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Save the Date: GSA Keynote Lecture and Business Meeting: November 6th, 2020!! Instead of our face to face conference, we will organize a virtual Keynote Lecture (11/6/20 from 11am-12 pm) and virtual GSA Business Meeting (11/6/20 from 12- 1:30 pm). A Zoom link will be provided in advance of the meeting and the Sociologist of the Year Keynote Lecture will be recorded for those who cannot attend.

From the President

"In the midst of every crisis, lies great opportunity" - Albert Einstein

As we start the first day of school in the University System of Georgia, let's not forget that these are incredible times for the teaching of Sociology and the development of sociological imagination. We have it all this year: from health disparities to racial injustice and inequality, politics, religion and society, the symbolism of the mask (symbolic interactionism) to gender and race in politics, unemployment, essential workers and remote work, from the role of the police to the meaning of American identity and the US place in the world. Amidst all this stress and anxiety, we should not forget how fun it is to involve our Sociology and Criminal Justice students in the deep understanding of empirical evidence and theoretical interpretations of the events unfolding before us this year. Have fun, my friends!!

Sincerely,

Darina Lepadatu

President

Membership Renewal

GSA Members,

Please remember to renew your membership by October 31st to maintain the \$35 price. Renewing your membership helps support student scholarships offered by GSA.

Announcement

Dear GSA Colleagues,

Thank you for participating in our recent survey and for submitting your comments and nominations. Your feedback showed strong support for the GSA Executive Board recommendations. Consequently, we will follow through with the following recommendations:

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2. **GSA Elections.** Per our GSA ByLaws, we will organize elections one month prior to the conference. The current officers including the members at Large who are interested will have the opportunity to run for one more year, so they can deliver a traditional face-to-face conference in 2021.
3. **GSA Membership.** We are strongly encouraging you to renew your GSA membership (35\$ for regular members) by October 30, 2020. Your membership dues will help sponsor the student awards and scholarships. Thank you in advance for renewing your GSA membership!
4. **GSA Awards.** Please send your applications and encourage your colleagues and students to apply for the GSA Awards. Please find below the new guidelines for the Sociologist of the Year Award, GSA Teaching Award, GSA Scholarship Award, GSA Meritorious Service Award and Student Paper Awards (undergraduate and graduate awards). Please submit your nominations to Darina Lepadatu dlepadat@kennesaw.edu by Monday, September 7, 2020.

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Student Paper Awards. We are looking for well written and articulate papers that are sociological in nature. Special consideration will be given to papers that:

-apply sociological themes, theories and analysis

-discuss research projects conducted by the author(s)

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We would like to wish strength and lots of great health for the new academic year. Thank you for everything that you do for your communities during these times of need.

Darina Lepadatu, President of GSA

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Statement on the Current Protests and Ahmaud Abery's and George Floyd's Killings

June 3rd, 2020

Georgia Sociological Association stands in solidarity with those who are calling for an end to racism (systemic, institutional, structural), racial violence, and police brutality. As Georgians, we have watched the video of the killing of one of our own, Ahmaud Abery, and have viewed another murder on tape of George Floyd in the past week. The violent police assault on two young AUC students in Atlanta during the protests highlights yet again that Georgians are being affected by racial violence, profiling, stereotyping, and a continued assault on our black and brown colleagues, students, and citizens.

Looking back at our Georgian sociological roots, we have been able to march with Dr. King (a sociology graduate at Morehouse) and Reverend Abernathy (a sociology graduate at Atlanta University) during the Albany Movement for Civil Rights. We have had Dr. WEB DuBois (a Sociologist) highlight the racial discrimination and social problems focusing on black Georgians while living in Atlanta and working with Atlanta University. During this time, he highlighted the black conditions, and the racism across Georgia, publishing texts that continue to be used in our sociology courses across the state. As Dr. DuBois noted after a lynching in Newnan, "one could not be a calm, cool, and detached scientist," while people were being lynched and murdered. After the Atlanta Race Riots in 1906, he penned "A Litany of Atlanta," noting that "we are not better than our fellows" and brought attention to the perpetrators of violence against Atlanta's black citizens. It is in the frame of DuBois, King, and Abernathy that we as sociologists cannot remain detached scientists while black citizens are murdered. **We see you; we hear you; we stand with you.**

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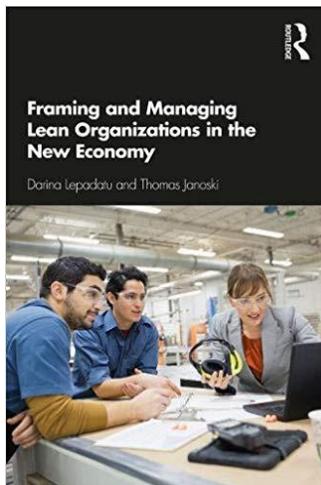
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News

New book by GSA President Darina Lepadatu

Dr. Darina Lepadatu has published the book " Framing and Managing Lean Organizations in the New Economy" with co-author Thomas Janoski. The book was published by Routledge and is available on

<https://www.routledge.com/Framing-and-Managing-Lean-Organizations-in-the-New-Economy/Lepadatu-Janoski/p/book/9781138499102>



Scholar of the Year

Dr. Pamela Pitman Brown was selected "Scholar of the Year" at Albany State University.



Journal of Public and Professional Sociology

- *The Journal of Public and Professional Sociology (JPPS)* is the official publication of the Georgia Sociological Association. It is published on the Digital Commons platform at Kennesaw State University and is fully online. We publish 1-2 issues per year. The first issue was in 2005, then a hiatus until 2008. Brought to current platform in 2009 by Dr. Mel Fein, who died in 2019.
- Currently, we are in Volume 12, Issue 1, published in July 2020.
- The objective of the journal is to increase our sociological knowledge on both pure and applied levels. JPPS intends to serve as a platform for genuine efforts to expand what we know about how the social world works and/or how it can be made to work.
- ISSN: 2154-8935
- <https://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/jpps/>

Benefits of Publishing in JPPS

- Listed in Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) (as of 2020)
- No fee for publishing
- No print version embargo-immediate access to articles
- Peer-reviewed
- All authors receive impact reports
 - Author dashboard-global readership distribution by country
- PLUMX metrics (measures of the way people interact with the research)
 - number of times downloaded, abstracts read, usage, and social media

Types of manuscripts suitable for this journal

- Original research-new knowledge
- Theoretical or synthesis pieces
- Evaluation of programs or interventions
- Pedagogy
- Book reviews

Tips for Potential Authors

- Audience is well-versed in basic sociological terms and methods
 - Do not write in the style of a term paper or textbook
- Do not include identifying information
- IRB/documentation of human subjects' risk must be demonstrated
- Edit, edit, edit

- Double check for flow, typos, references
- We accept ASA or APA style
- Look for call for special issues-these have a high acceptance rate
- Don't be discouraged by reviews-make changes and resubmit.

Thanks

Thank you to the active members of the Editorial Board, particularly Al and Michelle McCormick, Fred Zampa, Rodger Bates, and Donald Gregory. Also, thanks to those of you who have reviewed manuscripts. I appreciate your service! Also, please say thanks to Deputy Editor Brandon Attell and Web Editor Aajay Murphy. They make the journal come to life.

Linda Treiber, Editor

Calls for Papers

Mid South Sociological Association:

<http://www.midsouthsoc.org/>



46th Mid-South Sociological Association VIRTUAL Annual Conference Post Fact Society: Sociological Solutions for the War on Truth October 14-17, 2020

Mid-South Sociological Association, Inc.
Call for Papers

We are going virtual! With this switch, we remain dedicated to continuing the tradition of promoting excellence in teaching, research, networking, and mentoring.

- Timely and pertinent sessions contributing to evolving contemporary sociological conversations
- Panels and workshops
- Collegial learning environment, mentoring opportunities, and scholarships
- Undergraduate & graduate student paper competitions, Stanford Lyman book award
- Keynote address by James Loewen (author of *Lies my Teacher Told Me*)

Submission deadline: August 25, 2020

Submit your paper title, abstract, and specific session title to the session organizer(s) listed in the full list of sessions, available at <http://www.midsouthsoc.org>

If you have any additional questions, please email MSSA, Inc. President-Elect Tina Deshotels at tdeshotels@jsu.edu

Georgia Undergraduate Research Conference

https://www.westga.edu/academics/research/our/gurc_homepage.php

The Georgia Undergraduate Research Conference is a regional, multidisciplinary conference open to undergraduates both within Georgia and beyond. GURC 2020 will be held virtually and hosted by the University of West Georgia on **October 23-24, 2020**. GURC welcomes all fields of research and creative activities. Students whose abstracts are accepted are expected to attend and present.

Use this application to submit an abstract of no more than 300 words for a presentation in one of the following formats:

- Oral Presentation (for individual submission or full panels/sessions)
- Poster Presentation (for research or creative works)
- Visual Arts Presentation (for sculpture, painting, photography, etc.)
- Performance Presentation (for drama, music, theater, creative writing, etc.)

Your submitted abstract will be routed to two GURC faculty reviewers. You are encouraged to work on your abstract and submission with your faculty sponsor.

Generally, abstracts should:

- Clearly explain the project's purpose and/or research question(s)
- Offer an overview of the scholarly context of the project
- Include any methodological approaches used
- Discuss the outcomes of the project
- Make a clear case for the significance or relevance of the project to the larger field of inquiry
- Include references (but they are not required)
- Be well-written, well-organized, and adhere to the standards of academic writing
- Be written for an educated audience, though not necessarily in your exact field

Additional information:

- Abstracts for the visual arts should also upload an image(s) of their artwork.
- Abstracts for the performing arts may also upload a video. These additional files are not required; an abstract will suffice.
- Please be sure to proofread carefully as selected abstracts may be posted online.
- GURC also welcomes in-process projects that may not be completely finalized by the conference.

Acceptances will be sent in early-October.

The deadline to submit an abstract is **September 10, 2020**.

For further information, please visit the GURC website here:

https://www.westga.edu/academics/research/our/gurc_homepage.php