



# ILLINOIS SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

**2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**Friday November 17, 2017**



Theme: *Sociology in Action*

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kevin Leicht

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**8:00-9:00 AM: WELCOME & REGISTRATION | University Commons, Main Entrance**  
Continental Breakfast (complimentary) in Entry Lounge

**9:00: Opening Remarks: MU Provost, Jeff Aper**

**9:30 - 10:30: SESSION I**

**Social Activism & Justice | UC 138/140**

Bob Blain, Southern Illinois University (Edwardsville) (SESSION ORGANIZER)

*The Root of United States Public and Private Debt: Told by the Pen of History*

Jonathan Coley, Monmouth College

*Varieties of Activism: The Political, Work, and Family Trajectories of LGBT Student Activists*

Keith Johnson

*When a Helping Profession Fails: The Case of Semaj Crosby*

**An Interdisciplinary Approach to Implementing Service Learning Ideas | UC 142/144**

*Three unique and interesting service learning activities in various stages of development and implementation will be discussed.*

Elizabeth Grant, Lewis & Clark Community College

*Integrating a Service Activity as a Group Assignment in a Speech Course*

Renee Lewis, Heartland Community College

*Incorporating Service Learning into the Classroom: Starting Out*

Doug Dowell, Heartland Community College (SESSION ORGANIZER)

*Using Therapeutic Recreation Programs as Service Learning Opportunities in Sociology*

**Teaching & Learning in Sociology | UC 146**

Wade Smith, Eastern Illinois University

*From Course Content to Public Discourse: The Social and Political Significance of Defining Racism(s) in the Classroom*

Nathan Buske, Millikin University

*Studying the Sociological Impact of Video Gaming*

Jorge Chavez-Rojas, Millikin University (SESSION ORGANIZER)

*Globalization Index and the Notion of Correlation*

**10:30 - 10:45: BREAK**

**10:45 - 11:45: SESSION II**

**Urban Peace Lab | UC 138/140**

Peter St. Jean, North Park University (SESSION ORGANIZER)

*Conducting Better News Research*

Marlee McCabe & Dawson Vosburg, North Park University

*I Am Not Going Back: Decidivism and Social Environment in Chicago*

Adelfo Pita & Dyron Woods, North Park University

*Revenge without Violence in Chicago*

Jonathan Martinez & Enrique Menendez, North Park University

*Swimming against the Currents: Underfunded Schools and Academic Achievements in Chicago*

**Practices in Restorative Justice (WORKSHOP) | UC 142/144**

Keyria Rodgers, Millikin University (SESSION ORGANIZER)

**Experiences of Sociology Majors Transferring into Four Year Institutions | UC 146**

Undergraduate sociology majors who transferred from community colleges to four year institutions will share their experiences and answer audience questions.

Doug Dowell, Heartland Community College (SESSION ORGANIZER)

Dagan McKenzie – Millikin University

Tosca Waasdorp – Sauk Valley College and Illinois State University

Claudia Consuelos – Rock Valley College and Illinois State University

**11:45 - 12:00: BREAK**

**12:00 – 1:00: LUNCH W/ KEYNOTE SPEAKER | UC 302 Banquet Room A**

"The Future of Professional Work in a Post-Truth World"

**Dr. Kevin Leicht- University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign**

**\*Student Paper Awards Announced** (Bruce LeBlanc, Black Hawk College)

## **1:15 – 2:15: SESSION III**

### **Urban Peace Lab II (PANEL or ROUNDTABLE) | UC 138/140**

Peter St. Jean, North Park University (SESSION ORGANIZER)

Valentin Garcia & Ronald Sanchez, North Park University

*Peace without Guns: How Chicago Residents within High Gun Violence*

*Neighborhoods Resolve Conflicts without the use of Guns*

Anosi Thomsen & Hidraid Aguilar, North Park University

*The Uprise: Youth and Gang Avoidance in Chicago*

Maggie Johnson & Katie McNaughton, North Park University

*Poverty & Peace in Chicago: Voices on the ground*

Jamie Sosa & Mariah Rosito, North Park University

*In Spite of It All: Triumph After Human Trafficking*

### **Student Research | UC 142/144**

Bruce LeBlanc, Black Hawk College (SESSION ORGANIZER)

Amber Baer, Heartland Community College

*Living through Addiction*

Baylee Hudgens, Southern Illinois University

*Social Problems Process Model and Pro-Choice Abortion Rights*

Christine Hier, Harold Washington College

*Mixed Race Identity*

### **Interdisciplinary Studies I | UC 146**

Carmella Braniger & Alex Miller, Millikin University

*Shakespeare and Critical Storytelling: Promoting Social Change through Female*

*Inmates' Performances*

### **Interdisciplinary Studies II | UC Leadership Room 110**

Ken Laundra (Millikin U.), Eric Roark (Millikin U.) and Steve Johns (Ag Watershed Inst)

*Roundtable discussion of various projects and research devoted to environmental issues.*

## **2:15 – 2:30: BREAK**

**2:30 – 3:30: SESSION IV**

**Peace Studies/Peaceology | UC 138/140**

Peter St. Jean, North Park University (SESSION ORGANIZER)

*Introducing Peaceology and Urban Peaceology: Findings from Multi-methods Research in Chicago*

Eirik Jerven Berger, North Park University

*Visual Urban Peaceology: Understanding and Amplifying Peace Intelligence in the Urban Context through the use of visual tools, ethnography, qualitative data, and media research*

Seanna Wong, North Park University

*The Role of Theatre in Visual Urban Peaceology: Findings from Ground-Breaking Ethnographic Research and Activism in Chicago*

**Applying to Graduate School (ROUNDTABLE) | UC Leadership Room 110**

Laura Dean, Millikin University

*Applying to Graduate School*

**Mindfulness: Practices in Health & Education (WORKSHOP) | UC 146**

Karma Lynn Carpenter, Millikin University

*Mindfulness Practices in Health and Education*

**Nature's Fury & the Human Spirit (DOCUMENTARY FILM) | UC 304 Banquet Room B**

William Lovekamp, Eastern Illinois University

*Interviews with local residents who survived tornados talk about their experiences, shown in the recently aired documentary on PBS, "Nature's Fury & the Human Spirit"*

**3:30 – 4:30: Board Meeting | UC Leadership Room 110**

# Special Thanks

## Organizational Leadership/Capstone Course

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Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kevin Leicht

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