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The corona virus pandemic has forever changed our social world. It exposed deeply entrenched social inequalities, both hastened and halted social change, created new social inequalities, had a broad impact on the labor market, healthcare, access to mental health services, and revealed how globally interdependent we are when facing international crises.

Explore what lessons the pandemic has taught us about race, education, social justice, our environment, and our global relations.

Welcome Reception, Meet, and Greet

8:00pm, Friday, November 4th

Exchange Night Club and Grill
314 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48933

Welcoming remarks: Micheal Macaluso
President, Michigan Sociological Association
Professor of Sociology, Grand Valley State University

Join us for food, drinks, and live music
performed by local Lansing musicians.



Presentation, Plenaries, and Panels

Saturday, November 5th

MSU Student Union, 2nd floor
9:00am to 4:30pm

MSA Business Meeting
MSU room, Student Union
4:45-6pm



Conference Parking Information

Grand River Parking Ramp beside the Student Union
is pay by plate to park

Free Parking Lots

Any of the streets on campus and around the Union

Olin Health Center
463 E Circle Dr, East Lansing, MI 48824

Faculty Lot at Horticulture Hall
506 E Circle Dr, East Lansing, MI 48824

Faculty Lot at Admissions Building
556 E Circle Dr #252, East Lansing, MI 48824

MSU Museum
409 W Circle Dr, East Lansing, MI 48823

Maps and Additional Lot Information
<https://police.msu.edu/parking-services/visitor-parking/>

Special Thanks and Announcements

Special Thanks to the Michigan State University
Department of Sociology
who have hosted this event

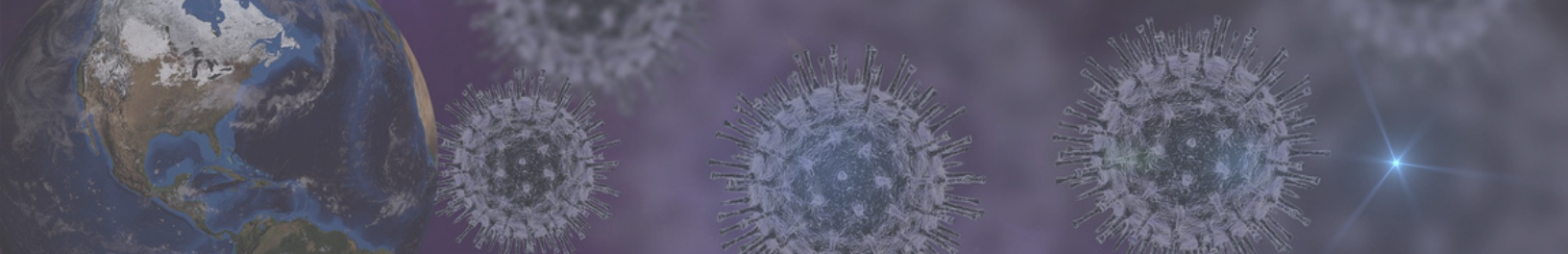


2023 North Central Sociological Association
Annual Conference
is coming to Grand Rapids, Michigan!

The NCSA welcomes sociologists focused on research, teaching,
and applied sociology to submit an abstract

Deadline for submissions is November 21, 2022
Undergraduates submission deadline is December, 20, 2022
visit their website at:

www.ncsanet.org



Program Overview

Registration and Breakfast	8:00-9:00
Concurrent Sessions 1	9:00-10:15
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Perspectives in Health & Mental Health• Undergraduate Student Paper Competition	
Concurrent Sessions 2	10:30-11:45
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applied Sociologists Professional Panel• Alternatives to Criminalization• Media and Societal Influence• Migration and Global Issues	
Plenary Session and Luncheon	12:00-1:30
Concurrent Sessions 3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Professional Panel• Navigating and Maximizing Adjuncting Panel• Environment and Environmental Justice• Special Topics: The Legacy of Covid-19	
Concurrent Sessions 4	3:15-4:30
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community College Round Table• Special Topics: Power, Authority, and Privacy• Teaching Social Justice in Era of Rising Fascism	
MSA Board Meeting	4:45-6:00



Concurrent Sessions 1: 9:00-10:15

Undergraduate Student Paper Competition - Lake Superior Room

Presider: Kirk Mauldin, Lake Superior State University

Not Just Black and White: Individuals with Multiracial Identities
Kyla Dukes, Grand Valley State University

The Role of Voodoo in the Memory of the African Diaspora
Lauren Bretzius, Kalamazoo College

Perspectives in Health & Mental Health - Lake Ontario Room

Presider: Rosina Hassoun, Saginaw Valley State University

Pursuing a Multi-Modal Approach to Intersectional Transgender Health
Rhian Williams, Grand Valley State University

Self Rated Health, Happiness, & Depression: The Role of Experiencing
Financial Hardship on Parent's Well Being
Eresia Morales, Michigan State University

Correlates of Barriers to Communication With Friends
Kenneth Gourlay, Wayne State University

Effects of Economic Precarity on Responding to COVID-19: A Case Study
of Bland and White Residents in Michigan
Maggie Kessler, Central Michigan University



Concurrent Sessions 2: 10:30-11:45

Panel: Applied Sociologist Professional Panel - Ball Room

Explore professional opportunities to use your sociological skills, knowledge and imagination to solve real world challenges inside and outside of higher education.

Presider: Mellissa Wright, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Consultant

Jessica Garcia, Ph.D, DEI Consultant; DEI Manager, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, University of Michigan

Joel Hoepfner, BSW, Behavioral Health Consultant; Prevention and Outreach Coordinator, Community Mental Health (CMHA-CEI)

Martin Hill, Ph.D, Associate Director, Research and Evaluation at Heartland Alliance Marjorie Kovler Center

Media and Societal Influence - Lake Superior Room

Facilitator: Micheal Macaluso, Grand Valley State University

The Meta-Stage: A Dramaturgical Discussion of Identity in Digital Media

Oskar Milik, Ph.D, Grand Valley State University

Joking at a Time Like This: The Correlation of Diagnosed Anxiety and Catharsis Found in Bo Burnham's INSIDE

Chelsea Kelly & Finn Marcks, Grand Valley State University

Dependence on Slayer

Collin Petz, Grand Valley State University



Concurrent Sessions 2: 10:30-11:45

Migration and Global Issues - MSU Room

Presider: Brigitte Bechtold, Central Michigan University

Coming and Going: Immigration, Emigration, and Population Change in Greece

Brendan Mullan, Michigan State University

The Role of Social Scientists in Asylum Support

Rosina Hassoun and Rieek Nyoach, Saginaw Valley

Human Trafficking in the Thai Fishing Industry

Amanda Flaim, Michigan State University

Exploring Alternatives to Criminalization - Lake Ontario Room

Presider: Elizabeth Bradshaw, Central Michigan University

The Intentional Negligence of Criminalizing Homelessness

Zach Parfenuik, Central Michigan University

No Justice, No Peace

Rwanda Jenkins, Central Michigan University

The Importance of Educational Programs in Prison for Reentry

Simi Agunloye, Central Michigan University

Transgender in Prison

Ellen Adele Harper, Author and Poet



Plenary Session 12:00-1:30

Luncheon, Awards Ceremony, and Keynote Address - Ballroom

Opening Remarks

Micheal Macaluso, President
Grand Valley State University

The Larry T. Reyonlds Award for Distinguished Teaching of Sociology in Michigan

Awardee: David Pilgrim, Ferris State University

The Marvin Olson Award for Distinguished Service to the Cause of Sociology in Michigan

Awardee: Mary Senter, Central Michigan University

The Charles Horton Cooley Award for Distinguished Scholarship

Awardee: Joel Stillerman, Grand Valley State University

Keynote Address

Environmental Justice and Health Inequalities: A Call to Action

Sacoby Wilson, Ph.D, MS

Maryland Institute of Applied Environmental Health

University of Maryland, College Park School of Public Health

Director of T.H.E. Environmental Justice Lab

Director of the Center for Community Engagement, Environmental
Justice, and Health



Concurrent Sessions 3: 1:45-3:00

Panel: The Adjunct Experience - Ball Room

This panel explores the opportunities, challenges, possibly for career advancement, and how to maximize the opportunities in your role as an adjunct.

Presider: Donna Giuliani, Delta College

Sarah Prior, Assistant Professor, Michigan State University

Genine Hayden, Adjunct Professor, Mid Michigan College

Jessica Gilbert, Adjunct Professor, Delta College, Alma College, Saginaw Valley State University, and Mott Community College

Environment and Environmental Justice - Lake Ontario Room

Presider: Raymond Jussaume, Michigan State University

Global Conditions, Local Action, and Cognitive Praxis: Finding Alternatives to Dystopian Future

Stephen Gasteyer, Michigan State University

Out of Sight, Out of Mind: Gaps in Knowledge About Rural On-Site Sanitation Systems

Amanda Budday, Grand Valley State University

"It Would Be Funny If It Wasn't Horrifying": A Discourse Analysis of the 2019 Conscious Eating Conference Debate on Cell-Based Meat

Nathan Poirier, Michigan State University



Concurrent Sessions 3: 1:45-3:00

Panel: Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in Professional Spaces- Lake Superior Room

Covid shifted diversity and inclusion to the center of social conversations. Explore opportunities, challenges, and ways your sociological imagination could advance diversity and inclusion the professional sphere.

Presider: Mellissa Wright, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant

Tonya Bailey, Ph.D., Chief Diversity Officer, Center for Engaged Inclusion, Lansing Community College

Debbie Edokpolo, MSW, Director of Health Equity and Social Justice, Michigan Primary Care Association

Gabrielle Sarpy, Ph.D, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer, Community Mental Health

Ashley Kuykendoll, MA, Inclusion and Diversity Officer, Michigan Department of Treasury



Concurrent Sessions 3: 1:45-3:00

The Impact of COVID-19 from Corrections to Education - MSU Room

Presider: Joseph Verschaeve, Grand Valley State University

Corrections Officer Turnover at Marquette Branch Prison During the Covid-19 Pandemic

Amanda Bonesteel, Northern Michigan University

Finding Opportunity During Challenging Times: How Non-Traditional Students Found Success during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Bridget Smith-Botos, Henry Ford College

"The Perfect Storm": COVID, Early Childhood Education, and New Inequalities in Rural and Urban Educational Settings

Genine Hayden, Mid Michigan College

Loneliness During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Associations with Older Adults' Health and Well Being

Rebecca Wimpenny-Clark, Grand Valley State University



Concurrent Sessions 4: 3:15-4:30

Teaching Democracy & Social Justice in The Age of The Rise of Fascism - Ontario Room

This panel will discuss the implications of today's political climate on the ability to engage in seminal dialogue and understanding in the classroom. The panel will navigate the challenges faced by professors, teachers, and stake holders who find themselves trying to teach and advocate for a dynamic and diverse nation. Issues of race, culture, poverty, and social justice will be among the topics covered. Beyond this, there will insights into what can be done in class and outside class for the audience to enhance their best practices

Presider: Sammy Ahmed, Highland Community College

Andy Dvorak, Highland Community College

Maureen Eke, Central Michigan University

Enrico Joseph, St. John's University



Concurrent Sessions 4: 3:15-4:30

Round Table: Community College Forum - Lake Superior Room

This session will be an informal round table discussion hosted by the MSA Board Community College Sociologists who have become full time faculty, been on hiring committees, and have insight regarding the hidden curriculum of success strategies for students. The role of sociologists in community colleges and the MSA will also be discussed.

Discussant: Chuck Bowden, Professor Emeritus, Mid Michigan College
Brigit Dyer, Macomb Community College
Donna Giuliani, Delta College

Special Topics: Power, Authority, and Privacy - MSU Room

Presider: Joseph Verschaeve, Grand Valley State University

In the Shadow of Weber: Shia Muslim Authority
Abdullah F. Alrebh, Grand Valley State University

Nothing to See Here: The Use of Colorblindness as a Legal Strategy
Jennifer Stewart, Grand Valley State University

The Three Leakers: Snowden, Assange, Manning and the New Knowledge
Cyberclass
Emanuel G. Boussios, SUNY-Nassau