

**Illinois Sociological Association/Wisconsin Sociological Association  
2008 Annual Meeting  
Rockford College**



**“Sociologists Making a Difference.”**

**October 23-24, 2008**

**Rockford College**

**Rockford, Illinois**

There is a growing urgency in sociology to extend its perspectives and research methodologies to broader audiences, cultivate new voices in the discipline and address a host of issues and concerns. This year the Illinois and Wisconsin Sociological Associations are hosting a joint conference that will offer a smorgasbord of sessions and papers. We are meeting together at Rockford College where Jane Addams received her college degree. Like Addams, one of the founding mothers of our discipline, of social work and of urban studies, sociologists in our region are making a difference that matters. We invite you to sample from a variety of sociological perspectives and studies represented in the presentations at this conference. The research and discussions presented at the conference will offer fresh and textured views from undergraduates and faculty. Learn more about how sociologists make a difference in the classroom, on our campuses and in the broader world beyond education.

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, October 23**

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Registration** Main level of Burpee Center

*10-11:15 a.m. Session I*

**Session IA: Doing Good: Congregations, Charity and Disaster Response**, Scarborough Hall, Room 208

Phil Groth, University of Wisconsin – Rock County, “Bureaucracy and response to a natural disaster: Case study of the Janesville response to June/July 2008 flooding”

Wayne Thompson, Carthage College, “Sacred Messages, Secular Vessels: Communications in Congregations”

Ruth Ashton, Loyola University at Chicago, “Megachurches: The Sacred, The Profane, and Increasing Religious Authority”

**Session IB, Social Welfare: Comparisons Across Cultures**, Scarborough Hall, Room 216

Vicki Sommer, Augustana College, Moderator

Student Panelists: Joshua Morgan, Mark Leveling, Brierly Nelsen, Elizabeth Mullen and Samuel Payan

**Session IC: Undergraduate Research I**

Scarborough Hall, Room 217

Marsha Smith, Augustana College, Organizer and Moderator

Amy Pearson, Augustana College, “The Study of Sexual Permissiveness among Augustana College Students”

Laurel Savide, Augustana College, “Changing Religious Beliefs throughout the College Years”

Lindsay Laatsch, Augustana College, “College Students’ Attitudes Toward People with Disabilities”

***Lunch on your own: The campus cafeteria and the Lion’s Den are available places.***

*1-2:15 p.m. Plenary, Room TBA*

Chris Prendergast, “The Future of State Sociological Associations in 2007: A Research Report”

*2:30-3:45 Session II*

**Session IIA: Social Class and Job Loss in Wisconsin,** Scarborough Hall,  
Room 204

Greg Peter, University of Wisconsin – Fox Cities, “The Social Stigma of Public Transportation in Northeast Wisconsin”

Phil Groth, University of Wisconsin – Rock County, “Lamenting the death of an assembly line? GM and Janesville, Wisconsin”

**Session IIB: Research on Gender,** Scarborough Hall, Room 216

Carol Miller, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, “Modern Masculine Themes in Student Interview Results”

Susan Kerstein, National-Louis University, “Impact of Mentors on Professional Development”

Leda Nath, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, “Gender, Non-Financial Information and Investment Decisions”

**Session IIC: Visual Sociology,** Scarborough 217

Larry Troy, Millikin University, “Visual Sociology: Reflections on China”

Marsha Smith, Augustana College, “Transforming Nazi Culture: Implications of the 1997 designation of Lijiang, China as a UNESCO World Heritage Site”

Keith R. Johnson, Oakton College, “Kwazy Kwanzaa: Popular Images of an Improvised Holiday”

*4:00- 5:15 p.m. Session III*

**Session IIIA: Teaching and Evaluating Sociology,**  
Scarborough Hall, Room 204

Mikki Mattox, Necedah, Wisconsin High School “Teaching Sociology in High Schools”

Tricia Davis and Rich Wallace, University of Wisconsin – River Falls, “Teaching Ethics: Students Participating in a Mock IRB”

Jackie Clark, Ripon College, “Using Graphic Novels to Teach Sociology of Death and Disease”

Richard Salem, University of Wisconsin – Whitewater, “Evaluating Sociology Internship Programs”

**Session IIIB: Undergraduate Research II**, Scarborough Hall, Room 216

Paul Croll, Augustana College, Moderator

Kristin Deutsch, Augustana College, "College Student's Attitude toward the Homeless"

Christine Gretsche, Augustana College, "Volunteering Among Augustana College Students"

Sarah Downie, Augustana College, "Perception of Self Worth: Female Augustana College Students"

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. **Research Poster Session and Social Hour**, Grace Roper Lounge, Burpee Center main level

Amanda Bing and Courtney Bocklund, Carthage College "Diversity Issues at a Liberal Arts College"

George Floro, UW-Eau Claire (emeritus), "Leadership that Utilizes Contributions in Passion and Craft"

Tyler Kroll, Carthage College, "Substance Use Among Wisconsin Adolescents"

Erik Ludwig, Carthage College, "Opinions About Gun Permits"

Chris Nierman, Carthage College, "What Predicts Opinions About Marijuana Legalization?"

Brian Swane, Carthage College, "Attitudes Toward Punishment"

6:30 **Dinner and keynote**, Grace Roper Lounge, Burpee Center main level

7:00 **Keynote Address**: "Citizen Jane: Jane Addams, A social scientist who made a difference"  
Louise W. Knight, Knight Consulting, Evanston, Illinois

**Friday, October 24**

8:30-11:00

**Registration** Main level of Burpee Center

9-10:30 a.m. Session IV.

**Session IVA: Student Research Session**

Scarborough Hall, Room 201

Amanda Bing and Courtney Bocklund, Carthage College, “Surveying Diversity Issues at a Wisconsin Liberal Arts College: Student Views”

Joshua Lambert, University of Wisconsin – River Falls, “Transition Experiences into Graduate School Programs: A Qualitative Study of McNair Scholars Program Alumni”

Benjamin DeLong, University of Wisconsin – La Crosse,” TBA.”

Aaron Hoffer, Carroll College, “Why the Marxian Revolution never came to fruition in the United States”

**Session IVB: Urban Problems: Identifying Concerns, Offering Solutions,** Scarborough Hall, Room 205

Costas Spirou, National-Louis University, Organizer

FaKelia Guyton, National-Louis University, “Questioning the Federal Government's Welfare-to-Work Program: Is Any Job a Good Job?”

Ileen Bryer, National-Louis University, “Addressing the Impact of Urban Sprawl on the Environment”

Anthony Hofbauer, National-Louis University, “The Cost of Immigration”

Marisa Buscaglia, National-Louis University Charles Braxton, National-Louis University “Chicago Crime-Trends: Strategies and Programs to Reducing Crime”

**Session IVC: Illinois Sociological Association Undergraduate and Graduate Student Paper Competition Winners,**

Scarborough Hall, Room 217, Bruce LeBlanc Organizer and Chair

James L. Huettig, Northwestern University, "The Race to be Greek: The distribution of minority students among Greek-letter Fraternities”

Glenance LaVerne Green, Loyola University Chicago, "Racial Microaggressions and Undergraduate Black Students in Higher Education”

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Session V.

**Session VA: Crime, Gender and Poverty**, Scarborough Hall, Room 201, Presider: Tim Thornton, UW-La Crosse

Carlie Janowiak, Carthage College, “The Impact of Race and Politics on Views of Capital Punishment.”

Erik Ludwig, Carthage College, "Influence of Social Variables on Opinions About Gun Permits."

Alex Thompson, University of Wisconsin – La Crosse,” Your Femme Self: Framing Heterosexual Cross-Dressing.”

Ann Herda-Rapp and Jim McCluskey, University of Wisconsin – Marathon County, “The Dynamics of Poverty in Wisconsin.”

**Session VB: Collaborative Learning and Engagement: Easy to Implement Action Based Activities**, Scarborough Hall, Room 205

Shelby Krzyzak, ITT Technical Institute, “Multiple Techniques Used in Assessing Student Classroom Engagement”

Stephen Stelzer, ITT Technical Institute, “Collaborative Learning Techniques in the Classroom”

**Session VC: Active Learning through Community Service**, Scarborough Hall, Room 217

Panelists: Bruce LeBlanc, Blackhawk College; Michael McCloskey, Truman City College of Chicago and Susan Stall, Northeastern Illinois University and President of the Midwest Sociological Society

12:30 p.m. **Luncheon and Awards**: Faculty Dining Room, Burpee Center

1:45-2:30 p.m. **ISA/WSA Business Meetings**, Faculty Dining room, Burpee Center

2:30 Adjournment

**2008 WSA Executive Committee:**

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