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Structures of  
Inequality in Our  
Changing  
Environment

Annual Conference 2022



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER, 28 2022**

Collins Classroom Center

1801 4th Ave Stevens Point, WI 54481

# WSA

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Greetings!

Welcome to Stevens Point, and the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point campus, for the 2022 Wisconsin Sociological Association annual conference. This conference is literally years in the making. UWSP was set to host back in 2020 but was paused for two years due to the pandemic. Hopefully you get a chance to explore the area, upon arriving or after - perhaps taking the walking-tour of community art installations on Thursday facilitated by CREATE, Portage Co. The WSA board and the UWSP Department of Sociology and Social Work are beyond eager to welcome you all here this year.

The theme this year, ‘Structures of Inequality in our Changing Environment,’ rests in environmental justice but moves beyond into any number of spatial contexts. Our distinguished keynote speaker, Professor Emerita Margarita Alario, will guide us through key concerns in climate-based inequality and injustice today. Furthermore, sessions on environmental sociology, consumption, and social justice will overtly buttress this topic. That being said, each session, each presentation, each discussion and conversation will expand and deepen our fervent examination and understanding of any number of social issues that exist in many dynamic spaces.

On behalf of the WSA board, we are beyond excited to conference again in-person. The last two years resulted in successful virtual adaptations, making our return to face-to-face an easy transition. We are so thankful for your support in membership, participation, and travel this year – we especially welcome new faculty, researchers, and practitioners to the state of Wisconsin and new students to our esteemed discipline. It is our hope that the conference continues to serve as a sandbox of ideas and professional connections.

Enjoy a day of collaborative conversation, didactic discussion, and a general reminder of the important work being done in our communities, across society, and within the discipline.

Finally, we would like to thank all the movers and shakers at UW-Stevens Point for helping facilitate the conference this year (but really the last two!).

David Barry  
President, WSA

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THURSDAY

October, 27



## FREE WALKING TOUR WITH 'CREATE'

5:00–6:30pm

This will be a free and casual walking tour around downtown Stevens Point to see the various art installations throughout the community. Emphasis is on the connections between art and community health. Hosted by CREATE, Portage Co.

Meet promptly at the Stevens Point public square fountain.

FRIDAY

October, 28



## REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN

8:00–11:50am

Front lobby of the Collins Classroom Center (CCC)

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SESSION 1

9:00-10:15am



## SESSION 1A - CCC204

*On Environment*

President: David Barry, UW-Stevens Point

- Environmental Justice from the Great Lakes to the Gulf - Holly Denning, UW-Whitewater
- 'It Felt Public:' Property, Forestland Conservation and Changing Land Use in the Northeastern United States - Claudine Pied, UW-Platteville
- Food in the Hinterland: Provisioning Amidst a Changing Climate - Margaret Kubek, UW-Stevens Point



## SESSION 1B - CCC214

*On Gender*

President: Maggie Bohm-Jordan

- Gender and Guns: Towards an Intersectional Consumer Culture Approach - Erik Withers, UW-River Falls
- Men and Women on Farming Websites - Ian Stetzel, UW-Platteville
- Becoming a Cliché: Depictions of Masculinity in Agricultural TV Advertising - Adam Driscoll and Carol Miller, UW-La Crosse

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SESSION 2

10:30-11:45am



## SESSION 2A - CCC204

*On Social Justice*

Presider: Maggie Bohm-Jordan, UW-Stevens Point

- Harassment, Discrimination, and Assault: The Unseen Crisis in Fire Service Professions - Shelby Perket, UW-Whitewater
- Rape Myth Versus Victim Blame: How to Measure Rape Culture - Jennifer Huck, Carroll University
- Tools for Success in the Foster Care System: A Qualitative Study - Evan Donini, UW-Whitewater



## SESSION 2B - CCC214

*On Race and Ethnicity*

Presider: David Barry, UW-Stevens Point

- Race You to the Polls: Do Racial Attitudes Predict Voter Behavior? - Jeffrey Kroll, UW-Milwaukee
- A Tool of Capitalism: Theories on the Origins of White Nationalism in the United States - Ellen Bloss, DePaul University
- Wisconsin Indigenous Peoples Health Outcomes and Healthcare Access - Nicholas Baumann, UW-Stout
- A question driven approach to teaching the sociology of race and ethnic relations - Colin Wang, UW-Milwaukee at Waukesha

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LUNCH  
PROGRAM

12:30-1:50pm  
CCC101

## LUNCH - 12:30

### WSA STUDENT AND FACULTY AWARDS - 12:45

*Presented by David Barry, UW-Stevens Point*

- Essays on Social Theory: Hobbes, Marx, and Foucault - Jess Burns, UW-Whitewater
- Harassment, Discrimination, and Assault: The Unseen Crisis in Fire Service Professions - Shelby Perket, UW-Whitewater
- Building Community in Gendered Ways in College Basketball - Alondra Castillo, Ripon College

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS - 1:10

#### **A Climate of Injustice, Wisconsin is not Immune**

*Prof. Emerita Margarita Alario,  
Environmental Sociologist, UW-Whitewater*

While rich countries plus China contribute two third (2/3) of annual carbon emissions, the entire continent of Africa emits three percent (3%). And while nations and communities, such as indigenous people of Wisconsin and the Americas, contributed the least to the anthropogenic global warming (AGW), they are the most affected by it. This is what may be described as a global climate of injustice. Welcome to the Anthropocene where humans'-built systems are the meteorites that led to the dinosaurs' extinction.

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SESSION 3

2:00-3:15pm



## SESSION 3A - CCC204

*On Institutions*

President: Wayne Thompson, Concordia University

- Improving Student Outcomes through Smart Education Initiatives within a Higher Education Landscape Influenced by COVID-19 - Mita Banerjee, UW-Parkside
- Preaching about Contraversial Issues during the Pandemic - Wayne Thompson, Concordia University
- Dialectics of Media - Alexander Brost, UW-Stout



## SESSION 3B - CCC214

*On Criminal Justice*

President: Leda Kanellakou, UW-White Water

- Incarceration and its Everlasting Effects on Families - Angel Pasko, UW-Stevens Point
- Organized Labor and Organized Crime in the Ladies' Garment Industry: A Case Study Using Oral History - Robert P. Wolensky, UW-Stevens Point
- Designing a New Curriculum on Mental Illness and Addictions for Criminology and Sociology Students - Michael Friedson, Carly Hanke, Jess Burns, and Liz Biely, UW-Whitewater

**WSA Officer Business Meeting, 3:30-4:30pm**

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