

47th Annual Meeting

Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association

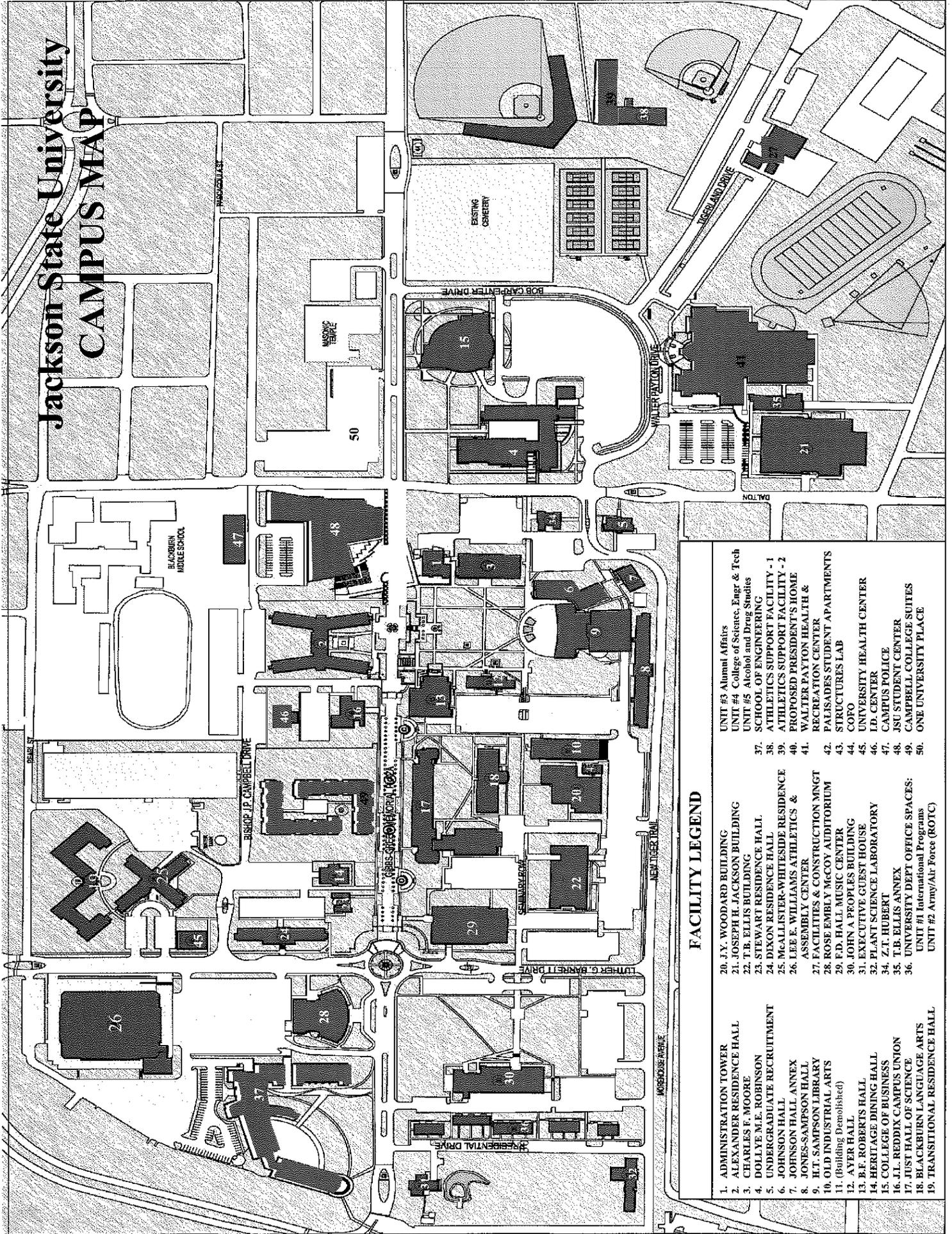


The Status of Sociology in Alabama and Mississippi

February 25-26, 2016
JSU Student Center
Jackson, Mississippi
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Jackson State University CAMPUS MAP



FACILITY LEGEND

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| 1. ADMINISTRATION TOWER | 20. J.V. WOODARD BUILDING | UNIT #3 Alumni Affairs |
| 2. ALEXANDER RESIDENCE HALL | 21. JOSEPH H. JACKSON BUILDING | UNIT #4 College of Science, Engr & Tech |
| 3. CHARLES F. MOORE | 22. T.B. ELLIS BUILDING | UNIT #5 Alcohol and Drug Studies |
| 4. DOLLYE M.E. ROBINSON | 23. STEWART RESIDENCE HALL | SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING |
| 5. UNDERGRADUATE RECRUITMENT | 24. DIXON RESIDENCE HALL | 37. ATHLETICS SUPPORT FACILITY - 1 |
| 6. JOHNSON HALL | 25. McALLISTER-WHITESIDE RESIDENCE | 38. ATHLETICS SUPPORT FACILITY - 2 |
| 7. JOHNSON HALL ANNEX | 26. LEE E. WILLIAMS ATHLETICS & ASSEMBLY CENTER | 39. PROPOSED PRESIDENT'S HOME |
| 8. JONES-SAMPSON HALL | 27. FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION MNGT | 40. WALTER PAYTON HEALTH & RECREATION CENTER |
| 9. H.T. SAMPSON LIBRARY | 28. ROSE EMBLY MCCOY AUDITORIUM | 41. PALISADES STUDENT APARTMENTS |
| 10. OLD INDUSTRIAL ARTS (building demolished) | 29. F.D. HALL MUSIC CENTER | 42. STRUCTURES LAB |
| 11. AYER HALL | 30. JOHN A. PEOPLES BUILDING | 43. COFO |
| 12. B.F. ROBERTS HALL | 31. EXECUTIVE GUEST HOUSE | 44. ID. CENTER |
| 13. HERITAGE DINING HALL | 32. PLANT SCIENCE LABORATORY | 45. UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTER |
| 14. COLLEGE OF BUSINESS | 33. Z.T. HUBERT | 46. CAMPUS POLICE |
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| 16. JUST HALL OF SCIENCE | UNIT #1 International Programs | 48. ONE UNIVERSITY PLACE |
| 17. BLACKBURN LANGUAGE ARTS | UNIT #2 Army/Air Force (ROTC) | |
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President's Welcome



Welcome to the 47th annual conference of the A-MSA conference at Jackson State University. The theme of the 2016 conference is “The State of Sociology in Alabama-Mississippi.” Although sociology is the focus, how related social sciences and even humanities/liberal arts are faring is of interest too.

I believe it is time for us to learn from each other about the status of sociology in our universities as well as in the public arena in the two-state region. With that in mind, of particular focus is how we define ourselves and our discipline, the role of professional and other voluntary associations, and the academician as a public scholar. To address these issues, we are fortunate to have Thomas Durant as our 2016 plenary speaker. Furthermore, our banquet speaker is the former governor of Mississippi, the Honorable Ronnie Musgrove. He will provide insights into how the social sciences guided social policy formulation and implementation.

We have a packed program this year. There are 18 sessions, three workshops and three panels. The workshops on Thursday are devoted to writing in the social sciences and learning about research and funding opportunities with the Mississippi Humanities Council. On Friday, three panels will focus on teaching, food insecurity, and the state of sociology in Mississippi. I expect heavy student attendance and participation. On that note, five undergraduate papers, four graduate papers, and two posters were submitted for this year's competition.

In defining who we are and what we do, the organization is being proactive by providing information to the public about A-MSA. We are capitalizing on the potential of social networking sites. We are on Twitter at @AMSA_2016. Please check us out on Facebook at Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association and give us a like. We are even on LinkedIn under the same name. In the near future, the A-MSA website will be maintained by Mississippi State's Department of Sociology. Furthermore, the online journal will be reactivated and maintained by MSU Sociology too. This is a very exciting development.

Sociology has a long history at Jackson State University, a founding member institution of A-MSA and two former presidents of AMSA came from Jackson State University. I am honored to be the third. My predecessors as well as many other A-MSA presidents, members, and students, were and are very active in the community.

If you like good music and food, I encourage you to stay a day or two more in the Jackson area. The city is well known for blues and barbeque. Additionally, Jackson is not far from other interesting places to visit such as Tupelo or Natchez.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Kersen, Ph.D.
President, Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association
Associate Professor of Sociology
Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology
Jackson State University

Provost's Welcome



I am very happy that Jackson State University is hosting the Alabama Mississippi Sociological Association (A-MSA) meeting this year. The theme, "The Current State of Sociology in Mississippi and Alabama" offers the chance for sociologists and other social scientists from Alabama, Mississippi, and other states to explore current issues dealing with research, teaching, and public outreach. I know that the various speakers and presenters will cover very interesting and important topics. A-MSA participants will be fortunate to learn from Dr. Durant how to move the sociology forward in his plenary speech. Likewise, the banquet speaker, Former Governor Ronnie Musgrove will give insights on how the social sciences may inform policy formulation and implementation.

Sociology has a long history at Jackson State University. The Department of Sociology was formed in the late 1950s. Jackson State University was a founding A-MSA member institution, and has three JSU sociologists who have served as A-MSA presidents. I am pleased that we are continuing that tradition of support and participation today.

With a multitude of sessions, the conference will provide a wonderful opportunity for undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty in the social sciences to present their current research. Session topics about race, social inequality, crime, environmental issues, are timely and will be a part of this conference. I am also pleased that A-MSA fully embraces a multi-disciplinary perspective in studying social problems.

I offer my best wishes for all the presenters and participants involved with the 2016 AMSA conference. Welcome to Jackson State University!

Sincerely,

Dr. Evelyn Leggette,
Provost and Associate Vice-president for Academic Affairs
Jackson State University

Dean's Welcome



On behalf of the faculty, the staff, and the students, I welcome you to the College of Liberal Arts at Jackson State University. Thank you for choosing our College as the venue for your momentous conference. We are all aware of the obstacles Liberal Arts education is facing in this age of rapid technological advances and the trend towards preparing students primarily to land lucrative careers rather than for them to acquire the skills they will need to compete successfully in the 21st century and become not only professionals but also all-around human beings who have a keen sense of civics and a passion for social justice and respect for the human dignity of all citizens of the globe.

I am particularly pleased that Dr. Thomas Kersen, our Associate Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology, will be your President for this year and the next. Personally, I am confident I will learn more about your discipline and what you are doing to infuse new ideas and new approaches to increase student interest in your own colleges and hear the successes and the obstacles you face. I challenge your Association to consider what Carol Schneider wrote a few years ago on the state of our liberal arts education in the *Liberal Education Review*. She notes that there have been two traditions:

The first tradition, which Kimball terms 'philosophical,' is concerned with the cultivation of reason, in all its forms and powers. In earlier eras, it focused on logic and the search for enduring truths; in the twentieth century, it was reconstituted as the methods and forms of the newly professionalized academic disciplines. The second tradition encompasses study and practices that prepare students for their role in society. Kimball calls this the oratorical tradition because rhetoric or the arts of persuasion have long been seen as essential to the education of leaders. I find it more illuminating, however, to think of this as the civic education tradition. Originally, this tradition was restricted to elites; increasingly, liberal education leaders in the United States and abroad recognize its profound importance to a democratic citizenry (Carol G. Schneider, "Making Excellence Inclusive," 2014: 49).

It appears to me that, in the 21st century, we are moving away from these two important traditions and focusing more and more on material goals which place in the backburner the intellectual aspect of our profession in the socio-behavioral sciences and the humanities as well as from the celebrated appreciation for the fine arts for their own sake. I hope you will have the time to debate these issues.

Sincerely,

Mario J. Azevedo, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.A.
Chair, Department of History
Dean and Professor, College of Liberal Arts

SPECIAL THANKS

The 47th annual A-MSA meeting would not have been possible without the support of the following entities and persons:

- Each participant who submitted an abstract and to those who agreed to present their research at this conference.
- Mrs. Verleser Williams, Jackson State University Facility Coordinator for setting up the Ballrooms for the A-MSA conference.
- Ms. Kristy Johnson, of Sodexo Magic for her help with meeting A-MSA catering needs. We are especially grateful for the staff who prepared the meals and served us.
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- The Jackson Convention and Visitors Bureau for welcome bags, name tags, and assistance with registration. Thank you to Ms. Shirley Collins connecting us with the Bureau. Special thanks to Mr. Floyd Williams and Ms. Christine Blackmon.
- Dr. Thomas Durant for agreeing to be the plenary speaker for this conference.
- Governor Ronnie Musgrove for agreeing to be the Banquet Speaker for this conference.
- Dr. Mario J. Azevedo, Dean and Professor of the College of Liberal Arts for the time and support he offered in planning the conference.
- Dr. Evelyn Leggette, Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Jackson State University, for her support and leadership in this conference. Further thanks to the Jackson State University community and President Carolyn Myers for helping make this conference possible.

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2015	Anthony Troy Adams	AL State Univ.	1982	Andrew E. Baird	MS State Univ.
2014	Alma Judith Calix	Hinds Community College	1981	John E. Dunkelberger	Auburn Univ.
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1985	Rodney Friery	Jacksonville State Univ.			
1984	Mary E. Benjamin	Jackson State Univ.			

*In 1978 no fall meeting was held since the meeting was moved to January, 1979.

Did you know?

A-MSA was established in 1969 when 12 sociologists from 11 institutions of higher learning from Mississippi and Alabama met at the University of Alabama to form a new bi-state organization. The first conference of this organization was held in the fall of 1969 at Mississippi State University; 100 sociologists attended, representing 22 schools from both states. The following year, A-MSA's second conference was held at Alabama State University where 30 schools were represented. Following this tradition, A-MSA's annual meetings continue to alternate between Mississippi and Alabama.

The primary objectives of A-MSA are to (1) promote collaborations among sociologists of both states and (2) to enhance sociological teaching, research and applications. As any organization evolves this society of professionals and students has also added an additional goal of stimulating the development of knowledge in a cooperative atmosphere where sociology along interdisciplinary fields is useful in the analysis and development of resolutions to social problems/phenomena.

Jackson State University is delighted to be the host institution for the 2016 Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Conference. We look forward to seeing all of you on our beautiful campus. Let the presentations begin!



Plenary Speaker

Dr. Thomas Durant



Dr. Durant is a Professor in the Executive PhD Program. He earned the B.S. degree in Agricultural Science from Grambling State University, the M.S. degree in Agricultural Education from Tuskegee University, and the Ph.D. degree in Sociology from The University of Wisconsin-Madison. His career includes: Peace Corps Volunteer in St. Lucia, The West Indies; Research Associate at Tuskegee University; Professor of Sociology at Virginia State University; and Professor of Sociology at Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge, where he is a retired Emeritus Professor. His teaching and research interests include the social causes and effects of crime, aging among ethnic minorities, social inequality and race relations, southern culture, and the social organization and culture of antebellum plantations. He served as Director of the African and African American Studies Program at Louisiana State University, President of the Mid-South Sociological Association, and Guest Editor of the *Journal of Sociological Spectrum*. He has extensive experience as an international development consultant in East, West, and South Africa, and has traveled in Africa, Asia, Europe, South America, North America and the Caribbean. He is the author of *Our Roots Run Deep* and co-author of *Plantation Society and Race Relations*, and *A History of the Charity Hospitals of Louisiana*. He has written numerous articles that have been published in scientific research journals.

*47th Annual Banquet Speaker
Governor Ronnie Musgrove*



Before becoming governor of Mississippi (2000-2004), Governor Musgrove practiced law in Batesville, MS providing business defense and plaintiff representation for a diverse client base. Receiving the Outstanding Service Award from the Mississippi Bar Association and serving on the Board of Commissioners, Governor Musgrove also maintained an “AV” rating, the highest ethical rating awarded by Martindale-Hubbell.

Throughout his career in public service, Governor Musgrove focused his attention on building a solid foundation for economic growth through Mississippi’s public schools. He focused on the basics of air conditioning, textbooks, healthcare benefits for educators, and school supply money for Mississippi’s teachers as Lieutenant Governor. His successful push for quality education through adequate, equitable funding for every public school in Mississippi, as part of the Adequate Education Act changed the face of public education in Mississippi. As Governor, his commitment to education continued by passing a teacher pay package guaranteed to meet or exceed the Southeastern average, through making Mississippi the first state in the nation to place an Internet-accessible computer in every classroom, and his challenge to the Mississippi Legislature to fund education first before any other budget matter.

Sessions at a Glance

The State of Sociology in Alabama-Mississippi
 2016 Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association Conference
JSU Student Center
Thursday, February 25th

Time	Event		Location	
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Conference Registration (all day)		Lobby, 3 rd floor	
9:30 am – 11:00 am	Executive Board Meeting		Room 3241 (3 rd Floor)	
11:00 am – 12:10 pm	Lunch on your own			
12:15 pm – 12:50 pm Theater	WELCOME: A-MSA President, Dr. Tom Kersen, Associate Professor of Sociology; Dr. Mario Azevedo, Dean for the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences; Dr. Evelyn Leggett, JSU Provost and Vice-president for Academic Affairs.			
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Theater RM 2200	PLENARY SPEAKER: Dr. Tom Durant			
TIME	Ballroom B	ROOM 3241	ROOM 3250	Theater RM 2200
2:15 pm - 3:15pm	<i>Session 1: Sociology of Education I</i> Jones; Hagerman; Gill; May	<i>Session 2: Sociology of Sports</i> Wells; Washington	<i>Session 3: Race I</i> Cappello, et. al; Yigit; Morrison; Alagan & Aladuwaka	<i>Workshop 1: Writing in Social Sciences</i> Green; Sweeny; Saulters; Carter
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	<i>Session 4: Sociology of Education II</i> Griffin; Buckingham; Mamiya	<i>Workshop 2: Mississippi Humanities Council & Social Sciences</i> Andersen	<i>Session 5: Crime & Deviancy</i> Zhang; Dung	<i>Session 6: UG Papers I</i> Adams; Jamila; Okuba
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Reception hosted by Mississippi State University on the 3 rd floor foyer. Speed Research Dating-Jeneve Brooks.			
4:45 pm - 5:45 pm	Poster Presentations: Darden; Catchings, Britton 3 rd floor foyer			
6:00 pm	Banquet---Ballroom A Keynote Speaker, Former Governor Ronnie Musgrove Student Awards			

Session at a Glance

The Status of Sociology in Alabama and Mississippi
 2016Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association Conference
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Friday, February 26th

Time	Event		Location	
8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Conference Registration (all day)		3 rd floor Student Center	
TIME	Ballroom B	Room 3210	Room 3241	Room 3250
8:30 am - 9:30 am	<i>Session 7: Inequality</i> Dupree; Brooking; Radebe	<i>Panel 1: Teaching Sociology</i> Tsui; Mitchell-Green	<i>Session 8: UG Papers II</i> Coleman; Loganathan	<i>Panel 2: Food Insecurity</i> Hossfeld; Hunter; Johnson; Kerr; Smith; Thomas; Trinh
9:45 am -10:45 am	<i>Panel 3: The State of Soc. in Mississippi</i> Dellinger; Cosby; Green; Hossfeld; Nylander	<i>Session 9: UG Papers II:</i> Tsui; Baria; Sesser; Glover; McCormick; Manning; Gillespie; Bonds; Hopper	<i>Session 10: UG Papers III:</i> Adams; Lopez-Esteban; Shaw; Randle	<i>Session 11 Alcohol & Drugs</i> Tatch; Parks
11:00 am -12:00 pm	<i>Session 12 Terrorism</i> Trinh; Winsett	<i>Session 13 The Discipline</i> Anosike; Martin; Kersen	<i>Session 14: Gender</i> Jackson; Whalen; Yakamoto; Avery; Williams	<i>Session 15 Criminal Justice</i> Dotremon; Rader; Gonzalez
12:15-1:15 pm	<i>Workshop 3: Law Enforcement Opportunities</i> Hester-Davis; Connor; Reed	<i>Session 16: Pot Pourri</i> Peck; Tanner; White & Alagan	<i>Session 17: Sociology of Health</i> Mawson; Boydstun; Pearson; Harwood & Weeks	<i>Session 18: Race II</i> Sanford; Brooks, et. al.; Williams; Hinton
1:20 pm	LUNCH Awards Ceremony Ballroom A Closing /Farewell			

The Status of Sociology in Alabama and Mississippi

Thursday, February 25th

Jackson State University Student Center, 3rd Floor

Registration

8:00 am – 11:00 am

Lobby, 3rd floor

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting

9:30 am – 11:00 am

Ballroom B (2nd Floor)

Lunch on your own

11:00 am- 12:10 pm

A-MSA Welcome *Ballroom B*

12:15 pm-12:55 pm

Dr. Thomas Michael Kersen, PhD, President, Alabama –Mississippi Sociological Association, Associate Professor of Sociology

Dr. Mario Azevedo PhD, Dean, College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Evelyn Leggette, PhD, JSU Provost and Vice-president for Academic Affairs

Plenary Session: Dr. Thomas Durant

1:00 pm-2:00 pm

Session 1: Sociology of Education I

2:15-3:15 pm

Ballroom B

Moderator: Nataya Jones, University of Mississippi

Presentations:

“Is My Parenting Style Hindering My Child’s Chances of Succeeding in Their Post-Secondary Education?”

Nataya Jones, University of Mississippi

“Racialized School Discipline: Does Discretion Lead to Racial Disparity?”

Margaret Hagerman, Mississippi State University

“Undergraduate Research: Is this Overrated?”

Brenda I. Gill, Alabama State University

Racialized School Discipline

David May, Mississippi State University

Session 2: Sociology of Sports

2:15 pm-3:15 pm

Room 3241

Moderator: Makeela Wells, Mississippi State University

Presentations:

“I’m More Than an Athlete: Student Athletes’ Self-Perceptions of Academic and Athletic Competence”

Makeela Wells, Mississippi State University

“An Examination of the Ranking of U.S. States Based on Having the Most NFL Players”

Daerious Washington, Alabama State University

Session 3: Race & Ethnicity I

2:15 pm-3:15 pm

Room 3250

Moderator: *Giorgio Carlo Cappello, Mississippi State University*

Presentations:

“Social Landscapes of Race, Migration and Urban Expansion in Atlanta”

Shrinidhi Ambinakudige, Domenico “Mimmo” Parisi and Giorgio Carlo Cappello, Mississippi State University

“A Cross-National Study Investigating the Effect of Ethnic Homogeneity and Level of Tolerance”

Ismail Hakki Yigit, Mississippi State University

“Still Work to Be Done: The Million Man March and the 50th Anniversary Commemoration Selma to Montgomery March as Mythoform and Visual Rhetoric.”

Carlos Morrison, Alabama State University

“Intercontinental Comparative Analysis of Civil Rights Struggles: Plantation in Sri Lanka and Black Belt in Alabama”

Ram Alagan and Seela Aladuwaka, Alabama State University

Workshop 1: Writing in the Social Sciences

2:15pm -3:15 pm

Room 3241

Moderator: *John J. Green, University of Mississippi*

“Windows to the World of Scholarly Publishing: An Overview and Recommendations from the Editorial Office of Community Development”

John J. Green, University of Mississippi &, Editor, Community Development; Elizabeth Sweeney, Editorial Assistant, Community Development; Mary Margaret Saulters, Editorial Assistant, Community Development; and Courtney Carter, A-MSA Online Journal.

Session 4: Sociology of Education II

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Ballroom B

Moderator: *Daniela Alexandria Griffin, University of Mississippi*

Presentations:

“From the Eyes of Administration and Faculty: The ‘Vision’ of Success in Alternative Education”

Daniela Alexandria Griffin, University of Mississippi

“Not all PWIs: Deny It to Survive It”

Danielle Buckingham, Millsaps College

“The First Step towards Social Justice: Building Trust and Honest Relationships, Growing Understandings of Oppressions and Diversity at the University of Mississippi, Internship at The William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation”

Kei Mamiya, University of Mississippi

Workshop 2: Mississippi Humanities Council & Social Sciences

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Room 2200

Moderator: *Carol Anderson, Mississippi Humanities Council*

Mississippi Humanities Council & Social Sciences

Carol Anderson, Mississippi Humanities Council

Session 5: Crime and Deviancy

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Room 3250

Moderator: *Yu Zhang, Jackson State University*

Presentations:

“Social Construction of Juvenile Delinquency —A Historical Big Data Analysis.”

Yu Zhang, Jackson State University

“Implications of Sex Offenders’ Restriction Laws in Montgomery, Alabama: A GIS Analysis”

Elisha Jasper Dung, Alabama State University

Session 6: Undergraduate Papers I

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Room 2200

Moderator: *Brenda Gill, PhD, Alabama State University*

Presentations:

“Factors that Lead to Successful Reintegration for Prisoners”

Iman Jamila, Mississippi State University

“An Investigation into the Numbers and Reasons for Incarceration of Juveniles of Death Row in Alabama and the Crimes they committed from 1980-2015”

Tariere Ruth Okuba, Alabama State University

“The Effects of Drug Abuse on College Students”

Kehinde Ugoemiwei Batife, Alabama State University

Poster Presentations 3rd floor foyer

4:45 pm-5:45 pm

Jasmin Darden, Alabama State University; Ramone Catchings, Tougaloo College; Khadigra Britton, Tougaloo College

Mississippi State University Reception 3rd Floor Foyer **4:00 to 5:00 pm**
Speed Research Dating led by Dr. Jeneve Brooks.

Awards Banquet *Ballroom B*

6:30 pm

Introduction of Keynote Speaker, Mississippi Governor Ronnie Musgrove

7:15 pm-7:30 pm

Dr. Thomas Kersen, A-MSA President will Introduce Speaker

Awards: A-MSA President, Thomas Kersen and Jeneve Brooks

Status of Sociology in Alabama and Mississippi

Friday, February 26th

Jackson State University Student Center, 3rd Floor

Registration

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Lobby, 3rd floor

Session 7: Inequality

8:30 pm – 9:30 am

Room 3241

Moderator: *Ernest Dupree, Jackson State University*

Presentations:

“Representation in the Mississippi Legislature: Substantive or Symbolic”

Ernest Dupree, Jackson State University

“How Does Place Affect Access to ‘What Works?’ Knowledge Usage in Urban and Rural NGO Intervention Design”

Caitlin Marie Brooking, University of Mississippi

“Financial Inclusion: Mobile Banking as an Extension of the Neoliberal Development Agenda”

Kentse Radebe, Mississippi State University

Panel 1: Teaching Sociology

8:30 pm – 9:30 am

Room 2200

Moderator: *Ming Tsui, Millsaps College*

Presentations:

“Inter-teaching: Students as Teachers in Lower-Division Sociology Courses”

Ming Tsui, Millsaps College

“Social Justice and Applied Sociology Environmental Projects in Alabama”

Bonnie Lynn Mitchell-Green, Troy University

Session 8: Undergraduate Papers II

8:30 pm – 9:30 am

Room 3250

Moderator: *Meherun Laiju, Tougaloo College*

Presentations:

“Factors that Influence African American students to attend a HBCU versus a PWI”

Ineshia Coleman and Meherun Laiju, Tougaloo College

“How College Education and Marriage affect Child Poverty in the U.S.: A Sociological Analysis”

Aish Loganathan, Millsaps College

Panel 2: Food Insecurity

8:30 pm – 9:30 am

Room 3250

Moderator: *Laura Jean Kerr, Mississippi State University*

Presentations:

“Food Insecurity in the College Population”

Leslie Hossfeld, Frederick Hunter, Kecia Johnson, Laura Jean Kerr, Maria Trinh, M. Cade Smith, Mississippi State University; Savannah Thomas, University of Mississippi.

Panel 3: The State of Sociology in Mississippi

9:45 am – 10:45 am

Ballroom A

Moderator: *Kirsten Dellinger, University of Mississippi*

The State of Sociology in Mississippi: Some viewpoints from MS Chairs and Directors

Leslie Hossfeld (chair at MS State), Albert Nylander (Director McLean Institute for Public Service and Community Engagement), and John Green (Director, Center for Population Studies), Arthur Cosby, Director emeritus of the Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University

Session 9: Teaching Sociology

9:45 am – 10:45 am

Ballroom B

Moderators: *Ming Tsui and Bess Baria, Millsaps College*

Presentations:

“An Inter-teaching and Writing Approach to Explore the Pros and Cons of Campus Hookup Culture: College Freshmen Doing and Writing Sociology”

Ming Tsui, Millsaps College

“The Hook-up Culture: Its Definition and Meaning”

Harli Sesser and Noel Glover, Millsaps College

“The Risks of the Hook-up Culture”

Brooks McCormick and Johnathan Manning, Millsaps College

“Is Hooking Up on College Campuses More Beneficial to Female or Male Undergraduates?”

Aliyah Gillespie, Millsaps College

“Is Hooking up Good for Her Soul?”

Zaria Bonds and Shamia Hopper, Millsaps College

Session 10: Undergraduate Papers III

9:45 am – 10:45 am

Room 3241

Moderator: *Anthony Troy Adams, Alabama State University*

Presentations:

“Double Standards, Man-Made Sexual Mores, and Sexual Violence on College Campuses”

Adriana Mireia Lopez-Esteban, Millsaps College

“Do ‘Beyond Scared Straight’ Programs Reduce Juvenile Recidivism”

Lindsey Rebekah Shaw, Jackson State University

“Opt-Out Revolution: Can Women have it All?”

Kelli Danielle Randle, Millsaps College

Session 11: Alcohol & Drugs

9:45 am – 10:45 am

Room 3210

Moderator: *Andrew Tatch, Mississippi State University*

“I Can’t Drink you Away: Age Specific Associations between Problematic Drinking and Mental Illness”

Andrew Tatch, Mississippi State University

“Binge Drinking: Is it more Prevalent with College Students Who are African American Race/ White American Race or other Races in the United States”

Lottriana Marvia Scarlett, Alabama State University

“Binge Drinking: Is It More Prevalent?”

Shawan Markee Parks, Alabama State University

Session 12: Terrorism

11:00 am – 12:00 am

Ballroom A

Moderator: *Maria Trinh, Mississippi State University*

Presentations:

“The Relationship between Perceived Risk and Fear of Terrorism and Proximity to Terrorist Targets”

Maria Thuy Thanh Trinh, Mississippi State University

“Why Americans Join ISIL”

Devin Anderson Winsett, Millsaps College

Session 13: The Discipline

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Room 3210

Moderator: *Nnamdi Anosike, Rust College*

“Sociology Open Eyes”

Candace Omelia Martin, Alabama State University

“The Sociologist as an Insider/Outsider”

Thomas M. Kersen, Jackson State University

Session 14: Gender

11:00 am– 12:00 pm

Ballroom A

Moderator: *Jeffrey Jackson, University of Mississippi*

Presentations:

“Grindr and the Construction of Virtual Masculinities”

Ian Whalen, University of Mississippi

“Japanese Orientalism in a Girls’ Magazine in Early 20th Century”

Ai Yakamoto, University of Mississippi

“Black Women in Media: Negotiating their Sexuality on their Terms”

BrieAnn Avery, University of Mississippi

“The Sexualization of Teen Girls within Magazines”

Kayla Williams, University of Mississippi

Session 15: Criminal Justice

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Room 3210

Moderator: *Delilah Dotremon, Alabama State University*

Presentations:

“Reforming the Julia Tutwiler Prison for Women”

Delilah Dotremon, Alabama State University

“Crime ‘Facts’ in Fictional Crime Dramas: An Examination of Types, Context, and Consequences”

Nicole E. Rader, Mississippi State University

“Using the Antipoetic Lens to Examine Society”

Ruben Gonzalez, Alabama State University

Workshop 3: Law Enforcement Opportunities

12:15 pm-1:15 pm

Room 3241

Moderator: *Raymond Connor, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives*

Presentations:

“Law Enforcement Opportunities for Social Science Students”

Constance Hester-Davis, Raymond Connor, and Chris Reed, Alcohol, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Session 16: Pot Pourri

12:15 pm-1:15 pm

Room 3241

Moderator: *Dennis Peck, University of Alabama*

Presentations:

“Science, Technology, and Culture”

Dennis Peck, University of Alabama

“Rural community and forest landowner attitudes in the potential development of a timber-based biofuel Industry”

Seth Tanner, The Pennsylvania State University

Highway 80: A Virtual March Through Alabama's Civil Rights Corridor

Robert White and Ram Alagan, Alabama State University

Session 17: Sociology of Health

12:15 pm-1:15 pm

Room 3250

Moderator: *Tony Mawson, Jackson State University*

Presentations:

“Toward a Theory of the Role of Social Relationships in Behaviour, Health, and Disease”

Anthony Mawson, Jackson State University

“Does Telemedicine Expand Access to Healthcare for Rural Mississippians?”

Jamie Boydston, Mississippi State University

“Stigma within medical fields: What role does education play when treating patients suffering from addiction?”

Amy Pearson, University of Mississippi

“Suicide Awareness: Evaluating the Effectiveness of a Social Service Agency’s Outreach Efforts”

Delaine Harwood and Donna Weeks, Troy University

Session 18: Race & Ethnicity II

12:15 pm-1:15 pm

Room 3250

Moderator: *Jeneve Brooks, Troy University-Dothan*

Presentations:

“Challenges of Transracial Adoption”

Robbie Sanford, Troy University – Dothan

“Continuing the Conversation: Black/White Dialogue in the Midst of Crisis”

Jeneve R. Brooks; Quanta Langhirt; Wisda Robinson; Makilah Skipper. Troy University-Dothan.

“Marginalized Experiences and Black Feminist Thought”

Shan Williams, University of Mississippi

“The Inequality of Skin Color: Colorism as Stratification”

Madison Alayne Hinton, Mississippi State University

LUNCH & AWARDS -----Ballroom B

1:30 pm

2016 COMPETITORS*

Undergraduates

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Devin Anderson Winsett, Millsaps College

How College Education and Marriage Affect Child Poverty in the U.S.: A Sociological Analysis

Aish Loganathan, Millsaps College

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Natya Jones, University of Mississippi

I can’t Drink You Away: Age Specific Associations between Problematic Drinking and Mental Illness

Andrew Tatch

Poster Presentations

Gender, Ethnicity, College Classification and the Grieving Process among College Students

Brandon Ramone Catchings, Tougaloo College

An Examination of Some Reasons Young Adults Attempt Suicide (15-24)

Jasmin Marie Darden, Alabama State University

Gender, Ethnicity, Marital Status, Employment, and Crime Victimization Among Residents in Jackson, MS

Khadira Britton, Tougaloo College

*Only full papers submitted by the final deadline were considered for competition

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2014	Steve Grice	Outstanding Achievement	1997	John Saunders	Distinguished Service
2013	John Green	Distinguished Service	1996	Columbus Hopper	Distinguished Service
2013	Dennis L. Peck	Outstanding Achievement	1994	John Dunkelberger	Distinguished Service
2011	Albert B Nylander III	Distinguished Service	1994	Arthur Cosby	Outstanding Achievement
2007	Larry Hall	Distinguished Service	1992	Selwyn Hollingsworth	Distinguished Service
2007	Vaughn L. Grisham	Outstanding Achievement	1991	Donald South	Outstanding Achievement
2006	Ming Tsui	Distinguished Service	1991	Donald South	Distinguished Service
2005	Donald Bogie	Distinguished Service	1998	Abdul-Hadi	Service
2002	Mary Kuhn	Distinguished Service	1987	Harry Dickinson	Tribute
2000	Danny Harrison	Distinguished Service	1986	Wilbur Carpenter	Tribute
2000	Billy Lindsey	Distinguished Service	1985	Harold Kaufman	Tribute
1998	Roy Brigance	Distinguished Service	1984	Ernst Borinski	Memorial Tribute

Proclamation



RESOLVED, by the Mayor of the City of Jackson, Mississippi that:

WHEREAS, We would like to recognize the contributions of Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association towards progressive change and key leadership in the two-state region.

WHEREAS, The organization is one of the first integrated academic organizations.

WHEREAS, The Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association has a long history in Jackson, Mississippi.

WHEREAS, Jackson State University, Millsaps College, and Tougaloo College provide key leaders during the earlier years of A-MSA such as David Bass, Mary Benjamin, Ernst Borinkski, and Frances Coker. Dr. C. G. Gomillion, president of Tuskegee Institute and long-time civil rights activist was also a member.

WHEREAS, A number of conferences were held in the capital city and two former presidents of A-MSA came from Jackson State University.

WHEREAS, Many other A-MSA presidents, members, and students, were and are very active in progressive change guided by insights from sociology and other social sciences.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT CONFERRED UPON

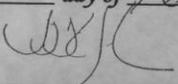
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Is given the highest commendation for the manner in which they have performed their duty in being catalyst for greatness within the City of Jackson, Mississippi and Alabama.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Tony T. Yarber, Mayor of the City of Jackson, Mississippi hereby proclaim that we congratulate and honor this association on today and continue to support their efforts in greatness.

Given under my hand and seal of the City of Jackson, Mississippi,



the 25th day of February


Tony T. Yarber, Mayor

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