



Newsletter

Southwestern Sociological Association

A Note from the President

Welcome back to the Fall Semester. It is once again time to make plans to attend the 87th annual meetings of Southwestern Sociological Association. Our meetings this year are to be held for the first time in Albuquerque, New Mexico and will provide us with new opportunities for networking with our colleagues in that area. Please consider submitting a paper to the meetings and encourage your undergraduate and graduate student to do so

as well. Please remember to save time in your schedule for our business meeting on Friday evening. I also invite you to attend the ASA President's Reception that I will be hosting immediately following the business meeting. I will do my best to arrange for a tempting complimentary buffet and cash bar.

Please also consider volunteering for the SSA ad hoc committee to

explore new resources to expand our use of technology at our annual meetings. Be alert also for announcements inviting submissions for SSA paper competitions and for the first Norma Williams Distinguished Service Award. The 2006-2007 promises to be an exciting and challenging year. I look forward to working with all of you.

Cherylon Robinson

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Special points of interest:

- *Session organizers for the 2007 annual meeting to be held March 14-17 in Albuquerque!*
- *Submission Guidelines*
- *Call for Officer Nominations*

Call For Papers

The Journal of Social and Ecological Boundaries invites submissions for two special issues. The first call for papers is for "Immigration: Crime, Victimization, and Representation," Judith Ann Warner and Claudia San Miguel (eds.), submission deadline: November 15, 2006. Send manuscripts electronically to jwarner@tamiu.edu and csanmiguel@tamiu.edu.

The second call for papers is for "Muslim Integration in France, Germany and the United States," submission deadline: January 15th, 2007. Send manuscripts electronically to PJackson@ric.edu and jwarner@tamiu.edu.



Call for Nominations of Officers

If you or someone you know is interested in serving as an officer of the Southwestern Sociological Association, we would like to know.

Each year, we are pleased to have such a fine group of candidates

for important positions in our organization. W. Allen Martin is our Nominations chair this year and is anxious to begin the process of putting together the slate of candidates. We will need to elect a 2nd Vice President, Executive

Council Members and a Student Member. Please contact him to nominate yourself or someone else at Allen_Martin@mail.uttyl.edu.

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SSA on the Web & Newsletter Contributions

The Southwestern Sociological Association has a new webpage. Make sure to visit the SSA's new home page at <http://www.swsociology.org>

You will find important news and information, including contact information for officers and committees as well as archives of old newsletters.

We appreciate hearing from our members and look forward to putting exciting information about our members and member departments on the webpage.

Please submit any news that you would like to have appear on the webpage to webmaster: Emily LaBeff, Midwestern State University; (254) 710-4783. You may also reach her via e-mail at Emily.Labeff@mwsu.edu

Also, if you have any items that you would like included in the Spring Newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Editor: Dr. Tracy Dietz at tdietz@mail.ucf.edu.

Make Plans Now to Join Us in the Sunny Albuquerque for the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Sociological Association

Call-for-Papers: 2007 Annual Meeting March 14-17, Hyatt Regency & Double Tree, Albuquerque, NM

Deadline for submissions: October 16, 2006

(1) *The SSA is now accepting submissions of papers, round tables, or complete sessions. Submit a paper idea to a Session Organizer or directly to the Program Chair, Robyn Driskell at Robyn_Driskell@Baylor.edu.*

(2) Please encourage graduate and undergraduate students to attend. Students can present in standard sessions, student sessions, or undergraduate poster sessions. For further information on student sessions, and resources for students, contact SSA President

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(3) The association will award cash prizes for four outstanding papers. The competitions are at the undergraduate, masters, and doctoral levels, and there is a Distinguished Paper competition. Details of the competitions will be sent out in the SSA Newsletter.

(4) *The SSA strongly prefers email submissions!* Completed papers are preferred but abstracts are acceptable. We will accept submissions in the body of the email or via an attachment using any word processing system that organizers' computers can read. Word (.doc), Plain Text (.txt.), or Rich Text (.rtf) documents are safe bets. The abstract should be 250-500 words and should summarize the main ideas of the paper. We will accept "works-in-progress." Submissions via postal

service will be accepted as well.

(5) Submissions should include: (a) the names of all authors and their (b) institutional affiliations, (c) mailing addresses, (d) telephone numbers, and (e) e-mail addresses. (f) Indicate the status of each author: as a professor, a sociological practitioner, a student [specify undergraduate, masters level, or doctoral level], or other status. (g) State if an overhead projector is needed.

Call for Student Participation

Deadline for submissions: October 16, 2006

The SSA is particularly encouraging student participation this year. The annual meeting is an excellent place for a first (or second) presentation, and it is very inexpensive.

We are encouraging student participation in these ways

- (1) There will be a series of student paper and poster sessions.
- (2) We will have session on graduate student "issues."
- (3) There are three student paper competitions,
- (4) A student information table in the main registration area will be staffed by students.
- (5) There will be an evening reception for students.

Graduate advisors and professors with promising undergraduate students, if you or your colleagues have promising undergraduate or graduate students, please encourage them. All they need at this point is an abstract, and the session organizers will accept works "in progress." I should note that many schools are encouraging undergraduate research and may even be willing to help underwrite student expenses (for ammunition to use with your Dean, see the Council for Undergraduate Research

Web site at <http://www.cur.org>). Graduate students as well as undergraduate students are welcome in the regular sessions. However, there are a couple of undergraduate only sessions on the program.

Notes on undergraduate poster sessions:

The submission system is identical to that for papers - we will accept an abstract. In Corpus Christi, posters will be set up on tables, so they should be constructed on a rigid folding board that can stand alone in a space roughly two feet deep and three feet wide. Standard, folding cardboard or composite posters are available at most college bookstores.

Within these limits a student's poster may take a widely creative path, which should be done in consultation with a faculty advisor.

The posters will stand alone for an hour or more, giving visitors a chance to view them. This will be followed by a 90-minute session in which students will stand near their posters and discuss their projects informally with visitors. The students will not give formal presentations, nor will posters be eligible to win a paper competition.

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Position Announcement

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY. The Department of Sociology & Anthropology invites applications for a tenure track Assistant Professor of Sociology position. The successful candidate is expected to have an active research program focused primarily outside of the United States and also to be able to contribute to core undergraduate courses and to the Masters program in applied sociology. Candidates must have Ph.D. completed by the starting date of August 2007 and show significant evidence of research productivity and successful teaching experience. Ability to teach quantitative research methods is essential. The standard teaching load is 2-2.

The College of Arts and Sciences at Lehigh University is committed to increasing the diversity of the college community and curriculum. Candidates who can contribute to that goal are encouraged to apply and to identify their strengths or experi-

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ences in this area. Lehigh University is an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer. Women and minorities are particularly encouraged to apply.

Lehigh University is a highly competitive, research-oriented university located one hour north of Philadelphia and 90 minutes west of New York City.

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Interesting Things to Do/See in Albuquerque

Most of the cities we visit for our annual conference are cities that most of us know like the backs of our hands, but this year will be new territory. Albuquerque will offer some new opportunities for sightseeing this year.

A few things that you might want to keep in mind are that it cools off quite quickly once the sun sets, so prepare to dress for it.

While in the city, don't miss Old Town. This section is easily accessible by public transportation and offers some fine arts and crafts for those interested in buying or just looking. The area also has some nice old architecture to behold.

Also, take a ride on the Sandia Tramway that will take you to the peak of the mountain. In March, you will likely see snow!

The Pueblo Indian Center offers informative, educational information on the cultural foundations of the area.

If you are into getting scared, there are ghost tours offered as well. Whatever your cup of tea, Albuquerque is sure to offer you something of interest. See you there!

Paper Competitions

The SSA will award cash prizes for four outstanding papers. Awards will be made to the winners during the SSA General Business Meeting (Friday, March 25th).

The prize for Distinguished Paper is \$500. It is awarded to the author of the outstanding paper at the meeting and is generally intended for a professor or sociological practitioner.

The prize for outstanding doctoral-level paper is \$200. The award is made to an author who has completed master's-level work and is enrolled in a graduate program, pursuing the doctorate.

The prize for outstanding masters-level paper is \$200. The award is made to an author who has completed bachelors-level work and is enrolled in a graduate program, pursuing a master's degree.

The prize for outstanding bachelors-level paper is \$200. The award is made to an author who is enrolled

in an undergraduate program (presentations in the undergraduate *poster session* are *not* eligible for the competition).

Papers can have co-authors. Eligibility for an award is determined by the status of the most advanced co-author. A paper co-authored by a professor or practitioner is not eligible for a student paper award. A paper co-authored by a doctoral student and a masters student is not eligible for the masters-level award. A paper co-authored by an undergraduate and a graduate student is not eligible for the bachelors-level award. Prizes will be split among the co-authors of the winning papers.

Submission policy. There is no difference in the submission process between a paper one intends to enter in a competition and any other paper. We require an abstract. Once a paper is accepted onto the program (this will be in early December), it can be submitted for a competition. Scholars wishing to compete will have until January 3rd (postmarked) to deliver five completed copies of the paper to the appropriate committee chair:

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The Albuquerque International Balloon Festival, held in October every year, is the largest hot air balloon festival in the world. Don't worry that you will miss the festival. For those wanting to experience hot air ballooning, you can arrange a private balloon ride while visiting the city.



Albuquerque, a City of Old and New

While the area now known as Albuquerque has been inhabited by native southwestern Indians for hundreds of years, the city was founded as Alburquerque in 1706. The first "r" was later dropped.

Today, the city retains much of the charm of its history and culture of the past while at the same time embracing the modern conveniences and trends.

The cultural threads of the many peoples who have settled the area have been interwoven together to form a fabric that is unique to this part of the southwestern United States. The resulting culture can be seen throughout the city and will undoubtedly be a treat to us all looking for a change of venue.

Albuquerque is the largest city in New Mexico and although it celebrates its historical past, the city's metropolitan personality provides the visitor with a vast array of dining options from which to choose. Do not think that the only choices that you will have will be southwestern cuisine.

The city is home to more than 16 museums and has been named as one of the top 25 art destinations in the country. New Mexico is home to 19 American Indian pueblos and most are within an hour's drive of the city.

If shopping is your bag, Albuquerque is the town for you. There are many unique galleries and markets available. Many items can be had at EXTREMELY reasonable prices. Do Not miss the old town area for handmade arts and crafts.

Staying at the Conference Hotel

While it may be tempting to stay at lower priced hotels near the conference hotels, it is important that our members book rooms at the conference hotels.

When SSSA enters into a contract with a conference hotel, the organization guarantees that the attendees will book a minimum number of hotel rooms. When we fail to meet those obligations the association must pay a penalty to the hotel. In turn, this will dramatically increase the registration costs for everyone in the future.

So, please before using one of the many dot coms to get a better deal consider the long-term impact that doing so will have on your pocket.

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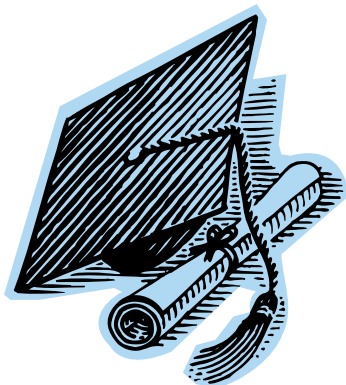


Donate & Bid at the Annual Silent Auction: Your Donations Benefit Minority Fellowships

Each year the SSA holds an auction to raise contributions for the Minority Fellowship Program sponsored by the ASA.

We rely primarily on the generosity of our members to donate items as well as bid on these items at the annual meeting.

We are a designated as a federal non-profit organization, so your donations to the auction as well as charitable contributions to the organization are tax-deductible.



this year's auction. Please contact her at Jlowry@austincollege.edu to make donation promises or get information about the program. You can always bring items with you to the meetings.

And, while you are in Albuquerque, please be sure that you stop by the Auction and bid on some of the wonderful donations.

We often receive early edition books, t-shirts, gift certificates, software programs, and other interesting items that often go for bargain basement prices.

So, bid high and bid often. The money is donated to a good cause

Remember too that you can make a tax deductible cash donation to the auction as well.



Share a margarita with old friends after the meetings.

Dr. Janet Huber Lowry is in charge of organizing