### Sessions Seeking Papers and Panelists

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Call for Panelists
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Panel Session: “Write Where It Hurts: Negotiating the Emotional Challenges of Doing Deeply Personal Research”

Session Abstract: Due to overwhelming interest last year, we are again offering a panel on the emotional challenges of deeply personal research for SSS 2015. For this session, we seek panelists with experience doing research to which they feel a deep personal connection. Examples include research on topics related to personal trauma, chronic illness, grief and loss, and other emotionally challenging life experiences. We seek contributing panelists who conduct qualitative, quantitative, and/or mixed methods research. In this session we seek to open dialogue surrounding three core topics: (1) the emotional experience of researching personally significant topics, (2) how research efforts can simultaneously facilitate coping and produce new psychological struggles, and (3) how these challenges may be similar for researchers using very different data collection and analysis techniques. Each participating panelist including session coordinators will give a short (five-minute) overview of their own background in this area, and share relevant experiences. We will then open the panel up for audience questions and broader discussion.

If you are interested in participating in this panel, please submit your information by Friday, October 17 to Xan Nowakowski (xnowakowski@fsu.edu) and J Sumerau (jsumerau@ut.edu). In your email please include:

1) Name, affiliation, and SSS membership status*
2) Preferred contact information
3) Your research focus
4) Life experiences that drew you to these topics
5) Short description (one page maximum, double spaced, 12 point font) of what you would contribute to the panel

NOTE: SSS policy requires for each participant on discussion panels to be a current member of SSS at the time of application to serve on the panel.

We look forward to hearing from you!
J Micah Roos and Shawn Bauldry are organizing a paper session for the 2015 Southern Sociological Society meetings. If you have a project that focuses on the development of quantitative methods or quantitative measurement of important sociological concepts, we ask you to consider submitting your abstract.

Please submit to jmicah@berkeley.edu and sbauldry@uab.edu by October 12th. Please include: (1) Title of paper, (2) contact information and affiliation for each author (at least one author must be a member of the SSS, please note which authors are members), and (3) extended abstracts (450-550 words) that includes the following: Objectives and theoretical framework, methods and data sources, and findings.

We plan to submit the session shortly after October 12th, and depending on number of submissions will contact any authors we are unable to include well ahead of the October 24th submission deadline for the 2015 SSS meetings.
Gender, Crime, and Media

Greetings!

Julie Wiest and I are co-organizing a paper session for the 2015 Southern Sociological Society meeting co-sponsored by Sociologists for Women in Society – South that focuses on gender, crime, and media. The session is broadly conceived and open to any papers using quantitative or qualitative methodological traditions that address some aspect of gender, crime, and media. If you would like your paper considered for this session, please submit the following to dbissler@rmc.edu and jbwiest@gmail.com by Friday, October 17:

1) the title of the paper
2) name, affiliation, and contact information for each author
3) an extended abstract of approximately 450-550 words
4) confirmation that at least one author of the paper is a current member of SSS (per SSS policy)

Let me or Julie know if you have questions, and please feel free to pass along this call to anyone you think may be interested.

Thank you!

Denise Bissler
Call for Papers

Proposed Paper Session: Qualitative Methods

I am organizing a paper session at the 2015 Southern Sociological Society meetings on Qualitative Methods. If you are interested in presenting a paper that highlights innovations, advancements or challenges and/or sheds new light on old topics in the use of qualitative methods, please consider submitting your abstract. Papers should discuss advancements and issues in qualitative methods, rather than the results or findings of empirical research.

Please submit the following information to Jennifer Schlosser (jaschlosser@tntech.edu) by October 17th:

1) the title of the paper; 2) authors’ names and affiliations and contact information for each author; and 3) an extended abstract. Extended abstracts should be approximately 450-550 words.

As per the SSS’s policies, if you are not a member of SSS, you will have to join before I submit the session. Depending on the number of abstracts received, I will make every effort to let you know if I can accommodate your paper within a reasonable amount of time so that you can submit it via the SSS’s website by the October 17th deadline.

Contact Information:

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Assistant Professor of Sociology
Department of Sociology & Political Science
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Internet Dating – Organized by Matthew Irvin

Matthew.Irvin@eku.edu

Internet dating has gone from a peripheral experience on the margins of courtship in the United States to a two billion dollar industry in a decade. This session proposes to explore the permutations of this emergent major force in American culture.
SPORT AND STALLED REVOLUTIONS 3: HOMOPHOBIA IN MEN’S SPORTS

Organized by Daniel Buffington

Sport has long been considered a homophobic social institution, one where heteronormative conceptions of masculinity prevail and homosexuality must be closeted. Indeed, until recently there were no active male players in any of the major sporting leagues who were openly gay. Yet, in just the past few years a number of high profile athletes (Jason Collins, Robbie Rogers, Michael Sam) have declared a non-heteronormative sexual identity while still actively playing sports at an elite level. Interestingly, these announcements have often been met not with condemnation, but open declarations of support from teammates, coaches, and administrators.

Therefore this session seeks to query, in conjunction with the conference theme, the role of sport as a social institution in generating a more equal society regarding sexuality. We seek papers that address the following questions either generally or as a part of a more grounded empirical study: In what ways has sport provided a powerful setting for articulating alternative conceptions of male sexuality? In what ways does it reinforce existing conceptions? What are the possibilities and problems of attempts to generate social change via sport? How does sport compare to other institutions characterized by stalled revolutions (e.g. work, family)?

If you would like your paper considered for this session, please submit the following to Daniel Buffington (buffingtond@uncw.edu) by Wednesday, October 15:

1) the title of the paper

2) name, affiliation, and contact information for each author

3) an extended abstract of approximately 450-550 words

4) confirmation that at least one author of the paper is a current member of SSS (per SSS policy)
SPORT AND STALLED REVOLUTIONS 1: WOMEN’S SPORTS

Sport is a social institution that has gone through a period of tremendous change regarding gender. Title IX increased the presence and profile of female athletes, women’s professional sports leagues have become established and continuous entities, and a number of female athletes have achieved household recognition. Yet, despite these advancements women’s sports continue to suffer from a number of barriers: backlash against Title IX, continued sexualization and trivialization of female athletes and women’s sports; and significant differences in the financial and fan support of male and female athletics.

Therefore this session seeks to query, in conjunction with the conference theme, the role of sport as a social institution in generating a more equal society regarding gender relations. We seek papers that address the following questions either generally or as a part of a more grounded empirical study: In what ways has sport provided a powerful setting for articulating alternative conceptions of the distribution of power via gender? In what ways does it reinforce existing power arrangements? What are the possibilities and problems of attempts to generate social change via sport? How does sport compare to other institutions characterized by stalled revolutions (e.g. work, family)?

If you would like your paper considered for this session, please submit the following to Kylie Parrotta (kparrotta@desu.edu) and Daniel Buffington (buffingtond@uncw.edu) by Wednesday, October 15:

1) the title of the paper
2) name, affiliation, and contact information for each author
3) an extended abstract of approximately 450-550 words
4) confirmation that at least one author of the paper is a current member of SSS (per SSS policy)
Paper Session: Social Technology & Society

Organizer: Steven Seiler, Tennessee Tech University (sseiler@tntech.edu)

Description: In this new millennium, the Internet and mobile phones are mainstays in all levels of social life. They are embedded within all of our major institutions (e.g., politics, economics, education, religion) and are technologies through which we negotiate self, identities, and personal relationships. Although they connect us to many people and allow us to efficiently navigate social life, they also disconnect us from others and complicate our daily lives. Over the past 25 years, researchers have diligently sought to understand the structure, dynamics, and consequences of social technologies on various aspects of social life. However, innovative research in this area continues to be in high demand in order for social scientific knowledge to keep pace with the rapidly changing nature of technologically mediated social life. The purpose of this session is to bring together scholars of social technology through the presentation of innovative research on the structure, dynamics, and consequences of social technology on social life.

Call for Abstracts: I am looking for three (additional) high-quality research papers on any social/sociological aspect of social technology for this session. Both micro-level and macro-level studies as well as studies using quantitative or qualitative data are welcome! I conceptualize social technology as person-to-person (or person-to-people) technologies, such as (but not limited to) social networking websites, micro-blogs, instant message services, email, text messaging, mobile and smart phones, tablets, mobile/tablet applications, cloud-based services.

If you are interested in participating in this session, please submit the following information directly to me (Steven Seiler) via email (sseiler@tntech.edu) by Monday, October 13:

1) Title of paper
2) Name, affiliation, and contact information of all authors
3) An abstract (300-500 words)

Note: In your email, please confirm that at least one of the authors is a current member of the SSS.
Social Inequalities and School Violence

Dr. Laura Agnich is organizing a paper session co-sponsored by Sociologists for Women in Society - South on social inequalities and school violence. This session is open to papers that interrogate any forms of school violence, or violence that takes place at schools, on college campuses, or violence between students (including but not limited to bullying, direct or indirect violence, cyberbullying, school shootings, campus rape, sexual assault, dating violence, etc.) by examining race, class, gender, sexual orientation, ability, and/or any other markers of identity or social statuses that result in unequal opportunities or rewards. Papers using quantitative or qualitative methods are both welcome.

If you would like your paper to be considered for this session, please submit the following information to lagnich@georgiasouthern.edu by Friday, October 17.

1) Title of the paper
2) Name, affiliation, and contact information for each author
3) Extended abstract (450-550 words)
4) Confirmation that at least one author of the paper is a current SSS member (per SSS policy)
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Paper Session: Contemporary Racial Attitudes in America

Session Abstract: The purpose of this session is to explore current research dealing with racial attitudes in America. Research dealing with race and politics is particularly welcome.

If you are interested in participating in this paper session please submit your proposal by Sunday October 22nd, 2014 to J. Scott Carter (carter@ucf.edu) and include:

1) The title of the paper
2) Authors' names, affiliations and SSS membership status*
3) Contact information for each author
4) An extended abstract of approximately 250-550 words.

I will submit a proposal for a complete paper session by Oct 23rd. The two day window will allow time for papers I am unable to accommodate to be submitted by the author(s) as individual papers (Deadline for Submissions is October 24th).

NOTE: SSS policy requires for at least one author for each submitted paper to be a current member of SSS at the time of submission.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

J. Scott Carter

Associate Professor
University of Central Florida
Proposal for 2015 Southern Sociological Society Meeting

Regular Paper Session

Organizer: Jill Waity, University of North Carolina Wilmington

Title: “Food and Poverty”

We are seeking submissions for a session we are organizing on food and poverty. We are seeking papers on a wide variety of issues related to food and poverty, including food access, food insecurity, healthy eating, hunger, obesity, and more. Please submit the following by Friday, October 17th to Jill Waity (waityj@uncw.edu):

1) the title of the paper

2) name, affiliation, and contact information for each author (at least one author must be a member of the SSS, so please note which authors are members)

3) an extended abstract of approximately 450-550 words

Please let me know if you have any questions. We look forward to reading your submissions.

Thanks,

Jill Waity
Paper Session:

Gender Diversity in Higher Education: Stalled or Progress?

Organizer:

Michael Regan, Texas A&M University (mrreganjr@tamu.edu)

Institutions of higher education have gone through many diversification changes over the years. One can perhaps argue that if we are to consider the various categories of diversity (e.g., race and ethnicity, gender, class, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability), women have made the most significant strides as students, administrators, and faculty. Women not only narrowed the gender gap in campus student population numbers, multiple fields of study, and degree attainment, but they have even surpassed men in many cases. While promising, how does this picture of advancement look when considering the diverse identities women may hold, such as members of a racial or ethnic minority group, non-Christian religious group, older population, and/or women with disabilities? What progress about women in high level administrative positions such as the executive staff and president can we account for? If we consider women in these various roles, are higher education campuses truly as diverse as they can or claim to be?

In keeping with the conference theme, this session seeks papers that discuss the progress of gender equality in higher education in the name of implemented diversity initiatives. Who’s moving forward and who’s being left behind? How are diversity initiatives catering to the various diversities women embrace? Are diversity initiatives on college campuses doing enough for the progress of women as students, administrators, and faculty? What does a successful university’s diversity program look like and how can such a platform serve as model for others to follow? How does gender equality in higher education compare to other institutions?

If you would like your paper considered for this session, please submit the following to Michael Regan (mrreganjr@tamu.edu) by Wednesday, October 15:

1) The title of the paper

2) Name, affiliation, and contact information for each author

3) An extended abstract of approximately 450-550 words

4) Confirmation that at least one author of the paper is a current member of SSS (per SSS policy)
Thematic Session: Stories of Identity Struggles: Influences of Controlling Images on Identity Construction (Organizer: Amanda Koontz Anthony)

For this session I am seeking projects that focus on gendered processes of identity construction, in response to controlling images. Topics may include how individuals’ identity construction reveals acceptance and resistance of gendered media representations. I hope this session will generate conversation surrounding how stalled gender revolutions can derive from and be better understood through such gendered identity struggles. If you are interested in participating in the session, please submit the following to amanda.anthony@ucf.edu by Friday, October 17:

1) the title of the paper
2) name, affiliation, and contact information for each author
3) an extended abstract of approximately 450-550 words
4) confirmation that at least one author of the paper is a current member of SSS (per SSS policy)

Please also feel free to contact me with any questions and to send the call to anyone who may be interested. Thank you!

Amanda Anthony
Accepting papers for a session entitled “Sociology of Mothering.” This session will highlight research on mothering at the macro, meso and/or micro level. Papers can be original research or a comprehensive discussion of the research in this area. Send submissions to Jean-Anne Sutherland at UNC Wilmington (sutherlandj@uncw.edu) by Friday October 17th.

Please include:

1. The title of the paper.
2. Name, affiliation and contact information for the author (at least one author of the paper is an SSS member).
3. An abstract of approximately 450 words.