



MICHIGAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

November 2, 2024

Conference Program



“Diversity. Equity and Inclusion: Sociology Today” Keynote address by Dr.
David Luke

Concurrent Sessions I

8:30-9:45

Equitable Development I—Room 115

Session Chair: Joe Verschaeve, Grand Valley State University

Warren Fincher, Saginaw Valley State University

Title: Manifesting the Absent: Pilgrimage Sites and the Power of Placedness in India

Nicole Horne, Grand Valley State University

Title: Water Challenges and Development in Coastal Ghana

Allison Stephens, Grand Valley State University

Title: What White People Give

Panel: Politics, Government and Democracy—Room 117

Session Chair: Nick Budimir, Muskegon Community College

Roger Moiles, Grand Valley State University

Diane Emling, Northwestern Michigan College

Title: Bowling Alone: A Sociological look at Campaign Yard Signs

Work and Aging—Room 119

Session Chair: Brigitte Bechtold, Central Michigan University

Kathy Gerus, Macomb Community College

Title: Age Isn't 'Just a Number,' its Life

Brigit Dyer, Macomb Community College

Title: Accidental Sociologists? Pathways to Teaching at a Community College

Brigitte Bechtold, Central Michigan University

Title: Sociology from the Pulpit: Going Beyond the Classroom



Concurrent Sessions II

10:00-11:15

Panel: The Impact of Technology on Curriculum—Room 115

Session Chair: Donna Giuliani, Delta College

Joshua George, Delta College

Anne K. Huebel, Saginaw Valley State University

Dennis Malaret, Grand Valley State University

Mark Petricca, Mott Community College

Student Paper Session I—Room 117

Session Chair: Mike Macaluso, Grand Valley State University

Josh Killian, Grand Valley State University

Title: McDonaldization and Music

Oishabonu Nurmatova, Waren Woods Tower High School

Title: Culture Shock: My Adventure as a Flex Exchange Student

Jace Perroud, Grand Valley State University

Title: SHARP and the Neo-Nazi Skinhead Movement

Equitable Development II—Room 119

Session Chair: Joe Verschaeve, Grand Valley State University

Scott M. Youngstedt, Saginaw Valley State University

Title: The Heat-Cold Complex in Niamey, Niger

Youssef Azghari, Saginaw Valley State University

Title: The Historical and Social-Cultural Context of Acculturation of Moroccan-Dutch

Panel: Inter-curricular Experiential Learning—Room 126

Session Chair: Diane Emling, Northwestern Michigan College

Rachel Campbell, Grand Valley State University

Brandon Everest, Northwestern Michigan Community College

LUNCHEON: Room 202

11:30-1:00

Keynote Address: *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Sociology Today*
Dr. David Luke, University of Michigan-Flint

Award Ceremony

--Larry T. Reynolds Award for the Distinguished Teaching of Sociology in Michigan
--Marvin Olsen Award for Distinguished Service to the Cause of Sociology in Michigan

Concurrent Sessions III

1:15-2:30

Education—Room 115

Session Chair: Brigit Dyer

Warren Fincher, Saginaw Valley State University

Title: Engaging Minds, Not Machines: Combating AI Misuse through Conversational Assignments in Asynchronous Courses

Salvador Lopez-Arias, Grand Valley State University

Title: Stakeholder Participation in a Public School System

Christina De Clerck-Szilagy, Jason Szilagy, Sherri Archer; Delta College

Title: Adjunct Pioneers United: Unionizing at a Community College

Differently Abled--Room 119

Session Chair: Donna Giuliani, Delta College

Cathy McAdam, Rehab Institute of Michigan

Title: Disability: A Social Justice View

Melissa Wallace, Delta College

Title: High School to College Transitioning for Students with Accommodations

Christina Miller-Bellor, Delta College

Title: Implementing Universal Design in Introductory Sociology Courses: Strategies for Improving Accessibility and Inclusion

Student Paper Session II—Room 117

Session Chair: Jodi Yelinek, Michigan State University

Stephanie Winston, Michigan State University

Title: Poetry as a Mouthpiece for the Border

Elliot Smith, Michigan State University

Title: BARISTAS UNITED? Worker Conditions and the Role of Collective Identity within Labor Movements

Jalen Garrison, Delta College

Title: Sociology in Mad Men: Three Women in Every Man's Life

Aron DuBois, Michigan State University

Title: AI Supported Mental Health Infrastructure and its Relationship with STS

Gender, Family and the Societal Hierarchy—Room 126

Session Chair: Kathleen Gerus, Macomb Community College

Abdullah Alrebh, Grand Valley State University

Title: Using Emerson's Exchange Theory to Analyze Relations between Men and Women in Saudi Arabia

Yan Yu and Hannah Perri, Grand Valley State University

Title: Transnational Marriage: What's Love Got to Do with It?

Joshua George, Delta College

Title: Operation Childshield



Concurrent Sessions IV

2:45-4:00

Panel: When Institutions Collide: A Sociological Discussion of Teaching College in a Total Institution—Room 115

Session Chair: Jessica Gilbert, Saginaw Valley State University
Mary Cusack, Mott Community College
Vernie Handley, Mott Community College
Mark Petricca, Mott Community College
Michael Stogsdill, Mott Community College

Round Table: Soc 101—We Only Get Them Once—Room 117

Session Co-Chairs: Chuck Bowden, Mid Michigan College; Brigit Dyer, Macomb Community College
Brigitte Bechtold, Central Michigan University
Genine Hayden, Mid Michigan College

The SVSU BATS Project: A Community Murals Dialectic—Room 119

Session Chair: Rosina Hassoun, Saginaw Valley State University

*The BATS (Business, Art, Theatre, and Sociology) program is a biennial collaborative, interdisciplinary, community engagement project at Saginaw Valley State University. This past semester, the BATS program collaborated with the Mustard Seed Home, a shelter for unhoused women. The business students organized logistics, and the sociology students took their IRB training and conducted surveys and took oral histories of women in the shelter. The class report with de-identified data from the sociology students was sent to the theatre students who created skits for a final end-of-semester public celebration, and the art department, which worked with students on a mural for the basement workout room. Each of the professors, **Joseph Ofori-Dankwa** (Business), **Rosina Hassoun** (Sociology/Anthropology), **Michael Mosher** (Art), and **David Rzeszutek** (Theatre), will present informally, followed by a student panel discussion and a short video of the mural and skits.*

Plenary Session, Room 202

4:15-5:00

“All Roads Lead to Reynolds”

Chuck Bowden, Mid Michigan College
Brigit Dyer, Macomb Community College
Mike Macaluso, Grand Valley State University
Joe Verschaeve, Grand Valley State University

MSA Annual Business Meeting,

Room 202

5:15-6:00

All conference attendees have a voice, and all are invited to attend!





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