

Program Summary

2013 Tennessee Undergraduate Social Science Symposium

And Justice for All?

All sessions to be held in the James Union Building, MTSU
All events are free and open to the public

Wednesday, November 13

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration..... Lobby, James Union Building

9:10 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. Student Paper Sessions

- 1. Student Paper Session..... Hazlewood**
Organizer & Moderator: Professor Jackie Eller

Moral Panics and Deviance

Garrett Cushman, Jenny Klawun, & Skylar Smotherman “Obesity”

Alina Elbon & Marissa Waddell “Child Predators 1”

Sarah Garrett & Jessica Schwendiman “Child Predators 2”

Jordan Gooch, Amy McGinnis, & Samantha Rosas “School Violence”

Brandee Patton & Wayne Raney “End of the World”

- 2. Student Paper Session Dining Room C**
Organizer & Moderator: Professors Andrew Wyatt and Shannon Hodge

Current Research in Anthropology I

Joan Crenshaw & Erin Floyd “Survival of the Fittest: Human Genetic Divergence during the Pleistocene”

JoAnna Simon “Human Population Effects on the Environment in Neolithic Hungary”

Abbey Wilkerson “Cave Art in Tennessee”

10:20 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Student Paper Sessions

- 3. Student Paper SessionHazlewood**
Organizer: Professor Meredith Dye; Moderator: Lauren Cummerlander

Kelsey Schoff “American Psycho: Western Culture and Sociopathy”

James Belli “Teenage Crime and Deviance: An Integration of Social Bond and Labeling Theories”

Holly Allen “Abortion: A Choice or Denial?”

4. **Student Paper Session.....Dining Room C**
Organizer & Moderator: Professors Andrew Wyatt and Shannon Hodge

Current Research in Anthropology II

Elizabeth Glass “House of Gardens of the Lacandon Maya in Chiapas Mexico”

Wesley Vanosdall “My Experience with Koobi Fora”

Kelly Ledford “Archaeological Field Work in Fiji: NSF-REU 2013”

Lydia Harris “Experiences Abroad”

11:30 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. Speaker: Amy BachTennessee Room

From Ordinary Injustice to Measures for Justice

12:40 p.m. – 2:05 p.m. Thematic Panel Discussion.....Tennessee Room

Challenging Indifference toward Injustice

Organizers: Professors Meredith Dye and Jackie Eller
MTSU, Department of Sociology & Anthropology

Panelists:

Dr. Rob McDaniel, Department of Political Science, MTSU (Moderator)

Amy Bach, author *Ordinary Injustice*, founder Measures for Justice

Gerald Melton, Rutherford County Public Defender

Dr. Ruth Gomberg-Munoz, Department of Anthropology, Loyola University at Chicago

Dr. Cary Greenwood, College of Mass Communication, MTSU

2:20 p.m. –3:45 p.m.

5. **Film & Discussion Tennessee Room**

Organizer: Professor Meredith Dye and Connie Huddleston

Discussant: Gerald Melton, Rutherford County Public Defender and MTSU Alumni

Gideon’s Army (2013)

The Ford Foundation and HBO Documentary Films

Produced by Trilogy Films in association with Motto Pictures.

Film sponsored by the Sociology Club and Rutherford County Public Defender’s Office

Thursday, November 14

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration Continues..... Lobby, James Union Building

9:40 a.m.-11:05 a.m. Speaker: Dr. Ruth Gomberg-MunozTennessee Room

500 Families: Love and Legal Status in the United States

There are an estimated 9 million people who live in "mixed status" families, with at least one unauthorized parent and one U.S. citizen child, in the United States. This talk is about how some of these families struggle to stay together lawfully. In particular, I show how immigration policies, rather than keeping families together, require mixed status families to distort, degrade, and sometimes jeopardize their relationships as they navigate the U.S. immigration system. More broadly, I argue that this system divides people into "worthy" and "unworthy" immigrants, creating a hierarchy of U.S. immigrants that reproduces historical inequalities.

11:20 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Student Paper Sessions

6. **Student Paper Session..... Hazlewood**
Organizer & Moderator: JaDee Carathers

Graduate Student Research I

Alla Chernenko "Gender Dimension of STI-testing Experiences among College Students"

Shaonta' Allen "Organizational Generalizations within Black Greek Life"

Felicia Brown "Playing By the Rules: Women's Sexuality Within Swinging"

Natasha Vang "Infantile Scurvy and Implications for Maternal Health at the Larson Site (39WW2) in South Dakota"

7. **Student Paper Session.....Dining Room C**
Organizer: Professor Meredith Dye; Moderator: Timothy Edgemon

Philena Haynes "Is the School to Prison Pipeline Present in Tennessee"

Cristie Sanborn "Genetically Modified Foods: Should they be Labeled?"

Josiah Kidwell "Power and Conflict in the Local Political Process"

Lucas Osborne "Action through Death: Arendt and Martyrdom"

Timothy Edgemon "Interaction Rituals and Political Identity: A Qualitative Study of the 2012 American Presidential Debates"

1:00 p.m.-2:25 p.m. Student Paper Sessions:

8. Student Paper Session..... Hazlewood
Organizer and Moderator: Professor Gretchen Webber

The Gendering of Everyday Products

Kelley Benson, Renee Duquesne, & Savanna Morgan “Deodorant: The Smell-Good Gender Poison”

Emily Matheney & Dylan Miller “Shaving Cream”

McKinley Brown & Erika Hammond “Frozen Foods”

9. Student Paper Session Dining Room C
Organizer and Moderator: Professor Meredith Dye

Topics in Crime and Deviance

Carrie Dean “Motivations of Cannibalistic Serial Killers”

Carey Buchanan “Prostitution through Mead’s Theories”

Madison Bastyr “The Client List”

Jerricka Pinson “Stereotypes, Poverty, and Crime”

10. Student Paper Session..... Tennessee Room
Organizer: Professor Shannon Hodge

The Archaeology of Death Poster Session I

JoBeth Simon “Pre-Christian Human Burials in Neolithic Hungary”

Tabbitha Herbert “The Rise and Decline of the Cultural in Chinchorro Mummies”

Abbey Wilkerson “Do Vampires Sparkle? Not in Death! A Look at Vampire Burials throughout Europe”

Charlotte Whittaker “Fiji: Cannibalism after Death”

Katie Stubblefield “House & Bones: Charnel Houses and Ossuaries”

Kate McKinney “Death Rituals in Central Nepal”

Daniel Locke ““The Way to Heaven on Horseback”: The Importance of the Horse in Scythian Mortuary Practice”

Joshua Camp “History of Body Preservation”

JaQuisha Gray “From China to America: Ancient Mortuary Rituals vs. Immigrant Mortuary Rituals”

Amanda Taylor “Bog Bodies”

The Archaeology of Death Poster Session I, cont.

Cody Faulkner “Beyond the Stars: Mortuary Practices in the Modern Era”

Eric Stockton “Rutherford County Cemeteries”

Jade Walthall “Mass Deaths in Cults”

Ryan Weddington

2:40 p.m.-4:05 p.m. Student Paper Sessions

- 11. Student Paper Session..... Hazlewood**
Organizer & Moderators: JaDee Carathers

Graduate Student Research II

JaDee Carathers “The Breastfeeding Problematic: Negotiating the Performance of Maternal Sexuality”

Courtney Barnicoat “Are College Students Susceptible to Cyberbullying?”

Barbara Pennington “Obesity and SES: An Inverse Relationship”

- 12. Student Paper Session.....Dining Room C**
Organizer and Moderator: Professor Meredith Dye

Clinton Knox III “Condoms Vs. Birth Control”

Nicole Smith “The Dismantlement of Women”

Saibre Shy “The Negative Effects of NCLB Testing: How Test Score Misinterpretations Perpetuate a System of Standardized Failure among Minority Students”

Timothy Edgemon “The Law of Sexuality in the American Public Education System”

- 13. Student Paper Session.....Tennessee Room**
Organizer: Professor Shannon Hodge

The Archaeology of Death Poster Session II

Joey Keasler “Military Cemeteries: Comparing U.S. Military Burial Practices with those of France and Germany”

Chase Klenney “Inuit Till the End”

Christina Grissom “Chinese Archaeological Cultures”

Lauren Smith “Irish Mortuary Rituals”

Matt DeVille “Mortuary Practices in Modern Vietnam”

The Archaeology of Death Poster Session II, cont.

Megan Merrick “Viking Mortuary Rituals”

Veronica Sales “Mass Mortuary Practices in Medieval Europe”

Lauren Tootle “Iron Age Interment: Infant Jar Burials”

Bruna Goncalves: “Early Medieval Mortuary Practices”

Claire Rodgers “Egyptian Mortuary Practices”

Christina Wilbert “Grave Matters”

Kim Cherry “Day of the Dead”

Naomi Plant “Amazons Alive!! Women Warrior Burials of the Ancient Eurasian Steppe”

Amanda Inman “Abra-Cadaver”