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Hyatt Regency

Deadline for submission: October 21, 2016

The Southwestern Sociological Association welcomes your participation in the 97th annual Southwestern Social Science Association meetings that will convene April 12-17, 2017 in Austin, Texas. Program Chair Carson Mencken invites the submission of abstracts for paper, workshop roundtable, and visual presentations on this year's theme or other topics from a sociological and interdisciplinary perspective. Participants are encouraged to use this conference as a venue both for presentation of scholarship and for engagement opportunities with colleagues from across the region.

For more information concerning the meeting, please visit the SSA website (www.ssaonline.org). Formal submissions may be made on the Association's website (<https://convention2.allacademic.com/one/ssa/ssa17/>). All proposals require a complete abstract. Submission requires that all authors have a complete profile on the submission website at the time of submission. Profiles do not carry over from one year. Participants must create a new profile each year but may use the same username and password as previous years.

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Southwestern Sociological Association Presidential Plenary Speaker

Mary Romero

**“Using Social Science for Social
Change: Lessons from the Border”**

April 14, 2017

Dr. Romero is Professor of Justice Studies and Social Inquiry at Arizona State University and Affiliate of Women and Gender Studies, Asian Pacific American Studies and African and African American Studies. She received the American Sociology American Section on Race and Ethnicity Minorities 2009 Founder's Award She is the author of *The Maid's Daughter: Living Inside and Outside the American Dream* (NYU Press, 2011) and *Maid in the U.S.A.* (Routledge, 1992, Tenth Anniversary Edition 2002) and co-editor of *Blackwell Companion to Social Inequalities* (Blackwell 2005), *Latino/a Popular Culture* (NYU Press 2002), *Women's Untold Stories: Breaking Silence, Talking Back, Voicing Complexity* (Routledge, 1999), *Challenging Fronteras: Structuring Latina and Latina Lives in the U.S.* (Routledge, 1997), and *Women and Work: Exploring Race, Ethnicity and Class* (Sage, 1997).

Her research focuses on the unequal distribution of reproductive labor as a paid commodity and its role in reproducing inequality among families within countries and between nations. Embedded in feminist legal scholarship on caregiving, this research explores questions from a legal perspective: is work primarily an artifact of family law, or should it be examined through the lens of employment law? Her research also includes writings on social inequalities and justice that incorporate the intersectionality of race, class, gender, and citizenship and links the parallels between domestic gendered race relations and immigration and identifies the continuum between racism against citizens and racism against noncitizens.

Silent Auction

Each year, the SSA hosts a Silent Auction to benefit the American Sociological Association's Minority Fellowship Program. At last year's meeting in Las Vegas, under the leadership of Dr. Carson Mencken, the silent auction raised over \$750! The Silent Auction is made possible by the generous donations of SSA members. You can contribute to this year's Silent Auction by donating books or other items that may be of interest to sociologists. The 2017 SSA Silent Auction will be held in the Registration Area on Thursday, April 13 and Friday, April 14. For more information about the 2017 auction or to contribute, please contact this year's organizer, Maria Cristina Morales, University of Texas-El Paso, mcmorales@utep.edu.

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Outstanding Publication Award	David Embrick (2015), University of Connecticut, david.embrick@uconn.edu
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Hotel Information

The 97th annual meeting of the Southwestern Sociological Association will be held at Hyatt Regency in Austin, Texas. Room reservations should be made early to avoid conflict with other tourists and activities. Our room rates for single and double occupancy is \$179 per night, plus taxes and fees. There is an additional \$30 charge per person, per night for additional guests. Each hotel allows a maximum of 4 guests per room. As always, SSSA strongly encourages our attendees to stay at our conference hotel during your stay. SSSA contracts to fill 1300 room nights for our annual conference and is liable for financial penalties if the room reservations are not met. You can read the full SSSA Conference Hotel Registration online at (http://sssaonline.org/?page_id=20).



Transportation

There are a variety of transportation options in Austin (<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/ground-transportation-0>).

Plan your trip through Austin's Capital Metro (<http://www.capmetro.org/>).

Austin offers SuperShuttle service from the airport to our conference hotel. SSSA will be extended a discount for ground transportation through SuperShuttle. Participants may choose the van service through the typical supershuttle or may choose an executive sedan. To make a reservation for shuttle or car service using our discounted rate, please book reservations on SuperShuttle or on Execucar by manually inputting the group code MUSFS to receive the discount or by clicking the direct link SSSA SuperShuttle specific to SSSA.

Nominations

Please nominate or self-nominate for SSA offices.

There need to be at least two nominees for each of the following offices:

- Vice President
- Executive Council Member (two openings, so a minimum of four total nominees for this office)
- Student Representative
- Each nomination should include a biographical sketch (within 500 words), photograph, and contact information.

Please let the members of the election committee (Carla Goar, cgoar@kent.edu; Bev Carlsen-Landy (bcarlsenlandy@mail.twu.edu; Joseph Comeau, Joseph.Comeau@gsw.edu; or Ed Rossmans, ejrossmans@yahoo.com) know if you have any question, or if we can be of any assistance.



ASA Minority Fellowship Program

The ASA Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) has existed since 1974 and has supported nearly 500 sociologists of color during this time span. MFP is supported by significant annual contributions from *Sociologists for Women in Society*, *Alpha Kappa Delta*, and the *Midwest Sociological Society*, along with the *Association of Black Sociologists*, the *Southwestern Sociological Association*, and numerous individual ASA members.



For more information, to access application materials, or to ask a question:

visit www.asanet.org and click on “Funding,” or contact the ASA Minority Affairs Program by email at minority.affairs@asanet.org or by phone at 202-383-9005 x322.

Distinguished Paper Award

The award is given annually to an outstanding paper presented at the SSA annual meeting as determined by the SSA Distinguished Paper Award Committee.

Eligible papers must be on the 2017 Sociology program. The author (or first author) must be a faculty member or independent scholar (not a student) and a member of the SSA at the time of submission for the award. The submitted paper should be limited to 35 double-spaced pages (including tables and references), use a 12-point font and one-inch margins, and be prepared for anonymous review (with the author/s specified only on the cover page and identifying references blinded). The paper may not be previously published or accepted for publication at the time of submission.

Self-nominations are welcome. Attach a letter or nomination (indicating the title of the paper, the position and affiliation of each author, and the SSA session in which the paper will be presented) and a copy of the nominated paper to Award David Embrick, david.embrick@uconn.edu with the subject line 2017 SSA.

Distinguished Paper Award Nomination.

The winner will be announced at the SSA Awards and General Business Meeting held during the annual meeting, April 12-17, 2017. The author(s) of the winning paper will receive a certificate.

The deadline for nomination is March 22, 2017.



Dr. Robert Wallace
won the 2016
Distinguished Paper
Award.

Drs. Carla Goar, Robert Wallace, and David Embrick, 2016 SSA, Las Vegas, NV
(Left to right)

Norma Williams Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Norma Williams earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas A&I University and PhD in sociology from the University of Texas at Austin. She held academic positions at Texas A&M University, University of Texas at Arlington, and the University of North Texas. While at UNT, she served at the Assistant Vice President for Multicultural Affairs and the Director of the Multicultural Affairs Office.

Dr. Williams was an active researcher who specialized in the areas of race, family, and social psychology. Her book, *The Mexican-American Family: Tradition and Change*, was one of the first pieces of scholarship to examine shifting power relationships within the Mexican American family system.

She was a member of many organizations including the American Sociological Association and the Society for the Study of Social Problems where she was awarded the 2000 Lee Founders Award for significant lifetime achievement in service leading to the betterment of human life. Dr. Williams also served in SSA and was the first Mexican American to be elected President of the organization.

We seek nominations for the Norma Williams Distinguished Service Award. This award is given annually to an individual who exemplifies the qualities that Norma inspired in each of us, particularly in terms of service to the discipline and to students.

Requirements for nomination:

- Membership in SSA for at least 10 years, current membership not necessary
- A consistent record of chairing or presenting papers at the annual meetings
- Election or appointment to leadership positions in SSA that may include some combination of service as a member of the Executive Council and representation of SSA to SSSA committees
- Indication of unique contribution to SSA through service that promotes the visibility of the organization, contributes to increased efficiency of operations of the organization, or encourages membership and participation in the organization



Previous Honorees:

2016 Mark Fossett
2015 Edwin Rossman
2014 Charlie Tolbert
2013 Ray Darville
2012 Rogelio Saenz
2011 Janet Huber Lowry
2010 Dudley Poston
2009 Robert Beckley
2008 Elizabeth Esterchild



Drs. Carla Goar, Mark Fossett, and David Embrick, 2016 SSA, Las Vegas, NV
(Left to right)

Please send nominations to Carol Walther, cwalther@niu.edu,
with the subject line: 2017 Norma Williams Distinguished Service Award.

The deadline for nominations for the Norma William Distinguished Service Award is March 22, 2017.

2016 SSA Outstanding Book Award

Every other year, SSA awards an outstanding book award. In 2016, we awarded two outstanding book awards.



Dr. Amanda Baumle,
University of Houston



Dr. D'Lane Compton,
University of New
Orleans

Drs Amanda Baumle's and D'Lane Compton's book *Legalizing LGBT Families: How the Law Shapes Parenthood*, NYU Press, were runner-ups.



Dr. Matthew Hughey, University of
Connecticut

Dr. Matthew Hughey won the Outstanding Book Award for his book, ***The White Savior Film: Content, Critics, and Consumption***, Temple University Press.

Student Paper Awards

The Southwestern Sociological Association invites nomination of student papers for its annual undergraduate and graduate student paper competition.

Awards

- Best student paper at the Undergraduate Level (\$200)
- Best student paper at the Master's Level (\$200)
- Best student paper at the Doctoral Level (\$200)

Rules

- The paper must be accepted and listed in the 2016 SSA program, and at least one of the authors must be registered to attend.
- The paper must have sociological content and focus, but it may be empirical, theoretical, or a critical review of the literature.
- The paper will reflect standards of ethics, professional integrity, and treatment of human subjects, as defined by the author's institutional affiliation, the SSA, and the American Sociological Association. Link: <http://www.asanet.org/about/ethics.cfm>
- The author must have been enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student when the paper was written.
- Co-authorship is acceptable only if all authors are students. The highest level of education among authors will determine the paper's award category.
- No student may author more than one paper submitted in a given year.
- The paper cannot have been previously published or under consideration for publication prior to its submission to the paper competition.
- An abstract of 100-150 words must summarize the major points of the paper. The paper itself may not exceed 35 double-spaced pages at 11 point size, including tables, appendices, and references.
- A nomination letter is required and must be submitted with the paper. Self-nominations are welcome.
- The nomination letter must include the title of the paper and all of the authors' names, school affiliations at the time the paper was written, mailing addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers.
- The nomination letter must affirm fulfillment of the eligibility requirements.

Please send Undergraduate Papers to Robert Wallace at rwallace@mcm.edu, with the subject line 2017 SSA Undergraduate Paper Award Nomination.

Please send Graduate Papers to Maria Cristina Morales at mmorales@utep.edu, with the subject line 2017 SSA Graduate Paper Award Nomination.

The winners will be announced at the SSA Awards and General Business Meeting held during the annual meeting, April 12-17, Austin, Texas. The authors of the winning papers will receive a certificate and a \$200 prize.

The deadline for nomination is March 22, 2017.

Visual Sociology: Social Problems Student Photo Essay Contest

The Southwestern Sociological Association invited the submission of abstracts for the 2017 “Visual Sociology: Social Problems Student Photo Essay Contest.”

Description

A photographic essay is a personal and integrative statement about a social problem of importance to the undergraduate or graduate student. The essay is limited to 5-8 photographs, which should reflect the social problem under consideration, elicit an emotive response from the viewer, and be a statement of public affirmation of the student’s position on the issue.

Instructions for the Photo Essay

- Limit the essay to 5-8 photographs
- Place the photographs in an order that “reads” like an essay
- Photographs downloaded from the Internet are acceptable as long as copyright laws are not violated and the complete website URL from which it was downloaded in fine print.
- The presentations should be larger than 3x3 feet.

Juried Competition

The judges will evaluate the appropriateness of the title; whether photographs reflects the social problems under consideration, demonstrate a given position on the issue, elicit an emotive response from the viewer, and read like an essay; the general presentation/mounting, proper citation of location or source of the photos; whether all instructions were followed; and, the student’s verbal responses to viewers at the site of the judging during the session.

Awards

The winners will be announced at the SSA Awards and General Business Meeting held during the annual meeting, April 12-17, 2017, Austin, Texas. The authors of the winning papers will receive a certificate and a monetary prize.

For more information, please contact the Poster Award Organizer, Carson Mencken,
Carson_Mencken@Baylor.edu

The deadline for Visual Session submissions is March 22, 2017.

Leslie Stanley-Stevens, May 15, 1961 – June 22, 2016

Faculty, alumni, and students at University of North Texas (UNT - Denton) are celebrating the life of Leslie Stanley-Stevens, who died quietly surrounded by her family on June 22nd at age 55. Leslie's rise to a star alumnus started when she was admitted unconditionally into the sociology Ph.D. program in 1989. Her intellectual capacity, determination, and positive attitude made her a great student both inside and outside classroom. She earned a perfect 4.0 GPA in her course work with philosophy and computer science complementing sociology courses. Before becoming an independent teaching fellow, she served successfully as a research assistant and teaching assistant. The birth of fraternal twin sons, Forrest and Parker and co-parenting with Christopher, while working towards the Ph.D. contributed greatly to her interest in parenting, family, and gender. Because of high marks from faculty mentors and on students' evaluations, Leslie was one of the few teaching fellow asked to teach upper level advanced courses. The faculty's high evaluation marks and praise were acknowledged and rewarded when Leslie swept all awards possible by the time she was graduated with her Ph.D. in 1994. These included UNT's Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award, Outstanding Graduate Woman Award, and the most prestigious Robert Toulouse Award. Department awards included the Hiram Friedsam Award and Outstanding Teaching Fellow, which she was awarded twice. Leslie's Professors strongly agreed with her Major Professor Dale Yeatts' assessment that Leslie was one of the most outstanding sociology Ph.D. graduates ever.

At Tarleton State University (TSU) in Stephenville, Texas; faculty, alumni, and students are also celebrating Leslie's life, where she diligently served on the faculty for 20 years in a variety of roles. At TSU she continued her outstanding performance in all these roles, which again were acknowledged with many awards. Leslie's great and varied experiences in academia as a student, teacher, researcher, scholar, and author led to her being nominated for the pinnacle TSU faculty award: Texas A&M University System Regents Professorship. Leslie was awarded the system wide Regents Professorship in 2014-15.

Leslie's colleagues attending the July International Sociological Association's (ISA) 3rd Forum in Vienna, Austria were shocked and deeply saddened to learn of her untimely death. Several commented on the family like relationships between scholars who study the family. Of the many academic groups to which Leslie's belonged, the ISR's Research Committee 06 or Committee on Family Research (CFR) provides the greatest opportunities for building close and productive relationships. The annual, usually small, intimate seminars that move around the globe provide opportunities for great collaborations and lasting friendships. Even at the Forum with just under 5,000 attendees, CFR's common meeting places, reception, and special events enhanced as usual opportunities for closeness. Leslie was part of the CFR family and so joining in the celebration of her life is most appropriate.

Several CFR members at the Forum sent pictures and comments to share: Barbara Barbosa Neves, University of Melbourne, Australia wrote: Wonderful Leslie Stanley-Stevens, family sociologist extraordinaire. Such an immeasurable loss. We met in Japan around this time of the year, back in 2011 – and since then we've shared great adventures (including getting lost in Kyoto...twice, celebrating getting back on track in one case with a rice burger), aspirations, reading lists both fiction and non-fiction, feminism, passion for teaching, and the same birthday. The last book she told me to read was *Dear Committee Members*. I just bought it, my dear. Thanks for everything. Rest in peace. Ria Smit, University of Johannesburg, South Africa, wrote: "Shared fun times with Leslie in Kyoto and in Phoenix AZ. We got soaking wet after walking 14 blocks in the rain in Kyoto, sharing an umbrella after a lovely day spent together in Nara, Japan. We also attended a Phoenix Suns basketball game during the 2012 National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) conference in Arizona. She is truly missed."

Long before our shared CFR memories, I learned that Leslie's was a great collaborator and enhancer in shared projects starting while she was a UNT student. Our first joint research effort occurred in a graduate research methods class taught by Dale Yeatts. The class designed and conducted telephone interviews of randomly sample parents in the Denton area. She successfully turned her class paper on religious agreement between parents and their adult children into a published article in a peer refereed journal and generously included Dale and I as co-authors. This was the beginning but multiple collaborations followed. Many of these were part of participation in several other family and sociology groups including the NCFR; Sociological Association of Ireland (SAI), Southwestern Sociological Association, and UNT's Parent Education Conferences, especially 2011 joint meeting with ISA's CFR).

Sifting through a very stuffed manila folder on shared projects brought back a flood of grand memories of which I will comment on two. Our paper was selected for presentation at the SAI's 2006 conference at Institute of Technology in Sligo, Ireland. I arrived on the second day of the conference and joined Leslie for lunch to discuss our presentation scheduled for early the next morning. In our haste to finish the paper, organize end of semester obligations, and get ready for travel we had failed to prepare complementary screen slides. That evening the always elaborate conference meal and ceremony promised to be an even more grandiose adventure as guests would cruise down the river to a highly touted restaurant for drinks, dinner, and drinks. What a conundrum; dinner or devise slides? We agreed that Leslie would represent us at the dinner while as senior author I would outline key points on a series of slides. That was the last I saw or heard from Leslie until she arrived right before our early Sunday morning session was scheduled to start. Most attendees arrived late and a few appeared to need the hair of the 'dog' that had bit them the night before. Leslie provided an explanation, which make our decision to split responsibilities a good one. The excursion and meal were grand and complemented with plenty of drink but several mishaps led to a lengthier adventure than planned resulting in the return bus arriving back to the IT campus around 2 AM.

Leslie's persistence complementing her writing and scholarly skills is illustrated by her efforts to get a book published based on her research: In 1999, she interviewed expectant mothers and fathers about their values, expectations, and practices regarding paid work and family work. Follow-up interviews of the same parents, now with small children, were completed 5 years later. Informative and insightful findings from these interviews were the basis for several academic papers and journal articles but Leslie was determined to reach a broader audience outside sociology. Her background, resources, and research synergized into ideas, practices, and exercises that would help expecting and new parents. The manuscript documented and explained behavior plus suggested practical applications to deal with challenges along the way. Getting the book *What they didn't know when they were expecting ...and how they became better parents* (2012) published took some time in the more competitive non-academic publishing business. At the time many publishers reported they currently were not looking for any more books like Leslie's. She persisted and got an agent, who saw the value of her work, and the results wanted. She had accomplished something highly touted but not often achieved by social researchers, that is, applying research results in real world situations. Consequently Leslie's research had an impact beyond the discipline of sociology. To help new parents further, Leslie started a successful Facebook group based on the research and book.

While sharing a Stanley-Stevens family type high adventure with my brother and two sons near Manti-La Sal National Forest and La Sal Mountains outside Moab, Utah, word arrived of Leslie's death. A text sent to my youngest son Erik from a lifelong friend Jeremy Sale brought the news. Jeremy's family became friends with the Stanley-Stevens family while both resided in Denton and later father Richard Sale joined the TSU faculty. Leslie's death stimulated recurring reflections about her bravery, optimism, tenacity, and shared experiences and challenges. Leslie had become an important part of my family research family. Her name appears on my vita as a co-author more than any other colleague stretching back to 1992. Our joint successes at publishing and presenting research at regional, national, and international meetings only represent the tip of the too numerous to mention grant applications, paper drafts, and data output iceberg. Part of the iceberg were early attempts that were temporary failures that eventually Leslie's writing and editing skills turned into successes. Because of my close relationship with Leslie I am far from objective when it comes to her accomplishments. I am honored to have played an active role in some of them and confident that many other more objective observers will agree with my glowing assessments.

Anyone interested in acknowledging and extending Leslie's Legacy are encouraged to make a donation to the Dr. Leslie Stanley-Stevens and Dr. W.H. Stanley, Sr. Scholarship Fund at TSU. Make a check payable to Tarleton State University with reference to Leslie Stanley-Stevens Scholarship in the memo line and send to: TSU, Box T-0260, Stephenville, TX 76402, USA OR donations may also be made by credit card online by going to: <http://www.tarleton.edu/giving/> and following the prompts to Give Now (link below will take you directly to the giving site for making a gift to a specific scholarship: https://epay.tarleton.edu/C20203_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=5&SINGLESTORE=true).

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