

The South Carolina Sociological Association (SCSA) and
the Social Sciences Department at Allen University present:

CAROLINA UNDERGRADUATE SOCIAL SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM (CUSSS)

Dr. Eddie Yancey and Prof. Nancy Rhoads, Allen University (Organizers)

Thursday, April 21 – Friday, April 22, 2022

Allen University
1530 Harden St., Columbia, SC 29204

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

For more than 40 years, the Carolina Undergraduate Social Science Symposium (CUSSS) has provided a lively and supportive space for undergraduates to engage with social science and present their research at a professional meeting. **Research and poster presentations in any area of social science are welcome.** “Social science” includes but is not limited to Sociology, Applied Sociology, Anthropology, Communication, Criminology, Economics, Geography, History, Media Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, Race/Ethnic Studies, Gender & Sexuality Studies, Policy Studies, and Global/International Studies. “Research” is broadly defined. However, posters, papers, and presentations must be based on data generated by some method of student inquiry.

CUSSS begins on **Thursday, April 21, at 7:00 pm** with an exciting talk by James L. Felder on the subject of “Allen University and Civil Rights.” A graduate of Howard University, Felder is a former South Carolina Congressman and author of three books, including *Civil Rights in South Carolina: From Peaceful Protests to Groundbreaking Rulings*. **This event will take place in Chappelle Auditorium at Allen University (at the corner of Hayden St. and Taylor St.) and is free and open to the public. (Parking is available in the lot off Pine St.)**

On **Friday, April 22, beginning at 8:30 am**, students, faculty and guests will gather in **Chappelle Hall** (adjacent to Chappelle Auditorium) for Registration, and a Continental Breakfast. **(Visitors should park in the Campus Mall lot, at Taylor and Oak, one block east of Chappelle Hall.)** Following a Welcome and Overview, students will share their work in different research streams. Students can choose to give either: a 10-12-minute presentation of their research and/or research paper, or they may create a

research poster which they will discuss with attendees. Students should bring their laptops. HDMI cords will be available for connections to a smartboard from a Non-Mac laptop; HDMI cords plus adaptors will be available for connections from a Mac. All presenters will receive Certificates of Participation. **The two best papers; the two best presentations; and the two best posters will each receive a Certificate for Excellence in Undergraduate Research and a cash prize.**

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Students should send an email by **Friday, April 8, 2022** to:

Dr. Eddie Yancey eyancey@allenuniversity.edu, or

Prof. Nancy Rhoads (ngrhoads@allenuniversity.edu)

The email should have the word “CUSSS 2022” in the subject line and include:

- The author’s name, major, and institutional affiliation;
- An abstract (approximately 150 words) that reflects the general content of the research paper, presentation, or poster;
- Designation of the format – paper, presentation or poster; and,
- Any special equipment that may be required for the presentation.

Faculty sponsors are encouraged to help students submit abstracts and guide them with their posters and papers. Students who wish to compete for the **Best Paper prize** need to submit a completed paper by email to **Friday, April 15, 2022**. Students entering **Best Research Presentation** and **Best Poster** competitions should bring these with them to the symposium.

Undergraduate research papers, presentations, and posters with multiple authors may be presented. However, to be considered for each competition, they must be single authored. **Students must be present to win.**

Faculty members and/or graduate students who are willing to serve as Judges for the competitions or Presiders over the sessions should contact the organizers.

Cost of Registration: \$20.00 for all attendees; \$15.00 each for groups of eight or more from the same institution. Fee includes lunch. Participants may register online by visiting the SCSA website (<https://southcarolinasociology.org/cusss>). Attendees may also register in person, onsite at the conference on Friday morning. Checks should be made payable to the South Carolina Sociological Association.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Eddie Yancy or Prof. Nancy Rhoads at the email addresses, above. *We hope to see you at CUSSS!*