

*It is the mark of an educated mind
to be able to entertain a thought
without accepting it.*

---Aristotle

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Dearborn, Michigan



2009

NCSA ANNUAL MEETING IN DEARBORN

The theme of the annual
meeting is

**“The Sociological Way
of Looking at the World:
Research, Teaching,
and Application”**

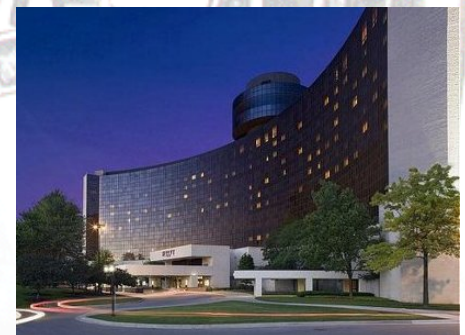
The theme for this year's meeting is taken from the title of the 1975 book by Louis Schneider (1915-1979), who served as President of the NCSA predecessor organization, the Ohio Valley Sociological Society, in 1959-60.

Schneider was a professor of sociology of the University of Texas. His work on religion and social theory helped sociologists understand some of the turbulent social changes in the 1970s.

NCSA members, make plans now to join us in April for the annual meeting in Dearborn, Michigan. Dearborn is a lively city, located in Michigan outside of Detroit. An added bonus is that the annual meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. This four star hotel is located just minutes from downtown Detroit and is in close proximity to the metro station.

Popular sights in Detroit, Michigan include the African American History Museum, as well as the Detroit Institute of Arts. Sports fans will be able to enjoy Detroit's Comerica Park, home of the 2006 American League Champion Detroit Tigers baseball team, which is within minutes of the hotel. If you are looking for a family activity, then Detroit Zoo is also a great option that is easily accessible from the Hyatt Regency, as is the Belle Isle, located in the middle of the Detroit River. Several museums and other attractions are close by in Dearborn; there are also entertainment options within the hotel.

Located inside the hotel are Giulio and Son's Italian restaurant, Perks Coffee Bar deli and carry-out, and Archimedes Bar. On the top floor of the Hyatt Regency is the Rotunda Ballroom, which is a rotating restaurant that allows diners to see a bird's eye view of the city's skyline. For golfers, there are two 18-hole golf courses that are two and ten miles long. The Hyatt Regency is located at 600 Town Center Drive, (313)-593-1234 (dearborn.hyatt.com).



Make your reservations now!

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2009 The Ruth and John Useem Plenary Address

To be delivered by Irving Zeitlin



Irving Zeitlin is currently a Faculty Associate in the Centre for Ethics and Professor of Sociology at the University of Toronto. Zeitlin specializes in the history of social and political thought and in the sociology of religion. He is currently teaching SOC203 History of Social Theory.

Zeitlin has written several articles and chapters for edited collections and journals, but has devoted the bulk of his efforts to writing books. He is author of twelve books including *Ancient Judaism* (1984), *Jesus and the Judaism of His Time* (Polity Press, 1988), *Plato's Vision: The Classical Origins of Social and Political Thought* (Prentice Hall, 1993), *Nietzsche: A Re-Examination* (Polity Press, 1994), and *Rulers and Ruled: Classical Political Theory from Plato to the Federalists* (University of Toronto Press, 1997). Zeitlin's second book, *Ideology and the Development of Sociological Theory* (Prentice Hall, 1968) has now been in print for over 32 years. It has been translated into Spanish and Japanese. His first book, *Marxism: A Re-Examination* (Van Nostrand, 1967) was also translated into Japanese.

Zeitlin received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Wayne State University, while working first as a Junior Supervisor at the Detroit Jewish Community Centre and then as Assistant Director and Principal of the Sholem Aleichem Institute and School. Zeitlin then moved to Princeton University, where he completed a second Master's degree and was awarded his Doctorate. He also worked as Principal of the Hebrew school at the Princeton Jewish Centre. Zeitlin was awarded a National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, and then worked at France's Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique for a year. He also spent four years teaching at Indiana University, then later at Washington University in Missouri. He was University of Leicester's Visiting Senior Lecturer in Social Theory before returning to Washington University to chair the Department of Sociology. Since joining the faculty at the University of Toronto, Zeitlin has served a term as Chair and has spent another year abroad, serving as Visiting Professor of Sociology at Kwansei Gakuin University in Japan (1984-85). Since 1998, he has been the Coordinator of the Program in Ethics, Law and Society at U of T's Trinity College.

Scholarly Achievement Award Nominations

The Scholarly Achievement Award Committee solicits nominations from the membership for significant work in the discipline which has appeared in the recent past and has not been recognized by the Association.

Nominations should be submitted by December 1, 2008 to:

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Recent winners include:

Edward Morris. Ohio University. *An Unexpected Minority: White Kids in an Urban School*.

Peter and Patti Adler, University of Colorado at Boulder, *Paradise Laborers: Hotel Work in the Global Economy*.

Douglas Harper, Duquesne University, *Changing Works: Visions of a Lost Agriculture*



Edward Morris
2007 recipient

WHAT TO DO IN DEARBORN

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

Arab American National Museum 13624 Michigan Avenue (313)-582-2266 (www.arabamericanmuseum.org)



The only museum in the United States that is dedicated to documenting, preserving, and presenting Arab American History and culture. Located in the heart of Michigan's Arab American community, it functions as an educational and cultural institution, and houses permanent historical exhibits,

temporary exhibits, community courtyard, classrooms, a library & resource center, a museum store, and an auditorium. Our educational and cultural activities address the public needs for accurate information about Arab Americans and their presence in this country.

Arab Community Center for Economic & Social Services (Access), 2651 Saulino Court, (313)-842-7010. ACCESS'S Museum of Arab Culture, folkarts, and cultural history collection, provides a wide range of interpretive programs for children and adults. Access also sponsors an array of projects, including East Dearborn Arab Festival, the concert of colors events and music series, art exhibitions, and more.

Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave, (313)-494-5800 (www.maah-detroit.org).

This museum is considered the world's largest museum of African and African-American history and culture, and highlights the civil rights struggles of African-Americans in the United States. This is most-likely related to the fact that during the mid-1800s, Detroit was a key stop on the Underground Railroad, through which thousands of slaves escaped to Canada. Hours:

Tues-Sat 9am-5pm (Thurs until 8pm), Sun 1-5pm Price: Admission \$8 for adults; \$5 for seniors (62+); \$5 for children 3-12



Automotive Hall of Fame, 21400 Oakwood Boulevard (313)240-4000. Open daily from 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 pm. Adults \$6, Seniors (62 and over) \$5, Youth (5-18) \$3. The Automotive Hall of Fame is both a visitor attraction and an educational resource for inspiring others to higher levels of achievement in their own work. Visitors will experience automotive history.



MotorCities National Heritage Area, 200 Renaissance Center, Suite #3148, Detroit, Michigan. (www.motorcities.org). Located in Southeastern and Central Michigan and one of twenty-three designed national heritage areas, MotorCities tours allow visitors to discover Michigan's rich automotive heritage. Each tour takes visitors to such attractions as The Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, GM World, Detroit Institute of Arts, Michigan International Speedway, Automotive Hall of Fame, Yankee Air Museum and the River Rouge Plant Factory Tour. Theme tours and Tour packages have been developed to make the planning easy. Special events on April 15, 2008: *Model T 101*– Learn about the basic mechanical components and operation of the Model T. *Model T Ride Experience* – Hop on a real Model T and take a narrated tour through Greenfield Village.

Henry Ford Estate Fair Lane, 4901 Evergreen Road (313)-593-5590. (www.henryfordestat.org)

Return to the world of automotive pioneer Henry Ford. Stroll through the spacious rooms where Clara & Henry Ford entertained some of the world's most influential people. Explore the six-level power house, including Mr. Ford's personal garage and cars. See the giant generators placed by Henry Ford and Thomas Edison that still generate electricity today. Tour times: Tuesday-Saturday: 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm, and 3:00 pm. Sunday: Tours begin at 1:00 pm & run every half-hour until 4:30 pm. Adults \$12, Seniors (62 & older) \$11, Student (with I.D.) \$11. Tours with meals area also available at varying prices. See website for details.



Dearborn Historical Museum, 21950 Michigan Avenue, (313)-565-3000. The heritage of Dearborn is preserved at the Dearborn Historical Museum. The Museum is housed in two buildings of the original 19th century United States Government Detroit Arsenal and in the Exhibit Annex: the Commandant's Quarters and the McFadden-Ross House.

The hours to tour both buildings are Monday-Saturday from 1- 5 p.m., Nov. 1 to May 1 and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Gardner House and Museum Annex are located on the grounds of the McFadden-Ross House. These two buildings can be

toured, by appointment only, year round. There is no charge to tour any of the buildings, but donations are welcome.



Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave, Detroit, (313)-833-



7900 This institute houses several Baroque to Modern artists, including Rembrandt, Rubens, Caravaggio, van Gogh, Cézanne, Whistler, and Rothko. They have collections in Egyptian, African, Asian, and Native American art. Also featured is Diego Rivera's *Detroit Industry* murals; a very appropriate attraction. Friday nights at the DIA feature free music, tours, artists' demonstrations, and drop-in workshops for all ages. Hours: Wed-Thurs 10am-4pm; Fri 10am-9pm;

Sat-Sun 10am-5pm. Price: Suggested donation \$6 adults, \$3 children

Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, 4454 Woodward Ave, Detroit, (313)-832-6622 For fans of modern art, this is the place to go. Opened in October 2006 and organized by renowned curator Klaus Kertess, this museum always has new attractions by modern and contemporary artists from all over the nation. They also house an organic café, where sandwiches, coffee, and desserts made from whole foods are served. Hours: Wednesday & Sunday 11 - 5 pm, Thursday - Saturday 11 - 8 pm, closed Monday & Tuesday. Museum Tours: Wednesdays at 1pm, Saturday 1pm & 4 pm, Sundays at 12 pm. Tours are free.



MUSIC & THEATER

Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Avenue. (313)943-2350 (www.dearbornfordcenter.com) The Ford Community & Performing Arts Center is a collaborative effort



between the Dearborn Community Arts Council and the City of Dearborn. The Center provides great opportunities for families to enjoy athletics, fitness, leisure and cultural arts. The Center is comprised of the Padzieski Art Gallery, Shield's Cafe, the Climbing Wall (where visitors can discover the challenge, fun and excitement of rock-climbing), a Fitness Center, an Indoor Aquatics

area, a 200-seat "blackbox" theater, a magnificent 1,201-seat theater offering the perfect venue to enjoy the talents of some of America's greatest singers, dancers, actors and other performing artists, an outdoor pond and jogging track as well as baseball & soccer fields. Art Gallery hours are from noon to 6 pm Tuesday - Friday and from noon to 5:30 pm on Saturday (closed Sunday & Monday)

Ford-Wyoming Drive In Theatre, 10400 Ford Road, (313)-846-6910.

America's largest drive-in-theater with 9 screens and parking for



2,500 cars that is open for viewing year round, gates open at 8 pm during the summer. Check out our specials, or our FM Stereo system from your own car radio, or use the old time speakers. Concession stand also available. Specific map and directions can be found on www.michigan.org

OTHER FUN ATTRACTIONS

Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 10-Mile Rd, Detroit, (248)-398-0900 The Detroit Zoo is one of the finest in the nation, with all of the expected animals – elephants, giraffes, bears, lions, and more. The Arctic Ring of Life features the world's largest polar bear display. Visitors watch frolicking bears and seals from outside or through a 70-foot-long underwater Polar Passage. Other highlights include a butterfly and hummingbird garden, a free-flight aviary, and a great apes exhibit. Hours: Daily 10am-5pm Price: Admission \$11 adults, \$9 seniors, \$7 children 2-12, free for children under 2.

Motown Historical Museum, 2648 W. Grand Blvd, (313)-875-2264

At this fun museum, see the original control room and studio where the Supremes, the Temptations, Stevie Wonder, the Jackson 5, and others made gold records from 1959 to 1972. You can also see costumes worn by the famous performers, as well as Berry Gordy's apartment, left just the way it was in the 1960s. Hours: Tues-Sat 10am-6pm Price: Admission \$8 adults, \$5 children under 13.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
www.michigan.org
www.frommers.com
or
www.cityofdearborn.org

CALL FOR PAPERS

DEADLINE: October 31st, 2008

If you are interested in presenting at a session, send an abstract to the session organizer . The sessions are organized LISTED BELOW. Please include:

1. Title of your paper
2. Abstract
3. Your name and institutional affiliation
4. Mailing address AND email address
5. Telephone and fax numbers
6. Send **NO LATER** than **October 31, 2008**

If you are unable to locate an appropriate session, please send your information to the following:

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Innovations in Teaching Poster Session

Lissa Yogan is organizing an “Innovations in Teaching” poster session for this year’s the NCSA conference. For this session, faculty or others teaching create a poster about an exercise, activity, assignment, and/or other things you do in the classroom. We ask that you develop a poster and bring at least 50 one-page handouts about your activity. This poster session has become very popular with our high school teachers and we would like a great turnout this year.

If you would like to participate, please send your poster idea to
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NCSA Teaching Sessions

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If you would like to present in one of these sessions please contact the organizers as soon as possible. We ask for abstract and contact information. In general, each presentation is approximately 15 minutes and we encourage you to bring handouts to share with your colleagues. Our teaching sessions attract many new faculty and graduate students and we see this as a great opportunity to both examine the scholarship of teaching and learning as well as increase the pedagogical practices within sociology. Please contact the chair of the NCSA teaching section should you have questions about participating in the NCSA conference.



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Sustaining Commitment to Teaching While Working in a Cynical World- Panel Session

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John F. Schnabel Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award 2009 Call for Nominations

The NCSA Teaching Committee is calling for nominations (and re-nominations) for the 2008 *The John F. Schnabel Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award*. This award may be given to an individual, a department, a program, or an institution. Individuals nominated for the award must be a member of the NCSA. Departments, programs, or institutions nominated for the award must be located in the NCSA region. The principal criterion for the award is excellence in some activity enhancing the teaching of Sociology for the NCSA or within the North Central region. As such, the "criteria" are intentionally flexible in order to accommodate the innovative and creative.

A partial list of the kinds of activities that would be considered includes:

1. The sharing of pioneering innovations in curriculum design. Creative classroom activities, and/or development of instructional methods.
2. The development of especially creative instructional materials.
3. A distinguished record of publication and/or research on or about the teaching of Sociology.
4. A distinguished record of assuring a teaching emphasis at the NCSA by organizing research session on teaching, creating displays, chairing panels, conducting teaching workshops, and/or chairing roundtables on some teaching emphasis.
5. Faculty developmental efforts such as systematic in-service training of teachers or a distinguished record of preparing graduate students to teach.

When making nominations for the award, nominators are asked to send as much of the following as possible:

1. A letter of nomination outlining reasons for the nomination.
2. A vita and/or a listing of activities which have fostered better teaching of Sociology.
3. Documents supporting the nomination.

The more concrete and specific the information and documentation, the stronger the nomination will be. Nominators may want to notify the person the person being nominated and ask him or her to send appropriate supporting materials. Anyone who has been a nominator before is strongly encouraged to re-nominate that individual, department, program, or institution.

The deadline for nominations is January 31, 2009

Send nominations or address questions to:

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2008 recipient
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Aida Tomeh Distinguished Service Award 2009 Call for Nominations

The Aida Tomeh Distinguished Service Award is an annual award recognizing the accomplishments an NCSA member in one of more of the following:

1. Service to the NCSA in a single truly outstanding activity, or
2. Service to the NCSA in many capacities and over a long period of time, or
3. Service to the NCSA throughout professional career.



2008 recipient
Paula Dubeck

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The deadline for nominations is January 31, 2009

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NCSA Research Paper Sessions

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Race, Gender & Issues of Inequality

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Family, Life Course, Aging

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Call for Proposals Editorship of Sociological Focus

The North Central Sociological Association is seeking proposals for the Editorship of its official journal, *Sociological Focus*. The search is not limited to the North Central region. The term of editor is for three years and the starting date is negotiable. The applicant should be either an active member of the North Central Sociological Association or willing to join the organization. The applicant should demonstrate past and continuing experience with the journal review process and publication.

Sociological Focus is edited and published by the department of the editor in association with Paradigm Press. Editor's duties include, but are not limited to, receiving manuscripts, distributing manuscripts to reviews, decision-making on articles for publications, and communicating with authors as to strengths and weakness of their submissions. *Sociological Focus* has a long history of special issues focusing on important topics of interest to sociologists and other social scientists.

The publication of the journal is a joint venture between the NCSA and the applicant's department. The applicant's proposal should include a statement of specific departmental commitment to provide the editor with released time, an editorial assistant, office space for the journal, and supplies that include postage for required communication, necessary file cabinets, desks, chairs, work tables, a desktop computer (with internet access), a backup hard drive, and a laser printer. Also storage space for several boxes of past issues is necessary.

Proposals are to be directed to:

Dr. Kent Schwirian, Chair of the Publications Committee
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J. MILTON YINGER LIFETIME DISTINGUISHED CAREER AWARD

2009 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the Milton Yinger Distinguished Career Award are due by January 31, 2009. Watch for the full description of the award on the web page. It describes the criteria for the award and materials needed to support nominations. Think about those senior faculty in your department or elsewhere or who are or were mentors or advisors along the way and who have made significant “scholarly contributions, public/applied sociology and/or contributions to the quality of sociological teaching and learning”. They may still be active or emeritus.

This is the 3rd year for the award. Milton Yinger received it the first year, and Robert Perrucci received it last year. Let Harry know if you have questions.

Scholarly contributions—an extraordinary career of scholarship, expressed in publications, editorial work on behalf of sociological journals, and/or consultant

Public/Applied Sociology—an extraordinary career of applied sociological or public policy works:

- in a local community or in a national or regional agency;
- in public testimony, popular press publications, and other venues that impact public policy;
- in public service through elected or appointed office, such that the person’s career has a beneficial impact on the life of a community.

Contributions to the quality of sociological teaching and learning—a lifetime of distinguished contributions to sociological instruction and curriculum development through:

- the sharing of significant innovations in curriculum design, creative classroom activities, and/or development of instructional materials;
- advancement of the scholarship of teaching and learning as indicated in a distinguished record of publication and/or research on or about the teaching of sociology;
- a extraordinary contribution to other teachers of sociology through a distinguished record organizing research sessions on teaching, creating displays, chairing panels, conducting teaching workshops, in-service programs for teachers or graduate students, and/or chairing roundtables on some teaching emphasis; and/or
- exemplary service within the region, such as in doing external departmental reviews.

When making nominations for the award, nominators are asked to send as much of the following as possible:

- a letter of nomination outlining reasons for the nomination,
- a vita or a listing of activities which have advance the discipline of sociology,
- documents supporting the nomination,
- supporting letters.

The more concrete and specific the information and documentation, the stronger the nomination will be. Nominators may want to notify the person being nominated and ask them to send in appropriate supporting materials.

THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS JANUARY 31, 2009

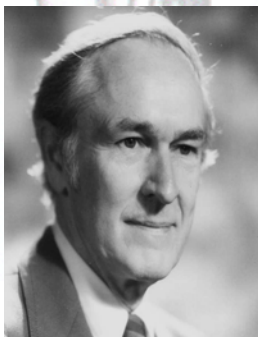
Send nominations or address questions to:

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Milton Yinger

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NORTH CENTRAL SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION 2009 STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

The North Central Sociological Association is pleased to announce its annual competition for all students.

TWO DIVISIONAL AWARDS

1. Graduate Student Division
2. Undergraduate Division (open to all students at 2-year and 4-year colleges, universities, and community colleges)

AWARDS

- Up to three awards will be given in each category. Division winners will receive a certificate in recognition of their award.
- Undergraduate division winners will receive a reimbursement of up to \$100 for travel expenses incurred for traveling to the NCSA annual meeting April 16-18, 2009 in Dearborn.
- In the graduate division, the monetary award for reimbursement of expenses incurred for travel to the NCSA annual meeting April 16-18, 2009 in Dearborn, MI will be distributed as follows: 1st place receives \$150, 2nd place receives \$125, and 3rd place receives \$100. Additionally, the first place winner in the graduate division will be honored as the recipient of the John Seidler Award and the winner's paper will be considered for publication in *Sociological Focus*.
- Co-authored or multiple authored winners will share the specified monetary award.
- All award winners will be honored at a special time during the annual meeting of the NCSA in Dearborn.

COMPETITION RULES

1. The maximum length of a paper is 5000 words (approximately 18-20 pages). An abstract of no more than 100 words must also be included.
2. The title page must include the author's name, institutional affiliation, divisional status (graduate or undergraduate), email address, and the name, address, and telephone number of the student's advisor/mentor.
3. Papers with multiple authors will be considered provided that all authors are students in the same division category.
4. Only papers written while the author(s) was a student are eligible for consideration.
5. The contestant must submit four hard copies of the paper. We do not accept electronic copies.
6. Winners are expected to present their papers at the 2009 annual meeting to receive the monetary award.
7. All papers submitted by graduate students will be automatically included in the regular program.
8. Undergraduate students are encouraged to submit a copy of their papers to the program chair to be included in the regular program.
9. For information, please contact Carolette Norwood at 513.556.0358 or email to Carolette.Norwood@uc.edu.
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A panel of judges will blind review papers. The judges will employ conventional scholarly criteria -- including thesis development, theoretical application, methodological application, discussion/findings, and mechanics -- in their deliberations. The graduate student paper award will also be reviewed for its potential for publication. The awards committee reserves the right not to award any or all prizes in a division should papers not be of sufficient quality or of sufficient number.



2008
Graduate winner
Joseph D. Wolfe

Please submit entries by Monday, January 5th, 2009 to:

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Student Paper Awards Committee
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2008
Undergraduate winner
Michelle Oyakawa

2009 North Central Student Sociology Conference

(Formerly the Midwest Student Sociology Conference)

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

The North Central Sociological Association is excited to announce that the Midwest Student Sociology Conference has been incorporated into the NCSA's annual conference and is now known as the North Central Student Sociology Conference (NCSSC).

At the NCSA annual conference, April 16-19, 2009 in Dearborn, Michigan, the NCSSC will give both graduate and undergraduate students the opportunity to present their research and to receive feedback from other students, professors, and professional sociologists. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to attend the many research and teaching sessions that are traditionally part of the NCSA's annual conference.

The North Central Student Sociology Conference cordially invites undergraduate and graduate students in sociology, anthropology, criminology, and related fields to submit their original work for presentation at the April conference. Submissions will be divided thematically and each student session will have 4-5 student presenters with a faculty facilitator.

Please announce the new North Central Student Sociology Conference to any faculty and students who would be interested. Abstracts should be emailed or sent to:



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Deadline: Friday, January 16th, 2009

Please include the following information:

1. An Abstract
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Feel free to contact me at cerlin@saintmarys.edu if you have questions.



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Jay Howard Awarded 2008 Hans O. Mauksch Award for Distinguished Contributions to Undergraduate Sociology

Jay Howard, Professor of Sociology and Vice Chancellor and Dean at Indiana University-Purdue University Columbus, has been awarded the 2008 Hans O. Mauksch Award for Distinguished Contributions to Undergraduate Sociology. The award was presented by the American Sociological Association Section on Teaching and Learning at its annual conference in Boston on August 1, 2008.



Howard is a former president of the North Central Sociological Association and a member and past president of the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation Board of Trustees. Howard, a native of Mishawaka, earned a B.A. from Indiana University South Bend and a doctorate in sociology from the University of Notre Dame.

In his 16-year career at IUPUC, Howard has earned 15 teaching-related honors and awards, presented nearly 40 papers, sponsored more than 40 student paper presentations at sociology conferences, and been published in more than 45 refereed publications, textbooks, and other educational media. Part of his research has established him as a nationally recognized leader in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Sociology. His other research interest, which deals with religion and popular culture, have led to a popular book entitled *Apostles of Rock: The Splintered World of Contemporary Christian Music* (co-authored with John M. Streck).

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- 1.) Scientific research in its defined subject matter area;
- 2.) Effective teaching of the subject matter at all levels of educational endeavor;
- 3.) The widest possible and feasible utilization of the knowledge and skills of sociologists and the findings of scientific sociological research by public and private agencies in all relevant social policy issues;
- 4.) Interchange and cooperative relations among persons and organizations engaged in the scientific study of society;
- 5.) Any and all such other acts as may be deemed conducive to these ends.

Membership in the NCSA shall be open to all persons interested in and subscribing to its objectives and who have been awarded a graduate degree in Sociology or in closely related fields from accredited institutions. Persons lacking these qualifications may also become members if they can present evidence of professional competence and commitment to the field of Sociology.

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