

The
Michigan Sociological Association

welcomes you to the
2006 Annual Meeting of the

**MICHIGAN SOCIOLOGICAL
ASSOCIATION**

The Comfort Inn & Suites Hotel and Conference Center on the campus of
Central Michigan University
Mount Pleasant, Michigan
October 6 - 7, 2006

SOCIETY IN TRANSITION

Friday, October 6, 2006

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. **RECEPTION - Comfort Inn & Suites and Conference Center**
All are welcome - whether or not you are staying at the Comfort Inn.

Saturday, October 7, 2006

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Registration***
8:00 a.m. - 9:10 a.m. **Continental Breakfast***
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Book Displays***
9:10 a.m. **Sessions Begin**
12:20 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Luncheon and Plenary Session**
4:15 p.m. **Business Meeting**

*In the Lobby Entrance Hall of the Comfort Inn Conference Center.

4. Sociology of Education - Organizers and Presiders: Paul Cheng, Michigan State University and David Kinney, Central Michigan University

"Sociology and Online Education: Theory, Method and Implementation"
Brendan Mullan and Colleen Wilson, Michigan State University

"Evaluating a National Model for College-Level Introductory Sociology Courses: Introducing the Sociological Perspective and Developing Critical Thinking"
Venessa Keesler and Baranda Fermin, Michigan State University

"Is it Worth the Hype? The Impact of Smaller Schools on Mathematics Achievement"
Adam Wyse, Venessa Keesler and Barbara Schneider, Michigan State University

"Rethinking the Role of Parenting for Adolescents"
Barbara Schneider and Nathan Jones, Michigan State University

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.: Coffee Break with Book Publishers

11:00 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS – Conference Rooms A, B, C and D

5. Graduate and Undergraduate Student Paper Session - Organizer and Presider: Nancy J. Herman-Kinney, Central Michigan University

"The Deterioration of High School Peer Group Boundaries Over Time"
Jeffrey A. Travilla, Central Michigan University

"An Ethnographic Study of Veterans and Current Military Personnel: An Ongoing Investigation"
Audra Goward and Darrick Brake Central Michigan University

"The Disabled College Student Experience: A Study in Progress"
Kim Underwood and Zoe Vaughn, Central Michigan University

"From CMU Dames to CMU Women"
Laura J. Orta, Central Michigan University

6. Illness, Alienation, and Suicide - Organizer and Presider: Karen Lang Krause, Saginaw Valley State University

"Women's Narratives, Health and Healing"
Deborah Charbonneau, Wayne State University

"Alienation and Campus Life"
Kimberly Wolken, Saginaw Valley State University

"Gender and Suicide Risk: Role of Wound Site - Findings from the Detroit Suicide Project"
Steve Stack, Wayne State University and Ira Wasserman, Eastern Michigan University

"Obesity as an Urban Health Issue: The Role of the Environment"
Victoria G. Kosht, Wayne State University

7. Public Society and the Community - Organizer and Presider: Linda Rynbrandt, Grand Valley State University

"Assessing Richard Florida's Creative Class Thesis: Theory and Evidence from Four Midwestern Cities"
Brad Fowler and Joel Stillerman, Grand Valley State University

"Mainstream Materialism: The Acculturation of the Hip-Hop Subculture"
Bryan Beverly, Olivet College

"Reviving the Chicago School Tradition"
Devereaux Kennedy, Grand Valley State University

"The Community As Classroom"
Tony Baker, Ferris State University

8. Act on Racism - Organizer: Cheryl Boudreaux, Grand Valley State University

A student-oriented and directed group that brings awareness of racism through theatrical performances. Members reenact incidents of racism and discrimination that have occurred on campus and in the community.

Presider and Discussant: Jennifer Stewart, Grand Valley State University

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12:20 - 2:30 LUNCHEON AND PLENARY SESSION – Conference Rooms A, E, F and G Combined

Welcome: Dr. Pamela S. Gates, Associate Dean, College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences, Central Michigan University

Award Presentations: Presider: David A. Kinney, President, Michigan Sociological Association, 2006

Marvin Olsen Award

Charles Horton Cooley Award

M.S.A. Teaching Award

*Keynote Address: G. William Domhoff, University of California, Santa Cruz
"C. Wright Mills, Floyd Hunter, and 50 Years of Power Structure Research"*

2:45 - 4:15 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS - Conference Rooms A, B, C and D

9. Power Structure Research - Current Developments and Reflections. Organizer and Presider: Roy C. Barnes, University of Michigan-Flint

"Investigating Ties between Higher Education and the Corporate Elite"
Roy C. Barnes and Emily C. Sweeza, University of Michigan-Flint

"The Culture of the Bohemian Grove: The Dramaturgy of Power"
James Vaughn, Western Michigan University

"The Social Club Network Among the Corporate Elite"
Emily C. Sweeza, University of Michigan-Flint

"Reflections on Power Structure Research"
G. William Domhoff, University of California-Santa Cruz

10. Work and the Economy - Organizer and Presider: Nicholas Budimir, Wayne State University

"In Their Own Words: Consequences of Child Labor in Urban Nigeria"
Dimeji Togunde and Arielle Carter, Albion College

"Forty Years of Fighting Poverty: An Oral History and Content Analysis of the Michigan Welfare Rights Organization" Karen Schaumann, Eastern Michigan University; Sylvia Orduno, University of Michigan; Jeremy Breithaupt and Alexis Simpson, Eastern Michigan University

"Globalization of the Auto Industry and the Decline of the UAW"
Amy Bromsen, Wayne State University.

"Teachers and Class Consciousness: A Survey of Detroit Teachers"
Nicholas Budimir, Wayne State University

"Points of Access: Stratified Markets and Competing Goals in Local Mid-Michigan Agriculture"
Dave Holt, Michigan State University

11. Visual Sociology - Organizer and Presider: Laurel Hilliker, Michigan State University

"Social Construction of Suicide in Film: Murder-Suicides 1900-2005"
Steven Stack, Wayne State University and Barbara Bowman, Center for Suicide Research

"Images of Femininity in Reality TV Shows: An Analysis of the Creation and the Production of Femininity" Linda Gjokaj, Michigan State University

"Perceived Rudeness of Public Cell Phone Behavior"
Jonathan Forma, Michigan State University

12. Careers in Sociology - Organizer and Presider: Donna Giuliani, Delta College

"Fostering Professional Development Through Undergraduate and Graduate Mentoring Programs" Colleen Wilson, Michigan State University

"How Sociology Impacts My Work with At-risk Adolescents"
Lisa Brubaker, Delta College

"Pathways to Sociology"
Brigitte Bechtold, Central Michigan University

"College Teaching with a Master's Degree: Getting the Job and the Search for the Perfect Lecture" Donna Giuliani, Delta College

4:15 - 5:15 p.m. Business Meeting

6:00 p.m. Informal dinner - optional
