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LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS REPORT ON SDA 2017

Local Arrangements Report

The WVU Mountaineers are looking forward to welcoming y'all to SDA's final southern state. We have many special treats ready for you. There will be two pre-conference sessions on the 25th – big data in the morning and an NIH funding update in the afternoon. The Welcome Reception Wednesday night will feature pepperoni rolls (a WV specialty) and Flying WV cookies – a WVU specialty! Sessions begin Thursday morning and highlights that day include a lunch address by Rick Rogers, a poster session and dinner at WVU's Touchdown Terrace. At dinner, overlooking the stadium, our mascot will show up for photos and the Dean of Eberly College of Arts and Sciences will join us as well (don't tell him I gave him second billing!). Friday we'll have breakfast with Mary Jo Hoeksema (and an update on Government Relations), more sessions and a lunch address by Victoria Velkoff from the US Census Bureau.

It's a fabulous time to be in Almost Heaven. The hotel is just next to a Rail Trail system that is hundreds of miles long; so bring your running shoes if you like. There's world class hiking at nearby Cooper's Rock; so bring hiking boots if you'd rather. There's lots of craft beer in Morgantown; so leave running and hiking shoes behind and flex your biceps a bit if you'd prefer. Also, we'll be taking WVU's PRT (Personal Rapid Transit) to dinner Thursday night—this involves a 10 minute walk, a 10 minute ride and a 10 minute walk. If you'll need personal transportation instead, please contact Lynne or Julia. In fact, contact us with any questions: Lynne.Cossman@mail.wvu.edu or JKWolf@mix.wvu.edu

Let's Go Mountaineers!



WATERFRONT PLACE HOTEL INFORMATION

The 2017 annual meeting will be held at the Waterfront Place Hotel, read below for a description:

Welcome to the Waterfront Place Hotel, overlooking the picturesque Monongahela River in Morgantown, West Virginia. This beautiful, full-service Wharf District hotel boasts 205 well-appointed guest rooms and suites with an abundance of amenities, making this premier waterfront hotel perfect for business and leisure travelers alike. Guests enjoy luxurious bedding, free high speed wireless Internet, a beautiful indoor pool, state-of-the-art fitness center, on-site dining, availability of spa services, room service, flat screen televisions, and much more.

The convenient location is a short distance to downtown Morgantown, West Virginia University, golf courses, local wineries and other area attractions, coupled with the over 50,000 square feet of modern, flexible meeting and event space, make the Waterfront Place Hotel the perfect destination to host your conference, meeting, wedding or special occasion.

To book a room for the upcoming SDA meeting please visit this link:

http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkIdData=Southern%20Demographic%20Association%202017%20Annual%20Meeting%5EMGWMC%60SD1SD1A%7CSD1SD1B%60134.00%60USD%60false%604%6010/25/17%6010/27/17%6010/6/17&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes

Rooms are likely already booked, so please check out this link for additional options:

http://sda-demography.org/sda_2017_meeting.php



SDA 2017 PRE-CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Big Data Pre-Conference Session

The Local Arrangements Committee (Lynne Cossman and Julia Wolf) wants to inform the SDA membership and 2017 meeting participants that the panel for big data has been changed. We are excited to announce that Nicholas Nagle, a spatial statistician and demographer, Associate Professor of Geography from UT-Knoxville (<https://geography.utk.edu/about-us/faculty/dr-nicholas-nagle/>) and Amy Rose, a geographer at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (http://web.ornl.gov/sci/gist/staff_bios/staff_rose.shtml).

Together, they expect to address: (1) examples of what can be done with big data in demographic research, (2) some technologies available for those who have not used big data previously, and (3) the training/recruitment/collaboration challenges with big data. This pre-conference session is from 9:00-12:00 on October 25th. The \$20 fee can be paid on-site and includes, breakfast, lunch and an afternoon (1:00-4:00) presentation on NIH Funding Opportunities by Rebecca Clark (https://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/staff/Pages/bio.aspx?nih_id=0010385252).

Seating is limited. If you have not yet registered, you may add this to your conference registration. If you have already registered and want to add the pre-conference workshops, email Lynne Cossman (Lynne.Cossman@mail.wvu.edu) and Julia Wolf (JKWolf@mix.wvu.edu) to register. They can put you on the list and then accept your \$20 on-site.



MEMBER NEWS-ELECTION RESULTS

SDA would like to thank our members who are outgoing officers for devoting their time and energy to the organization. We are excitement about the addition of new officers as well and thank all the excellent candidates who were willing to stand for election.

Results of the recent SDA election are listed below:

Linda Jacobsen – SDA President Elect for 2018 and President for 2019

Verna Keith – SDA Board Member 2018-2020

Sandy Colby – SDA Board Member 2018-2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduate Studies in Sociology at Washington State University

The graduate program at WSU encompasses a dynamic department with accomplished faculty who train graduate students to become professional sociologists in a variety of careers. Many of our recent graduates attain employment in academia, but others have chosen careers in government agencies, private firms, and non-profit organizations. Students are encouraged to conduct research they are passionate about and learn the necessary skills to carry it out by studying and co-authoring with experts in their field, taking foundational courses, attending department colloquia, and taking advantage of the many other resources at WSU.

It is an exciting time to be a health and inequality scholar at WSU in particular. The university has just completed a process of identifying areas of research excellence and priorities for the future, culminating in a system-wide commitment to addressing critical national and global problems, or “Grand Challenges” (<https://research.wsu.edu/research-initiatives/grand-challenges/>). At the nexus of two, “Opportunity and Equity” and “Sustaining Health,” the College of Arts and Sciences, in collaboration with the new Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine, launched the Health Equity Research Collaborative (HERC) to address health disparities. These efforts are bringing together faculty across diverse fields (sociology, psychology, biology, nutrition and exercise physiology, community health, communication and prevention science) and we expect many opportunities, including possible research assistantships and summer funding, for graduate students interested in the social determinants of health. The department is made up of an engaged, productive group of faculty and offers a supportive and collegial environment in which to work. We have historical strengths in the study of inequality across a range of domains and many of our faculty have research projects concerning health and well-being.

The Department typically supports all of its graduate students for the duration of their careers, so long as they are making expected progress toward the degree. Every year, we offer over \$30,000 in grants for research, teaching, and travel to our current graduate students. Pullman, Washington has a low cost of living and abundant outdoor opportunities. Its close proximity to the University of Idaho provides opportunity for rich social, cultural, and intellectual connection across two unique college towns.

WSU-Sociology has a national reputation for its commitment to social justice and disadvantaged racial/ethnic populations, as recognized by the American Sociological Association’s Dubois-Johnson-Frazier Award (2004). The William Julius Wilson Award for the Advancement of Social Justice recognizes one of the nation’s most influential sociologists, an alumnus of our doctoral program. The department, college, and university provide additional support to McNair scholars and through research assistantships for diverse scholars.

We invite you to learn more about our faculty and graduate program at our website: <http://soc.wsu.edu/>. To submit an application for graduate studies in sociology at WSU, please visit the Graduate School at WSU at: <http://gradschool.wsu.edu/apply/>. Questions about the program can be directed to Jennifer Sherman (jennifer_sherman@wsu.edu), Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Sociology.

JOBS: CENSUS BUREAU

A vacancy announcement for a few survey statistician positions in the Demographic Directorate opened in USAJobs, **Thursday, September 28, 2017** and will close at 11:59 p.m., EST, on **Wednesday, October 11, 2017**. This position is for a GS-1530-07/09/11/12 and the duty station for this position is in the U.S. Census Bureau, Suitland, MD. The person(s) selected for this position will perform duties such as applying statistical theories, techniques, and methods to programs for collecting, processing, or presenting statistical information. They will also develop and design survey questionnaires for paper and/or automated collection efforts and work independently and on teams to complete tasks for the surveys.

If you know someone with a background specializing in Demography, Sociology, Economics, Statistics, or Survey Methodology, please share this email accordingly.

You can view the announcement at the link provided below:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/480644800>

JOBS: UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE-KNOXVILLE

Assistant Professor Position - University of Tennessee-Knoxville

The Department of Sociology and the Africana Studies Program at the University of Tennessee – Knoxville invite applications for a joint tenure-track position at the level of Assistant Professor in the area of intersectionality, beginning August 1, 2018. The position will have its tenure home in Sociology. It will entail a 50 percent instructional commitment to Africana Studies, with expectations of teaching 200-level Africana Studies courses, cross-listed upper-division courses of interest to majors in both areas, and courses for Sociology graduate students and Africana Studies graduate certificate students. We are particularly interested in candidates who can contribute to the Department of Sociology's strength in social justice (sociology.utk.edu) and whose research resonates with our departmental areas: criminology; political economy and globalization; environmental sociology; and a new area in critical race and ethnic studies. Applicants must demonstrate promise of distinguished scholarship and excellent teaching and will be expected to seek external funding as a condition of tenure and promotion. A Ph.D. in Sociology, Africana Studies, Ethnic Studies, or related area is required at the time of appointment.

The Department of Sociology and the Africana Studies Program at the University of Tennessee – Knoxville have strong international reputations for their excellence. We offer a supportive and collegial atmosphere in which scholars make a variety of important contributions to research, teaching, and public engagement. The University of Tennessee – Knoxville seeks candidates who can contribute in meaningful ways to the diversity and intercultural goals of the University. Currently the University has approximately 22,000 undergraduate and 6,000 graduate students. The City of Knoxville has a beautiful and walkable downtown, active neighborhoods, and eclectic cultural activities, restaurants and shopping. Trip Advisor recently named it a Top Ten Destination on the Rise. The Knoxville metropolitan area has a population of more than 857,000 and is located within easy driving distance to Asheville, Atlanta, Nashville, and the Great Smoky Mountains.

Review of applications will begin October 23 and will continue until the position is filled. Please upload a letter of application, *curriculum vitae*, one writing sample, research statement, teaching statement, and three recommendation letters to <https://apply.interfolio.com/45313>. Direct all questions to Dr. Lois Presser, Search Committee Chair (lpreser@utk.edu). More information on the Department of Sociology is at sociology.utk.edu; more information on the Africana Studies Program is at africana.utk.edu.

The University of Tennessee is an EEO/AA/Title VI/Title IX/Section 504/ADA/ADEA institution in the provision of its education and employment programs and services. All qualified applicants will receive equal consideration for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, physical or mental disability, or covered veteran status.

JOBS: VIRGINIA TECH

Assistant Professor, Black Feminisms, Virginia Tech

The Virginia Tech Department of Sociology invites applications for the tenure-track position of Assistant Professor in Black Feminisms. The appointment will begin fall 2018 and will be a part of the department's Africana Studies and Women's and Gender Studies programs. All applicants must have a Ph.D. in sociology or a related discipline in hand at the start of appointment, contribute to the department's graduate and undergraduate programs, maintain a program of research excellence, and participate in a new university-wide initiative (see below). The normal teaching load is two courses each semester.

Applicants should have knowledge and skills related to the university's Equity and Social Disparity in the Human Condition strategic growth area (<http://inclusive.vt.edu/ESDHC.html>) as well as contributing to the College of Liberal Arts and Human Science's strengths in narrating the human experience, diversity, and social justice. In addition to having and/or demonstrating the potential for an active research agenda, the successful applicant will possess the capacity to teach undergraduate and graduate courses in both the Africana Studies and Women's and Gender Studies programs including, but not limited to race, class, gender, and sexualities; feminist methodologies; Black women in the US; feminist theory; special topics in Black feminism; race and gender in religion and culture; and topics in Africana Studies. Applicants whose research focuses on race, gender and environmental inequality, or on health disparities, are particularly encouraged to apply.

The successful applicant will contribute critical perspectives to a university-wide, interdisciplinary initiative to enhance curriculum and research focused on Equity and Social Disparity in the Human Condition (ESDHC). ESDHC is a strategic growth area that seeks to explore and analyze crucial issues related to diversity, especially those highlighted through the application of the analytical lens of intersectionality. Faculty engaged in this area seek to highlight the ways in which issues of identity, equity, and social disparity impact multiple academic disciplines, fields of study, and areas of inquiry.

The Department of Sociology is the academic home of interdisciplinary programs in Africana Studies, American Indian Studies, and Women's and Gender Studies. The department grants B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in sociology, with options including Africana Studies and Women's and Gender Studies at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. It has an undergraduate major in criminology and additionally houses the Center for Race and Social Policy Research and the Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention.

Applications must be submitted online on or before Oct. 15, 2017 at <http://listings.jobs.vt.edu/postings/79980>. The application package should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, a research plan, statement of teaching philosophy, and list of three references with email addresses. Any additional material that cannot be submitted online should be sent to the Black Feminisms Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Virginia Tech, 560 McBryde Hall (0137), 225 Stanger St., Blacksburg VA

JOBS: ELON UNIVERSITY

Assistant Professor Position Available - Elon University

Elon University invites applications for a continuing-track Assistant Professor position. Areas of specialization are open, but we are especially interested in candidates with an expertise in teaching stratification and environmental sociology/environmental justice and an ability to teach introduction to sociology. Additional interests in community studies, economic sociology, globalization/industrialization, political sociology, popular culture, or other areas not already covered by current faculty are welcomed. The position will begin mid-August 2018. Ph.D. in Sociology required. Candidates should demonstrate a deep commitment to teaching in a liberal arts environment and be prepared to teach the above courses and courses in Elon's General Studies program. Candidates will have the opportunity to supervise undergraduate research, and should be pursuing an active scholarship agenda. Elon is a dynamic private, co-educational, comprehensive institution that is a national model for actively engaging faculty and students in teaching and learning in a liberal arts based residential campus. It is the only university to appear on all eight *U.S. News* lists of excellent teaching practices. To learn more about Elon, please visit the University web site at www.elon.edu. Applications must be received by November 22, 2017. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until position is filled. Send letter of application, CV, evidence of teaching effectiveness, and research interests to the search chairs, Drs. Tom Arcaro and Alexis Franzese, at sociologysearch2017@elon.edu; please include your name in the subject line. Elon University is an equal opportunity employer committed to a diverse faculty, staff and student body and welcomes all applicants.

JOBS: FURMAN UNIVERSITY

The Department of Sociology at Furman University invites applications for an open-rank, tenure track professorship beginning Fall 2018. A Ph.D. in Sociology by time of appointment is preferred. Research and teaching specialization is open, although we are seeking an interpretive sociologist who primarily utilizes qualitative methodologies and who would teach a qualitative research methods course. We also seek a candidate that can significantly contribute to Furman's strategic vision, the Furman Advantage, and its enhanced commitment to diversity and inclusion coupled with direct engagement with community partners. For more information on Furman's recently launched, funded strategic vision, candidates are directed to information on the Furman Advantage at: <http://thefurmanadvantage.com>

Candidates should submit a CV, list of references, a cover letter and a teaching statement. The cover letter should address the following: (a) how their research incorporates and relies upon qualitative methods, (b) a record of past scholarly achievement and a clear plan for future research, (c) a willingness to incorporate undergraduates into their research, and (d) describe how their teaching, scholarship, mentoring and/or service will contribute to a liberal arts college community that includes a commitment to diversity as one of its core values. The teaching statement should specifically explain the candidate's: (a) general approach to teaching undergraduate students; (b) the ability and approach to teaching a qualitative methods courses, and (c) a list of mid- and upper-level courses other than the introduction to sociology that the candidate would like to teach, along with an explanation of how these courses would strengthen or supplement the department's current offerings and curriculum. We strongly encourage candidates to familiarize themselves with our curriculum before submitting their application. For information about Furman University and its growing Sociology department, please see the web page at:

<http://www2.furman.edu/academics/sociology/Pages/default.aspx>.

Teaching load is five courses per year. The individual we seek is dedicated to excellent teaching in a liberal arts environment, welcomes opportunities to work with students as peers and partners in learning. Strong research credentials and a promising scholarly agenda are also essential. Application review will begin 15 October 2017, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

Hi SDA Members,

I would like to encourage everyone to contact me of any news items worthy of being included in future editions of the newsletter. You can contact me via email at news@sda-demography.org, or by phone at (901) 678-1631.

Thanks,

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