

**South Carolina Sociological Association
2025 Annual Meeting
Friday, February 21 – Saturday, February 22**

*University Center of Greenville
225 S. Pleasantburg Drive
Greenville, SC*



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Forging our Future Together***

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South Carolina Sociological Association 2025 Annual Meeting Final Program

Friday, February 21

University Center of Greenville

7:00 - 8:00pm Reception
 Hors d'oeuvres and drinks

Lobby

Saturday, February 22

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7:30 - 8:30am **Breakfast and Registration**

Lobby

8:30 - 9:00am **Welcome and Awards Presentations**
 Welcome

Classroom 209

Mitchell B. Mackinem, SCSA President

SCSA Awards for Excellence in Scholarship and Excellence in Teaching
Colby King, Chair, Award Committee

9:00 - 10:00am **Thematic Panel**

Making Sociology Programs Visible and Relevant

Lizabeth Zack, Colby King, Lilia Konduros and
Lauren Napier (USC Upstate)

Shifting Coalitions and the Ideological Evolution of Education Legislation in the
South Carolina General Assembly

Tracy Burkett (College of Charleston)

10:10 - 11:25am **Paper Session**

The "Crisis of Intimacy": Strategic Intimacy and Its Racialized Consequences
Nia Baker (USC Columbia)

What Goes Up Must Become More Conservative?

The Relationship between Class Mobility and Inequality Beliefs

Joseph J. Merry, Sara Powell, and Leah Forrest
(Furman University)

Fieldwork and the Coloniality of Power: Ethnographic Lessons in Learning to Unlearn
Alysa M. Handelsman (Wofford College)

The "Blame the Victim" Phenomenon: Victim Precipitation in the Context of
Academic Mobbing

Danny E. Malone, Jr. (Coastal Carolina University)

- 11:30 - 12:30pm **Applied Session**
 Beyond the Classroom: Marking Research Tangible for Community Impact
 Midas Hampton and Sarach Buckmaster
 (Strategic Spartanburg)
- Youth Mental Health in Spartanburg County: Prevalence and Disparities
 and Lifestyle Factors
 Md Belal Hossain, and Tenille Black
 (Strategic Spartanburg)
- 12:30 - 1:45pm **Lunch and Keynote**
 The Next Jim Crow
 Josh Malkin (ACLU of South Carolina)
- 2:00 - 3:00pm **Workshop Presentations**
 Infusing Career Readiness into the Sociological Curriculum
 Stacye A. Blount (Fayetteville State University)
- Navigating Grants: The Application Process, Writing Successful Grants, and Other
 Resources
 Jessica L. Burke, Rusty Ward, and Lisa Eargle
 (Francis Marion University) and Catherine Mobley
 (Clemson University)
- 3:10 - 4:25pm **Paper Session**
 Sharing Sociological Insights Outside the Classroom:
 Using Informal Conversations to Demonstrate the Worth of Sociology
 Heather Shay (South Carolina State University)
- The Perils and Promise of Interdisciplinarity in Sociology Programs:
 Blurred Lines or Saving Grace?
 Leonard A. Steverson (Flagler College)
- Discourses of Strategic Change: A Critical Analysis of University Leadership
 Statements Across Liberal Arts Colleges
 Geniece Crawford Mondé, Ellie Howard, and Claire
 Volk (Furman University)
- No Flying Cars Yet: The Future of Higher Education
 Mitchell B. Mackinem (Wingate University)
- 4:30 - 6:00pm **SCSA Business Meeting**