Welcome to the 34th Annual Southeastern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium, co-sponsored by the Emory University Department of Sociology and Morehouse College Department of Sociology!

**SEUSS Banquet**
Friday, February 19, 2016  
Winship Ball, Dobbs University Center

**SEUSS Presentations**
Saturday, February 20, 2016  
Psychology Building (PAIS)

Friday, February 19, 2016 SEUSS Banquet
- The symposium/banquet begins with check in at Dobbs University Center, Winship Ballroom Foyer, 3rd Floor between 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM.
- Portal registration is required for all guests attending Banquet/Symposium. Please visit [http://engage.emory.edu/seuss](http://engage.emory.edu/seuss) to register and make payment with a credit card.
- The banquet/keynote address will be held from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Winship Ballroom.

Saturday, February 20, 2016, SEUSS Presentations
- The breakfast/presentations for SEUSS will take place in the Psychology and Interdisciplinary Building (PAIS Building)
- Continental breakfast will be provided from 8:30AM – 9:00 AM in PAIS lobby on 2nd floor outside of classroom 290.
- There will be several scheduled presentations, some of which run concurrently between: 9:00 - 10:15 AM  
  10:30 - 11:45 AM  
  1:15 - 2:30 PM  
  2:45 - 4:00 PM
- The sessions will be followed by a departure reception from 4:15-5:15 PM in the PAIS lobby and room 290.

The program schedule will be available at [http://www.sociology.emory.edu/SEUSS/events/program_schedule.html](http://www.sociology.emory.edu/SEUSS/events/program_schedule.html) by February 12, 2016.
PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

Each session is 75 minutes in length and most sessions will include four presentations. To allow time for questions at the end of the session, your presentation should be between **12 and 15 minutes in length**. Session chairs will alert you at the 12 minute mark that you have “3 minutes remaining” and again at the 14 minute mark to “wrap up.” The 15 minute limit will be strictly enforced.

The rooms in which you will be presenting are equipped with Microsoft Office 2010, PowerPoint, which can display 1997-2010 versions of PowerPoint. For students who use Macs, you may want to save your presentation in QuickTime to avoid changes that can occur during a Mac PowerPoint to Microsoft Office PowerPoint conversion. Bring an **electronic copy** of your PowerPoint slides on a thumb drive and a **printed version** that can be shown on a document camera, in the case of technical difficulties.

Preparing your Presentation:

When preparing your presentation, please keep in mind that many in the audience may not be familiar with your paper topic. Thus, try to minimize the use of technical terms and briefly describe the theories/statistical techniques you employ. Also, we suggest that you do not read your paper verbatim, but rather work from an outline or script. Be sure to practice your presentation in advance, paying special note to the 15 minute time limit (which will be strictly enforced). One common model for organizing presentations is described below. (You are, of course, free to organize your presentation in whatever manner you like:

1. Introduce your paper by stating your research question(s) clearly.
2. Explain to the audience why providing an answer to this question is important (e.g., does your research have implications for policy makers, for society as large?).
3. Briefly describe the answers that other researchers have provided to your research question (e.g., give an overview of the literature on your research question).
4. Explain how you went about answering your research question (e.g., library research, analyzing data others have collected, collecting your own data). Briefly note any strengths and weaknesses of your approach.
5. If your paper involves the analysis of data, briefly describe the methods used to analyze such data.
6. Describe your major findings. (Feel free to prepare handouts for distribution to the audience, about 20 copies).
7. Conclude by describing whether your results are consistent with your expectations; and, if not, speculate on why not. Also, highlight the contribution your paper makes to the literature and/or larger community.
Session chairs will introduce you to the audience at both the beginning of the session and before each presentation. Audience members will have 10-15 minutes to address questions to the presenters at the end of the session.

Please be punctual when arriving at your session. Arriving a few minutes in advance will make it possible to load your PowerPoint presentation onto the computer, so that the movement between presenters is smooth.

**THE SYMPOSIUM PROCEEDINGS AND AWARDS**

Presentation abstracts will be included in the Symposium Proceedings, which will be distributed to all Symposium participants when they check in. The cost of the Proceedings is covered by the registration fee.

For those who submitted a completed paper for consideration in the *Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research* student paper competition, awards will be announced at the Departure Reception on Saturday, February 20, 2016. The three best papers will receive *Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Research*, monetary prizes (1st place, $100; 2nd place, $75, 3rd place, $50). All presenters will receive *Certificates of Professional Participation*.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS/THINGS TO DO/RESTAURANTS**

Please see [http://www.sociology.emory.edu/SEUSS/Planning%20Your%20Trip/index.html](http://www.sociology.emory.edu/SEUSS/Planning%20Your%20Trip/index.html). The first two hotels are located within walking distance of Emory. Students and their faculty sponsors are responsible for making their own reservations. You can also find details about “Exploring Atlanta” at the link above.

**CHECK-IN INFO**

Check-in will be held **Dobbs University Center, Winship Ballroom** on Friday, February 19, 2016 from 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM. Check in on Saturday, February 20, 2016 will be from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM in the **Psychology and Interdisciplinary Studies Building**. Symposium participants will receive a copy of the Symposium Proceedings, a hard copy of the Symposium Program, and a name badge. Registered attendees will have paid the $25 fee to help cover the cost of the Proceedings and Banquet by Friday, February 12, 2016. Only registered participants will be admitted to the banquet on Friday, February 19, 2016.
DIRECTIONS TO EMORY AND INFO ON PARKING

Emory University is located in Northeast Atlanta, with the main entrance to the campus being at the intersection of North Decatur and Oxford Roads. Events on Friday evening will be held at the Dobbs University Center at 605 Asbury Circle. The sessions and the evening reception will be held on Saturday in the Psychology and Interdisciplinary Studies Building at 35 Eagle Row. The most convenient parking is in the Peavine parking deck (past the Visitor’s parking lot, behind the outdoor track) at 29 Eagle Row. Parking should be free at the Peavine parking deck after 5:00 p.m. on Friday and all day Saturday. Fees apply if you arrive at any time before 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

CAMPUS MAP

If you are not familiar with the Emory campus, please print out a map of the campus (go to the Emory homepage at www.emory.edu, click “Resources” at the top of the website, select “Printable map” and Main Campus Map.)