Dear SSSA 2021 Annual Meeting attendee,

We are so excited that you will be joining us for the upcoming meeting. This email is long but provides critical information related to your attendance. Please review and keep handy as a reference.

All registrants will have access to our virtual platform. If you received an email from our treasurer, Craig Walker, over the past weekend reminding you to update your membership information, please do that as soon as possible or remit the difference in registration fees for non-member registration to ensure that you have access to the virtual platform. Your access is tied to your registration ticket. You will need that to access the platform.

ACCESSING the VIRTUAL PLATFORM:

You will be able to access the virtual sessions via a mobile app as well as from the web. Follow the instructions below to access the platform. If you have technical problems there is a button on the left side of the website to contact Tech Support. Tech Support will be available during the conference as well.



MOBILE APP

iOS: https://apps.apple.com/us/app/all-in-the-loop/id1200784294

Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.allintheloop&hl=en_GB&gl=US

You can also find the app by searching "All In The Loop" in the iOS App Store or Google Play Store Here are the steps to login:

1. Download the All In The Loop App

- 2. Open the App
- 3. Enter the secure key: sssa21
- 4. Tap the result
- 5. Login with your email address and your password



For the Web Version the URL go to: https://www.allintheloop.net/App/sssa/sssaSSSA21

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Your Login information is:

USERNAME: email address you used to register for the conference

PASSWORD: the ticket number on your CONFERENCE REGISTRATION TICKET.

If you also renewed your membership at the time you registered, you will need the ticket number for the conference registration. You can retrieve that information from the Eventbrite site where you registered or via the "tickets" sent to you via email from Eventbrite when you registered. See illustration below. You can also find your ticket by logging into your Eventbrite account and clicking on the link for "tickets" on the right-hand side of the page. The Conference logo should come up. You can see your order number below the date on the right hand side.



VIRTUAL AND HYBRID SESSION INFORMATION

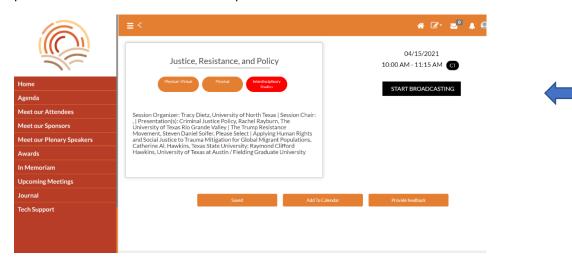
Attached to this email is a PDF including the current program. Sessions indicated as "physical+virtual" will have a room in the hotel where some of the presenters may be presenting as well as presenters who will join the session virtually.

If you have agreed to serve as a session chair for a virtual or a physical+virtual session, we ask that you be prepared to field questions from the audience via the chat function in the platform.

You are encouraged to watch a short training video on using the system at: https://vimeo.com/533604367/143dcc0252.

The platform is accessible now for you to familiarize yourself with it and to review the information there.

We ask that you log in soon and review the sessions in which you are a participant. Make certain that you have the "broadcast" button on each of those sessions. This includes session chairs and discussants. If you do not have access to the broadcast button for any of your sessions contact All in the Loop Support via email at support@allintheloop.com as soon as possible. If you have trouble DURING the conference, you will likely need to contact the technical support team at All in the Loop as I may not be quickly accessible while on site. We encourage you to do this before the conference begins so any problems can be identified and fixed prior to the conference.



EQUIPMENT NEEDS

Physical sessions in New Orleans will come equipped with a projector and sound connection. However, computers will NOT be provided in these sessions. If you need to use a computer to project slides, etc. for your presentation, plan to bring your own laptop OR contact others in your session (see attached) to coordinate the use of a shared computer.

Physical+Virtual sessions will also need to use a computer to project virtual presenters to the screen and to capture on-site presentations for the virtual audience. If you have agreed to serve as a session chair for one of these sessions, we ask that you contact the others in your session to ensure that there will be a laptop available for this purpose. If you are unable to identify someone who will be in New Orleans with a computer in your session please contact Tracy Dietz (tracy.dietz@unt.edu) or Jeff Justice (SSSAcomsdir@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

Due to last minute cancelations, there are some sessions that do not have a session chair listed. If one of you is willing to serve in that capacity, please contact Tracy Dietz (tracy.dietz@unt.edu) to have the program updated. Alternatively, we ask that presenters assist one another with fielding questions from the audience.

Also, due to last minute cancelations there are several sessions with a single presenter. This sometimes happens but it seems to be a bigger issue this year due to COVID restrictions.

When you are presenting virtually, you will need to turn off your VPN if you are using that on your computer. If you don't, they audience will not have access to your screen or be able to hear you when you present.

SESSION INFORMATION

In most cases, you can plan to have 15 minutes for your presentation. This will allow time for all presenters as well as time for questions and answers at the end of the session. If possible, please provide a copy of your paper (even in draft form) to the other session participants or discussants listed. Some sessions do not have discussants allowing for more informal discussions with the audience and/or other presenters.

For physical poster sessions: Physical presenters will have a 4 ft (h) by 8 ft (w) tack board to hang your materials.

Virtual presenters will be located in a "room" where you will have the ability to share your screen. These sessions will be more informal so be prepared to have audience members drop in and out of the discussion. Please send the file you intend to use as your poster to Matt.Ginty@allintheloop.com to have it loaded into your space.

PLENARY and SOCIAL

The traditional plenary address will occur on Thursday at 4:00. Please plan to join us live in person or virtually for that presentation and stay for the networking and social event after. To allow our virtual

participants to join us for that and to encourage a safer event, we will have a special presentation by one of the hotel bartenders who will demonstrate how to mix FOUR common New Orleans cocktails. We have provided recipe cards for each of these drinks as well as a shopping list so those at home can mix along with the mixologists. On site participants will be given a tasting flight of each of these four cocktails.

BUSINESS MEETING

The SSSA Annual business meeting will be held on Friday afternoon from 1-2:15. Please make plans to join us live in person or virtually at that time.

SAFETY INFORMATION

If you will be joining us in New Orleans, please bring masks with you. The hotel is operating under COVID safe practices and will place chairs at a safe distance. Sanitizer will be available throughout the meeting space and cleaning staff will clean rooms between sessions.

Any refreshments will be available using safe protocols (pre=packaged, pre-plated, etc.)