



Sociograph

June 2019

Annual Meeting 2019, Mankato

Join us in Mankato this October! This year's conference will focus on the promise of sociology. Sociologists of Minnesota invites students and applied sociologists to join faculty to share and reflect on what we do well. In a time where enrollments in sociology courses are down, and while facts and experts are astonishingly disregarded or discredited in public dialogue, it is a good time to remind ourselves and our students about our power as sociologists to be changemakers. The theme—**Sociology's Promise: Making Society Better for More People**—reflects this idea that understanding and improving society is fundamental to our discipline. The sessions will show how all of us—teachers, researchers, students, and applied sociologists—are using the wisdom and tools of sociology to create a better community and society.

A flyer for the Sociology's Promise conference. It features a blue triangle in the top left corner. The main text reads: 'SOCIOLOGY'S PROMISE: MAKING SOCIETY BETTER FOR MORE PEOPLE'. Below this is a quote: 'We all do better when we all do better - Paul Wellstone'. To the right is the SOM logo. At the bottom left, under the heading 'CONTACT', it lists Sarah Epplen, Program Chair, with her email 'sarah.epplen@mnsu.edu' and website 'http://www.socmn.org'. At the bottom right, a blue box contains the text 'FALL CONFERENCE', followed by 'OCTOBER 10-11, 2019' and 'Minnesota State University, Mankato'.

Call for Presentations

We welcome submissions for sessions, papers, posters, and panels. Please send the title of your paper, poster, or session and a brief (~150-word) abstract to Program Coordinator, Sarah Epplen at sarah.epplen@mnsu.edu with the subject line *Sociologists of Minnesota Submission*. If you would like to submit a paper or serve as panelist for one of the sessions listed below, please indicate the session title in your email. We welcome original research, works in progress, discussions on teaching and applied work, and much more from students, faculty, and applied sociologists.

Proposed Sessions (a sample)

- How Sociology can Change the World
- Making the Most of Your Sociology Club
- Careers in Sociology
- Applied Sociologists Panel
- Student Internship Panel
- Improving Student Data Literacy
- Unpacking Current Events
- Bringing Sociology to the Mainstream (or, how to get a sociologist's perspective in the news!)
- Teaching (or Abandoning) Contested Texts/ Authors
- Health, Illness, and Caring: Reimagining Sociology
- Public Policy, Civic Engagement, Rights, & Well-being

Caroline Rose Student Paper Competition

The Caroline Rose Student Paper Competition is a great opportunity for students to compete and present their work.

Caroline Rose Student Paper Competition Rules

1. The competition is open to any student who has written a paper while enrolled in a college or university in Minnesota during the 2017-2018 academic year. Only single-authored papers will be accepted.
2. The paper should not exceed 20 double-spaced pages, excluding appendices and references, and should also include a brief abstract. Please number the pages.
3. The student's name or institutional affiliation of the author must **not** appear in the text or in the abstract. The title of the paper should be included at the top of the first page of the text.
4. The names, telephone numbers, and email addresses of both the student and the faculty sponsor should be included in a separate cover page with the title of the paper.
5. Students who submit papers to this competition are encouraged to submit the same paper to sessions at the annual meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society or the American Sociological Association.
6. The winning authors are expected to be available to present their papers at the annual conference in October 10-11 in Mankato.
7. Papers involving human subjects must have Institutional Review Board (or its equivalent) approval and must note the receipt of approval in the methodology section of the paper.

The Sociologists of Minnesota is offering two cash prizes (first and second place) within each of the two divisions*. All winners receive free conference registration, meals, and membership in SOM. Winners can inquire about assistance toward accommodations and travel for Annual Conference of SOM held in October where paper winners are expected to present on their winning papers. Faculty, we encourage you to invite your students to enter their papers in recognition of their outstanding work under your guidance. Students, we welcome you to submit one or more papers. Such a submission (and win) looks good on your resume and/or graduate school application and recognizes your outstanding engagement as a student sociologist. Now is the time to remind your outstanding students to submit their papers to the SOM Student Paper Competition. Please indicate Undergraduate or Graduate division in your submission. *Please see the accompanying rules of the competition. If no acceptable papers, prizes will not be offered. Questions: Please contact Professor Odubote with any questions.
Deadline for Submissions: September 20, 2019

Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of the paper to: Andrew Odubote at Bethel, b-odubote@bethel.edu

2019 Conference Accommodations

We have reserved a block of rooms at AmericInn Hotel & Suites Mankato — Conference Center. Reserve by calling to get the **group rate** for Sociologists of MN (**\$79.99**/per night). Includes complimentary continental breakfast and access to indoor pool. AmericInn is just a few blocks away from MSU Mankato's Centennial Student Union where all sessions will be held.

AmericInn Hotel & Suites Mankato

240 Stadium Rd, Mankato, MN 56001

Phone: (507) 413-7360

Group Rate: \$79.99/night

Deadline to reserve: Sept. 30, 2019

Conference 2018 in Review

Sociologists of Minnesota held our 2018 meeting in St. Cloud. In addition to several quality sessions, Peter Rachleff, founding co-director



2018 Distinguished Sociologist Deborah White of Minnesota State University, Moorhead with SoM President Ajay Panicker

of the **East Side Freedom Library** (<http://eastsidefreedomlibrary.org>) in St. Paul, delivered an inspiring keynote address over dinner. We honored Deb White, of Minnesota State University, Moorhead, as 2018's Distinguished Sociologist. A few weeks after the conference, Deb won her election to serve on Moorhead City Council. Congratulations, Deb!!

SOM Business

Volunteering: Get involved in Sociologists of Minnesota! We are currently seeking students, faculty, and applied sociologists as volunteers!

To see our current list of the Board of Directors, visit:

<http://www.socmn.org/governance.html>

Membership: To become a member of Sociologists of Minnesota or to renew your membership:

1. Go to <http://www.socmn.org/membership-information.html> and download a copy of the membership form and mail to: Sadie Pendaz, SOM Treasurer, 4519 Drew Ave N. Robbinsdale, MN 55422
2. Pay online or include a check or money order made out to the Sociologists of Minnesota with your membership form.

Conference News: For Updates on Conference Planning and Details, visit:

<http://www.socmn.org/meeting-information>