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ANTICIPATING JACKSONVILLE!

The 74th Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society in Jacksonville, Florida, is nearly upon us. I am excited about the program and the location! This is the first time the SSS meetings have been held in Jacksonville. The location and beauty of the surrounding area will be a delight to all in attendance, and the amazing program and wide variety of sessions will surely create intellectual vibrancy and interaction. The program and its theme, *Power, Revisited*, are punctuated with an exciting line-up of many sessions relevant to the topic of power, including three presidential plenaries by individuals who have been core, in my view, to past and recent developments on the topic—Eduardo Bonilla-Siva, Barbara Risman, and incoming ASA President Eric Olin Wright. Do not miss these three plenaries, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, each at 10:45 a.m!

There are other sessions too that I would like to point out! We have three intellectually exciting mini-conferences embedded in the program pertaining to *Work & Power*, *Race & Power*, and *Teaching Sociology*, each of which draw on regionally and nationally recognized scholars, many of whom will be attending SSS for the very first time! Such concentrated intellectual energies will offer presentations of cutting edge and area specific work, along with intellectual engagement of audience members relative to new and emerging agendas within the field. All meeting participants are, of course, welcome and encouraged to be part of these mini conference sessions—sessions that will be occurring alongside the many other regular sessions we have planned. Such other sessions include, for instance, those honoring the memories of Lewis Killian,

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Richard Peterson, and Charles S. Johnson; a session featuring Immokalee workers and their current battles; a session with three notable emeritus faculty (Patricia Yancey Martin, Sheldon Stryker, and Ida Harper Simpson), who have been asked to reflect on the past and future of the field; cutting edge sessions on gender put together by SWS-South; and many other exciting sessions on education, social movements, crime, mental health, media, family, social inequality, and research methods, to name but a few.

This program is truly exciting and will keep us all very busy over the course of the meeting and, I suspect, will lead to many dilemmas surrounding “which session I should attend.” But, what a dilemma to have! To make decision-making all the more complicated, our Local Arrangements Committee, headed by Jeff Will, has done an excellent job of mapping and suggesting interesting local venues that I hope you will all take advantage of. I want to thank Jeff Will and especially Bill Danaher, Program Chair, for undertaking the monumental task of putting the program and all of its components together. Along with Bill, I owe a good deal of thanks to George Wilson, Beth Rubin, Donald Tomaskovic-Devey, Steven Vallas, and Denise Bissler, who organized the mini-conferences, and Secretary-Treasurer Stephanie Bohon, who kept me on task the entire year, and with a smile. Finally, thank you to the many committee chairs and executive committee members of SSS that keep the organization functioning behind the scenes, and always with the well being of the society and its members at the forefront of their planning and deliberations. This includes Bob Freymeyer, who selflessly and graciously generates this beautiful newsletter quarterly for the SSS and all of us.

Finally, please join me for the Presidential reception on Friday evening!!! We will have live local music, celebrate the accomplishments of honorees, have the SWS silent auction, and collectively celebrate the scholarly community and 74th annual gathering of SSS!!!

Vincent Roscigno
The Ohio State University

The program includes a special panel session:

Reflections from Emeritus Faculty

Friday, April 8, 9:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m.

Ida Harper Simpson (Duke University), Patricia Yancey Martin (Florida State University), and Sheldon Stryker (Indiana University).

Giving to the Southern Sociological Society

The Southern Sociological Society attracts exceptional scholars while maintaining a culture of inclusiveness. Our attendance at the 2010 Atlanta meetings was fantastic, reaching a 5-year high. If you have not attended the meetings in the past few years, then you should seriously consider joining us in Jacksonville. The program committee has worked diligently to ensure that the program includes presentations that will generate rich discussion.

Even with the strides that we have made in enhancing the experience at the annual meeting, the Society continues to struggle to maintain low dues while keeping the budget out of the red. If your financial situation allows, please consider a tax deductible donation to the Southern Sociological Society. Members of the executive committee have already made a donation to the Society in the manner described, and we ask members to join us. No amount is too small—\$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$250, \$500, a bequest in your estate. We will greatly appreciate any amount. We will recognize donors in the annual program and at the Presidential Reception (we will also honor requests of anonymity).

You may make a donation on the Southern Sociological Society's Website (<http://southernsociologicalsociety.org/donate.html>), or mail a check to:

Stephanie Bohon, Secretary-Treasurer
Attn: Contribution
PO Box 16239
University of Tennessee
Knoxville TN 37996

Thank you for your support,



Vincent J. Roscigno, President, and the Executive Committee of the SSS

JACKSONVILLE: ***Wonderful Local Attractions and Engaging Conference Activities***

Laura Chambers, Director, Jacksonville University Service-Learning Center
Casey Welch, Associate Professor of Sociology, Flagler College
Jeffrey Will, Director, UNF Center for Community Initiatives and Chair, Local Arrangements



Coming up in April, Jacksonville will host the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings. These meetings present a wonderful opportunity to engage with innovative work within the discipline while networking with fellow sociologists. There will be many opportunities around the city of Jacksonville, stretching from downtown all the way to the Atlantic Ocean. The Hyatt offers the conference rate both before and after the actual conference dates, which can allow for travel and enjoyment around the Northeast Florida Region.

JACKSONVILLE: Wonderful Local Attractions and Engaging Conference Activities

The city of Jacksonville offers assorted opportunities for enjoying cultural stimulation, recreational activities, and beautiful local scenery.

The Hyatt is located on the North Bank of the St. Johns River, only 1 block from the SS Marine Water taxi stop (<http://www.jaxwatertaxi.com/>). For those who like the water, the SS Marine provides a beautiful trip around the Downtown waterfront.

On Thursday evening, from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m., the Student Reception will be hosted at a location to be determined soon (we had a cancellation on 2 sites so far). The reception is open to ALL conference attendees, including faculty and practicing sociologists. In addition, the reception site will be within walking distance from the Hyatt. Plan to join us for an evening of lively discussion with the Sociology Graduate Students.



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For those who like to shop, The Jacksonville Landing (<http://www.jacksonvillelanding.com>) is a short walk from the Hyatt. The Landing is home to stores, restaurants, and, on most weekends, free live entertainment all on the beautiful St. Johns' riverfront. In addition, a number of restaurants and clubs are located in the downtown area that cater to a wide range of tastes. (A comprehensive restaurant guide will be provided in your SSS Meeting Packet!)



Also, the SSS Meetings in Jacksonville will actively involve local sociology students in various capacities. Carve out some time to enjoy the roundtable sessions showcasing the work of students from University of North Florida and Flagler University. And be sure to say a friendly “hello” to the undergraduate volunteers representing UNF, Flagler College, and Jacksonville University.

Of course, most travelers to Jacksonville want to see the beach. On Sunday, conference attendees are encouraged to venture eastward towards the Atlantic. There are many lovely restaurants and shops as well as the beautiful seaside.

We look forward to welcoming you to Jacksonville in April!

Deadline Approaching for Room Reservations

The annual meetings of the Southern Sociological Society will be held at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront. The conference rates are as follows:
Single or double occupancy: \$179

Triple occupancy: \$204

Quadruple occupancy: \$229

Discounted student rate: \$139 (student ID required at check-in)

To make reservations online go to https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=2556148 or link from the Meeting page on the SSS website (<http://southernsociologicalsociety.org/annual.html>). **YOU MUST RESERVE YOUR ROOM BY MARCH 6 TO GET THE SSS RATE.**

Annual Meeting Information

Book Exhibit

The Southern Sociological Society has arranged with The Scholar's Choice to manage the combined book exhibit for our annual meeting. This is a different book exhibitor from the one the Society has used for the past few years.

If you have recently published a book, it will be possible for your books to be included in their display. Any members interested in having their book displayed at the upcoming meeting should contact their publisher as soon as possible. The Scholar's Choice displays on behalf of the publishers and *all requests must come from them, not the individual authors*. If they do not already have it, the press may request the appropriate paperwork by emailing Mary Lynn Howe at mlh@scholarschoice.com or by phone at 585-262-2048 extension 111.

The **FINAL PROGRAM** is available online at: <http://www.southernsociologicalsociety.org/2011MTG/Final%20revised%20program.pdf>.

PRE-REGISTRATION for the meeting is now available at: <http://southernsociologicalsociety.org/2011preregistration.html>. All participants in the conference must be members of the Southern Sociological Society and pay conference fees. To pay conference fees and/or membership dues on-line, please visit: <https://www.cart.southernsociologicalsociety.org>.

If you cannot remember whether or not you have paid your dues and/or registration, you can check the on-line database: http://southernsociologicalsociety.org/member_search.php.

If you need to withdraw your presentation, please contact program chair Bill Danaher at: program@southernsociologicalsociety.org.

Special Student Rate for Annual Meeting

The annual meetings are an excellent opportunity to socialize future graduate students.

Any SSS member who registers for the annual meetings is welcome to bring one or more undergraduate student(s) to these meetings. The cost for each student is \$20, and these students do not have to be SSS members to attend. The SSS member sponsor must submit a list of all attending students along with their pre-paid registration to the Secretary/Treasurer prior to the meetings. The discounted registration fee for undergraduates applies only to undergraduates who are observing the meetings; any undergraduate presenting a paper must pay the regular student registration cost (\$30) and hold membership in SSS (\$25).

If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Bohon at secretary@southernsociologicalsociety.org.

Annual Meeting Information

ATTENTION GRADUATE STUDENTS:

Are you attending the Southern Sociological Society meeting in April?



If it is your first time—or if you just find academic meetings daunting or unfriendly—let **SWS-South** lend you a **SOUTHERN HAND!**

Sociologists for Women in Society-South is organizing the Southern Hand Program to provide assistance to new SSS attendees. SWS-South members will act as mentors for those attending the SSS meeting who could use a hand, especially graduate students.

- Talk to your mentor before you leave for advice on which receptions to attend, what to wear to your presentation, navigating the sessions, and how to meet people who share your interests.
- Meet with your mentor after you arrive to ask questions about the program or get explanations for conference lingo (What's a plenary?) and symbols (Just what *do* those ribbons mean?).
- Or just arrange to meet your mentor for a meal or coffee to see a friendly face during the hustle and bustle of the busy meeting.

**Your Southern Hand Program mentor will reach out
and help you make the most of your SSS meeting!**

To participate in the Southern Hand Program, contact Nicholas Guittar at nguittar@mail.ucf.edu by March 15.



SOUTH

SWS-SOUTH SILENT AUCTION TO BENEFIT NEW AWARDS PROGRAM



The Southern chapter of Sociologists for Women in Society, SWS-South, organizes a silent auction at the annual SSS meeting. The proceeds benefit the new Awards program, which identifies outstanding papers on gender presented at the SSS meeting. The success of this venture depends on the generosity of SSS members. SWS-S needs you to be present to bid on and purchase some of the treasures for yourself. This is definitely one event you won't want to miss! Items sold at past auctions included autographed monographs by SSS members, handmade jewelry and knitwear, member-made pottery and other artwork, as well as local memorabilia. Come by the auction to see what turns up this year!

The auction will occur Friday, April 8 during the Presidential and Honors Reception, to be held at the Hyatt Regency Riverfront in River Terrace 3, 7:00-9:00 p.m. All items will be auctioned off by the end of the reception. For more information, please contact Shannon Davis, SWS-South Treasurer (sdavis@gmu.edu).

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND BID!



**Denise L. Bissler, Chair
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There are many reasons to be excited about the upcoming SSS meetings in Jacksonville. This year, the committee has created a “Teaching Sociology Mini-Conference.” There will be a block of sessions related to teaching in the mini-conference (some co-sponsored by SWS-South) as well as some teaching-oriented sessions throughout the rest of the conference. The CSCSC has also planned a dinner out, worked on a mentor program, and created a teaching resource called “TEACH TREE.” We are hoping that SSS members interested in teaching and/or working at small and community colleges will check out the work of the committee in one of these venues.

Sessions

The Committee on Sociology in Community and Small Colleges will be sponsoring several *sessions* at the 2011 meetings:

TEACHING SOCIOLOGY MINI-CONFERENCE:

Thursday, April 7, 9:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m. Paper Session: **Do you want to work in a small or community college?** (Sponsored by the Committee on Sociology in Small and Community Colleges) River Terrace 9

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Thursday, April 7, 12:15 p.m.- 1:45 p.m. Paper Session: **Experiential Learning in Small and Community Colleges:** (Sponsored by the Committee on Sociology in Small and Community College) River Terrace 9

Thursday, April 7, 2:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m. Paper Session: **Using Technology to Teach Sociology:** (Co-

sponsored by the Committee on Sociology in Small and Community Colleges and SWS-South) River Terrace 9

Friday, April 8, 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. **Teaching Sociology through Film:** (Co-sponsored by the Committee on Sociology in Community and Small Colleges and SWS-South) River Terrace 9

Friday, April 8, 2:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m. Panel Session: **Assessing the Undergraduate Major** (Co-sponsored by ASA Department Resources Group, SWS-South, and Committee on Sociology in Community and Small Colleges): River Terrace 12

Saturday, April 9, 12:15 p.m.-1:45 p.m. Paper Session: **Teaching and Learning:** (Co-sponsored by the Committee on Sociology in Community and Small Colleges and SWS-South) River Terrace 4

OTHER SESSIONS:

Thursday, April 7, 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Paper Session: **Experiential Learning In Small and Community Colleges: SESSION II:** (Sponsored by the Committee on Sociology in Small and Community College) River Terrace 9

*These sessions are listed in the preliminary program online. Please check the final program for location and times once in Jacksonville. We hope to see you at one of these sessions.

Mentor Program

Are you nervous about not knowing anyone when attending the upcoming SSS meetings or having to introduce yourself to strangers in order to network? Are you wondering about the job market or what it is like working in a small or community college environment? The CSCSC mentorship program is designed to alleviate this anxiety. Should you join the mentor program, you will be paired with an experienced faculty member. We are currently looking for both mentees and mentors. If you are willing to serve as a mentor or would like to be mentored please email dbissler@rmc.edu.

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TEACHTREE

The committee has created a Moodle page that will highlight the work of the committee, serve as a new teaching resource, and hopefully serve as an outlet for SSS members who are interested in teaching to post their innovative ideas, questions, exercises, etc. A Moodle page is similar to a Blackboard page where we can have threads of conversation/questions, discussion boards, announce events, post exercises, links to websites, etc. Please email me at: dbissler@rmc.edu if you would like to join TEACHTREE, have an exercise you would like to post, or any other information on teaching you would like to share.

Dinner

The CSCSC has a long-standing tradition of organizing a dinner out for faculty and students who teach or are interested in teaching at small and community colleges. The dinner is tentatively scheduled for *Thursday, April 7th at 6:30 p.m.* We will meet in the lobby of the Hyatt at 6:30 p.m. The dinner offers the opportunity for individuals from these types of institutions to network, to discuss issues relevant to teaching, or to simply socialize. Please let me know (dbissler@rmc.edu) if you are interested in attending the dinner. We will do our best to find a restaurant that will be affordable for all of you and will offer a variety of menu selections.

Teaching Exercise

Teaching about Globalization

Submitted by Christine A. Wernet

Biographical information: Christine Wernet is an Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of South Carolina Aiken.

Goal:

Over the years I have struggled with teaching my students about globalization. Given the ever connected world in which we live, students need to understand how the lives that they live, as citizens of one of the most industrialized countries, impact the lives of individuals in least industrialized countries. Equally important, students must understand how the policies of their government impact people in other countries. I have found that the film *Life and Debt in Jamaica* shows how globalization and the policies of global capitalism impact the poor of the world.

Materials Needed:

Film: *Life and Debt in Jamaica* is an 86 minute feature length film by Stephanie Black. The

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film is based on the book *A Small Place* by Jamaica Kincaid. To access a 22 minute video clip of the movie, Google “Life and Debt in Jamaica” and click on the third hit at www.livevideo.com.

Relevant Courses: This film is appropriate for classes such as Introduction to Sociology, Social Stratification, Global Social Issues, and Sociological Theory.

Life and Debt in Jamaica is a documentary film about the consequences of globalization, the legacy of colonialism, and twenty-five years of economic policies imposed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.

Procedures: I will discuss the concepts that are highlighted in the film and show how to integrate them into a lecture for an undergraduate sociology class.

The film is designed to help viewers understand the concepts of globalization and free trade. The film cuts back and forth between tourists visiting the island and various economic experts discussing Jamaica’s financial situation. The film opens with beautiful views of the ocean and tropical foliage, and then the footage abruptly changes to a news broadcast about some of the worst civil unrest that the country has seen in years. There are riots in the streets, which are in protest of the extreme inequalities and poverty that exist in Jamaica. Part of the news show includes a quote from an IMF spokesperson who happened to be in the country on business. The spokesperson states that it is important to “make globalization work for all.” The film clearly shows that globalization is not working in Jamaica.

Soon after independence, before Jamaicans had time to build their economy, the worldwide oil crisis of 1973 occurred. As a result, the costs of everyday items skyrocketed sending Jamaica into financial ruin. Jamaicans could not provide for their basic necessities. They were in desperate need for cash and the only place they could turn to for a loan was the IMF.

This reality of hundreds of years of colonial rule, independence in the 1960’s, and then the devastating impact of the 1973 oil crisis is something with which many less developed countries across South America, Africa, and Asia had to deal. The lessons learned in Jamaica apply to many less developed nations around the world.

The film discusses how the IMF was created by the victors of World War II to help rebuild Europe. These are the very countries that benefit from the money collected on the interest of those loans. Less developed countries have little input into how the IMF works. Michael Manley (former Prime Minister of Jamaica) and IMF officials point out that the IMF is not in the business of helping countries with long-term development plans. They only provide short-term loans at full interest rates and the loans tend to come with many restrictions on how and what the country can spend.

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The result is that long-term debt grows—in the 1980's Jamaica owed \$800 million to the IMF; now they owe over \$7 billion to the IMF. Only 5% of the money borrowed since 1977 has been able to stay inside the country, according to an expert interviewed in the film. This situation is similar in many other less developed countries as well.

Part of the IMF plan is to devalue the Jamaican currency to encourage exports. This devaluation makes everything that is imported more expensive including food, medicine, books, etc. Because of subsidies from taxpayers, farmers in the United States are able to sell their produce, milk, and other products very cheaply in Jamaica. This policy of subsidies from taxpayers enabling farmers in developed countries to undersell farmers in less developed countries is not unique to the United States. The market was flooded with highly subsidized, very inexpensive powdered milk from the United States and Europe. As a result, the dairy farm industry in Jamaica could not compete; millions of dollars of unpasteurized local milk had to be dumped; 700 cows were slaughtered pre-maturely; and several dairy farmers closed down operations. Now Jamaica is dependent on powdered milk from other countries, which in the end once subsidies stop is much more expensive than local milk would have been. This same cycle of globalization, which includes subsidies and open markets, has obliterated many sectors of the produce market in Jamaica as well.

The film brings to life the concept of colonialism: when one nation takes over another nation for the purpose of exploiting both human labor and natural resources. It helps students understand how the Western European nations grew richer as a result of colonization.

World Systems Theory by Wallerstein (1974) is also applicable to the film. Wallerstein (1974) discusses the economic and political connections that tie all of the countries of the world together. In explaining how the world works, Wallerstein (1974) divides the countries of the world into three groups: core nations, semi-periphery nations and peripheral nations. This grouping roughly represents the upper, middle, and lower class nations of the world. Core nations are autonomous economically and politically. They are also highly industrialized and capitalistic. Because these nations are so powerful, they can easily exploit the semi-peripheral and peripheral nations. According to World Systems Theory, this exploitation occurs on two main fronts: economically and politically. Economic exploitation through the workings of the IMF is very clearly demonstrated in the film.

Dependency theory states that Least Industrialized Nations have not been able to develop their economies because they have grown dependent on the Most Industrialized Nations. The destruction of the dairy farm, portrayed in the film, illuminates the tenets of Dependency theory.

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The theoretical perspective of Neocolonialism is also demonstrated. Like the previously stated theories, this theory discusses economic and political dominance of Least Industrialized Nations by Most Industrialized Nations. The workings of the IMF are a case in point here; as the IMF extends credit to Least Industrialized Nation's while restricting how the money is spent and while imposing high

interest rates on the loans.

The film highlights the theories mentioned as it explores the consequences of globalization. In Jamaica, and other countries, globalization can impede self reliance, and it can exacerbate inequalities. The film shows how many policies practiced by the IMF and the World Bank have not reduced poverty nor have they created economic growth.

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Websites for Teaching about Sociological Issues

These websites were mentioned on the TeachSoc LISTSERV:

<http://www.socialexplorer.com/pub/home/home.aspx>

“Social Explorer provides easy access to demographic information about the United States from 1790 to the present.”

<http://www.census.gov/acs>

From the website: “The American Community Survey (ACS) is an ongoing survey that provides data every year—giving communities the current information they need to plan investments and services. Information from the survey generates data that help determine how more than \$400 billion in federal and state funds are distributed each year.”

<http://www.sociologysource.com/>

Resources and Ideas for Teaching Sociology

The Teaching Corner

Faculty Spotlight

Christine Wernet
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Currently, Christine Wernet works as an Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of South Carolina Aiken. She earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Dayton, her master's degree and doctorate in Sociology from the University of Akron. Christine's professional interests include women and development, comparative sociology, stratification, attitudes, and various cross-cultural issues. She teaches social psychology, comparative social stratification, introduction to sociology, sociological theory, and global social issues.

Christine is an avid traveler and brings the lessons she learns abroad into the classroom. In fact, the photo seen below was taken on her travels to Guilin, China. She is a returned Peace Corps Volunteer from the African country of Chad, and she received a Fulbright to South Korea. Christine recently taught on Semester at Sea, a travel abroad program sponsored by the University of Virginia. She is also a student alumnus of Semester at Sea.

Christine has published in the *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* and in the journal of *Comparative Sociology*. She has been a long-time member of the Southern Sociological Society and the Society for Women in Sociology South. She is currently working on a journal article about how international travel impacts student attitudes about U.S. Foreign Policy.





2011 Carolina Undergraduate Social Science Symposium April 15, 2011

Sponsored by the *South Carolina Sociological Association*
and *Francis Marion University*

Undergraduate students in all disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences are invited to participate. Reports of social science research and investigation regardless of methodology, including qualitative and quantitative works, theoretical pieces, visual sociology, secondary analysis papers, essays on social science topics, and posters are all appropriate for presentation at the symposium.

Students wishing to participate should submit a proposal (electronically) that includes the author's name, institutional affiliation, paper/poster title (specifying format), and a brief abstract. Abstracts should be approximately 100 words and reflect the general content of the paper including a theoretical orientation and questions and issues the presentation will address. The **deadline** for submission of proposals is April 1, 2011.

Three cash awards will be given to the students with the papers judged to be best. To be included in the student paper competition, a completed paper must be submitted by April 1, 2011. Additionally, two awards will be given for the best student poster.

Abstracts and papers should be submitted as email attachments to Professor Lisa Eargle (leargle@fmarion.edu).

Information Needed for The Teaching Corner

Do not forget. We can always use information from you. The information in this newsletter is supplied by SSS members. Please submit any of the following that are helpful in teaching to: Denise Bissler (dbissler@rmc.edu). We need:

- **Teaching exercises**
- **Faculty or student spotlights**
- **Websites that are helpful for teaching**

Opportunities

Call for Papers

Catalyst: A Social Justice Forum is currently accepting manuscripts and media submissions for its next issue. The deadline for submissions to the Fall 2011 issue is **May 15, 2011**.

The mission of *Catalyst: A Social Justice Forum* is to bring together research and multimedia from multiple disciplines that is oriented toward the understanding and practice of social justice, broadly defined. By offering an innovative, peer-reviewed space that is open to rigorous research from all disciplines, as well as offerings from outside of academia, we hope to push the ideals of *social justice* to new levels.

Catalyst publishes research findings, essays, film, photos, and other multimedia offerings in an online format. We encourage submissions from researchers, students, activists, and others interested in building a dialogue surrounding how to create a more just world.

By bringing together research and art from a myriad of places, we hope to foster communication between the academic disciplines and the community at large. Also, our journal is open-access and posted online. This policy allows for anyone across the world with internet access to read our journal at no cost. We feel that this open-knowledge format will help to spread research far and wide that can help to address the problems that our global society faces today.

Priority will be given to original research and media that defy traditional scholarly boundaries and are explicitly related to the understanding or furthering of the ideals of social justice. Any questions about submissions should be directed to catalystsjf@gmail.com.

For more information about Catalyst, see: <http://trace.tennessee.edu/catalyst/>.



CATALYST
A Social Justice Forum



Council on Undergraduate Research

Social Science Division

Student Travel Awards Announcement

2010 - 2011

The Social Science Division of the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) is offering a limited number of travel grants, up to \$200 each, for undergraduate students presenting the results of research that they have conducted at a regional or national, discipline-specific meeting during the fiscal year 2010 - 2011. Award recipients are required to acknowledge CUR for support of their travel in their talk or poster. After the meeting, a brief report about the experience is expected. Minority students are encouraged to apply.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Undergraduate student must be a junior or senior.
- Student's mentor must be a CUR member or the student's home institution must be a CUR institutional member.
- Student's home institution must match the \$200 CUR travel grant.

Application materials:

- An electronic copy of the meeting abstract, including the title of the abstract, student author, faculty mentor, and institution. If the abstract is written in highly technical terms, the applicant may also submit a brief (maximum 500 words) summary of the work written for an audience consisting of social scientists from a wide range of disciplines. The abstract should note the study's objective, methods, results and importance.
- Proof of acceptance to the regional or national meeting.
- A list of itemized meeting expenses (travel, housing, and registration).
- An email from sponsoring faculty acknowledging (1) student's junior or senior class status, (2) confirmation of student's planned attendance at the meeting, (3) confirmation of institution's monetary match of \$200, and (4) confirmation of individual or institutional CUR membership. Reimbursement of travel expenses (up to \$200) will require copies of receipts and confirmation of student's attendance/presentation at the meeting.

Selection Criteria: Travel Award recipients will be selected on a first come, first serve basis provided that the above criteria are met. Only one travel award will be granted per institution.

Deadline: Applications for a travel grant to a fall or spring meeting can be submitted as of November 1, 2010. Award decisions will be made on a first come, first serve basis.

Send Application Materials: by email to jlaplant@valdosta.edu and fax receipts (only) to James LaPlant at Valdosta State University 229-333-7389.

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Southern Demographic Association Call for Papers

**October 19-21, 2011
Doubletree Hotel
Tallahassee, Florida**

You are invited to submit abstracts for posters and/or completed papers for the 2011 annual meeting of the Southern Demographic Association (SDA). You are also invited to suggest topics for panels and poster sessions.

The Meeting

For the first time since 1980, the SDA conference will return to Tallahassee, with the local arrangements organized by demographers from Florida State University. The 2011 conference will also return to the previous custom of holding the opening reception on a Wednesday, and conducting the two main days of scientific sections on Thursday and Friday. All submissions will be through the SDA web site. For emerging details, please check <http://sda-demography.org/>. Presentations of research in both applied and academic sociology are welcome as are related topics in economics, sociology, geography, political science, public health, epidemiology, and psychology. Though SDA is known for regional emphasis and membership, it encourages the membership and participation of individuals from any region of the country or world.



The Program

The structure of presentations is flexible; potential contributors are encouraged to not only send abstracts for individual research papers, but also for posters, complete sessions, thematic sessions, panel discussions, software demonstrations, and more! Please email Bob Freymeyer (rbfreym@presby.edu), 2011 program chair, if you have any questions regarding a potential submission. Presentations by (or coauthored with) students are especially welcome; they can offer a student a significant first professional meeting experience.

ALL SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE ROUTED THROUGH THE SDA WEB SITE TO RECEIVE PROPER CONSIDERATION!

Deadline: June 15, 2011

Submit here: <http://sda-demography.org/SDA2011.php>

The Awards

- Everett S. Lee Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award http://sdademography.org/sda_lee_award.php
- Outstanding Undergraduate Paper Award http://sdademography.org/sda_undergrad_award.php
- E. Walter Terrie Award for State and Local Demography http://sdademography.org/sda_terrie_award.php
- For award consideration, paper must have been submitted through regular program channels *and* also to special award addresses detailed on the SDA Website.

THE SOUTHERN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

<http://www.southernsociologicalsociety.org/>

The Southern Sociological Society (SSS) is a non-profit organization that seeks to promote the development of sociology as a profession and scientific discipline by the maintenance of high academic professional and ethical standards and by encouraging:

- (a) effective teaching of sociology;
- (b) valid and reliable methods of research in the study of human society;
- (c) diffusion of sociological knowledge and its application to societal problems;
- (d) cooperation with related disciplines and groups;
- (e) recruitment and training of sociologists; and
- (f) development of sociology programs in educational and other agencies.

Members receive *Social Forces* and online access to *The Southern Sociologist* and to a membership directory. An annual meeting is held in the spring, usually mid-April. Membership is open to any person who can assist in promoting the objectives of the society. Persons wishing to join SSS may send dues directly to

the Secretary-Treasurer. Please include your first, middle, and last name, address, phone number, where employed, and gender. For statistical purposes, we also ask you to include your race and/or ethnic group and three areas of specialty.

The membership year is July 1 through June 30. Membership classes, annual charges, and dues are:

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INFORMATION WANTED. . .CONTRIBUTE TO TSS

To bring you the news, I need your news! Please send any news of your department and/or colleagues for possible publication in TSS. Articles pertaining to the state of the profession or the discipline are also welcome. To appear in the next issue, submissions must be received by the deadline below.

In addition to news and other information, I am also interested in any thoughts you may wish to suggest regarding the format and/or content of TSS.

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The editor reserves the right to publish or not to publish any submission. Also, there may be times when submissions need to be edited. This will be done where appropriate, but in no case will the substance of any submission be changed without the prior consent of the author.

Next Issue Deadline: May 1, 2011