

**South Carolina Sociological Association
2026 Annual Meeting
Friday, February 20 – Saturday, February 21**

*South Carolina State University
State Room
Orangeburg, SC*



Sociology: Back to the Basics

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South Carolina Sociological Association 2026 Annual Meeting Final Program

Friday, February 20

7:00 Dinner and drinks

Ruby Tuesday

724 Citadel Road, Orangeburg, SC

Saturday, February 21

8:00 - 8:45am Coffee/tea and Registration

SCSU State Room

8:45 - 9:00am **Welcome**

Alison Mc Letchie

9:00 - 10:00am **Paper Session**

Cold Case Clearance and Victim Demographics in South Carolina
Jennifer Triplett and Eliza Petty (USC Union)

Perspectives on School Violence and Safe Spaces in Two Inner City Schools in Jamaica

Toni-Marie Cornwall (The University of the West Indies)

Unemployment Generosity and National Educational Performance: A Longitudinal Analysis of 5 Waves of PISA

Joseph J. Merry, Luca Breslin, and Claire Isosaki Jost (Furman University)

A Sociological Analysis of Climate Change in the Caribbean Context

Aldrie Henry-Lee (The University of the West Indies)

10:10 - 11:10am **Workshop**

Enhancing Scholarly Teaching: Publishing and Learning with TRAILS

Colby King (USC Upstate)

Zach Rubin (Lander University)

11:20 - 12:20pm **Teaching Session**

Using Sociology to Educate the Public on the Myth of Fentanyl Exposure

Brian Pitman, Jeffrey Trowbridge, and Zach Rubin (Lander University)

Teaching Sociology through a Pop Culture Lens Workshop

Danielle Lewis (Newberry College)

12:20 - 1:20pm **Lunch**

- 1:20 - 2:05pm **Keynote**
 Making Sense of a Turbulent World: The Enduring Value of Sociology
 Aldrie Henry-Lee (The University of the West Indies)
- 2:15 - 3:15pm **Panel Session**
 Teaching Introduction to Sociology: The Content and Role of Introductory Sociology Courses
 Stacye Blount (Fayetteville State University)
 Colby King (USC Upstate)
 Zach Rubin (Lander University)
- 3:15 - 4:15pm **Panel Session**
 Precarity in the Academy: Understanding and Evaluating the Ongoing Attacks on Higher Education and Organizing to Fight
 Brian Pitman (Lander University)
 Alison Mc Letchie (South Carolina State University)
 Colby King (USC Upstate)
 Carol Harrison (USC Columbia)
- 4:30 - 6:00pm **SCSA Business Meeting**