

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### Sociology In Action

83rd Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society  
April 1 -- April 4th, 2020

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville-Riverfront  
225 East Coastline Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32202

President: Beth Rushing, Appalachian College Association  
Program Chair: Tanetta Andersson, Trinity College

### THEME

The theme for the 2020 meeting is “*Sociology In Action.*” Our focus will be on the many ways that we can, should, and/or do utilize sociological knowledge, theories, and methods to address problems, policies, and practices in the world. Sociologists are well positioned to recognize critical problems and to identify effective solutions for them. Our students are increasingly eager to see the connections between what they learn in the classroom and what they experience outside. Wherever we work, sociologists rely on our disciplinary expertise to improve the lives and experiences of those we serve, to make good decisions and to work toward social justice. Our meeting will highlight the myriad ways that we engage sociological knowledge to remedy societal problems.

### SUBMISSION DETAILS

#### Submission Deadline: November 1, 2019

There are three primary submission types:

1) Individual Papers: You may submit extended abstracts of individual papers 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 400-450 (max. 450 words) and organized with the following three section headings: Objectives, Methods, and Findings. While these section headings may not apply to all submissions, we expect objectives and contributions, and primary argument to be clear.

2) Poster Presentations: You may submit abstracts 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. Easels, clips, and backing boards are provided. Your poster should not exceed 30” x 40”.

3) Full session proposals (proposed sessions with proposed presenters/panelists): All complete session proposals must include a short abstract (max. 450 words) detailing the theme of the proposed session. If the session is being submitted on behalf of an SSS Committee (or multiple committees), include this information in the session title. Additionally, you must include full details (submission title, submission type, abstract, exactly three keywords, first name, last name, institution, email, and position) for all participants. Participants include the presider and organizer, in addition to the presenters or panelists, and discussant, if included. Author-Meets-Curious-Readers (AMCR) sessions spotlight books drawing broad enthusiasm across SSS membership. AMCRs may be self-nominated and should include three to four potential ‘curious readers’. Submissions should also include a brief description of the session’s prospective broad appeal and/or connections with the meeting theme. Proposals for Workshops on a range of topics like social change, pedagogy, methodology, networking, and publishing, for example, will be considered too. Proposals for AMCRs and Workshop sessions should be sent to the [program chair](#) for consideration. Also, note that the number of both AMCR sessions and Workshops will be limited by room constraints.

Members are encouraged to submit to [Sessions Seeking Papers](#) which will be updated and subsequently circulated as a digest on a weekly basis.

\*PLEASE NOTE that information provided here--through the submission portal--will appear exactly as it is entered. Therefore, in submission titles, ONLY capitalize first letters, and your name and affiliation should be entered according to how you wish to appear in the program.

## **SUBMISSION AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURE**

### **Join/Renew SSS Membership Dues**

With the exception of undergraduate observers and presenting undergraduate affiliates of SSS Departmental Members, anyone attending the meeting or participating in the program must be current dues-paying members of SSS.

### **Pre-Register**

All program participants (presenters, presidors, discussants, panelists, etc.) must be registered for the annual meeting. Please note that conference attendees are strongly encouraged to Pre-

Register for SSS2020 on or before March 1, 2020. Those who register after this date will pay On-Site Registration fees. Note: You may join SSS/Renew your dues during the Pre-Registration process.

[Submit](#) your paper, poster session, or full sessions. All submissions must include the title, extended abstract, author names, and contact information as noted above. Submissions must be received by the deadline, November 1.

Book your room at the [Hyatt Regency Jacksonville-Riverfront](#). Web-based reservations are preferred by following the link. Calls are also possible (800) 223-1234 and reference code “G-SOCO” to receive the conference rate. In recent years, we have needed multiple overflow hotels, so please book as soon as possible. The SSS conference rate is \$189 per night. Deadline for booking within the SSS Annual Meeting room block is March 11, 2020; however, if past is indicative of future, the room block will fill up well before this cut-off date.

### **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](mailto:program@southernsociologicalsociety.org)

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