

# Northeast Ohio Undergraduate Sociology Symposium

Engaging the Sociological Imagination



March 1, 2014





# Schedule

**7:30- 8:30AM Registration *KSU Student Center 306ABC***

**8:30-8:45AM Opening Remarks *KSU Student Center 306ABC***

Opening Remarks – Richard T. Serpe, PhD, Chair Kent State University, Department of Sociology

**9-10:15AM Morning Thematic Sessions**

001. Crime I, *Student Center 309*

002. Race, *Student Center 314*

003. Social Theory, *Student Center 315*

004. Community/Urban Sociology, *Student Center 316*

**10:30-11:45AM Morning Thematic Sessions**

005. Inequality, *Student Center 309*

006. Communication/Media, *Student Center 314*

007. Social Psychology, *Student Center 315*

008. Victimization, *Student Center 316*

**12-2PM Lunch, Keynote & Awards *Student Center 306ABC***

Keynote, Melinda Messineo, PhD

**2:15-3:30PM Afternoon Thematic Sessions**

009. Gender, *Student Center 309*

010. Culture, *Student Center 314*

011. Crime II, *Student Center 315*

012. Roundtables 306AB

**3:45 – 4:15PM Closing Remarks**

**4:15 – 5PM Refreshments & Poster Presentations, *Student Center 306ABC***

**5PM May 4<sup>th</sup> Memorial Center Tour with Dr. Jerry Lewis**



# A Message from Dr. Richard Serpe



Welcome to the inaugural Northeast Ohio Undergraduate Sociology Symposium (NEOUSS) - Engaging the Sociological Imagination. This is the first year of what will be an annual event. The Department of Sociology at Kent State University is proud to host the symposium. NEOUSS is a collaborative event that grew out of a conversation between sociology faculty at number of Ohio colleges and universities: Cuyahoga Community College, Hiram College, Kent State University, Lorain Community College, Lakeland Community College, Ohio Northern University and Youngstown State University. The goal of NEOUSS is to enhance the educational experience of undergraduate sociology students by providing a professional experience where students can share their research with their peers in a supportive learning environment.

When we began the planning process we knew there would be interest, but the response to this first event has exceeded our expectations. Over seventy students from twenty-seven different colleges and universities are presenting their scholarship. The student participants are mentored/sponsored by forty-one faculty from their respective campuses. This level of engagement is exciting!

The Steering Committee for this event has put together a great program with research paper sessions and round table discussions organized topically to facilitate discussion and connections between students, graduate students and faculty from different colleges and universities. We are honored to have a keynote address from Dr. Melinda Messineo, Professor and Chair of Sociology from Ball State University. Dr. Messineo is a nationally recognized expert in teaching and learning. The Department of Sociology at Kent State University is also taking this opportunity to recognize Dr. Betsy Lucal, Professor of Sociology at Indiana University South Bend who received her Ph.D. from Kent State University in 1996 with the Oscar Ritchie Distinguished Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Lastly, I want to thank the NEOUSS Steering Committee who worked tirelessly to make this event a grand success: Dr. Clare L. Stacey, Dr. Michelle A. Smith, Mr. Stephen A. Keto, Dr. Robert Carrothers, Ms. Robyn White, Dr. Jessica A. Leveto, Dr. Liz Piatt, Ms. Brooke L. Long and Mr. Fritz Yarrison. Their commitment to undergraduate education is evident in every aspect of this event.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard F. Serpe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



# Oscar Ritchie Distinguished Alumni Award

Betsy Lucal is Professor of Sociology at Indiana University South Bend, where she also teaches in the Women's and Gender Studies and Master of Liberal Studies programs. She is Past Chair of the American Sociological Association's Section on Sex & Gender and previously served as Chair of the ASA Section on Teaching & Learning in Sociology, as well as Chair of ASA's Committee on the Status of GLBT Persons in Sociology. She has served three terms on the Editorial Board of TEACHING SOCIOLOGY and a term as Deputy Editor of GENDER & SOCIETY. Lucal currently edits the Gender Section of SOCIOLOGY COMPASS. She also is serving a term as the At-Large Director of the Midwest Sociological Society. She is a member of Indiana University's Faculty Colloquium on Excellence in Teaching (FACET) and a winner of the Indiana University South Bend Distinguished Teaching Award, the all-IU Sylvia E. Bowman Award for teaching excellence, the Trustees Teaching Award (4 times), and the Hans O. Mauksch Award for Distinguished Contributions to Undergraduate Teaching. Lucal earned all 3 of her degrees at Kent State University (Bachelor of General Studies, summa cum laude and with honors, 1989; Master of Arts in Sociology, 1991; Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology, 1996). As a graduate student, she taught at Kent's main campus, as well as the Salem and East Liverpool campuses; Youngstown State University; and The University of Akron. She lives in South Bend with her partner, Alison Moss, and children, Jaymeson and Xavier Moss.

## Keynote



Melinda Messineo joined the Department of Sociology at Ball State in 1999 and now serves as department chair. Professor Messineo received her degrees from the University of California, Riverside, her MA and PhD in sociology. Professor Messineo's current research focuses on race, class and gender in the media and the scholarship of teaching and learning. In addition to teaching the introductory sociology course, Dr. Messineo currently teaches courses in the sociological of media, leisure, research methods, and the sociology major capstone. She is the recipient of the Lawhead Award in Teaching, the Excellence in Teaching Award, Outstanding Teaching Award (all from BSU) and the Schnabel Teaching Award from the North Central Sociological Association. She is currently serving as secretary/treasurer of the ASA section on Teaching and Learning and facilitates the annual pre-conference workshop.

# Morning Session | 9:00– 10:15

## 001. Crime I *Student Center 309*

Graduate Student Moderator: Rachael Pesta

Faculty Presider: Dr. Tiffany Bergin

- **“Eight in the Gate”: Organizational Impact of Prisons on Correctional Officers’ Perceptions of Their Job** Tricia Johnston, Westminster College *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Kristenne Robson*
- **A Multivariate Analysis of Restitution and Community Service on Recidivism among Felony Probationers** Matthew Toro, Kent State University *Faculty Mentor: Dr. David Kessler*
- **Recidivism of Male Youths Released From the California Youth Authority** Daniel Hughes, Kent State University *Faculty Mentor: Dr. David Kessler*

## 002. Race *Student Center 314*

Graduate Student Moderator: Kelly MacArthur

Faculty Presider: Dr. Nicole Rousseau

- **Racial and Ethnic Kidney Transplant Disparities in the United States: Max Weber’s life chances, life choices, life styles and bureaucracy** Maria Daley, Ohio Northern University *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Robert Carrothers*
- **The Moroccan Example: “Coming Movements” and Lived Experience in Contemporary Protest** Paige Ambord, The College of Wooster *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Setsuko Matsuzawa*
- **Organizational Culture and Black Studies** Alexander B. Kinney, The Pennsylvania State University, Altoona *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Nicholas J. Rowland*

## 003. Theory *Student Center 315*

Graduate Student Moderator: Brooke Long

Faculty Presider: Dr. Susan Roxburgh

- **Are You Not Entertained?: The Coliseum, the Octagon, and the Functionalism of Individual Combat Sports** Talon Smith, Bowling Green State University- Firelands *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Timothy Jurkovic*
- **How New Communications Technology Affects Human Relations** Jaslene Lopez, Georgian Court University
- **The Power Elite Reconstructed** Lindsey Speyer, Kent State University *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jerry Lewis*
- **Anomie: Concept, Theory, Research Promise** Max Coleman, Oberlin College *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Veljko Vujacic*

## 004. Community/ Urban *Student Center 316*

Graduate Student Moderator: Kelsey Risman

Faculty Presider: Dr. Richard Adams

- **Sociology Senior Practicum: Alliance for Children & Families, Inc.** Mary Katherine Wills , University of Mount Union *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Kathleen Piker-King*
- **Investigating Variation in Kinship Care Policy and Procedure across Ohio's County-based Child Welfare System** Andreja Siliunas , College of Wooster *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Anne Nurse*
- **Intertwining Sociological Imagination and Urban Education to Further Community** Andrea Spenny, Miami University *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Tom Romano*
- **Social Impact of Fracking on Resource Extraction Dependent Rural Enclaves** Timothy Rose, Kent State University *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Gregory Gibson*
- **Death and Revival: A Portrait of One Man's Struggle Against Urban Blight** Alexander Cook, Ohio Wesleyan University *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mary Howard*

## Morning Session 2 | 10:30 – 11:45

## 005. Inequality *Student Center 309*

Graduate Student Moderator: Enoch Lamptey & Jeannette Wade

Faculty Presider: Dr. David Purcell

- **How does social class impact college course load?** Marco Zafra, Kent State University *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Richard Adams*
- **Social and Spatial Restraints on Bisexuality** Benjamin Zeiger, Slippery Rock University *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Richelle Dykstra*
- **Bending Roles: Avatar The Last Airbender & Childhood Socialization into Issues of Diversity** Stacey Shumaker, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Rhonda Matthews*

## 006. Communication/Media *Student Center 314*

Graduate Student Moderator: Bobbi Reidinger

Faculty Presider: Dr. Jerry Lewis

- **Up, Up, Down, Down , Left Right, Left Right, B.A: How Patriarchal are Video Games?** Jessica Kennan, Cleveland State University *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Marnie Rodriguez*
- **Digitized Violence and the Case for Removing the Concept of Cyber Abuse** Kelsey Lambert, Cuyahoga Community College *Faculty Mentor: Rachel Stehle*
- **The Mass Media and Mental Health of Girls and Women** Emily Pelehach, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Robin Gary*
- **Playing Virtual Nanny: The Effects of Occupation-Based Video Games on Pre-Adolescent Girls** Ricardo Caraballo, Cuyahoga Community College *Faculty Mentor: Rachel Stehle*



## 007. Social Psychology *Student Center 315*

Graduate Student Moderator: Jay Hays

Faculty Presider: Dr. Will Kalkhoff

- **Examining Metacognition: The Importance of Vocabulary** Jasmin James, Ronald McNair Scholars Program *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jocelyn Folk*
- **The Laziest Generation?** Zach Haines, Kent State University
- Teresa Butel, The College of Wooster
- **Revisiting the Interaction Membrane** Christopher D Lehman, The Pennsylvania State University – Altoona *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Nicholas J. Rowland*

## 008: Victimization *Student Center 316*

Graduate Student Moderator: Rebecca Myer

Faculty Presider: Dr. Carlton Mathis

- **Recovering from Acquaintance Rape: The Social Factors** Elle Rochford, Hiram College *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Elizabeth Piatt*
- **The Social Construction of Victimhood: How the Just World Theory Interferes With the Ideal Victim** Brianna Tarpey, The College of Wooster *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Anne Nurse*
- **Juvenile Bullying and Victimization** James Schrecengost, Washington and Jefferson College *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Stuart J Miller*
- **Victim Blaming in Sexual Assault: Origins & Societal Acceptance** Kaitlyn Maurer, Slippery Rock University *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Richelle Dykstra*

## Afternoon Session 2:15-3:30

## 009: Gender *Student Center 309*

Graduate Student Moderator: Bobbi Reidinger

Faculty Presider: Dr. Susan Roxburgh

- **Body Image Pressure and Durkheim's Suicide Theory** Julie Rice, Ohio Northern University *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Robert Carrothers*
- **Gender Inequality and Its Impact on Struggles or Advancement for Women in Management Careers** Sarah Wade, Kent State University Ashtabula *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jessica Leveto*
- **The Woman's Perspective on Female Victimization**, Lea Ulintz Cuyahoga Community College, *Faculty Mentor: Robyn White*
- **What to Expect When You're Expecting: Investigating Fear of Childbirth in Relation to Women's Personal Experiences and the Effects on Attitudes and Future Experiences** Teresa Lash Morrison, Hiram College *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Robin Shura*

## 010: Culture *Student Center 314*

Graduate Student Moderator: Kelly MacArthur

Faculty Discussant: Dr. David Purcell

- **The “Right” Model for Educating Ghanaian Girls** Eryn Greaney, The College of Wooster  
*Faculty Mentors: Dr. Pam Frese and Dr. Boubacar N’Diaye*
- **A Crack in the Sky** Ted Shipitalo, Ohio Wesleyan University *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mary Howard*
- **The People of Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia** Karena Briggs and Sam Sonnega, Ohio Wesleyan University *Faculty Mentor: Dr. James Peoples*

## 011: Crime II *Student Center 315*

Graduate Student Moderator: Kelsey Risman

Faculty Presider: Prof. Pamela Tontodonato

- **Mandatory Minimums and Inner City African-American Poverty** Luke Waters, Ohio Wesleyan University *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Paul Dean*
- **The Beliefs and Perceptions Associated with Psychostimulant Use on College Campuses** Jonathan Rothman, College of Wooster *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Anne Nurse*
- **Reform Pending Revolution: Breaking the Prison Cycle in the Black Male Population** Ashley Augustin, Oberlin College *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Clovis White*



# Roundtables

## 012: Roundtables 306ABC

### Table 1 Crime/Deviance

Graduate Student Moderator: Jackie Coffey

Faculty Presider: Dr. Kamesha Spates

- **Effects Bullying Can Have on Children** Audrey Hilbert, Kent State University *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jessica Levetto*
- **Gun Violence in Chicago** Kendra Landfair, Kent State University
- **Bullying in Schools: What Variables Cause the Bullying Behavior of Being the Bully and/or the Victim** Giovanna Haider, Slippery Rock University *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Richelle Dykstra*
- **Nature as a Potential Resource for Psychological Health and Well-Being** Cassandra White, Kent State University *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Katrina Bloch*

### Table 2: Gender/Culture

Graduate Student Moderator: Corey Stevens

Faculty Presider: Dr. Nicole Rousseau

- **March 2012, Small City, Ashtabula, Ohio, U.S.A.: Hyperconsumerism in the Mall Food Court**, Rachel Lebzelter, Kent State University *Faculty Mentor: Mr. Stephen Keto*
- **“U ain’t a man if ur girl needs 1 of these”: How product reviews of adult sex toys reflect societal attitudes towards human sexuality and gender role expectations.** Tyler Bonoan, Cleveland State University *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Marnie Rodriguez*
- **Expressed Learnings in Power: The Effects of Native American Mascot Usage on Other Minority Groups** Ronda Riggins, Hiram College *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Elizabeth Piatt*
- **Technology as a New Form of Cultural Capital** Madeline Erickson The College of Wooster *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Setsuko Matsuzawa*



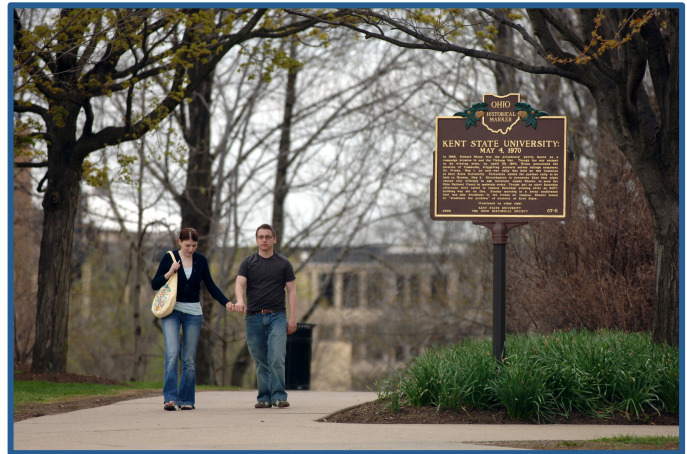
# Posters

## 013. Poster Session 306ABC

- P1. The Woman's Perspective on Female Victimization** Lea Ulintz, Chelsea Harris, Cassandra Murray, Izmir Vodinaj and Jessie Long Cuyahoga Community College *Faculty Mentor: Robyn White*
- P2. Gun Control and Safety on Campus** Cynthia Casey, Joshua Kesterson, Sarah Roberts, Cory Dresp and Susan Haywood Cuyahoga Community College *Faculty Mentor: Robyn White*
- P3. The PowerPoint Project** Trever Dangel, The Pennsylvania State University-Altoona *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Nicholas J. Rowland*
- P4. How Do People Interpret Their Community? : A study of what lens people use to structure their view of the society they live in.**  
Gabrielle Elisco, Westminster College *Faculty Mentors: Dr. Kristin Park & Dr. Kristenne Robison*
- P5. Fear of Crime: The Gendered Effects of Violent Television Exposure** Kaitlyn Kio, Westminster College *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Rena Zito*
- P6. "Wearing Many Hats": Role Strain among Juvenile Probation Officers** Tyler Banks, Westminster College *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Rena Zito*
- P7. "We Don't Negotiate with Terrorists.' 'Who Said Anything about Negotiating?" A Content Analysis on Terrorism Films: Depicting How Terrorism is Portrayed in Today's Popular Media.** Garrett Conn, Westminster College *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Kristin Park and Dr. Kristenne Robison*
- P8. Art for URBAN PEDAGOGY** Joyce Sanchez, ITAE *Faculty Mentor Ilich Castillo*
- P9. Call Research 101** Rae-Lin Jones, Kent State University *Faculty Mentor: Megan Shaeffer*
- P10. To Be or Not to Be Natural!** LaRe'shea Hunter, Hiram College *Faculty Mentor: Dr. Elizabeth Piatt*

# Remembering May 4, 1970

On May 4, 1970 at Kent State University members of the Ohio National Guard fired into the crowd of students, many whom were protesting the Vietnam War as well as the presence of the National Guard on campus. The shootings killed four Kent State University students and wounded nine others. The shootings contributed to the first national student strike in the history of American higher education. A federal inquiry, led by the Scranton Commission, found that the shootings were “...unnecessary, unwarranted and inexcusable.”



The May 4 Visitors Center was opened in October 2012 and serves as a memorial and educational site. The center contains three galleries. The first describes the context of the Vietnam War drawing on a range of archival material about the 1960s. The second gallery presents a film about the actual shooting events and the third shows the societal reactions to the shootings.

At the end of our symposium today, Dr. Jerry M. Lewis, Emeritus Professor of Sociology at KSU, will lead us on a tour of the center. Dr. Lewis was a faculty marshal on May 4, 1970 and has co-edited with Thomas R Hensley three editions of *Kent State and May 4<sup>th</sup>: A Social Science Perspective*.



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