

Program Summary

2011 Tennessee Undergraduate Social Science Symposium

Equal Education? Evaluating the American Promise

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

Monday, October 31

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
Moderator & Chair: Professor Meredith Dye

“Gettin’ Above Your Raisin’”: Exploring First-Generation College Student Familial Support and Limited Support Experiences.” Tara Perrin, MTSU

“Obesity: The Effect It Has On Black America.” Bre’Ana Anita Thompson, MTSU

2. Student Paper Session.....Dining Room C
Organizer & Moderator: Professor Tanya Peres

“Menstruation: Miracle or Menace” Amy Friauf, MTSU

“*Mundo Mortuus Sis, Sed Dio Vivas*: Be thou Dead unto the World but alive unto God: Leprosy’s Effects on Body, Mind and Soul.” Zach Kaubisch, MTSU

“Drilling the Carapace: Experimental Archaeology and Turtle Shell Rattles.” Andrew Brown, MTSU

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

3. Victims of Violence: A Case Study Approach.....Hazlewood
Organizer and Moderator: Professor Ron Aday

“The Story of an Incest Survivor.” Pat Justice, MTSU

“Domestic Violence From a Child’s Perspective.” Kara Butler, MTSU

“Wife Abuse: The Good, Bad, and Ugly.” Laura Gallaher, MTSU

4. Student Paper Session.....Dining Room C
Organizer & Moderator: Professor Tanya Peres

“What Lies Beneath: Preliminary Archaeological Investigations of a Middle Tennessee Cave.” Joey Keasler, MTSU

“Trembling of Grass in the Wind: An Evaluation of Mundane Cannibalism in the New Guinea Highlands.” Gabrielle Thompson, MTSU

“A Contemporary Archaeological Survey of Smoking and Trash Disposal Habits at the College of Education Building on MTSU Campus” Cat Zamniak & Brian McDonald, MTSU

5. Student Paper Session.....Faculty Senate Chambers
Moderator & Chair: Professor Jackie Eller

“A Critique of African-American Separatism Within the Feminist Movement.”
Lauren Campbell, MTSU

“Dubois' Double Consciousness and Muslim Americans.” Dana Rogers, MTSU

“Clitorises in Conversation: A Look into the Culture Behind Female Circumcision.”
Tatiana Silvas, MTSU

“The Western Paradox of Autonomy: Liberalism's Incompatibility with Feminism”
Benjamin Jenkins, MTSU

11:30a.m.-12:25 p.m. Senior Scholar Lecture..... Tennessee Room
Dr. Larry W. Isaac, Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Professor of Sociology, Professor
of American Studies, Vanderbilt University

12:40-1:35 p.m. Student Paper Sessions

6. Student Paper Session..... Hazlewood
Organizer and Moderator: Professor Foster Amey

“Corporal Punishment: A Fading Belief or an Enduring Institution?” Victoria Foust, MTSU

“Spanking and Fundamentalism in the South.” Christina Hancock, MTSU

“Attitudes Toward Corporal Punishment of Children: Political Conservatism and Religious
Fundamentalism.” Mary Hunt, MTSU

7. Student Paper Session.....Dining Room C
Moderator & Chair: Professor Ida Fadzillah

“A Summary of Recent Historic and Prehistoric Findings Throughout The Big South Fork
(NRRRA) Cliffline Archaeological Survey Project 2011.” Ricky Wolfe, Skylar Gleaves and
Austin Kretzer, MTSU

“Extractive Reserves: Historicity and Sustainability among Amazonian Peasant Communities.”
D. Archie Frink, MTSU

8. Student Paper Session.....Faculty Senate Chambers
Moderator & Chair: Matthew Bennett

“Sociocultural Barriers to Mental Health Treatment.” Matthew Bennett, MTSU

“Conservation through Voluntary Action vs. Policy Implementation: Herbert Hoover and the U.S. Food Administration.” Ana Valenzuela, MTSU

1:50-3:50p.m. Symposium Documentary Film Tennessee Room

Waiting for Superman

4:00-5:00 p.m. Thematic Panel Discussion.....Tennessee Room

Educational Inequalities: Identifying Problems, Creating Solutions

Moderator: Professor Jackie Eller, MTSU, Department of Sociology & Anthropology

Panelists: Dr. Linda Gilbert, Director of Murfreesboro City Schools
Dr. Zaf Khan, MTSU Professor, College of Education
Ms. Judy Beasley Whitehill, Past President of Tennessee Educators Association
Dr. David Sevier, Deputy Executive Director, State of Tennessee Board of Education
Ms. Bonnie Tinsley, Retired Teacher, Rutherford County Schools
Ms. Tamra King, Teacher, Bedford County Schools

Tuesday, November 1

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration Continues..... Lobby, James Union Building

8:30-9:25 a.m. Student Paper Sessions

9. Students Meet Author, Part I..... Faculty Senate Chambers

Organizer & Moderator: Professor Meredith Dye
Author: Dr. Sonya Douglass Horsford, *Learning in a Burning House*

9:40-11:05 a.m. Student Paper Sessions

10. Students Meet Author, Part II..... Faculty Senate Chambers

Organizer & Moderator: Professor Meredith Dye
Author: Dr. Sonya Douglass Horsford, *Learning in a Burning House*

11. Music & Emotions..... Hazlewood

Organizer & Moderator: Professor Jackie Eller

Participants: Christopher Sorensen. Rock (1980-1985)
Roger Willocks. Pop (1984-1989)
Meredith White. Country (early 1990s)
Redford Tilson. Gangsta Rap (1989-1995)
Erica Sorrell. Indie Rock (1995-2000)
Sara Burgess. Industrial Rock (1996-2005)
Christina Overton. Pop (1997-2009)
Jason Searcy. Country (2001)
Megan Bess. Worship (2000-2005)
Whitney Johnson. Alternative Rock (2005-2011)

Jennifer Kinzer. R&B (2006-2011)

12. Anthropology Paper Session.....Dining Room C
Organizer & Moderator: Professor Shannon Hodge

“Subsistence Economy of the Hunter’s Camp (8BR2508) Site, Brevard County, FL”
Virginia Lucas, MTSU

“An Evaluation of the Cigarette Butt Litter on the Walkway to Old Main Circle and Kirksey
Old Main from Peck Hall, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee”
Tara Clark and Amber Ryder, MTSU

“An Investigation into the Disposal of Tobacco-Related Materials at the Main Exterior
Stairway of the Kirksey Old Main Building at MTSU.”
Alyse Freeman and Shelby Rehberger, MTSU

“Linking Linear Enamel Hypoplasia to Cultural Pressures in Late Mississippian Populations”
Amber Ryder, MTSU

“A Discourse on the Clashing of Gender Performance Across Various Eastern and Western
Cultures: A Literature Review.” Laurence Tumpag, MTSU

13. Roundtable Discussion: Recent Popular Works in Sociology.....Tennessee Room
Organizer & Moderator: Professor Brandon Wallace

Under discussion: *Bowling Alone*, Robert Putnam
 The Second Shift, Arlie Hochschild
 The Way We Were, Stephanie Coontz
 The McDonaldization of Society, George Ritzer
 Who’s Afraid of Frances Fox Piven, Frances Fox Piven
 Who Rules America, William Domhoff

11:10a.m. Student Paper Competition AwardsTennessee Room
Presenters: Professors Meredith Dye and Brian P. Hinote, Symposium Co-Chairs

11:20-12:45 Morning Keynote Address by Dr. Sonya Douglass HorsfordTennessee Room
Senior Resident Scholar of Education, Lincy Institute, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Book signing to follow keynote address

The Achievement Gap and Other Dilemmas of Unequal Education in the Post-Civil Rights Era

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

14. Examining the Education-Crime Relationship: Theory, Policy, and Practice.....Faculty Senate Chambers
Organizer & Moderator: Professor Meredith Huey Dye

“The Effects of School Zoning Laws on Crime: An Application of Labeling and Strain Theories.”
Adrienne M. Fesmire, MTSU

“Correlates of Education Level and Crime Rates: A Macro-level Examination.”
Marquis Thompson, MTSU

“Homeschooling Within the Evangelical Christian Population: An Application of Travis Hirschi’s Social Control/Bond Theory.” Allison Scott Biggers, MTSU

“Education, Work Ethic, and Crime: An Application of Anomie/Strain Theory.” Katelyn Slaughter, MTSU

“Differential School Experiences and Criminal Outcomes: Do “Better” Schools Equal Less Crime?” Keenan Smith, MTSU

“Early Education Experiences and Criminal Behavior.” Jamie Chadwick, MTSU

“School to Prison Pipeline: History of Policies and Responses.” William Pearson, MTSU

“School to Prison Pipeline: Funneling in the Youth.” Tiara Terrell, MTSU

“The Pros of Educating Cons.” Shelby Bray, MTSU

15. The Gendering of Everyday Products..... Hazelwood
Organizer & Moderator: Professor Gretchen Webber

“Washed by Gender.” Emily Baker & Samantha M. Mercer, MTSU

“Wearing Gender.” Ginger E. Levinson & Patrick J. Gibbons, MTSU

“Reading Into It: A Gender Analysis of Fiction Topsellers.” Anne Uselton & Cecily Vera, MTSU

16. Immigration and Globalization in the American South.....Dining Room C
Organizer & Moderator: Professor William H. Leggett

“Construction of the “Illegal” Issue: Media Responses to Immigration in the American South.” Crystal VanDalsem, MTSU

“The Spectrum of Immigrant Status and Child Healthcare.” Cody James, MTSU

“The Culinary Assimilation of Hispanics in Rutherford County.” Kevin McDaniel, MTSU

“Religious Effect on Cultural Perspectives of Immigration.” Andrew Moman, MTSU

“Somalis Settle in Shelbyville: Reactions of the Native Population.” Mary Hunt, MTSU

“Ethnology of Ambiguous Sexualities.” Pierce Stevenson, MTSU

17. Applying the Sociological Imagination..... Tennessee Room
Organizer & Moderator: Professor Brandon Wallace

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

18. Student Paper Session.....Hazlewood
Moderator & Chair: Grady Lowery

“Stigma in Homosexual Youth.” Kristina Winslett, MTSU

“Social Structures and Anomie as related to the Cyberbully and the Victim.” Courtney Barnicoat, MTSU

“Socialization of the Self: The Effects of the Social Isolation of Children.” Mary Beth Mealer, MTSU

19. Student Paper Session.....Dining Room C
Moderator & Chair: Jamie Fuston

“Viewing Heteronormativity: The Pervasiveness of Heteronormativity in Primetime Television Commercials.” Jamie Fuston, MTSU

“Childhood Obesity: Toxic Society.” Victoria Foust, MTSU

“Interfaith Dialogues: A Method to Promote Peace in Southern Thailand.” Anna M. Yacovone, MTSU

“The Emergence, Development, and Conclusion of the Mexican War of Independence” Kevin Coghlan, MTSU

20. Student Poster Session: The Archaeology of Death.....Tennessee Room
Organizer: Professor Shannon Hodge

4:20-5:45 p.m. Student Paper Sessions

21. Student Paper Session.....Hazlewood
Moderator & Chair: Gerardo Gonzalez

“Leadership and Charisma: Applying Weber’s Concepts of Charisma and Authority to the Culture of Cults.” Jordan Raley, MTSU

“Media: A Tool of the Generalized Other.” Shaonta' Allen, MTSU

“La Santa Muerte as a Socialized Reaction to Conditions of Despair.” Gerardo Gonzalez, MTSU

“Determining Life Chances: An Application of Max Weber’s Theory of Stratification to Explain Inequality.” Kevin Coghlan, MTSU

22. Student Paper Session.....Dining Room C
Moderator & Chair: Nick Johnson

“A Blessing and a Curse: Faith and Environmentalism in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.” Grady Lowery, MTSU

“Lyrical Content Analysis: Popular Culture in Praxis.” Brian Criswell, MTSU

“A Critical Examination of Welfare and Welfare Reform” Stephanie Steed, MTSU

6:00-7:30 p.m. Evening Keynote Address by Brian BordainickTennessee Room
Teacher & Athletic Director, George Washington Carver High School, New Orleans, Louisiana, Founder of 9th Ward Field of Dreams