

Join Us in Chicago March 23rd - 26th for the 2016 Joint MSS/NCSA Conference!



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North Central Sociological Association

“The humanity of all Americans is diminished when any group is denied rights granted to others.”

- Julian Bond (1940-2015)

MSS/NCSA 2016 CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: INEQUALITY, INJUSTICE, & INTERSECTIONALITY

The 2016 conference theme is Inequality, Injustice, and Intersectionality. Perhaps no concepts have greater contemporary significance or have ignited sociologists' passions more than social inequality and injustice. For many, gaining a better understanding of social inequalities is what initially attracted us to the discipline and is at the very core of what defines us as intellectuals.

Often, it is our understanding of the foundations and consequences of inequalities and injustices that guides our actions in our communities, not just as social activists but also as activist sociologists. As educators, we seek to inspire in our students a sociological imagination that will empower them to investigate, interrogate, and confront the social causes, content, and consequences of inequality and injustice.

The diversity of perspectives and methods of inquiry we employ as sociologists uniquely positions us to explore the complexities and intersectionalities of various forms of inequality and injustice. We invite you to join us in Chicago as we explore related concepts such as growing and pervasive income inequalities, social injustice, economic exploitation, downward mobility, and intersecting systems of power and privilege.

We encourage you to present a paper, participate in a professional workshop, facilitate a teaching workshop, present a poster, or just come to be inspired and rejuvenated by what is certain to be an exciting collaborative meeting.

Individual presentations can be submitted to formal paper sessions, roundtables, or poster presentations. We also encourage complete, or closed sessions, where organizers have a fully developed topic and have identified presenters prior to submitting the proposal. These sessions can include research papers, panel discussions, author meets critic sessions, or workshops dedicated to teaching, academic writing, publishing, technology, or other professional development topics.

While we encourage proposals that advance the theme of the conference, submissions outside of the theme are also welcome. To submit a proposal please visit the online submission portal, available at <http://www.ncsanet.org/2016-annual-meeting>. The online submission system is now open. Please note that this year the submission system closes much earlier than in prior years. All submissions should be submitted before October 31st. We look forward to seeing you in Chicago this spring for the second largest gathering of sociologists in the nation!



Student Presenters

NCSA and MSS welcome undergraduate participants for the conference. Undergraduates wanting to participate in roundtables or poster sessions should contact Alan McEvoy, the Chair of the Undergraduate Student Division, at amcevoy@nmu.edu.

Student Paper Competitions

Undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to submit papers for the student paper competitions. The first place winner's paper in the graduate division will be considered for publication in *Sociological Focus*, the official journal of the NCSA. More information is available at: <http://www.ncsanet.org/student-paper-competition>

Butler A. Jones Award

A new NCSA award, the Butler A. Jones Award recognizes one promising African American student who honors the intellectual traditions of the work of Butler A. Jones. The award comes with a \$400 prize, plus one year's membership and annual meeting registration for NCSA. Interested students should visit the NCSA website <http://www.ncsanet.org/butler-a-jones-award> for more information.

2016 Award Nominations

Aida Tomeh Distinguished Service Award

The Aida Tomeh Distinguished Service Award is an annual award recognizing an NCSA member who has accomplished one of more of the following:

- Service to the NCSA in a single truly outstanding activity, or
- Service to the NCSA in many capacities and over a long period of time, or
- Service to the NCSA throughout professional career.

When making nominations for the award, nominators are asked to send as much of the following as possible:

- A letter of nomination outlining reasons for the nomination.
- Curriculum vitae and/or a listing of activities which have fostered better teaching of Sociology.
- Documents supporting the nomination.

The deadline for submissions is December 9th, 2015. Nominations and materials can be sent to: Kathleen Piker-King, University of Mount Union KINGKD@mountunion.edu

Scholarly Achievement Award

The Scholarly Achievement Award Committee is now accepting nominations from the NCSA membership for significant work in the discipline of sociology. The work should have been published in the recent past and not have been recognized by the Association. Self-nominations are also welcome.

The committee evaluates the nominated books/articles using the following criterion:

- Use, development, extension, or reworking of theory.
- Appropriateness and strength of methods/research design.
- Clarity, quality, and accessibility of writing.
- Overall contribution to and impact on the discipline of sociology — be it through use in the classroom, as a research piece, or both — including its timeliness and significance.

Nominations and materials can be sent to: Larry Nichols, West Virginia University larry.nichols@mail.wvu.edu

J. Milton Yinger Lifetime Distinguished Career Award

The J. Milton Yinger Lifetime Award for a Distinguished Career in Sociology may be given to an individual who is, or who has been, an active member of the NCSA; the nomination must be submitted by a member of NCSA. The principal criterion for this award is an extraordinary career in some activity that has furthered the work of Sociology as a discipline. As such the "criteria" for the award are intentionally flexible in order to accommodate distinguished contributions to sociological scholarship, applied or public sociology that improves the quality of human life, or improvement of teaching and learning in the region and nationally. A person might be nominated for exemplary work in any one of the areas or for uncommon contributions in two or more areas.

- 1) Unique scholarly contributions—an extraordinary career of scholarship, expressed in publications, editorial work on behalf of sociological journals, and/or consultantships.
- 2) Public or Applied Sociology—an extraordinary career of applied sociological or public policy work.
- 3) Sociological teaching and learning—a lifetime of distinguished contributions to sociological instruction and curriculum development.

When making nominations for the award, nominators are asked to send as much of the following as possible:

- A letter of nomination outlining reasons for the nomination.
- A vitae or a listing of activities which have advance the discipline of sociology.
- Additional documents supporting the nomination.
- Supporting letters.

The deadline for submissions is December 9th, 2015. Nominations and materials can be sent to: Lynn Ritchey, University of Cincinnati at Blue Ash

Lynn.ritchey@ucmail.uc.edu

John F. Schnabel Distinguished Contribution to Teaching Award

The NCSA Teaching Committee is now calling for nominations (and re-nominations) for the 2016 The John F Schnabel Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award. This award may be given to an individual, a department, a program, or an institution. Individuals



nominated for the award must be a member of the NCSA. Departments, programs, or institutions nominated for the award must be located in the NCSA region.

The principal criterion for the award is excellence in some activity enhancing the teaching of Sociology for the NCSA or within the North Central region. As such, the "criteria" are intentionally flexible in order to accommodate the innovative and creative.

A partial list of the types of activities that would be considered includes:

- The sharing of pioneering innovations in curriculum design. Creative classroom activities, and/or development of instructional methods.
- The development of especially creative instructional materials.
- A distinguished record of publication and/or research on or about the teaching of Sociology.
- A distinguished record of assuring a teaching emphasis at the NCSA Annual Meeting by organizing research session on teaching, creating displays, chairing panels, conducting teaching workshops, and/or chairing roundtables on some teaching emphasis.
- Faculty developmental efforts such as systematic in-service training of teachers or a distinguished record of preparing graduate students to teach.

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- A letter of nomination outlining reasons for the nomination.
- A vitae and/or a listing of activities which have fostered better teaching of Sociology.
- Documents supporting the nomination.

The deadline for submissions is December 9th, 2015. Nominations and materials can be sent to: Mellisa Holtzman mkholtzman@bsu.edu

Visiting Chicago



There are so many local attractions to explore in and around Chicago. We have included a few options here, but Choose Chicago (<http://www.choosechicago.com/>) has far more local flavors and experiences to consider, including art/ cultural events, tours, discounts, shopping, restaurant suggestions, and information on Chicago neighborhoods. The conference hotel, the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile, is centrally located in the heart of the city. With ample public transit, many more culinary and cultural options are just a short ride away.

Millennium Park

Referred to as architectural eye candy, if you have yet to visit the public park inside the loop, this should be at the top of your list next spring. Snap a photo in front of Cloud Gate (aka *The Bean*), interact with the video sculpture that is Crown Fountain, or just take in the splendor that is Lurie Garden. For information on events year round, visit: http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/millennium_park.html.

The Art Institute Chicago

The Art Institute of Chicago, near the conference hotel, was voted number one museum in the world by Trip Advisor in 2014. With renowned architecture, photography, sculpture, fashion, and modern art exhibits, the institute boasts a broad collection of culturally diverse works. Visit the website at <http://www.artic.edu/visit> for information on traveling exhibits, admission prices, and hours.

Navy Pier

Regardless of the season, Navy Pier is a destination with so much to offer. An important civic landmark, the pier boasts amazing views, a Children's Museum, an IMAX Theatre, plays, movies, cruises, and the iconic Ferris wheel. <https://navypier.com/>

Dining

In addition to all of the world class dining options available near the conference hotel, Chicago has a number of notable culinary tours where you can sample some of the best the city has to offer. Whether you are interested in satisfying your sweet tooth, eating adventurously, or sampling different cultural cuisine, food options abound. See Chicago Traveler for available tours, routes, ticket pricing, and general information at <http://www.chicagotraveler.com/food-tours-chicago.htm>

2016 Useem Plenary Address

The 2016 NCSA Useem Plenary Address will be delivered by Dr. Douglas Massey. As the Henry G. Bryant Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs at Princeton University, Dr. Massey's research embodies the role of intersectionality in understanding inequality. As the former president of the *American Academy of Political and Social Sciences*, the *American Sociological Association*, and the *Population Association of America*, he continues to produce work that fundamentally transforms the landscape of the discipline.

An Introduction to Professor Douglas S. Massey

by Brendan Mullan Ph.D. Michigan State University, President, NCSA

Today immigration, racial segregation, and the inequality arising from each dominate our politics, public policy debates, and many social science research agenda. Almost every developed country is an immigrant-receiving society, attracting immigrants primarily from the developing world. Similarly, almost every developed country struggles to deal equitably with native and immigrant minorities. Professor Douglas S. Massey is one of the foremost scholars on the twin sociologies of immigration and racial segregation and their inherent inequalities.

Dr. Massey's early work (see *Return to Aztlan*) focused on the social mechanisms promoting and sustaining emigration from Mexico to the United States. In *Worlds in Motion: Understanding International Migration at the End of the Millennium*, he developed a theoretical synthesis to account for immigration. *Beyond Smoke and Mirrors: Mexican Immigration in an Age of Economic Integration* used the same theoretical framework to analyze the history of Mexico-U.S. migration and to critique past U.S. policies, and suggest avenues for future reform. In 2010 Dr. Massey published the prescient *Brokered Boundaries: Creating Immigrant Identity in Anti-Immigrant Times* (co-authored with Magaly Sánchez).

Especially germane in today's turbulent and dangerous world of divisive race-relations, inequality, injustice and urban discontent, Professor Massey is also well known for his research on urban segregation in America. African Americans are uniquely segregated in American cities, and since the publication of his prize-winning *American Apartheid* (co-authored with Nancy A. Denton), he has continued to research, publish, and speak on the consequences of segregation for African Americans and Latinos of African ancestry. Segregation figured prominently in explanations for black underachievement in his *Source of the River*, and it interacts with shifts in the U.S. income distribution to yield a rising concentration of poverty that intensifies social disorder and violence that undermines the health of African Americans, reduces their life expectancy, and impairs their cognitive development. The 2016 Plenary Address, entitled "Segregation and Stratification: Social and Biological Mechanisms" will include research that documents both the social and biological mechanisms whereby residential segregation damages the economic and health status of African Americans in metropolitan areas today.





2016 NCSA Conference Information

Deadline to submit: October 31st, 2015

Submission Guidelines at: <http://www.ncsanet.org/2016-annual-meeting>

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions about the 2016 NCSA Conference, please contact us.

General program questions:

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For information on the NCSA, membership inquiries, sociology in the news, and conference events, like us on [Facebook](#) and visit the [NCSA website](#). Please contact the public relations coordinator if you are interested in writing a guest blog for the NCSA website.



Individual Presentations

We welcome submissions of individual papers, posters, or roundtable presentations on research and teaching topics related to sociology. In particular, we encourage submissions that address this year's theme, "Inequality, Injustice, and Intersectionality." Those submitting will select from a list of research or teaching topics, one that best fits their submission (see the complete lists online at http://www.ncsanet.org/pdfs/conference/2016_Conf-CFP.pdf). Presenters will also identify, from the list below, the format in which they prefer to present.

Formal Paper Sessions: These formal sessions, the core of the annual meetings, include the presentation of completed papers. Chosen presenters will send completed papers to their session presider, as requested, by March 1, 2016. Presiders may serve as discussants or may recruit others to do so. Individual papers will be grouped with papers on similar topics to form a complete session.

Roundtable Sessions: These less formal and smaller groupings are appropriate for presentation and discussion of research proposals, works in progress, or topics of special interest. Whether a given group involves presentations or conversation on shared interests, there is no audio-visual, only handouts. A small number of colleagues around a round table can provide valuable feedback and generate innovative ideas. There will be separate undergraduate student and graduate student/professional roundtable sessions.

Poster Presentations: Posters are visual presentations of research work illustrating a research question, methods, and outcomes. Posters will be displayed during scheduled time slots, at which time presenters will discuss their research with other meeting attendees. There will be separate undergraduate student and graduate student/professional poster sessions.

Complete/Closed Sessions

We accept proposals for workshops, complete panels, or other closed sessions on any sociological topic. For these sessions, organizers select topics and identify presenters prior to submitting their proposal. All presenters will focus on a predetermined topic and must have agreed to participate before the organizer submits a proposal. We welcome proposals for sessions in all subfields of sociology, but encourage submissions that address this year's theme, "Inequality, Injustice, and Intersectionality."

Closed Paper Session: These panels should have between three and five participants who present completed papers on a predetermined topic. Chosen presenters will send completed papers to their session organizer as requested by March 1, 2016. Session organizers may serve as presiders and discussants or may recruit others to do so.

Panel Session: Organizers will invite three to five panelists to present on a shared area of expertise or interest. While panelists make formal presentations, they are generally not the empirical reports that dominate paper sessions. The organizer moderates discussion between the panelists and with the audience.

Author-Meets-Critics Session: An invited author and 2-4 invited critics participate in a lively discussion about a recently-published sociological work.

Workshop: Interactive professional development opportunities facilitated by organizers are often participatory sessions. Workshops generally include topics related to teaching, writing, publishing, technology, or analysis. Workshops are encouraged to have an emphasis on teaching and learning. Thematic workshops on teaching and learning are especially welcomed.

A Note on NCSA Undergraduate Student Submissions...

The North Central Sociological Association welcomes the participation of undergraduate students. For the past several years, undergraduate students have been able to present their work in this "conference within the conference." Due to the joint meeting with MSS in 2016, undergraduates are invited to participate with the understanding that they are only able to submit a poster or roundtable topic, and that any session they may be accepted for may not be scheduled on Saturday. Please contact Alan McEvoy at amcevoy@nmu.edu with any questions.

For more information, visit the NCSA website at: <http://www.ncsanet.org/2016-annual-meeting>.

North Central Sociological Association Officers and Council Members

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