

SCSA



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Greetings from the SCSA President



Greetings to everyone!

Welcome all past, current, and potential members of SCSA.

As my presidency nears its end and my favorite holiday of Thanksgiving approaches, I want to list a few things that make me feel thankful:

- My health
- Health care workers and others who make sacrifices to keep me and others healthy
- My wife who reminds me to appreciate the sacrifices of others
- My cat who reminds me how much he depends on sacrifices I make
- My SCSA presidency
- My Francis Marion University (FMU) and SCSA colleagues who have made sacrifices to help me achieve goals for SCSA.

During my brief 20 months as president, I am unabashedly proud of what SCSA has accomplished. We held a meaningful in-person meeting at Hickory Knob State Park and Resort this past February, enhanced the organization's website to offer the convenience of online conference registration, sponsored an undergraduate paper competition, established an inaugural Excellence in Scholarship Award, planned for graduate student and faculty travel awards [to be announced soon] to attend SCSA in 2022, expanded the SCSA listserv to include 150 faculty members from 37 different institutions, maintained biannual newsletter publications, and so much more.

Unfortunately, the University of South Carolina – Upstate will be unable to host the 2022 annual meeting as planned. While this news came as a surprise to SCSA, we have pivoted quickly.

FMU will host the 2022 annual meeting in downtown Florence, SC, February 25-26. The meeting will kick off with a Friday evening reception at the Performing Arts Center hosted by president and first lady of FMU, Fred and Folly Carter. The reception will be a heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, and beer type of affair.

The Saturday morning sessions will open at the Carter Center for Health Sciences, followed by lunch (included with registration) at Hotel Florence, Tapestry Collection by Hilton. The sessions will close in the afternoon. All of these magnificent conference venues are located in the heart of Florence's newly revitalized downtown; they are in easy walking distance from each other. Further details about this exciting conference opportunity will be forthcoming.

The twilight of my brief presidency brings a bittersweet taste to me. I know my influence over SCSA will wane after February 26, 2022. I will miss the opportunity to leverage my presidency to launch and lead initiatives greater than myself. The good news is that we will be safe with our next president, Deb Cohan. She has tons of talent for the job, combined with lots of creative juice. Sounds like a winning combination to me. See you in Florence in February!

With sincere gratitude,

Rusty Ward, SCSA President

SCSA Launches New Award

EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP

SCSA will present an inaugural award at the annual meeting in February to recognize a SCSA member who has made outstanding scholarly and creative contributions to sociology. The only eligibility requirement is membership in SCSA. Registration for the meeting grants membership. Applicants must register before 11:59PM EST on Monday, January 10, 2022.

Candidates for this award need not reside in South Carolina. Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged. To apply, please submit the following items:

- a) brief cover letter that introduces the applicant to the committee and describes research, scholarship, or creative endeavors conducted within the last three years only
- b) curriculum vita
- c) one letter of recommendation from a colleague familiar with the research; this is only required if you are nominating yourself
- d) supporting documentation such as the PDF of a published article or book chapter, or other visual material that demonstrates excellence

Please scan all documents into a single PDF file in the order listed above and email the attachment to SCSA President-elect, Dr. Deborah Cohan (DCOHAN@uscb.edu). Submissions must be received by 11:59PM EST on **Monday, January 10, 2022**. Include the term "SCSA" in the subject line of your e-mail.

Applications will be reviewed by the SCSA Executive Committee.

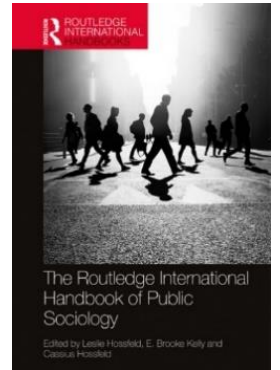
The winner will be announced at the 2022 SCSA meeting and receive recognition in the organization's newsletter and on the website. The recipient will also receive a \$100 cash award and plaque. It is expected that the winner will present their work at the next annual meeting of the SCSA.

Publications by SCSA Members

This book brings together the work of public sociologists from across the globe to illuminate possibilities for the practice of public sociology and the potential for international exchange in the field. In addition to sections devoted to the history, theory, methodology and possible future of public sociology, it offers a series of concrete case studies of public sociology practice from experienced scholars and practitioners, addressing core themes including the role of students in public sociology, the production of knowledge by communities and the sharing of

knowledge with a view to having an influence on policy. Presenting research that is truly global in scope, *The Routledge International Handbook of Public Sociology* provides readers with the opportunity to consider the possibilities that exist for international collaboration in their work and reflect on future directions. As such, it will appeal to scholars across the social sciences with interests in research with public impact. The following South Carolina Sociological Association members have contributed to this book: Catherine Mobley, Cassius Hossfeld, Colby King, Leonard Steverson, and Leslie Hossfeld.

The Routledge International Handbook of Public Sociology



Deborah Cohan – Recent Publications

Published essay on upholding rigor amidst the pandemic, in *Inside Higher Ed*, August 25, 2021. You can read the article [here](#).

Published article on feminist theatrical production in *Ms. Magazine*, August 12, 2021. You can read the article [here](#).

Published op-ed in *The Post and Courier* on education and vaccinations, June 13, 2021. You can read the article [here](#).

You can find links to Deb's recent articles, books, presentations, and media coverage on [website](#).

If you have recently published a book or article, please send a short description to Terry.C@ptc.edu

2022 SCSA Annual Meeting: Paying Sociology Forward

The task of sociology is to figure out how society works. At some point in your life and career, this intellectual journey became “relevant” to you, and you embarked on a mission to pass what you learned (or unlearned) onto others.

What does the practice of sociology mean to you, and what impact do you want it to make in your scholarship, teaching, and service to others?

Join us in February 2022 to reflect on your journey to become a sociologist and the challenge of making it relevant to groups both inside and outside of academia.

Since sociology intersects with numerous disciplines and specialties, the conference welcomes contributors from not just sociology, but also anthropology, business, criminal justice, history, political science, psychology, and other related areas. With hopes of generating an inclusive and rich discussion, we invite either theoretical or empirical work using quantitative or qualitative methodologies, or a combination thereof.

Participants are invited to submit proposals for the following components of the program:

Thematic Papers explore the meeting theme. These papers are broad in scope with the goal of illustrating the theme of the meeting.

Research Papers focus on new areas of sociological work that may or may not relate to the theme.

Panel Sessions or Workshops typically focus on teaching experiences and/or exercises used in the classroom. This session may be thematic or address an array of issues professors face in the classroom. Panels or workshops addressing other faculty or student-related concerns (such as career preparation or internships) will also be considered.

Poster Session highlights the research and creative activity among faculty and graduate students. Graduate students are encouraged to participate even if they are only in the beginning stages of their studies. Graduate students who present posters will be eligible for first or second place awards.

Author Meets Critic Sessions bring authors of recent books contributing to the discipline of sociology together with discussants to provide different viewpoints.



**2022 SCSA
Annual Meeting
February 25- February 26
Florence, SC**

Theme: “Paying Sociology Forward: Lessons We Want Others to (Un)Learn.”

Friday evening reception
@ the Performing Arts Center

Saturday sessions
@ the Carter Center for Health Sciences

Lunch
@ Hotel Florence
Tapestry Collection by Hilton

For proposal guidelines and registration information go to
<https://southcarolinasociology.org/annual-meeting>

Email proposals to Dr. Jessica Doucet (jdoucet@fmarion.edu). Please include “SCSA Proposal” in the subject line. Submissions are now being accepted, with preference given to proposals received before December 31, 2021.

SCSA Ballot Initiatives

2022 Ballot Initiatives Include Expanding Presidential Duties

SCSA members will have more to think about on February 26, 2022 than selecting candidates for executive committee positions.

SCSA voters will decide whether SCSA should make several tweaks to its Constitution and By-laws. To pass, the amendments must win 2/3 approval from voters.

Details about the amendments will be distributed to SCSA members prior to the annual meeting. Here's a summary of the key ballot measures:

Expanding presidential duties

Under the proposed changes, the president will be charged with setting the theme for annual meetings. In addition, the president will consult with the executive committee to appoint a program chair and committee.

SCSA has no current guideline on who selects the theme for annual meetings, and there is no recommended structure in place to prepare for them.

Adding departmental memberships

Voters will decide on removing the lifetime membership class, and adding a departmental membership option. SCSA awards lifetime memberships in exchange for a one-time contribution.

The proposed departmental membership tier will help SCSA support the objectives of academic departments at colleges and universities in exchange for departmental membership dues.

Currently, SCSA has four membership classes: lifetime, regular, student, and honorary. Lifetime memberships have not been offered in over two decades.

Including absentee and virtual voting

Other proposed amendments seek to expand voting opportunities for SCSA members. The option to vote absentee will allow all members to exercise their voting privilege in advance of the annual meeting.

Voters will also decide whether to allow virtual voting, which means members may cast votes electronically from remote locations during the meeting.

Absentee and virtual voting will be considered separately on the ballot.



Teaching Sociology - Call For Papers

Teaching Sociology invites submissions for a special issue focused on the teaching of sociology by, for, and about people who identify as first-generation-to-college and/or working class (FGWC). The editors of this issue conceive of first-generation and working class broadly and will welcome

work recognizing a wide range of understandings of these statuses. All submissions for and questions about this special issue of *Teaching Sociology* should be sent to the guest editors at their shared e-mail address tsfgwc@gmail.com.

Initial abstract submissions are due February 1, 2022. All accepted proposals will be peer-reviewed before publication.

Check out the [flier about the CFP](#). Learn more about the special issue and abstract submission on the [Teaching Sociology webpage](#).

Carolina Currents – Call For Papers

Carolina Currents: Studies in South Carolina Culture has issued a Call for Papers (CFP). *Carolina Currents* is a peer-reviewed publication sponsored by Francis Marion University and published by the University of South Carolina Press.

You can learn more about the journal and the CFP [here](#).



CUSSS

April 22-23, 2022



Welcome Dr. Melissa Ochoa

Dr. Melissa Ochoa received her PhD in Sociology from Texas A&M University in 2019 and recently joined the Newberry College faculty in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences. She enjoys teaching and is interested in the intersections of systemic sexism and systemic racism. Her dissertation, "Systemic Sexism in Our Everyday Lives," consisted of a large qualitative data set collected over the course of three years on anything perceived to be an example of sexism. With more than 1500 journal entries, Melissa has been able to work on several projects, including currently writing a book on catcalling with the University of California Press. At Texas A&M University, Melissa actively participated in diversity and inclusion initiatives and is looking forward to continuing the DEI mission at Newberry College.

You may contact Melissa at melissa.ochoa@newberry.edu



Allen University will be holding the annual Carolina Undergraduate Social Science Symposium (CUSSS) on April 22 and 23, 2022. Allen hopes that many students will present papers and posters for prizes, given that COVID prevented students from doing so last year shortly before CUSSS was to occur.

The Carolina Undergraduate Social Science Symposium (CUSSS) operates under the auspices of the South Carolina Sociological Association (SCSA).

The Symposium provides undergraduate students the opportunity to present their research at a professional meeting with the support of faculty.

Presentations should be based on research that students have created in or because of one of their upper-level social science courses.

Please visit the [CUSSS page](#) on the South Carolina Sociological Association website for more information about the upcoming Symposium.



Upcoming Conferences

ASA Annual Meeting
August 5-9, 2022

Los Angeles, California
Theme: "Bureaucracies of Displacement"
<https://www.asanet.org/annual-meeting>

Southern Sociological Association
Annual Conference
April 6-April 9, 2022
Theme: "Invisibility"
Birmingham, Alabama

<https://www.southernsociologicalsociety.org/meeting/>

The American Society of Criminology
Annual Meeting
Chicago, Illinois
November 17-20, 2021

<https://asc41.com/events/2021-asc-annual-meeting/>

If you would like to contribute to the Spring 2022 issue of the SCSA newsletter, please email Terry.C@ptc.edu

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