

2024 Carolina Undergraduate Social Science Symposium

**South Carolina Sociological Association
April 18th and 19th at Newberry College**

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Schedule of Events

Thursday, April 18

Keynote Address

Center for Teacher Education

1121 Speers St, Newberry, SC 29108

6:00PM – 7:30PM	Gnann Room
<i>“The Value of Social Scientist Engagement in Advocacy, Management, and Entrepreneurship”</i>	
Dr. Vinetta Witt, Professor Emerita, Newberry College	
This event is free and open to the public	

Friday, April 19

Research Day

Gnann Room Center for Teacher Education 1121 Speers St, Newberry, SC 29108	
8:30AM – 8:55 AM	Registration
9:00AM – 9:15 AM Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Danielle Lewis • Dr. Maurice Scherrens, Newberry College President • Dr. Mitch Mackinem, SCSA President
9:20AM – 9:50AM Presentation Session A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gage Carlton, Clemson University (Sociology), “Hip Hop’s Overlooked Battle: Breakin’ and the Culture Industry” • Madison “Abby” Collins, Lander University (Criminology), “Criminological Theory: The Reasonings Behind the Slayings” • Maleah Condrey, Francis Marion University (Sociology), “Social Media and Its Effects on Mental Wellbeing”

<p>10:00AM – 10:40AM</p> <p>Presentation Session B</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katelyn Blanchard, Coastal Carolina University (Forensic Psychology), “Crime, Punishment, and Politics: Perceptions Through the Lens of Terror Management Theory” • Jaziah Eaddy, Lander University (Criminology), “Beyond Bars: A Journey of Volunteering” • Tre’tavia Jackson, Columbia College (Human Development and Family Studies), “My Senior Internship Experience at Dickerson Children’s Advocacy Center” • Grace Robinette (Psychology and Criminal Justice) and Dr. Skye A. Woestehoff (Assistant Professor of Psychology), Coastal Carolina University, “Evidence Presentation in Criminal Trials”
<p>10:50AM – 11:35AM</p> <p>Poster Session</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kimyana Brown, Lander University (Sociology), “The Effects of Mental Health on Adolescent Risk-taking Behaviors as Seen in the YRBSS” • Ally Felch, Clemson University (Criminal Justice and Sociology), “STEM-SBS Programs & Career Identity Formation: Content Analysis of the Top 5 Economics Department Websites” • Travon Fullard (Social Studies Education) and Timothy Wiley (Nutrition), South Carolina State University, “Brick by Brick: A New Discovery at Redcliffe Plantation” • April Rummery Lamb, Newberry College (Forensic Psychology), “Sleep Restriction and Its Effects on Mood” • Carmen “Kit” Lowery, Francis Marion University (Sociology), “Religious Participation” • Dori Pitts, Newberry College (Psychology), “Investigating the Impact of In-Season vs. Out-of-Season Athletics on Academic Performance” • Kayleigh Rhodes, Clemson University (Criminal Justice), “STEM-SBS Programs & Career Identity Formation: Content Analysis of the Top 5 Psychology Department Websites” • Rachel Slayman, Newberry College (Psychology), “Exploring the Relationship Between Problematic Social Media Usage and Depression Across Age Spans”

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Weeks, Lander University (Human Services), “Grief: What It Looks Like”
<p>11:40AM – 12:20PM</p> <p>Panel Session</p>	<p>"Understanding Sociology Majors' Paths: Factors, Diversity, and Future Prospects"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Calvin Odhiambo, USC Upstate (Associate Professor of Sociology), “Racial/Ethnic Differences in Reasons for Majoring in Sociology” • Audrey Colin, USC Upstate (Sociology), “Factors Influencing the Post-Graduation Plans of Sociology Majors” • Sandy Ortiz-Cubides, USC Upstate (Sociology), “Gender Differences in Reasons for Majoring in Sociology and How it Affects the Gender”
Kaufmann Dining Hall	
12:30PM – 1:30PM	Lunch
1:30PM – 2:00PM	Awards Ceremony

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