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Human Rights, Economy and Globalization

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Nashville, Tennessee



Session Submission Summary

Civic Education

Thu, April 2, 8:30 to 9:45am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, North Coast A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Political Science

Individual Presentations

Reimagining Data Training: The Importance of Data Literacy & Visual Communication in the Quantitative Methods Classroom - *Steven Perry*, Rice University

Voter Aid: Unpacking AI as a Tool for Electoral Information - *Steven Perry*, Rice University; *Matt Lamb*, Texas Tech University

Democracy Starts at the Dinner Table: Explaining Youth Political Disengagement - *Veronica Butler*, Western Kentucky University

Learning to be Involved: How Higher Education Shapes Civic and Political Engagement - *Makenzi Rayne Camanillo*, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Session Organizer

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University



Session Submission Summary

Representation and Engagement

Thu, April 2, 8:30 to 9:45am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, North Coast B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Political Science

Discussant

Megan Whiteside, Stephen F. Austin State University

Individual Presentations

Prison Malapportionment and Legal Challenges - *Gautam Nayer*, Texas Southern University; *Michael Adams*, Texas Southern University; *Luis Peez-Feliciano*, Texas Southern University

Social Capital and Disability Politics - *April Johnson*, Kennesaw State University; *Joshua Johnson*, Kennesaw State University

Mid-Decade Redistricting in Texas and the 2026 Partisan Primaries - *Michael Adams*, Texas Southern University

Session Organizer

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University



Session Submission Summary

Agricultural Economics

Thu, April 2, 8:30 to 9:45am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Piedmont

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Economics

Individual Presentations

Strengthening Organic Enforcement and Certification Dynamics in U.S. Organic Markets: An Event-Study

Analysis - *Stefan Baimbill Johnson*, Tarleton State University; *Mark Yu*, Tarleton State Univ; *Edward Osei*, Tarleton State University; *Selin Guney*, Missouri State University; *Ashley Lovell*, Tarleton State University

Climate Sensitivity of Irrigated and Non-Irrigated Cotton Systems: Evidence from Texas and Mississippi - *Anzalin*

Ali Talukder, Tarleton State University; *Edward Osei*, Tarleton State University; *Mark Yu*, Tarleton State Univ; *Selin Guney*, Missouri State University; *K M Mehedi Adnan*, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Tarleton State University, TX

Determining Factors Affecting Demand for and Supply of Agricultural Credit in Aquaculture Sector - *K M Mehedi*

Adnan, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Tarleton State University, TX; *Edward Osei*, Tarleton State University; *Mark Yu*, Tarleton State Univ; *Swati Anindita Sarker*, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Tarleton State University, TX

Session Organizer

Ariuna Taivan, University of Minnesota Duluth



Session Submission Summary

Gender and Politics

Thu, April 2, 8:30 to 9:45am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Women's and Gender Studies

Individual Presentations

Freeze Frame: Exploring the Discourse of Reproductive Rights in the States and the Implications for Criminalization - *Deborah Sibila*, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi; *Beth Rauhaus*, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Session Organizer

Tracy Dietz, University of North Texas



Session Submission Summary

Antiblackness and the Movement for Social Justice: A View from Fisk University

Thu, April 2, 8:30 to 9:45am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform C

Session Submission Type: Panel

Abstract

Racism and white supremacy have been acknowledged as constitutive elements in the history and culture of American society—indeed, have been debated as part of the nation’s “original sin.” In recent decades, corrective legal, social and political actions have generally carved out a consensus that in a multiracial society, racial antipathy, ethnocentrism and bias were symptomatic of a violent history that the United States was prepared to abandon, or to at least move beyond. However, in the last few years, legal, social and political firewalls against systemic racism and institutional discrimination have been steadily eroded and practically erased; despite the evolution and success of the 2020s protests against the murder of George Floyd and other African Americans by police, the backlash against racial justice movements has far outstripped gains of the past 60 years. The largest post-Civil Rights Era movement for racial justice is in full retreat, and antiblackness (not merely racial antipathy, but systemic discrimination and institutional rejection of Black progress) has grown widely—-infecting every sector of society. In this panel, Fisk University students and faculty discuss the presence, impact and response to “anitblackness” and racism through interdisciplinary lenses of what has been described as “social justice studies.”

Section

Interdisciplinary Studies

Individual Presentations

What Doesn't Kill YOU Makes US Black: Antiblackness and American Medicine - *Ricardo Guthrie*, Fisk University

'I Can't Breathe': Racial Capitalism, Policing and the Color Line - *Dr Kimberly Lloyd*, Fisk University

Black Immigrants and the Racial Dilemma in the United States - *Rolande Dorancy Dathis*, Fisk University

Session Organizer





Session Submission Summary

Early American Female Aviator Fashion, Memorializing Memories, and Indigenous Peoples

Thu, April 2, 8:30 to 9:45am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Railhead

Session Submission Type: Poster Session

Section

History

Individual Presentations

Flying by the Seat of their Bloomers: Fashion among early American Women Aviators - *Barbara Ganson*, Florida Atlantic University

Gathering pieces tell a life story - *Carrie Zachry*, Tarrant County College

A Case of Inaccessibility: Indigenous Journalists at the UN Climate Conference - *Tanka Dhakal*, Indiana University Bloomington

The Role of the Andean Festival San Juan-Hatun Puncha in the Identity Construction of the Kichwa Community of Colimbuela-Cotacachi, Ecuador - *David Francisco Menacho*, Pueblo Kichwa Imantag, Comunidad de Colimbuela

Session Organizer

Steven Lee Sewell, College of the Mainland



Session Submission Summary

Aging and Caregiving

Thu, April 2, 8:30 to 9:45am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Railyard A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Social Work

Individual Presentations

Aging Parents of Adults with Serious Mental Illness: Sources of Stress, Existing Interventions, Policy and Practice Recommendations - *Qin Sun*, Baylor University

Grief and Bereavement Among Family Caregivers in Africa: A Qualitative Study of Lived Experiences - *oliver ifeanyi Eya*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; *Ogechi Oluomachi Okey-Agbo*, University of Greater Manchester

The Impact of Natural Disasters on Persons with Dementia and their Family Caregivers: Current Literature, Ideas for Future Research, and Considerations for Practitioners - *Angela McClellan*, Baylor University

Session Organizer

Jon Kratz, University of Oklahoma



Session Submission Summary

Welcome to Professional Conferences (Open to All Students)

Thu, April 2, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Golden Eagle A

Session Submission Type: Workshop

Abstract

This session is designed to give undergraduate and graduate student attendees some pointers on how to make the most of their time at a professional conference. The session will be led by the student representatives from the sociology affiliate, but we encourage all student attendees, especially first-timers to attend. Objectives for this panel are to discuss choosing research sessions to attend, networking, and participating in the business of the association.

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

Welcome to Professional Conferences - *Britton Sechrist*, Hendrix College; *Emmber M Garcia*, Texas A&M University-College Station

Session Organizer

Christopher C White, Livingstone College

Session Submission Summary

Political Behavior

Thu, April 2, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, North Coast A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Political Science

Discussant

Matthew C. Dempsey, Arizona State University

Individual Presentations

Are Missourians Voting for Conservative Candidates and Liberal Policies? A Case for Ballot Measure Ticket Splitting - *Kimberly Casey*, Northwest Missouri State University; *Andrew Strunc*, Northwest Missouri State University

No Party for the Working Class: The Decline of Socioeconomic Partisan Imagery in American Politics - *Stephen Nicholson*, University of Georgia; *Joseph Ornstein*, University of Georgia; *Andrew Stone*, University of Georgia; *Gary Segura*, University of California, Los Angeles

The Political Behavior of Recreation Areas: Ski Resorts - *Stephen Meinhold*, University of North Carolina Wilmington; *Jennifer Horan*, University of North Carolina Wilmington; *Donna Lybecker*, Idaho State University; *Raegan Pickard*, University of North Carolina Wilmington; *Caleigh West*, University of North Carolina Wilmington

Voices from Exile: How Deported U.S. Veterans Frame Service, Citizenship, and Belonging - *Mason Miller*, University of California, Santa Barbara Undergraduate

Session Organizer

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University

Session Submission Summary

Legislative Politics

Thu, April 2, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, North Coast B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Political Science

Individual Presentations

Gendered Power and Legislative Transformation: Assessing the Impact of Parity in the American States - *Rebecca Gill*, University of Nevada Las Vegas; *Jennie Sweet-Cushman*, Chatham University; *Christopher Zorn*, Penn State

Partisan Pathways: How Member Identity Shapes Staff Diversity in the U.S. House - *Phillip Ardoin*, Appalachian State University; *Savannah Raley*, University of Virginia

'The Worst Features of the Stormy Times': Obstruction in the Austrian Parliament - *Lauren C Bell*, Randolph-Macon College; *James Doering*, Randolph-Macon College

Session Organizer

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University



Session Submission Summary

Banking and Monetary Policy

Thu, April 2, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Piedmont

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Economics

Individual Presentations

Seigniorage and Foreign Currency: New Monetarist Approach - *William Park*, University of Southern Mississippi

How Different Are the Consumer Confidence and Sentiment Indexes? - *Yevgeniy Teryoshin*, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Session Organizer

Ariuna Taivan, University of Minnesota Duluth



Session Submission Summary

Gender in Art and Literature

Thu, April 2, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Women's and Gender Studies

Individual Presentations

Humanizing vs. Romanticizing Queer Migration: A Comparative Analysis of I Carry You With Me and A Place to Be
- *Hamideh Falahasl*, University of Houston

"Sashay Away: The Liberating Escape of To Wong Foo" - *Yahir H. Brito*, Vanderbilt University

"Gender is Manufactured" and "Gender is on the Move": Queer Body Politics in Farewell My Concubine and Happy Together - *Ruinan Hua*, University of Tennessee

Session Organizer

Tracy Dietz, University of North Texas

The Current Challenges in the International Agenda

Thu, April 2, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform B

Session Submission Type: Panel

Abstract

In the late 20th century, the international system underwent a period of significant transformation. This transformation was driven by several global processes operating in parallel within the world order, leading to substantial changes in the international system's structure. Key events include the conclusion of the Cold War and the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the rise of globalization and deglobalization trends, the persistent decline of the nation-state role, the evolution towards a new phase of capitalism, and the development of an unparalleled scientific and technological revolution. These are some of the most relevant processes that have affected the international system and that are creating a new world order in the 21st century. This new context implies substantial changes in the main parameters of the international order (e.g., actors, types of interactions, processes, trends, etc.) that have generated (and are still stimulating) a structural transformation of the political, economic, social, technological, educational, and cultural spheres. This session will explore some of the major topics of the current international agenda, trying to provide a discussion forum of the main challenges of the 21st century.

Section

International Studies

Discussants

Christopher C White, Livingstone College

Sebahattin Ziyanak, University Of Texas - Permian Basin Campus

Stephen Phillips, Belhaven University

Session Organizer

Francisco Del Canto Viterale, University of North Dakota



Session Submission Summary

Health, Wellness, and Social Spaces

Thu, April 2, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform C

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Interdisciplinary Studies

Individual Presentations

Awareness That Grows Over Time: Long-Term Effects of Dementia Training in Business Settings - *Elena Ionescu*, California State University Long Beach; *Monit Cheung*, University of Houston

Entrepreneurship and Unsafe Neighborhoods: A Cross-Disciplinary Agenda to Solve Social Problems. - *Irery Lizbeth Melchor-Duran*, Universidad Panamericana; *Sergio Rodrigo Ortega Acero*, Universidad Panamericana

It Starts with a Phone Call: How Connection Reduces Distress in the Health Buddies Program - *Elizabeth Fuchsen*, University of South Florida

The State of Black Texas Demography: Migration, Demographic Change and Population Diversity - *Michael Adams*, Texas Southern University

Unequal Support After Birth: Racial, Nativity, and Language Differences among Mothers in California - *Nichola Driver*, University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service; *Katie George*, University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service; *Hannah Stone*, University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service

Session Organizer

Christopher C White, Livingstone College



Session Submission Summary

Building Resilient Communities: An Integrated, Community-Based Approach to Advancing Health and Well-Being in Southeast Texas

Thu, April 2, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform D

Session Submission Type: Panel

Abstract

This panel presents the Resilient Engagement for Advancing Community Health (REACH) initiative, a comprehensive, community-based participatory research (CBPR) project addressing resilience challenges in Southeast Texas. Through seven thematic modules—Natural Environment, Politics & Governance, Built Environment, Finance & Economy, Health Care, Social Services, and Community Safety—the REACH team integrates interdisciplinary expertise to assess vulnerabilities and co-create actionable strategies for community well-being. Panelists will share findings on environmental sustainability, infrastructure adaptation, economic resilience, healthcare access, homelessness, and social cohesion, highlighting cross-sector partnerships and participatory engagement methods. The discussion will explore how integrated frameworks can inform policy, strengthen local capacity, and advance equity in disaster-prone regions. This session invites dialogue on best practices for resilience research and community engagement, offering insights applicable to diverse contexts facing climate, economic, and social stressors.

Panel Participants

Chiung-Fang Chang – Project Lead and Organizer

Matt Pyne – “Perceptions of environmental resiliency by diverse stakeholders in southeast Texas.”

Dan Qi – “Community Resilience Assessment of Local Politics in Southeast Texas”

Qin Qian – “Evaluating Built Environment Resilience Using the DPSIR Framework: Insights for Social and Community Development”

Sommer Shackelford – “Healthcare System Resilience in the Community”

Janeal White – “Building an Interdisciplinary Framework for Knowledge and Advocacy for Student Exploration of Homelessness”

Kirstie Boyett – “Building Collective Efficacy: Community-Led Strategies to Strengthen Safety and Resiliency”

Gevorg Sargsyan – Finance and economic development in SETX communities

Section

Interdisciplinary Studies

Session Organizer

Chiung-Fang Chang, Lamar University



Session Submission Summary

Women making History

Thu, April 2, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Railhead

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

History

Chair

Patricia Ovesny, College of the Mainland

Discussant

Patricia Ovesny, College of the Mainland

Individual Presentations

“Break de Chains of Legalized U\$. Slavery:” Zines as a Site of Feminist Resistance, 1965-1980 - *Kathryn Donelson*, University of Oklahoma

Memory and Monuments: The Role of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Amplifying the Lost Cause - *Heather Breslin*, University of North Texas

The Role of White Female Field Agents of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Agency, 1910-1934 - *Caitlyn Nichole Clymer*, University of Central Oklahoma

Session Organizer

Steven Lee Sewell, College of the Mainland



Session Submission Summary

Social Work Poster Session

Thu, April 2, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Railyard A

Session Submission Type: Poster Session

Section

Social Work

Individual Presentations

Exploring the Dynamic Health-Related Experiences of People Living with HIV Receiving (PLWH) Client-Centered Representative Payee Services (CCRP) - *Joseph A Abua*, University of Alabama at Birmingham; *Stephanie L Creasy*, University of Pittsburg; *Ngozichukwuka J Nwoke*, University of Alabama at Birmingham; *Scott D Batey*, Tulane University; *Mary Hawk*, University of Pittsburg

From Extraction to Resistance: Repositioning Environmental Conflict Resolution (ECR) to Strengthen Coalition-Building in Community-Led Challenges to AI Infrastructure in Appalachia - *Blake Conley*, University of Kentucky; *Amanda Haan*, University of Kentucky

Globalization in Education: Giving Support to Lower Income Southeast Asian K-8 Students in the South of the United States - *Aryanna Chali Morris*, Tennessee Technological University

Meeting People Where They Live: An Interprofessional Community Outreach Clinic to Advance Equity, Address Social Determinants of Health, and Honor Cultural Difference - *Jennifer Slay*, Auburn University

Impact of Experiences in the United States on Ghanaian Clergy's Approach to Mental Illness: Implications for Social Work and Human Rights - *Philip Kwasi Elike*, Austin Peay State University

Public Knowledge and Attitudes about Older Adults' Mental Health: A Study in the U.S.-Mexico Border Region - *Md Fakrul Islam*, University of Texas at El Paso; *Hyejin Jung*, University of Texas at El Paso

"Tell Me First": Informed Communication as a Salient Feature of Childbirth Narratives in Online Birth Stories - *December R. Maxwell*, University of Oklahoma-Tulsa Zarrow School of Social Work; *Julie Miller-Cribbs*, University of Oklahoma; *Bryce Murdock*, University of Oklahoma; *Riley Henson*, University of Oklahoma; *Janoa Ellis*, University of Oklahoma; *Andrea Hernandez-Vasquez*, University of Oklahoma

Familial Involvement and Suicidal Attempts in Hispanic/Latino Youth: Utilizing the 2023 YRBS - *Marlen Rodriguez-Sandoval*, University of Tennessee

Session Organizer

Jon Kratz, University of Oklahoma



Session Submission Summary

Religion 1

Thu, April 2, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

Abortion, Belief, and Identity: The Interplay of Religion and Race in Public Opinion - *Soheil Sabriseilabi*, Troy University

Are American's Becoming Less Religious? A Cohort Analysis Using GSS 2024. - *Michelle Miller Rivera*, Texas Woman's University

Church on Sunday, Class on Monday: The Benefits of Religious Service Attendance for College Students - *Kevin Dougherty*, Baylor University

Islamic Teachings & Respect for Police: Muslim Leaders' Perceptions of Police in the North Texas Area - *Amirhossein Teimouri*, Tarleton State University (Fort Worth)

Mothering with Grace: Religion and the Reframing of Intensive Mothering in the U.S. South - *Carli Copell*, Texas A&M University

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley

Session Submission Summary

Research Methods

Thu, April 2, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

Morality of Race: Racialization and Positionality in Rural Qualitative Research - *Morgan Rachelle Montañez*, Radford University

From Teaching Interviewing to Teaching Aid Development - *Michael Ohsfeldt*, Tarleton State University; *Mary Jane Vickers*, Trinity College

You can't have community without communication: how community-based service-learning emphasizes the importance of consensus building - *Garrett Riley*, Texas A&M University

When Safety Is Compromised: Partner-Specific Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Risk Behaviors Among Hispanic Youth - *Flor D. Avellaneda Rodríguez*, The University of Texas; *Lucas Enrique Espinoza*, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; *Luis Enrique Espinoza*, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi; *Jennifer L. Talleff*, Texas Woman's University

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley



Session Submission Summary

Back and Forth: Contemporary Social Theorists Return to the Classics

Thu, April 2, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit C

Session Submission Type: Panel

Abstract

This panel draws heavily from the work of classical social theorists. Together, these papers converge on a central sociological question: how do societies renegotiate boundaries of personhood, authority, and belonging when confronted with profound disruptions and innovations? Whether through pop culture applications of Parsons' sick role, large language models embodying Simmel's stranger, Durkheimian calls to restore emotional foundations of integration, or recontextualizing Durkheim in the context of Plato, each contribution illuminates the fragility and adaptability of moral order under conditions of novelty. These works argue that modernity's transformations—biological, technological, and cultural—do not simply add complexity; they redraw the contours of expertise, solidarity, and identity, challenging sociology to balance rationality with humanity and imagination with institutional stability. In doing so, the panel invites a reconsideration of what it means to live together when the familiar is continually remade by crises and creative possibilities.

Section

Sociology

Chairs

John Michael Kainer, University of the Incarnate Word

Jacob Hardy, Texas A&M San Antonio

Individual Presentations

From Patient to Threat: Rethinking Illness in "The Last of Us" - Rhiannon Dawn Powers, Texas A&M University

"Hi Claude" – Large Language Models And The Simmelian Stranger In The Digital Age - Jacob Hardy, Texas A&M San Antonio

The Durkheimian Case for a Sociology of Emotions - Juan Quiroz, Texas A&M University

Neon Platonism: A New Sociological Theory - John Michael Kainer, University of the Incarnate Word

Nepalese Ritual Meets the Marketplace - Brooke Goss, Texas A&M University

Session Organizer

John Michael Kainer, University of the Incarnate Word



Session Submission Summary

Democracy under Threat

Thu, April 2, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, North Coast A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Political Science

Individual Presentations

Is “Post Fascism” on the Rise Globally? Evidence from the World Value Survey - *Jeromey Sims*, University of North Texas; *John Ishiyama Ishiyama*, University of North Texas

An Analysis of Disney's Political Ideology and Its Portrayal of Monarchy in Animated Films. - *John Christopher Koehler*, Texas A&M University- Central Texas

“Ambition Is His Crime”: Andrew Jackson, America’s First Demagogic President - *James Michael Martinez*, Georgia Gwinnett College

Session Organizer

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University



Session Submission Summary

Political Representation

Thu, April 2, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, North Coast B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Political Science

Individual Presentations

Who Speaks for Whom? An Exploration of the Substantive Representation of Disabled People at Westminster -
Amy Atchison, Middle Tennessee State University

They're Not Like Us: What the Association Between Racial Attitudes and Transgender Policy Preferences Says About Contemporary Public Opinion in the United States - *Matthew L Jacobsmeier*, West Virginia University

Sheila Kuehl: Celebrity Politics in the Era of LGBT Rights - *Richard T Longoria*, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Session Organizer

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University



Session Submission Summary

Environmental Economics and Climate Change

Thu, April 2, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Piedmont

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Economics

Chair

Colin Cannonier, Belmont University

Individual Presentations

The Effect of Air Pollution on Infant Health: An Empirical Analysis - *Shane Flannery*, Sewanee: The University of the South

Economic Freedom and Shifts in African Employment Sectors - *Colin Cannonier*, Belmont University; *Bradley Childs*, Belmont University; *Howard H. Cochran, Jr.*, Belmont University

Session Organizer

Ariuna Taivan, University of Minnesota Duluth



Session Submission Summary

Gender in the Context of the International Setting

Thu, April 2, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Women's and Gender Studies

Individual Presentations

Developing an Understanding of WASH Principles through Service Learning in India - *Scott Dittloff*, University of the Incarnate Word

Gendered Social Capital and the Political Economy of Unequal Educational Outcomes in Ethiopia - *Kidane Yitbarek*, Texas Southern University; *Michael Adams*, Texas Southern University

Session Organizer

Tracy Dietz, University of North Texas



Session Submission Summary

Power Shifts and Emerging Technologies

Thu, April 2, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

International Studies

Chair

Francisco Del Canto Viterale, University of North Dakota

Discussant

Bosko Picula, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Political Science, Zagreb, Croatia

Individual Presentations

A New Space Race? - *Francisco Del Canto Viterale*, University of North Dakota

Deglobalization after Globalization: Have the Crises and Wars of the 21st century Led to a New Distribution of Power in the World? - *Bosko Picula*, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Political Science, Zagreb, Croatia

Reforming Global Security Governance in a Multipolar World: Democratization, Artificial Intelligence, and Proactive Prevention - *Ercan Balcioglu*, Sul Ross State University

Session Organizer

Christopher C White, Livingstone College



Session Submission Summary

Economics, Job Satisfaction, and Workforce Development

Thu, April 2, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform C

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Interdisciplinary Studies

Individual Presentations

Engaging Students with Trauma and Dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline Using Restorative Justice -
Charmaine Lowe, Austin Peay State University

From Survival to Satisfaction: Cohort Differences in Work Satisfaction After COVID-19 - *Tracy Dietz, University of North Texas*

More Than a Shortage: Opportunity Structures and Nursing Agency in Staffing Policy - *Alfonzo Robinson, University of Texas at Austin*

State of Black Economic Conditions in Texas: The Persistence of Inequality in African American Labor and Wealth Outcomes - *Michael Adams, Texas Southern University*

The Illusion of Bilateralism: A Structural Marxist Interpretation of the Bracero Program - *Dhruv Nair, Montclair Kimberley Academy*

Session Organizer

Christopher C White, Livingstone College

Session Submission Summary

Human Rights and Disability in Historic Texas, the U.S. Military, and Higher Ed Thu, April 2, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform D

Session Submission Type: Panel

Abstract

Scholars of disability studies from history and sociology will present on the way disability affects their particular fields of study. Papers will cover the eugenics movement in Texas and their efforts to forcibly sterilize those considered defective in the late 19th and early 20th centuries; how neurodivergent individuals thrive in military settings and what particular struggles they may face adjusting to civilian life after service; and efforts to include Disability History in Open Educational Resources, like the history textbook *American Yawp*, and in the classroom.

Section

Interdisciplinary Studies

Individual Presentations

Inclusive Histories: The U.S. History Surveys and Disability History - *Rachel Michelle Gunter*, Collin College

“We Are Just Breeding Lunatics in Texas”: The Debate Over Mass Detention Vs. Sterilization Among Texas Eugenicists - *Betsy Friauf*, Independent Scholar

Military Service as Social Connection for Neurodivergent Soldiers - *Christopher Mathey*, Texas A&M University

A Hierarchy of Disability: The Texas Eugenics Movement and Prioritizing Sterilizations - *Michael Phillips*, Independent Scholar

Session Organizer

Rachel Michelle Gunter, Collin College



Session Submission Summary

Reflections on the Holocaust

Thu, April 2, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Railhead

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

History

Individual Presentations

Eating the Costs: The Hunger Strike in Early Nazi Concentration Camps - *Nicholas Goodell*, Vanderbilt University

Session Organizer

Steven Lee Sewell, College of the Mainland



Session Submission Summary

Conceptual Foundations

Thu, April 2, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Railyard A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Social Work

Individual Presentations

Historical Roots of Social Work Affiliate - *Herman Curiel*, University of Oklahoma

Session Organizer

Jon Kratz, University of Oklahoma



Session Submission Summary

Religion 2

Thu, April 2, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

The Rohingya Crisis: Religious Fundamentalism-Led Ethnic Cleansing, Consequent Statelessness, and Identity Crisis - *Tasnuva Yasmin*, Texas Tech University

Christian Nationalism and Vaccine Resistance in an Era of Political Polarization - *Molly Daugherty*, Abilene Christian University

Religion for Sale: When Nepalese Ritual Meets the Marketplace - *Brooke Allyn Goss*, Texas A&M University

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley



Session Submission Summary

Immigration and Belonging

Thu, April 2, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

Language and Communication Challenges for Asian Immigrants in a Bilingual Border City: A Case Study of El Paso, TX - *Josue Eliseo Lopez*, University of Texas at El Paso; *Kamal Hossain*, University of Texas at El Paso

Context of Socialization and High School Completion among Second Generation Hispanic Youth - *Matthew Tarizzo*, Vanderbilt University; *Mariano Sana*, Vanderbilt University

A Place of Our Own? Immigrants' Sense of Place and Belonging within Art Spaces - *Afruza Aminul*, Texas A&M University

Committed but Constrained: The Uneven Landscape of Community Engagement at Minority-Serving Institutions - *Aurelia Lorena Murga*, The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP); *Maryjane Victoria Villarreal*, University of Texas at El Paso

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley



Session Submission Summary

Back to the Future: Contemporary Social Theorists Return to the Classics

Thu, April 2, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit C

Session Submission Type: Panel

Abstract

This panel draws heavily from the work of classical social theorists. Together, these papers converge on a central sociological question: how do societies renegotiate boundaries of personhood, authority, and belonging when confronted with profound disruptions and innovations? Whether through pop culture applications of Parsons' sick role, large language models embodying Simmel's stranger, Durkheimian calls to restore emotional foundations of integration, or recontextualizing Durkheim in the context of Plato, each contribution illuminates the fragility and adaptability of moral order under conditions of novelty. These works argue that modernity's transformations—biological, technological, and cultural—do not simply add complexity; they redraw the contours of expertise, solidarity, and identity, challenging sociology to balance rationality with humanity and imagination with institutional stability. In doing so, the panel invites a reconsideration of what it means to live together when the familiar is continually remade by crises and creative possibilities.

Section

Sociology

Chairs

John Michael Kainer, University of the Incarnate Word

Jacob Hardy, Texas A&M San Antonio

Individual Presentations

Navigating the Academic Galaxy: Faculty Identities through the Lens of Star Wars Archetypes - *Edward Smith*, Texas A&M University

The First Abu Ghraib Court-Martial: A Case Study of Conspiracy - *Stjepan Mestrovic*, Texas A&M University; *Rhiannon Dawn Powers*, Texas A&M University; *Juan Quiroz*, Texas A&M University; *Edward Smith*, Texas A&M University

The Calm in the Storm: How McDonaldization of Emergency Services Harm Dispatcher Decision-Making - *Stephanie Stratta*, Texas A&M University

Session Organizer

John Michael Kainer, University of the Incarnate Word



Session Submission Summary

Federalism

Thu, April 2, 1:00 to 2:15pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, North Coast B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Political Science

Discussant

Terry Lynn Gilmour, Midland College

Individual Presentations

How Texas Stopped Worrying and Grew to Love State and Local Debt - *Kevin Jefferies*, Alvin Community College

Who Trusts What, When? Understanding Political Trust Across Different Levels of Government - *Andrew Morelock*, Marshall University

Constructing a New Moral Order: Training Party Cadres in Xi's China - *Zhen Wang*, Middle Tennessee State University

Session Organizer

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University

Session Submission Summary

International Trade and FDI

Thu, April 2, 1:00 to 2:15pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Piedmont

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Economics

Chair

Nadine Rose Sauer, Sewanee: The University of the South

Individual Presentations

The Effect of Political Similarity on Bilateral Trade - *Nadine Rose Sauer*, Sewanee: The University of the South

Testing the Wage-Maximization Logic of Skilled Migration in Ghana through Panel Data and Institutional Analysis - *Payton R Garcia*, Howard University

Standards, Certification, and Trade Creation: The Impact of Organic Equivalency Agreements on U.S. Organic Markets - *Maxwell Peprah Amponsem*, Tarleton State University; *Edward Osei*, Tarleton State University; *Mark Yu*, Tarleton State Univ

Geopolitical Shocks and Global Wheat Trade Reallocation: Evidence from the Russia-Ukraine War - *Maxwell Peprah Amponsem*, Tarleton State University; *Edward Osei*, Tarleton State University; *Selin Guney*, Missouri State University; *Mark Yu*, Tarleton State Univ

Session Organizer

Ariuna Taivan, University of Minnesota Duluth



Session Submission Summary

Peace, Conflict, and the Middle East

Thu, April 2, 1:00 to 2:15pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

International Studies

Chair

Mehdi Noorbaksh, Harrisburg University of Science and Technology

Discussant

Stephen Phillips, Retired

Individual Presentations

Israel and the Palestinians - *Stephen Phillips*, Retired

The New Middle East after October 7th - *Mehdi Noorbaksh*, Harrisburg University of Science and Technology

Session Organizer

Christopher C White, Livingstone College



Session Submission Summary

Educational Processes, Inequalities, and Issues

Thu, April 2, 1:00 to 2:15pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform C

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Interdisciplinary Studies

Individual Presentations

Addressing and Managing Aberrant Behavior among Emergent Bilinguals in General Education Environments -
Charmaine Lowe, Austin Peay State University

The GROW Initiative: Evaluating the Impact of a Financial Literacy Curriculum and 529 College Savings Accounts for K-5 Students and their Families in Central Arkansas - *Evanna Ojeda*, Clinton School of Public Service; *Nichola Driver*, Clinton School Impact Center; *Katie George*, University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service

The Need for Classroom Management Training in Educator Licensing - *Christina Leija*, Cameron University/Eisenhower Elementary

A Comparison of Outcomes in Face to Face and Online Public Speaking - *Lisa Michelle Boyles*, Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Bridging Campus and Community: A Participatory Action Research Model for Youth Equity and Engagement in Appalachia - *Janine Al-Aseer*, The University of Tennessee; *Megan Mundie*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; *Madison Lackey*, The University of Tennessee; *Estefany Gordillo-Rivas*, The University of Tennessee; *Avery Martin*, The University of Tennessee; *Joah Ochoa*, The University of Tennessee; *Clara Hosenfeld*, The University of Tennessee; *Nicole Gann*, The University of Tennessee; *Abigail Rivera*, The University of Tennessee

Session Organizer

Christopher C White, Livingstone College



Session Submission Summary

Anti-Intellectualism as a Communication Strategy

Thu, April 2, 1:00 to 2:15pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Railhead

Session Submission Type: Workshop

Section

History

Individual Presentations

Anti-Intellectualism as a Communication Strategy: Enlightenment Failure, Expertise, and Power - *Madison Zada Cothorn*, University of Memphis, UT Martin, Chattanooga State

Session Organizer

Steven Lee Sewell, College of the Mainland



The Role of Volunteerism in Social Work Practice: Research Findings on Community Engagement in a Digital Age

Thu, April 2, 1:00 to 2:15pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Railyard A

Session Submission Type: Workshop

Abstract

This presentation introduces new research on volunteer engagement that has important implications for social work leadership, practice, and education. Drawing on data from more than 250 nonprofit organizations across the United States, the study uses the Index for Volunteer Engagement, a validated tool that measures an organization's capacity to involve volunteers in meaningful and effective ways.

Developed through a grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service and refined through collaboration between scholars and practitioners, the Index offers an evidence based structure for strengthening volunteer systems and strategies. One striking finding is that nearly eight out of ten nonprofit leaders believe effective volunteer engagement is essential for achieving their mission. This highlights the importance of volunteer management as a core competency for social work leaders.

The session also examines how volunteerism has changed since the COVID 19 pandemic and within an increasingly digital environment. While virtual service and more flexible models have created new opportunities, many organizations report reduced traditional participation. Emerging challenges include strict credentialing requirements and the isolating influence of digital culture, both of which can limit community involvement. These shifts present important questions for social work professionals working to build connection and encourage civic participation.

By linking research with real world practice, this session offers guidance on how nonprofits and their leaders can respond to these changes and strengthen their volunteer programs. The findings support efforts to improve community engagement, inform social work education, and promote strategies that are inclusive and equitable. The research positions volunteerism as both a practical tool for community impact and a vital area of study for social work leadership in a post pandemic and increasingly digital society.

Section

Social Work

Session Organizer

N Landuyt, The University of Texas at Austin



Session Submission Summary

Mental Health 1

Thu, April 2, 1:00 to 2:15pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

A Serial Mediation Model of Adverse Childhood Experiences as a Driver of Lower Hope Via Post Traumatic Stress (Rumination) and Depression Among a Sample of Unhoused - *Jeffrey David Rothman*, University of Oklahoma; *Ricky Thomas Munoz*, University of Oklahoma Tulsa

How do life stage and in person contact affect the relationship between internet use and mental health - *Jori Sechrist*, McMurry University; *Alex Clay*, McMurry University

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley



Session Submission Summary

Race and Ethnicity

Thu, April 2, 1:00 to 2:15pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

Discovering Disparities Found Through U.S. Census Data - *Kristen Danielle Wolfe*, Tuskegee University

Implicated in Inequality: Heterogeneity in “Asian” identity management, collective cost, and racial resentment - *Hye Jee Kim*, Stanford; *Brian Wu*, Stanford University

Who Gets to Move Smart? Racialized Immobility and Smart Mobility Among Transit-Insecure Riders of Color - *Dezerae Denise Reyes*, Texas A&M University

Race/Ethnicity and the Sense of Belonging: Exploring the Mediating Role of School Suspension - *Miguel Angel Matancillas Prieto*, Texas A&M University

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley



Session Submission Summary

Juvenile Justice

Thu, April 2, 1:00 to 2:15pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit C

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

The Role of Parental Involvement in Juvenile Diversion - *Rachel Feinstein*, University of Oklahoma; *Mark Magidson*, University of Houston - Downtown

When Disruption Stops Accumulating: Nonlinear Stress Thresholds in Family Instability and Adolescent Delinquency - *Imge Dogan*, Texas A&M University

Rethinking Masculinity and Suicide Risk: The Role of Depression, Dating Violence, Housing and Sleep among U.S. Adolescent Males - *Luis Enrique Espinoza*, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi; *Lucas Enrique Espinoza*, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Performing Survival: Gendered Pathways from Adverse Childhood Experiences to Youth Homelessness - *Belle Albert*, University of Texas at Arlington

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley



Session Submission Summary

Foreign Policy and Public Opinion

Thu, April 2, 2:30 to 3:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, North Coast A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Political Science

Discussant

Steven Perry, Rice University

Individual Presentations

American Public Attitudes Toward Foreign Policy: Evidence from a Survey Experiment - *Madelyn Myers*, Appalachian State; *Kaylee Hope Greene*, Appalachian State University; *Hye-Sung Kim*, Appalachian State University

Truman's Decision to Recognize Israel: International Strategy or Domestic Politics? - *Samuel James Hoffman*, Southwestern University

Intellectuals Matter: Examining Chinese Scholars' Perceptions on Cross-Strait Relations - *Hsin-Hsien Wang*, Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies, National Chengchi University; *Wei-Feng Tzeng*, National Chengchi University

Session Organizer

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University



Session Submission Summary

Money and Politics

Thu, April 2, 2:30 to 3:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, North Coast B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Political Science

Individual Presentations

Quid Pro Quo? Electoral Donations and Tax Amnesty Programs in Brazil - *Natalia Rodrigues*, FGV EBAPE

Political Returns to Early Stimulus: Public Works & Leader Survival in Japan - *J. Weston Jamison*, Snow College;
Chika Rosenbaum, Chukyo University; *William Jackson*, Snow College

Philanthropic Authoritarianism: Targeted Governance of Philanthropy in Xi's China - *Wei-Feng Tzeng*, National Chengchi University; *Hsin-Hsien Wang*, Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies, National Chengchi University

Khaleda Zia and Sheikh Hasina Wajed: A Brief Comparison of Bangladesh's Two Female Prime Ministers -
Rehanuma Tabasum, University of South Alabama; *Scott Liebertz*, University of South Alabama; *Mir Husain*, University of South Alabama

Session Organizer

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University



Session Submission Summary

Governance, Fragility, and Global Institutions

Thu, April 2, 2:30 to 3:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

International Studies

Chair

Leena Thacker Kumar, University of Houston-DTN

Discussant

Adeolu Ojedokun, Kennesaw State University

Individual Presentations

Colonial Unity, Post-Independence Violence: Negative Peace and State Fragility in Africa - *Adeolu Ojedokun*, Kennesaw State University

Forensic Toxicology as a Tool for Human Rights Investigations in International Contexts - *Esra Balcioglu*, Sul Ross State University; *Zeliha Kayaalti*, Ankara University

Tribal Women at Frontlines of Local Governance in India-Participation Dynamics, Challenges and Policy Implications - *Leena Thacker Kumar*, University of Houston-DTN

Session Organizer

Christopher C White, Livingstone College



Session Submission Summary

Disability, Religion, and Identity

Thu, April 2, 2:30 to 3:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform D

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Social Work

Individual Presentations

Mapping the Moral Model: Religious Conceptualizations of Disability in Congregational Contexts - *Kara Whittaker*, Baylor University

Perspectives of US Veterinary Students with Disabilities on Accommodations, Identity, and Strengths: A Qualitative Study - *Claire Burdick*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville College of Social Work; *Pamela Linden*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville College of Social Work; *Lisa Wiborg*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville College of Social Work

Sovereign Social Work: Indigenous Female Leadership - *Lisa G Byers*, University of Oklahoma-Tulsa Campus-Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work

Session Organizer

Jon Kratz, University of Oklahoma



Session Submission Summary

Mental Health Diversion Trends

Thu, April 2, 2:30 to 3:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Railhead

Session Submission Type: Workshop

Section

History

Individual Presentations

Criminalizing Crisis: Mental Illness and the Turn Toward Diversion in Criminal Justice - *John Davis*, The University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley; *Rachel Rayburn*, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Session Organizer

Steven Lee Sewell, College of the Mainland



Session Submission Summary

Youth Suicide and Risk Pathways

Thu, April 2, 2:30 to 3:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Railyard A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Social Work

Individual Presentations

Familial Involvement and Suicidal Attempts in Hispanic/Latino Youth: Utilizing the 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey - *Marlen Rodriguez-Sandoval*, University of Tennessee; *Lisa K. Zottarelli*, University of Tennessee

Lower Hope as a Mediator Between The Experience of Being Bullied and Suicide Ideation Among Adolescents - *Jon Kratz*, University of Oklahoma; *Ricky Thomas Munoz*, University of Oklahoma Tulsa; *Jeffrey David Rothman*, University of Oklahoma

Social Identity Theory: Exploring Identity Constructs as Risk Factors for Radicalization - *Ilana Shtivelman*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; *Lisa K. Zottarelli*, University of Tennessee

Session Organizer

Jon Kratz, University of Oklahoma

Session Submission Summary

Education

Thu, April 2, 2:30 to 3:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

Developing Trust in Online Asynchronous Courses - *Rachel Feinstein*, University of Oklahoma

Gendered Majoring: Exploring the Differences in College Major Choices, 2012-2023 - *Veena Kulkarni*, Arkansas State University; *Christopher L. Pitts*, Arkansas State University

Using AI for Interview Simulation in a Graduate-Level Research Methods Course - *Julie Siddique*, University of North Texas at Dallas

Old MacDonald had a farm: Service-learning at a local community garden in Texas - *Garrett Riley*, Texas A&M University

Student Gender Identity and Performance Changes in Higher Education: A Longitudinal Analysis - *Britton Sechrist*, Hendrix College

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley

Session Submission Summary

Culture

Thu, April 2, 2:30 to 3:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

Unlocking the patterns: A mathematical exploration of the distribution of mathematical markers in U.S. historical marker databases - *Anna Donalies*, Tennessee Technological University

Erasing Indigeneity: Blood, Bureaucracy, and the Calculus of Disappearance - *Jacob Avery*, New Mexico Highlands University

Beyond Irony: Post-Ironic Pragmatism and the Viscoelastic Structure of Meaning - *Edward Smith*, Texas A&M University

Examining Self-Reported Paranormal Experiences through Lenses of Doubt, Spirituality, and Science - *Joseph Comeau*, Georgia Southwestern University; *Maya Diaz*, Texas State University; *David Dietrich*, Texas State University

The Interrelationship Between Pet Preference, Pet Practices, and Identity: A Sociological Study of Generation Z Pet Owners. - *Md Saiful Hasan*, University of Mississippi

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley



Session Submission Summary

Mental Health 2

Thu, April 2, 2:30 to 3:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit C

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

The Price of Care: Financial Hardship and Mental Health Outcomes of U.S. Women Caregivers Experiencing Alcohol Misuse - *Heather DeGrande*, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi; *Luis Enrique Espinoza*, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Supportive But Fearful: Public Perceptions of Police Handling of Mental Health Crises - *Mario A. Davila*, UTRGV; *Deborah J. Hartley*, UTRGV

Investigating Psychosocial and Physiological Indicators of Mental Stress Among First Responders in Southeast Texas: A Pilot Study - *Cheng-Hsien (Albert) Lin*, Lamar University; *Yueqing Li*, Lamar University; *Chiung-Fang Chang*, Lamar University; *Nadia Tanha*, Lamar University; *Amy Schwartz*, Lamar University

Inaccessible Mental Healthcare How Structural Inequalities Racialized Mental Health Access in Taos, New Mexico - *Morgan Rachelle Montañez*, Radford University; *Aidan Bridge*, Radford University

College students' use of AI to support their mental health and wellbeing - *Brittany Hiners*, University of North Texas at Dallas; *Syeda S Jesmin*, University of North Texas at Dallas

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley



Session Submission Summary

Democracy and Information

Fri, April 3, 8:30 to 9:45am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, North Coast A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Abstract

Participant requested not to be scheduled on Thursday

Section

Political Science

Individual Presentations

Examining the Effectiveness of the Dictator's Digital Toolkit: Misinformation and Censorship's Impact on Social Media Users' Trust in Government in Nondemocracies - *Matthew Placek*, University of South Carolina Upstate

Trump's Relationship with Fox News - *Lydia M Andrade*, University of the Incarnate Word

Tone at the Trump: The Impact of President Trump's Idiolect on the Informational Efficiency of Conference Calls - *PAMELA MARGUERITE SCHAAL*, Ball State University

Ready for the Spotlight: Perfecting the Presentation of Political Scientists in Media Appearances - *David Paul Branham*, University of Houston-Downtown

Session Organizer

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University



Session Submission Summary

Polarization and Hyperpartisanship

Fri, April 3, 8:30 to 9:45am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, North Coast B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Political Science

Discussant

Lauren C Bell, Randolph-Macon College

Individual Presentations

Scandal and Rogue Politicians in an Era of Hyperpartisanship - *Beth Vonnahme*, University of Missouri-Kansas City

The Changing Dynamics of Cabinet Appointments - *Charles Gregory*, Stephen F. Austin State University

Not My President!: Out-Party Control of the White House and Diminished Political Trust - *Tabitha Lamberth*, University of Georgia; *Stephen Nicholson*, University of Georgia

Session Organizer

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University



Session Submission Summary

Healthcare Economics

Fri, April 3, 8:30 to 9:45am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Piedmont

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Economics

Chair

Cynthia Ellen Conrad, University of New Haven

Individual Presentations

Economic Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic in the United States: A Comprehensive Economic Analysis Cynthia Conrad, PhD University of New Haven - *Cynthia Ellen Conrad*, University of New Haven

Impact of State Policy Initiatives on State Longevity Rates - *John Martinez*, Midwestern State University

Session Organizer

Ariuna Taivan, University of Minnesota Duluth



Session Submission Summary

Gender in Higher Education

Fri, April 3, 8:30 to 9:45am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Women's and Gender Studies

Individual Presentations

Devoted, Disingenuous, or Disinterested: What Message is your University's Website Sending its Students? -
Bryanna Licciardi, Middle Tennessee State University

Opening the Sadean Menagerie: Metaphors of Marquis de Sade in a Contemporary Business Ph.D. Program - R.
Duncan Pelly, Fisk University

Organizing and Inequality in Academia: The Revival of the Marquis de Sade - R. Duncan Pelly, Fisk University

Session Organizer

Tracy Dietz, University of North Texas

Session Submission Summary

Human Rights, Accountability, and International Order Fri, April 3, 8:30 to 9:45am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

International Studies

Chair

Christopher C White, Livingstone College

Discussant

Benjamin Barrientes, Sul Ross State University

Individual Presentations

Conflict-Driven Displacement in Africa: Implications for the Global Refugee System - *Adeolu Ojedokun*, Kennesaw State University

Human Rights: A Strategy for Reducing Poverty of the Mind - *Benjamin Barrientes*, Sul Ross State University

Mobility with Dignity: Navigating Climate-Induced Migration in the Australia–Tuvalu Falepili Union Treaty - *Christopher C White*, Livingstone College

Session Organizer

Christopher C White, Livingstone College



Session Submission Summary

Foreign Policy

Fri, April 3, 8:30 to 9:45am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform C

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Political Science

Discussant

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University

Individual Presentations

The Political Economy of Fragmentation: Decolonizing African Identity and the Three Walls to Integration - *Jo M. Sekimonyo*, walden university

China's Growing Influence in Central America - *Christopher Sarver*, University of the Ozarks

Session Organizer

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University



Session Submission Summary

Understanding Segregation in Atlanta, the East German Police State, and Post-Conflict Societies

Fri, April 3, 8:30 to 9:45am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Railhead

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

History

Individual Presentations

He Won't Notice You're Picking His Pocket: How the US Government and Private Corporations Permanently Divided Atlanta - *Matthew Chapman*, University of Alabama in Huntsville

Watching the Watchers: Stasi Surveillance of U.S. Visitors and the Anxiety of East German Leadership - *Donal O'Sullivan*, California State University Northridge

Witness to Reconciliation: The Impact of Public History on Post-Conflict Societies - *Stasa Bakliza*, MTSU

Session Organizer

Steven Lee Sewell, College of the Mainland



Session Submission Summary

Workshopping Roundtable 1

Fri, April 3, 8:30 to 9:45am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Railyard B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

SSSA Annual Meeting

Individual Presentations

Digital Health Governance and The Right to Be Offline in a Globalized World - *Tasnim Binte Maksud*, Department of Sociology, University of Houston

Guilty Until Proven Innocent: Unlawful Detention, Arrest, and Targeted Strikes in the Age of Global Security - *Paul J Rivas*, Lane College

Health vs. Criminal Framing of Substance Abuse: An Experimental Test Among College-Aged Individuals - *Amy Schwartz*, Lamar University; *Kirstie Boyett*, Lamar University

How Carbon Markets Shape Firm Productivity Through Supply Chain Spillovers - *Nan Huang*, Nanjing Audit University; *Long Jin*, Nanjing Audit University; *Hanlu Fan*, University of Minnesota Duluth; *Rui Kong*, Nanjing Audit University; *Bo Qin*, The University of Melbourne

Perception as a Means of Power: The Impact of Disinformation on U.S.-China Relations - *Noah R. Moore*, Georgia Gwinnett College

Session Organizer

Christopher C White, Livingstone College



Session Submission Summary

Media

Fri, April 3, 8:30 to 9:45am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

Creating an Accent Spectrum of Prejudice and Discrimination - *Alexander Hernandez*, Texas A&M University; *Mary E Campbell*, Texas A&M University

Memes, Meaning, and Modern Love: A Study of Polyamorous and Monogamous Relational Ethics - *Anna Camille Thomerson*, Western Kentucky University

The Visual Media of Conspiracy Theory - *Oliver Garretson*, University of Arkansas Little Rock; *Wesley Shrum*, Louisiana State University

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley



Session Submission Summary

Environmental Sociology

Fri, April 3, 8:30 to 9:45am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

Understanding Environmental Attitudes Among College Students Through the Eco-Types Framework - *Maliha Mahbub*, University of North Texas

Malnutritional Status of Children Under Five from Flood Impacted Areas of Bangladesh: Evidence from Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey, 2019 Data - *Muhammad Saifuddin*, Louisiana State University; *Kevin smiley*, Louisiana State University

Natural Disasters and Crime: How Weather Impacts Property Crime Rates in the South - *Gabriella Gardner*, Tennessee Tech University

Understanding a Weather Information Ecosystem and Extreme Heat Weather Information Needs during Pregnancy - *Lisa K. Zottarelli*, University of Tennessee; *Shamshad Khan*, University of Texas at San Antonio; *Robyn Stassen*, University of Texas at San Antonio; *Yejin Heo*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; *Thankam Sunil*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; *Andrea Shields*, University of Connecticut Health

Housing Tenure and Safe Drinking Water Access: An Analysis of Predictors of Water Source Choices in the USA Households - *Monisha Alam*, University of North Texas; *Dale Yeatts*, University of North Texas

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley



Session Submission Summary

Economy and Work

Fri, April 3, 8:30 to 9:45am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit C

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

Broken, Not Bent: Refusal in the Face of Predation - *Kasey Henricks*, University of Illinois Chicago

The Growth of Online Freelancing in Bangladesh: Workers' Experiences of Digital Economic Integration - *Naim Bin Hasan*, Florida Atlantic University

Political Analysis of Mining Policy Formation in Ivory Coast - *Pascale Charlotte A. Kouakou*, Texas A&M University

Is Flexibility in Danger? A study of legislation regulating gig-working companies in California - *Garrett Riley*, Texas A&M University

Benevolent Segregation and the Alchemy of Stigma: Blind Massage and the Making of a Moralized Labor Niche in China - *Zhe Xiang*, Yale University

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley



Session Submission Summary

Public Opinion

Fri, April 3, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, North Coast B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Political Science

Discussant

Scott Liebertz, University of South Alabama

Individual Presentations

Tariffs and Trust: Experimental Evidence on American Evaluations of Trade Partners - *Tim Pridgen*, Appalachian State University; *Hye-Sung Kim*, Appalachian State University

U.S. Public Opinion on Nuclear Energy Cooperation: Sustainability, Security, and the Scope of Government - *Hye-Sung Kim*, Appalachian State University; *Ava Kathleen Senyard*, Appalachian State University; *Cole Davis*, Appalachian State University

Personality and Limited Government Preferences: Evidence for an Indirect Path through Conservatism - *Keira Hammond*, Arizona State University; *Matthew C. Dempsey*, Arizona State University

Session Organizer

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University



Session Submission Summary

Integrating Artificial Intelligence into Economics Education: Creating Ethical Learning opportunities in a Globalized World

Fri, April 3, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Piedmont

Session Submission Type: Workshop

Abstract

This workshop will explore how AI can improve the teaching and learning of economics while encouraging students to think critically and ethically when using AI as a tool. Specifically, the workshop will identify ways AI can be used effectively in teaching Economics online or face to face; discuss how AI can be an ally rather than an enemy in the education setting and provide attendees with multiple in-class or online exercises to use in various courses such as Macroeconomics, Managerial Decision Making and Business ethics.

Section

Economics

Presenter

Anthony Barrett Sawyer, East Texas Baptist University

Session Organizer

Barry Wayne Evans, Northwestern Oklahoma State University



Session Submission Summary

Math, Finance, Time, and Technology

Fri, April 3, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Interdisciplinary Studies

Individual Presentations

Epistemology, Mathematical Formalism and Appropriate Mathematical Formalism - *Oghenovo Adewale Obrimah*, FISK University

From Stoke's Law to Black-Scholes: A Cross-Disciplinary Analogy of Equilibrium and Stability - *Prabakaran Sellamuthu*, Sul Ross State University

There is a Little Sadist in Every Room: Theorizing Heterotopias where Temporal Reasoning Fails and Depravity Thrives - *R. Duncan Pelly*, Fisk University

The Tragedy of the Digital Commons: Why Artificial Intelligence Won't be Regulated - *Alexei Anisin*, University of Pardubice

Session Organizer

Christopher C White, Livingstone College

Session Submission Summary

International Security and Transnational Crime

Fri, April 3, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

International Studies

Chair

Sebahattin Ziyanak, University Of Texas - Permian Basin Campus

Discussant

Julianna Cantrell, Indiana University

Individual Presentations

Communication Strategies in AI-Related Plagiarism Cases - *Sebahattin Ziyanak*, University Of Texas - Permian Basin Campus

Rock, Powder, Leaf: Cocaine and Necropolitical Power in the United States and Colombia - *Julianna Cantrell*, Indiana University

Surveilling their Oversight: ICE and Trump and The Domestic and Global Effects of Sex Trafficking, and The Continued Decimation of Women, Safety, and Freedom - *Rosemary Briseno*, Sul Ross State University

Treating Exposure to Political Violence in Protracted Conflict: The Case of Israel - *Tess Marie Harrington*, American University

Session Organizer

Christopher C White, Livingstone College



Session Submission Summary

Roundtable: Teaching with a Twist

Fri, April 3, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform C

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Political Science

Individual Presentations

Teaching with a Twist - *Lisa Uhlir*, Tarrant County College; *Leigh-Ann Regenold*, Tarrant County College; *Julie Harrelson-Stephens*, Stephen F. Austin State University; *Megan Whiteside*, Stephen F. Austin State University

Session Organizer

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University



Session Submission Summary

Institutions in Crisis: Misinformation, Power Abuse, and Communal Healing Fri, April 3, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform E

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Anthropology

Chair

Lucía Stavig, Indiana University--Bloomington

Individual Presentations

Emergency Preparedness in the Age of Misinformation - *Ori Swed*, Texas Tech; *Bryan Gienza*, Texas Tech University;
Reut Rebecca Shafrir, Texas Tech University

Quechua Women Healing from Forced Sterilization in the Andes: From Soul Loss to Communal Futures - *Lucía Stavig*, Indiana University--Bloomington

Reforestar, Recoger y Reciclar: Mobilizing Indigenous Worldviews on Water to Increase the Adaptive Capacity of Artisans' Livelihoods - *Tarryn Harris*, University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service

Session Organizer

Christopher C White, Livingstone College



Session Submission Summary

The Nazi War Machine in the lead up to World War Two Fri, April 3, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Railhead

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

History

Individual Presentations

The Opposition to Heinz Guderian's Blitzkrieg, 1935-1939 - *Jared Quinn Bratten*, Nashville State Community College

William Rhodes Davis: Pro-Nazi American Oilman Or Just Another Sleazy Businessman? - *Steven Lee Sewell*,
College of the Mainland

Session Organizer

Steven Lee Sewell, College of the Mainland

Disability, Equity, and Access: How Teachers and Social Workers can Make the Difference

Fri, April 3, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Railyard A

Session Submission Type: Panel

Abstract

This presentation explores the vital role teachers and social workers play in advancing disability equity and expanding access within educational and community settings. It highlights how inclusive practices, informed advocacy, and collaborative problem-solving can reduce barriers for individuals with disabilities.

The session aims to deepen participants' understanding of disability as a diversity category, examine structural inequities that impact access, and equip educators and social service professionals with strategies to promote equitable learning environments and service delivery.

Section

Social Work

Discussants

Charmaine Lowe, Austin Peay State University

Allison E Oliver, Austin Peay State University

Session Organizers

Moniqueka E Gold, Austin Peay State University

Anthony R Sanders, Austin Peay State University



Session Submission Summary

Workshopping Roundtable 2

Fri, April 3, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Railyard B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

SSSA Annual Meeting

Individual Presentations

Risk Factors for Gambling among College Students in the US: A Machine Learning Approach - *Mouhamed Diagne*, Murray State University

Something About Commuter Networks: Rethinking Exposure and Place in a Micro-Migration Framework - *Emma Dewil*, University of Wisconsin–Madison; *Malia Jones*, University of Wisconsin–Madison

The Impact of Media on the Oversexualization of Black Women - *Brianna J Watson*, Fisk University

When Identities Collide: Identity Control Theory and the Faculty–Coach Divide - *Bruce Reese*, Concordia University Texas

Session Organizer

Christopher C White, Livingstone College



Session Submission Summary

Immigration and Politics

Fri, April 3, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

Beyond the Immigrant Paradox: Everyday Deviance and Criminal Adaptation Across Intergenerational Disparities
- *Alican Ibacik*, Middle Tennessee State University

The "Browning of America": How Race and Political Identity Shape Immigration Attitudes - *Maria Cristina Morales*, University of Texas at El Paso; *Alejandro Rodarte*, University of Texas at El Paso; *Sarah Kerekes*, University of Texas at El Paso

An Exploration of Arizona's Campus Mental Health Services for International Graduate Students - *Collins Chukwunonso Ezea*, Northern Arizona University

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley



Session Submission Summary

Family

Fri, April 3, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

Constructing Vulnerability: UNICEF Bangladesh and the Digital Politics of Child Marriage - *Mashaekh Hassan*, Florida Atlantic University

Youth Agenda – A Comparative Problem Map of Young Americans and Hungarians - *Levente Székely*, Visiting Scholar at George Mason University, Schar School of Policy and Government

Rethinking Family Harm: Enhancing Zemiology with Structural Ritualization Theory - *Jason Ulsperger*, Arkansas Tech University; *Kristen Ulsperger*, Arkansas Tech University

Sources of Support in Times of Need: Family Networks in American Society - *Jieming Chen*, Texas A&M University - Kingsville

Carrying Two Burdens: Gender and Caregiving Dynamics as Predictors of Mental and Physical Health in Family Caregivers with Cardiovascular Disease - *Heather DeGrande*, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi; *Luis Enrique Espinoza*, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi; *Deborah G. Smith*, Louisiana State University Health Shreveport; *Corey Smith*, Louisiana State University Health Shreveport

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley

Session Submission Summary

Political Sociology

Fri, April 3, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit C

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

Doing Citizenship: Are People Voting as Much as They Are Posting? - *Jovanna Anita Villarreal*, Texas Woman's University

Ideology and its Relation with Knowledge of the Conflict in the Middle East: A Study on the Role Corporate Media Plays in Garnering Support for Israel - *Ryan Eric Wilson*, Student at Midwestern State University; *Isaac Christiansen*, Midwestern State University

Political Ideologies and Generalized Trust: A comparative analysis - *Rose Ferguson*, Western Kentucky University

Beyond the Ballot: Felony Disenfranchisement and the Transformation of Black Civic Engagement - *JaKayla Brown*, Western Kentucky University; *Marcus A Brooks*, Western Kentucky University

TVA as a Public Corporation? Neoliberal Governance and Declining Citizen Participation - *Margaret Lee*, Middle Tennessee State University

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley



Session Submission Summary

Partisanship and Polarization

Fri, April 3, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, North Coast A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Political Science

Individual Presentations

Polarization, Self-Righteousness, and Increased Offline Political Interactions - *Alexei Anisin*, University of Pardubice

Trading Places: Free Trade as a Potential Partisan Wedge Issue - *Andrew L. Stone*, University of Georgia

Grievance Redressal Strategies in the Global South - *William O'Brochta*, Texas Lutheran University

Session Organizer

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University



Session Submission Summary

Understanding Spatial Diffusion of Culture and Bringing Order to a Dystopian World

Fri, April 3, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, North Coast B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

History

Individual Presentations

Moral Botany: Nature, Knowledge, and Power in Revolutionary-Era France - *Kyra Sanchez Clapper*, Bethel University

Session Organizer

Steven Lee Sewell, College of the Mainland



Session Submission Summary

Economics and Generative AI

Fri, April 3, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Piedmont

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Economics

Individual Presentations

Linguistic Diversity and Economic Returns to AI Adoption - *Suvayan De*, University of Charleston

Teaching Economics in the Age of Generative A.I.: From Deterrence to Design - *Swagata "Ban" Banerjee*, Kentucky State University

Visualizing Global Learning in Social Science Courses - *Howard H. Cochran, Jr.*, Belmont University; *Colin Cannonier*, Belmont University; *Bradley Childs*, Belmont University; *Marieta Velikova*, Belmont University

Session Organizer

Ariuna Taivan, University of Minnesota Duluth



Session Submission Summary

Cutting Edge Interdisciplinary Research

Fri, April 3, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Interdisciplinary Studies

Individual Presentations

Boundary-Spanning in Practice: Collaborative Practices for Expanding Access to Revegetation Assistance Programs - *Tatyana B Ruseva*, Appalachian State University; *Luke B Barber*, Appalachian State University; *Courtney B Deviney*, Appalachian State University

Global Coverage: Examining the Disparity of News Coverage in Recent African Conflicts - *Madison Grace Frey*, Samford University

Language of Liminality: Identity, Gender, and Mourning in Gaelic Lamentation Poetry, 1715-80 - *Michael Wolfe*, University of Houston - Clear Lake

The Bridge2Rwanda Approach: Evaluating the Agricultural and Economic Impact of Conservation Agriculture and Foundations for Farming in Rwanda - *Evanna Ojeda*, Clinton School of Public Service; *Katie George*, University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service; *Nichola Driver*, Clinton School Impact Center; *Jefferson Miller*, University of Arkansas Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food, and Life Sciences

The Paternal Imago in Ruins: Messianic Leadership and Constitutional Instability in Ecuador - *Ernesto Espindola*, Johnson County Community College

Session Organizer

Christopher C White, Livingstone College

Session Submission Summary

Economic, Migration, and Educational Policy in International Context Fri, April 3, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

International Studies

Chair

Rifat Akhter, University of Central Arkansas

Discussant

Timothy Rich, Western Kentucky University

Individual Presentations

Boundaries of Belonging: Exploring Public Perceptions of Immigrants in South Korea - *Elizabeth Mikeworth*, Western Kentucky University; *Timothy Rich*, Western Kentucky University

Gender Differences Business Discontinuation: A Cross-Country Quantitative Analysis of Former Entrepreneurs - *Rifat Akhter*, University of Central Arkansas

International Service Learning: Evidence from the Clinton School Model - *Rachel Norris*, Clinton School of Public Service at University of Arkansas; *Nichola Driver*, University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service

Session Organizer

Christopher C White, Livingstone College



Session Submission Summary

Empathy as Resistance: Preparing Social Work Students to Lead, Advocate, and Care in Challenging Environments

Fri, April 3, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform C

Session Submission Type: Panel

Abstract

Social work students are entering the profession during a period marked by increasing racialized policies, contested science, and heightened ethical tensions in practice and research. Schools of social work are tasked with preparing future professionals to lead with both empathy and scientific rigor while maintaining professional integrity in environments that may devalue equity, evidence-based practice, and the lived experiences of marginalized communities.

This panel, composed of three social work professors from different universities, explores how essential it is for social work education to intentionally cultivate leadership skills and competencies at the intersection of empathy, science, and ethics. Panelists will examine pedagogical strategies and practice-based approaches that can help students engage in ethical decision-making. The panel will highlight ways educators are supporting students to remain grounded in the NASW Code of Ethics while resisting burnout, moral injury, and the dissolution of services for the most vulnerable clients.

Participants will leave with strategies that strengthen students' capacity to lead with compassion, evidence, and integrity—particularly when professional values are challenged by harmful policies.

Section

Social Work

Discussant

Gary L Jones, Tennessee State University

Session Organizers

Carmen Reese Foster, Belmont University

Kenya Anderson, University of Memphis

Session Submission Summary

The Social-Cognitive Architecture of Behavior

Fri, April 3, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform E

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Psychology

Chair

Dr. Branton B. Baird, Athens State University

Individual Presentations

Associative Cognitive Function of Language Found in the Persistence of Motherese - *Dr. Branton B. Baird, Athens State University*

Roller Derby as Resistance: Resilience, Empowerment, and Life Purpose among Female Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence - *Lucas Enrique Espinoza, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; Rosalva Resendiz, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; Luis Enrique Espinoza, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi*

What Motivates Dementia-Friendly Action? Social Norms and Perceived Control in Community Workplaces - *Elena Ionescu, California State University Long Beach; Ying Ma, University of Houston*

Session Organizer

Christopher C White, Livingstone College



Session Submission Summary

Institutional Systems

Fri, April 3, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Railhead

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

Not 911, 211: Examining the Aid Virginians Access Through 211 Services - *Morgan Rachelle Montañez*, Radford University; *Kristina Wagner*, Radford University; *Therese Root*, Radford University

Radford Housing Project - *Morgan Rachelle Montañez*, Radford University; *Alivia Turner*, Radford University; *Isaiah Moore*, Radford University

The Art of Diplomacy: International Criminal Court and the Analysis of Treaty Compliance and Violations - *Joyfull Gladrich*, Texas Tech University

Human Rights, State Institutions, and Public Trust in the Global South: Lessons from West Africa and Haiti - *Bassey Kooffreh*, Fisk University; *Rolande Dorancy Dathis*, Fisk University; *Dokubo Goodhead*, Fisk University; *Angel Fapohunda*, Fisk University

Nostalgic Economies: The Social Network of a Modern Farmers Market - *Ila Bell*, Scripps College

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley



Session Submission Summary

Professional Identity and Practice

Fri, April 3, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Railyard A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Social Work

Individual Presentations

Collective Hope as a Distinct Contributor to Lower Burnout Relative to Psychological Safety Among Child Welfare Workers - *E'Ula Green*, University Of Oklahoma Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work; *Ricky Thomas Munoz*, University of Oklahoma Tulsa; *Angela B Pharris*, University of Oklahoma

Navigating Complexities of Forensic Social Work: A Commitment to Social Justice and Human Rights - *Elizabeth Ann Moore*, Campbellsville University

Witnessing the Hidden Wounds: Educating Social Workers on Adult Survivors of Childhood Exposure to Domestic Violence - *Tysheira Wanser*, Baylor University

Session Organizer

Jon Kratz, University of Oklahoma



Session Submission Summary

Workshopping Roundtable 3

Fri, April 3, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Railyard B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

SSSA Annual Meeting

Individual Presentations

The Reality Behind the Mugshot: Adverse Childhood Experiences - *Josias Abriel*, University of Texas El Paso

Too Good to Be True? An Analysis of Pathways to Deradicalization and Disengagement - *Grace Manson*, American University

Women and Fear of Being Single - *Charisma Harris*, Fisk University

The Second Generation and The Context of Socialization over the Life Course - *Matthew Tarizzo*, Vanderbilt University

Session Organizer

Christopher C White, Livingstone College



Session Submission Summary

Crime and Society

Fri, April 3, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

Code 15: Officer Needs Assistance - *james marquart*, Texas Christian University

The Women of True Crime Challenging the Male Gaze - *Colleen Butler-Sweet*, Sacred Heart University

Swipe, Match, Report?: Assessing Recourse Options for Dating App Facilitated Sexual Violence - *Madison Adams*, Texas A&M University

From Exposure to Action: Mean World Syndrome, Doomscrolling, and Campus Safety Preparedness Intention - *Gordon Arthur CREWS*, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; *Jennifer L Lemanski*, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley



Session Submission Summary

Gender and Sexuality

Fri, April 3, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

Women's Perceptions of the Division of Household Labor in Arkansas - *Madeline Ginsburg*, University of Arkansas at Little Rock; *Jiabin Fan*, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Pornographic Turning Points in the Life Course: Uses of Pornography in Sexual Self-Development - *David W. Wahl*, McMurry University

Accepting what it means to be infertile: a reflexive autoethnography - *Amy Lynn Clark*, Midwestern State University Texas

Pathways to Power Revisited: A Longitudinal and Cross-Sectional Analysis of Predictors of Women's Representation in State Legislative Seats - *Ray Darville*, Stephen F. Austin State University

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley



Session Submission Summary

Resilience and Care

Fri, April 3, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit C

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

Do Resilient Parents Raise Resilient Children? - *Heili Pals*, Texas A&M University

The Effect of Discrimination on Stress and The Role of Close Personal Relationships: Evidence from Stress in America Survey 2015 - *Sanjeev Acharya*, Arkansas State University

Secret Gardens: Campus Green Spaces as Sites of Student Well-Being - *Tina Budzise-Weaver*, Texas A&M University; *Palak Goindwani*, Texas A&M; *Vivian Quinby*, Texas A&M University

Tracing Dementia Across the Life Course: Intergenerational Care in Pakistan's Policy Vacuum - *Momna Rani*, University of North Texas

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley



Session Submission Summary

Guardrails of Democracy

Fri, April 3, 2:30 to 3:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, North Coast A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Political Science

Chair

Brian Russell, Tennessee State University

Individual Presentations

Early Elections as Institutional Risk Management - *Khalefah Alghanim*, UCLA

Functional Democracy: How Alaska's Bipartisan Power-Sharing Agreement Can Encourage Consensus-Based Politics in an Age of Governmental Dysfunction - *Thomas Goodman*, Rhodes College

American Constitutionalism and the Federal Protection of Rights - *Brian Russell*, Tennessee State University

Session Organizer

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University



Session Submission Summary

Political Science Posters: Partisanship and Participation

Fri, April 3, 2:30 to 3:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, North Coast B

Session Submission Type: Poster Session

Section

Political Science

Individual Presentations

Cracks in the Coalition: Anti-Abortion Sentiment Among Democratic Identifiers - *Madelyn Myers*, Appalachian State; *Phillip Ardoin*, Appalachian State University

Partisanship, Trust, and Participation: Examining the Decision to Register as Independent - *Jack Valentine Yordy*, Appalachian State University

Two Sides of the Same Coin: Urban Elitism and Democratic Partisanship as an Answer to Conservative Rural Resentment - *Anna Nall*, Appalachian State University

Voices of Helene: Ramifications of the Storm on Appalachian Political Attitudes - *Joshua Adams Kubie*, Appalachian State University

"Playground Politics" and Anti-Queerness in Kentucky Education Policy - *Sarah E Koch*, Vanderbilt University; *Jamie E Shenton*, Centre College

Session Organizer

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University



Session Submission Summary

Poverty

Fri, April 3, 2:30 to 3:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Piedmont

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Economics

Chair

Prahlad Kasturi, Radford University

Individual Presentations

The Study of Poverty from an Economic Perspective - *Prahlad Kasturi*, Radford University; *Brady Deaton*, University of Missouri, Columbia; *Daniel Farhat*, Radford University

The Link Between Adverse Childhood Experiences and Food Insecurity in Namibia - *Cynthia Harter*, Eastern Kentucky University; *John Harter*, Eastern Kentucky University

Session Organizer

Ariuna Taivan, University of Minnesota Duluth



Session Submission Summary

Author Meets Critics: Democracy's Meanings

Fri, April 3, 2:30 to 3:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform A

Session Submission Type: Author meets Critic

Abstract

Authors will discuss their book

Section

Political Science

Presenters

Ronald Keith Gaddie, University of Oklahoma

Robert Kirby Goidel, Texas A&M University

Session Organizer

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University

Session Submission Summary

Psychology Poster Session

Fri, April 3, 2:30 to 3:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform B

Session Submission Type: Poster Session

Section

Psychology

Individual Presentations

Home Is Where The Heart Is: A Phenomenological Study On Cultural Identity Among Pakistani Immigrants - *Emen Ali*, Bournemouth University

Juror Decisions in Capital Sentencing: Mitigator Endorsement Depend on the Mitigator Example Provided - *Kenzie Tart*, University of North Carolina Wilmington; *Bryan Myers*, University of North Carolina Wilmington; *Gabriella DiMasi*, University of North Carolina Wilmington; *Reid Copeland*, University of North Carolina Wilmington

Spiritual Struggle, Shame Proneness, and Dimensions of Spirituality: A Mediation and Moderation Analysis - *Daniel Kyle Ashlock*, Harding University; *Jeremiah Sullins*, Harding University; *Benjamin Hall*, Harding University

The Effects of Cyberbullying on the Mental Health of College Students - *Rashida I. Lloyd*, Tuskegee University

When the World Stopped: How the Pandemic Caused a Shift In Shame Proneness Among College Students - *Emma Durham*, Harding University; *Emily Earley*, Harding University; *Libby Harris*, Harding University; *Jeremiah Sullins*, Harding University; *Daniel Kyle Ashlock*, Harding University

Understanding Healthcare, Mental Health, and Caregiving Responsibilities across Distance among the Puerto Rican Diaspora in Florida. - *Sofia Llerandi*, University of Central Florida-Puerto Rico Research Hub; *Fernando Rivera*, University of Central Florida

Session Organizer

Christopher C White, Livingstone College



Session Submission Summary

Policing and the Public Trust

Fri, April 3, 2:30 to 3:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform C

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Political Science

Discussant

Rebecca Gill, University of Nevada Las Vegas

Individual Presentations

Reconsidering the Use of Force by Police to Recover Orally Ingested Contraband from Drug Suspects in a Post-Garner/Floyd Era - *Robert Alan Thompson*, The University of Southern Mississippi

Determinants of Public Trust in the Nigerian Police: Insights from Performance, Procedural Justice, and Social Capital Theories - *Bassey Kooffreh*, Fisk University

Backlash to Law and Reform in Latin America during the Pink Tide Era: A Perspective from Self-Determination Theory - *Ronnie Grant*, University of North Georgia

Session Organizer

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University



Session Submission Summary

Environmental Justice and Neighborhood Rights: Germantown's Battles.

Fri, April 3, 2:30 to 3:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Platform E

Session Submission Type: Panel

Abstract

This panel explores how residents of Nashville's Germantown neighborhood turned a series of local conflicts over health, safety, and dignity into a broader fight for environmental justice and neighborhood rights between 1988 and 1991—and how those efforts helped set the stage for Germantown's revival in the decades that followed. At the time, Germantown was a working-class, racially mixed neighborhood facing multiple threats at once: the expansion of the city's Thermal Waste Plant, long-standing pollution from the Nashville Rendering Plant, unsafe conditions at Kroger's Farmers Market Warehouse Store, and the proposed placement of a new vehicle emissions-testing facility on a residential street.

Two major fights—the pushback against the Thermal Waste Plant expansion and the long battle with the Rendering Plant—made environmental health a central issue in Germantown's story. Residents spoke out about noxious odors, air pollution, and industrial risks that had affected daily life for years. At the same time, neighbors organized around consumer safety at the Farmers Market Warehouse Store, where spoiled food and unsanitary conditions became symbols of neglect. Their persistence eventually forced Kroger to make improvements. As resident Barbara Carroll later noted, Kroger didn't just fix immediate problems—"Kroger kept investing afterward."

In November 1990, Germantown residents learned their neighborhood had been selected as a site for a new vehicle emissions-testing station at 1238 Fifth Avenue North. The news sparked immediate opposition. Neighbors feared increased traffic, exhaust, and runoff, and worried the facility would undo years of preservation work. For many, the proposal represented a return to a time when Germantown was treated as a dumping ground for unwanted industrial uses. As activist Dee Ann Walker recalled, residents organized protests and creative "drive-ins" to make the impacts visible.

Using archival research, mapping, and first-hand accounts, this panel shows how these struggles helped residents claim basic rights—to clean air, safe food, and a voice in decisions affecting their neighborhood—and built the organizing skills that supported Germantown's long-term preservation and renewal.

Section



Session Submission Summary

Poverty, Assets & Economic Systems

Fri, April 3, 2:30 to 3:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Railyard A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Social Work

Individual Presentations

Beyond Income: Savings Accounts for Children and Behavioral Health Outcomes - *Yuanyuan Yang*, University of Oklahoma

Machine Learning Approaches to Predict Income and Asset Poverty in the United States - *Yuanyuan Yang*, University of Oklahoma

Session Organizer

Jon Kratz, University of Oklahoma



Session Submission Summary

Race Relations

Fri, April 3, 2:30 to 3:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

"Always Have an Alibi": Microaggressions in the Lives of Black Ph.D. Students - *Whitney Frierson*, Vanderbilt University

"I only really see it during Hispanic Heritage Month." Comparing Latinx Students' Perceptions of University Support. - *Emmber M Garcia*, Texas A&M University- College Station

White Vampirism: James Baldwin, Irish Immigration, and Sinners' Vampires - *Molly Daugherty*, Abilene Christian University

The New Black Right: Is it Culture or Community? - *Marcus A Brooks*, Western Kentucky University

Unequal exits from homelessness: the institutional effects of street outreach programs in Miami-Dade County - *Qing Lai*, Florida International University; *Matthew Marr*, Florida International University

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley



Session Submission Summary

Education and Activism

Fri, April 3, 2:30 to 3:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

Classroom Engagement and Active Learning in Data Science Education: A Case Study of the Data 100 Course and Data Scholars Program - *Jas Harris*, Tuskegee University; *Jaycob Beasley*, Tuskegee University; *Vivian Carter*, Tuskegee University

Teaching Sociology in an Anti-DEI Era - *Giselle Greenidge*, Northwest Missouri State University

Built for Zero in Practice: How Cross-Sector Collaboration Transformed a Local Homelessness System - *Jeff Scott*, McMurry University; *Courtney Horton*, West Texas Homeless Network

When Measurement Spurs Action: Trans Activism and the Politics of (Anti)Violence in Brazil - *Natalia Heringer Mendonca*, University of North Texas

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley



Session Submission Summary

Sociology of Culture

Fri, April 3, 2:30 to 3:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit C

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

Why Walk 2,000 Miles? Motivations and their Evolution among Appalachian Trail Long-Distance Hikers - *Jamie MacLennan*, Georgia Southwestern State University

Negotiating our fears: Social location and hostages' cost and worth - *Ori Swed*, Texas Tech University; *Connor Perry*, Texas Tech University

Beyond Tradition: Navajo Identity and the Reflective Self - *Rhiannon Dawn Powers*, Texas A&M University

Are Carbon Programs Aligned with the Needs and Values of Tribal Nations? - *Tatyana B Ruseva*, Appalachian State University; *Ariana B Robbins*, Appalachian State University

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley



Session Submission Summary

Social Sciences and Mapping

Sat, April 4, 8:00 to 10:00am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit A

Session Submission Type: Workshop

Abstract

This workshop will provide up to date information on ARCGIS Pro, Survey 123, and ARCGIS online. I will also spend some time on social epidemiology, how to import data, clean the data, and present a simple map.

Section

Sociology

Session Organizer

Elizabeth Kelly Green, Ouachita Baptist University



Session Submission Summary

Political Theory

Sat, April 4, 8:30 to 9:45am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, North Coast A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Political Science

Individual Presentations

Strauss as Educator: On the Use and Disadvantage of the Teachings of Leo Strauss - *Steven Michael Thomason*, Cisco College

Discourse or Data: Comparing Publius's Progressivism to Charles E. Merriam - *Darcy Stubbs*, University of Dallas

Session Organizer

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University



Roleplaying through a Lone-Star Gerrymander

Sat, April 4, 8:30 to 9:45am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, North Coast B

Session Submission Type: Workshop

Abstract

Participants in this workshop will take part in a role-playing simulation which recreates the Texas Legislature's 2003 Congressional redistricting standoff. After learning about the game, receiving a role, and playing through one portion of the game, participants will have an opportunity to discuss the use of long-form roleplay as tool in the classroom.

The game we'll be playing, 'Messing with Texas: Partisanship, Voting Rights, and Congressional Redistricting at the Turn of the 21st Century,' is a Reacting to the Past (RTTP) game in development authored by the panel's presenter. The organizing body which oversees development and publication of these games describes Reacting as "an active-learning pedagogy of complex role-playing games," which promote "engagement with big ideas, and improve critical, practical, intellectual, and academic skills."

Like all RTTP games, 'Messing with Texas,' is not a re-enactment. The players begin with the situation faced by Texas legislators in 2003 and with role sheets describing their character's biography, interests, and goals. Once the game is in their hands, however, the players are free to take it in new directions. A game book details the wider historical context as well as the events that led up to the special session called by Governor Perry which serves as the game's starting point. That game book also provides primary source material that the players use to develop their arguments and provide evidence for their claims in game papers and speeches.

Although the game touches on some of the specifics of Texas politics, its main themes and topics are all national issues appropriate for any political science classroom. This is especially the case in the present day as redistricting as so many states are redistricting ahead of the 2026 midterms. While working their way through the six rounds that make up the full game, players engage directly with issues of voting rights, gerrymandering, the rise of modern partisanship, and the role of the internet and new media on political discourse.

Section

Political Science

Session Organizer

Adam Costanzo, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi



Session Submission Summary

Economic Development

Sat, April 4, 8:30 to 9:45am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Piedmont

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Economics

Chair

Ariuna Taivan, University of Minnesota Duluth

Individual Presentations

Institutional Gender Equality and Economic Growth - *Allison McCasland*, Sewanee: The University of the South

The Effect of Public Funding for University R&D on Economic Growth - *Maren Johnson*, Sewanee: The University of the South

Help-Seeking Behavior among Women Experiencing Domestic Violence: Comparing Joint versus Nuclear Families in India - *Nirupama Devaraj*, Valparaiso University; *Dezhi Jiang*, Pittsburg State University; *Margarita Rayzberg*, Valparaiso University

The link between CO2 Emissions and Innovations on economic growth through moderating role of financial development: Emerging Economies - *Ariuna Taivan*, University of Minnesota Duluth; *Neil Wilmot*, University of Minnesota Duluth

Session Organizer

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Session Submission Summary

Medical Sociology

Sat, April 4, 8:30 to 9:45am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

Building Cultural Competence Through Service: Student Experiences in Puerto Rico with International Medical Outreach - *Om Pathak*, University of Central Florida; *Fernando Rivera*, University of Central Florida

The Status of Health in the USA: A Historically Aligned and Structurally Embedded Explanation Rooted in Sociopolitical and Economic Dynamics - *Muhammad M Haque*, McNeese State University; *Nathan D Johnson*, McNeese State University; *Jayden H Dickes*, McNeese State University; *Zara Khan*, McNeese State University

Where you Rotate Shapes What You Learn: Variation in U.S. OB/GYN Clerkships - *Theresa Morris*, Texas A&M University; *Joan H. Robinson*, City University of New York; *Claire Anderson*, Texas A&M University; *Emily Flowers*, Texas A&M University

AI for Health Equity: A Sociological Framework Linking Social Determinants of Health to Transformative U.S. Public Health Action - *Tamim Anowar*, University of North Texas

r/Miscarriage: Binaries and Ideal Pathways in Miscarriage Discourse on Reddit - *Claire Anderson*, Texas A&M University

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley



Session Submission Summary

Media and Technology

Sat, April 4, 8:30 to 9:45am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit C

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

Art Imitating Life: An Analysis of Netflix Series Continued Effect on Family Dynamics - *Alex Clay*, McMurry University

How do "Feminine-Presenting" Queer Men of Color understand and negotiate "Masc4Masc" discourse on TikTok?
- *Alec Mason*, University of Houston

How the Internet Changed America - *Alexei Anisin*, University of Pardubice

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley



Session Submission Summary

Political Science Posters: Foreign Affairs and Human Rights

Sat, April 4, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, North Coast A

Session Submission Type: Poster Session

Section

Political Science

Individual Presentations

3TG Conflict Minerals: The Effects of Extraction on Low-Scale Violence - *Jesus Tlaloc Maldonado*, University of Texas at El Paso; *Gerardo J Flores*, El Paso Community College; *Alyk X Collins*, University of Texas at El Paso; *Raoul Tayou Tayou*, Student

Americans' Perspective on Refugees Cause of Displacement: The Legitimacy of Climate Change vs. War Refugees - *Kaylee Hope Greene*, Appalachian State University

Are We in an AI Bubble? Large Language Models and the Next Tech Boom - *Isabella Santiago*, Georgia Gwinnett College

Enforcement at the Edge of the Constitution: ICE Tactics in Minneapolis and Human Rights Concerns - *Ayat Salameh*, Georgia Gwinnett College

Session Organizer

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University



Session Submission Summary

Roundtable: Teaching in Troubled Times - What are the States Doing? Sat, April 4, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, North Coast B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Political Science

Individual Presentations

Teaching in Troubling Times - What Are the States Doing? - *Terry Lynn Gilmour*, Midland College

Session Organizer

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University

Session Submission Summary

Miscellaneous Topics in Economics

Sat, April 4, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Piedmont

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Economics

Chair

R. Duncan Pelly, Fisk University

Individual Presentations

How Temporality Saved Christmas at the Military Post Office - *R. Duncan Pelly*, Fisk University

Shaming for Good: Public Disclosure, Moral Disengagement and Corporate Tax Compliance in Brazil - *Natalia Rodrigues*, FGV EBAPE

Investing in Outcomes: How Performance-Based Funding Reshapes Institutional Spending Behaviors. Evidence from State Higher Education Finance Data, 2020–2024 - *Abigail Oreoluwa Isola*, University of Alabama in Huntsville; *Jared Baruch*, University of Alabama in Huntsville; *Ege Can*, University of Alabama in Huntsville; *Wafa Orman*, University of Alabama in Huntsville

Changing Minds Through Structured Classroom Deliberation - *Colin Cannonier*, Belmont University; *Howard H. Cochran, Jr.*, Belmont University; *Monica Galloway Burke*, Western Kentucky University

Session Organizer

Ariuna Taivan, University of Minnesota Duluth



Session Submission Summary

Reproductive and Maternal Health

Sat, April 4, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Railyard A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Social Work

Individual Presentations

The Experience of Sexism of a Driver of Post Partum Depression Controlling for Race and Age Among a Sample of New Mothers - *December R. Maxwell*, University of Oklahoma-Tulsa Zarrow School of Social Work; *Ricky Thomas Munoz*, University of Oklahoma Tulsa

Engaging Fathers: Exploring Barriers and Best Practices for Social Workers - *Steven Rupe DeGeorge*, Baylor University

Session Organizer

Jon Kratz, University of Oklahoma



Session Submission Summary

Reproductive Justice

Sat, April 4, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

Gendered Exploitation and Reproductive Injustice: Mapping Baby-Factory Networks in South-East Nigeria - *Ijeoma Mercy Ogba-Amaugo*, Abia State University Uturu Nigeria

Mapping Resistance and Resilience: Network Strategies for Reproductive Justice in the El Paso Borderlands - *Sarah Kerekes*, University of Texas at El Paso; *Cecili Marie Chadwick*, UTEP; *Sarah Walborn*, The University of Texas at El Paso; *Arielle Dow*, The University of Texas at El Paso

Uphill Battles: Challenges and Opportunities to Practicing Reproductive Justice Law - *Theresa Morris*, Texas A&M University; *Madison Adams*, Texas A&M University; *Louise Marie Roth*, University of Arizona; *Jennifer Hyunkyung Lee*, University of Arizona; *Isabel Campos*, University of Arizona

Sterilization, A Site of Gametic Governance - *NEHA JANGETI*, University of North Texas

Sharing Equal Stakes: An Exploratory Study in Reproductive Responsibility Among Young Adults - *Leticia Zavala*, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; *Lucas Enrique Espinoza*, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; *Luis Enrique Espinoza*, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley



Session Submission Summary

Immigrant Issues

Sat, April 4, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Sociology

Individual Presentations

Fertility differences between South Asian immigrants and South Asian native population: Evidence from American Community Survey and Demographic and Health Survey - *Fizza Raza*, Georgia State University; *Zehra Raza*, Westcliff University

“My Parents Deserve Rights”: How Children of Undocumented Immigrants Mobilize in Times of Hate - *Jaqueline Mendez*, Texas A&M University

Health Insurance Coverage and Access to Care Among Older Immigrants: Evidence from the National Health Interview Survey, 2020–2023. - *Momna Rani*, University of North Texas

Session Organizer

Liliana Rodriguez, University of California, Berkeley



Session Submission Summary

Education Issues, Topics, and Solutions

Sat, April 4, 10:00 to 11:15am, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Summit C

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Interdisciplinary Studies

Individual Presentations

Building an Applied Research Center: Lessons from the First Year of the Clinton School Impact Center - *Nichola Driver*, University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service

From Disparity to Inclusion: Rethinking Special Education for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students - *Charmaine Lowe*, Austin Peay State University; *Moniqueka E Gold*, Austin Peay State University; *Anthony R Sanders*, Austin Peay State University; *Allison E Oliver*, Austin Peay State University

Land of Opportunity: A Landscape and Gap Analysis Exploring Workforce Needs in Arkansas's Growing Outdoor Recreation Industry - *Nick Cartwright*, University of Arkansas - Clinton School of Public Service; *Abby Swartz*, University of Arkansas - Clinton School of Public Service; *Gino Obaseki*, University of Arkansas - Clinton School of Public Service; *Erica Kriner*, University of Arkansas - Clinton School of Public Service

From Representation to Power: Female Voting Influence and Teacher Compensation on School Boards - *Anya Dalal*, Castilleja School

Session Organizer

Christopher C White, Livingstone College



Session Submission Summary

Voter Turnout

Sat, April 4, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, North Coast A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Political Science

Discussant

Richard T Longoria, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Individual Presentations

“Growing Populations and Growing Power: Voter Turnout from 1980-2000 in Presidential Elections Among Latinos” - *Sarah Perez*, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; *Beth Ginsberg*, University of Connecticut, Stamford

Whack a Mole: The Never-Ending Fight Over the Expansion of Voting in Texas - *Kevin Jefferies*, Alvin Community College

Exploring Texas Voter Registration Cancellations - *Marcie Reynolds*, Tarleton State University

Black American Candidate Support in Houston, Texas Municipal Elections (2013-2023): Assessing Turning Points in Racially Correlated Voting Using Segmented Polynomial Regression and Bayesian Inference Theoretical Models - *Michael Adams*, Texas Southern University

Session Organizer

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University



Session Submission Summary

Technology and Politics

Sat, April 4, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, North Coast B

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

Political Science

Individual Presentations

Is This Candidate for Real? What Happens When Campaign Messages Come with a Disclosure - *Matthew C. Dempsey*, Arizona State University

Click to Accept: The Terms of the Modern Arbitration Regimes - *Joseph Tyler Roberts*, Georgia Gwinnett College

Framing Neurotechnology Imaginaries: A Comparative Study of Brain-Computer Interface Reporting in Chinese and Singaporean Media - *Xin Tong*, University of Tennessee

Session Organizer

Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Stephen F. Austin State University



Session Submission Summary

National Identity and Global Institutional Pressure

Sat, April 4, 11:30am to 12:45pm, Grand Hyatt Nashville, Piedmont

Session Submission Type: Paper Session

Section

International Studies

Chair

Maria Cheng, Harvard University

Discussant

Timothy Rich, Western Kentucky University

Individual Presentations

Defending the Krone: The Fledgling EU and its Currency of Sovereignty, Early 1990s Denmark - *Maria Cheng*, Harvard University

Disability Stigma and CRPD Implementation in Sri Lanka: A Qualitative Exploration of Lower Limb Narratives - *Joseph A Abua*, University of Alabama at Birmingham; *Ramsey A Haggerty*, University of Alabama at Birmingham; *Tina A Reuter*, University of Alabama at Birmingham

From Passion to Pragmatism: Economic Priming and South Korean Support For Reunification - *Timothy Rich*, Western Kentucky University; *Lydia Crisp*, Western Kentucky University

Session Organizer

Christopher C White, Livingstone College