



2019 Annual Conference
 October 10-11, 2019
 Centennial Student Union (CSU)
 Minnesota State University, Mankato

Sociology’s Promise: Making Society Better for More People

Thursday October 10

12:30-1:45	Room 202	<p>Workshop: Public Sociology and Teaching “One in Vermilion: A Student Storytelling Podcast” Timothy Loney, Vermillion Community College</p> <p>“Public Sociology and Teaching: How to Be Clear, Concise, and Convincing” Allison Nobles and Amy August, University of Minnesota</p> <p><i>The Society Pages (TSP) is an open-access, online social science project headquartered at the University of Minnesota that brings together research-based content written by its graduate student board and other sociological websites it hosts. In this session, TSP members draw on their experience translating sociological scholarship into clear, concise, and convincing short-form articles through a brief presentation and workshopping examples.</i></p>
12:30-1:45	Room 204	<p>Putting Sociology to Work in the Nonprofit Sector: How Sociologists Add Value to Nonprofits</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u> Kristi Rendahl, Minnesota State University Mankato Chelsea-Alexis Jackson, Minnesota State University Mankato Jennifer Pennington, Co-founder and Co-owner, Can Can Wonderland Reid Zimmerman, Author, Consultant, Adjunct Professor at MSU, Mankato Army Shukla, Program Evaluation Advisor, The Center for Victims of Torture</p>
2-3:15	Room 201	<p>Sociology Potpourri</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u> “Examining Table Service Through a Symbolic Interactionist Lens” Sam Orinstien, Minnesota State University Mankato</p> <p>“Jurors’ Constructions of Capital Defendants: The Role of Moral Foundations in Jurors’ Attributions and Sentencing Decisions” Tyler J. Vaughan, Minnesota State University Mankato</p>

“Homelessness: Scorn and Public Policy”, Keith Luebke, Professor Emeritus, Minnesota State University Mankato

Presider: Tyler Vaughan

Global Social Problems and Change

“Religion, Risk Society, and Wicked Environmental Problems: Assessing Values and Cultural Change” Lukas Szrot, Bemidji State University

“Saudi Religious Voice during Arab Spring: The Similarities and Differences” Hashem Alrefai, Minnesota State University Mankato

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“Role of International Factors in Genocide: UN in Bosnia and Herzegovina” Lejla Alvarez, Minnesota State University Mankato

“Rural Grocery Store Closures, Communities in Crisis” Monica Jarvi, University of Minnesota

Presider: Bridget Conlon

Using Controversial Social Science Readings, and Authors Amidst Controversy: A Panel and Discussion

Panelists:

Sadie Pendaz-Foster, Normandale Community College

Kirsten Olson, Anoka Ramsey Community College

Emily Boyd, Minnesota State University Mankato

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Sexualities

“The Lasting Effects of Sex Education: Comparing Comprehensive and Non-Comprehensive Sex Education (A Proposal), Emily Baker-Gunderson, Minnesota State University Mankato

“A Carnal Voice: Sexual Internal Dialogues in Self-Development” David Wahl, Iowa State University

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“A Needs Assessment for Workers in Minneapolis Strip Clubs” Eric Sprankle, Minnesota State University Mankato

““Best invention, second to the dishwasher””: Vibrators and Sexual Pleasure” Dennis Waskul and Michelle Anklan, Minnesota State University Mankato

Presider: Dennis Waskul

Plenary Session: Surviving Leukemia, Sustaining Self, Narrating Illness: An Autoethnography of Cancerland |

Steve Buechler, Professor Emeritus, Minnesota State University, Mankato

3:30-
4:45

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This talk has three broad aims, First, I will describe my prolonged treatment for acute myeloid leukemia, successfully culminating with a stem cell transplant. Second, I'll discuss the coping strategies I improvised that sustained me throughout the ordeal. Finally, I'll draw on the work of Canadian sociologist Arthur Frank who describes how ill persons tell three distinct types of stories. I illustrate how all three types of stories were organically interwoven in my own illness narrative even before I discovered Frank's illuminating work.

Steve Buechler will be selling copies of his memoir How Steve Became Ralph immediately after his plenary session from 4:45 to 5:30 on October 10. Stop by room 245 to pick up a signed copy or just to chat. See you there!

4:45-
5:30

Break or Social Time

(see the flyer at the registration desk for a list of things to do in the CSU)

5:30

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DINNER

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Words into Deeds: Making the Leap from Academics to Action |

Yurie Hong, Gustavus Adolphus College and Indivisible of St. Peter/Greater Mankato

6:30

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253-4-5

Education is a cornerstone of our democracy. In order for government of, for, and by the people to function, the people must be able to think critically and engage in deliberative decision-making. While academia provides many opportunities for developing these crucial analytical and communication skills, it can be challenging to translate these skills into real action. How do we use our voices, our abilities, and our talents to participate in the public sphere and bring about the kinds of changes we'd like to see in the world? By detailing her own path to a life of activism within academia, Professor Hong will demystify what it can look like to bridge the gap between a life of the mind and a life of engaged action.

Introduced by Margarita Ruiz, Minnesota State University, Mankato

Friday October 11

Workshop: Teaching and Enhancing Student Learning with Project-Based and Community-Engaged Classes

Carol Glasser, Minnesota State University Mankato

9:00-
10:15

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This session will explore and explain both project-based and community-engaged teaching models. Project-based models center activities and assessments around a developing project throughout the semester. Community-engaged learning, in this context, is focused on projects of direct benefit to, and often working alongside, area nonprofits or social justice advocates. Examples of successful class models utilizing these techniques will be presented to highlight various ways to implement them. The pedagogical impact they have on student learning outcomes will be discussed. How to develop these models for a face-to-face classroom will be discussed in depth and will touch on ways to incorporate these models into online classrooms.

Student Paper Competition Presentations

Presenters to Be Announced

9:00-
10:15

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Using Sociology to Make Change: Sociology Clubs and Student Activism

Panelists:

Killian Guthrie, Minnesota State University Mankato
Margarita Ruiz, Minnesota State University Mankato

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Health, Illness, and Caring

"It's Not Your Grandma's Juicing: The Latest Scoop on Vaping in Minnesota", Mary Kramer and Cecelia Schaefer, Minnesota State University Mankato

"From Magic Pill to Magic Hands: An Exploration of Patient-Careers in Chiropractic Care" Timothy Loney, Vermillion Community College

"Medical Sociology: Evolving Definitions" Saiful Islam, Minnesota State University Mankato

Presider: Saiful Islam

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Researching Families

"Same-Sex Sexual Behavior and the Risk of Divorce: The Role of Timing and Gender" Aaron Hoy, Minnesota State University Mankato

"Deciding to Divorce: A Critical Examination of the Literature on Same-Sex Relationships" Anfa Diiriye, Minnesota State University Mankato

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Presider: Aaron Hoy

Youth, Identity, and Competition

“Exploring Identity Negotiation in Dungeons and Dragons” Killian Guthrie, Minnesota State University Mankato

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“Get Serious or Just Be Done: How Kids’ Experiences of Competition Shape their Extracurricular Careers” Amy August and Jean Marie Maier, University of Minnesota

“Articulating the "Middle": Social Boundaries Beyond Honors Nerds and Bad Kids” Audrey Devine Eller, College of St. Scholastica

Presider: Bridget Conlon

Lunch and Documentary Film & Discussion

VOTING MATTERS: Fighting for Voter Rights (2018, 27 mins)

12:00-
1:15

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More than 50 years after the Voting Rights Act of 1965, one of the most extensive pieces of civil rights legislation, people of color across the United States still are engaged in a battle to protect their right to vote. VOTING MATTERS civil rights attorney Donita Judge working tirelessly on the ground and in the courts to ensure that they are not denied this right. When a key section of the Voting Rights Act was struck down in 2013, several states with a history of racial discrimination immediately attempted to pass laws that further restricted voter rights. This came in the form of limiting the window for voter registration, purging voters with inactive histories and requiring more restrictive forms of ID. There are currently 23 states with such voter restrictions.

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SOM Business Meeting, followed by Board Meeting

Meeting Adjourns

2019 Conference Committee

Sarah Epplen, MSU, Mankato (President-Elect and Program Coordinator)

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Andrew Odubote, Bethel University (Awards)

Killian Guthrie, MSU, Mankato (Support)

CONGRATULATIONS!!

CAROLINE ROSE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION WINNERS

Amy August, University of Minnesota (Graduate Paper)

"Parallel but Uneven Programs: The Hidden Curricula of Recreational and Developmental Girls' Gymnastics"

Sam Brickley, The College of St. Scholastica (Undergraduate Paper)

"Sources of College Information: The Key Influence of Parents and Friends"



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