

**South Carolina Sociological Association  
2024 Annual Meeting  
Greenville, SC  
Friday, February 23 – Sunday, February 25**



***The Value of Sociology in Changing Times***

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**Friday, February 23, 2024**

**Poster Session and Reception**

**Clemson Nursing Building at 605 Grove Rd., Greenville, SC**

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Atrium

**Reception**

Heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks

**Poster Session**

*Societal Transformation through Lifelong Learning: A Case Study of Northern Ghana's Literacy Landscape*

**Terence Amankatoa Asitibasi (Clemson University)**

*Terror Management Theory: Perceptions of Crime and Punishment in the United States*

**Katelyn Blanchard (Coastal Carolina University)**

*Religion and Politics: Comparing the Implications of Pre-Millennial and Post-Millennial Theologies*

**Aaron B. Culley (Wingate University)**

*The Image of Activism; Youth, Mobilization, and Social Movement Framing on Instagram*

**Thomas V. Maher (Clemson University)**

**Callie Booden (Clemson University)**

**Kolin Hood (Clemson University)**

**Kylah Rainey (Clemson University)**

**Delaney Winn (Clemson University)**

*Who Am I? Investigating Intersectional Identities of Sociology Undergraduate and Graduate Students*

**Cadi Imbody (Clemson University)**

**Catherine Mobley (Clemson University)**

**Chloe Bird (Tufts Medical Center)**

*Voicing Community Policing Concerns and Hopes: Insights from Nicholtown, Greenville, South Carolina*

**Kayleigh Rhodes (Clemson University)**

**Natalia Sianko (Clemson University)**

*Bridging Disciplines for Social Equity: The Center for Criminal Justice and Social Research*

**Lyudmyla Tsykalova (Clemson University)**

*First Responder Cross-over Stress and the Effect on Work-Life Balance*

**Christina Walser (Coastal Carolina University)**

*Between a Rock and a Hard Place: An Ethnography of the Climbing Community of Upstate South Carolina*

**Rylie P. Wartinger (Clemson University)**

**Saturday, February 24, 2024**  
**Clemson One Building, 1 N. Main St., Greenville, SC**

8:00 am – 8:30 am

5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 505

**Registration**

8:40 am – 9:00 am

Room 505

**Welcome and Presidential Plenary**

*Welcome*

*The Organizational Survival of State Sociological Associations*

**Daniel M. Harrison (Lander University)**

9:10 am – 10:05 am

Room 505

**Thematic Paper Session**

*Audre Lorde Tried to Tell Us: The Urgency of Viewing Difference Through a Sociological Power Lens*

**Stacye A. Blount (Fayetteville State University)**

*Acknowledging and Repairing Harm: The Historical Role of Sociology/Criminology in Maintaining the Status Quo*

**Brian Pitman (Clemson University)**

*Following Your Passion: The Relevance of the Sociology of Gaming*

**Heather Shay (South Carolina State University)**

10:10 am – 11:05 am

Room 505

**Research Session**

*Rational Choice? Choosing the Street over the Shelter*

**Sara Brallier (Coastal Carolina University)**

**Stephanie Southworth (Coastal Carolina University)**

*Community-Driven Development in Drayton: An Ethnographic Study of Neighborhood Perspectives*

**Sarah Buckmaster (Wofford College)**

**Foster Kemp (Wofford College)**

*Using Census Data to Examine Student Perceptions of Communities*

**Phillip Storey (Valdosta State University)**

11:10 am – 12:05 pm

Room 505

### **Panel Session**

*In Defense of Introductory Sociology*

**Rucha Ambikar (Clemson University)**  
**Andrew Mannheimer (Clemson University)**  
**Shannon McDonough (Clemson University)**

*Community and the Practice of Sociology: Establishing the Relevance of Sociology  
Though Local Student-Based Research*

**Leonard A. Steverson (Flagler College)**

12:15 pm – 1:45 pm

Furman University “101” Building  
101 N. Main St., Greenville, SC 29601

### **Lunch & SCSA Award Presentations**

2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Clemson One Building  
Room 505

### **Research Session**

*Carceral Logics in Benevolent Places: How Institutions of Care Extend Carceral Oversight in the Lives of  
Formerly Incarcerated Mothers*

**Geniece Mondé (Furman University)**

*Religion, Race, and Activism: Assessing the Support of Protests in Religious Responses to Racism*

**Claire Gilliland (Furman University)**  
**Haley Shadburn (Furman University)**  
**Sabrina Strickland-Harris (Furman University)**

*My Brother’s Keeper: Two Black Men Navigating the Tenure-Track Experience*

**Danny E. Malone Jr. (Coastal Carolina University)**  
**Jesse. R. Ford (University of North Carolina at Greensboro)**

*What We Say in the Shadows: Whisper Networks among Women in STEM Workplaces*

**Megan Routh (University of South Carolina)**

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Yee-Haw Brewing Company  
307 E. McBee Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601

### **SCSA Saturday Evening Social**

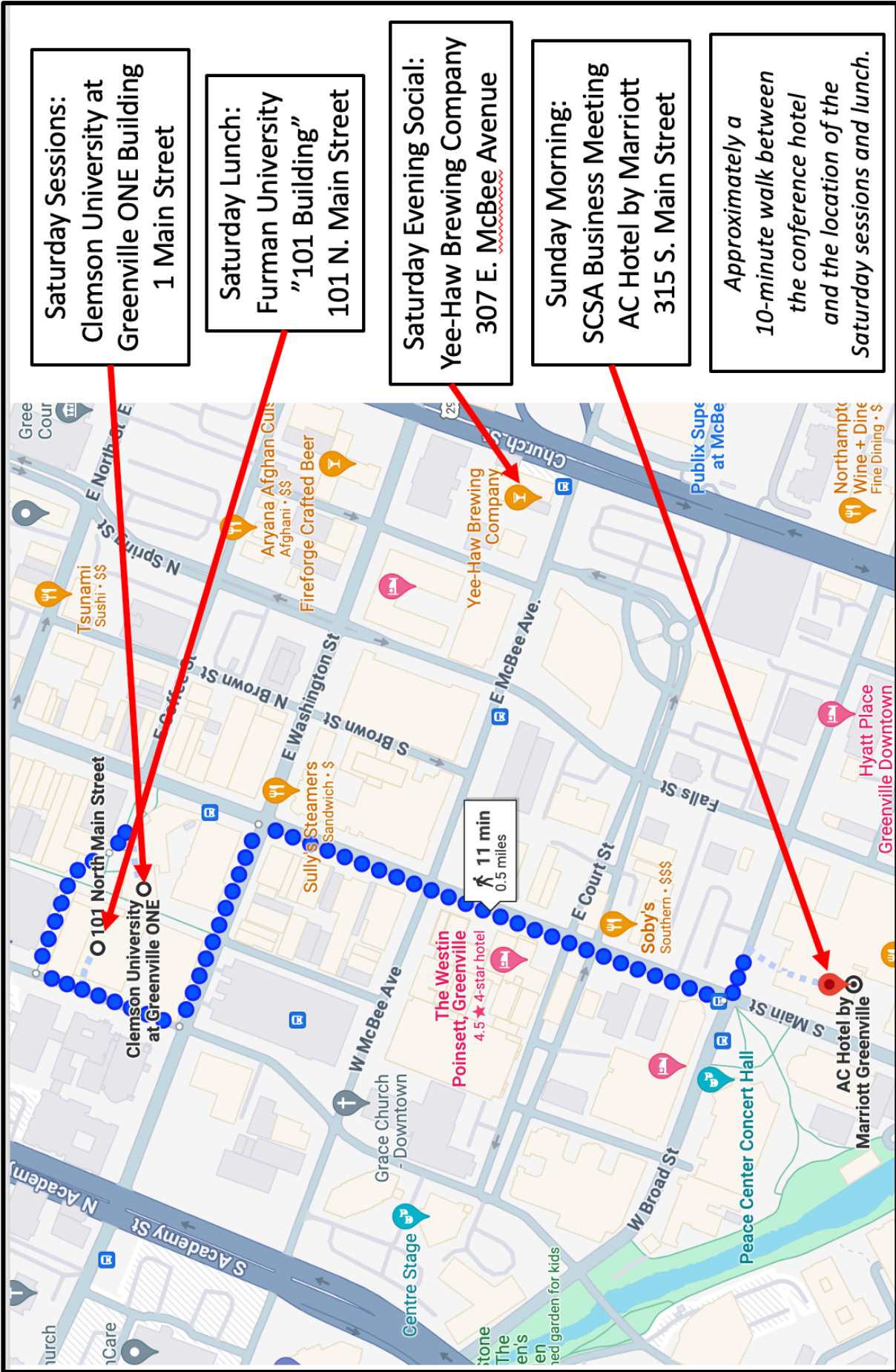
**Sunday, February 25, 2024**

**AC Marriott, 315 S. Main Street, Greenville, SC. 29601**

9:00 am – 10:30 am

The Loft, Second floor

### **SCSA Business Meeting**



**Saturday Sessions:**  
Clemson University at  
Greenville ONE Building  
1 Main Street

**Saturday Lunch:**  
Furman University  
"101 Building"  
101 N. Main Street

**Saturday Evening Social:**  
Yee-Haw Brewing Company  
307 E. McBee Avenue

**Sunday Morning:**  
SCSA Business Meeting  
AC Hotel by Marriott  
315 S. Main Street

*Approximately a  
10-minute walk between  
the conference hotel  
and the location of the  
Saturday sessions and lunch.*



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