Call for Papers

Racial Theory, Analysis, and Politics in TrumpAmerica

81st Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society

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New Orleans Downtown Marriott at the Convention Center
859 Convention Center Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70130

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Theme

Our SSS 2018 theme for the New Orleans meeting is "Racial Theory, Analysis, and Politics in TrumpAmerica." We want all Trump-related sociological analysis to be the focus of attention as our nation (and other nations) needs answers and explanations. How did a patently unqualified person like Trump get elected? Why did we not predict his election? Why did so many whites support him? Why did non-whites support him? Is Trump's election a short-term development or a political egg that has been hatching for a long time? What is our analysis of Trump's core supporters? Were his core supporters just expressing their "class anxieties"? What are the politics needed to undo TrumpAmerica? Will Democrats cave in to the idea that to get back to the White House they need to stop relying on "identity politics"? Keep in mind that although we are particularly interested in all scholarship tied to our theme, we welcome submissions in all areas of interest and encourage everyone to join in our family. As always, the SSS meeting invites scholarship in all areas of sociology.

Submission Details

Submission Deadline: November 1, 2017

(1) Individual Papers: You may submit extended abstracts of individual papers to be considered for inclusion in a regular paper session. These abstracts will be organized into sessions by the program committee members on the basis of common themes. All regular paper submissions should include: (a) the title of the paper, (b) names, affiliations, and contact information for each author, and (c) an extended abstract. Extended abstracts should be approximately 450-550 words and organized with the following three section headings: Objectives, Methods, and Findings. We acknowledge that these section headings may not apply to all submissions. We expect you to provide information that is relevant to your submission. If accepted, the program committee will assign individual paper submissions to a regular paper session, a roundtable, or a poster session.

(2) Poster Presentations: You may submit abstracts of individual papers for inclusion in a poster session. All poster submissions should include: (a) the title of the paper, (b) names, affiliations, and contact information for each author, and (c) a brief abstract. Posters should display relevant objectives, theory, methods, results, and conclusions in a way that is accessible (readable from a distance of six feet) and visually appealing. Aisles, clips, and backing boards are provided. Your poster should not exceed 30" x 40".

(3) Research Incubator Submissions: You may submit extended abstracts of individual papers for inclusion in a research incubator session. Research incubator sessions connect graduate students and junior faculty with senior faculty to receive focused feedback on a research proposal at any stage of development. All research incubator sessions will include 3 presenters and 1 mentor. All presentations will be limited to 10 minutes to allow for feedback and discussion. If you are interested participating in a research incubator session, please designate your extended abstract accordingly in the online system. Please use the guidelines for Individual Papers (above) when formatting your extended abstract.

(4) Full Session Proposals (proposed sessions with proposed speakers): All complete session proposals must include a short abstract (450-550 words) detailing the theme of the session. Additionally, you must include full details for all the included participants (see number 1 above). This includes the presider and organizer, in addition to the presenters and/or panelists. If a discussant is included, you must include details for that person as well. All sessions must have exactly four (4) presentations. If you have questions about this requirement, please contact the Program Committee Chair.

For the 2018 annual meeting, Thematic Panels, Workshops and Author Meets Critics sessions should be submitted directly to the Program Committee Chair for consideration.

Submission and Registration Procedure

1. Join/Renew SSS Membership Dues. With the exception of undergraduate observers and undergraduate affiliates of SSS Departmental Member Departments, anyone attending the meeting or participating in the program must be current dues-paying members of SSS.
2. Pre-Register. All program participants (presenters, presiders, discussants, panelists, etc.) must be registered for the annual meeting. Please note that conference attendees are strongly encouraged to Pre-Register for SSS2018 on or before March 1, 2018.

Those who register after this date will pay On-Site Registration fees. This date also represents the cut-off date for physical programs and tote bags – those who choose to have a physical program and/or tote bag at the annual meeting can opt in during Pre-Registration – we are encouraging members to simply use the mobile app and decrease SSS's environmental footprint. Note: You may join SSS/Renew your dues during the Pre-Registration process.

3. Submit your paper, poster session, research incubator, and/or full sessions. All submissions must include the title, extended abstract, author names, and contact information. Submissions must be received by November 1, 2017.

4. Book your room at the New Orleans Downtown Marriott at the Convention Center. Members can also call (504) 613-2888 and reference "Southern Sociological Society" to receive the conference rate. In recent years, we have had multiple overflow hotels. It is important to book now. The SSS conference rate for rooms at the Marriott is $209/night. Deadline for booking within the SSS Annual Meeting room block is March 16, 2018 at 5:00 CST.

Limitations on Program Appearances

Because meeting rooms and time slots are limited, participants may serve in no more than two presentation roles (author of a paper, panel participant, workshop leader, poster presenter, etc.). There are no restrictions on the number of times a participant may serve as a session presider or discussant.

Audio-Visual Equipment

LCD projectors with VGA and HDMI connectivity will be available for all panel and paper presentations to facilitate computer-based presentations. However, presenters and/or panel organizers are required to bring their own computers. Adapters will not be provided.

For more information, please go to the Southern Sociological Society Meeting page.

Please direct conference program questions to: program@southernsociologicalsociety.org

We are excited to see everyone in New Orleans. Laissez les bons temps rouler!