



# Semaphore

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# From the President

Dear GSA Community,

I hope that everyone is enjoying a restful and productive summer!

I am thrilled to officially announce that our annual meeting will be in Columbus, Georgia, October 18-20. This will, to my knowledge, be our first time in Columbus and I think everyone will enjoy getting to know this charming historic city. I believe that our theme, “Sociologists on the Frontage: Making Sociology Visible,” continues to be incredibly relevant and I look forward to our annual gathering. In addition to presenting your own work, we hope that you will encourage your students to present. We have always been a very student friendly conference. And don’t forget about our student paper competition. Our call for papers, included in this issue, includes the submission form.

As indicated in my last message, if numbers warrant it, we do anticipate some changes to our past schedule. Specifically, we will have more sessions on Thursday. I am also bringing back the President’s Reception, which will take place on Thursday night. On Friday night we will have Trivia, hosted by our very own Michallene McDaniel. Mich hosted a trivia night a few years ago and it was a big hit with everyone.

See you all in Columbus!!

Sincerely,

Sara F. Mason

President

# Book Your Room for the Annual Meeting Today!

The annual meeting will be held at the Columbus Marriott, located in downtown Columbus, Georgia. There is a room block with a special rate of 139.00 (+taxes) per night (includes a breakfast voucher). This historical property includes a converted historic mill and is within walking distance of the waterfront and is adjacent to a downtown area with several options for food and entertainment. You can call Marriott reservations at 1 (800) 228-9290 or (706) 324-1800 or you can book on-line using the following link:

[Book your group rate for Georgia Sociological Association Annual Meeting Oct2018](#)

The room block is limited and is only available until Tuesday, September 18, 2018, so don't procrastinate! After that date the negotiated rate is not guaranteed. Also, please note that an historic hotel comes with extra charm, but some quirks. There is a train that runs through town right outside of the historic part of the hotel. If this might be an issue for you, be sure to request a room on the pool side of the hotel (away from the train).

## **GSA's 2018 Sociologist of the Year Named**

This year's Sociology of the Year will be awarded to Dr. Mindy Stomblor of Georgia State University. Dr. Stomblor earned her Ph.D. at Florida State University and spent a brief time at Texas Tech University before landing at GSU in 2000, where she is currently a Principal Senior Lecturer and Director of Instruction. She is also an Affiliate of the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Institute at Georgia State. Dr. Stomblor has received wide recognition for her teaching, including the Southern Sociological Society's Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award. Teacher training is also a passion for Dr. Stomblor. She directs the Graduate Teacher Training Program at GSU, which provides comprehensive training before graduate students enter the classroom. This important work has earned Dr. Stomblor the Pedagogical Mentorship Award from The Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning at Georgia State University and the Carla B. Howery Award for Developing Teacher-Scholars from the Teaching and Learning Section of the American Sociological Association. Dr. Stomblor has also co-authored numerous textbooks.

Dr. Stomblor's research focuses on the production of collective identities, including work on how men in gay fraternities reproduce hegemonic masculinity (with King-To Yeung and Renee Wharton) and how Black and White fraternity little sisters/sweethearts were differentially exploited by and resisted fraternity men. Her current research focuses on power relations and oral sex, as well as a variety of pedagogical issues. Her work can be found in a wide range of journals, including *Social Problems*, *Gender & Society*, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, and *Teaching Sociology*.

Dr. Stomblor will receive her award at the annual meeting of the Georgia Sociological Society, October 18-20 in Columbus, Georgia.

# Call for Papers

GSA Annual Meeting CFP and Submission Form

## CALL FOR PAPERS

2018 Georgia Sociological Association Meeting

Dates: October 18-20

[Columbus Marriott](#)

700 Front Avenue

## **Sociologists on the Frontstage: Making Sociology Visible**

1. To submit a PAPER, use FORM A.
2. To submit a WORKSHOP OR PANEL, use FORM B.
3. To submit to a paper to the STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION, use FORM C.
4. Please submit your proposal via e-mail to Darina Lepadatu:  
dlepadat@kennesaw.edu.
5. Deadline: **September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**
6. 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.**
7. 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. Sara Mason for a letter.

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

# **FORM A – Paper Presentation – 2018 GSA Meeting**

October 18-20 at Columbus Marriott

Deadline: September 7<sup>th</sup>. Email to [dlepadat@kennesaw.edu](mailto:dlepadat@kennesaw.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. 100 words**): (This will be used for developing the program. Please do not go over the word limit!)

**Email (preferred) to [dlepadat@kennesaw.edu](mailto:dlepadat@kennesaw.edu)**

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**FORM B – COMPLETE SESSION PROPOSAL – 2018 GSA  
Meeting**

October 18-20 at Columbus Marriott

Deadline: September 7<sup>th</sup>. Email to [dlepadat@kennesaw.edu](mailto:dlepadat@kennesaw.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. 100 words**): (This will be used for developing the program. Please do not go over the word limit!)

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**FORM C – STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION PROPOSAL –  
2018 GSA Meetings**

October 18-20 at Columbus Marriott

Deadline: September 7<sup>th</sup>. Email to [dlepadat@kennesaw.edu](mailto:dlepadat@kennesaw.edu)

**Check one:**             **Undergraduate Submission**     **Graduate  
Submission**

**Student Name:**

**Institution:**

**Email:**

**Telephone:**    [\_\_\_\_] \_\_\_\_\_

**Paper Title:**

**Please indicate:**    **I will be available to present my paper at the 2018 GSA  
meeting in Columbus, 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:**

**Faculty Member's Email:**

**Telephone:**    [\_\_\_\_] \_\_\_\_\_

Completed Papers and entry forms must be received by **September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**



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## Georgia Undergraduate Research Conference

### Call for Proposals: Georgia Undergraduate Research Conference

The Georgia Undergraduate Research Conference is a regional, multidisciplinary conference open to undergraduates both within Georgia and beyond. We are currently soliciting abstracts for GURC 2018 conference to be held November 2 – 3, 2018, at the University of North Georgia's Gainesville campus. GURC welcome all fields of research and creative activities. We invite you to join us for our 2018 conference to present your research, performances, or artwork and learn more about the exciting undergraduate work being conducted by other students in the region.

#### Abstract Guidelines:

We seek abstracts of no more than 300 words describing your research and/or creative activity. All abstracts should be submitted through the Digital Commons portal here. The deadline to submit abstracts is September 21, 2018 at midnight.

On the whole, abstracts should clearly explain the project's purpose, offer an overview of the scholarly context of the project, include any methodological approaches used, and discuss the outcomes of the project. GURC also welcomes in-process projects that may not be completely finalized by the conference. Strong abstracts will make a clear case for the significance or relevance of the project to the larger field of inquiry. You may include references, but they are not required.

Abstracts should be well-written, well-organized, and adhere to the standards of academic writing. Please be sure to proofread carefully as selected abstracts will be posted online. Note: Abstracts for the visual arts may also upload an image of their artwork under the "additional files" tab. Abstracts for the performing arts may also upload a video under the "additional files" tab. These additional files are not required; an abstract will suffice.

Each presentation room will be equipped with a computer, internet, wifi, and an overhead projector.

#### Awards:

GURC offers several awards for outstanding undergraduate research based on pre-submitted full works. Note that while an abstract is sufficient for submission for the conference, to be eligible for an award, you must also submit a full copy of your poster, presentation, essay, visual work, or performance to Digital Commons by September 21, 2018 at midnight. Please upload your final award submission under the "Additional Files" tab.

The portal for Abstracts will be open in a few weeks at [www.ung.edu/curca](http://www.ung.edu/curca)

# Job Announcement

## University of West Georgia

The College of Social Sciences of the University of West Georgia invites applications and nominations for the position of Chair of the Department of Criminology to begin July 1, 2019.

The successful candidate will be a teacher of excellence and an accomplished scholar. She or he should possess the ability to lead a diverse department that houses several academic programs and hold a record of commitment to diversity and inclusion.

The chair will serve as a member of the College of Social Sciences Administrative Council and be responsible for administrative leadership of a department with 16 full-time faculty, 1 full-time staff, 650+ majors in an undergraduate program that can be completed face-to-face or fully-online, and a growing master's degree program.

Qualified applicants must meet criteria for the rank of full professor at the time of appointment. The chair position is a renewable 12-month contract. A Ph.D. in criminology/criminal justice or a closely related field and a record of excellence in teaching, scholarly achievement, and leadership are required.

UWG is classified as a Doctoral Comprehensive University by the USG system. On a residential campus with over 13,000 students, UWG offers more than 100 degree programs. UWG is located in Carrollton Georgia, just 45 minutes west of Atlanta. Named a City of Excellence in Georgia and listed as one of the 50 Best Small Southern Towns, Carrollton is a cultural, educational, health care, and commercial center for the west Georgia region.

Applicants should submit a letter of interest that addresses the academic and administrative qualifications for this position, a curriculum vitae, contact information for five references, and a statement on leadership philosophy to Dr. N. Jane McCandless, Search Committee Chair, uwgcrim@westga.edu.

Screening of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Finalists will be required to submit to a criminal background check. We welcome applications from women and minorities. The University of West Georgia is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer/Americans with Disabilities Act institution.

# News

## Albany State University

Dr. Pamela Pitman Brown was named 2018-2019 Faculty Fellow within the ASU Center for Faculty Excellence (CFE). She was one of 5 chosen for the fellowship. During the next year she will be working closely with Dr. Dorene Medline, Director of the CFE, developing and leading her proposal "Pedagogic Initiative: Utilizing Momentum Year in Support of ASU's Plan of Student Success," by reinvigorating the sociology curriculum and conducting surveys of both faculty and students.