

8:30 – 9:30 Session 1

"Who Lives Here? The Importance of College and Post-graduate Service."

- Molly Cook, Illinois State University mcook12@ilstu.edu
- Lindsey Earl, Illinois State University lgearl@ilstu.edu

Round Table Discussion: "Challenges for educators and practitioners working with millennials through a symbolic interactionist perspective."

- Discussant Leader, Charles Brawner, Heartland Community College
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Millennials, sometimes referred to as digital natives, were born between 1979 and 1994. Sometimes they have been characterized as having a sense of entitlement, unmotivated, and lacking interpersonal communication skills. Even if this is true in-part, how widespread these traits are can have an effect on classroom instruction, and job performance in occupations that interact directly with people, such as: policing, social work, counseling, nursing, or teaching. Topics to be round tabled for discussion include: Do they work well in group settings? Are they self-motivated to have an impact on society? Moreover, will higher education and workplace interaction actually affect some change in Millennials themselves?

9:40-10:40 Session 2

"Thinking Outside the Box: Utilizing UDL Concepts in a SOC 101 Course"

- Organizers: Janice Malak and Dana Alaniz, Heartland Community College
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Safe Spaces in Sociology

- Organizer: Meghan Burke, Illinois Wesleyan University mburke@iwu.edu

Meghan Burke, Associate Professor of Sociology, Illinois Wesleyan University: "Trigger Warnings as Standpoint Practice in a Climate of Academic Hostility"

Carly Floyd, BA sociology student, Illinois Wesleyan University: "Brave Spaces and Difficult Dialogues: IWU Interfaith and ReligiosiTEA"

Rachel Wimberly, MA sociology student, Illinois State University: "Trans* Identities and University Policy Navigating How to Create Safe and Supportive Spaces"

Paige Buschman, BA sociology student, Illinois Wesleyan University: "How Men Can Counter Sexual Assault in Creating Safe Spaces"

Monica Edwards, Associate Professor of Sociology, Harper College: "Sociology AS Safe : How We Can Use Our Discipline to Construct Safe Spaces"

"Field Studies and Experiments in Racism, Sexism, and Political Orientation"

- Presenter: Keith Johnson, Independent Researcher keithjohnson101@gmail.com

10:50 – 11:50 Session 3

“Teaching Sociology”

- Organizer: Ken Laundra, Millikin University

Ken Laundra, Millikin University “Strategies for Community-based Learning and Applied Sociology at Millikin University” klaundra@millikin.edu

Wade Smith, Eastern Illinois University, “Claimsmaking in the Classroom: Teaching Sociology and Transforming Publics” wpsmith@eiu.edu

Robert Blain, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, “Promoting World Peace with Sociology” rblain@siue.edu

Jorge A. Chavez-Rojas, Millikin University **The Impact of Inequality and Corruption on Innovation: A Cross-National Examination***

“Food/Agriculture/Rural Sociology”

- Organizer: Gene Deerman, Eastern Illinois University medeerman@eiu.edu

Melissa Barfield, McKendree University “Rural Students Social Integration in an Era of Campus Conflict”

Gene Deerman, EIU, “Stewards of the Land”: The Good Farmer at Work

Teddy Dondanville, Illinois State University “The Color of Food: Privileged Shopping in Boulder, Colorado”

“Sociology and Social Justice in the High School”

- Presenters: Stefen Robinson, Normal Community High School robinsonsj@myunit5.org
- Adam Heenan, Formerly of Chicago Public Schools

11:50 – 12:30 Lunch

12:30 – 1:30 Session 4

“Squashing Certainty: Cultivating Critical Thinking”

- Presenters: Kimberly Brostrom and Pernevon Ellis, Kishwaukee College kimberly.brostrom@kishwaukeecollege.edu or pernevon.ellis@kishwaukeecollege.edu

“Using Therapeutic Recreation Programs as Service Learning Opportunities Across the Sociology Curriculum.”

- Presenters: Doug Dowell, Heartland Community College
- Maggie Rutenbeck, Director of Special Recreation, City of Bloomington.
- Doug.dowell@heartland.edu

1:40 – 2:40 Session 5

“Are Transfer Students Ready for the Big Leagues?”

- Organizers: Doug Dowell, Heartland Community College and Gene Deerman, Eastern Illinois University. Doug.dowell@heartland.edu or medeerman@eiu.edu
- Panelists
- Bailey Marie Schmid– Illinois State University and College of Lake County
- Veronica Marasa – Bradley University and Carl Sandburg College
- Felice Cobb and – Millikin University and Richland Community College
- Seth Throneburg – Millikin University and Richland Community College

“Teaching Pedagogy”

- Presenter: Bill Staudenmeier, Eureka College
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2:50 – 3:50 Session 6

"Student Showcase in Sociological Studies"

- Organizer: Cristina Prestin-Latham, Heartland Community College Cristina.Prestin-Latham@heartland.edu
- Amber - Fatherlessness
- Nicole - Living Biracial
- Alberto - Local Segregation
- Megan - Views of Masculinity

“Teaching Strategies in Sociology”

- Presenter: Colin Suchland, Lincoln Land Community College colin.suchland@llcc.edu

Student Research Presentations

- Organizer: Eric Zdansky, Illinois State University ewzdans@ilstu.edu

Rachel Wimberly & Jenny Swick, Illinois State University "Class Inequality and Abuse in the American Slaughterhouse Industry."

Ann Johnson & Erik Zdansky, Illinois State University "Entangled Oppressions: The Connection of Speciesism and Bigotry using the Holocaust as a Case Study."