

The Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association

is issuing this
Call for Papers

for their
2012 annual meeting, February 16th and 17th

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Theme for the 2012 meeting

“Disparities in the Delta: Demographics,
Economics, Literacy, Transportation,
Agriculture”

Location

Hunter Henry Center
Mississippi State University
Mississippi State, MS 39762

Deadline for submissions

December 1st, 2011

**DISPARITIES
IN THE DELTA**

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DEMOGRAPHICS

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TRANSPORTATION

AGRICULTURE

Starkville, MS 2/16 - 2/17, 2012

We encourage submissions that address the theme, but work in other areas will of course be accepted for consideration. We are working to create a strong, intellectually stimulating program, as well as a friendly atmosphere for undergraduate and graduate students to present their work. To be considered for a place on the program, complete submissions with the following information are required: title, brief abstract (200-250 words,) author names and contact information. The program will include paper and poster competitions for both graduate and undergraduate students, each with cash prizes. Please send submissions for papers, posters and panels (as well as requests for more information) to William Keith, AMSA 2012 Program Coordinator at 2012.amsa@gmail.com for consideration. Detailed information on submissions is on the next page of this CFP.

Requirements for ALL submissions

Each submission must include a proposal type (paper presentation; poster session; organized paper session.) Each submission must also include the following information for the session presenter or organizer:

1. name;
2. organization or affiliation;
3. complete address (include specific department or bureau, if applicable);
4. phone and/or fax numbers;
5. active email address;
6. presentation format (i.e. panel; paper presentation; poster session);

7. a description of 200-250 words expounding on the contents of the presentation (NOTE: high priority will be given to abstracts with a clear presentation of the project's purpose for research, theoretical background, methodology and expected findings) and;
8. a list of specific audio-visual needs. (NOTE: The Conference will provide overhead projectors, LCD projectors and audio equipment if needed, but not laptop computers for presentations.

Submission formats accepted

Paper presentations – Abstract submissions are sought for individual research papers on topics related to the conference theme or other topical areas of interest. These traditional oral presentations will be for approximately 15 minutes, with an additional five minutes allotted for questions and discussion of the research. Sessions will be moderated to enforce time restrictions. Papers should present well-developed purpose(s) for research, theoretical background, methodology and findings. When submitting an abstract as described above, indicate “Paper Presentation” format in the email.

Poster Sessions – A poster is used for the presenter to describe a project, research results, program summaries, or lessons learned as a visual display on poster board. The poster usually includes a brief narrative paper along with tables, graphs, pictures, and other presentation formats. In addition to submitting an abstract as outlined above, each poster must:

1. include the title of the presentation as well as the author names and affiliations in large letters at the top center of the poster;
2. be easy to read at a distance of 4 feet (1.5 m) (NOTE: a point size of 16-18 (5-6 mm) or larger is recommended);
3. have at least one of the authors present at the assigned space during the designated time to discuss the work presented who can respond to questions concerning all aspects of the presentation;
4. include a photo of the presenter(s), so that conference participants can locate them during the conference to ask questions outside of formal in-person presentation periods and;
5. be designed to fit on a 40” by 60” foam board.

One easel and foam board will be provided for each poster. If you have additional set-up questions, contact William Keith at 2012.amsa@gmail.com. When submitting an abstract for a poster session, indicate “Poster Presentation” format in the email.

Organized Paper Sessions – Organized paper sessions should be comprised of three papers and include detailed information about the session and presenters to be included in the session. The proposal should include the names of all authors in the session, the title of each paper, and e-mail contact information for each paper's lead author. Please describe the purpose and organizing theme of the session. The person submitting the proposal need not present a paper. Presenters of the individual research papers within the coordinated session are also required to submit their abstracts separately as outlined above but should note on their submission that the paper is part of a proposed organized paper session. Note that when submitting the abstracts for each individual paper in these coordinated sessions, the authors will need to include the session organizer's email address.

Awards and Recognition

These awards are not necessarily presented every year, but may be presented when the membership has identified deserving recipients. It is the responsibility of the Committee to present any nominations for the awards to the Executive Committee. The types of awards as well as their judging criteria are described below.

Distinguished Service Award – This recognition is given to a member of long standing who has promoted and supported the AMSA with his/her time and talents. Eligibility for this award is defined as ten years or more of AMSA membership, and a strong record of involvement in AMSA governance and annual programs.

Outstanding Achievement Award – During the course of a member's professional career, there are particularly noteworthy accomplishments which bring special recognition to the sociology profession and to the AMSA. Eligibility for this award requires only that the individual has been a member of the AMSA for a minimum of six years (not continuously).

Student Paper Awards – The Association may also give awards for outstanding papers presented by graduate and undergraduate students. The organizers of the graduate/undergraduate sessions are responsible for selecting judges for student papers. For more information on the student paper awards, contact William Keith at 2012.amsa@gmail.com

Cost to attend for students (including membership dues and banquet attendance) is just \$25!!! See you in February!!!