The Global Financial Crisis and its Social, Cultural, and Political Consequences

Joint Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Sociological Association and the Wisconsin Political Science Association

Ripon College
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Welcome to the Joint Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Sociological Association and the Wisconsin Political Science Association. This year’s theme is “The Global Financial Crisis and its Social, Cultural, and Political Consequences.” Sociologists and political scientists have much to contribute to the understanding of the fiscal challenges facing our social and political worlds and the consequences of them. We hope that discussing these issues, as well as other topics related to our various forms of research and teaching, is academically interesting, useful, and enjoyable. We also hope that you meet some new colleagues today, and have the opportunity to connect with ones you already know. Please enjoy the conference and your visit to Ripon College’s campus.

Jacqueline Clark  
WSA President  
Ripon College

Wesley Chapin  
WPSA President  
University of Wisconsin–River Falls
7:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Registration: Joyce Lounge, Pickard Commons

8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Sessions

Study Abroad, Education Abroad:  B-12, Pickard Commons
Discussant: Wesley Chapin, UW–River Falls

“If All You Want is a Holiday Then Study Abroad Isn’t for You,” Rich Wallace, UW–River Falls.

“The Benefits of Studying Abroad and the Barriers to Doing So,” Carol Miller, UW–La Crosse.

“From the Sublime to the Ridiculous: Lessons Learned from 30-Plus Years of Taking Students Abroad,” Martin Farrell, Ripon College.
Identities, Attitudes, and Political Action: B-18 Pickard Commons
Discussant: Henrik Schatzinger, Ripon College.


“Identity Fusion in Unions,” Marissa Theys, UW–Oshkosh.


9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Sessions

Gender, Sexualities, and Society: Heritage Room, Pickard Commons
Discussant: Tricia Davis, UW–River Falls

“‘I Felt Glowing and Beautiful… and Big as a House!’: The Challenges and Benefits of Embodied Motherhood,” David Hutson, Ripon College.


“Getting in the Spirit: Gender Performance Among Ghost Hunters,” Marc Eaton, Ripon College.

Political Issues: B-18, Pickard Commons
Discussant: Cecelia Manrique, UW–La Crosse


“For-Profit Education: A Bunch of Charlatans, or Is the Industry Merely Ripping the Scab off of the Rest of Higher Education?” Omer Durfee, South University.


10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Break/Refreshments: PDR, Pickard Commons
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Sessions

Undergraduate Student Paper Presentations: Heritage Room, Pickard Commons
Discussant: David Hutson, Ripon College

“The Effects of Media’s Perceived Political Ideology on Emotions,” Abigail Quackenboss, Ripon College.

“A Safer World: Combating North Korea with the Great Strategic Triangle,” Sophia Kaounas, Ripon College.

“Homosexuality and Disaffiliation from Mainline Protestantism: Evidence from Personal Interviews,” John Augustine and Jeremy Storck, Carthage College.

“Organizing Student Researchers for Sensitive Topics Research,” Margaret Driscoll, Carthage College.

Experiential and Online Learning:  B-12, Pickard Commons
Discussant:  Wesley Chapin, UW–River Falls


“Students versus Faculty: What’s Important in Quality Matters,” Leda Nath and Bill Mickelson, UW–Whitewater and Penny Ralston-Burg, World Campus Learning Design.

“Towards a More Sustainable Education: Service Learning and the Sociological Imagination,” Greg Peter, UW–Fox Valley.

Global Political Economy and International Relations:  B-18, Pickard Commons
Discussant:  Travis Nelson, UW–Platteville


“U.S. Funding of U.N. Population Program,” Omer Durfee, South University.
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Break

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Luncheon and Awards: PDR, Pickard Commons

1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Sessions

Undergraduate Student Paper Presentations: B-18, Pickard Commons
Discussant: Erick Highum, UW–River Falls

“Public Opinion on the American Incarceration System: How Do Differing Levels of Experience with the System Affect One's Level of Support for It?” Nathaniel Davidson, Ripon College.

“Change in the Catholic Church since Vatican II,” Brooke Hamer, Carthage College.

“Water Quality Attitudes and Knowledge on an Indian Reservation,” Charlotte Sullivan, Carthage College.

**Wisconsin Politics: B-12 Pickard Commons**

Discussant: Scott Nikolai, UW-Platteville


"What's the Matter with . . . Wisconsin?" Joe Heim, UW–La Crosse.


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**3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Association Business Meetings: Joyce Lounge, Pickard Commons**

**WSA Business Meeting**
**WPSA Business Meeting**

**4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Association Business Meeting: Joyce Lounge, Pickard Commons**
**WSA Sociological Imagination Meeting**

**5:00 p.m. Meeting Adjournment**
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