
South Carolina Sociologist

Dear Friends,

Greetings! I hope that this message finds you well and in good spirits. Thanks to Katya Terry for once again doing another excellent job editing this newsletter. As I near the end of my term, this will be the last message I send in my capacity of as President of SCSA. At our Annual Meeting in February 2024, Todd Couch (Francis Marion University) will be taking over as President. I know that he will do a great job. Given the “changing of the guard,” we will need a President-Elect to replace Todd when his term expires in 2026. If you or anyone you know may be interested in this position, please [submit your nomination to Laura Jean Kerr](#), Chair of the SCSA Nominating Committee by the end of January. We will also need to elect three At-Large Members to serve on the SCSA Executive Board. If you are interested in serving or know someone who might be, please reach out to Laura Jean.



Plans for the 2024 Annual Meeting in Greenville, SC – to be held from Friday, February 23 through Sunday, February 25 – are well underway. I would like to thank Clemson University, Furman University, and USC – Upstate, for serving as institutional hosts. If you are interested in making a presentation or serving on a panel, please visit [the SCSA website](#) or [contact Program Chair Jenny Schlosser](#). I do hope that you will be able to join us at the Annual Meeting. We will start things off with a reception and poster session at the Clemson University Nursing Building on Friday evening, continue with paper and panel sessions at the Clemson Greenville One Building on Saturday, and then close with the SCSA Business meeting (and possibly other programming) on Sunday. The SCSA has reserved a block of rooms at the AC Hotel Greenville with the special rate of \$176/night (for king rooms or two doubles) – this is an excellent deal for staying in downtown Greenville! Please see [the SCSA Annual Meeting page](#) for more details and to book your room. Feel free to share the discounted rate code with people in your network. At the meeting, we will announce the 2024 winners for the SCSA Excellence in Teaching and the SCSA Excellence in Scholarship awards. To learn more about these awards and how to nominate someone for these awards (or, apply for one yourself!), please visit [the SCSA website](#). The application deadline is Tuesday, January 16.

Please mark your calendars and inform your students that that the Carolina Undergraduate Social Science Symposium (CUSSS) will be taking place Thursday, April 18 and Friday, April 19, 2024, at Newberry College in Newberry, SC. Danielle Lewis (danielle.lewis@newberry.edu) is the Organizer. On Thursday evening there will be a CUSSS/SCSA sponsored public lecture and the Symposium will happen from about 8:30 – 2:30 on Friday. All students in social science disciplines from around the state and region are invited to participate. An official call for papers/presentations will soon be posted on the website and sent out on the list-serv.

It has truly been an honor to serve you as SCSA President during the last two years. Thanks to your interest, participation, and support, the organization continues to thrive. Indeed, in my view, the SCSA is in better shape now than at any previous time in its (almost 50-year) history. Yet, any organization is always only as strong as its membership, and it is up to all of us to keep it going. I hope to see you in Greenville in February and that you will maintain and strengthen your relationship with the SCSA in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Daniel Harrison, SCSA President

2024 SCSA Annual Meeting

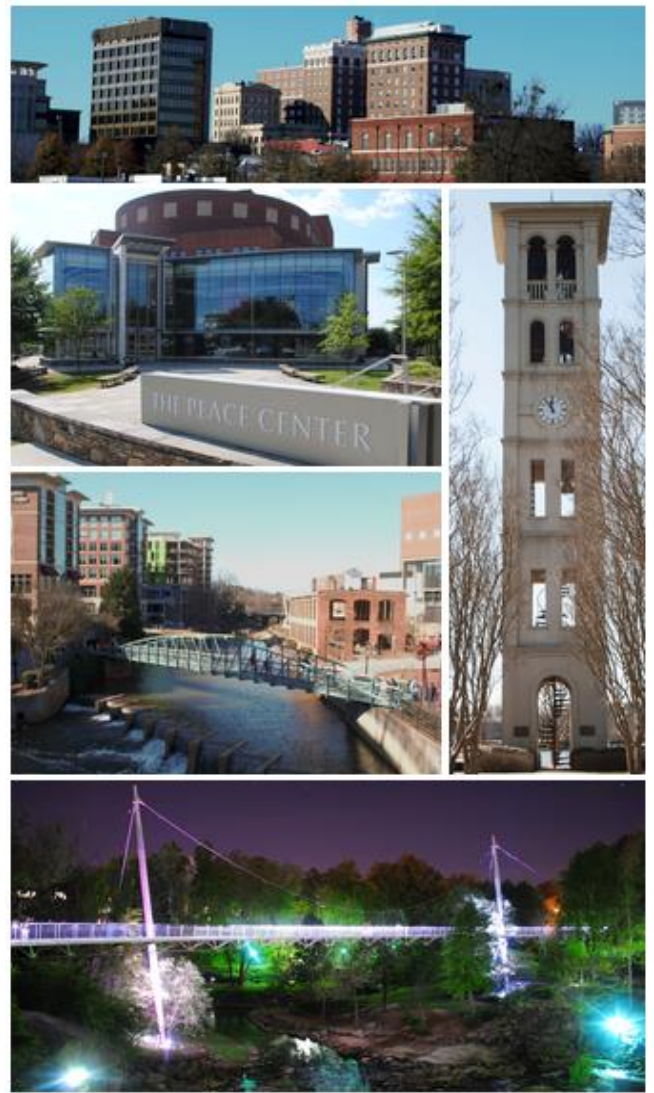
February 23-February 25

Greenville, SC

Conference Theme:

“The Value of Sociology in Changing Times.”

The state of higher education is dynamic and the recent shifts in the cultural and political climate of our country have made it even more important for sociology to remain a relevant and vital discipline in our colleges and universities. Our work is based on understanding how people affect and are affected by the structures and forces that govern our social worlds. Intellectual freedom and critical thought in higher education have come under fire in ways that remind us that we are not immune to these political, social, and cultural shifts. To that end, we ask: what value does sociology bring in these changing times? How can sociology remain a relevant and important discipline in the face of shifting ideologies? How do we preserve sociology as a profession and perspective? How can sociology bolster its relevance for students, faculty, and our communities amid shifting contexts? We invite you to explore these questions and more at the 2024 South Carolina Sociological Association annual meeting.



Friday night, February 23 - Reception and Poster Session at the Clemson Nursing Building in Greenville

All day Saturday, February 24 - Paper and panel sessions at the Clemson Greenville One Building in downtown Greenville

Sunday morning, February 25 - Special programming and the SCSA Business Meeting

The meeting is co-sponsored by
Clemson University, Furman University
and USC-Upstate.

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For more information the conference, check out the SCSA website:
<https://southcarolinasociology.org/annual-meeting>

Call for Proposals

SCSA invites proposals for the 2024 Annual Meeting in Greenville SC, February 23-25.

For proposal guidelines and registration information go to the [SCSA website](#). To access more detailed submission information for each category, you can access the Call for Participation as a pdf file, by clicking [here](#).

Email proposals to Dr. Jennifer Schlosser (jschlosse@coastal.edu). Please include "SCSA Proposal" in the subject line. Submissions are now being accepted, with preference given to proposals received before December 31, 2023

Welcome!



Morris College and SCSA welcome Dr. Nicholas Canada.

Nick Canada completed his M.A. in sociology from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and his Ph.D. in American Culture Studies from Bowling Green State University.

His previous research projects have looked at race, class, and masculinity in American popular culture. His primary area of focus is cultural sociology and issues in American popular culture.

Call for Applications

SCSA invites applications for the Excellence in SCHOLARSHIP and the Excellence in TEACHING awards

The SCSA Excellence in Scholarship Award recognizes a SCSA member who has made outstanding scholarly and creative contributions to sociology.

The 2023 award was presented to Dr. Leslie Hossfeld, Dean of the College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences at Clemson University.

Click on the link [Excellence in Scholarship Award](#) to learn more about the eligibility requirements and the selection process.

Candidates must be current SCSA members but need not reside in South Carolina. Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged. Please visit [SCSA website](#) to join or renew your membership. Applicants must register before 11:59PM EST on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

Winners will be announced at the 2024 SCSA Annual Meeting. Winners will receive a cash award and plaque.

The SCSA Excellence in Teaching award recognizes a SCSA member who has made outstanding contributions to sociology through their innovative and impactful teaching.

The 2023 award was presented to Dr. Colby King, Assistant Professor of Sociology at USC Upstate.

Click on the link [Excellence in Teaching Award](#) to learn more about the eligibility requirements and the selection process.

Congratulations!

Colby King (USC-Upstate) and a group of co-authors are featured in the special edition of the *ASA Teaching Sociology*.

The special issue titled “A Class of Our Own: Teaching Sociology by, for, and about First-Generation and Working-Class People”, was published in June 2023.

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/tsoa/51/3>

Articles for the special issue of *Teaching Sociology* on First-Generation and Working Class Persons have been published online. You can check them out here:

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/TSO/0/0>

Congratulations!



Danny Malone Jr., assistant professor of criminology at Coastal Carolina University, has published two new peer-reviewed, open-access articles:

Malone Jr., Danny E. and Jesse R. Ford. 2023. “My Brother’s Keeper: Two Black Men Navigating the Tenure-Track Experience”. *Race Ethnicity and Education*.
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13613324.2023.2248892>

Malone Jr., Danny E. and Billy C. Johnson. 2023. “Pressure to Please: Adjunct Faculty Experiences with Grade Inflation.” *Journal of Higher Education Policy And Leadership Studies* (4)3.
<https://johepal.com/article-1-443-en.html>

MORRIS COLLEGE



Ms. Serena Wilson, Ms. Angel Graves and Ms. Tabria McCrea represent the newly reformed Sociology Club at Morris College. Serena Wilson, a senior at Morris College (center), was recently crowned the Queen of Sociology and represented the Sociology Club at Homecoming Week.



Lander University College of Behavioral and Social Sciences hosted historian Dr. Vernon Burton on September 28th in the Abney Cultural Center Auditorium. Dr. Burton, who is a prolific author and scholar, professor of global Black studies, Sociology and Anthropology, and Computer Science at Clemson University. Burton discussed his life and work as a historian, reflected upon his most important books, and shared his thoughts about the culture and politics of the South. In addition to Burton, the event also included presentations by Dr. Bobby J. Donaldson, Director of the Center for Civil Rights History and Research, and Christopher B. Thomas, Director of the Benjamin Mays Historical Preservation Site. To see pictures from the event click on [Picture Highlights](#)





Savannah Jones, Furman University
"Disappointing Fruit, or A Tempest of My Own Making"



Brandi DeHaven, USC - Aiken
"Brief Diary of an Instacart Delivery Driver"



Alisa Wharton, Clemson University
"When I Was Younger"



Sydney Hayes, Coastal Carolina University
"Sweet Tea, No Ice"



Caitlin Lewis, Winthrop University
"Remembered"

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of the South Carolina *Creative Writing* Competition!

The competition received more than 40 entries of short fiction, creative non-fiction, and poetry from 11 different colleges/universities across the state. Each submission was accompanied by a 500-word exegesis highlighting sociological concepts that contextualize the creative work.

The winners come from five different universities and the winning pieces explore themes such as racial injustice, climate change, and book banning.

Attention SCSA Members!

SCSA is ramping up its social media presence! Help us to elevate our presence on Facebook, LinkedIn and more! Please send your news, publications, and bios (including research interests) to sesasocialmediamanager@gmail.com so that we can share your news far and wide on social media!



The SCSA block rate of \$179/night is available for the annual meeting dates 2/22/24 – 2/25/24 at AC Marriott.

Book your group rate for the SCSA Room Block [through this link.](#)

For more information about conference hotels, check out the SCSA website <https://southcarolinasociology.org/annual-meeting>

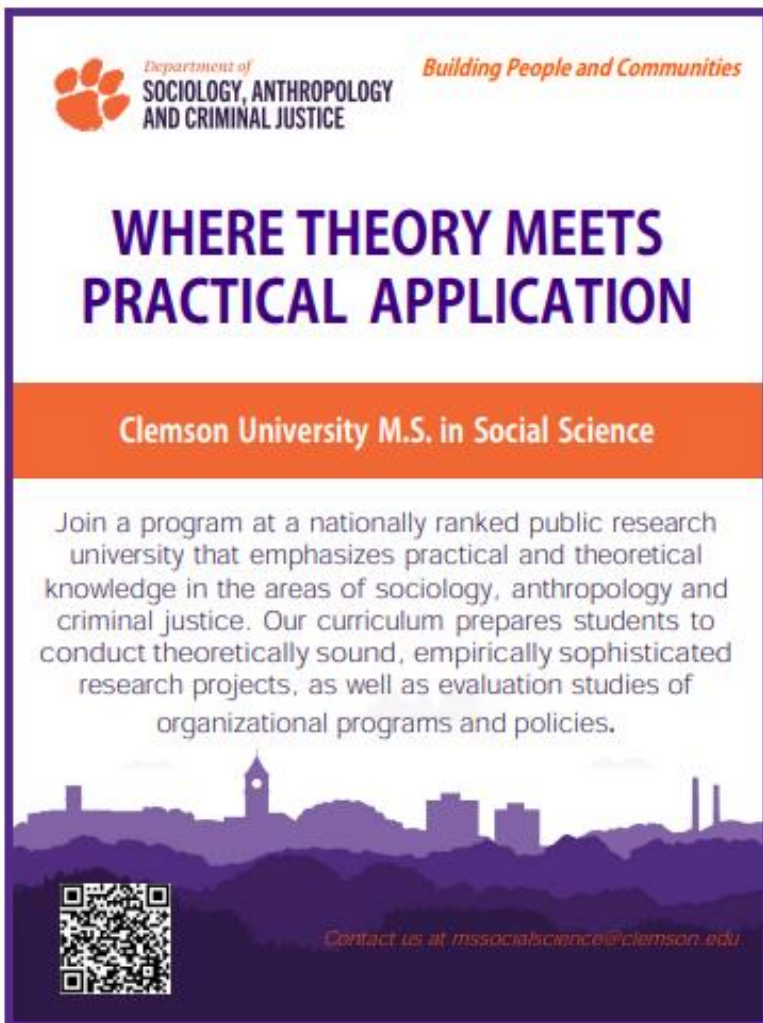
Job Announcements

Full or Associate Professor – Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice

The Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice invites applications for a tenured position beginning August 2024 at the rank of Associate or Full Professor. This position is also intended to serve as the Director of the Center for Criminal Justice and Social Research. While specialization is open, research expertise and experience should align with the existing mission and portfolio of the [Center for Criminal Justice and Social Research](#). Tenure-track faculty typically teach two courses per semester. For more information and to apply go to <http://apply.interfolio.com/133920>

Assistant Professor - Criminal Justice

The Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor in Criminal Justice beginning August 2024. Applicants should have a Ph.D. in Criminology, Criminal Justice, Sociology, or a closely related field by the time of the appointment. Area of specialization is open within criminology and criminal justice, but the department is particularly interested in candidates with research and teaching expertise in corrections. For more information and to apply to <http://apply.interfolio.com/133027>




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**Southern
Sociological
Society**

2024 Annual Meeting

New Orleans, Louisiana

Wednesday, April 3-Friday, April 6, 2024

For more information about this conference,
visit the [SSS website](#).



American
Sociological
Association

119th Annual ASA Annual Meeting

*Theme: "Intersectional Solidarities: Building
Communities of Hope, Justice, and Joy."*

Montreal, Canada

Friday, August 9-Tuesday, August 13, 2024

For more information about this conference,
visit the [ASA website](#).

**If you would like to contribute to the
Spring 2024 issue of the SCSA newsletter,
please email catherineterry@midlandstech.edu**