitudes, and Attitudes.*Audrey Loggins, Wayne State College
- *Prevalence and Determinants of Household Food Insecurity in Southwest Coastal Bangladesh.*Israt Jahan Juie, Oklahoma State University; Md Sakib Al Hassan, Khulna University Bangladesh; Abdul Elah Al Mahde, Khulna University Bangladesh; and Md Ashfikur Rahman, Khulna University Bangladesh

SESSION 85. PAPER SESSION

PORTLAND

Friday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm

IMAGINING AND ENACTING SOCIOLOGICAL POSSIBILITIES IN TEACHING AND RESEARCH PRACTICE

Presider: Ray Hutchison, University of Wisconsin - Green Bay

- *Teaching about Death, Grief and Bereavement: A Sociological Perspective.*Gerry Cox, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse
- *When Sociology Travels: Practicing Sociological Thinking in Industry Settings.*Danielle Giffort, Ipsos
- *Finding Newness in the Familiar: Doing Longitudinal Survey Research.*Charlotte Kunkel, Luther College; and Ronald Ferguson, Ridgewater College
- *Should We Even be Teaching DEI?: Shared Experience from Teaching a First-Year Seminar.*Ray Hutchison, University of Wisconsin - Green Bay

SESSION 86. PAPER SESSION

WATERMAN

Friday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm

CHARACTER, CONTEXT, AND CONDITION: EDUCATION AND THE IMPACT ON STUDENTS

Presider: Jerrod Yarosh, University of South Caroline Lancaster

- *Balancing Challenges and Psychosocial Well-Being: The Importance of Team Culture and Coach Support for International Student-Athletes.*Sophia Coleta, Missouri State University; Ashleen Girm, Missouri State University; Ashley Houston, Missouri Southern State University; and Kyler Sherman-Wilkins, Missouri State University
- *"Sorry, I'm Too Busy": Barriers to Character Education.*Alenna White, St Olaf College; and Ryan Sheppard, St Olaf College
- *Signals from the School: Do Positive and Negative Messages Shape Family Engagement?.*Isaiah Cohen, University of South Dakota; and Mark Schafer, Louisiana State University

SESSION 87. WORKSHOP	LENOX	Friday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm
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PUBLISHING IN ACADEMIC JOURNALS: TIPS AND TRICKS ON NAVIGATING THE PUBLISHING LANDSCAPE

Publications Committee Session

Publications are essential in academia, yet getting your work published in a journal poses a range of challenges that are not always easy to navigate. Desk rejects, peer review, editorial constraints, artificial intelligence, and Open Access publishing are some of many obstacles that arise leaving unanswered questions. This session will offer a comprehensive look at the current publishing landscape. Crafted with graduate students and early-career researchers in mind, James Carr of Taylor & Francis, will discuss the best ways to avoid a desk reject, requirements around A.I. use, and journal editor expectations, as well as address any specific concerns you might have. James has been an academic, a researcher, a managing editor of a journal, and now a publisher with T&F, offering a unique blend of perspectives to these various topics.

- *Facilitator.*James Carr, Taylor and Francis

SESSION 88. POSTER SESSION	REGENCY - POSTERS	Friday · 3:35 pm-4:20 pm
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POSTER SESSION VI

Presider: Paige Miller, University of Wisconsin - River Falls

- *A Mental Health Policy Reform for Breast Cancer Patients.*Reagan Strong, Wayne State College
- *When Policy Becomes Health: Abortion Restrictions and the Effect of Women's Wellbeing across States.*Rasheedah Na'Allah, University of Illinois - Chicago
- *Community Cultivation: Building Community Health, Growth, and Sustainability through a Community Garden.*Lauren Franks, Fort Hays State University
- *Food Environments, Race, Obesity, and Type 2 Diabetes: A County-Level Analysis in the United States.*Sreemoyee Naskar, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- *Invisible Disability, Deviance, and Stigma Management.*Ren Holt, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- *The Neoliberal Shift in Body Positivity: Commodifying Empowerment and Individualizing Resistance.*Megan Sinnaeve, North Central College
- *Health Care Disparities: How American Indian Populations Face a Statistically Lower Life Expectancy than the Average American.*Zoe Martin, Doane College
- *How Does the Effect of Awareness of Health Inequities and Structural Racism Increase Public Support for Community-Based Health Initiatives in the United States?.*Jenny Ofoc, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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- *Culturally Appropriate Transformation to a Culture of Health (C.A.T.C.H.): A Model for Improving Foreign Born Individuals Health Care in the United States.*Ellie Smith, Saint Louis University; Yasheta Naik, Saint Louis University; Wanich Suksatan, Saint Louis University; Gurusai Sujitha Peramsetty, Saint Louis University; Tanyathorn Hauwadhanasuk, Saint Louis University; and Hisako Matsuo, Saint Louis University
- *Perils of an Unresolved Second Shift.*Deandrea Rivera, Wayne State College
- *Abortion Attitudes and Demographics.*Morgan Smith, Doane College

SESSION 89. SOCIAL GATHERING

REGENCY - EXHIBITS FIRST GEN TABLE

Friday · 4:40 pm-5:10 pm

CALLING ALL FIRST GENERATION/WORKING CLASS STUDENTS PAST AND PRESENT

First Generation and Working-Class Committee Session

Based on feedback concerning First Generation student conference needs, we will gather again during the Past Presidents' Social. Undergraduate and graduate students, college/university administrators, and faculty who also were first in their family to attend college and/ or from working-class backgrounds can meet one another. We will get to know each other, share stories, and provide informal mentoring over a hot beverage. Members of the First Generation and Working-Class Committee will be available for your questions and input. The First Generation and Working-Class Committee will also be holding its raffle drawing at this time. Join us for some First Gen Fun!

SESSION 90. SOCIAL GATHERING

REGENCY - PAST PRESIDENT SOCIAL

Friday · 4:40 pm-5:10 pm

MSS SOCIAL HONORING PAST PRESIDENTS

SESSION 91. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

KHORASSAN BALLROOM

Friday · 5:20 pm-6:40 pm

MSS AWARDS CEREMONY AND PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Presider: Joel Best, University of Delaware

- *Small Talk, Big Consequences: A Sociological Analysis of Academic Mentoring.*Laurie Linhart, Des Moines Area Community College

SESSION 92. EVENT

KHORASSAN BALLROOM - PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION

Friday · 6:45 pm-7:30 pm

MSS PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION

SESSION 93. MEETING

PORTLAND

Friday · 8:00 pm-9:30 pm

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SESSION 94. MEETING

PLAZA

Saturday · 7:00 am-8:20 am

COMMITTEE CHAIRS BREAKFAST

SESSION 95. TOUR

HOTEL LOBBY

Saturday · 8:00 am-12:00 pm

VIRTUAL LEARNING AND SOCIOLOGY AT ST CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Presider: Vicky Herbel, St Charles Community College

Please meet in the main hotel lobby by 7:45 a.m. for departure.

SESSION 96. EVENT	KHORASSAN WEST - EXHIBITS	Saturday · 8:00 am-5:00 pm
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SESSION 97. STUDENTS-MEET-SCHOLARS ROUNDTABLE SESSION	KHORASSAN - ROUNDTABLES	Saturday · 8:40 am-10:10 am
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STUDENTS-MEET-SCHOLARS ROUNDTABLES

- *Topic: Environmental Sociology.*Camilo Godoy, University of Florida
- *Topic: Social Justice/Inequality and Urban Politics.*C. Michael Awsumb, Northwest Missouri State University
- *Topic: Community Based/Participatory Action Research.*Fatima Sattar, Governors State University
- *Topic: For Profit/Non-Profit Jobs.*Jerrod Yarosh, University of South Carolina Lancaster
- *Topic: Academic Jobs/Teaching.*Betsy Lucal, Indiana University South Bend
- *Topic: Religion.*Laura Krull, St. Norbert College
- *Topic: Gender Based Violence/Military.*Colleen Schoenfeld, California Institute of Integral Studies
- *Topic: Feminist Ethnography/Subcultures.*Sarah Hoiland, City University of New York - Hostos Community College
- *Topic: Gender/Criminology/Quantitative Research/Navigating Graduate School.*Rachel Whaley, Southern Illinois University

SESSION 98. THEMATIC PAPER SESSION	LINDELL A	Saturday · 8:40 am-10:10 am
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WHO CARES? THE BUILDING BLOCKS FOR COMMUNITIES OF CARE

Presider: Michael O. Johnston, William Penn University

- *The Significance of Moral Resilience in Addressing Moral Distress.*Etta Mathews, Duquesne University
- *Abolitionist Care and Selfhood: Reimagining the Individual in Prisoner Solidarity Organizing.*Becca Chalit Hernandez, Colorado State University
- *Carrying Care: How Women Gun Owners Think about Protection.*Margaret S. Kelley, University of Kansas

SESSION 99. PANEL SESSION	LINDELL C	Saturday · 8:40 am-10:10 am
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RECLAIMING SOCIOLOGY BY USING SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH TO ADDRESS SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Presider: Joseph Jochman, University of North Dakota

Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) Session

- *Panelist.*Lisa Gulya, Macalester College
- *Panelist.*Harland Prechel, Texas A & M University
- *Panelist.*Yakov Shchukin, The Climate Corporation
- *Panelist.*Joseph Jochman, University of North Dakota

SESSION 100. MEETING	OGLE	Saturday · 8:40 am-10:10 am
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SOCIOLOGICAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE

SESSION 101. PANEL SESSION	REGENCY	Saturday · 8:40 am-10:10 am
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FEDERAL POLICY AND SOCIOLOGY: DEVELOPMENTS, IMPACTS, AND OPPORTUNITIES

President: Michael Haedicke, University of Maine

- *Panelist.Wendy Naus, COSSA*

SESSION 102. PANEL SESSION

WESTMINSTER

Saturday · 8:40 am-10:10 am

ANNUAL MEETING SITE/HOTEL SELECTION: EVERYTHING EVERY MSS MEMBER SHOULD KNOW

President: Patrick McGinty, Western Illinois University

Annual Meeting Committee Session

- *Panelist.Patrick McGinty, Western Illinois University*
- *Panelist.Jennifer Talarico, Midwest Sociological Society*

SESSION 103. PAPER SESSION

FORSYTH

Saturday · 8:40 am-10:10 am

TOPICS IN FIRST GENERATION/WORKING CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

President: Diane Rodgers, Northern Illinois University

First Generation and Working-Class Committee Session

- *Introducing the 1.5 Generation College Student and Reconceptualizing the Second-Generation College Student.Giovanna Follo, Wright State University*
- *The Salience of Mental Illness in Students' Lives and Psychological Well-Being: Privilege Matters.Lizabeth Crawford, Bradley University; and Katherine (Kate) Novak, Butler University*
- *It'll Get There When I Get There: Pathways to Academia for First Gen Sociologists.Kevin McCannon, University of Kansas*

SESSION 104. PAPER SESSION

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Saturday · 8:40 am-10:10 am

EDUCATIONAL MILIEUS: STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

President: Jessica Schachle-Gordon, Stephen F Austin State University

- *Sex Education in Brazil from the Perspectives of Teachers and Students.Daniel da Silva Mendes, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and Kelsy Burke, University of Nebraska-Lincoln*
- *The Effect of Negative Exemplars on Character Development in College Students.Riley Ledman, St Olaf College; Emma Linder, St Olaf College; Moises Martinez, St Olaf College; and Mary Vang, St Olaf College*
- *How Marginalized Students and their Organizations Navigate Belonging in the Wake of Anti-DEI Legislation.Jessica Schachle-Gordon, Stephen F Austin State University*
- *Racialization and Stress Processes in School Contexts: The Relationship between School Suspension, Psychosocial Resources, and Depressive Symptoms among African American and Afro-Caribbean Adolescents.Monisola Vaughan Smith, Washington University in St Louis*

SESSION 105. PAPER SESSION

LINDELL D

Saturday · 8:40 am-10:10 am

SOCIOLOGY, SOCIAL THEORY, AND SCIENCE FICTION

President: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee Knoxville

- *The Inversion of Subject and Object in Science Fiction and the Logic of the Commodity*.Reha Kadakal, California State University Channel Islands
- *Keynesian "Leisure Society" as Science Fiction or Queer Possibility?*.Anthony J. Knowles, University of Tennessee Knoxville
- *Colossus and the Architecture of Control: Artificial Intelligence, Neorealism, and the Social Embedding of Technological Consciousness*.Dler Awsman, University of Tennessee Knoxville
- *How Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey" Illustrates the Dialectic of Enlightenment*.Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee Knoxville

SESSION 106. PAPER SESSION

MARYLAND B

Saturday · 8:40 am-10:10 am

POLITICS AND IDENTITY

Presider: Holly Stock, University of Missouri

- *Racial Voluntarism and Gender Voluntarism*.Raj Ghoshal, Elon University; and Dan Hopkins, University of Pennsylvania
- *Adorno, Foucault, and National Identity*.Dan Rogers, CUNY Graduate Center
- *Divided We Stand: Perceiving Democracy in a Polarized Georgia*.Luka Lazishvili, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

SESSION 107. PAPER SESSION

WATERMAN

Saturday · 8:40 am-10:10 am

QUEER RESISTANCE AND RESILIENCE

Presider: Jennifer Pearson, Wichita State University

- *The Revolutionary Power of Queer Joy*.Jennifer Pearson, Wichita State University
- *Resilience in the Face of Anti-Queer Policy among LGBTQ+ Advocates in a Missouri Non-Profit: An Exploratory Study*.Kyler Sherman-Wilkins, Missouri State University; and Myles Ramey, Missouri State University
- *The Artwork of Fat Gay Men from Girth and Mirth Clubs*.Jason Whitesel, Illinois State University

SESSION 108. WORKSHOP

KINGSBURY

Saturday · 8:40 am-10:10 am

THRIVING IN GRADUATE SCHOOL: A HOW-TO SESSION FOR EARLY GRADUATE STUDENTS

Student Issues Committee Session

Just beginning your graduate journey and feeling uncertain about what's ahead? You're not alone! This session is designed for early graduate students who want to get a head start on making the most of their program. Our panel of later-stage graduate students and faculty will share practical advice on developing a thesis or research project, balancing coursework and professional development, and exploring career paths both inside and outside academia. We'll also talk about building mentoring relationships, networking effectively, and managing the challenges of graduate life. Whether you're thinking ahead to your thesis, considering your options after graduation, or just trying to find your footing, this workshop will offer honest insights and helpful strategies to set you up for success!

- *Facilitator*.Brenna Jones, Illinois State University
- *Facilitator*.Joshua Stout, Illinois State University
- *Facilitator*.Alexandra Herron, University of Iowa
- *Facilitator*.Aaron Stagoff-Belfort, University of Chicago

- *Facilitator.*Meghna Gogoi, University of Nevada Las Vegas

SESSION 109. WORKSHOP	LINDELL B	Saturday · 8:40 am-10:10 am
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THE SOCIOLOGICAL QUARTERLY EDITOR: MEET YOUR EDITOR AND RECEIVE ADVICE ON PUBLISHING

Publications Committee Session

In this regularly held session, join us for the opportunity to learn more about publishing in The Sociological Quarterly. The current TSQ editor will offer his perspective on scholarly publishing and reviewing for the journal.

- *Facilitator.*Jonathan Coley, Oklahoma State University

SESSION 110. WORKSHOP	MARYLAND A	Saturday · 8:40 am-10:10 am
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AN AI TOOLKIT FOR TEACHERS AND LEARNERS: USING AI TO ENHANCE THE SHARED LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Committee for Teaching and Learning Session

This interactive workshop invites educators to explore the potential of AI as a toolkit for enhancing both teaching and learning. Whether you're teaching online, face-to-face, or in hybrid formats, we'll cover practical and effective ways AI can support instructional goals without falling into the trap of student cognitive offloading or misuse. Rather than focusing on the challenges of generative AI, this workshop will highlight the possibilities: How AI can enrich course design, foster student engagement, and level the playing field for different types of learners. Participants will be introduced to integrative tools and be encouraged to reflect on how these tools might benefit their own courses and learning communities. Please bring your laptops or tablets for this hands-on, interactive, workshop!

- *Facilitator.*Sandra Loughrin, University of Nebraska Kearney

SESSION 111. 3M THESIS	EMPIRE	Saturday · 8:40 am-10:10 am
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3MT PRACTICE

Presider: Sarah (Frankie) Frank, University of Wisconsin - Madison

This session is an optional opportunity for 3MT competitors to practice with the session presider!

SESSION 112. WORKSHOP	PORTLAND	Saturday · 9:00 am-10:00 am
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SOCIOLOGIST'S CRAFT: HOW TO STEWARD YOUR TIME AND VOLUNTEER RESOURCES

- *Facilitator.*Sadie Pendaz-Foster, Inver Hills Community College

SESSION 113. WORKSHOP	LENEX	Saturday · 10:30 am-11:30 am
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SOCIOLOGIST'S CRAFT: FOCUS GROUPS AS SOCIAL PRACTICE: DESIGN, FACILITATION AND ANALYSIS IN SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH

- *Facilitator.*Darcie Vandegrift, Metropolitan Council

SESSION 114. AUTHOR-MEETS-CRITICS SESSION	PORTLAND	Saturday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm
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AUTHOR MEETS CRITICS PANEL FEATURING CRAFTING DIGNITY: HOW IMMIGRANT DAIRY WORKERS TRANSFORM RURAL COMMUNITIES BY ALISA GARNI

Presider: Michael O. Johnston, William Penn University

- *Author.*Alisa Garni, Kansas State University
- *Critic.*Qixin Pan, University of Kansas
- *Critic.*Sadie Pendaz-Foster, Inver Hills Community College
- *Critic.*David Blouin, Indiana University South Bend
- *Critic.*Michael O. Johnston, William Penn University

SESSION 115. PANEL SESSION

FORSYTH

Saturday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

SOCIOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Presider: Timothy Pippert, Augsburg University

- *Panelist.*Kristi Brownfield, Northern State University
- *Panelist.*Kayla Pritchard, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
- *Panelist.*Allison Vetter, University of Arkansas
- *Panelist.*Lisa Waldner, University of St Thomas

SESSION 116. MEETING

WESTMINSTER

Saturday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

SESSION 117. PAPER SESSION

LINDELL A

Saturday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

SYMBOLIC INTERACTIONIST RESEARCH

Presider: David Schweingruber, Iowa State University

Society for the Study of Symbolic Interactionism Session

- *The Structure of Internal Conversations.*David Schweingruber, Iowa State University
- *On Saying Goodbye: Interactional Role Liminality and Post-Death Symbolic Interaction.*Deborah Cobb, Minnesota State University, Mankato
- *Mitigating “Weird”: How Undergraduate Peer Mentors Navigate the Crossing of Role Boundaries.*Emery Teague, Macalester College
- *Role-Taking, Stress and Support: An Interactionist Perspective on Adolescent Substance Use.*Sarah Malone, University of Iowa
- *Building Together On My Own: Student Culture, Block Play, and the Collective Preservation of Autonomy in an Urban Preschool.*Missi Jacobson, Erikson Institute; and Judson Everitt, Loyola University Chicago

SESSION 118. PAPER SESSION

LINDELL B

Saturday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

CRITICAL THEORY SESSION: ALIENATION, CONFLICT, AND VIOLENCE

Presider: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee Knoxville

- *Postone, Critical Theory, and the Abolition of “Labor”.*Alexander Stoner, Northern Michigan University
- *What’s Left Unsaid: Psychodynamics of Political Conflict among a Group of Brazilian Affines.*Matheus Romanetto, University of Kansas
- *Estrangement and Cognition: Riesman and Williams Revisited.*Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee Knoxville

- *Desire and Dissolution: Collective Violence and the Crises of Collective Life in the 21st Century.*Reha Kadakal, California State University Channel Islands

SESSION 119. PAPER SESSION

LINDELL C

Saturday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

WHAT STUDENTS WANT: STUDENT INTERESTS AND DESIRES

Presider: Anne Brown, Washington University in St Louis

- *Character Education Desires: What College Students Want in a Character Education Program.*Alice Boerner, St Olaf College; and Declan Coleman, St Olaf College
- *The Importance of Specific Character Traits: A Study for Developing Undergraduate Character Education.*Garrett Fitzgerald, St Olaf College
- *Science Identity and Faculty Mentorship in STEM.*Joseph Jochman, University of North Dakota; and Daphne Pedersen, University of North Dakota
- *The Imagined Divide: Sex Education Experiences of Adults.*Anne Brown, Washington University in St Louis; and Zarah Robinson, Saint Louis University

SESSION 120. PAPER SESSION

LINDELL D

Saturday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

POLITICAL DISCOURSE IN A POLARIZED ENVIRONMENT

Presider: Adam Loesch, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

- *Framing the Nation: Diagnostic, Prognostic, and Adversarial Frames in Republican and Democratic Political Rhetoric.*Kaniz Fatema, University of Kansas
- *Who are the Authoritarians?: Dimensions and Demographics of Political Authoritarianism.*Adam Loesch, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
- *Plutocratic Surveillance: The National Security State and Palantir.*Evan Gunderson, City University of New York
- *Mobilizing for Medicare for All in an Increasingly Prohibitive Environment of Opportunity.*Lindy S. Hern, University of Hawaii at Hilo

SESSION 121. PAPER SESSION

MARYLAND B

Saturday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

IMMIGRANT RIGHTS AND LEGAL STATUS? AN ERA OF HEIGHTENED IMMIGRATION POLICY ENFORCEMENT AND MASS DEPORTATION IN THE UNITED STATES

Presider: Peter Kivisto, Augustana College

- *New Memes, Old Racism: The Propaganda of Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the Era of Mass Deportation.*Emily Navarro, Elmhurst College
- *Navigating Liminality in the American City: Migrants and Organizers in Chicago.*Sophia Costa, University of Chicago
- *The Dilemma of Return: Mexican, Puerto Rican, Colombian, and Cuban Immigrants in the United States.*Silvia Pedraza, University of Michigan

SESSION 122. PAPER SESSION

WATERMAN

Saturday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

DURKHEIM'S LEGACY: FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE ACROSS EDUCATION, ECONOMICS, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Presider: Peter Marina, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

- *Durkheim and the Roots of Cliometric Reasoning.*Michael Hauptert, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse; Jean-Daniel Boyer, BETA/CNRS and University of Strasbourg; and Claude Diebolt, BETA/CNRS and University of Strasbourg
- *Teaching at the Crossroads: Global Consciousness and Cultural Competence in Small Town Education.*Jennifer Pierce, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse
- *From Anomie to Empathy: Why Police Need Sociology More than Handcuffs.*Peter Marina, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse
- *Notes from a Retired New Orleans Lieutenant: 25 Years of Policing Anomie.*Pedro Marina, NOPD

Discussant: Michael Hauptert, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

**SESSION 123. ROUNDTABLE
SESSION**

**KHORASSAN BALLROOM -
ROUNDTABLES TABLE 1**

Saturday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING: EFFECTS, INTERVENTIONS, AND THERAPY OUTCOMES

Presider: Elizabeth Felix, University of Kansas

- *Therapy Modality and Client Satisfaction: Evidence from MTurk and ResearchMatch.*Lindsey Ibanez, Washburn University
- *The Effects of Divorce on Children's Education and Mental Health in Africa.*Nafisat Agunbiade, Wayne State University
- *Religiosity and Mental Health: Examining Potential Influences on Mental Health Outcomes.*Rory Odom, Murray State University
- *Beyond the Individual: A Critical Review of Public Health Approaches to Gambling-Related Harm.*Rowland Edet, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**SESSION 124. ROUNDTABLE
SESSION**

**KHORASSAN BALLROOM -
ROUNDTABLES TABLE 2**

Saturday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

ATTITUDES, VALUE-JUDGMENTS, AND MORALITY

Presider: Jamy Rentschler, Iowa State University

- *Narcissism as a Moral Label: From Psychoanalytic Term to Moral Condemnation.*Audrey Truitt, Minnesota State University, Mankato
- *Birds of a Feather: Explaining Variations in Christians' News Media Choices.*Jamy Rentschler, Iowa State University; and Jessica Douglass-Eurich, University of Iowa
- *More Than Just a Walk: Assessing the Link Between Parks and Environmental Attitudes.*Jerrold Yarosh, University of South Carolina Lancaster
- *Celebrating Funerals as Weddings: A Computational Text Study of Chinese Civic Organizations' COVID Response.*Rui Chen, Harvard University

**SESSION 125. ROUNDTABLE
SESSION**

**KHORASSAN BALLROOM -
ROUNDTABLES TABLE 3**

Saturday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

POWER AND AUTHORITY IN SOCIAL SETTINGS

Presider: Sumaiya Akter, Western Illinois University

- *The Donaldization of Society: Institutional Cynicism, Charismatic Authority, and De-McDonaldization.*Jason Surratt, Hawkeye Community College
- *Faith and Femininity on Instagram: Interfaith Women's Responses to Gendered Religious Message.*Sumaiya Akter, Western Illinois University

- *It's All Relative: How Ethno-Racialized Milwaukeeans Frame their Cultural Identity.*Bridget McCann, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

**SESSION 126. ROUNDTABLE
SESSION**

**KHORASSAN BALLROOM -
ROUNDTABLES TABLE 4**

Saturday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

DEMOGRAPHIC CAUSES AND TRENDS AS A FRAMEWORK OR VARIABLE FOR ANALYSIS

Presider: Jessica Abbott, Utah Tech University

- *Partisan Attachment and Party Change among Hispanic Voters in the United States.*Diana Sandoval Simán, University of Chicago
- *Untangling the Various Types of Risk/Risk Assessment and Identifying Common Threads: Early Evidence.*Jessica Abbott, Utah Tech University
- *Investment, Social Seclusion, and Changing Community Space in Marcy-Holmes and Dinkytown.*Eli Kawash-Flewell, Macalester College

SESSION 127. WORKSHOP

MARYLAND A

Saturday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

EVALUATION IS FOR EVERYONE: MAKING DATA MEANINGFUL

What if evaluation were not just a compliance task, but one of a sociologist's most powerful tools for connecting research and practice to real-world change? Too often, it is seen as a technical requirement for funders or a specialized task for data experts, rather than an integral part of everyday sociological practice. In reality, evaluation is a living process that links vision to action, action to learning, and learning to lasting impact. Aligned with the 2026 MSS theme on care and sociological vocation, this interactive workshop reframes evaluation as a practical, equity-driven, and people-centered process that embodies care by valuing lived experience, amplifying community voice, and fostering meaningful collaboration. During the session, participants will gain practical strategies and insights to: Recognize how evaluation is already embedded in your daily practice and connect it to powerful, people-centered frameworks; Enhance evaluation habits, both formal and informal, by integrating strategies that elevate community voice and advance equity; Apply strengths to transform feedback and data into actions that drive meaningful, real-world impact. You will leave ready to put evaluation into action, strengthening your practice while intentionally connecting every decision to the values and impacts that matter most.

- *Facilitator.*Kristin Cowart, Goshen Consulting
- *Facilitator.*Breanne Burton, Heartland Consulting LLC
- *Facilitator.*Emily Love, Goshen Consulting

**SESSION 128. THEMATIC
WORKSHOP**

KINGSBURY

Saturday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

TEACHING TRAUMA AND HUMANITY IN SOCIOLOGY

Teaching workshops entitled "Teaching Difficult Topics" have proliferated in the past decade, attempting to provide educators with ways to discuss socially "tough" topics, pointing to specific subject areas, especially those considered "political." Sociologists research and teach science that regularly becomes politicized and manipulated. These ideas can become short social media bytes leading even well-intentioned students and educators to give abbreviated explanations. Sociologists are faced daily with these politicized and reduced versions of our science, but we also must recognize that our science directly deals with human oppression, violence, and intergenerational traumas. Despite political polarization, confidence in the discipline and in sociologically proven truths is the way to teach any topic. In this workshop we will discuss how to guide students to research these questions for themselves while fostering an environment that respects the dignity and humanity of those included sociological research that we teach. We will discuss how to be trauma-

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informed and thoughtful in pedagogy from syllabus to discussion activities in ways that help instructors as they, too, engage in teaching topics that include and shape their own human experience.

- *Facilitator.*Sarah (Frankie) Frank, University of Wisconsin - Madison

SESSION 129. DISCUSSION FORUM	KINGSBURY	Saturday · 12:00 pm-12:45 pm
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MINNESOTA: STATE-LEVEL FORUM

Presider: Emily Bowman, St Olaf College

SESSION 130. DISCUSSION FORUM	LINDELL A	Saturday · 12:00 pm-12:45 pm
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MISSOURI: STATE-LEVEL FORUM

Presiders: Ahoo Tabatabai, Columbia College; Kyler Sherman-Wilkins, Missouri State University

SESSION 131. DISCUSSION FORUM	LINDELL B	Saturday · 12:00 pm-12:45 pm
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NEBRASKA: STATE-LEVEL FORUM

Presider: Sandra Loughrin, University of Nebraska Kearney

SESSION 132. DISCUSSION FORUM	LINDELL C	Saturday · 12:00 pm-12:45 pm
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IOWA: STATE-LEVEL FORUM

Presiders: Lisa Muñoz, Hawkeye Community College; Aaron Puhmann, Grand View University

SESSION 133. DISCUSSION FORUM	LINDELL D	Saturday · 12:00 pm-12:45 pm
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KANSAS: STATE-LEVEL FORUM

Presiders: Christy Craig, Fort Hays State University; Eve Blobaum, Johnson County Community College

SESSION 134. DISCUSSION FORUM	MARYLAND A	Saturday · 12:00 pm-12:45 pm
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AT-LARGE STATES: STATE-LEVEL FORUM

Presiders: Daniel Bartholomay, University of North Dakota; Ryan Ceresola, Hartwick College; Joel Crombez, Kennesaw State University

SESSION 135. DISCUSSION FORUM	MARYLAND B	Saturday · 12:00 pm-12:45 pm
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NORTH/SOUTH DAKOTA: STATE-LEVEL FORUM

Presider: Patricia Ahmed, South Dakota State University

SESSION 136. DISCUSSION FORUM	PORTLAND	Saturday · 12:00 pm-12:45 pm
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WISCONSIN: STATE-LEVEL FORUM

Presider: Paige Miller, University of Wisconsin - River Falls

SESSION 137. DISCUSSION FORUM	WATERMAN	Saturday · 12:00 pm-12:45 pm
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ILLINOIS: STATE-LEVEL FORUM

Presider: Rachel Whaley, Southern Illinois University

SESSION 138. PLENARY **KHORASSAN BALLROOM** **Saturday · 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

PLENARY SESSION II

Presider: Ahoo Tabatabai, Columbia College

- *Toward a Multitude of Care: Practices, Methods, and Solidarity in Times of Crisis.*Valerie Francisco-Menchavez, San Francisco State University

SESSION 139. Q&A **KHORASSAN BALLROOM** **Saturday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm**

STUDENT-LED PLENARY Q&A - VALERIE FRANCISCO-MENCHAVEZ

Presiders: Holly Stock, University of Missouri; Elisabeth Benteman, Wichita State University

SESSION 140. THEMATIC PAPER SESSION **LINDELL D** **Saturday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm**

MENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SUPPORT

Presider: Juanita Vivas Bastidas, Loyola University Chicago

- *The Effect of Religious Affiliation on LGBTQ Individuals Mental Health Outcomes.*Emilio Leone, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- *Comparing Online and In-Person Social Support: Impacts on College Student's Mental Health.*Jayden Echols, Missouri State University; and Kyler Sherman-Wilkins, Missouri State University
- *Mental Health Consequences of Long COVID as Explained through the Stress Process Model.*Bita Nezamdoust, Georgia State University
- *Appraising Social and Environmental Stressors in the Barrio: Mental Health in Chicago's Latine Neighborhoods.*Juanita Vivas Bastidas, Loyola University Chicago

SESSION 141. THEMATIC PAPER SESSION **MARYLAND A** **Saturday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm**

COMPLEXITIES OF CARE IN FAMILIES, INSTITUTIONS, AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

- *The Good Patient: How Hospital Staff Make Sense of Incarcerated Patients.*Allison Gorga, Webster University; and Elsa Fan, Webster University
- *Transformation in Crisis: Low-Income Mothers Navigating Work and Caregiving during the COVID-19 Pandemic.*Elizabeth Talbert, Drake University
- *Creative Engagement: Promoting Healthy Aging.*Pelgy Vaz, Fort Hays State University; and D Nicole English, Fort Hays State University
- *Rethinking Rescue and Responsibility in Anti-Human Trafficking Work: The Paradox of Care.*Nicole John-Danzell, Gannon University
- *More-than-Human Care as Political Strategy: Power, Environmental Networks, and Conflict in Southern Patagonia.*Camilo Godoy, University of Florida

SESSION 142. AUTHOR-MEETS-CRITICS SESSION **KINGSBURY** **Saturday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm**

AUTHOR MEETS CRITICS PANEL FEATURING DRIVING PRODUCTIVITY: AUTOMATION, LABOR, AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AND GERMANY BY ANTHONY J. KNOWLES

Presider: Harry F. Dahms, University of Tennessee Knoxville

- *Author.*Anthony J. Knowles, University of Tennessee Knoxville
- *Critic.*Daniel Krier, Iowa State University

- *Critic.*Alexander Stoner, Northern Michigan University
- *Critic.*Joel Crombez, Kennesaw State University

SESSION 143. AUTHOR-MEETS-CRITICS SESSION

WESTMINSTER

Saturday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm

AUTHOR MEETS CRITICS PANEL FEATURING A GUN OF HER OWN: THE EVERYDAY LIVES OF WOMEN WHO SHOOT BY MARGARET S. KELLEY

Presider: Emily Bowman, St Olaf College

- *Author.*Margaret S. Kelley, University of Kansas
- *Critic.*Giovanna Follo, Wright State University
- *Critic.*Lisa Kort-Butler, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- *Critic.*Emily Bowman, St Olaf College
- *Critic.*Wayne Whitmore, Inver Hills Community College

SESSION 144. PANEL SESSION

FORSYTH

Saturday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm

TEACHING SOCIOLOGY AND EMPATHY IN TROUBLED TIMES

Presider: Lukas Szrot, Bemidji State University

- *Panelist.*Lukas Szrot, Bemidji State University
- *Panelist.*Rucha Ambikar, Bemidji State University
- *Panelist.*Kevin McCannon, University of Kansas
- *Panelist.*Derek Wilson, Midland University
- *Panelist.*Reid Ralston, Midland University

SESSION 145. PANEL SESSION

REGENCY

Saturday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm

FROM THE FIELD TO THE STATE HOUSE: SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND STATE POLICY IN UNSETTLED TIMES

Presider: Michael Haedicke, University of Maine

- *Panelist.*Maxcy Grasso, Scholars Strategy Network
- *Panelist.*Anita Manion, University of Missouri-St. Louis
- *Panelist.*Todd Swanstrom, University of Missouri-St. Louis
- *Panelist.*Angela Stroud, Wisconsin State Legislature

SESSION 146. MEETING

WATERMAN

Saturday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm

COMMITTEE ON WOMEN IN THE PROFESSION

SESSION 147. PAPER SESSION

LENOX

Saturday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm

FROM COVID-19 TO AI: CONTEMPORARY STUDENT ISSUES AND PERCEPTIONS

Presider: Kari Gentzler, Doane College

- *Exploring the Impact of COVID-19 on Matriculation and Student Mental Health.*Isaiah Cohen, University of South Dakota; and Tarynn Ball, University of South Dakota
- *Put Down That Phone, Pick Up That Pencil! The Impact of Technology on Student Learning When Teaching Introduction to Sociology.*Christopher Bradley, Southeast Missouri State University

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- *Caring about Integrity: Student Reflections on AI, Trust, and Responsibility in the Sociology Classroom.*Jodie Simon, Wichita State University; Twyla Hill, Wichita State University; and Jodie Hertzog, Wichita State University
- *Hopeful Yet Anxious: Student Perceptions and Practices of Generative AI Use in Higher Education.*Kari Gentzler, Doane College

SESSION 148. PAPER SESSION

LINDELL A

Saturday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm

ENVIRONMENTAL AND FOOD PROJECTS

Presider: Emily Alder, Nationwide Children's Hospital

- *The Social Construction of Pollution: Community Perceptions and Impact.*Emily Alder, Nationwide Children's Hospital
- *Assessing Behaviors of Trout Anglers Related to Aquatic Invasive Species in the Upper Mississippi Basin.*Adam Driscoll, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse; and Tim Campbell, University of Wisconsin - Madison
- *People, Planet, AND Profit? The Motivations and Growing and Selling Practices of Small Farmers.*David Blouin, Indiana University South Bend
- *Technologies of Food Production and the Goals of the Food Justice Movement.*Jesse Van Gerven, Butler University

SESSION 149. PAPER SESSION

MARYLAND B

Saturday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm

CONSPIRACY THEORIES, NATIONALISM, AND AUTHORITARIANISM

Presider: Ryan Ceresola, Hartwick College

- *AI for God: The Christian Nationalist Battle for the Future.*Todd Schroer, University of Southern Indiana
- *Failure isn't an Option, it's a Lifestyle: Applying the Generality of Failure Theory to understand Conspiracy Beliefs.*Amanda Heitkamp, Troy University; and Thomas Mowen, Bowling Green State University
- *Conspiracy Theories and the Mainstreaming of White Supremacy in the United States.*Lisa Waldner, University of St Thomas
- *Sadistic Circuses: Beneath the Spectacle.*David Smith, University of Kansas

**SESSION 150. TEACHING
TECHNIQUE**

LINDELL B

Saturday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm

GIFTS: TECHNOLOGIES AND A.I. IN CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION AND EXERCISES

Presider: Patricia Ahmed, South Dakota State University

- *Using A.I. to Build Research Skills.*Karrie Snyder, Northwestern University
- *New Dimensions in Higher Education: Virtual Reality Teaching and Learning.*Vicky Herbel, St Charles Community College; and Lydia Hou, St Charles Community College
- *Using R to Teach Undergrad Stats: A Painless Introduction.*Patricia Ahmed, South Dakota State University

SESSION 151. WORKSHOP

PORTLAND

Saturday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm

EVERYTHING IS SOCIOLOGICAL: USING THE SOCIOLOGICAL IMAGINATION TO PREPARE COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS FOR TRANSFER, CAREER, AND EVERYDAY LIFE

DRAFT of the 2026 MSS Annual Meeting Program Schedule

Most community college students encounter sociology by chance, often to fulfill a general education or program requirement. For many, it will be the only sociology course they ever take. How can we use this single opportunity to help students develop a lasting sociological imagination? How can we use this opportunity to help them carry sociology beyond our classrooms? This interactive session explores strategies for making sociology not only relevant, but essential, to students across diverse academic and career paths. Workshop facilitators will share and discuss practical approaches for sparking curiosity, connecting course material to the lived experiences of students, and fostering critical thinking that endures. In the spirit of collaboration, attendees are encouraged to bring their own ideas and examples. A shared Google Doc will be created during the session for ongoing resource exchange to extend after the session ends.

- *Facilitator.*Jason Surratt, Hawkeye Community College
- *Facilitator.*Doug Dowell, Heartland Community College
- *Facilitator.*Janice Malak, Heartland Community College
- *Facilitator.*Lisa Muñoz, Hawkeye Community College

SESSION 152. THEMATIC PANEL

LINDELL C

Saturday · 2:50 pm-4:20 pm

JOY IN SOCIOLOGY: STAYING INSPIRED AS A SOCIOLOGY STUDENT

Presider: Brenna Jones, Illinois State University

Student Interest Committee Session

- *Panelist.*Ahoo Tabatabai, Columbia College
- *Panelist.*Judson Everitt, Loyola University Chicago
- *Panelist.*Chase Billingham, Wichita State University

SESSION 153. MEETING

OGLE

Saturday · 4:40 pm-6:10 pm

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

SESSION 154. FILM SCREENING

CHASE PARK PLAZA CINEMA

Saturday · 4:40 pm-6:40 pm

FILM SCREENING: THE FRUITT-IGOE MYTH

SESSION 155. SOCIAL GATHERING

REGENCY

Saturday · 6:15 pm-7:15 pm

QUEER MIXER

SESSION 156. SOCIAL GATHERING

OFFSITE

Saturday · 6:30 pm-9:00 pm

SSSI COCKTAIL HOUR AND DINNER

SESSION 157. 3M THESIS COMPETITION

KHORASSAN BALLROOM

Saturday · 7:15 pm-8:45 pm

3M THESIS COMPETITION

Presider: Sarah (Frankie) Frank, University of Wisconsin - Madison

- *The Lives of Unsheltered Individuals Following Camping Bans.*Clara Willette, Drake University; JD Koehler, Drake University; and Elizabeth Talbert, Drake University
- *Virtual Love, Real Discipline: The Reproduction of Patriarchy in Chinese Otome Games.*Zhixuan Yu, Macalester College
- *The Relevancy of Marx in the Modern Day, Internationally/Nationally, and in Lincoln, NE.*Grady Bazzell, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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- *Food Insecurity on Rural College Campuses: An Exploratory Study of Prevalence, Aptitudes, and Attitudes.*Audrey Loggins, Wayne State College
- *If You Build It, They Will Learn: Teaching Critical Thinking in the VR World.*Vicky Herbel, St Charles Community College
- *Who Gets to Go to School? A Cross-National Study of Gini, Gender, Household Wealth, and Urban-Rural Disparities.*Mahratun Samha, North Dakota State University
- *Gambling Harm Beyond the Gambler: A Pilot Study of Affected Others in the United States.*Rowland Edet, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- *When AI Becomes the Condition of Education: Literacy, Mechanisms, and the Governance of Visibility.*Guanhua Yao, Eastern Michigan University
- *The Impact of Religiosity on Subjective Well-Being: Analyzing the Comparative Role of Religious Beliefs and Practices from the World Values Survey.*Tahmid Ul Islam, Texas Tech University
- *Son Preference and Its Impact on Modern Contraceptive Method Choices among Married Women in Bangladesh.*Israt Sultana Nishe, Texas Tech University

SESSION 158. MEETING	KHORASSAN BALLROOM	Saturday · 9:00 pm-10:00 pm
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

SESSION 159. MEETING	O'CONNOR	Sunday · 7:00 am-8:20 am
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SCHOLARSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SESSION 160. MEETING	WATERMAN	Sunday · 7:00 am-8:20 am
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ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE

SESSION 161. MEETING	WESTMINSTER	Sunday · 7:00 am-8:20 am
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SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

SESSION 162. THEMATIC PAPER SESSION	MARYLAND A	Sunday · 8:40 am-10:10 am
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GENDER AND WORK

Presider: Nafisat Agunbiade, Wayne State University

- *Gender, Work, and Poverty: Institutional Barriers to Women's Economic Security.*Nafisat Agunbiade, Wayne State University
- *Pricing Care Labor: A Computational Systematic Review of How Care Work is Economically and Socially Devalued.*Waris Ahmad Faizi, Virginia Tech
- *Can Women Have It All?: The Legacy of Mary Kay Ash and Limits of Corporate Feminism.*Nicole Muffitt, University of Illinois - Chicago
- *United States Professionals, Executives, and Managers and the Ideal Worker Norm: Workplaces Resources and Gendered Job Outcomes.*Krista Lynn Minnotte, University of North Dakota; and Michael Minnotte, University of North Dakota
- *Safer by Design: Workplace Diversity and the Reduction of Occupational Risk.*Ryan LeCount, Hamline University

SESSION 163. PANEL SESSION	WATERMAN	Sunday · 8:40 am-10:10 am
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RECLAIMING SOCIOLOGY THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP AND TEACHING: SUCCESS STORIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Presider: Daphne Pedersen, University of North Dakota

Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) Session

- *Panelist.*Erika Busse-Cárdenas, Macalester College
- *Panelist.*Sherrie Steiner, Purdue University Fort Wayne
- *Panelist.*Patricia Maddox, University of St Thomas
- *Panelist.*Daniel Bartholomay, University of North Dakota

SESSION 164. PAPER SESSION

LINDELL A

Sunday · 8:40 am-10:10 am

VALUATION, AND CULTURAL BOUNDARIES IN CONTEMPORARY LIFE

Presider: Reggie Wynn, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

- *How We Learned to Trust Technique and Forget the Bomb Exists.*Walter Goettlich, Johnson County Community College
- *"Everybody Wants to Do Good": How Indian Investors and Entrepreneurs Make Sense of Impact Investments.*Anupama Kumar, University of Wisconsin - Madison
- *"I Can't Get With That...I Like What I Like": Analyzing Boundary and Taste Distinctions among Hip-Hop Aficionados.*Reggie Wynn, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

SESSION 165. PAPER SESSION

LINDELL B

Sunday · 8:40 am-10:10 am

USING NATIONAL DATASETS TO PREDICT AND EXPLAIN OUTCOMES AND DISPARITIES

Presider: Darren Hendrickson, Eastern Illinois University

- *Caregiver Practices and the Social Production of Elder Abuse in Nigeria.*Hameed Bakare, University of Kansas
- *The Impact of Trust in, and Discrimination within, the Healthcare System on the Use of Wearable Health Technology and Health Information Seeking.*Chelsee Allen, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- *Health Care Satisfaction in the United States.*Joseph Jochman, University of North Dakota; Edward Tortorelli, University of North Dakota; Madeline Brazas, University of North Dakota; and Safia Amin, University of North Dakota
- *The Use of Complementary and Integrative Health in the United States.*Darren Hendrickson, Eastern Illinois University
- *Political Distrust and Self-Reported Sleep Problems among United States Adults.*Dukanwojo Suleman, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and Sunkanmi Folorunsho, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

SESSION 166. PAPER SESSION

LINDELL C

Sunday · 8:40 am-10:10 am

RETHINKING PEDAGOGIES: EXPLORING EXISTING TEACHING STRATEGIES

Presider: Daniel Bachmeier, Indiana University Bloomington

- *The Problems with Social Problems Textbooks and the Sociological Literacy Framework.*Nicholas Baxter, Indiana University Kokomo
- *From Graduate Student to Skilled Instructor: Assessing the Effectiveness of Holistic Pedagogical Training.*Lisa-Marie Wright, University of Kansas; and Tracey LaPierre, University of Kansas
- *Scaffolding in Sociology: Pedagogical Applications and Opportunities.*Daniel Bachmeier, Indiana University Bloomington

- *Beyond the Algorithm: Integrating AI into Sociological Pedagogy.*Ali Kamali, Missouri Western State University

SESSION 167. ROUNDTABLE SESSION	KHORASSAN BALLROOM - ROUNDTABLES TABLE 1	Sunday · 8:40 am-10:10 am
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CLASSISM, SEXISM, AND RACISM: OLD PROBLEMS, NEW REALITIES

Presider: Jorge Chavez-Rojas, Millikin University

- *Gender Diversity and Healthcare in Canada: Barriers, Experiences, and Opportunities for Reform.*David Kyle Sutherland, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
- *The Colors of the American Dream: The Financial System as an Instrument of Housing Segregation.*Jorge Chavez-Rojas, Millikin University
- *Against the Grain: Bruce Lee and Sociology's (Post)Colonial Blind Spots.*Rowland Edet, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- *From Sidelines to Starters: The Rise of Black Athletes in the NFL and NBA.*Ryann Randle, Macalester College

SESSION 168. ROUNDTABLE SESSION	KHORASSAN BALLROOM - ROUNDTABLES TABLE 3	Sunday · 8:40 am-10:10 am
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POLICY AND PRACTICE

Presider: Jay Irwin, University of Nebraska Omaha

- *Coping Strategies and Resilience: Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Lives in the Face of Anti-Trans Policy.*Jay Irwin, University of Nebraska Omaha; and Alecia Andersen, University of Nebraska Omaha
- *From Data to Decisions: Making Research Actionable for Communities and Policymakers.*Anne Scheer, Southern Illinois University
- *Abortion Rights: How States Become Protected or Restricted.*Caitlin Lopata, Macalester College

SESSION 169. THEMATIC ROUNDTABLE	KHORASSAN BALLROOM - ROUNDTABLES TABLE 2	Sunday · 8:40 am-10:10 am
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POWER TO THE PEOPLE? ASSESSING CULTURE, RESPONSE, AND CARE IN LOCAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVISM OR DURING SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CHANGE

Presider: Shobnom Ani, Western Illinois University

- *Where Do the Roses Grow?: Divisions to Organizing in the TCDSA (Twin Cities Democratic Socialists of America).*Joseph Polyak, Macalester College
- *Seeing Like a Settler: Resisting Indigenous Sovereignty from Wounded Knee to Standing Rock.*David Everson, Augustana University
- *Holding the Community Together: The Limits and Possibilities of Collective Care at Comunidades Organizando el Poder y la Acción Latina, (COPAL, MN).*Maoli Quevedo, Macalester College
- *Rooted Resistance: Chicago's Grassroots Environmental Movements and Indigenous Frameworks of Care.*Gabriel Pellebon, Chicago State University; and Erica Lee-Ross, Chicago State University

SESSION 170. THEMATIC ROUNDTABLE	KHORASSAN BALLROOM - ROUNDTABLES TABLE 4	Sunday · 8:40 am-10:10 am
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FACULTY CARING FOR FACULTY

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- *Roundtable Facilitator.*Jan Todd, Emporia State University
- *Roundtable Facilitator.*Rebecca Rodriguez Carey, Emporia State University
- *Roundtable Facilitator.*Rochelle Rowley, Emporia State University

SESSION 171. MEETING

EMPIRE

Sunday · 8:40 am-1:00 pm

MSS 2026-2027 BOARD MEETING

SESSION 172. WORKSHOP

FORSYTH

Sunday · 9:00 am-10:00 am

SOCIOLOGIST'S CRAFT: HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL POLITICS

- *Facilitator.*Deborah White, Minnesota State University Moorhead

SESSION 173. PAPER SESSION

FORSYTH

Sunday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

THE PRECARIETY AND OPPORTUNITY OF COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE AND GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

President: Isaiah Cohen, University of South Dakota

- *Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Digital IT Work in the Global South: A View from Bangladesh.*Naim Bin Hasan, Florida Atlantic University
- *American Society's Perspectives on AI and its Applications.*Muhammad Aheed, University of South Dakota; and Isaiah Cohen, University of South Dakota
- *Non-Natives in a Digital World: Administrative Burdens of Foreign Residents in South Korea.*James Haider, Incheon National University; and Chad Anderson, Incheon National University

SESSION 174. PAPER SESSION

LINDELL A

Sunday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

THE MAKING AND NEGOTIATION OF RACIAL MEANING ACROSS SOCIAL CONTEXTS

Presider: Gabrielle Peterson, University of Michigan

- *Racial Identity Choices in a Changing Racial Environment.*Joseph Gerteis, University of Minnesota; and Paul Croll, Augustana College
- *Engineering Success: Institutional Narratives and the Making of Asian Model Minorities.*Jaclyn Tabor, Lincoln Land Community College; and Jennifer Lee, Indiana University Bloomington
- *Rewriting the Script: A Story of Queer Interracial Love.*Augustus Stewart, University of St Thomas
- *First Impressions? Implications of Sociability and Masculinity in Asian American Interracial Dating.*Haoxuan Gao, Indiana University Bloomington
- *Call and Response: Black Mothers Awareness and Response to Stereotypes among Their Children's Teachers.*Gabrielle Peterson, University of Michigan

SESSION 175. PAPER SESSION

LINDELL B

Sunday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

DIVERSITY, ENVIRONMENT, POLICY, AND DISCOURSE: DEBATES AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS UNDER THE CURRENT AND PAST ADMINISTRATIONS

Presider: Neeraj Rajasekar, University of Illinois - Springfield

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- *"It's Not a Political Issue, It's a Scientific One": Audiences, Agencies, and Movement Communication of "The Science".*Todd Fuist, Illinois Wesleyan University
- *A Qualitative Exploration of Increased Bipartisan Support for Anti-Transgender Policies.*Amanda Jane, Boston College
- *Why We Should've Seen It Coming: Perspectives from Sociology of Race on the Takedown of Diversity/DEI in the United States.*Neeraj Rajasekar, University of Illinois - Springfield; and Evan Gunderson, City University of New York
- *"No Compromise in Defense of Mother Earth": A Visual Framing Analysis of the Earth First! Journal Publications from 1990-2000.*Abigail Scoville, University of Kansas

SESSION 176. PAPER SESSION

LINDELL C

Sunday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

INNOVATIVE PEDAGOGIES: FRESH TECHNIQUES FOR TEACHING SOCIOLOGY

Presider: Karrie Snyder, Northwestern University

- *Public Art, Place, and Global Conflict: Teaching Visual Analysis of "Zombie" and Derry Girls in the Sociology Classroom.*Ann Johnson, Murray State University; Danielle Nielsen, Murray State University; Diane Sabenacio Nititham, Murray State University; and Kate Antosik-Parsons, Trinity College Dublin
- *Drawing as Pedagogy.*Raj Ghoshal, Elon University
- *Gentle Teaching and Social Justice: Fostering Inclusive Communities.*Stephanie Baran, Xavier University of Louisiana
- *From Isolation to Collaboration: Experiences with Applied Team-Based Learning in Graduate Qualitative Methods Training.*Lisa-Marie Wright, University of Kansas; and Tracey LaPierre, University of Kansas

SESSION 177. PAPER SESSION

LINDELL D

Sunday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

FAMILY STUDIES IN APPLICATION AND PRACTICE

Presider: Abdallah Badahdah, South Dakota State University

- *Expanding Capacity in Family Recovery Courts: A Model for Practitioner-Academic Collaboration.*Desiree Wiesen-Martin, University of Wisconsin - River Falls
- *Religion, Politics, and Americans' Attitudes about the Ideal Number of Children in a Family.*Derek Lehman, Tarleton State University
- *Work-Family Conflict and Well-Being: The Mediating Role of Work Burnout.*Paityn Aberle, South Dakota State University; and Abdallah Badahdah, South Dakota State University
- *A Study on the Impact of Father's Presence on Childhood Sexual Abuse (CSA) Experiences and their Mental Health Condition.*Ananya Sharma Proma, Western Illinois University; and Robert J. Hironimus Wendt, Western Illinois University

SESSION 178. PAPER SESSION

MARYLAND A

Sunday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

GENDERED NARRATIVES

Presider: Daniel da Silva Mendes, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- *Crossing the Lines: A Sociologist and Biologist Challenge the Binaries.*Patricia Maddox, University of St Thomas; and Jerry Husak, University of St. Thomas
- *Reframing Justice: Grassroots and National NGO Narratives on Gender Based Violence in Bangladesh Since the Domestic Violence Act (2010–2025).*Sanjida Sultana Zerín, Northern Illinois University

- *Sociology of Pornography: Exploring Theories of Gender that Explains Masculinity, Violence against Women, and Media Studies.*Daniel da Silva Mendes, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

SESSION 179. PAPER SESSION	MARYLAND B	Sunday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm
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NEGOTIATING IDENTITY: TEMPORALITY, CHANGE, AND IDENTITY SHIFTS

Presider: Peter Hart-Brinson, University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire

- *Home-Field Advantage: Place Attachment, Sports Fandom, and Transplants' Negotiation of Urban Identity.*Michael Rosenbaum, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University
- *Who Says They're a Millennial? Media Stereotyping and Generational Identity.*Peter Hart-Brinson, University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire
- *"Who am I Outside of Sports?": The Temporal Emotion Work of Leaving Behind Student-Athlete Identity.*Kathleen Christian, Illinois State University; and Courtney Irby, Illinois Wesleyan University
- *Single Women Over 50: Transition and Transformation.*Carlene Sipma, Lewis University

SESSION 180. PAPER SESSION	WATERMAN	Sunday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm
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ISSUES AFFECTING AND THE EXPERIENCES OF TEACHERS

Presider: Ashleigh Kysar-Moon, University of Northern Iowa

- *Academic Freedom and Faculty Well-Being: A Case Study of Iowa Higher Education.*Ashleigh Kysar-Moon, University of Northern Iowa; Carissa Froyum, University of Northern Iowa; Rebecca Dickinson, University of Northern Iowa; Ryan Bleakney, University of Northern Iowa; and Toby Houser, University of Northern Iowa
- *Examining Experiences of LGBTQ-Identifying Educators at K-12 Catholic Schools.*Earl D Souza, St. Norbert College
- *The Road Between Roles: The Uneven Emotional Geographies of Teachers' Commutes.*Travis Miller, University of Kansas; and Sophie O'Connor, University of Kansas
- *Education in the Age of Censorship: Educator Insights into the New Sociopolitical Environment in Education.*Lauri Klump, Illinois State University

SESSION 181. ROUNDTABLE SESSION	KHORASSAN BALLROOM - ROUNDTABLES TABLE 1	Sunday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm
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DEMOGRAPHIC, CULTURAL, AND INSTITUTIONAL DIMENSIONS OF IMMIGRATION

Presider: Isaac Ekhaton, University of Iowa

- *"Refugees Will be Poor!" Re/Producing and Rejecting Welfare Stigma in United States Refugee Resettlement.*Fatima Sattar, Governors State University
- *De Donde Vengo y Donde Estoy: How First-Generation Families Navigate Healthcare in the United States.*Yair Castillo Palacios, Macalester College
- *Do Social Bonds Protect Equally? Examining the Role of Nativity on the Effect of Social Bonds and Gang Affiliation.*Isaac Ekhaton, University of Iowa

SESSION 182. ROUNDTABLE SESSION	KHORASSAN BALLROOM - ROUNDTABLES TABLE 2	Sunday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm
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PEDAGOGY, PRACTICE, AND STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Presider: Jason Surratt, Hawkeye Community College

- *Trans in Introductory Sociology.*Rob Hill, City Colleges of Chicago
- *Educational Approaches to Social Justice: The Role of Community-Based Pedagogy.*Alecia Andersen, University of Nebraska Omaha; and Courtney Kleebe, University of Nebraska Omaha
- *Tolerance vs. Inclusivity: Teaching and Learning Strategies in a Diversity-Blind Landscape.*Lydia Hou, St Charles Community College
- *University Students Attitudes in 2025, as Impacted by COVID in K-12.*Diane Huelskamp, Wright State University

SESSION 183. ROUNDTABLE SESSION

**KHORASSAN BALLROOM -
ROUNDTABLES TABLE 3**

Sunday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

A LOOK INSIDE FAMILIES

Presider: Amy Shasanmi, Indiana University Indianapolis

- *Caring Relationships among Daughters Experiencing Adverse Relationships with Mothers.*Amy Shasanmi, Indiana University Indianapolis
- *Mothers of Incarcerated Adult Children.*Melissa Stacer, University of Southern Indiana
- *Stability over Fulfillment? Educational Differences in How Sexual Minority Women Negotiate Careers.*Yunmyung Cho, Indiana University Bloomington

SESSION 184. WORKSHOP

PORTLAND

Sunday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

PHOTOVOICE AND DATA WALKS: INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

This session is an interactive professional development workshop that offers insights and tips for those who want to learn more about photovoice and data walks. Researchers with the University of Missouri conducted a study that explored the lived experiences, narratives, and values that shape rural Missouri life and inform peoples' perceptions of their communities' well-being and ability to thrive. In this presentation, we outline the ways we conducted and analyzed photovoice methods and how we shared findings through data walks. Photovoice is a participatory visual research method where participants use photography and narrative to document their community's strengths and concerns. Data walking is an interactive presentation approach in which researchers display findings in visual images in "stations" around a room to encourage people to engage and interpret information as they walk around a space. Examples of how photovoice and data walks can be included in teaching contexts will also be discussed.

- *Facilitator.*Kandice Grossman, Truman State University
- *Facilitator.*Joan Hermesen, University of Missouri
- *Facilitator.*Sarah Hultine Massengale, University of Missouri-St. Louis
- *Facilitator.*Rebecca Scott, University of Missouri

SESSION 185. THEMATIC PANEL

KINGSBURY

Sunday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

CARE AS SOCIAL JUSTICE: REFRAMING FACULTY LABOR

Presider: Daniel Bartholomay, University of North Dakota

Social Action Committee Session

- *Panelist.*Maria De La Torre, Northeastern Illinois University
- *Panelist.*Abigail Tobias-Lauerman, South Dakota State University
- *Panelist.*Katherine Furl, University of North Dakota

- *Panelist.*Krista Lynn Minnotte, University of North Dakota
- *Panelist.*Andrew Bisto, Northern Arizona University

SESSION 186. THEMATIC ROUNDTABLE

KHORASSAN BALLROOM - ROUNDTABLES TABLE 4

Sunday · 10:30 am-12:00 pm

THE STORIES AND MEANING OF WOMEN'S WORK AND PLAY

Presider: Alexandra Hendley, Murray State University

- *Prove It (Again): Nobel Scientists, Gender, and Skepticism.*Alexandra Hendley, Murray State University
- *Non-Moms Consuming Momfluencers: Exploring Meaning-Making among a Surprising Audience.*Robyn Swink, McKendree University
- *Simulated Empowerment, Real Discipline: Female Agency, Emotional Consumption, and the Reproduction of Patriarchal Power in Chinese Otome Games.*Zhixuan Yu, Macalester College

SESSION 187. THEMATIC PAPER SESSION

MARYLAND A

Sunday · 12:20 pm-1:50 pm

ACTIVISM AND JUSTICE IN PRECARIOUS AND MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES

Presider: Tauhid Hossain Khan, Jagannath University

- *"I Did It Anyway": Subjugated Feminist Care Knowledges, Girl Time and Affective Girls' Activism in India.*namrata namrata, Arizona State University
- *Sacred Status, Precarious Lives: The Legal Insecurity of Schoolteachers in Bangladesh.*Ishrat Zakia Sultana, North South University; Ellen MacEachen, University of Waterloo; and Tauhid Hossain Khan, Jagannath University
- *Navigating Political Constraints in Humanitarian Assistance: Norwegian Refugee Council's Interventions with Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh.*Md Imamul Hossain, University of Florida
- *Indigenous Resilience and Environmental Justice: Dispossession and Adaptation among the Munda Community in the Sundarbans, Bangladesh.*Bayezid Khan, Oklahoma State University

SESSION 188. PAPER SESSION

FORSYTH

Sunday · 12:20 pm-1:50 pm

DIGITAL MEDIA AND EVERYDAY IDEOLOGY

Presider: Pamela Emanuelson, North Dakota State University

- *Influences of Ideology on Sexual Fantasies.*Parboti Das, Minnesota State University, Mankato
- *Scrolling Into Suspicion: The Ramifications of Social Media for Conspiracy Theory Beliefs.*Tor Wynn, Friends University; Anna Wolgast, Friends University; Charlize Fahland, Friends University; Judy Nguyen, Friends University; and Jennifer Montague, Friends University
- *Propaganda Makes Me Mad and That's How I Know It Works: Rage Bait as Propaganda.*Ray Stern, Minnesota State University, Mankato

SESSION 189. PAPER SESSION

KINGSBURY

Sunday · 12:20 pm-1:50 pm

SYMBOLIC INTERACTIONIST STUDIES OF POPULAR AND POLITICAL CULTURE

Presider: David Schweingruber, Iowa State University

Society for the Study of Symbolic Interactionism Session

- *Tattoos as a Social Problem.*David Lane, Illinois State University
- *Manipulating the Social Self: Impact of Social Media Videos on Public Opinion and Identity Construction during Political Change in Bangladesh.*Shobnom Ani, Western Illinois University
- *Failures of Proof, Charisma Contests, Reputational Damage, and the Loss of Charismatic Appeal: The Cases of Donald Trump and Elon Musk.*Jason Surratt, Hawkeye Community College
- *The Dyke-chotomy of Imagined Sapphic Relationships and Reality In Riot Grrrl.*Mack Mercer, Louisiana Tech University

SESSION 190. PAPER SESSION

LINDELL B

Sunday · 12:20 pm-1:50 pm

HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND INSTITUTIONS: TRAINING ENTRY

Presider: Judson Everitt, Loyola University Chicago

- *Yesterday, a Janitor; Today, a Surgeon: How Healthcare Professionals' Transnational Mobility Disrupts Status Hierarchies.*Derek Richardson, Indiana University Bloomington
- *Supporting and Advocating for Kansas Direct Care Workers: A State-Partnered, Community-Based Applied Research Initiative.*Jennifer Babitzke, University of Kansas; and Carrie Wendel-Hummell, University of Kansas
- *Beyond Commodification: How Assembly-Line Medicine Undermines Relational Care in Turkey's Healthcare System.*Alaz Kilicaslan, University of Wisconsin - Whitewater
- *The Stress of Conformity: Medical Student Mental Health, Institutional Demands, and Student Culture in an Allopathic Medical School.*Judson Everitt, Loyola University Chicago; James Johnson, Loyola University Chicago; William Burr, American Academy of Pediatrics; Lillian Platten, Loyola University Chicago; and Sharanya Maulik, Barnard College
- *Professional Socialization and the Development or Mitigation of Fatphobia among Healthcare Practitioners: Consequences for Action toward Self and Others.*Gabby Gomez, Macalester College

SESSION 191. PAPER SESSION

PORTLAND

Sunday · 12:20 pm-1:50 pm

NAVIGATING FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

Presider: Matheus Romanetto, University of Kansas

- *Substance Use Disorders in Our Home: Siblings Experiences, Navigating Changes, and Meaning-Making.*ereisa morales, Michigan State University; and Clifford Broman, Michigan State University
- *Frequency of Remote Work and Role Blurring: The Moderating Effects of Overtime Work and Job Identity.*Deniz Yucel, William Paterson University of New Jersey; and Qi Li, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- *Avant-Coup: Political Conflict within Families in São Paulo, 2015-2025.*Matheus Romanetto, University of Kansas

SESSION 192. PAPER SESSION

WATERMAN

Sunday · 12:20 pm-1:50 pm

THE ARCHITECTURE OF SOCIAL CONTROL

Presider: Aaron Stagoff-Belfort, University of Chicago

- *Insuring Aggression? The Relationship between "Self-Defense Insurance" Interest, "Stand Your Ground" Laws, and State-Level Gun Violence.*Ryan LeCount, Hamline University

- *Punitivity, Parasites, and Prosperity: A Comparative Analysis of the Determinants of Punitiveness in the United States and Soviet Russia in 1991.*Christopher Altamura, University of Kansas
- *Intersecting Inequities: The Role of Race and Socioeconomic Status in Juvenile Recidivism Patterns.*Beatrice Aduko, Texas Tech University
- *The Diffusion of Policing Alternatives in United States Cities after the George Floyd Protests.*Aaron Stagoff-Belfort, University of Chicago

SESSION 193. WORKSHOP

MARYLAND B

Sunday · 12:20 pm-1:50 pm

ENHANCING SCHOLARLY TEACHING: PUBLISHING AND LEARNING WITH TRAILS

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- *Facilitator.*Nicholas Baxter, Indiana University Kokomo
- *Facilitator.*Pamela Monaghan-Geernaert, Northern State University