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The official newsletter of the Georgia Sociological Association

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2015 Georgia Sociological Association Meetings

Dates: October 15-17

Jekyll Island Club, Jekyll Island, GA

50 Years of Building Bridges: GSA's Legacy & Future of Crossing Divides

Jekyll Island Club Hotel

Make your reservations now! You can not make reservations online. Please call the hotel at : (855) 535-9547 , press the option for group rates, and tell the operator you are with GSA. GSA group rates are \$159 per night, with added tax. There is also a \$5 per night hotel charge and a \$15 per night resort charge that are not included in the rate. If you are a state employee, remember to bring your state tax exemption form.

The hotel policies can be found at their [website](#). They require a credit card with reservation and will charge one night one month before your reservation.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

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To submit a PAPER, use FORM A.

To submit a WORKSHOP OR PANEL, use FORM B.

To submit to a paper to the STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION, use FORM C.

Please submit your proposal via e-mail (preferred) to alison.hatch@armstrong.edu.
Otherwise, mail to the address below.

Deadline: **September 18, 2015.**

Please indicate if you are submitting more than one paper or proposing more than one level of participation. **Use a separate form for each submission.**

If you have a date or time preference, please indicate this on the form and we will try to accommodate your needs.

Please submit early! We will notify you of your acceptance shortly after we receive a successful application, but the final program with exact dates and times will not be finalized until several weeks after the deadline. If you need a letter of participation to help secure funding, please submit your application as soon as possible and contact Dr. Alison Hatch for a letter.

All audio-visual materials must be saved on a USB drive and compatible with Microsoft Office.

FORM A – Paper Presentation – 2015 GSA Meetings

October 15-17 at the Jekyll Island Club in Jekyll Island, Georgia

Deadline: September 18, 2015. Email to alison.hatch@armstrong.edu

Title of Paper:

Author 1 Name:

Author 1 Affiliation:

Telephone:

Email:

List other authors and affiliation if needed:

Keywords (Used to organize sessions):

Abstract (**Max. 75 words**): (This will be used for developing the program. You will have time to re-write the abstract before the program goes to the printer if requested.)

Email to alison.hatch@armstrong.edu

Or send paper copy to:

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FORM B – COMPLETE SESSION PROPOSAL – 2015 GSA Meetings

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Deadline: September 18, 2015. Email to alison.hatch@armstrong.edu

Paper Session Panel Workshop Roundtable

(Check one only) Please use a separate form for each submission.

Title:

Moderator/Discussant's name:

Affiliation:

Telephone:

Email:

List other authors and affiliation if needed:

Abstract (**Max. 75 words**): (This will be used for developing the program. You will have time to re-write the abstract before the program goes to the printer if requested.)

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FORM C – STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION PROPOSAL –

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Deadline: September 18, 2015. Email to alison.hatch@armstrong.edu

Check one: Undergraduate Submission Graduate Submission

Student Name:

Institution:

Address:

Email:

Telephone: [_____] _____

Paper Title:

Please indicate: I will be available to present my paper at the 2015 GSA meeting in Jekyll Island, GA:

Yes

No

Sponsoring Faculty Information

The faculty member listed below can confirm that the student above wrote this paper with only mentorship from faculty.

Faculty Member's Name:

Title:

Department:

Institution:

Address:

Faculty Member's Email:

Telephone: [_____] _____

Completed Papers and entry forms must be received **by September 18, 2015**

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Membership and Registration Form
2015 Meeting of the Georgia Sociological Association
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Name: _____

Address: _____

Affiliation: _____

1. Annual Membership Dues (November 2015-November 2016)

Regular (\$35.00) Student (\$5.00)

Associate (\$10.00) Emeritus (\$10.00)

Honorary (\$0.00)

Are you a new member? Yes No \$ _____

2. Meeting Registration Fees*

Regular (\$85.00) Student (\$25.00)

Associate (\$50.00) Emeritus (\$25.00)

Nonmember (\$100.00) \$ _____

***Registration includes Friday's Business Luncheon & Awards Presentation.**

There are no registration options that do not included the Luncheon.

To help with our planning, please indicate your preference below:

YES, I plan to attend the Luncheon & Awards Presentation

NO, I do not plan to attend the Luncheon & Awards Presentation

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to the Georgia Sociological Association, and mail to:

Dr. Christy Flatt, Secretary-Treasurer, GSA

Gordon State College, Business & Public Service

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Call for Papers University of North Georgia 2016 Arts and Letters Conference February 26-28, 2016

Culture and Place

The 2016 University of North Georgia Arts and Letters Conference will explore the intersection of culture and place. Place is more than location—it is people, it is material, it is climate, it is culture. Places are made through human practices and institutions and are specifically designed and constructed to evoke memories, trigger identities, and embody histories in material form. Thus, the creation of place assigns meaning and helps to define who we are, and often, who we are not. We must ask not just how places come to be, but how and why they are important for social processes, cultural practices, and historical change. How do these connections play out? Are culture and place best understood as two separate entities, or as two dynamically related processes that are best understood through each other?

This interdisciplinary conference will take up these questions and others concerning culture and place. We welcome proposals from all disciplines on a wide range of topics. Possible themes include (but are not limited to):

How have climate, topography, etc., intersected with culture to shape political movements and/or the histories of states?

How have culture and place intersected to produce or perpetuate forms of (intersecting) oppression?

What is there to discover in the intersections of culture and place in music, literature, art, science, mathematics, history, philosophy, etc.?

How do places and material forms intersect with social practices, social structures, norms, values, power and inequality?

How are places made and shaped through cultural practices and cultural forms (such as tourism, development, popular culture, material culture, the environment, etc.)?

How are race, history, power, politics, memory, and culture emplaced?

The conference will be held on the Dahlonega Campus of the University of North Georgia. The keynote address will be given by Dr. Leonard Nevarez, Professor and Chair of Sociology and the Tatlock Chair of Multidisciplinary Studies at Vassar College. He received his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California at Santa Barbara. His research has examined how markets and their cultures transform places, formal organizations, and labor reproduction. He is the author of [*Pursuing Quality of Life: From the Affluent Society to the Consumer Society*](#) (Routledge, 2011) and [*New Money, Nice Town: How Capital Works in the New Urban Economy*](#) (Routledge, 2003). His latest project draws on his interest in musical urbanism: a study of creativity, alienation and place involving the case of Toronto and its greatest new wave group, Martha and the Muffins.

Please submit the following

1. An abstract of 300-400 words
2. Five key words
3. A brief biography

to: <http://digitalcommons.northgeorgia.edu/alconf/> by September 25, 2015.

Contact Sara Mason Sara.Mason@ung.edu or George Wrisley George.Wrisley@ung.edu with questions.



Clayton State University is pleased to accept spring and fall applicants for our

Master of Science Degree Program in CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The master degree program in Criminal Justice at Clayton State University emphasizes a comprehensive understanding of crime and criminal justice research, policy planning, and criminal justice administration. It also features curriculum for students who desire more advanced preparation for intended doctoral studies in criminology or criminal justice, and for students interested in pursuing careers as criminal justice research and policy analysts.

For more information, please contact Dr. Jason Davis, Criminal Justice graduate degree coordinator at JasonDavis@clayton.edu or (678) 466-4855 or visit the Office of Graduate Studies webpage at <http://www.clayton.edu/graduate>

Clayton State is a senior unit of the University System of Georgia located in Morrow, GA immediately south of Atlanta.

Special Thanks to Graduate Paper Award Competition Readers:

Dr. Jason Davis, Clayton State University

Ms. Emily Fortner, Jackson State Community College

Dr. Allen Kim, Clayton State University

Dr. Rafik Mohamed, Clayton State University

Dr. Le'Brian Patrick, Clayton State University

News From Our Colleagues Around the State

University of North Georgia

Dr. Jenny Vermilya joins the faculty of the University of North Georgia in Dahlonega this fall. Jenny received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Colorado at Boulder in May 2015. Her research and teaching specialties include gender, the social structure of veterinary medicine, social psychology and qualitative methods. Jenny hails originally from Georgia, earning both a B.A. and B.S. from the University of Georgia, and she has established research connections at the UGA School of Veterinary Medicine. Jenny has a philosophical bent as well, reflecting on the feelings of loss upon leaving friends in Colorado and wondering if perhaps she was going backwards, she quoted author Terry Pratchett's *A Hat Full of Sky* -- "Why do you go away? So that you can come back. So that you can see the place you came from with new eyes and extra colors. And the people there see you differently, too. Coming back to where you started is not the same as never leaving."

Gordon State College

On Saturday morning, March 7th, 20 Gordon State College Human Services students and 4 faculty joined tens of thousands of spectators in Selma, Alabama to participate in the 50th anniversary of "Bloody Sunday" along with a 100 members of congress, President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama. The GSC students and faculty members stayed throughout Spring Break as part of a service learning class to study the cultural and racial issues still prevalent in Selma and to assist the Freedom Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to reducing racial tension. This is the second year GSC students have traveled to Selma in connection with a program called Alternative Spring Break and will definitely not be the last.

Paine College News

The Iota Chapter of ADK at Paine College, Augusta, Georgia, inducted its newest members on Monday, April 20th, 2015 under the direction of Dr. Philip Thomas. This International Sociology Honor Society has been a key feature of the Social Sciences Department since 1991 and a gateway for many student scholars to graduate school and service opportunities. Dr. Lawanda Cummings was the speaker, encouraging students to find the population or issue that stirs up a fire within that can light the path toward excellence in service and scholarship. An honor cord and a certificate were bestowed to each student as a symbol of their academic achievements at Paine College and the expectation for them to further their academic statuses.

Congratulations to the 2015 inductees: Peter Thurmond, Kimberely Brown, Jon-Tyler Shaw, Elton Chrisp, Early Eckles, Herderson Ware II, Lashonda Canty, Be-Tesia Butler.



2014-2015 GSA Executive Committee

President: Michallene McDaniel, University of North Georgia

Past President: Ned Rinalducci, Armstrong State University

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Vice President: Alison Hatch, Armstrong State University

Secretary/Treasurer: Christy Flatt, Gordon State College

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Sara Mason, University of North Georgia

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Semaphore Newsletter Editor: Kathy Dolan, Georgia Perimeter College

Next Semaphore Deadline

November 15, 2015

Please send all newsletter items to Kathy.dolan@gpc.edu. We welcome news, opinions, announcements, and photos. Let everyone know what you and your students are up to!

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