

**MICHIGAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 13 – 14, 2009**



**FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY
BIG RAPIDS, MICHIGAN**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

RECEPTION: 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
(with appetizers and cash bar)
Bennigan's Restaurant at the Holiday Inn

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST: 8:00 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.
Atrium – Interdisciplinary Resource Center (IRC)
Registration continues until noon.

Community Engagement, Jim Crow Museum Items and Student Research Posters
will be available for viewing beginning with registration and throughout the day.

Poster on The Graduate School Process:
Bob Thaler, Saginaw Valley State University
Sharon Everhardt, Delta College

CONCURRENT SESSIONS I: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

1. Applied Sociology and Public Sociology: What's in a Name? – Room 107

Karen Krause, Saginaw Valley State University (Chair)

Denise Reiling, Eastern Michigan University, "Teaching Applied Sociology Through Early Public Engagement"

Karen Schaumann-Beltran, Schoolcraft College, "Sociology for What?"

Brian Thomas, Saginaw Valley State University, "Environmental Issues as a Vector for Public Sociology: The Adventures of One Sociology Class in Urban Saginaw"

Jay Weinstein, Eastern Michigan University, "One Sociology, Many Uses: Applied, Public and Academic"

2. Research on Poverty in Michigan (CROP) – Room 121

Brigitte Bechtold, Central Michigan University (Chair)

Paul Hernandez, Central Michigan University
"Para Mi Gente y mi Barrio" (*For my People and my Neighborhood*)

Pamela Smith, Michigan State University
"Revisiting the Moynihan Report: Focusing on Anomie and the Urban African Female"

Cedric Taylor, Michigan State University
"Impacts of Measures of Socioeconomic Status on Birthweight
among Blacks and Hispanics in Michigan"

Colleen Wilson-Rood, Michigan State University
"Aging Michiganders: A Glimpse into the SES of the Elderly
in Michigan and Demographic Changes to Come"

3. Sex and Sexualities – Room 115

Rachel Campbell, Grand Valley State University (Chair)

Carole McKenna, Ferris State University, "Marriage Arrangements: Soldiers, Wives and War"

Cameron Whitley, Michigan State University, "SOFFA Grief and Identity Re-Socialization:
The Identity Negotiation and Processing of Significant Others, Family Members, Friends and
Allies of Transgender and Gender Non-Conformers"

Laurel Westbrook, Grand Valley State University, "Opposite to No One: The Heterosexual
Imperative, Gender Binaries and Violence Against Transgender People"

4. Studying Community and Diversity – Room 109

Bonnie Wright, Ferris State University (Chair)

Denise Mitten, Ferris State University
"Academic Service Learning: A Form of Community Action Research"

Susan Haworth-Hoepfner, Aquinas College
"Engaging Girls: Developing Community to Nurture Positive Self-Image"

Gary Huey, Ferris State University; Matthew Fancher, Western Michigan
University and the Jim Crow Museum; Ryan Huey, Central Michigan University;
Jeff Pollock, Ferris State University and Idlewild Community Representatives
"Documenting Oral History for Idlewild, Michigan"

Micala Evans, Ferris State University and Camp Idlewild
"A Community's Response to the Documentation of Oral History in Idlewild"

COFFEE BREAK WITH BOOK PUBLISHERS: 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

PLENARY SESSION I: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
(Rankin Student Center: Dome Room)

KEYNOTE ADDRESS, AWARDS and LUNCHEON

Luncheon with salad, entrée, dessert and drinks

Michigan Sociological Association Annual Award Presentations

The Marvin Olsen Award for Distinguished Service to Sociology
The Larry T. Reynolds Award for Outstanding Teaching of Sociology
The Charles Horton Cooley Award for Distinguished Scholarship

Keynote Address:
**"Social Problems or Social Solutions? The Role of Public Sociology in
Addressing Contemporary Crises"**

Philip Nyden
Professor of Sociology
Director, Center for Urban Research and Learning
Loyola University

Discussion with Philip Nyden
Moderator: Jay Weinstein, Eastern Michigan University

CONCURRENT SESSIONS II: 1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

5. Institutionalizing Diversity – Room 121

Donna Giuliani, Delta College (Chair)

Charissa Urbano, Delta College
"Xena-phobia: Warrior Princess Fights For Campus Diversity"

Adriene Anderson, Delta College
"Beyond Access: Creating Climate for Culturally Diverse Learners"

Pablo Hernandez, Central Michigan University
"The Social Construction of a Monster"

Moushumi Choudhury, Michigan State University
"Mexican Immigrants and Socioeconomic Integration in the United States:
A Methodological Approach"

**6. Social and Political Theory: Can we think our way out of this crisis?
Obama, Tea Parties, Ecology and Action – Room 107**

Nicholas Budimir, Western Michigan University (Chair and Moderator)

Participants:

Amy Bromsen, Wayne State University and United Auto Workers
Douglas Davidson, Western Michigan University
Gil R. Musolf, Central Michigan University
Donald Roy, Ferris State University

7. Student Papers – Room 115

Linda Rynbrandt, Grand Valley State University (Chair)

Mari Lynn Reikow, Grand Valley State University
"Disabled Means Differently-Abled" (Video Presentation)

Marcus Bell, Grand Valley State University
"The Death of American Realism: A Comprehensive Examination and
Detailed Analysis of the Dual Legacies of Racial Oppression"

John Prince, Grand Valley State University
"Rebels Without A Clue: An Analysis of Social Class Consciousness in 21st Century America"

Megan Taliaferro, Grand Valley State University
"School of Choice and Diversity: A Mid-size City Case Study"

Alecia M. Smith, Kyle E. McGraw and Nancy J. Herman-Kinney, Central Michigan University
"Combating a Social Problem at the Grassroots Level: Healing Appalachia"

8. Sociology of Food and Agriculture – Room 104

David Holt, Michigan State University (Organizer)
Dilshani Sarathchandra, Michigan State University (Moderator)

Weston Eaton, Michigan State University, and Stephen Gasteyer, Michigan State University
"Actor Networks between Materialistic, Instrumental Social Relations in Michigan's Non-corn Biofuel Communities"

M. Margaret Rabb, Michigan State University, and Craig K. Harris, Michigan State University
"Understandings of Conservation in the Southeast Alaskan Halibut Fishery"

Dilshani Sarathchandra, Michigan State University
"Mad Cows and Poisoned Apples: An Analysis of Media Portrayal of Food Scares in the U.S."

9. Social Institutions and Cross-Cultural Research – Room 109

Michael J. Macaluso, Grand Valley State University and Western Michigan University (Chair)

Dennis M. Savard, Wayne State University
"The Etiology of Elderly Financial Exploitation: Examining Theoretical Perspectives"

Richard E. Ball, Ferris State University (Emeritus)
"Social Distance in Japan: An Exploratory Study"

Jennifer Chitwood, University of Toledo
"Deliverance Ministries and Maintaining Members: A Comprehensive Review and Application of Cult and Religious Literature"

Jason D. Blind and David A. Kinney, Central Michigan University
"The Role of a Cultural Outsider in Applied Educational Research: Experiences of an American Interviewer in Finland"

PLENARY SESSION II: 3:00 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. – Room 120
Authors Roundtable

Joseph Verschaeve: Grand Valley State University (Chair)

Participants: Jay Weinstein, Eastern Michigan University
Social and Cultural Change: Social Science for a Dynamic World
(2nd Edition 2005, 3rd Edition, Forthcoming 2010)
Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc.

Brigitte Bechtold, Central Michigan University
Killing Infants: Studies in the Worldwide Practice of Infanticide (2008)
Bechtold, Brigitte H. and Graves, Donna Cooper, Editors

Edwin Mellen Press

Marshall Battani, Grand Valley State University
Sociology On Culture (2003)
John R. Hall, Mary Jo Neitz and Marshall Battani
Routledge

Michael R. Ott, Grand Valley State University
The Future of Religion: Toward a Reconciled Society
(2nd Edition 2009)
Haymarket Books

Mary de Young, Grand Valley State University
Perspectives on Madness (Forthcoming 2010)
McFarland

PLENARY SESSION III: 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Room 120

Jennifer Stewart and Act On Racism, Grand Valley State University

Business Meeting: 5:35 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Room 109

(ALL Conference participants are members of the MSA and are urged to attend.)

SATURDAY EVENING DINNER
7:00 p.m.

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(The cost of dinner is NOT included in the conference fee.)