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## Letter from the President

Dear GSA Community,

Greetings!

I hope everyone is gearing up for their fall semester and is also getting ready for our more normal annual conference! Our theme is **Under Restriction: Social Science (and Life) in Today's South**. While we are mainly concerned with college students, if you are following the news, it is becoming a problem even for K12! We would love to have some great conversations on how we can best teach under these restrictions, how to protect our academic freedom and how we can protect ourselves! We would also like to invite other social scientists and if you know of others in our surrounding states, be sure to invite them as well.

While marking your calendars for November 3-5th at Callaway Gardens and writing your abstract don't forget to register for the conference! I for one am super excited about our topic and even more excited about our rates for the conference! As you know previously we were booked at the old lodge for \$119 a night with a \$5 resort fee...well, due to a ton of changes at Callaway we are now at the new lodge and spa for the same price! You will want to come and enjoy the gardens and the conference! It will be a beautiful time of year as they are getting ready for their busy fall Thanksgiving and Christmas displays. Also, the rooms are super affordable for the students!

Don't forget that it is time to elect officers for the upcoming year! It is a great way to get involved in the organization and to add your voice to what we are doing in Georgia and beyond.

See you all soon. November will be here before we know it!

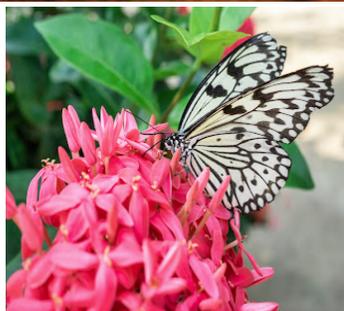
Pamela Pitman Brown (She/Her/Hers)

GSA President  
Associate Professor of Sociology  
Albany State University

## Georgia Sociological Association Annual Conference Registration and Booking

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Callaway Resort & Gardens, GA**



We are all excited to welcome you to the 2022 GSA annual conference which will take place on November 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at Callaway Resort & Gardens. Located sixty miles Southwest of Atlanta, Callaway is a world away – with beautiful natural scenery, world-class amenities, and elegant settings.

We will be at the New Lodge and the Spa! Our room rate is \$119 a night with a \$5 dollar resort fee. Normal pricing NOW is \$350 a night with a \$30 resort fee! Book before October 1st for the discount!

Call the dedicated Georgia Sociological Associate line (1.844.993.9779) to make your room reservation!

FOLLOW THIS LINK TO GET REGISTERED FOR THE CONFERENCE by Oct. 1st  
[https://www.georgiasociology.com/conference\\_registration2021.html](https://www.georgiasociology.com/conference_registration2021.html)

## Call for Papers



### CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

2022 Georgia Sociological Association Meeting

Dates: November 3-5

Callaway Resort & Gardens

## **Under Restriction: Social Science (and Life) in Today's South**

The restrictions that are being placed on teaching, researching, and “doing” social science across the U.S. and in particular the Southern States is disheartening. For those in the teaching profession at post-secondary institutions it can feel as if we are navigating political landscapes that are unfamiliar. For the 57th annual meeting of the Georgia Sociological Association, the executive board welcomes and encourages submissions under the following concepts:

- Protection of academic freedom in teaching subject matter
- Interacting with students in the era of radicalized polarizing political discourse
- Zoomification and surveillance of faculty/students
- Being a social scientist in an era of polarization
- Interacting with the Media and Political Responses
- Protecting yourself as an academic
- Student reactions to current climate/shift in learning
- Political Climate at higher educational institutions
- Doing social science research in unprecedented historical times

**Please use the online forms detailed below for each submission:**

FORM A- Single Paper Presentation Proposal

[https://gsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1H11UkqoTqTMvdk](https://gsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1H11UkqoTqTMvdk)

FORM B- Workshops and Full Panel Proposals:

[https://gsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_efjFLhTFc35DXFk](https://gsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_efjFLhTFc35DXFk)

Email: Darina Lepadatu for student paper award submissions at [dlepadat@kennesaw.edu](mailto:dlepadat@kennesaw.edu)

Email: Pamela Pitman Brown for faculty award applications at [pamelapitmanbrownphd@gmail.com](mailto:pamelapitmanbrownphd@gmail.com)

\*Please see full details below about paper, panel, workshop, student paper and award nomination submissions

**Submissions should be completed by September 15th, 2022.**

We will notify you of your acceptance shortly after we receive a successful application, but the final program with exact dates and times will be finalized around mid-October.

Below Please find below information about the following:

1. FORM A for PAPER PRESENTATIONS
2. FORM B for WORKSHOP AND FULL PANELS
3. GSA STUDENT PAPER AWARDS
4. GSA FACULTY AWARDS

## **FORM A – Paper Presentation – 2022 GSA Meeting**

November 3-5 at Callaway Gardens and Resort

Deadline: September 15th

Please submit your paper proposal by clicking on the link below:

FORM A- Single Paper Presentation Proposal

[https://gsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1H11UkqoTqTMvdk](https://gsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1H11UkqoTqTMvdk)

The form will be submitted to Brandon Attell automatically. Please direct any questions to him at [battell1@gsu.edu](mailto:battell1@gsu.edu) with GSA 2022 in the subject line.

Brandon Attell

Vice President of Georgia Sociological Association

Senior Research Associate at Georgia Health Policy Center

## **FORM B – Complete Session Proposal – 2022 GSA Meeting**

November 3-5<sup>th</sup> at Callaway Gardens & Resort

Deadline: September 15th.

Please submit your proposal by clicking on link below:

FORM B- Workshops and Full Panel Proposals:

[https://gsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_efFLhTFc35DXFk](https://gsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_efFLhTFc35DXFk)

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## Student Paper Awards

### **2022 GSA Meeting Student Paper Awards**

Deadline: September 15th  
Email to [dlepadat@kennesaw.edu](mailto:dlepadat@kennesaw.edu)

GSA offers First Place, Second Place and Third Place Awards for both the Undergraduate and Graduate Student Paper competition. 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)

-length and format: min. 15 pages (undergraduate papers) and min. 20 pages (graduate papers), Times New Roman 12 double space. Papers should follow the American Sociological Association guidelines in format and paper structure, and should have a cover page including the title, student name and affiliation, student status (undergraduate or graduate student), faculty advisor name and affiliation, and short abstract of no more than 200 words. While faculty advisors may provide mentorship on student's work, the student papers submitted for this competition must be entirely authored by the student.

- student award winners must be available to present their papers and receive the award in person at the 2022 GSA Conference

**Completed Papers must be received by September 15th, 2022**

**Completed Student Papers should be emailed to Darina Lepadatu as Past President at [dlepadat@kennesaw.edu](mailto:dlepadat@kennesaw.edu)**

Darina Lepadatu, PhD  
Past President of GSA  
Professor of Sociology, Kennesaw State University

## GSA Faculty Awards Guidelines

### 2022 GSA Meeting Faculty Award Guidelines

Deadline: September 15<sup>th</sup>

Email: [pamelapitmanbrownphd@gmail.com](mailto:pamelapitmanbrownphd@gmail.com)

**Sociologist of the Year Award.** The purpose of this lifetime achievement award is to solicit nominations in order to recognize an outstanding sociologist who made a significant impact in the field of Sociology in the state of Georgia. The application should include: 1) letter of support offering a brief rationale for nomination; 2) Curriculum Vitae of nominee. 3) a brief narrative highlighting the nominee's impact in the field of Sociology (up to 3 pages). Self-nominations are also accepted. All the application materials should be submitted as one PDF document.

**Meritorious Service Award.** The purpose of this award is to recognize the outstanding service of a GSA member for our professional association. The application should include: 1) letter of support offering a brief rationale for nomination; 2) Curriculum Vitae of nominee. 3) brief narrative highlighting the nominee's service engagement with the GSA. All the application materials should be submitted as one PDF document.

**Outstanding Teaching Award** The purpose of this award is to honor a GSA member for outstanding contributions to the teaching of sociology at the undergraduate and/or graduate level. The recipients of the award must be members of the GSA with a minimum of 5 years teaching experience. The award recipient will be invited to share their teaching expertise during a Teaching related presentation/ workshop at the GSA annual conference. The applications should include: 1) Curriculum Vitae; 2) a brief narrative highlighting the candidate's excellence in teaching (up to 3 pages); 3) relevant supporting materials (syllabi, data analysis of student evaluations, textbooks, manuals, or any other evidence that demonstrate excellence in teaching); 4) minimum one letter of support explaining how the nominee has excelled in the teaching of sociology. All the application materials should be submitted as one PDF document.

**Outstanding Publication Award** The purpose of this award is to honor a GSA member for an outstanding peer reviewed publication (e.g. book/ journal article). The recipient of the award must be a member of the GSA. The award recipient will be invited to discuss about the research publication during a Research related presentation/ workshop/ Meet the Author session at the GSA annual conference. The publication submitted should have a publication date in the past two years. The applications should include: 1) Curriculum Vitae; 2) PDF copy of the publication; 3) short narrative highlighting the quality and significance of the publication; 4) relevant supporting materials to show the significance and impact of the publication (book reviews, impact/ citation factor, book sales, course adoption etc.). All the application materials should be submitted as one PDF document.

Please forward your application for these awards to: Pamela Pitman Brown, PhD, President of GSA, [pamelapitmanbrownphd@gmail.com](mailto:pamelapitmanbrownphd@gmail.com) by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## News and Notes

### Call for Papers – JPPS “Teaching Sociology in Challenging Times”

*The Journal of Public and Professional Sociology*

Special Issue:

**“Teaching Sociology in Challenging Times”**

Submissions due January 31, 2023

Even under ideal conditions, teaching sociology can be challenging. Recent attacks on academic freedom involving core sociological areas of race, sexuality, gender, and privilege have made quality teaching even more important. Likewise, management of COVID-19 has required changes in course delivery, necessitating a variety of modalities. To complicate matters, working from home questions the notion of work-life balance. Although barriers exist, sociologists also consider unintended positive consequences and potential benefits associated with these challenges.

**For this special issue of *JPPS* we invite theoretical, applied, and empirical manuscripts that address how sociologists teach in challenging times.**

Topics might include:

- Work-life balance issues
- Managing internships and experiential learning
- Reinvigorating study abroad
- Teaching core sociological areas
- Navigating censorship in course content
- Teaching about COVID-19
- Using hybrid and online modalities
- Face-to-Face teaching challenges
- Innovative sociological programs
- Unintended positive consequences and benefits
- Other ideas?

Manuscripts can be a short report (suggested length: 10 to 20 pages; word count: 2,500-5,250 words) or a longer article (suggested length: 21 to 25 pages; word count: 5,250-7,000 words). More extensive manuscripts will be considered as space permits.

Manuscripts should be prepared following guidelines established in the publication manual of American Sociological Association (ASA Style) or American Psychological Association (APA Style).

Please submit manuscripts by 31 January 2023 at:  
[The Journal of Public and Professional Sociology](#)

For more information, please contact Dr. Linda Treiber, *JPPS* Editor, at  
[ltreiber@kennesaw.edu](mailto:ltreiber@kennesaw.edu)