Latinos and the Change of a Nation:
Implications for the Social Sciences

95th Annual Meeting
of the
Southwestern Social Science Association

April 8 – 11, 2015
Grand Hyatt, Denver
Denver, Colorado
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PRESIDENTIAL PLENARY ADDRESS

Dr. Ruben Rumbaut
University of California – Irvine

Mount Sopris B

Thursday, April 9, 2015, 4:00 – 5:15 pm

Reception to Follow in Mount Evans

5:30 – 7:30 pm
ANTHROPOLOGY PROGRAM

Anthropology Business Meeting
Thursday, April 9, 2015
2:30pm - 3:45pm
Mount Harvard

Session Organizer: Jonathan S. Marion, University of Arkansas
Session Chair: Laura Michele Wilhelm, University of Nevada, Reno

Alternatives to Place-based Identity
Friday, April 10, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Mount Harvard

Session Organizer: Jonathan S. Marion, University of Arkansas
Session Chair: Laura Michele Wilhelm, University of Nevada, Reno

“Following the Path of Journeys: Exploring the Paticularized Kinship of Freemasonry, as Practiced in the United States and Colombia,” Laura Michele Wilhelm, University of Nevada, Reno

“Conflicts of Interest and Existence: Syrian Refugees, the Government and Non-Governmental Organizations in Jordan,” Charles Davidson, University of Arkansas

Reconsidering Cultural and Historical (Re)presentations
Friday, April 10, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Mount Harvard

Session Organizer: Jonathan S. Marion, University of Arkansas
Session Chair: Laura Michele Wilhelm, University of Nevada, Reno

“Towards a community based conservation and sustainable use of Tanzania’s heritage: The Laetoli footprints Project,” Charles M Musiba, University of Colorado Denver
Negotiating Collaboration and Visual Representation
Friday, April 10, 2015
1:00pm - 2:15pm
Mount Harvard

Session Organizer: Jonathan S. Marion, University of Arkansas
Session Chair: Jonathan S. Marion, University of Arkansas

“Collaborative Field Work in the San Luis Valley: Hispano/Latino intersections,” Lynn Louise sikkink, Western State Colorado University
“Documenting Traditional Garifuna Craft- and Food-ways: Lessons from a Fieldschool project in Dangriga, Belize,” Jonathan S. Marion, University of Arkansas

Introduction to Latin Dance in the USA Today
Friday, April 10, 2015
4:00pm - 5:15pm
Maroon Peak

Session Organizer: Jonathan S. Marion, University of Arkansas
Session Chair: Jonathan S. Marion, University of Arkansas

ROUNDTABLE: Authenticity, Appreciation, and Appropriation – Considerations from Latin Dance
Saturday, April 11, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Maroon Peak

Session Organizer: Jonathan S. Marion, University of Arkansas
Session Chair: Jonathan S. Marion, University of Arkansas
ECONOMICS PROGRAM

Agricultural and Natural Resource Economics, Environmental and Ecological Economics 1
Thursday, April 9, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Maroon Peak

Session Organizer: Jean-Marc Gandonou, Eastern New Mexico University
Session Chair: Abdullahi Abdulkadri, The University of the West Indies
Discussant(s): Abdullahi Abdulkadri, The University of the West Indies

“Economic Impact of Feed and Hay on Beef Cattle Production in Texas,” Colby Mathew Elliott, Tarleton State University
“Economic Analysis of Factors that Impact Cotton Production,” Cameron Lowell Cooper, Tarleton State University; Mark Yu, Tarleton State University
“Do Superfund Sites Cause Super Wages?” Jeff Felardo, Eckerd College; Robert Musci, Eckerd College
“The impacts of foreign direct investment on U.S and Mexico environmental quality,” Elham Darbandi, University of Kentucky

Financial Economics
Thursday, April 9, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Mount Evans

Session Organizer: Jean-Marc Gandonou, Eastern New Mexico University
Session Chair: Garfield Blake, Central Connecticut State University
Discussant(s): Garfield Blake, Central Connecticut State University

“The Role of Risk-taking among Community Banks Specializing in Real Estate Lending- A Pre- and Post-Recession Analysis,” John Martinez, Midwestern State University; Yoshi Fukasawa, Midwestern State University
Economic Development and Industrial Organization
Thursday, April 9, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Crestone Peak

Session Organizer: Jean-Marc Gandonou, Eastern New Mexico University
Session Chair: Garfield Blake, Central Connecticut State University

“Trends in Sustainability and Implications for Economic Development in Africa,” James Obielodan, Kentucky State University
“Trade Impacts of Codex Standards on Kimchi,” Peter Wui, University of Arkansas – Pine Bluff; Kyung Kim, Korea Rural Economic Institute

Alex J. Kondonasis on current Global Economic Development Issues
Thursday, April 9, 2015
10:00am - 12:45pm
Maroon Peak

Session Organizer(s): Alex J. Kondonasis, University of Oklahoma; Abdul Turay, Kentucky State University; Luvonia Casperson, University of Louisiana and Glenna Sumner, The University of Tennessee at Martin
Session Chair: Alex J. Kondonasis, University of Oklahoma
Discussant(s): Patricia Sanderson, Mississippi State University; Tahany Naggar, West Chester University and Steve Robinson, University of North Carolina - Wilmington

Economic Development, Technological Change, and Growth 1
Thursday, April 9, 2015
1:00pm - 2:15pm
Maroon Peak

Session Organizer: Jean-Marc Gandonou, Eastern New Mexico University
Session Chair: Pascal Ngoboka, Southwest Economics Association
Discussant(s): Pascal Ngoboka, Southwest Economics Association

“The Eastern Block vs. Satellite Nations: Russian Colonialism and Economic Performance,” Juna Luzi, Marymount University
“Mobiles for Well-Being or Financial Inclusion? Making sense of the Mobiles for the Unbanked Mission,” Dawn Elliott, Texas Christian University
“Specialisation Vs Diversification: The Implications for Economic Growth in the ECCU,” Rushaine Demar Goulbourne, University of the West Indies, Mona.
“The Impact of Microfinance Institutions on Poverty Reduction in Western Uganda,” Pascal Ngoboka, Southwest Economics Association
Economic Development, Technological Change, and Growth 2  
Thursday, April 9, 2015  
1:00pm - 2:15pm  
Mount Yale  

Session Organizer: Jean-Marc Gandonou, Eastern New Mexico University  
Session Chair: Abdullahi Abdulkadri, The University of the West Indies  
Discussant(s): Abdullahi Abdulkadri, The University of the West Indies  

“Piketty’s Return on Capital Problem,” Bill Ballard, Wayland Baptist University – Lubbock  
“Why Nations Fail,” Oluremi Simisade Akin-Olugbade, Marymount University, Arlington VA;  
Brian Hollar, Marymount University  
“Economic Growth, Institutional Strength, and Sustainable Development: The tale of Three Fast  
Growing African Economies,” Jean-Marc Gandonou, Eastern New Mexico University  
“The Dodd-Frank Law and Global Bank Reform,” Warren Thomas Matthews, Belhaven  
University; Robert Driver, DeVry University  

Law and Economics  
Thursday, April 9, 2015  
1:00pm - 2:15pm  
Mount Evans  

Session Organizer: Jean-Marc Gandonou, Eastern New Mexico University  

“Using Changes in US Immigration Laws to Estimate the effect of Deportations on Crime in Latin  
America and the Caribbean,” Garfield Blake, Central Connecticut State University  
“Herbert Simon and Agent-Based Computational Economics,” Shu-Heng Chen, National Chengchi  
University; Ying-Fang Kao, National Chengchi University
Economic Theory and Industrial Organization
Thursday, April 9, 2015
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Mount Evans

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Session Chair: Abdullahi Abdulkadri, The University of the West Indies
Discussant(s): Abdullahi Abdulkadri, The University of the West Indies

“First One’s A Charm? An Experimental Design to Investigate the Halo Effect in Ordering of Lists,”
Dave Dailey, Marymount University; Brian Hollar, Marymount University

“Mergers and Acquisitions in the Information and Telecommunications Industry in Jamaica: A Return to the Past or a Glimpse of the Future?”
Abdullahi Abdulkadri, The University of the West Indies

“FIFA World Cup: and the winner is . . . ,”
Ricardo Manuel Santos, Trinity University

International Economics
Thursday, April 9, 2015
2:30pm - 3:45pm
Maroon Peak

Session Organizer: Jean-Marc Gandonou, Eastern New Mexico University
Session Chair: Bill Ballard, Wayland Baptist University -- Lubbock

“Comparative Advantage and Support policies of wheat in Iran, an Econometric approach,”
Elham Darbandi, University of Kentucky; Hamed Rafiee, University of Tehran

“China will not surpass America as the World’s Engine of Economic Growth,”
Steve Robinson, University of North Carolina Wilmington

Labor and Demographic Economics
Friday, April 10, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Mount Harvard

Session Organizer: Jean-Marc Gandonou, Eastern New Mexico University
Session Chair: Jean-Marc Gandonou, Eastern New Mexico University
Discussant(s): Jean-Marc Gandonou, Eastern New Mexico University

“Do High-Skilled Immigrants Find Jobs Faster Than Low-Skilled Immigrants?”
Daniela Elisabeth Hochfellner, University of Michigan; Ruediger Wapler, Institute for Employment Research, Germany

“What is the influence of economic variables on suicide rates in Latin American countries?”
Ariel A Listo, St. Thomas University; Srabana Gupta, St. Thomas University
Macroeconomics and Monetary Economics 2
Friday, April 10, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Maroon Peak

Session Organizer: Jean-Marc Gandonou, Eastern New Mexico University
Session Chair: Theresia Atanga Wansi, Marymount University
Discussant(s): Theresia Atanga Wansi, Marymount University

“On the Business Cycle Properties of Sectoral Employment in the U.S,” Hiranya K Nath, Sam Houston State University
“The impact of GDP growth on FDI inflow in the context of Jamaica,” Rushaine Demar Goulbourne, University of the West Indies, Mona.
“Predictive Power of the Money Supply Model: Evidence from the Great Depression versus the Recent US Economic Crisis,” Theresia Atanga Wansi, Marymount University; Njoud Abu-Jaber, Marymount University

General Economics and Teaching and Other topics
Friday, April 10, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Maroon Peak

Session Organizer: Jean-Marc Gandonou, Eastern New Mexico University
Session Chair: Bill Ballard, Wayland Baptist University -- Lubbock
Discussant(s): Bill Ballard, Wayland Baptist University -- Lubbock

“Cultivating Student Entrepreneurship through Mobile Apps Development in Courses,” Theresia Atanga Wansi, Marymount University; Xiang Liu, Marymount University
“Teaching Behavioral Economics at a Small Liberal Arts University,” Brian Hollar, Marymount University
Health, Education, and Welfare
Friday, April 10, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Mount Wilson

Session Organizer: Jean-Marc Gandonou, Eastern New Mexico University

“The Economic Impact of Road Traffic Crashes in Jamaica,” Alecia Evans, The University of the West Indies Mona
“Have Children Experienced The Economic Recovery?” Craig Walker, Oklahoma Baptist University
“Estimating health cost for arsenic: A Case study from Assam, India,” Ratul Mahanta, Gauhati University

Agricultural and Natural Resource Economics, Environmental and Ecological Economics 2
Friday, April 10, 2015
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Mount Wilson

Session Organizer: Jean-Marc Gandonou, Eastern New Mexico University
Session Chair:
Discussant(s):

“An Economic Evaluation of Precipitation vs. Yield of Wine Grapes in Kern County, California,” Lauren Motloch, Tarleton State University
“Evidence of the existence of the Environmental Kuznets Curve; A case study from the tire manufacturing sector in America,” John McCollough, Lamar University; Miao He, Lamar University; Bing Li, Henan Polytechnic University, China
“The Economic Impact of Weather on Cattle Production in North Texas,” Virginia Rudibaugh, Tarleton State University
Macroeconomics and Monetary Economics 1
Friday, April 10, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Maroon Peak

Session Organizer: Jean-Marc Gandonou, Eastern New Mexico University
Session Chair: Garfield Blake, Central Connecticut State University
Discussant(s): Garfield Blake, Central Connecticut State University

“The Impact of monetary policy on the unemployment rate in Jamaica: A Vector Autoregressive (VAR) Approach,” Andre Harrison, University of the West Indies, Mona

Economics General Business Meeting
Friday, April 10, 2015
4:00pm – 5:15 pm
Mount Evans

Session Organizer: Jean-Marc Gandonou, Eastern New Mexico University
Session Chair: Theresia Atanga Wansi, Marymount University

Economics Reception
Friday, April 10, 2015
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Gray’s Peak A

Session Organizer: Jean-Marc Gandonou, Eastern New Mexico University
Session Chair: Theresia Atanga Wansi, Marymount University
Macroeconomics and Monetary Economics 3
Saturday, April 11, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Mount Elbert B

Session Organizer: Jean-Marc Gandonou, Eastern New Mexico University
Session Chair: Garfield Blake, Central Connecticut State University
Discussant(s): Garfield Blake, Central Connecticut State University

“The Interrelationship between Labour Market Productivity and Inflation in Jamaica,” Shannon Joylyn Spencer, University of the West Indies, Mona Campus

Mainstream Labor in the First World
Saturday, April 11, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Gray's Peak A

Session Organizer: Jean-Marc Gandonou, Eastern New Mexico University
Session Chair: Gregory Morales, SDSU

“Mainstream Labor in the First World,” Gregory Morales, SDSU
“Conflict or conservation? A roadmap for management of Kaziranga National Park, India,” Daisy Das, North Eastern Hill University
“Developing Frugal Innovation Capabilities in Emerging Economies – An Institution based Strategic Perspective,” Soumya Sivakumar, Marymount University; Avinash Shivdas, Amrita University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India
HISTORY SESSIONS

Recovering Forgotten Dimensions of the Latin American Past
Thursday, April 9, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Mount Elbert A

Session Organizer: Daniel Haworth, University of Houston-Clear Lake

“Forging Peace in the “Forgotten Years:” Governance in Guanajuato, Mexico, after the U.S-Mexican War (1848-1854),” Daniel Haworth, University of Houston-Clear Lake
Jeremy M Mikecz, 2627510734

Developments of the 20th Century: Nation State, Moral Panic, and Genocide
Thursday, April 9, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Gray's Peak B

Session Organizer: Lopita Nath, University of the Incarnate Word
Session Chair: Sharon Catherine Sewell, Darton State College

“Nations into Empires: How Empires Form due to the Flawed Idealism of the Nation-State,”
Priscilla Kilili, San Jose State University
“The ‘Ferocious Beast’: Absinthe and Moral Panic at the Turn of the Century,” John Edgar Shockley, Midwestern State University
“Are You Well? When Studying the Holocaust Becomes a Problem”, “Mark Mengerink, Lamar University
“The Fascist Way of Life: Analyzing Mario Palmieri’s The Philosophy of Fascism,” Sean Washburn, California State University, Fullerton. History Department
Women Activist Pioneers in American History
Thursday, April 9, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Mount Elbert A

Session Organizer: Rowland Brucken, Norwich University
Session Discussant: Shelly Lemons, McKendree University
Additional Participant: Lisa Brucken, Norwich University

“Magrit B. Krewson: German/Dutch Area Specialist at the Library of Congress in the 20th Century”, Michael Meyer, CSUN
“Just ‘Doing What Any Woman Would Do’: Margaret Chase Smith, Dwight D. Eisenhower and the 1955 Visit to Skowhegan, Maine”, Jeannette W. Cockroft, Schreiner University

Mythology, Cultural Identity and Sexuality-Phi Alpha Theta
Thursday, April 9, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Mount Elbert A

Session Organizer: Mark Beasley, Hardin-Simmons University
Session Chair: Mark Beasley, Hardin-Simmons University
Session Discussant(s): Brenda Melendy, Texas A&M University-Kingsville and Mark Beasley, Hardin-Simmons University

“A Glory John Wayne War: The Use of Cowboy Mythology in the Vietnam War,” Ryan McKelvy, Midwestern State University
“With Mankind or Beast”: Sexuality, Race, and the Texas Sodomy Statute, 1860-1893,” Jecoa Ross, University of Texas at El Paso
“Roger Casement, John Maynard Keynes and Mahatma Gandhi: Exploring Same-Sex Sexuality in the British Empire”, Danielle Smith, Texas State University

Diversity in History-Phi Alpha Theta
Thursday, April 9, 2015
1:00pm - 2:15pm
Gray's Peak B

Session Organizer: Mark Beasley, Hardin-Simmons University
Session Discussant(s): Mark Mengerink, Lamar University

“The Reluctant Activists: The Stories of Genevieve Huizar and Donna Acevedo,” Carie Renee Rael, California State University, Fullerton
“Using the Toll bridge: The Power Dynamics of Trade and Intermediary Relationships among the Iroquois Indians of Eighteenth Century North America,” Erich Gunnar Wendt, Cal State Fullerton, Phi Alpha Theta
Colorado History
Thursday, April 9, 2015
1:00pm - 2:15pm
Mount Elbert A

Session Organizer: Adam Thomas, Johns Hopkins University
Session Chair: Rowland Brucken, Norwich University


Fragments of the Past: The Shifting Terrain of Student-History Journals
Thursday, April 9, 2015
2:30pm – 3:45pm
Gray’s Peak B

Session Organizer: Timothy Barrette, 7146121649
Participants: Jonathan Lozano, California State University – Fullerton; Conrad Negron, Cal State Fullerton; Paulette Torres, Cal State-Fullerton; Dane Royster, Cal State-Fullerton and Sean Washburn, California State University, Fullerton

Identity is a River: A Historical Grounding for Latino/a Identity Formation in the U.S, 1900-Present
Thursday, April 9, 2015
2:30pm - 3:45pm
Mount Elbert A

Session Organizer: Gene Morales, University of Texas at El Paso
Session Chair: Daniel Haworth, University of Houston-Clear Lake

“Mi Feria es Su Feria (My Fair is your Fair): How Mexican Americans created the 1968 San Antonio HemisFair,” Gene Morales, University of Texas at El Paso
“The Farah Strike of 1972-74: Mexicanas Forming Identities and Networks,” Juan Carlos Varela, University of Texas at El Paso
“They Won the Battle but Lost the War: 1936 Racial Reclassification of Ethnic Mexicans in El Paso, Texas,” Raul Munoz, University of Texas at El Paso
**Topics in American History**

Friday, April 10, 2015
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Mount Elbert A

Session Organizer: Rowland Brucken, Norwich University
Session Chair: Rowland Brucken, Norwich University

“The 1848 Revolutions in Germany and German Emigration to the United States,” Michael Meyer, CSUN

“Spain’s Kentucky ‘Sphere of Influence’ during the ‘Long Eighteenth Century’,” David Porter, Northern Virginia Community College

“Six Guns” Hockey and Bart Simpson Baseball: A History of Professional Sports in New Mexico,” Ryan Swanson, University of New Mexico

**From Conflict to Resettlement: The Vulnerability and Challenges of Refugees from Syria, Gaza and Bhutan.**

Friday, April 10, 2015
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Mount Elbert A

Session Organizer: Lopita Nath, University of the Incarnate Word
Session Chair: Jeffrey Hankins, Louisiana Tech
Session Discussant(s):

“In Search of Shangri-la: Challenges of Bhutanese Refugee Resettlement in the United States,” Lopita Nath, University of the Incarnate Word

“PALESTINIAN WOMEN REFUGEES’ PERCEPTION OF THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STATUS, Dr. Rolla Alaydi,” Rolla Alaydi, University of Texas at San Antonio


**Women’s Rights and Human Displacement during World War II**

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Mount Elbert A

Session Organizer: Lopita Nath, University of the Incarnate Word
Session Chair: Lopita Nath, University of the Incarnate Word
Additional Participant: Brenda Melendy, Texas A&M University-Kingsville

“From Lower Silesia to Westphalia: The Journey of Monika Langerbein,” Helmut Langerbein, Southern Arkansas University
Race, Place, and Space: New Frontiers in Latino/a History
Friday, April 10, 2015
1:00pm - 2:15pm
Mount Elbert A

Session Organizer: Daniel Haworth, University of Houston-Clear Lake
Session Chair: Daniel Haworth, University of Houston-Clear Lake

“Los Betabeleros: The Rise of Latino Labor in Colorado’s Sugar Industry,” Derek R. Everett, Metropolitan State University – Denver
“Mexicana/os in the Texas Plains: Traversing and Transforming Regional, Cultural, and Ethno-Racial Borders,” Joel Zapata, Southern Methodist University
“Making Tacos in Space” : José Jiménez, Ellen Ochoa and The Evolutionary History of Hispanics in American Spaceflight, 1958-Present,” Erinn Catherine McComb, Del Mar College
“Palaces and Porches, Silver and Gold: The Spaces of Labor and Leisure on Colorado’s Tortilla Curtain,” Adam Thomas, Johns Hopkins University

Chronicle for Historical Studies Editorial Board Meeting
Friday, April 10, 2015
2:30pm - 3:45pm
Mount Elbert A

Session Organizer: Jeffrey Hankins, Louisiana Tech University

Southwestern History Association Business Meeting
Friday, April 10, 2015
5:00pm – 6:30pm
Mount Columbia

Session Organizer: Jeffrey Hankins, Louisiana Tech University
Session Chair: E. Kale Haywood, Allegheny College

Southwestern History Association President’s Reception
Friday, April 10, 2015
7:00pm – 8:30pm
Mount Evans

Session Organizer: Jeffrey Hankins, Louisiana Tech University
Session Chair: E. Kale Haywood, Allegheny College
War and Race Relations, 1865-1955
Saturday, April 11, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Mount Elbert A

Session Organizer: Rowland Brucken, Norwich University
Session Chair: Lisa Brucken, Norwich University
Additional Participant: Joy Elizabeth Powell, 4053201971

“How The Houston Riot of 1917 and World War I Began The Civil Rights Movement,” Roger Lee Booker, Jr, Texas State University
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES SESSIONS

Designing a Working Healthcare Delivery Mechanism
Thursday, April 9, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Crestone Peak

Session Organizer: Glenn Melancon, Southeastern Oklahoma State University
Session Chair: Jo Marie Rios, Texas A&M University

“Considerations in Meeting Fidelity Expectations in a Youth Health Replication Program,” Mercy Mwaria, Program Reach, Inc; Nanci Coppola, Program Reach, Inc; Mary Phifer, Program Reach, Inc
“Selection vs. Protection, Composition vs. Context: Identifying the Mechanisms of Favorable Barrio “Effects” on Mexican-American Health,” Fernando Riosmena, University of Colorado Boulder, Institute of Behavioral Science, Department of Geography; Emily Steiner, University of Colorado Boulder, Institute of Behavioral Science, Department of Sociology; Jamie Humphrey, University of Colorado Boulder

Legacy of the Crusade for Justice in Latina/os in Denver
Thursday, April 9, 2015
8:30am – 9:45am
Gray’s Peak B

Session Organizer; Tracy L. Dietz, University of North Texas
Session Chair: Lisa M. Martinez, University of Denver

Session Participants: Lisa M. Martinez, University of Denver and Chalane Lechuga, Metropolitan State University of Denver

Internal Migration Policy
Thursday, April 9, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Mount Evans

Session Organizer: Glenn Melancon, Southeastern Oklahoma State University
Session Chair: Comfort Ricketts, New Mexico State University

“An Analysis of Puerto Rican Interest to Migrate to the United States,” Miguel A. Vicens, Western New Mexico University
Author Meets Critics – George I. Sanchez: The Long Fight for Mexican American Integration
Friday, April 10, 2015
11:30am – 12:45 pm
Pike’s Peak

Session Organizer: Rogelio Saenz, University of Texas at San Antonio
Session Chair: Rogelio Saenz, University of Texas at San Antonio
Session Discussant(s): Lucila Del Carmen Ek, University of Texas at San Antonio; David Montejano, University of California, Berkeley and Phillip B. Gonzales, University of New Mexico
Additional Participant: Carlos Kevin Blanton, Texas A&M University

Bonjean Award-Winning and Lineberry Award-Winning Articles
Friday, April 10, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Mount Evans

Session Organizer: Tracy L. Dietz, University of North Texas
Session Chair: Glenn Melancon, Southeastern Oklahoma State University

“Bonjean Award Winner: Pushing ‘Reset’: The Conditional Effects of Coaching Replacements on College Football Performance,” E. Scott Adler, University of Colorado -- Boulder; Michael Berry, University of Colorado -- Denver; David Doherty, Loyola University – Chicago
“Lineberry Award Winner: Civic Education and Democratic Capacity: How Do Teachers Teach and What Works,” Allison Martens, University of Northern Iowa; Jason Gainous, University of Louisville

Being illegal is beautiful because we have through a lot and survived: A Screening of the Documentary “Tania Monarca”
Friday, April 10, 2015
2:30pm – 3:45pm
Grand Ballroom

Session Organizer: Lisa M. Martinez, University of Denver

Latino/as in Denver: A View from Local Non-Profit Organizations
Friday, April 10, 2015
2:30pm – 3:45pm
Mount Harvard

Session Organizer: Tracy L. Dietz, University of North Texas
Session Chair: Lisa M. Martinez, University of Denver
The Value of Networks
Saturday, April 11, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Mount Elbert A

Session Organizer: Glenn Melancon, Southeastern Oklahoma State University
Session Chair: Joseph Comeau, Georgia Southwestern State University

“Predictors of Early College High School Students Obtaining a Baccalaureate Degree,” Trinidad Morales, The University of Texas at El Paso
“The Family Meal as a Network of Practices,” Tracy Bacon, University of Arizona
“Well-Being and Social Comparison among Facebook Users: A Comparison of College Students and MTurkers,” Lee Keenan Farquhar, Samford University; Theresa Davidson, Samford University
“The Voices of Chicana/o Youth in the Production of Knowledge,” Chalane Lechuga, Metropolitan State University of Denver
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES SESSIONS

Issues in the Middle East
Thursday, April 9, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Mount Columbia

Session Organizer: Gerge Vargi, Georgia Perimeter College
Session Chair: Luke Allison, The Center for Warfare and Neuropsychological Studies
Session Discussant(s): Mehdi Noorbaksh, Harrisburg University of Science and Technology and A. Manafy, New Mexico Highlands University

“Arab Spring and Modernization of Islam,” Susmit Kumar, Kumar Consultancy
“Islamophobia: Images of Islam in the West,” Halil Ibrahim Salih, Texas Wesleyan University; Dina Malki Hussayni, Haartford Seminary

Iran Nuclear Deal – A Panel Discussion
Thursday, April 9, 2015
10:00am – 11:15am
Mount Columbia

Session Organizer: George Vargis, Georgia Perimeter College
Session Chair: Mehdi Noorbaksh, Harrisburg University of Science and Technology
Session Participants: Halil Ibrahim Salih, Texas Wesleyan University; A. Manafy, New Mexico Highlands University; George Vargis, Georgia Perimeter College and Israel Nandamudi, East Texas Baptist University

Foreign Policy Issues
Thursday, April 9, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Mount Columbia

Session Organizer: George Vargis, Georgia Perimeter College
Session Chair: Halil Ibrahim Salih, Texas Wesleyan University
Session Discussant(s): Halil Ibrahim Salih, Texas Wesleyan University and Michael Huelshoff, University of New Orleans

“The U.S. Foreign Policy in the Yom Kippur War,” Israel Nandamudi, East Texas Baptist University
“US Foreign Policy and the Bosnia-Herzegovina Conflict: The Impact of Muslim Identity,” Joan Davison, Rollins College
“Free Movement of People in the Caribbean: Myth or Reality?,” Christopher C White, Livingstone College
**International Relations Theory**  
Thursday, April 9, 2015  
1:00pm - 2:15pm  
Mount Columbia

Session Organizer: George Vargis, Georgia Perimeter College  
Session Chair: Jason Blazevic, Dixie State University  
Session Discussant(s): Joan Davison, Rollins College

“Maslow and International Relations: Can A Hierarchy of Needs for States by Established?,”  
Kevin L. Brennan, Ouachita Baptist University

“Once and Once Again: the Familiar Biology and Psychology of Swarming and F3EA,”  
Luke Allison, The Center for Warfare and Neuropsychological Studies

**Terrorism**  
Thursday, April 9, 2015  
2:30pm - 3:45pm  
Mount Columbia

Session Organizer: George Vargis, Georgia Perimeter College  
Session Chair: Lopita Nath, University of the Incarnate Word  
Session Discussant(s): Israel Nandamudi, East Texas Baptist University

“Looted Antiquities: Economic Opportunity for Terrorists,” Vanessa Hanson, Dominican University of California

“ISIS: A Cause and Effect Analysis”,  
A Manafy, New Mexico Highlands University

“Middle East, Cold War and New Threats,”  
Mehdi Noorbaksh, Harrisburg University of Science and Technology

**Educational Issue of Latinos and Moldovans**  
Friday, April 10, 2015  
8:30am - 9:45am  
Mount Columbia

Session Organizer: George Vargis, Georgia Perimeter College  
Session Chair: Cheng-Hsien Lin, Lamar University  
Session Discussant(s): Cheng-Hsien Lin, Lamar University

“Issues of Classification: Latinos; Apples or Oranges?,”  
Diana M Fuller, Georgia Perimeter College

“Latinos and Post-Secondary Education in Georgia’s Public Institutions,”  
Salli Vargis, Georgia Perimeter College
**ISIS Crises – A Panel Discussion**
Friday, April 10, 2015
10:00am – 11:15am
Mount Columbia

Session Organizer: George Vargis, Georgia Perimeter College
Session Chair: Israel Nandamudi, East Texas Baptist University
Session Participants: Vanessa Hanson, Dominican University of California; Halil Ibraihm Salih, Texas Wesleyan University; A. Manafy, New Mexico Highlands University; George Vargis, Georgia Perimeter College; Susmit Kumar, Kumar Consultancy and Mehdi Noorbaksh, Harrisburg University of Science and Technology

**China and South China Sea**
Friday, April 10, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Mount Columbia

Session Organizer: George Vargis, Georgia Perimeter College
Session Chair: Salli Vargis, Georgia Perimeter College
Session Discussant(s): Israel Nandamudi, East Texas Baptist University

“Dashing Around the South China Sea: China’s Calculations, US Concerns, and Taiwan’s Choices,” Wei-chin Lee, Wake Forest University

“Securing the Strait: China, Japan and the Taiwan Dilemma,” Jason Blazevic, Dixie State University

**Democracy and Rule of Law**
Friday, April 10, 2015
1:00pm - 2:15pm
Mount Columbia

Session Organizer: George Vargis, Georgia Perimeter College
Session Chair: George Vargis, Georgia Perimeter College


“Can U.S. Foreign Policy Live With Democracy in the Middle East,” A Manafy, New Mexico Highlands University
Southwestern International Studies Association Business Meeting
Friday, April 10, 2015
2:30pm - 3:45pm
Mount Columbia

Session Organizer: George Vargis, Georgia Perimeter College
Session Chair: Salli Vargis, Georgia Perimeter College

Southwestern International Studies Association President’s Reception
Friday, April 10, 2015
4:00pm - 5:15pm
Mount Sopris A

Session Organizer: George Vargis, Georgia Perimeter College
Session Chair: Salli Vargis, Georgia Perimeter College

Issues on Economic Development
Saturday, April 11, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Mount Columbia

Session Organizer: George Vargis, Georgia Perimeter College
Session Chair: J. Ulyses Balderas, University of St. Thomas - Houston
Session Discussant(s): Halil Ibrahim Salih, Texas Wesleyan University and Jason Blazevic, Dixie State University

“Economic Wealth as Limited Predictor of Happiness Across Nations,” Elena Maria Petre, University of St. Thomas – Houston
“Enriching Men, Empowering Families: Enrichment Programs in Microcredit Initiatives,” Esther James, University of St. Thomas-Houston
Social and Economic Issues of Africa and the Middle East
Saturday, April 11, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Mount Columbia

Session Organizer: George Vargis, Georgia Perimeter College
Session Chair: Michael Huelshoff, University of New Orleans
Session Discussant(s): Salli Vargis, Georgia Perimeter College

“Ghanaian Education and its Impact on a Community with Persons with Disabilities: A Case Study,” Jesse Andrew Roberts, University of St. Thomas-Houston

“Water Insecurities along the Nile: Formulating Regional Cooperation with Innovating Technologies and Virtual Water,” Maria Elene Koukatsikas, University of St. Thomas-Houston

“Remittances to Middle Eastern and North African Countries: The Case of Migrants in the United States and Mexico,” Rebecca Skaff, University of St. Thomas – Houston

A Potpourri of International Economic Issues
Saturday, April 11, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Mount Columbia

Session Organizer: George Vargis, Georgia Perimeter College
Session Discussant(s): Garfield Blake, Central Connecticut State University and Christopher C. White, Livingston College

“Leveraging India's Soft Power Advantage into Hard Strategic and Economic Gains,” George Vargis, Georgia Perimeter College

“The Determinants of Remittances in Mexico,” J. Ulyses Balderas, University of St. Thomas - Houston
POLITICAL SCIENCE SESSIONS

Teaching Political Science: Interactive Classrooms
Thursday, April 9, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Gray's Peak A

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: Terry L Gilmour, Midland College
Session Discussant(s): Terry L Gilmour, Midland College

“Learning by Doing: Using an Online Simulation Game in an International Relations Course,”
Jennifer Lynn Epley, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

“When Upside Down is Right-side Up: A Skills Based Flipped Classroom Approach to Political Science,”
Alan Steinberg, Sam Houston State University

Comparative Political Institutions: Comparative Politics of Institutions
Thursday, April 9, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Mount Elbert B

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: Thomas Seitz, University of Wyoming
Session Discussant(s): Rafael Oganesyan, University of Nevada Las Vegas

“Hybrid Regimes and the Utilization of a Trichotomous Classification Model,”
Katelyn Hess, University at Buffalo

“Feeding Stability: Does Perception of Food Security Impact Political Stability?,”
Jeff William Justice, Tarleton State University; Jett E Tullos, Tarleton State University

“When Unitary Systems Go Federal: Devolution in France, Italy, Spain, the UK, and Japan,”
William Edward Carroll, Sam Houston State University
Public Policy and Public Administration: Public Policy in State and Local Governments
Thursday, April 9, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Pike's Peak

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: Haroon A Khan, Walden University
Session Discussant(s): Haroon A Khan, Walden University


“Poverty in the Suburban Sprawl: How a Rise in Suburban Poverty Affects Local Governments,” Roni Kay O’Dell, Cameron University; Matthew T Klick, University of Denver

“Driving Distracted: How effective are state policies at preventing distracted driving?,” Alexander B Jorgensen, University of Kansas

“Lefebvre’s Right to the City: Some Second Thoughts,” Thomas Halper, Baruch College/CUNY

Political Institutions: Issues of Legislative Representation
Thursday, April 9, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Gray's Peak A

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: Stacy Burnett Gordon Fisher, University of Nevada, Reno
Session Discussant(s): Harold F. Bass, Ouachita Baptist University

“Immigration Policy Voting in the U.S. Senate: Parties, Constituencies, and Latino Representation,” Thomas Ringenberg, Missouri State University & University of Kansas

“Latinas and the Congressional Policy Agenda: the First 20 Years,” Walter Wilson, University of Texas at San Antonio; Juan Urbano, Texas A&M University Corpus Christi
Judicial Politics: Rights in the Courts
Thursday, April 9, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Mount Elbert B

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: Richard Vining, University of Georgia

“A Meta-Analysis of Automobile Searches,” Priscilla Zotti, United States Naval Academy

Public Policy and Public Administration: Analyses of the Policy Process
Thursday, April 9, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Mount Evans

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: Roni Kay O’Dell, Cameron University
Session Discussant(s): Jungwon Yeo, University of Pittsburgh

“Congress and Gun Control Policy,” Keith Rollin Eakins, University of Central Oklahoma; Loren Gatch, University of Central Oklahoma
“Was the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Effective?,” Colton Sheffield, Tarleton State University; James darell McCaleb, Tarleton state university; Wade Venable, Tarleton State University
Political Institutions: Debating Policy
Thursday, April 9, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Mount Wilson

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: Peter W Wielhouwer, Western Michigan University
Session Discussant(s): Peter W Wielhouwer, Western Michigan University

“A Tale of Two Visions?: The Rhetorical Life and Political Realities of the Immigration Debate within the U.S. Congress,” Joseph Cobetto, University of Missouri, Columbia
“The Politics of Manufactured Crisis Tea Party strategy during the fiscal wars of 2011-2013,” Miklos Sebok, Centre for Social Sciences, HAS
“From the Frank to talk2tom: Examining the Evolution of Congressional Communication from Mass Mailings to Mass Communications,” Jocelyn Evans, University of West Florida

Political Institutions: State and Local Government Institutions
Thursday, April 9, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Pike's Peak

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Discussant(s): David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas

“Inside the "Twilight Zone": Small-City Board Operations and Members' Assessments of Their Experiences,” John R. Baker, Wittenberg University
“The Power Politics of Local Government: How Intergovernmental Competition Influences County Spending,” Kelly Elizabeth Morrison, Lee University; Bailey Noelle Brents, Lee University
“The Power of Staff in the California State Legislature: perspectives from staff and lobbyists,” Stacy Burnett Gordon Fisher, University of Nevada, Reno
**Comparative Politics: Comparative Perspectives on Turnout and Voting**

Thursday, April 9, 2015  
1:00pm - 2:15pm  
Gray's Peak A

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas

“A New Dimension of Economic Voting: Does Welfare Spending Affect the Electoral Fortune of Incumbents,” Jungsub Shin, University of Missouri-Columbia; Beomseob Park, University of Missouri-Columbia  
“Economic Stimulus and Electoral Survival,” John Weston Jamison, Texas Tech University  
“Economics and the Vote: Evidence from Asia,” Rafael Oganesyan, University of Nevada Las Vegas

**Public Policy and Public Administration: Health and Education Policy in Minority Communities**  
Thursday, April 9, 2015  
1:00pm - 2:15pm  
Mount Elbert B

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas  
Session Chair: Jo Marie Rios, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi  
Session Discussant(s): Jo Marie Rios, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi

“The Lack of Good Governance and Human Development,” Haroon A Khan, Walden University  
“On the Bus Ride Home: Immigration, Social Exclusion and Public Health in Colorado’s Rocky Mountains,” Matthew T Klick, University of Denver; Laura Feehs, University of Denver  
“Politics or Professionalism? Budgeting for Bilingual Education,” Carla Flink, University of Texas at San Antonio; Angel Molina, Texas A&M University

**Public Policy and Public Administration: Marketing Tactics in Public Policy and Administration**  
Thursday, April 9, 2015  
2:30pm - 3:45pm  
Pike's Peak

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas  
Session Chair: Carla Fink, University of Texas at San Antonio  
Session Discussant(s): Carla Fink, University of Texas at San Antonio

“Towards Policy Advocacy -- Activism, Advocacy and Political Empowerment: Some Evidence from Hispanic Environmental Justice Groups,” Jo Marie Rios, Texas A&M University -- Corpus Christi
Judicial Politics: Judicial Selection and Legitimacy
Thursday, April 9, 2015
2:30pm - 3:45pm
Gray's Peak A

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: William L Gillespie, Kennesaw State University
Session Discussant(s): Priscilla Zotti, United State Naval Academy

“Candidate Emergence and State Supreme Courts: Decisions to Run for Chief Justice,” Richard Vining, University of Georgia; Emily Wanless, Augustana College; Teena Wilhelm, University of Georgia
“Senatorial Networks and the Lower Federal Court Appointment Process,” Charles Gregory, Stephen F. Austin State University

Presidency Mini-Conference: Perspectives on Presidential Power
Thursday, April 9, 2015
2:30pm - 3:45pm
Mount Elbert B

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: James King, University of Wyoming
Session Discussant(s): James King, University of Wyoming and James Riddlesperger, TCU

“Do We Like the Strong, Silent Type?: Presidential Unilateralism and Maintaining Popular Support,” Joseph Cobetto, University of Missouri, Columbia

SPSA Executive Council Meeting
Friday, April 10, 2015
7:15am - 8:15am
Gray’s Peak A

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: Juan Carlos Huerta, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
International Relations: On the Nature of Hegemony and Regimes
Friday, April 10, 2015
8:30pm - 9:45am
Pike’s Peak

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: Mac Wetherbee, University of Colorado Boulder
Session Discussant(s): A. Manafy, New Mexico Highlands University

“Can Military Relations Be Used to Prevent Unintended Escalation of the Senkaku Island Dispute?,” Evan McKinney, U.S. Air Force Academy

Comparative Politics: Backsliding on Democracy
Friday, April 10, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Mount Elbert B

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: William Edward Carroll, Sam Houston State University
Session Discussant(s): William Edward Carroll, Sam Houston State University

“Political Influence of the Park Chung Hee Nostalgia in Korean Democracy focusing on the case of the 2012 presidential election,” WooJin Kang, KyungPook National University; Mun gu Kang, Kyungnam University
“Orang Baik Pilih Orang Baik”? Jokowi’s Victory and the Meaning of Democracy for Indonesian Citizens,” Andrew D Garner, University of Wyoming; Thomas Seitz, University of Wyoming
Comparative Politics: Political Responses to Gender Violence
Friday, April 10, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Pike’s Peak

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: Steve Jurek, SUNY College at Brockport
Session Discussant(s): Brian Turnbull, University of Kansas

“FEMEN, Hollaback, and Slutwalk: Assertive or Aggressive Human Rights?,” Scott Dittloff, University of the Incarnate Word
“Political and Legal Framework to Address Gender Violence in the Middle East,” Saba Ozyurt, Alliant International University; Ihab Judeh, Alliant International University
“Temporary Marriage: A New Guise for Human Trafficking?,” Sammy Badran, University of Kansas
“How does the media cover male and female candidates in high profile elections? Evidence from South Korea,” Tiffany D Barnes, University of Kentucky; Jinhyeok Jang, University of Louisville; Jaehoo Park, Rice University

Presidency Mini-Conference: The Workings of the Obama White House
Friday, April 10, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Mount Evans

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: Ken E. Collier, Stephen F. Austin State University
Session Discussant(s): Ken E. Collier, Stephen F. Austin State University

“Presidential Restraint in the Obama Administration,” Michael Edward Tager, Marietta College
“Staffing the Obama Presidency: Second Term Appointments,” James King, University of Wyoming; James Riddlesperger, TCU

Political Institutions: Changes in Political Institutions
Friday, April 10, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Mount Elbert B

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: Walter Wilson, University of Texas at San Antonio
Session Discussant(s): Jennifer Hayes Clark, University of Houston

“The Impact of Change in the House of Representatives on Legislative Staffing Arrangements”, Gary Lee Malecha, University of Portland; Daniel J Reagan, Ball State University
Political Behavior: Identity and Political Behavior
Friday, April 10, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Gray's Peak A

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: Rosalinda Maria Valenzuela, University of Texas at Dallas
Session Discussant(s): Brian Hanson, University of Kansas

“Can Religion Help Republicans Win Hispanic Voters?” Donald Davison, Rollins College
“Latinos and the Persuasion Effects of Conservative Radio Advertisements,” Peter Wielhouwer, Western Michigan University

Comparative Politics: Political Identity in Developing Countries
Friday, April 10, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Gray's Peak A

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: Scott Ditloff, University of the Incarnate Word
Session Discussant(s): Scott Ditloff, University of the Incarnate Word

“Failure of a Maya Party? Evaluating Indigenous Participation in Guatemala,” Ryan Daugherty, University of Kansas
“Identity Politics in India: The Role of Social Values,” Brian Turnbull, University of Kansas

Political Behavior: Participation and Outreach
Friday, April 10, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Mount Elbert B

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: Stacy G. Ulbig, Sam Houston State University
Session Discussant(s): Stacy G. Ulbig, Sam Houston State University

“Voting and Stress,” Shauna Reilly, Northern Kentucky University; Richard N. Engstrom, Independent Scholar; Jeffrey Zimmerman, Northern Kentucky University; Thomas Phillip Milewski, Northern Kentucky University
“Effect of Negative Life Experiences on Engaging in Terrorist Actions among PKK Terrorists,” mustafa kirisci, University of North Texas
Political Behavior: Legislatures and Legislative Elections
Friday, April 10, 2015
1:00pm - 2:15pm
Mount Elbert B

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: Patrick Schoetttmer, Southwestern Oklahoma State University
Session Discussant(s): Andrew D Garner, University of Wyoming

“Cyclical Majorities and Legislative Voting: Condorcet’s Paradox in Congress,” James W Endersby, University of Missouri
“Money and the 2014 Midterms,” Sam Fisher, University of South Alabama
“Si, Hay Latinos in the Deep South! The Case of Latino Representatives in Georgia,” Rosalinda Maria Valenzuela, University of Texas at Dallas; Millie Denise Black, Collin College

ROUNDTABLE: Executive-Legislative Relations
Friday, April 10, 2015
2:30pm - 3:45pm
Pike’s Peak

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: Ken E. Collier, Stephen F. Austin State University
Session Participant(s): Henry Barbier Sirgo, McNeese State University; Harold F. Bass, Ouachita Baptist University and Gary Lee Malecha, University of Portland

International Relations: Trade, Development and the Environment
Friday, April 10, 2015
2:30pm - 3:45pm
Mount Elbert B

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: Jonathan C. Benjamin-Alvarado, University of Nebraska - Omaha
Session Discussant(s): Jonathan C. Benjamin-Alvarado, University of Nebraska - Omaha

“Cooperation in International Environmental Treaties,” Samantha M Seaman, Loyola University Chicago
“FTAs and Global Economics: Can Developing Countries Avoid the Northern Flu?,” Michael Huelshoff, University of New Orleans
“Leader’s Educational Affiliation and Foreign Policy Similarity,” Wei-Feng Tzeng, University of North Texas
“The Eurasian Development Bank: Enhancing Socio-Economic Development or Extending Russo Neo-Imperialism?,” Rafael Oganesyan, University of Nevada Las Vegas

Comparative Politics: Politics of Transition
Friday, April 10, 2015
4:00pm - 5:15pm
Mount Harvard

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: James A Norris, Texas A&M International University
Session Discussant(s): John Weston Jamison, Texas Tech University

“Political leadership: comparison between "new" and "old" democracies,” Simona Kukovic, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia; Miro Hacek, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
“ Presidents, Prime Ministers, and Freedom,” Steve Jurek, SUNY College at Brockport; Anthony Scime, SUNY College at Brockport

Political Theory: Liberal-Republican Concepts and Criticism
Friday, April 10, 2015
4:00pm - 5:15pm
Pike’s Peak

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas

“Rousseau's Rome and De Lolme's England: Two Genevans and their Political Models,” Jakub Voboril, University of Notre Dame
“The Problem of Political Obligation: Strauss and Heidegger,” Scot Zentner, California State University, San Bernardino
“Locke, Cicero, and the Politics of Self Esteem,” Douglas Casoon, St Olaf College
Political Behavior: Performance, Threat, and Political Behavior

Friday, April 10, 2015
4:00pm - 5:15pm
Mount Yale

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: Shauna Reilly, Northern Kentucky University
Session Discussant(s): Sam Fisher, University of South Alabama

“Threats to the Heartland: Perceptions of Immigration as a Threat in Rural America,” Brian Hanson, University of Kansas
“Exploring Causes of Institutional Confidence in the U.S. Military,” Joseph Foster, United States Air Force Academy
“Haters Gonna Hate: Affective Polarization and Partisan Hatred,” Stacy G. Ulbig, Sam Houston State University

SPSA Business Meeting
Friday, April 10, 2015
5:30pm - 6:00pm
Mount Sopris B

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: Juan Carlos Huerta, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

American Political Science Association Presidential Address
Friday, April 10, 2015
6:00pm – 6:45pm
Mount Sopris B

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Session Chair: Juan Carlos Huerta, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi

SPSA Presidential Reception
Friday, April 10, 2015
6:45am - 8:00pm
Mount Elbert B

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: Juan Carlos Huerta, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Teaching Political Science: Using Critical Thinking In and Beyond the Classroom  
Saturday, April 11, 2015  
10:00am - 11:15am  
Mount Elbert B

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas  
Session Chair: Juan Carlos Huerta, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi  
Session Discussant(s): Juan Carlos Huerta, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi

“A Grave Responsibility”: Twelve Angry Men, Critical Thinking, and Cross-Discipline Collaboration,” Hans John Hacker, Arkansas State University; Bryant J Moy, Arkansas State University; Lisa J Bohn, Arkansas State University  
“A Political Scientist Practicing Pre-Law Advising in the First and Second Millennia,” Henry Barbier Sirgo, McNeese State University

Political Theory: Liberty and the Modern State  
Saturday, April 11, 2015  
10:00am - 11:15am  
Gray’s Peak A

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas  
Session Chair: Nicholas Drummond, University of North Texas  
Session Discussant(s): Brent Pickett, University of Wyoming

“John Stuart Mill, Political Economist -- His Contested Legacy,” quentin taylor paul taylor, Rogers State University  
“Liberty and the Spirit of the People,” Nicholas Drummond, University of North Texas  
“Technology, Progress and Paul Diesing,” Richard Hartwig, Texas A&M University -- Kingsville

Political Behavior: Political Attitudes on State and Local Politics and Policy

Saturday, April 11, 2015  
10:00am - 11:15am  
Gray’s Peak B

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas  
Session Chair: Steve J. Shone, University of Texas-Pan American  
Session Discussant(s): Steve J. Shone, University of Texas-Pan American

“Secession in Colorado, 2013: "Restoration" Comedy or Tragic Drama?,“ Derek R. Everett, Metropolitan State University -- Denver  
“Indian Gaming: The Declining Democratic Advantage in State Legislative Elections,” Andrew D Garner, University of Wyoming; Tracy Skopek, University of Wyoming  
International Relations: Call and Response: Conflict in the International Arena
Saturday, April 11, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Mount Elbert B

Session Organizer: David Damore, University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Session Chair: Jonathan C. Benjamin-Alvarado, University of Nebraska - Omaha
Session Discussant(s): Jonathan C. Benjamin-Alvarado, University of Nebraska - Omaha

“Post-Conflict States, International Organizations, and Foreign Aid,” Mac Wetherbee, University of Colorado Boulder

“ISIS: A Cause and Effective Analysis,” A Manafy, New Mexico Highlands University
PSYCHOLOGY SESSIONS

Status, Cues, and Deception: The Social Construction of Behavior
Thursday, April 9, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Mount Wilson

Session Organizer: Eddy Lynton, Texas Wesleyan University
Session Participant(s): Alison Marie Simons, Texas Wesleyan University; Trevor Baxter, Texas Wesleyan University and William Veliz, Texas Wesleyan University

Intimate Partner Violence Across Cultures
Thursday, April 9, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Mount Wilson

Session Organizer: Maria Felix-Ortiz, University of the Incarnate Word

“The impact of intimate partner violence on mental health service utilization among Middle Eastern women in the USA,” Liliyan Avansian Adegani, Alliant International University; Syeda Banoo, Alliant International University; Mohena Moreno, Alliant International University; Randy Noblitt, Alliant International University

“Understanding Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) in the Latino Population in the U.S,” Mohena Moreno, Alliant International University; Nina Yamini, Alliant International University; Syeda Banoo, Alliant International University; Marissa Sakaguchi, CSPP; Rumiko Okada, CSPP-LA

Understanding Challenges to Child Development
Thursday, April 9, 2015
1:00pm - 2:15pm
Mount Wilson

Session Organizer: Maria Felix-Ortiz, University of the Incarnate Word

“Benefits of biofeedback treatment for Asian Americans diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder,” Sum Yin Ruth Wong, Alliant International University, Los Angeles; Rumiko Okada, CSPP-LA; Cristina Magalhaes, Alliant International University, Los Angeles

“The Effects of Bullying,” Alan Turley, Texas A&M-CT; Catherine Klingler, TAMU-CT
Stress and Coping  
Thursday, April 9, 2015  
2:30pm - 3:45pm  
Mount Wilson

Session Organizer: Maria Felix-Ortiz, University of the Incarnate Word

“Rumination, Perceived Stress and the Responses to Psychosocial Challenges,” Jonathan Chua, Alliant International University, California School of Professional Psychology; Nicola Lasikiewicz, James Cook University

“Reliability Generalization of the Interpersonal Support Evaluation List (ISEL),” TRISHA MARIE KIVISALU, Alliant International University; Colleen E. Phillips, Alliant International University; Chelsi King, Alliant International University; Siobhan K O'Toole, Alliant International University

Latino Health Issues  
Friday, April 10, 2015  
8:30am - 9:45am  
Mount Wilson

Session Organizer: Maria Felix-Ortiz, University of the Incarnate Word

“Latinos and Mental Health: Spreading Awareness for the Latino Community and the Disparities they Face,” Nicole Danielle Callella, Alliant International University- California School of Professional Psychology; Gina Marie Sprague, Alliant International University-CSPP

“Working with families of Latino youth with sexually transmitted infections,” Brittany Christine Dafesh, California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant LA; Cristina Magalhaes, Alliant International University, Los Angeles

Understanding Identity Development  
Friday, April 10, 2015  
1:00pm - 2:15pm  
Mount Wilson

Session Organizer: Maria Felix-Ortiz, University of the Incarnate Word

“Career Self-Efficacy, Sex Role Identity, and Life Satisfaction,” Joycelyn Joya, Lamar University; Whitney Murdock, Lamar University; Brandi McDonald, Lamar University; Tho Nguyen, Lamar University; Zeke Miller, Lamar University; Edythe Kirk, Lamar University
Culturally Competent Interventions for Latinos and First Nation Peoples
Friday, April 10, 2015
2:30pm - 3:45pm
Mount Wilson

Session Organizer: Maria Felix-Ortiz, University of the Incarnate Word

“Curanderismo and Psychology: Understanding Indigenous Practices Among Mexican-American Clients in the Therapeutic Environment,” Eloiza Margarita Alcaraz, Mount St. Mary’s University; Rumiko Okada, CSPP-LA; Cristina Magalhaes, Alliant International University, Los Angeles

“Cultivating cultural competency in treatment of Latino Gang members, through understanding, risk factors, community impact and modalities for rehabilitation,” Gina Marie Sprague, Alliant International University-CSPP; Nicole Danielle Callella, Alliant International University- California School of Professional Psychology

Substance Abuse Interventions
Friday, April 10, 2015
4:00pm - 5:15pm
Mount Wilson

Session Organizer: Maria Felix-Ortiz, University of the Incarnate Word

“A systemic approach to treatment of substance abuse within the Latino community,” Jade Ozier, Alliant International University (CSPP) Los Angeles; Cristina Magalhaes, Alliant International University, Los Angeles

“Can Emotional Intelligence, Coping Style, and Sponsorship Predict Sobriety Through A 12-Step Program?,” Nicole Catherine Johnson, Alliant International University - California School of Professional Psychology

“Ayahuasca in the Treatment of Addiction: Scientific Evidence and Cultural Impacts,” Adam Snider, Alliant International University, Los Angeles; Cristina Magalhaes, Alliant International University, Los Angeles
Impactado por las tradiciones: Latino youth sexual behavior and contraceptive use
Saturday, April 11, 2015
8:30am - 11:15am
Mount Wilson

Session Organizer: Summer L Angevin, Alliant International University, California School of Professional Psychology
Session Chair: Summer L Angevin, Alliant International University, California School of Professional Psychology
Session Discussant(s): Michi Fu, Alliant International University, California School of Professional Psychology

“Ethnic pride and gender: Implications on Latino youth psychosexual behaviors,” Allie Laurie, Alliant International University; Summer L Angevin, Alliant International University, California School of Professional Psychology
SOCIAL WORK SESSIONS

Effective Interventions with the Latino Community

Thursday, April 9, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Torrey's Peak

Session Organizer: Joan Lewis, Alvernia University

“Folk Healer or Therapist? Who are Mexican-Americans in South Texas Seeking For Help?,” Iran Barrera, California State University - Fresno
“Supportive Services for Multiracial Latinos: Lessons Learned,” Arlene Reilly-Sandoval, 7193602724
“The Roles of Life Course Resources on Social Work Minority Students’ Educational Aspirations,” Yok Fong Paat, University of Texas at El Paso

Leadership. Social Work and University

Thursday, April 9, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Torrey's Peak

Session Organizer: Joan M. Lewis, Alvernia University

“Adjunct faculty inclusion and job satisfaction,” Nathan Brown, Weber State University; Jamie Hill, Weber State University; Kerry Kennedy, Weber State University
“Diversifying Social Work Leadership,” DuWayne Battle, Rutgers University; Christine M James, Rutgers University
“Efficacious Collaboration: University and Community Partnerships,” Nancy ----- Trout, Prairie View, Inc; Sue Ellen Gardner, Newman University
“Social Work leadership in Education: Faculty mentoring, curriculum development and community involvement in developing social work leadership,” John A Conahan, Kutztown University

A Report on the Status of Latino Health, Mental Health, and Education in West Texas

Thursday, April 9, 2015
1:00pm - 2:15pm
Torrey's Peak

Session Organizer: Joan Lewis, Alvernia University
Session Participant(s): Tom Winter, Abilene Christian University; Derrick Leonard Neal, Abilene-Taylor Public Health District; Alan J. Lipps, Abilene Christian University; Suzie Macaluso, Abilene Christian University and Wayne Paris, Abilene Christian University
Adolescents and Other Vulnerable Populations
Thursday, April 9, 2015
2:30pm - 3:45pm
Torrey's Peak

Session Organizer: Joan Lewis, Alvernia University

“Race, Class, Gender, and Adolescent Expectations,” Judy Dearing Berglund, Western Illinois University
“Relationship of fields of study and university experiences of student veterans,” Phu Tai Phan, 3102433495; Carmen Mcclain, CSUDH
“The arts and artists of homelessness: Fostering creativity through arts-informed social work practice,” Kathryn A. Rawdon, University of Oklahoma

Intersectionality in the Classroom: How Do Instructor Identities Effect the Classroom Learning Environment?
Friday, April 10, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Mount Yale

Session Organizer: Tanya Greathouse, Metropolitan State University of Denver
Session Participant(s): Kate Trujillo, Metropolitan State University of Denver and Kristin Scherrer, Metropolitan State University of Denver

Social Work Practice and Case Management
Friday, April 10, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Mount Yale

Session Organizer: Joan M. Lewis, Alvernia University

“Addressing the Needs of Underserved Isolated Seniors: A Community-Based Study,” Jessica H. Retrum, Metropolitan State University of Denver; Carri Hand, University of Western Ontario; Patricia Iwasaki, Taking Neighborhood Health to Heart; George Ware, Taking Neighborhood Health to Heart; Debbi Main, University of Colorado, Denver
“Between Culture and Context,” Susy Villegas, University of Oklahoma School of Social Work
Anne and Henry Zarrow
“Older Mexican Americans: Role of the Family and Mental Health Service Utilization,” John Michael Gonzalez, University of Texas - Pan American
Addiction, Recovery and Health Care
Friday, April 10, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Mount Yale

Session Organizer: Joan Lewis, Alvernia University

“Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students (BASICS),” Alan J Lipps, Abilene Christian University; Kristen Uetrecht, Abilene Christian University
“Disparity in Health Care in America for the vulnerable and the Social Work Profession,” Joan M. Lewis, Alvernia University
“Health Literacy among Youth in Guatemala City,” Steven Hoffman, University of Texas at San Antonio
“Latino Mental Health: A Systematic Review of Culturally Accommodated Treatment and Treatment Utilization,” Alan J Lipps, Abilene Christian University; Jessica Castillo, Abilene Christian University

Gender and Sexual Identity
Friday, April 10, 2015
1:00pm - 2:15pm
Mount Yale

Session Organizer: Joan Lewis, Alvernia University

“LGBT Foster Youth,” Justin Bucchio, Middle Tennessee State University
“Perspectives on female sexual offenders: Applying a trauma-informed lens,” Zachary R Johnson, University of Oklahoma; David A. McLeod, University of Oklahoma; Anthony Natale, University of Oklahoma
“The Experience of Shame among Women with Borderline Personality Disorder,” Gloria Hegge, Newman University
“The family systems of bisexual identified people,” Kristin Scherrer, Metropolitan State University of Denver; Emily Kazyak, University of Nebraska; Rachel Schmitz, University of Nebraska
Social Work Education -- Past and Present
Friday, April 10, 2015
2:30pm - 3:45pm
Mount Yale

Session Organizer: Joan M. Lewis, Alvernia University

“Using Mindfulness Techniques in Teaching Research Methods to Social Work Students,” Judy Dearing Berglund, Western Illinois University

“Vilona P. Cutler: A faithful social group work radical angel,” Herman F. Curiel, University of Oklahoma; Kenneth Wedel, University of Oklahoma

“What Happen to The Barrio Professor?,“ Judy Baca, Colorado State University -- Pueblo

“Xicanismo and Education: How We Broke Down Educational Barriers and Set Ourselves Up as Projectiles That Pelted Against an Inferior Educational System and Unequal Access,” Stephanie Lechuga-Peña, 7202173653; Chalane Lechuga, Metropolitan State University of Denver

Southwestern Social Work Association Business Meeting
Friday, April 10, 2015
4:00pm – 5:15pm
Mount Sopris B

Session Organizer: Joan M. Lewis, Alvernia University
Session Chair: Sue Ellen Gardner, Newman University

Education and Social Work Practice Innovations
Saturday, April 11, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Mount Harvard

Session Organizer: Joan Lewis, Alvernia University

“Impacting Cultural Heritage: The Use of Digital Storytelling in Communities,” Katherine Perone, Western Illinois University

“Integrating Animal Assisted Interventions to Social Work Practice- Benefits, Challenges, and Considerations,” Kate Trujillo, Metropolitan State University of Denver; Tanya Greathouse, Metropolitan State University Denver

“Social Workers' Family Values: A Comparison with the General Population,” Kenneth Wedel, University of Oklahoma; James Rosenthal, University of Oklahoma; Chloe Kliewer, University of Oklahoma
Latino University Students: Generational Health Care Perspectives
Saturday, April 11, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Mount Harvard

Session Organizer: Judy Baca, Colorado State University - Pueblo
Session Discussant(s): Arlene Reilly-Sandoval, 7193602724

“Latino University Students: Generational Health Care Perspectives,” Judy Baca, Colorado State University -- Pueblo; Arlene Reilly-Sandoval, 7193602724
SOCIOLOGY SESSIONS

Asian and Asian Americans
Thursday, April 9, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Mount Sopris B

Session Organizer: Bhoomi K Thakore, Northwestern University
Session Discussant(s): Wesley B. Huber, Kent State University

“Racial Identity of U.S. Born Taiwanese Over Time: Comparing Taiwanese immigrant racial identity to later generations,” Brittany Rico, Texas A&M University
“Exploring Mate Selection among Chinese Students in Southeast Texas,” Wei Xiong, Lamar University; Chiung-Fang Chang, Lamar University

Qualitative Criminology
Thursday, April 9, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Mount Sopris A

Session Organizer: Bobbi Reidinger, Kent State University

“The Innocent Men,” Robert Wallace, McMurry University; Candace Boehm, McMurry University
“Letters From Prison: Analysis and Methodology of Communication with Formerly Homeless Inmates,” Rachel L Rayburn, Indiana University - Purdue University Fort Wayne
“The Murder of the Lawson Family,” James Crissman, Benedictine University; Sandra Chmelir, Benedictine University
“No Horsing Around: Bestiality Law and Structural Ritualization Theory as a New Law Formation Model,” Jason Ulsperger, Arkansas Tech University; Kristen Ulsperger, Arkansas Tech University; J. David Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University

Globalization and Comparative Sociology
Thursday, April 9, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Mount Princeton

Session Organizer: Matthew Allen Pfeiffer, Kent State University

“How Social Capital Affects Turkish Citizens’ Perception Level of European Union (EU)?,” Mehmet Celebi, University of North Texas
Deviance
Thursday, April 9, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Grand Ballroom

Session Organizer: Beverly Lynn Stiles, Midwestern State University

“Virtual Cheating: Do Online Students Cheat More? Do They See it as Real Cheating?,” Ashley Flores, Midwestern State University; Geneva A Sanders, Midwestern State University; Emily E LaBeff, Midwestern State University; Beverly Lynn Stiles, Midwestern State University; Newman Wong, Midwestern State University; Minqi Pan, Midwestern State University

“College Student Gambling is on a Hot Streak,” LaDonna Sue McCune, University of Central Oklahoma; Madyson Roark, University of Central Oklahoma

“Drinking Behavior of Muslim Iranians: An Identity and Reference Group Approach,” Bashir Tofangsazi, Texas Woman's University; James L Williams, Texas Woman's University

SSA Executive Meeting I
Thursday, April 9, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Mount Princeton

Session Organizer, Carla Goar, Kent State University
Session Chair: David Embric, Loyola University – Chicago

Education and Inequalities
Thursday, April 9, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Grand Ballroom

Session Organizer: Stefanie Mollborn, University of Colorado Boulder
Session Chair: Stefanie Mollborn, University of Colorado Boulder


“The Relationship between Education and Health among Incarcerated Men and Women in the United States,” Kathryn Nowotny, University of Colorado Boulder; Ryan K. Masters, University of Colorado Boulder; Jason D. Boardman, University of Colorado Boulder

“Understanding the Educational Attainment of Sexual Minority Women and Men,” Stefanie Mollborn, University of Colorado Boulder; Bethany G. Everett, University of Illinois at Chicago

“Higher Education and Health Behaviors,” Elizabeth Lawrence, University of Colorado Boulder
Latina/os and Restrictive Policies
Thursday, April 9, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Mount Sopris A

Session Organizer: Cristina Morales, University of Texas at El Paso

“El Sueño Americano: the American Dream and Latinos,” Kristina Campos-Davis, Abilene Christian University
“Neoliberalism Threat to Ethnic Studies,” Ruben Martinez, Michigan State University

Residential Segregation
Thursday, April 9, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Mount Sopris B

Session Organizer: Mark Fossett, Texas A&M University

“Reexamining Black-White Spatial Segregation Patterns in Charleston, South Carolina,” Nicole E Jones, Texas A&M University
“Issues in Estimating Segregation Using Sample Data,” Mark Fossett, Texas A&M University

Immigration and Integration
Thursday, April 9, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Mount Sopris A

Session Organizer: Yok Fong Paat, University of Texas at El Paso

“Immigrant Selectivity from Rural and Urban Areas of Mexico to the United States: The Different Roles of Migrant Networks,” Guillermo Paredes Orozco, Ohio State University
“Socioeconomic Adaptation of Skilled Immigrants from Eastern Europe in the United States,” Nina Michalikova, University of Central Oklahoma
“Migration Information Gathering by Mexican-Origin Immigrants in the Pre-Migration Phase,” Cassie Erin Hudson, 9034070685
“Determinants of Immigrant Sponsorship,” Lisa Schaefer, Texas Woman’s University
“First generation Greek immigrants in the USA: The Integration Process,” Maria Eirini Papadouka, University of North Texas
Social Movements/Social Change
Thursday, April 9, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Grand Ballroom

Session Organizer: Douglas F George, University of Central Arkansas

“Race, Ethnicity, and Criminal Justice; White Bias in the Social Structure of the New World,” Eddy Lynton, Texas Wesleyan University; Trevor Baxter, Texas Wesleyan University; William Veliz, Texas Wesleyan University

“When Threat is Not Really Threat: Modeling Disparities in White Supremacist and Militia Movement Mobilization During the Obama Presidency,” Paul James Martin, Southern Illinois University

“Con Cariño: An Organizer’s Reflections on Undocumented Youth Movement Making Moments of Clarity,” felipe vargas, NURP; Edward David Vargas, University of Wisconsin

“From Negotiation to Direct Action: Continuities of Southern Civil Rights Movement in an Era of Anti-Immigrant Politics,” Juan José Bustamante, University of Arkansas

Author Meets Critics Session: Louwanda Evans
Thursday, April 9, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Grey's Peak B

Session Organizer: Carla Goar, Kent State University

Stigma
Thursday, April 9, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Mount Sopris B

Session Organizer: Carlton W Mathis, Kent State University

“You Must Think I am Crazy: Correlations between Levels of Assimilation and Stigmatizing Mental Health Services amongst Latin@s and Asians,” Fernando Clark, University of Houston; Yvonne Chen, University of Houston

“Donning the 'Mask of Motherhood' and the 'SuperWoman Cape of Academia': Role Negotiation Strategies of Graduate Student Mothers,” Erin Graybill Ellis, Texas Woman's University
Aging
Thursday, April 9, 2015
1:00pm - 2:15pm
Mount Sopris A

Session Organizer: James Knapp, Southeastern Oklahoma State University

“Reframing the Gendering of Mental Health Differences Among Older Adults: Adding Measures of Wellbeing to Mental Health and Social Support Models,” Leeda Copley, University of Central Oklahoma; Jennifer Ellison Darling, University of Central Oklahoma

“It’s Only Bingo: Senior Citizens and Gambling,” LaDonna Sue McCune, University of Central Oklahoma; Madyson Roark, University of Central Oklahoma

“Perceived Living Arrangements in Later Life in Relation to Mothers Current Health,” Adelaide Penelope Rich, Abilene Christian University; Suzie Macaluso, Abilene Christian University; Charles D. Pruett, Abilene Christian University

“Marital Satisfaction and Long Term Care,” Anna Payne, Abilene Christian University; Alan J Lipps, Abilene Christian University; Charles D. Pruett, Abilene Christian University

Class and Mobility
Thursday, April 9, 2015
1:00pm - 2:15pm
Mount Sopris B

Session Organizer: Robert Wallace, McMurry University

“Social Class Reproduction Among International Undergraduate Students,” Juanita Bloodgood Nantez, St. Mary's University; Janet Armitage, St. Mary's University; Jessica A. Cohen, St. Mary's University

“Financialization and China’s Income Inequality,” Dadao Hou, Texas A&M University

“Helping or Hurting Low-Wage Workers? Impact of Minimum Wage Increases on Income and Employment among the Working Poor,” Michael F Thompson, University of North Texas
Organizational Criminology
Thursday, April 9, 2015
1:00pm - 2:15pm
Grand Ballroom

Session Organizer: Bobbi Reidinger, Kent State University

“Impact of Indigent Defense Spending on Rates of Female Incarceration,” Jaime Burns, University of Central Oklahoma; Kenneth Kickham, University of Central Oklahoma; David Ford, University of Central Oklahoma

“Organizational Drift,” Robert Wallace, McMurry University; Kimberly Jane Tribou, Montgomery College

“Police Shootings: What the media fails to report,” Lynnette Priscilla Coto, University of Central Florida; Jolene Vincent, University of Central Florida

“Are They Guardian Angels or Pests to Korean?: SOFA and Its Impact on the Perpetual U.S. Military Crime in Korea,” daehoon han, Texas A&M-Kingsville

Healthcare Systems
Thursday, April 9, 2015
1:00pm - 2:15pm
Mount Harvard

Session Organizer: Austin H Johnson, Kent State University

“Virtual Health Communities: The Internet as a Source of Information and Social Support for Low-Socioeconomic Status Individuals,” Kembra Nicole Gerner, Texas Tech University

“Integrated Health Care-An Analysis for Nuestra Clinica Del Valle in South Texas,” Jessica Ann Flores, Texas State University

“A Pilot Study of Testing the Effectiveness of a Home-Based Exercise and Diet Intervention in Chinese American Cancer Survivors,” Furjen Deng, Sam Houston State University; Maria Chang Swartz, MD Anderson Cancer Center; Joni Lee, Light and Salt Association; Helen Sun, Light and Salt Association

“A Fast Food Model of Health Care” vs “Smoothies and Enemas in Tijuana:” Comparing Biomedical and Alternative Cancer Treatment Centers,” Christine McCown, Texas A&M University

“Healthcare or Healthscare Inadequate healthcare at veterans hospitals,” Maria Michelle Coco, University of North Texas
Mexico-U.S. Border Relations
Thursday, April 9, 2015
1:00pm - 2:15pm
Mount Princeton

Session Organizer: Cristina Morales, University of Texas at El Paso

“Los Niños de la Frontera,” Viridiana Reyes, Emporia State University; Lesly Rojas-Rangel, Emporia State University

“Worthy and Unworthy Victims of Mexico’s Border Violence,” Omar Camarillo, University of Texas-Pan American

“Framing Latino Masculinity along the U.S-Mexico border,” Aurelia Lorena Murga, University of Texas at El Paso; Anthony Jimenez, University of Minnesota

Culture
Thursday, April 9, 2015
2:30pm - 3:45pm
Mount Sopris A

Session Organizer: Wesley B Huber, Kent State University

“You Are Totally Responsible for Your Life”,” Atsuko Kawakami, Tarleton State University; Masako Suzuki, Regis University

“The American Utopia and Serial Killer Popular Culture: An Analysis of Dexter,” Beatriz Aldana Aldana Marquez, Texas A&M University

“The Structured Tool-Kit. A Conceptual Model of Culture in Relation with Structure and Agency,” Adrian Teodor Popan, University of Texas at Austin

“Veganism and Hierarchy: The Impact of Veganism on Interpersonal Relationships,” Stephanie Reymond, Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University

“The Development of Artistic Paradigms: The Case of Cubism,” Claude Rubinson, University of Houston-Downtown

“Cultural Appropriation-“My Culture Is Not a Trend”,” Salma Yazmine Atiya, University of Texas at El Paso
**Demography**
Thursday, April 9, 2015
2:30pm - 3:45pm
Grand Ballroom

Session Organizer: Chiung-Fang Chang, Lamar University

“Demographic Factors Associated with Poverty in the US Latino Population: Evidence from the 2009 to 2011 American Community Survey,” Guadalupe Marquez-Velarde, Texas A&M University; Angelica C Menchaca, Texas A&M University; Carlos A. O. Pavao, Texas A&M University; Yujin Helen Wong, Texas A&M University; Sharron X Wang, Texas A&M University; Edward Murguia, Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University; Arthur Sakamoto, Texas A&M University

“Class vs. Race and/or Gender with Regard to Demographic Changes,” Jose Martinez, UMHB

**Latina/os and Healthcare I**
Thursday, April 9, 2015
2:30pm - 3:45pm
Mount Princeton

Session Organizer: Austin H Johnson, Kent State University

“Managing one’s Health: Folk Medicine Usage among Hispanic Young Adults,” Jennifer Pearce-Morris, Texas A&M University - Kingsville; Christine Reiser Robbins, Texas A&M University - Kingsville

“Early Childhood Disadvantage for Sons of Mexican Immigrants: Body-Mass Index across Ages 2-5,” Elizabeth Lawrence, University of Colorado Boulder; Stefanie Mollborn, University of Colorado Boulder; Fernando Riosmena, University of Colorado Boulder, Institute of Behavioral Science, Department of Geography

“Disparities in Declining Heart Disease Mortality Rates Among Racial Minorities in Texas, 2001-2010,” Hyung Sam Park, University of Central Florida

“Age of Migration and Disability among the Elder Mexican-Origin Population,” Marc Anthony Garcia, University of Texas-Austin
Thursday, April 9, 2015
2:30pm - 3:45pm
Mount Sopris B

Session Organizer: Heili Pals, Texas A&M University

“Retesting the Longitudinal Effects of Adolescent Negative Self Feelings on Drug Use: Moderated by Neighborhood Disadvantage, Mediated by Mastery,” Carlton W Mathis, Kent State University; Heili Pals, Texas A&M University; Brennan Miller, Kent State University
“The Effects of Negative Self-Referent Behaviors on the Academic Performance of Latino Students,” Alma D. Trevino, Texas A&M
“Parental Incarceration and Adolescent Negative Self-Feelings: The Moderating Role of Locus of Control,” Xavier Serna, Texas A&M University; Heili Pals, Texas A&M University
“Parental Incarceration and Adolescent Substance Use,” Xavier Serna, Texas A&M University

Sexualities
Thursday, April 9, 2015
2:30pm - 3:45pm
Crestone Peak

Session Organizer: Jesus Gregorio Smith, Texas A&M University

“Is Life Harder for Gay Sons or Daughters? The Comparison of Sexual Orientation and Relationships Between Gay Children and Their Parents,” Deborah Fessenden, University of North Texas
“Sexuality and Sexual Awareness on Campus; Sex Negativity versus Over Sexualization,” Alison Marie Simons, Texas Wesleyan University; Rebekah Charleston, Texas Wesleyan University
“Sexuality and Contraceptive Use in the Transition to Adulthood: Norms, Behaviors, and Strategies,” Laurie E. James-Hawkins, University of Colorado Boulder
“Media Exposure and Attitudes about Gay Marriage and Raising Children,” Carol Walther, Northern Illinois University

SSA Executive Meeting II
Friday, April 10, 2015
7:00am - 8:30am
Grey's Peak B

Session Organizer, Carla Goar, Kent State University
Session Chair: David Embric, Loyola University – Chicago
Crime and Community
Friday, April 10, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Mount Evans

Session Organizer: Bobbi Reidinger, Kent State University

“Human Trafficking in Tampa Bay, Florida and the Response of the Tampa Bay Port Authority,” Cheyanne Winebrenner, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
“Race, Ethnicity, and Crime: Examining Patterns in Arkansas,” Edward L. Powers, UCA

Latina/os and Racial/Ethnic Identities
Friday, April 10, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Mount Sopris B

Session Organizer: Cristina Morales, University of Texas at El Paso

“Being Mexican American: The Compatibility of Mexican Americans’ National and Ethnic Identities,” Telles Edward, Princeton University; Christina Sue, University of Colorado, Boulder
“Latina/o Whitening?: Which Latina/os Self Classify as White and Report Being Perceived as White by Others?,” Nicholas Vargas, The University of Texas at Dallas
“The Border Effect: Proximity to the US-MX Border and Mexican American Racial Identification in the Census,” David Orta, Texas A&M University; Yujin Helen Wong, Texas A&M University

Visual Sociology
Friday, April 10, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Imperial Ballroom

Session Organizer: Elizabeth Kelly, Ouachita Baptist University

“Undocumented-Unafraid | Sin Papeles-Sin Miedo: Counter-Hegemonic Narratives of “Illegales” Soul Making in “ameriKKKa / Amexica”,” San Juanita Garcia, The Ohio State University; Felipe Vargas, Harvard University
“Using GIS in University Recruitment and Retention,” Elizabeth Kelly, Ouachita Baptist University
“Surviving the Montana Vista Community,” Cynthia Gomez, UTEP
Multigenerational and Longitudinal Analysis of Social Psychology in the Life Course: Using KLAMS Data: Families
Friday, April 10, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Mount Sopris A

Session Organizer: Heili Pals, Texas A&M University
Session Discussant(s): Beverly Lynn Stiles, Midwestern State University

“When Children Think the Parent is Harsh: Effects of Clashing Perceptions of Parenting Style on Children’s Deviance,” Kimberly Diane Harvey, Texas A&M University; Heili Pals, Texas A&M University

“Moderators of Sibling Co-Delinquency,” Tony Love, University of Kentucky; Carlton W Mathis, Kent State University

“The Transmission of Negative Social Psychological Traits from Parents to their Children via Parenting Behaviors,” Dara Shifrer, Rice University; Heili Pals, Texas A&M University


Urban/Community
Friday, April 10, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Mount Princeton

Session Organizer: Brennan Miller, Kent State University

“Mayoral Leadership, Neoliberalism and Urban Inequality,” Costas Spirou, Georgia College & State University


“Urban Churches and Social Outreach: Perceptions of Charity,” Amanda Stephens, Abilene Christian University

“An Empirical Test of the Gemeinschaft/Gesellschaft Social Divide,” Elizabeth Anne Gabhart, University of North Texas

“How Fat is the Neighborhood - An Obesogenic Combination,” Prauttus Kay Samuel, Texas Woman’s University
Critical Race Theory

Friday, April 10, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Mount Sopris A

Session Organizer: Austin H Johnson, Kent State University

“Race, Punishment, and Culture: The Mechanism of Power,” Beatriz Aldana Aldana Marquez, Texas A&M University

“White Entrapment,” Brennan Miller, Kent State University

“I'm Principled Against Slavery, but ...': Colorblindness, Three-Fifths Clause Debate, and the Racial Ideology Complex,” Kasey Henricks, Loyola University Chicago and American Bar Foundation

Environmental Sociology

Friday, April 10, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Mount Sopris B

Session Organizer: Edwin John Rossman, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

“Who Produce the Green Cities? The Evidence from the Chinese Environmental Improvement in 85 Cities in China,” Chung-pei Pien, Texas A&M University

“Minority Perspectives on Global Warming and Environmental Change,” Helen M. Brethauer-Gay, Florida A & M University; Shilpashri Vitthal Karbhari, Assistant Professor

Juvenile Delinquency

Friday, April 10, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Mount Princeton

Session Organizer: James L Williams, Texas Woman’s University

“A Comprehensive Examination of Predictors on Juvenile Recidivism in the State of New York,” Bittany Nicole Beverly, Lamar University; Cheng-Hsien Lin, Lamar University

Author Meets Critic Session: Edward Flores

Friday, April 10, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Crestone Peak

Session Organizer: David Embric, Loyola University - Chicago
Session Participant(s): David Geronimo Truc Thanh
Gender and Society
Friday, April 10, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Mount Sopris B

Session Organizer: Wesley B Huber, Kent State University

“Conceptual and Theoretical Issues Linking Sexism, Sexual Harassment, Microaggressions and Sexual Assault,” Richard J. Harris, University of Texas at San Antonio

“Gender-Role Index,” Gilbert Wolford, University of Oklahoma

“The Religious Identity of University Protestant Women and their Beliefs on Gender Roles, Career, and Family,” Melissa Ochoa-Garza, Texas A&M University

“The role of religion and religiosity as predictors of attitudes toward gender equality in the U. S,” Heather Gerling, Texas Woman's University

“Priming and Implicit Gender Stereotyping,” Victoria Juarez, University of Texas at El Paso

“The Effects of Social Clubs on Collegiate Women,” Hollan Lee Van Horn, Ouachita Baptist University

Navigating PhD Career Paths at a Variety of Academic and Non-Academic Institutions
Friday, April 10, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Grand Ballroom

Session Organizers: Jean Shin, American Sociological Association and Dana Greene, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Sociology of Sport
Friday, April 10, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Gray's Peak B

Session Organizer: Edward L. Powers, UCA

“Mobile Fitness Apps, Cyborgs, and Cyclists: An Investigation of Meanings Associated With Mobile Fitness App Use,” Thomas Guffey, Texas Woman's University

“Sporting Events and Social Unrest in Brazil: Political Outcomes of the 2014 FIFA World Cup Campaign,” Alexandra Warner, University of Central Florida

“The Case Against the Public funding of Sports Stadiums and Arenas,” Kenneth Brandon Lang, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania

“Are Some People more Bothered by Knock-Off Sports Jerseys than Others? An Empirical Investigation,” Kenneth Brandon Lang, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania

“Displaying Dancesport: The Body of Competitive Ballroom Dance,” Jonathan S. Marion, University of Arkansas
Social Costs of Immigration

Friday, April 10, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Mount Princeton

Session Organizer: Yok Fong Paat, University of Texas at El Paso

“Navigating Deportability: Undocumented Salvadoran Migrants’ Narratives of Life in the U.S. prior to Removal,” Katie Dingeman-Cerda, University of Denver; Carlos Batres, California State University -- Dominguez Hills

“Risk and Resilience of Immigrant Women in Intimate Partner Violence,” Yok Fong Paat, University of Texas at El Paso

“Perceptions of Police in Immigrant Neighborhoods,” Cristina Morales, University of Texas at El Paso; Ted Curry, University of Texas at El Paso; Harmon Hosch, University of Texas at El Paso

“The Effect of Punitive Immigration Policies on the Adaptation of Post-1965 Immigrants in Oklahoma,” Nina Michalikova, University of Central Oklahoma

“The Effect of Xenophobia, Political Views, Identification and Group Membership on the Stereotypes of Ethno-religious Minorities in Greece,” Nikolitsa Grigoropoulou, University of North Texas

Theory
Friday, April 10, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Mount Sopris A

Session Organizer: Muhammad M. Haque, McNeese State University

“The (Perceived) Vanishing of the ‘Leisure Class’: Converging Views from Weber, Veblen and Piketty,” Tom Segady, Stephen F. Austin State University; Gayle Kathleen Berardi, Colorado State University-Pueblo

Methodology Workshop: Qualitative Comparative Analysis
Friday, April 10, 2015
1:00pm - 2:15pm
Grey’s Peak B

Session Organizer: Claude Rubinson, University of Houston – Downtown
**Body and Embodiment**

Friday, April 10, 2015
1:00pm - 2:15pm
Mount Sopris B

Session Organizer: Bobbi Reidinger, Kent State University


“I need fat acceptance because: Examining passive and active resistance against normative beauty ideology through fat positivity,” apryl alexis williams, Texas A&M University

“Dieting for Self vs. Society: Conflicting Motivations for Female Dieting Practices,” Kirstie Smith, Lamar University

“The Collegiate Look: Ideal Body Image Among College Cheerleaders,” Christine McCown, Texas A&M University

“Weight as Status: An Expansion of Status Characteristics Theory,” Bobbi Reidinger, Kent State University

**Latina/os and Education**

Friday, April 10, 2015
1:00pm - 2:15pm
Mount Sopris A

Session Organizer: Cristina Morales, University of Texas at El Paso

“Latinas, Latinos, and College Aspirations/Expectations,” Joseph Comeau, Georgia Southwestern State University; Michael Nino, University of North Texas

“Examining Barriers for Hispanics' Educational Attainment,” Nancy Gonzalez, University of Oklahoma

“STEM Opportunities for Latino/a Students at HCCS, Houston,” Grisel Gomez Cano, Houston Community College

“Migrant Labor Systems, Undocumented Immigration, and Mexican Children’s Educational Attainment,” Bruce Reese, Texas A&M University
New/Social Media  
Friday, April 10, 2015  
1:00pm - 2:15pm  
Mount Princeton

Session Organizer: Bev Carlsen-Landy, Texas Woman’s University

“College Student Social Media Use, Loneliness, and Self-Esteem,” Jessica Misa, Florida Southern College; Catherine Lioi, Florida Southern College; Chastity Blankenship, Florida Southern College

Author Meets Critic Session: Nadia Flores-Yeffal  
Friday, April 10, 2015  
2:30pm – 3:45pm  
Grey’s Peak B

Session Organizer: David Embric, Loyola University – Chicago  
Session Participant(s): David Geronimo Truc-Thanh

Race and Ethnic Relations  
Friday, April 10, 2015  
2:30pm - 3:45pm  
Mount Sopris B

Session Organizers: Elizabeth McTaggart Esterchild, University of North Texas and Ray Darville, Stephen F. Austin State University

“Redefining Access to Public Space: Community Relations in a New Immigrant Setting,” Aaron Arredondo, University of Arkansas  
“Keep the Kids Out: The Influence of Nativism on Attitudes toward Education Access for the Children of Immigrants”,’ Karlye Burson, Samford University; Theresa Davidson, Samford University  
“Contact, Conflict and Cursory Integration: Latino-White Relations in a Changing California,” Jazmin Muro, University of Southern California
Social Psychology
Friday, April 10, 2015
2:30pm - 3:45pm
Mount Princeton

Session Organizer: Matthew Allen Pfeiffer, Kent State University

“Free-Form Identity Construction: An Alternative to Concerted Cultivation Parenting Style,” David Ray, University of Texas - San Antonio
“Perception of College Students Towards Law Enforcement,” Victor Manuel Reta, Texas Tech University
“Perceptions of Multiculturalism in Global Cities,” Vincent Laus, University of Central Oklahoma
“Porque Aqui No Tenemos Muertos: Dia de los Muertos and the Construction of Self in a New Space,” William Escalante, Michigan State University

Work and Occupations
Friday, April 10, 2015
2:30pm - 3:45pm
Mount Evans

Session Organizer: Louwanda Evans, Millsaps College

“Job Satisfaction Among Members of the Clergy,” James Knapp, Southeastern Oklahoma State University; Charles D. Pruett, Abilene Christian University

SSA Keynote Address
Friday, April 10, 2015
4:00pm - 5:15pm
Grand Ballroom

Session Organizer, Carla Goar, Kent State University
Session Chair: David Embric, Loyola University – Chicago
Session Participant: Jose Angel, University of Texas Arlington

SSA Awards and General Business Meeting
Friday, April 10, 2015
5:15pm - 6:00pm
Grand Ballroom

Session Organizer, Carla Goar, Kent State University
Session Chair: David Embric, Loyola University – Chicago
SSA President’s Reception  
Friday, April 10, 2015  
6:00pm - 7:00pm  
Mount Elbert A

Session Organizer, Carla Goar, Kent State University  
Session Chair: David Embric, Loyola University – Chicago

Race and Crime  
Saturday, April 11, 2015  
8:30am - 9:45am  
Mount Sopris A

Session Organizer: Ramiro Martinez, Northeastern University

“No Justice, No Peace:’ Examining Controversial Officer Involved Shootings,” Robert Duran, University of Tennessee  
“Revisiting the Immigration Effect on Latino Homicides,” Ramiro Martinez, Northeastern University; Meghan Hollis, Michigan State University  
“Forward to the Past: Studying Latino Homicides 1960-1970,” Ramiro Martinez, Northeastern University; Janice Iwama, Northeastern University

Education  
Saturday, April 11, 2015  
8:30am - 9:45am  
Mount Sopris B

Session Organizer: Bev Carlsen-Landy, Texas Woman’s University

“Classroom Structural Transformation, Emotional Well-being and Learning,” Muhammad M. Haque, McNeese State University; Sandra R. Moss, McNeese State University; Hasana Abdul-Quadir, Arizona State University  
“Bilingual Education in the United States Public School System,” Salma Yazmine Atiya, University of Texas at El Paso
Latina/os and Healthcare II

Saturday, April 11, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Gray's Peak B

Session Organizer: Cristina Morales, University of Texas at El Paso
Session Chair:
Session Discussant(s):

“The Impact of Age at Migration on the Migrant Health Advantage: Assessing Acculturation and Health among Foreign Born Latinos using a Life Course Perspective,” Emily Steiner, University of Colorado Boulder, Institute of Behavioral Science, Department of Sociology

“Immigrant Generation, Life Course Events, and Alcohol Misuse among Latino Youth Emerging into Adulthood,” Michael Nino, University of North Texas; Joseph Comeau, Georgia Southwestern State University

“The Racialization of “Illegality”: Identity Formation, Belonging, Exclusion, and the Implications for Mexican-origin Women’s Mental Health,” San Juanita Garcia, The Ohio State University

“Citizenship Status, Latino Mental Health, and Duration of Residence,” Juan Salinas, Texas A&M University Sociology Department

“Does What Other People Think I Am, Impact My Health? The Role of Socially-Assigned Race on Multiple Dimensions of Health,” Edward David Vargas, University of Wisconsin; Gabriel Ramon Sanchez, University of New Mexico; Yajaira Johnson-Esparza, University of New Mexico

Media and Society
Saturday, April 11, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Mount Princeton

Session Organizer: Beverly Lynn Stiles, Midwestern State University

“Moral Panic: The Misconstruction of Pit-Bulls,” Jordan L. Selby, Emporia State University

“Immigration from Mexico and Crime: Refuting the Myth,” Nadia Y. Flores, Texas Tech University; Guadalupe Vidales, Retired; Girsea Martinez, Texas Tech University

“The Lonely Selfie King: Gender Performance through Conspicuous Selfie Prosumption,” apryl alexis williams, Texas A&M University; Beatriz Aldana Aldana Marquez, Texas A&M University
Reexamining the Contemporary Relevance of the Colonial Model for Latinos in the US
Saturday, April 11, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Mount Princeton

Session Organizer: Edward Murguia, Texas A&M University

“Building better perceptions about Latino male youth,” Harold Manzano-Sanchez, Texas A&M University
“Segmented Colonialism: An alternative theory for Mexican Americans facing Class and Racial Oppression,” Juan Salinas, Texas A&M University Sociology Department
“Internal Colony Model and Latino Populations in the United States: Historical Development and Current Realities,” Mark Dawson, Texas A&M University

Race, Class, and Gender
Saturday, April 11, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Mount Sopris B

Session Organizer: Carol Walther, Northern Illinois University

“Building the Fence: Marginalizing Chicano/a Voices through Banned Books,” Kelsey Mattingly, University of Oklahoma
“The Paths of Autoethnography,” Derek Morris, University of Oklahoma
“Reproducing Inequality through Active Participation: Hacienda Culture and Domestic Division of Labor in the Charro Community,” Beatriz Aldana Aldana Marquez, Texas A&M University
Religion
Saturday, April 11, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Mount Sopris A

Session Organizer: Brennan Miller, Kent State University

“Social Vulnerability and Faith in Disasters: An Investigation into the Role of Religion in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina,” Alison Marie Simons, Texas Wesleyan University
“Catholicism in a Nation of Immigrants: Cultural Assimilation and Religious Pluralism in the United States,” Lukas Jay Szrot, The University of Texas at Arlington
“Religious participation and status-bridging social ties,” Stephen Merino, University of Texas-Pan American

College Teaching
Saturday, April 11, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Gray's Peak B

Session Organizer: Warren Waren, Texas A&M University

“How Mandatory Hybrid Supplemental Instruction Improves Success Rates in Classes with Traditionally High Failure Rates,” Bev Carlsen-Landy, Texas Woman’s University; Keston Lindsay, Texas Woman's University
“Teaching Race, Class and Gender Using Monopoly,” Alison Marie Simons, Texas Wesleyan University
“Choosing a university, close to home or far away?,” Sara Driskill, Junior at Ouachita Baptist University

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Health and Healthcare  
Saturday, April 11, 2015  
11:30am - 12:45pm  
Mount Princeton  

Session Organizer: Austin H Johnson, Kent State University

“Doing Dysphoria: Medicalization and the Construction of Transnormative Identities, Experiences, and Bodies,” Austin H Johnson, Kent State University  
“Structural Arrangement and Child Delivery Settings: The Case of Midwifery and Health Status,” Muhammad M. Haque, McNeese State University; Meagan D. Shreve, McNeese State University  
“From "dwarfism” to “disabled”?, “ William Spencer Kilgore, University of North Texas  
“Immigrant Generation and Condom Use Consistency: A Longitudinal Study,” Nichola Driver, University of North Texas; Michael Nino, University of North Texas  
“Drought and Mental Healthl of Small Family Farms: An examination of Texas Cattle Ranchers,” Caron Charlton Cates, Sam Houston State University  

Latina/os and Crime  
Saturday, April 11, 2015  
11:30am - 12:45pm  
Mount Sopris A  

Session Organizer: Cristina Morales, University of Texas at El Paso

“Failure Is Not An Option: Disproportionate Minority Contact and Functional Family Therapy,” Viviana Gutierrez, Emporia State University; Nathaniel Eugene Terrell, Emporia State University  

Marriage and Family  
Saturday, April 11, 2015  
11:30am - 12:45pm  
Mount Sopris B  

Session Organizer: Jori C Sechrist, McMurry University

“Fido or Fertility: Do Companion Animals Factor into Fertility Choices?,” Andrea Laurent Simpson, Texas Woman's University  
“An Exploration of Parental Effect on Infidelity in Marriage Relationship,” Corie Wells, Lamar University
WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES SESSIONS

Gender, Culture and the Self
Thursday, April 9, 2015
11:30am - 12:45pm
Crestone Peak

Session Organizer: Jennifer Guillen, College of Wooster
Session Chair: Warren Waren, Texas A&M University
Session Discussant(s):

“The Collegiate Look: Ideal Body Image Among College Cheerleaders,” Christine McCown, Texas A&M University
“The utilization of World of Warcraft to construct a new identity in reaction to social and cultural environments,” Kelsey M Law, Texas A&M University
“Tomboy: The predicament of stigma and privilege,” DLane Compton, The University of New Orleans; Emily Knox, Texas A&M University

Gender and Law
Thursday, April 9, 2015
1:00pm - 2:15pm
Crestone Peak

Session Organizer: Jennifer Guillen, College of Wooster
Session Chair: Jeannette W. Cockroft, Schreiner University

“Femicides: Inadequate Constitutions Lead to Deaths,” Vanessa Gonlin, Texas A&M University

Gender and Race
Friday, April 10, 2015
8:30am - 9:45am
Crestone Peak

Session Organizer: Jennifer Guillen, College of Wooster
Session Chair: Jennifer Guillen, College of Wooster
Session Discussant(s):

“Delinquent Identities: An Intersectionality Approach,” Andrew McNeely, Texas A&M University
“Kathoey: The Construction of Gender in Thai Ladyboys,” Nicole Farris, University of West Alabama; D'Lane Compton, University of New Orleans; Elizabeth Harmon Threatt, University of West Alabama
“Transracial Mothering: White Mothers with Mixed, Mexican-White, Children,” Jennifer Guillén, College of Wooster
Gender and Pop Culture I
Friday, April 10, 2015
10:00am - 11:15am
Crestone Peak

Session Organizer: Jennifer Guillen, College of Wooster
Session Chair: Chastity Blankenship, Florida Southern University

“Characters & Costumes: Comic Book Constructions of Gender and Identity,” Jonathan S. Marion, University of Arkansas; James Scanlan, University of Arkansas
“Happily Ever After? A Content Analysis of Gender in Children's Storybooks,” Bailey Wright, University of West Alabama; Caitlin Vetzel, University of West Alabama

Gender and Pop Culture II
Friday, April 10, 2015
1:00pm - 2:15pm
Crestone Peak

Session Organizer: Jennifer Guillen, College of Wooster
Session Chair: Beatriz Aldana Aldana Marquez, Texas A&M University
Session Discussant(s):

“Examination of Strong Female Leads in Action Films,” Kathryn Renee Adams, University Of West Alabama; Amanda Leah Ferguson, University of West Alabama
“Gender Representation and Interactions in Superhero Team Movies,” Shelby Anne Schmidt, University of West Alabama; Hannah Michelle Johnson, University of West Alabama

Women’s and Gender Studies Business Meeting
Friday, April 10, 2015
2:30pm - 3:45pm
Crestone Peak

Session Organizer: Jennifer Guillen, College of Wooster
Session Chair: Nicole Farris, University of West Alabama
Gender, Sexuality and Politics
Friday, April 10, 2015
4:00pm - 5:15pm
Crestone Peak

Session Organizer: Jennifer Guillen, College of Wooster
Session Chair: Lindsay Anderson, Campbellsville University

“The Effect of Gender and Political Views on Legalization of Marijuana,” Kelly Koontz, University of West Alabama; Nicole Farris, University of West Alabama

“Political Attitudes toward LGBT Individuals in Turkish Society,” Ceylan Engin, Texas A&M University

“Narrowing the Pipeline? An Ethnographic Approach to Studying the Underrepresentation of Women in STEM,” Nicole Farris, University of West Alabama; Heather McDonald, University of West Alabama