



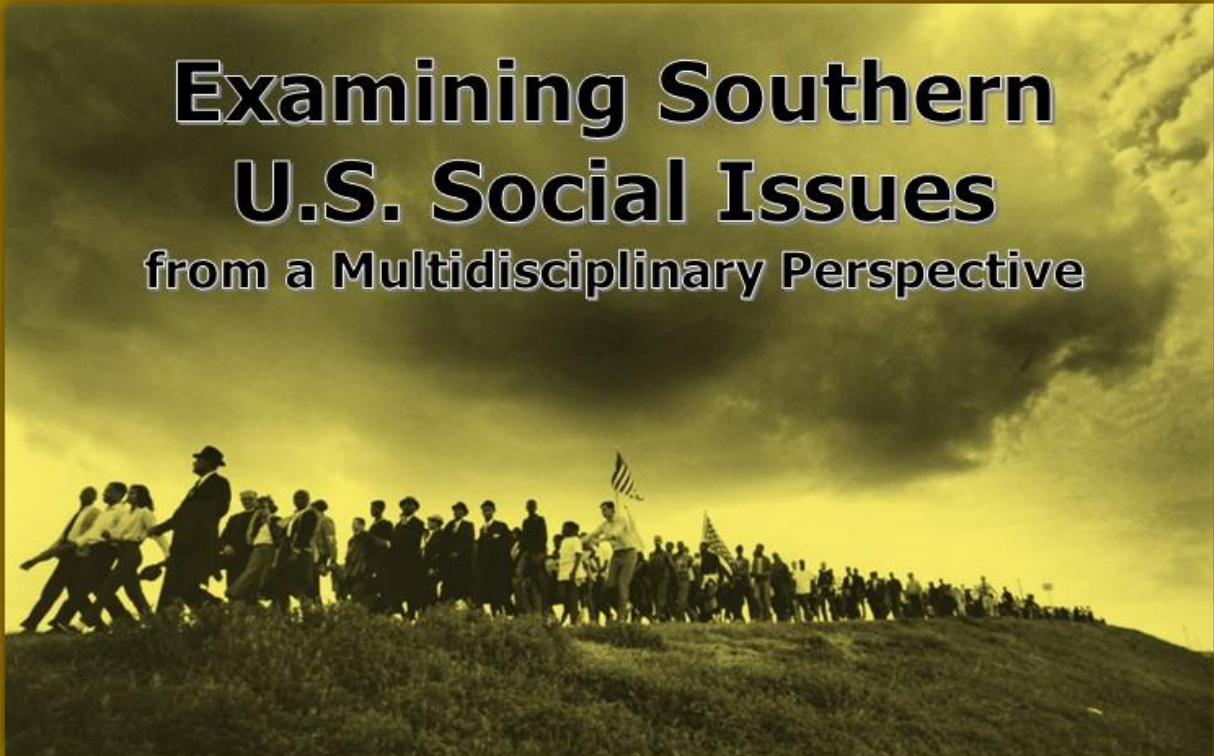
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Examining Southern U.S. Social Issues from a Multidisciplinary Perspective



49th Annual Meeting
**Alabama-Mississippi
Sociological Association**

J. Garrick Hardy Student Center, ASU | Montgomery, Alabama

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FROM: CAPTAIN TONY SIMMONS, ASUDPS

DATE: JANUARY 31, 2018

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President's Welcome

Brenda I. Gill, PhD



Welcome to the 49th annual conference of the A-MSA, hosted by Alabama State University (ASU) in the Student Union named for the notable late Sociologist John J Garrick who served tirelessly here at ASU. Under the Theme, “Examining Southern U.S. Social Issues from a Multidisciplinary Perspective” this year conference promises to engage attendees from varying backgrounds in interesting discussions about crucial southern social issues. Given the current social debates in multiple areas occurring in the USA, this theme is timely. The plenary speaker is Ms. Audri Scott Williams who will talk about “A Multi-Discipline Approach to Addressing the Challenges of Communities in Rural Alabama.”

This conference has something for everyone – especially our students. Thursday’s program is geared mainly to students and allows them to meet, greet, interact and learn several pertinent things. This is a time for students to meet and greet each other as well as other professors and community personnel. Included in this treat is a presentation by Pearson Publishers on a new way to learn and study using REVEL. Students will also be able to access textbooks from the publisher. The presentations from the Rosa Parks Museum and Equal Justice Initiative professionals are sure to add great knowledge and insight to some social issues the south face. There are many stimulating sessions and several workshops and panels. Additional, we have several student papers and posters that 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 and have a Facebook page at Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association; kindly visit and give us a like. We are even on LinkedIn under the same name. The A-MSA website was revamped and is ably and efficiently maintained by The Department of Sociology and NSPARC at Mississippi State University. In the future, the online journal will be reactivated and maintained by MSU Sociology too. This is a very exciting development.

This year, I hope A-MSA members will tour the historic sites and museums. Take some time to visit the Centre for the Study of Civil Rights Museum on carter Hill Road, The Rosa Park Museum, and the ASU library that houses several important historic information including a vast Oral History Collection. Do not neglect to sample the variety of foods available in Montgomery. Be sure to check out the newly opened Jamaican Island Delight Restaurant on Dexter Avenue. The Alley is another major attraction in the downtown area where several restaurants may be found. Café’ Louise on Cloverdale Road offers tons of breakfast food options as well as lunch food options. For the more adventurous ones, a trip to Exit 6 will open an array of restaurants to you.

Sincerely,

Brenda I. Gill, Ph.D.

President, Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association, 2018



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Dean's Welcome Message

Anthony Troy Adams, PhD, Dean and Professor of Sociology
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences



It is with great pleasure that I am joining with the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association (A-MSA) in wishing the very best for the approaching conference at Alabama State University (ASU). It was from the roots of September 1969 with an initial group of 12 sociologists from 11 colleges and universities that the foundation was laid. A-MSA inherited a great legacy. I am pleased to highlight the fact that the second A-MSA conference was held at ASU in November 1970, with 30 schools represented.

It is also a profound honor for me to underline that Dr. John Garrick Hardy from ASU was the fourth elected President of A-MSA in 1972. This year ASU is proudly hosting the 49th A-MSA conference at the great memorial facility, the John Garrick Hardy Student Center. Let me also express my appreciation to all who have worked hard to make this conference a success in the River Region.

Secondly, let me highlight the objectives of A-MSA. The main objectives are to support and encourage cooperative relations among sociologists in Alabama and Mississippi with an emphasis on "the improvement of teaching, research, and the applied phases of sociology." Thus, I strongly believe that the 48th annual conference theme, "Examining Southern U.S. Social Issues from a Multidisciplinary Perspective," offers added value to the sociological imagination.

Lastly, February is Black History Month. I sincerely hope that many of the 2018 A-MSA conference participants will have the opportunity to participate in Civil Rights presentations and discussions in our sessions and benefit from the planned historical tributes to be held in Montgomery. I am confident that the 2018 conference will be another successful chapter in the history of the A-MSA. The number of diverse individual research sessions, panels, and posters will clearly reveal the eager anticipation of this conference. Students and faculty presenters have come from all over Alabama and Mississippi.

Kind regards,
Anthony Troy Adams



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SPECIAL THANKS

The 49th 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.
- Alabama State University for allowing us to use the facilities at the John Garrick Hardy Student Center.
- Mrs. Crystal J. Jackson and her team (Facility Coordinators) at ASU for setting up the conference facilities for the A-MSA conference.
- Alabama State University Copy Exchange Center
- Center for NanoBiotechnology Research (ASU) for support printing conference posters
- All those students at ASU who provided technical and logistical support to the success of this year's conference
- Ms. Cheryl Lang for providing conference facilities
- Visual and Performing Arts for their presentation
- Alabama State University Public Safety Department for proving parking
- A-MSA Treasurer Ms. Laura Jean Kerr for her dedication and support to the success of this year's conference.
- Dr. Ram Alagan – Alabama State University (ASU), for serving as the coordinator, compiler, and one of the editors for the 2018 A-MSA conference booklet.
- All those persons who provided planning advice and information for of the 2018 A-MSA such as Dr. Anthony Troy Adams, 2014-2015 A-MSA President and Dr. Thomas Kersen, 2016-2017.
- Mr. Clint Hester and Mr. John Buffington from National Strategic Planning and Analysis Research Center (NPARC) and Dr. Leslie Hossfeld Head of Sociology at Mississippi State University continue to assist with hosting, revisions and updating of the AMSA website.
- Alabama State University – Academic Affairs for hosting a reception prior to the Keynote speech.
- Mississippi State University- For hosting the refreshments for the Graduate/Undergraduate Student Recruitment and Interactive Workshop.
- Kristen Henderson, National Sales Manager, Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce for support providing welcome bags, maps, lodging information, and city tour guides.
- Ms. Audri Scott Williams for agreeing to be the plenary speaker for this conference.
- Dr. Quinton Ross Jr. President Alabama State University, for agreeing to address this conference
- Dr. Anthony T. Adams, Dean and Professor of the College of Liberal Arts for agreeing to address the conference
- All members of A-MSA who assisted in the organization of the 2018 A-MSA conference.

Thanks,

Brenda I. Gill | President A-MSA 2018



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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.
2013	Annice Yarber	Auburn Univ. Montgomery	1980	Vaughn L. Grisham	Univ. of MS
2012	Lynne Cossman	MS State Univ.	1978*	Roy S. Brigance	Samford Univ.
2011	Geoff McIntyre	Troy Univ.	1977	Joe Portera	MS Univ. for Women
2010	John J. Green	Delta State Univ.	1976	H. S. Abdul-Hadi	Univ. of North AL
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2004	Duane Gill	MS State Univ.	1970	Harry E. Dickerson	Samford Univ.
2003	John E. Dunkelberger	Auburn Univ.	1969	Harold F. Kaufman	MS State Univ.
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1987	Billy T. Lindsey	Univ. of North AL			
1986	Walter Davis	Tougaloo College			
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.



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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.

The location for the 2018 A-MSA conference - John Garrick Hardy Student Center was named after the late alumnus, longtime educator, and sociologist - John Garrick Hardy. Dr. Hardy grew up working for a traveling carnival. He enrolled at what is now Alabama State University for ninth grade and stayed on the earn a bachelor's degree. He later earned a master's degree at Iowa State University and a Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of Wisconsin. He served on the university's faculty and administration for more than 35 years in several different positions including director of the Student Personnel Department. He left the university an extensive archive of books, documents, and photographs.

Alabama State University is delighted to be the host institution for the 2018 Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Conference. Let the conversation commence!



49TH ANNUAL PLENARY SPEAKER

Audri Scott Williams

“A Multi-Discipline Approach to Addressing the Challenges of Communities in Rural Alabama”

Audri Scott Williams, is the first woman to lead a global walk for human rights and environmental justice on six continents from 2005 to 2009. She has received numerous awards for her service to humanity. Awards include: the Presidential Certificate of Merit (President Bill Clinton); HBO Hearing Her Voice, Telling Her Story Award; Volvo for Life American Heroes Award; and the 2008 URI Bowes Award (awarded in India).

She holds a Masters in Liberal Arts from Naropa University, a BA from the University of Tampa, with post graduate studies at Harvard University (graduate of the Institute for Life Long Learning), University of Maryland, and American University.

Ms. Williams currently serves as a Global Trustee for the United Religions Initiative. She served as the Interim Global Indigenous Coordinator for the United Religions Initiative (2013-2014) and co-convenor of the historic Hidden Seeds Global Indigenous Gathering in Northern California (2014).



She was an Apprentice with the Worldwide Indigenous Science Network where she escorted and documented indigenous wisdom keepers around the world (2002-2003). She is a former Dean of Instruction at the Institute of Divine Wisdom in Atlanta, GA (2000-2005), and former Dean of Continuing Education and Community Service at Charles County Community College in LaPlata, MD (1986-1993). Audri co-founded a theatrical company, Uprising, in Washington D.C. to outreach to youth and families (1991-1997).

Additionally, Ms Williams, is the author/editor of the anthology, *Awakening the Heart of the Beloved Community*, through the lens of 28 writers from vastly different ages, genders, life experiences, the reader is presented with a plethora of perceptions of the Beloved Community. Each writer was asked the question: “within the context of your life work, how do you respond to the notion or idea of the beloved community in the here and now, particularly through the lens of Josiah Royce and Rev/Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.?”



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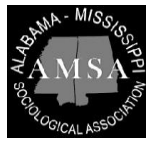
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2018 Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association Conference (A-MSA)

ASU - J. Garrick Hardy Student Center Ballrooms and Theater

Thursday, February 22nd, 2018

Time	Event	Location	
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Conference Registration (all day)	Theater Registration Desk 2 nd Floor Student Center	
9:30 am -10.50 am	Executive Board Meeting	Ballroom B (2 nd Floor)	
11:00 am -11.50 am	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN		
WELCOME: Theater			
12:00 noon -1.00 pm	A-MSA President, Brenda I. Gill, PhD Anthony T. Adams, PhD, Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Dr. Quinton Ross Jr. President, Alabama State University		
PLENARY SPEECH: Theater			
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	PLENARY SPEAKER: Ms. Audri Scott Williams		
Session 1: Ballroom - B			
2:10 pm - 3:30 pm	Graduate and Undergraduate Recruitment and Career Interactive Workshop Pearson Publishers Presentation Refreshments Hosted by Mississippi State University		
TIME	Theater	Ballroom - A	Ballroom - C
3:40 pm – 4.40 pm	Session 2: Presentation 1. Marcia Rossi, Ram Alagan , & Seela Aladuwa 2. Arthur Baylor & Alana Williams-Norman	Session 3 Presentation 3. Andrew Tatch 4. Robbie Sanford 5. Lynn Woo	Session 4: Presentation 6. Felicia Bell 7. Destinee Jackson, Korey Lewis, and Raven Walker, Elston Haley, Dominique Jackson, Lestin Cook, Tytus Howard , Kayla Stephens, Destiny Williams, Erin Perry
4:50 pm - 5:50 pm	Session 5: Presentation 8. Elisha Dung 9. Diego Thompson 10. Travion Hodge	Session 6: Presentation 11. Anna Lindzy, Rita Detrick & Jeneve Brooks 12. Linda Stringfellow & Laura Jean Kerr	Session 7: Presentation 13. Kiani Warren 14. Irah Gates
Session 8: Ballroom - B			
6.00 pm - 7.00 pm	Reception Hosted by Academic Affairs, Alabama State University Poster Presentations: Linda Stringfellow (Chair)		
7.00 pm - 8.00 pm	PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS: Brenda I. Gill, PhD, Department of Criminal Justice and Social Sciences, Alabama State University		



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Time	Event		Location
8:00 am – 12:00 noon	Conference Registration		Theater Registration Desk 2 nd Floor Student Center
TIME	Theater	Ballroom-A	Ballroom-C
8:45 am - 9:45 am	Session 9: Presentation 15. Emery Kidd 16. Scottie Nelms 17. Ram Alagan & Robert White	Session 10: Presentation 18. Ismail Yigit 19. Willette Brye 20. Sharon Everhardt , Brenda Gill & Jonathan Cellon	Session 11: Presentation 21. Jesse Mckinnon 22. Iesha Brooks 23. Alecia Hoffman
10:00 am - 10:45 am	Session 12: Presentation (Theater) 24. Gabrielle Daniels & Jonathan Kubakundimana (Equal Justice Initiative) “EJI's Righting the Wrongs of Racism”		
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Session 13: Presentation 25. Robert Pickens 26. Christal Crear & Darien Reynolds 27. Lamonte Patterson	Session 14: Presentation 28. Dejanae Hayes Joshua Dow Armani Wadley & Jonathan Orta 29. Jamille Johns 30. Lauren Ferguson & Kim Steil	Session 15: Presentation 31. Noel Glover 32. Ebonee Carpenter 33. Naimah Fuller
12:15 am – 1:15 pm	Session 16: Panel 34. Seela Aladuwaka Brenda. Gill Ram. Alagan & Cheryl Lang	Session 17: Presentation 35. Keionna Harmon 36. Shanbai Yang 37. David Singleton	Session 18: Presentation 38. Denae Bradley 39. Alexis Carter 40. Meredith Moffett
LUNCH: Ballroom B			
1.20 pm – 2.20 pm	Awards Ceremony, Business Meeting, and Closing / Farewell		



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Examining Southern U.S. Social Issues from a Multidisciplinary Perspective THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

ASU - J. Garrick Hardy Student Center Ballrooms and Theater

Events	Time
REGISTRATION (all day) <i>Theater Registration Desk</i>	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (<i>Ballroom-B</i>)	9:30 am – 10.50 am
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN	11:00 am – 11.50 am
A-MSA WELCOME (<i>Theater</i>)	12:00 pm-12:50 pm

Brenda I. Gill, PhD, President, Alabama – Mississippi Sociological Association, Associate Professor of Sociology, Alabama State University

Anthony T. Adams, PhD, Dean, College of Liberal Arts and School of Social Sciences, Alabama State University

Dr. Quinton Ross Jr. President Alabama State University

PLENARY SESSION 1:00 pm-2:00 p. m. | Theater) **Ms. AUDRI SCOTT WILLIAMS**

“A Multi-Discipline Approach to Addressing the Challenges of Communities in Rural Alabama”

Time	Location	SESSION 1: <i>Graduates Recruitment / Career Interactive Workshop</i>
2:10 pm - 3:30 pm	Ballroom B	Graduate and Undergraduate Recruitment and Career Interactive Workshop Pearson Publishers Presentation Refreshments Hosted by Mississippi State University



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Time	Location	SESSION-2: “The Politics, Environmental Justice, and Law Enforcement in Alabama”
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Thursday
3.40 pm -4.40 pm

Theater

Chair: Ram Alagan

Marcia Rossi, Ram Alagan, Seela Aladuwaka: Alabama State University
“A Geospatial Analysis of Landfill Sites, Race, and Poverty in Alabama”

Alana Williams-Norman and Arthur Baylor, Alabama State University
“Law Enforcement Preventative Measures for Community Violence”

Time	Location	SESSION-3: Race, Gender and Community Health in AL
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Thursday
3.40 pm -4.40 pm

Ballroom A

Chair: Lynn Woo, University of Mississippi

Andrew Tatch, Mississippi State University
“Race and Gender Moderate the Positive Association between Depressive Symptoms and Hazardous Alcohol Consumption Among DUI Offenders”

Robbie Sanford, Troy University
“The Availability of Social Services for Adults with Marginal Intellectual Disabilities in Houston County, Alabama”

Lynn Woo, University of Mississippi
“Using the Community Health Initiative, New Pathways to Health and Opportunity, to Forge a New Path for Collegiate Student Engagement and Experiential Learning at the University of Mississippi”

Time	Location	SESSION-4: Voting Rights, Gender Inequality and Child Sexual Abuse
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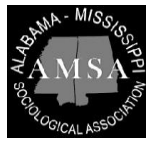
Thursday
3.40 pm -4.40 pm

Ballroom C

Chair: Tytus Howard, Alabama State University

Felicia Bell, Rosa Parks Museum at Troy University Montgomery
“Voting Rights Act of 1965: Relevant Now More Than Ever”

ASU Student Discussion:
Destinee Jackson, Korey Lewis, and Raven Walker;
Alabama State University
“Examination of Gender Inequality in Law Enforcement”



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Elston Haley, Dominique Jackson, Lestin Cook, and Tytus

Howard: Alabama State University

"The Long-Term Effects of Child Sexual Abuse in the United States"

Kayla Stephens, Destiny Williams, and Erin Perry, Alabama State

University, "The Effects of Bipolar Depression Leading to Suicide among African-American Adolescents in Montgomery, Alabama"

Time	Location	SESSION-5: <i>Mental Health, Immigrant Farmworkers, and Africa</i>
Thursday 4:50 pm - 5:50 pm	Theater	<p>Chair: Diego Thompson, Mississippi State University</p> <p>Elisha Dung, Alabama State University "The Spatial Distribution of Mental Health Facilities in Alabama: Appraising availability and accessibility using Geographic Information System (GIS)"</p> <p>Travion Hodge, Alabama State University "Why Africa Matters: Africa to America"</p> <p>Diego Thompson, Mississippi State University "Collective Agency and Social Inclusion of Immigrant Farmworkers in Rural Communities: A Multidisciplinary Perspective"</p>
Time	Location	SESSION-6: <i>Global Family, Anti-War Songs, and Photovoice</i>
Thursday 4:50 pm - 5:50 pm	Ballroom A	<p>Chair: Jeneve Brooks, Troy University</p> <p>Anna Lindzy, Rita Detrick & Jeneve Brooks, Troy University "Global Family References in Anti-War Songs"</p> <p>Linda Stringfellow, Delta State University & Laura Jean Kerr, Mississippi State University "Photovoice: 1000 Words with a Lasting Effect "</p>
Time	Location	SESSION-7: <i>Psychology, Poverty, and Children</i>
Thursday 4:50 pm - 5:50 pm	Ballroom C	<p>Chair: Andrew Tatch, Mississippi State University</p> <p>Kiani Warren, Trenholm State Community College "The Benefits of Psychology Applied to Legal Matters"</p> <p>Irah Gates, Rust College, MS "Poverty: The Impact on Children and Adolescents' Academic Performance in the Memphis metro Area"</p>



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Session 8: Ballroom - B

Thursday
6.00 pm - 7.00 pm

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

ASU - J. Garrick Hardy Student Center Ballrooms and Theater

Time	Event	Location
Friday 8:00 am– 12:00 noon	Conference Registration	Theater Registration Desk

Time	Location	SESSION-9: <i>Students Loans Management, Political District Gerrymandering and Obesity in Alabama</i>
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Chair: Linda Stringfellow, Delta State University

Emery Kidd, Alabama State University

“Student Loan Repayment, Credit, Savings Options, and Investing”

Friday
8:45 am - 9:45 am

Theater

Scottie Nelms, Alabama State University

“Effective Ways to Overcome Obesity in Alabama: What are Weight Loss Options for Those that Suffer from Obesity?”

Ram Alagan & Robert White, Alabama State University

The “CURVES”: Gerrymandering and Civil Rights

Time	Location	SESSION-10: <i>Health, Food Insecurity, and Barrier to Degree Attainment</i>
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Chair: Sharon Everhardt, Troy University

Ismail Yigit, Mississippi State University

“Health and Prejudice in the U.S.”

Friday
8:45 am - 9:45 am

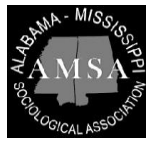
Ballroom A

Willette Brye, University of South Alabama

“Developmental Math as a Barrier to Degree Attainment”

Sharon Everhardt, Troy University, **Brenda I. Gill**, Alabama State University & **Jonathan Cellon**, Troy University

“Unpacking the Potential to Reduce Food Insecurity Among Alabama’s Children”



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Time	Location	SESSION-11: The Relationship and Migrations of the African Diaspora
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Chair: Jesse Mckinnon, Alabama State University

Alecia Hoffman, Alabama State University

“Trekking Across the Sahara: The Quest of Finding an Appropriate Lens to Analyze the Past and Present Migrations of the African Diaspora”

Friday
8:45 am - 9:45 am **Ballroom C**

Iesha Brooks, Alabama State University

“The Relationship Between the Living Conditions and Violence of the Inmates and the Effects It Has on the Correction Officers in the us Prison System”

Jesse Mckinnon, Alabama State University

“Health Issues in the Traditional Black Belt”

Time	Location	SESSION-12: EJI Workshop
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Chair: Sharon Everhardt, Troy University

Gabrielle Daniels & Jonathan Kubakundimana

Equal Justice Initiative

“EJI’s Righting the Wrongs of Racism”

Friday
10.00 am -10:45 am **Theater**

Time	Location	SESSION-13: Psychology for African American, Stereotypes in Birmingham, and Hookworm in Lowndes County
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Chair: Willette Bbye, University of South Alabama

Robert Pickens, Alabama State University

“What is psychology to us as an African American?”

Friday
11:00 am -12:00 pm **Theater**

Christal Crear & Darien Reynolds, Alabama State University

“The Great City of Birmingham; Stereotypes”

Lamonte Patterson, Alabama State University

“Hookworm in Lowndes County Alabama: A Causal Analysis”



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Time	Location	SESSION-14: <i>Juvenile Delinquency, Gun Violence, and American Entertainment</i>
Chair: Kim Steil, Hinds Community College		
Friday 11:00 am -12:00 pm	Ballroom A	Dejanae Hayes, Joshua Dow, Armani Wadley & Jonathan Orta, Alabama State University "Assessing the Causes and Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency from the Perspectives of Adults Aged 18-21 in Montgomery, Alabama"
		Jamille Johns, Alabama State University "Gun Violence Murder Rate Impacted Amongst African Americans Adolescents in Saint Louis, Missouri"
		Lauren Ferguson & Kim Steil, Hinds Community College "North American Midway Entertainment (NAME) employees at the Mississippi State Fair"
Time	Location	SESSION-15: <i>Relationship and People of Color in the Deep South</i>
Chair: Anthony T. Adams, Alabama State University		
Friday 11:00 am -12:00 pm	Ballroom C	Noel Glover, Millsaps College, MS. "Relationship Between Religion and Education"
		Ebonee Carpenter, The University of Mississippi "Queer as Folk: Examining Queer People of Color in the Deep South"
		Naimah Fuller, Producer/Writer/Director/Videographer "HOME the Documentary Movie"
Time	Location	SESSION-16: Panel - <i>"Me Too" and Beyond</i>
Chair: Seela Aladuwa, Alabama State University		
Friday 12:15 am -1:15 pm	Theater	Seela Aladuwa, Brenda I. Gill, Ram Alagan & Cheryl Lang Alabama State University "Challenges to Combating Sexual Violence: "Me Too" and Beyond"



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Time	Location	SESSION-17: <i>Women in STEM and Male Racial Wage Gaps</i>
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Friday

12:15 am -1:15 pm

Ballroom A

Chair, David Singleton, Mississippi State University

Keionna Harmon, University of Southern Mississippi
"Forced Judicial System of the "Streets"

Shanbai Yang, Millsaps College, MS.
"Women in STEM: A Possible Path to Gender Wage Parity"

David Singleton, Mississippi State University
"Assessing the Determinants of Male Racial Wage Gaps"

Time	Location	SESSION-18: Long Struggle for Equal Opportunity: Segregation of Education and American College Life
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Friday

12:15 am -1:15 pm

Ballroom C

Chair: LaCretia Williams, Alabama State University

Denae Bradley, University of Mississippi
"The Effects of Residential Segregation on Educational Achievement Gap s"

Alexis Carter, Millsaps College, MS.
"Long Struggle for Equal Opportunity, Equal Reward, and Equal Representation for Minorities in the US"

Meredith Moffett, Mississippi State University
"Adjusting to American College Life from an International Student's Perspective"

LUNCH and Awards Ceremony: Ballroom B		
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Friday

1:20 pm-2: 20 pm

Awards Ceremony, Business Meeting, and Closing / Farewell



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2018 COMPETITORS*

UNDERGRADUATES

“Women in STEM: A possible path to gender wage parity”

Shanbai Yang, Millsaps College

“Relationship between Religion and Education”

Noel Glover, Millsaps College

“Black American Education: Why It Is Essential to Black America’s Success, and a Look at the Types of People Who Have Achieved It”

Alexis Carter, Millsaps College

The Unspoken Judicial System of the City

Keionna Harmon, University of Southern Mississippi

“North American Midway Entertainment (NAME) employees at the Mississippi State Fair”

Lauren Ferguson, Hinds Community College

POSTER COMPETITION

“Why Elementary education is so important”

Alicia Dawson, Alabama State University

“Poverty and Healthcare in Rural Peru”

Kaelin Vaughn, Alabama State University

“The Graduation Rate of HBCU’s-A Way Forward”

Zachary Mack, Alabama State University

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



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2000	Danny Harrison	Distinguished Service	1985	Harold Kaufman	Tribute
2000	Billy Lindsey	Distinguished Service	1984	Ernst Borinski	Memorial Tribute
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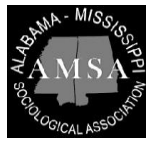


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