Constant Crisis in the Modern World

2020
ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 27 & 28
CLEVELAND, OH
Deadline to Submit: December 6, 2019

Full Conference Information Online

http://www.ncsanet.org/2020-annual-meeting

The theme for the 2020 meeting in Cleveland will be Constant Crisis in the Modern World.

More than any other discipline, sociology has an appreciation for the value of pattern and consistency in daily life. In the past several years, constant violations of expected behavior, core values, and social equilibrium have become a regular occurrence which threaten to disrupt our commonality.

The disruption and rapid social change is far-reaching. Whether it is the unexpected actions by the current political administration, the overwhelming deluge of information from social media, or the rise of populism and anti-intellectualism throughout the world, people report feeling marginalized and separated. Such crisis can threaten the collective conscience that is essential for society to continue to exist or it could subdivide the system into smaller parts that limit the possibility of interconnection in the future.

Our work in sociology helps illuminate the causes and outcomes of these crises but also the short and long-term effects on social structure. Our attention to such issues allows all to better understand the crises, deal with them, regather the disparate pieces, and use our skills and abilities to move through the crises and improve our local, national, and global communities for the better. Join us in Cleveland, on the doorstep of the 2020 elections, to confront crises, understand the marginalized, and find our commonality.

Robert Carrothers
Ohio Northern University
NCSA President, 2019-2020
Submission Portal Opens: August 25, 2019
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Important dates:
- Aug 25, 2019: online portal opens for all submissions
- Dec 6, 2019: deadline for all submissions EXCEPT undergraduate presentations
- Jan 10, 2020: deadline for undergraduate presentation submissions
- Jan 30, 2020: target date for 2019 preliminary session list to be posted online
- Mar 1, 2020: hotel room block reservation line closes
- Mar 15, 2020: advance conference registration closes

2020 Ruth and John Useem Plenary Address
Rashawn Ray
University of Maryland, College Park
Dr. Rashawn Ray is Associate Professor of Sociology and Executive Director of the Lab for Applied Social Science Research (LASSR) at the University of Maryland, College Park. He is also one of the co-editors of Contexts Magazine: Sociology for the Public. Formerly, Ray was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Research Scholar at the University of California, Berkeley. He recently accepted a position to be a Brookings Institute Rubenstein Fellow.

2020 John F. Schnabel Distinguished Teaching Address
Stephanie Medley-Rath
Indiana University Kokomo
Each year, the previous year’s recipient of the John F. Schnabel Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award speaks to NCSA on a pedagogical topic. Stephanie’s research interests encompass the sociology of autobiography, cognitive sociology, and the scholarship of teaching and learning. She is a contributing writer for Sociology in Focus.
**THERE ARE SEVERAL DIFFERENT WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE**

**Individual Papers/Presentations or Poster - Research**
If you want to present a portion of a research project you are working on, then submit it as an individual research paper or poster. The program committee will organize the individual submissions into coherent sessions. You will need to submit a title and a brief abstract (no more than 150 words). Please indicate the general topic that best fits your submission (see list below). If your submission does not fit any of the general research topics, you can choose the “RESEARCH: other” option. For questions and more information please contact Geoffrey Wood at Geoff.wood@pitt.edu.

**Individual Papers/Presentations or Poster--Teaching**
If you want to give a presentation on a particular teaching related topic then submit it as an individual teaching paper or poster. The program committee will organize the individual presentations into coherent sessions. You will need to submit a title and a brief abstract (no more than 150 words). Please note the general topic that best fits your submission (see list below). If your submission does not fit any of the general teaching topics, you can choose the “TEACHING: other” option. For questions and more information please contact Tamika Odum at odumtc@ucmail.uc.edu.

**Special Format (e.g., workshops, round tables, panel discussion, author-meets-critic, etc.)**
We accept workshops, panel discussions, or special format sessions on any sociological-related topic. These proposals should be submitted the same as a complete or ‘closed’ session, meaning all participants will be focusing on a single topic and must have agreed to participate before the organizer submits the proposal. You will need to submit a title and a brief abstract (no more than 150 words) as well as the names and email addresses of the session participants. For questions and more information contact Danielle Lavin-Loucks at danielle.lavin-loucks@valpo.edu.

**Complete Sessions - Research**
Also referred to ‘closed’ sessions. We accept complete panels on any research topic. These panels should have between 3 and 4 participants who present papers on similar topics. All participants must have agreed to participate before the organizer submits the session. You will need to submit the title of the session, a brief abstract for the session (no more than 150 words), the names and emails of all the presenters, the title of the individual presentations, and a brief abstract for each presentation (no more than 150 words). For questions and more information please contact Geoffrey Wood at Geoff.wood@pitt.edu.

**Complete Sessions - Teaching**
Also referred to ‘closed’ sessions. We accept complete panels on any teaching-related topic. These panels should have between 3 and 5 participants who do presentations on similar topics. All participants must have agreed to participate before the organizer submits the session. You will need to submit the title of the session, a brief abstract for the session (no more than 150 words), the names and emails of all the presenters, the title of the individual presentations, and a brief abstract for each presentation (no more than 150 words). For questions and more information contact Tamika Odum at odumtc@ucmail.uc.edu.
1) You must pay your conference registration fees (which include 2020 membership dues) prior to March 1, 2020 to be on the final conference program.

2) The NCSA requests that individuals limit their participation to no more than three appearances on the program to accommodate as many participants as possible.

3) All submissions must be complete and received by the appropriate NCSA 2020 Conference Committee method no later than 5pm on December 6.

4) Review the suggested topics for submissions on next page to determine if your submission should be considered as a research or teaching proposal AND for which topic the program committee should consider when assigning your presentation to a session, day or time. We make every effort to schedule sessions of the same topic as not to conflict.

5) For research or teaching papers, and special format sessions, submit information online at http://tinyurl.com/20NCSAconf. Please have on hand all the author(s)’ first and last names, institutional affiliations, most frequently checked email, and an abstract up to 150 words. Indicate the topic that best fits your submission. We do not collect finished papers, so papers or posters in progress may be submitted.

6) To organize a complete/closed research or teaching session, recruit between three and four papers before December 6, 2019. Note: please gather the name of the session, a session abstract up to 150 words, the names of all presenters, titles of presenters’ papers, abstracts for all papers up to 150 words each and institutional affiliations and email addresses for all presenters. For closed research sessions, email Geoffrey Wood at Geoff.wood@pitt.edu. For closed teaching sessions, email Tamika Odum at odumtc@ucmail.uc.edu. In the email, all information for the complete session must be included.

7) The NCSA welcomes the participation of undergraduate students. For the last several years, undergraduate students have been able to present their work at the NCSA conference and are given full representation in the conference program. Undergraduate presenters must register for the conference and be paid members of NCSA. Registration for the conference gives undergraduates student membership benefits and access to the entire annual meeting.

For undergraduates who wish to submit a paper, submit information online at http://tinyurl.com/20NCSAugg. Please have on hand all the author(s)’ first and last names, institutional affiliations, most frequently checked email, and an abstract up to 150 words. We do not collect finished papers, so papers in progress may be submitted. The deadline for undergraduates to submit is January 10, 2020. Undergraduate submissions will be placed in a topic-relevant session in one of the organized Undergraduate Sessions. For questions regarding undergraduate student participation in the conference, please contact Mellisa Holtzman at mkholtzman@bsu.edu.
# Topics for Research and Teaching Submissions

## RESEARCH TOPICS
- Aging and the Life Course
- Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity
- Animals and Society
- Applied Sociology
- Body and Embodiment
- Children and Youth
- Collective Behavior and Social Movements
- Community and Urban Sociology
- Community Based/Participatory Research
- Comparative Sociology
- Consumers and Consumption
- Courts, Prisons, and the Legal System
- Crime, Deviance, and Delinquency
- Culture
- Demography
- Disability and Society
- Economy, Class, and Social Inequality
- Education
- Environmental Sociology
- Family
- Food
- Gender
- Global and Transnational Sociology
- Health and Medical Sociology
- Historical & Comparative Sociology
- History of Sociology
- Human Rights
- Immigration, Migration
- International and Global Development
- Intersection of Race, Class, and Gender
- Labor
- Law & Society
- LGBTQ Studies
- Media Studies
- Masculinities
- Organizational Sociology
- Policing after Ferguson
- Political Sociology
- Popular Culture
- Popular Media and Crime
- Population Issues
- Poverty
- Poverty and Crime
- Punishing the Poor
- Qualitative Methods
- Quantitative Methods
- Race and Ethnicity
- Race and In/Justice
- Religion
- Rural Sociology
- Scholarship of Teaching & Learning
- Science, Knowledge, and Technology
- Sexualities
- Social Activism
- Social Change
- Social Movements
- Social Problems
- Social Psychology
- Sociological Practice
- Sports and Leisure
- Statistics
- Stratification and Inequalities
- Symbolic Interaction
- Theory
- Urban Sociology
- Work and Occupation
- Youth and Society

## TEACHING TOPICS
- Active Learning/Student Centered Learning Assessment of Learning
- Books that Help Us Teach
- Capstone Projects–Best Practices
- Choosing Textbooks and other Course Materials
- Community College Instruction
- Community Engagement and the Classroom
- Curriculum Design
- Ethics and the Classroom
- Evaluation of Students and Teachers
- Great Ideas for Teaching
- Group work–Benefits and Challenges
- Issues and Challenges in Teaching
- Mentoring Issues
- Online Teaching
- Organizing Undergraduates for Clubs
- Retention Strategies
- Service and Project–based Learning
- Solving Teaching Problems
- Student Writing
- Teaching Awards: How to Assemble a Strong Nomination
- Teaching at Different Kinds of Institutions
- Teaching Difficult Topics
- Teaching Diversity Related Topics
- Teaching with Diverse Populations
- Teaching Large Classes
- Teaching Online Classes
- Teaching Portfolios
- Teaching Sociology through Film/Media/News
- Technology in the Classroom
- Undergraduate Research
- Teaching topics: Criminology
- Teaching topics: Research Methods and/or Statistics
- Teaching topics: Theory
- Teaching topics: Other
General program questions: Danielle Lavin-Loucks, danielle.lavin-loucks@valpo.edu
Special format sessions: Danielle Lavin-Loucks, danielle.lavin-loucks@valpo.edu
Research sessions: Geoffrey Wood, Geoff.wood@pitt.edu
Teaching sessions: Tamika Odum, odumte@ucmail.uc.edu
Undergraduate papers: Mellisa Holtzman, mkholtzman@bsu.edu
Registration questions: Lisa Hickman, ncsasocconf@gmail.com
Hotel/conference arrangements: Joyce Lucke, ncsa@paragonme.net

For detailed conference information:
www.ncsanet.org/2020-annual-conference

NCSA will send frequent meeting reminders and updates. Please add the following email addresses below to your safe senders list to ensure you receive important conference updates:
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danielle.lavin-loucks@valpo.edu

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Registration
All program participants must be NCSA members and register for the conference unless otherwise notified. You may pay your 2020 membership dues and conference registration fees in one simple payment step any time between September 15 and March 15. Fees listed below for the 2020 conference INCLUDE your 2020 membership dues. Onsite registration fees will be higher.

2020 early registration fees are:

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Online registration will open September 1, 2019.

Accommodations
Our conference hotel is the Westin in downtown Cleveland. We have secured a block of rooms for the evenings of Wednesday, March 25 through Saturday, March 29 at the rate of $139 per night plus 16.5% tax.

Room rates are guaranteed through March 1, 2020, or until the room block is fully reserved. For those driving to the conference, parking is available at the hotel. For overnight guests of the hotel, valet parking with in/out privileges is available at $35/day (subject to change).

The Westin is a smoke-free hotel. Smoking is not allowed within hotel guest rooms, the restaurants, meeting rooms, or any public area. There are designated smoking areas along the perimeter of the hotel property.

Online reservation lines will open November 15, 2019.

About Our Venue
The Westin is centered in the vibrant downtown district, putting you in the heart of the action. Whether you are visiting for business or pleasure, you’ll find the ideal spaces to relax, work, and play. Sophisticated spaces await at The Westin Cleveland Downtown, just blocks from the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Great Lakes Science Center and Cleveland Convention Center. For sports lovers, the FirstEnergy Stadium and Quicken Loans Arena are less than a mile away. Dynamic works from local artists add a touch of class to our hotel lobby. Sample local ingredients and beers at Urban Farmer Steakhouse or grab coffee to go from our on-site Starbucks®. Our 24-hour Westin WORKOUT® Fitness Studio helps you stay fit in Cleveland. Host your downtown wedding in our 20,000 square feet of event space, which includes one of the largest ballrooms in the city. Elevate your event with A/V services from PSAV and kosher menu options from our catering team. Our downtown rooms offer stunning views of Lake Erie with floor-to-ceiling windows. Recharge in a Westin Heavenly® Bed and enjoy complimentary cocktails in our Executive Club Lounge, accessible from Club Level rooms. Expect 4-star service at The Westin Cleveland Downtown.
FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Creating Civility and Tolerance in an Uncivil and Intolerant Society

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Ray's research addresses the mechanisms that manufacture and maintain racial and social inequality with a particular focus on police-civilian relations and men's treatment of women. His work also speaks to ways that inequality may be attenuated through racial uplift activism and social policy. Ray has published over 50 books, articles, and book chapters, and 15 op-eds.

Recently, Ray published the book How Families Matter: Simply Complicated Intersections of Race, Gender, and Work (with Pamela Braboy Jackson) and another edition of Race and Ethnic Relations in the 21st Century: History, Theory, Institutions, and Policy, which has been adopted nearly 40 times in college courses. His forthcoming book with Hoda Mahmoudi to be published with University of California Press is entitled Structural Racism and the Root Causes of Prejudice.


Visit Dr. Ray's website and Twitter for more information about his public sociology.

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