

**Program
of the
26th Southeastern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium**

held at

Emory University

February 24-25, 2008

NOTICE: Presenters in rooms 363 and 362 will have PowerPoint available should they choose to use it, while presenters in room 544 will have overhead projection only

Sponsored by the

Departments of Sociology at Emory University and Morehouse College

Schedule of Events

Sunday February 24th:

4-5 p.m., **Registration** (foyer of the Winship Ballroom on the 3rd floor of the Dobbs University Center)

5-6 p.m., **Banquet** (Winship Ballroom, 3rd floor of the Dobbs University Center)

6-7 p.m., **Keynote Presentation** entitled *Perceiving Health Globally* by **Dr. Ellen Idler**, Professor of Sociology, and Dean for Social and Behavioral Sciences, at Rutgers University (Winship Ballroom, 3rd floor of the Dobbs University Center)

Monday February 25th:

8:30-4:00, **Registration and Information** (room 251 in the Dobbs University Center)

9:30-11:30, **Presentation Sessions** (in the Dobbs University Center)

11:45-1:30, **Lunch** (on your own -- food available in DUC Cafeteria, Cox Hall Food Court, and Emory Village (Oxford and North Decatur Rd.).

1:30-4:00p.m., **Presentation Sessions** (in the Dobbs University Center)

4:00-5:00 p.m., SEUSS paper award winners announced at the **Departure Reception** for coffee and desserts (room 355 in the Dobbs University Center)

Morning sessions

9:30 – 10:30 am

DUC Room 363 – Session on “What’s Going On In The Family?”

Discussant: Monique Carry (monique.carry@emory.edu)

- Melissa Sadler, Fisk University, “Family Socialization: Attitudes toward Premarital Sexual Behaviors”

- Amber Perkins, Middle Tennessee State University, “Perceptions of Traditional Womanhood: Race Variations in Attitudes toward Women and Work”

- Erica N. Richmond, Fisk University, “Consequences of Divorce for Children: A Secondary Analysis”

DUC Room 362 – Session on “Taking on Major Issues for Minorities”

Discussant: Heather Sheuerman (hscheue@emory.edu)

- Joanna Loesing, Agnes Scott College, “The Sizzling Cauldron: Anti-Latino Immigrant Sentiments in Metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia”

- Maureen Johnston McGee, University of Mary Washington, “The Struggles with Health Care in Relation to America’s Minorities”

- Cherie Murray, Agnes Scott College, “Under-Represented Non-Asian Minorities in Math and Science Departments at U.S. Colleges and Universities”

10:45 - 11:45 am

DUC Room 363 – Session on “Social Conflict: Does Peace Stand a Chance?”

Discussant: Anna Rubtsova (grubtso@emory.edu)

- Kelly Brier San Miguel, Rhodes College, “Community Health Workers’ Mediation Between the Government and Patients in South Africa”
- Patrick Le Feuvre, Wake Forest University, “Case Study: The South African Democratic Transition in the Context of the African National Congress”
- Cate Tindal, Lee University, “We Wept in Zion: The Effect of War on the Health of Palestinians and Israelis”

DUC Room 362 – Session on “What’s Up With College Students?”

Discussant: Barret Michalec (bmichal@emory.edu)

- Stephanie Hansard, Agnes Scott College, “The South Has Been Labeled, and It Stuck! The Effects of Regional Stereotypes on White Southern College Students”
- Brandon Jovan Hairston, Fisk University, “Factors that Prevent College Graduation”
- Kathryn Li, Rice University, “Examining College Students’ Drinking Behaviors”

DUC Room 544 – Session on “Distinction, Divisions, Disparities”

Discussant: Charity Crabtree (cecrabt@emory.edu)

- Jennifer Tomlinson, Augusta State University, “Foucault and Marx: A Contemporary Extension of a Classical View”
- Brandon Johnson, Fisk University, “Factors Explaining the Economic Disparities Between Blacks and Whites”
- Joshua Curtis, Lee University, “The Lawless State: Crime and Terror in Guatemala”

Afternoon sessions

1:30 – 2:30 pm

DUC Room 363 – Session on “Oppression and Human Rights”

Discussant: Adria Welcher (awelche@emory.edu)

- Tarah Armbrester, Lee University, “Child Labor and West Africa’s Cocoa Industry”
- Candaice Jordan, Fisk University, “Perceptions of Domestic Violence: A Comparison between African-American and Caribbean Students”
- Scott Eugene Lamb, Augusta State University, “Exploration into the Pedagogy of the Oppressed and Paulo Freire’s Marxism”

DUC Room 362 – Session on “Social Construction and Perception”

Discussant: Barret Michalec (bmichal@emory.edu)

- J. Edward Sumerau, Augusta State University, “The Incorporation of Berger”
- Christine Woodman, Virginia Commonwealth University, “The Birth Spirituality Movement: A Case Study of Religious Opposition to Specific Specialties of Medicine”
- Jonathan Brown, Gainesville State College, “Who Do You Trust? Experts or Experience: Increasing the Willingness to Seek Treatment Through the Identification and Manipulation of Reasoning Orientations”

DUC Room 544 – Session on “Deviance and Deviants”

Discussant: Vaughn Schmutz (vschmut@emory.edu)

- Deborah Bowick, Augusta State University, “Maintaining Deviance: Integrating the Theories of Durkheim and Erikson in Considering How and Why Society Maintains Deviant Behavior”
- Christina Harness, Middle Tennessee State University, “Predicting Attitudes toward Homosexuality in the United States”
- Dara Ashworth, Agnes Scott College, “Has Graffiti Become What it Once Opposed?”

2:45 – 4:00 pm

DUC Room 363 – Session on “Children and Its Persistent Qualities”

Discussant: Caddie Putnam Rankin (cputna@emory.edu)

- Aaron Price, Augusta State University, “A Dialog of Theorists on Narcissism”
- Katie Christie, College of Charleston, “The Sociology of *Harry Potter*: An Analysis of Adolescent Friendship Networks in the *Harry Potter* Series”
- Emily Allen, Emory University, A Curious Coexistence: An Examination of the Coexistence of Underweight and Overweight in Low-Status American Children”
- Tara Lee, Middle Tennessee State University, “Children and the Holocaust”

DUC Room 362 – Session on “Social Forces and Individual Behavior”

Discussant: Laura Braden (lbraden@emory.edu)

- Paul Lake, Lee University, “Emile Durkheim’s Study of Suicide: A Classic with Contemporary Applications”
- Samantha Hurt, Rhodes College, “Language, Globalization and Cultural Health”
- Stephanie Lewis, Fisk University, “Understanding the Dynamics of the Domestic Violence Shelter”
- Andrew Mundy, Lee University, “My Genes Made Me Do It?” Genetics and Social Behavior”