

90TH ANNIVERSARY

SHAPING THE FUTURE: CELEBRATING NINETY YEARS OF BREAKING BARRIERS AND EMPOWERING CHANGE

March 19-22, 2025

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March 19, 2025

Dear Esteemed Attendees,

It is an honor to extend my warmest greetings to you as you gather in Baton Rouge for the 90th Annual Conference of the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists. On this historic occasion, I want to celebrate the invaluable contributions that your collective work has made to our understanding of human behavior and societal development. As a representative of the great state of Louisiana, I am especially proud to welcome you to our vibrant community.

For ninety years, the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists has been at the forefront of academic research, policy analysis, and social advocacy. The insights that you provide—whether through research, teaching, or outreach—have a direct impact on shaping public policy, enhancing social services, and improving the well-being of countless individuals and communities.

In Louisiana, the work you do is critical. As our state continues to navigate complex challenges in areas such as education, health, criminal justice, and economic development, the knowledge and solutions that emerge from the social and behavioral sciences are essential to guiding us toward meaningful, sustainable progress. Your dedication to breaking barriers and empowering change is a beacon of hope and action for all of us working toward a more just and prosperous future.

As you embark on this conference under the theme "Shaping the Future: Ninety Years of Breaking Barriers & Empowering Change," know that your work is not only relevant but imperative to our shared goals of fostering a better society. I look forward to seeing the collaborations, ideas, and solutions that will emerge from your discussions in Baton Rouge.

Thank you for your commitment to advancing education, research, and the social good. Your presence here is a testament to the power of knowledge and the transformative impact it can have on communities far and wide. I wish you all a successful, inspiring, and rewarding conference.

Sincerely,

Cleo Fields
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March 17, 2025

Dear Esteemed Guests,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists Conference's 90th Anniversary and 87th Annual Conference on behalf of Southern University and A&M College. As we continue to uphold the tradition of excellence, creativity, and community that characterizes our Jaguar Nation, it is a pleasure to have you join us. Our university family is enhanced by your presence. We hope you have a pleasant and significant stay here.

As the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists continues to break barriers and empower change in social and behavioral science research and scholarship, we value your contributions and commitment.

Welcome to the Conference once more! I hope your visit is unforgettable and that we keep advancing as a team in quality and solidarity.

Sincerely,

ohn K. Pierre, Chancellor

and Vanue B. Lacour Endowed Law Professor



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"We must empower our youth through strengthening their capacity to engage positively and successfully in every aspect of life." - Nelson Mandela

Welcome Address

Dear Esteemed Conference Attendees:

On behalf of the Nelson Mandela College of Government and Social Sciences at Southern University and A&M College, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the 90th Anniversary Conference of the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, Inc. This milestone gathering celebrates "Shaping the Future: Ninety Years of Breaking Barriers & Empowering Change," a theme that highlights the Association's enduring impact and unwavering dedication to advancing research, scholarship, and transformative innovation in the social and behavioral sciences.

For nearly a century, the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists has been a catalyst for academic excellence and social progress. Southern University and A&M College is honored to host this distinguished assembly of scholars, practitioners, and thought leaders who are committed to addressing today's most pressing societal challenges while paving the way for future generations.

As we begin this journey of knowledge-sharing and collaboration, I encourage you to use the Road Map to frame your unique perspective in advancing higher education. Embrace the engaging discussions, networking opportunities, and thought-provoking sessions this conference offers. May your time in Baton Rouge be intellectually enriching and personally inspiring, sparking new connections and innovative ideas that will shape the future of our disciplines.

Welcome, and best wishes for a successful and impactful conference!

Sincerely,

Damien Ejigiri, Professor and Dean

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(Founded in 1935 as the Association of Social Science Teachers)

Greetings from the President

March 19, 2025

Dear ASBS Members, Guests, and Conference Participants,

I am honored to welcome you to the 90th Annual Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, Inc. Conference in Baton Rouge, LA. At a time of profound political and social change, when marginalized communities continue to face unprecedented challenges, your presence and engagement are more critical than ever. We are inspired by the resilience and commitment of scholars and practitioners who remain steadfast in their pursuit of knowledge, advocacy, and transformative action.

This year's conference theme, *Shaping the Future: Ninety Years of Breaking Barriers & Empowering Change*, is particularly significant in Baton Rouge, a city with a rich history of activism and resilience in the face of systemic inequities. The pressing issues confronting our communities which vary from disparities in education and mental health struggles, to economic hardship and rising costs, demand urgent and informed dialogue. This conference serves as a vital space to exchange ideas, foster collaboration, and develop strategies that can lead to meaningful change in the communities we serve.

We deeply appreciate the dedication of our association members who continuously contribute their time, research, and expertise to advancing social and behavioral sciences. Their commitment ensures that our discussions remain relevant, thought-provoking, and impactful. I extend my sincere gratitude to the conference organizing committee, session chairs, and the numerous volunteers whose hard work has made this gathering possible.

Above all, I thank you, the participants, for enriching this conference with your presence. I encourage you to fully engage in the sessions, forge meaningful connections, and take away new insights that will strengthen your work and advocacy. May this experience inspire and empower you as we collectively strive for a more just and equitable society.

Sincerely,

Dorian Williams President

Dorian Williams

Greetings:

Welcome to the Association of Social and Behavioral SCIENTISTS, Inc., with a message of love, goodwill, and peace in celebrating our past, present, and a vision of hope and endurance in challenging times. In the process of planning for this 87th annual conference and the 90th anniversary of ASBS, I have constantly turned to and relied on my faith, family and friends, the prayer of Jabez and the words of Dr. John Moland, Jr., pioneer, trailblazer, past president, and Recipient of the W. E. B. DuBois award.



On his dying bed via a telephone call, Dr. Moland asked of me to "Help save ASBS" by recruiting and involving former members of Grambling State University's Social Research Club to revitalize and rebuild the organization. To help fulfill his request, I have included a former student researcher and presenter at ASBS Conferences during the late eighties to participate in the Plenary session and provide an oral and written history of the organization. Also, in the 1980s ASBS student presenters of the new millennium were invited to present their theoretical or research presentation in a Thematic Roundtable discussing "How the Profession Helped Shape and Empower Them for the Future" by participating in the annual ASBS as well as other social science conferences.

Our 90th anniversary theme is "Shaping the Future: Celebrating Ninety Years of Breaking Barriers and Empowering Change. The organized sessions of the conference program include papers, panels, roundtables and workshops, reflecting the theme of the conference. The topics of focus are primarily centered on race, ethnicity, education, family, health, medicine, politics and other areas.

As we move forward in the 21st Century, we need your help and commitment to revitalize and reinvigorate the ASBS organization and conference. I call on everyone to lend your ideas and suggestions as to how we can reform our legendary organization so it can continue to carry out its mission for future generations.

Sincerely,

Frances Staten

Frances Staten, Ph.D. Conference Chair/President Elect

Overview

The Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, Inc., a professional organization of scholars in the academy, was founded in 1935 by Theophilus E. McKinney who was Dean of Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina. The organization began as the Association for Social Science Teachers. As the world continues to change, The Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists remains in the forefront of research and scholarship in the social and behavioral sciences.

Purpose of the Organization

The organization provides students and professionals with opportunities for academic and professional development through the exchange of information, theory, and research. In addition to hosting an annual conference, the organization publishes a peer-reviewed academic journal.

Membership

While most of the Association's membership remains social and behavioral scientists, membership is open to scholars from all academic disciplines. ASBS offers two types of memberships. The first is Regular Membership which may be obtained and continued with annual payments of \$25. The second, Life Membership which is optional and consists of three levels: \$500 for life, \$1000 for silver life, and \$1500 for gold life. Interested individuals may obtain regular membership and, if desired, progress to any of the life membership levels by making successive annual payments of \$100. Undergraduate membership is \$10 per year. Institutional membership is \$500.

Sponsored Activities

The Association sponsors a conference during the spring of each year. It offers a forum for members and participants to share research findings, curriculum revisions, and professional activities. During the annual conference, the organization presents the W. E. B. Du Bois Award, the Marguerite Rogers Howie Distinguished Service Award, the Theophilus E. McKinny Award for Student Research, and the Delores P. Aldridge Graduate Student Research Award. Additionally, the Association publishes the Journal of Social and Behavioral Sciences. As a scholarly organization, ASBS continues to provide a forum for the exploration of pertinent issues related to communities around the world and annually adopts a contemporary theme to reflect this.

Board Members, Committee Chairs, and Activity Leaders

Past Presidents of the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, Inc.

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1940-1942

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1944-1945

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1945-1946

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1946-1947

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1947-1948

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1948-1949

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1949-1950

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1951-1952

1952-1953

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1953-1954

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1964-1965

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1967-1968

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1969-1970

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1971-1972

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1972-1973

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Meharry Medical School 1975-1976

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1976-1977

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1977 -1978

Lena Wright Myers Jackson State University

1978-79

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1979-1980

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1980-1981

Levi Jones Tennessee State University

1981-1982

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1982-83

Delores P. Aldridge Emory University

1983-1984

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1984-1985

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1985-1986

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1986-1987

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1987-1988

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1990-1991

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1991-1992

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1993-1994

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1994-1995

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1995-1996

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1996-1997

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1997-1998

Patricia McGill-Tillman Jackson State University

1998-1999

Donald Cunnigen University of Rhode Island

1999-2000

Frank H. Wilson Univ. of Wisconsin (Milwaukee)

2000-2001

Thomas C. Calhoun Univ. of Nebraska (Lincoln)

2001-2002

Alton R. Kirk

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2002-2003

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2010-2011

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Delores Butler Tennessee State University

2019-2020

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Two-Fifths Life Delores Butler Shirley Rainey Deborah Cooper(2024) Karla Mercy (2024)

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Janice Duncan
Erma J. Lawson
Kalia Reed
Thaddeus D. F. Reed
Dorothy Ruiz
Floyd Tate
Virgil Wood
*Deceased

Conference-at-a-Glance 90th Anniversary March 19-22, 2025

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Shaping the Future: Celebrating 90 Years of Breaking Barriers & Empowering Change

Wednesday, March 19

Conference Registration	3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Welcoming Reception/	8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Meeting of the Executive Committee	

Thursday, March 20

Conference Registration	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Opening Plenary Session	8:30 a.m10:15 a.m.
Concurrent Sessions	10:30 a.m12:00 pm.
Lunch on Your Own	12:00 p.m 1:30 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions	1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Conference Reception	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday, March 21

Conference Registration	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions	8:30 a.m11:45 a.m.
W. E. B. Du Bois Award Luncheon	12:00 noon- 2:30 p.m.
Membership Business Meeting	3:00 p.m. – 4: 30 p.m.

Saturday, March 22

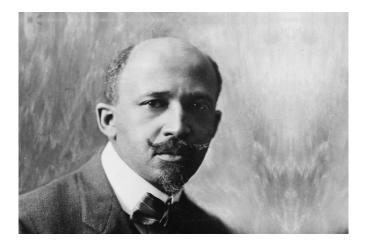
Conference Registration	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Concurrent Sessions	8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Closing Meeting of the Executive Committee	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Marguerite Rogers Howie Distinguished Service Award

The Marguerite Rogers Howie Distinguished Service Award was initiated to commemorate the lengthy and outstanding service given to ASBS by Professor Marguerite Rogers Howie. A member of the organization for more than 40 years, Professor Howie served in several administrative capacities.

As an active member, she served as Executive Secretary, edited the Association's Newsletter, organized the Theophilus E. McKinney Undergraduate Student Research Initiative, and spearheaded the development of the *ASBS Endowment*. Upon retirement, Professor Howie was honored with the position of Executive Secretary Emeritus. She continued to serve the organization in an advisory capacity. Thus, to honor the legacy of Dr. Professor Howie, two designations were added to the in 2002. First, in her honor, the Association's Endowment became *the Marguerite Rogers Howie Endowment Fund*. Second, the *Distinguished Service Award* was initiated and awarded to its first recipient the following year. The award continues to be presented annually to an ASBS member whose service models are that of Professor Howie. Past award recipients are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	Conference Location	Award Recipient
2003	Macon, Georgia	Charles U. Smith
2004	Cleveland, Ohio	Patricia McGill-Tillman
2005	Nashville, Tennessee	Alton Hornsby Jr.
2006	Jackson, Mississippi	Lena Wright Myers
2007	Atlanta, Georgia	Melvin E. Walker Jr.
2008	Greensboro, North Carolina	Thessalonia Ford
		(Posthumously)
2009	Macon, Georgia	John Moland Jr.
2010	Charlotte, North Carolina	Alton R. Kirk
2011	Jackson, Mississippi	Ruth E. Dennis
2012	Nashville, Tennessee	McKinley Alexander, Jr.
2013	Cincinnati, Ohio	Mary B. Myles
2014	Atlanta, Georgia	Delores P. Aldridge
2015	Fayetteville, North Carolina	James Jordan
2016	Jackson, Mississippi	Thomas Calhoun
2017	Bossier City, Louisiana	Francis Staten
2018	Nashville, Tennessee	Ella T. Keller
2019	Fayetteville, North Carolina	R. Gail Grass Fulgham
2020	Atlanta, Georgia	Doreen Hilton
2O24	Jackson, MS.	Patricia McGill



The William Edward Burghardt (W. E. B.) Du Bois Award and Recipients

The William Edward Burghardt (W.E.B.) Du Bois Award was established by the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists in 1970. Introduced by James E. Conyers, ASBS President, it was initiated to honor an outstanding social or behavioral scientist or civic leader who is credited for making a significant contribution to the greater knowledge and understanding of African Americans. Thus, award recipients include prominent scholars, government officials, and civic leaders whose contributions reflect the prolific scholarly and political contributions of W.E.B. Du Bois.

Du Bois was an innovative, creative, and original-thinking scholar who participated in the early meetings of the *Conference of Teachers of Social Science in Negro Colleges*, ASBS's predecessor. His early participation and subsequent appearances in later years were part of his dedication to an intellectual life that spanned several generations.

In his interdisciplinary, scholarly publications, Du Bois examined critical themes in African American life. Four of his books—The Souls of Black Folk, Black Reconstruction, The Suppression of the African Slave Trade, and The Philadelphia Negro; the Atlanta University research series; and his editorship of Phylon Magazine provided the American scholarly community with a different perspective on the socioeconomic and political conditions of African Americans. In his discussion of The Philadelphia Negro, David Levering Lewis stated that "Du Bois' scholarly writings carried the vivid narrative power that other urban studies would lack until . . . more than thirty years in the future."

In addition to his scholarly research, Du Bois was an advocate for civil rights in America and abroad. He participated in the first Pan-African Congress which focused on the impact of colonialism on the African continent. As editor of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's official organ, *The Crisis*, Du Bois promoted improved race relations through editorials that attacked every aspect of segregation in America. The life of W. E. B. Du Bois as a scholar-activist provides an inspiring example for young scholars. Since the inception of the prestigious W. E. B. Du Bois Award, it has been bestowed upon over 45 prominent citizens from across the nation.

Past W.E.B. Du Bois Recipients

1970 - Oliver C. Cox 1995 – Frederick S. Humphries 1971 - Lewis Wade Jones 1996 - Dorothy Cowser Yancy 1972 - Horace Mann Bond 1997 - James A. Hefner 1973 - Charles U. Smith 1998 - John Lewis 1974 - Vivian Henderson 1999 - Samuel DuBois Cook 1975 - Elizabeth Duncan Koontz 2000 - Bennie G. Thompson 1976 - John Griffin 2001 - La Francis Rodgers-Rose 1977 - Vincent Harding 2002 - Henry E. Frye 2003 - Catherine Meeks 1978 - Clarence Bacote 1979 - Parren Mitchell 2004 - Lerone Bennett, Jr. 1980 – Jacquelyne Johnson Jackson 2005 - Matthew Kennedy 1981 - James E. Conyers 2006 - Constance Slaughter-Harvey 2007 - Xernona Clayton 1982 - Margaret Walker Alexander 1983 - Robert Lewis Gill 2008 - Alma S. Adams 1984 - Marguerite R. Howie 2009 - Donnie D. Bellamy 1985 - George Breathett 2010 - Alton Thompson 2011 - Leslie Burl McLemore 1986 - Delores P. Aldridge 1987 - Michael Espy 2012 - Reavis L. Mitchell Jr 1988 - Joseph B. Johnson 2013 - William L. Mallory 1989 – Alton Hornsby Jr. 2014 - Bernard Lafayette, Jr.

1990 - John Moland Jr.

1993 - Butler A. Jones

1991 – Lena Wright Myers

1992 – Eldridge W. McMillan

1994 - Gordon Daniel Morgan

2017 – Beverly L. Wright 2018 – Glenda Baskin Glover 2019 - LaDelle Olion

2016 - Percy W. Watson

2015 - Patricia Timmons-Goodson

2020 - Obie Clayton, Jr. *2021-2023 - No Recipients

2024 – Derrick Simmons Errick Simmons

2025 Rick Gallot.Jr.

^{*}Association did not meet from 2021-2023 during the Covid-19 Pandemic

W.E.B. Du Bois Honoree - President Rick Gallot

Richard "Rick" Gallot, Jr. was named president of the University of Louisiana System on October 25, 2023. Since 2016, he served as the 10th president of Grambling State University. Prior to that, he served one term as a member of the Louisiana State Senate, three terms in the Louisiana House of Representatives and one term on the Grambling City Council.

Gallot graduated from Grambling State University with a bachelor's degree in history and earned his juris doctorate degree from the Southern University School of Law in Baton Rouge. He attended the



Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Gallot was inducted into the Grambling State University Alumni Hall of Fame and the Southern Law School Hall of Fame. He is the recipient of the 2017 HBCUGrow "Best Leadership Award" during his first year as president of Grambling State University. He is an active member of New Living Word Ministries in Ruston, LA; Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; and the Committee of 100 for Economic Development, an influential independent, non-government, business roundtable of Louisiana senior corporate executives and university leaders.

Gallot has been a licensed attorney for 32 years and serves on the board of directors of Cleco Corporation, an electric utility company, headquartered in Pineville, LA and the Board of Directors of Origin Bank located in Ruston. President Gallot is married to the former Christy Cox, and they have four sons.

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Detailed Schedule

Thursday | March 20, 2025

THURSDAY: 8:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Opening Plenary Session

Magnolia

Presiding

Dr. Frances Staten Program Chair and President-Elect

INVOCATION
Mrs. Inetha Wimberly
Planning Committee Member

Greetings

Dr. Kristie Perry Planning Committee, Co-Chair

Oral/Written History of ASBS

ASBS Planning Committee

Plenary Address Dr. John Pierre, Chancellor, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA

Message from ASBS President

Dr. Dorian Williams ASBS President Dean, College of Business Dillard University, New Orleans, LA

Thematic Roundtable/In Memory/Gratitude

Dr. Laivian Coleman, Urbabn League, Atlanta, Georgia

Shaping the Future: The Contributions of Grambling State University and Pi Gamma Mu International Honors Society to ASBS (1985-2025).

Organizer/Moderator: Dr. Frances Staten, Retired Professor, GSU

Discussants: Atty Tiffany Jackson Tucker, Dr. Octavia Kincy Motem, Dr. Laivian Coleman, Mr. Klurie Tucker, Dr. Shaciara Drake Hamilton, Dr. Shantay Grays Mr. Tomar Morgan, Pi Gamma Mu, Georgia Iota Chapter; Ms. Katrina Branson, Mr. Elijah Neal, Pi Gamma Mu, Louisiana Eta Chapterm, Aaron Johnson, Kimberly Rayford

Paper/Panel/Poster/Workshop/Roundtable

THURSDAY 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Session 1: Dr. Delores P. Aldridge Graduate Student Research Magnolia

Moderator: Dr. Shanette Harris – The University of Rhode Island
Examining the Factors Contributing to the Increased Rates of Women Who
Have Experienced Opioid Overdose in Metropolitan, Louisiana

Presenter: Pashion Norman, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA

The Efficacy of Metacognition in the Academic Performance of International Students in a Diverse and Inclusive University Through the Lens of Bandura Social Cognitive Theory

Presenter: Stephen O. Okojie, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS

White Sermons and Testimonial: A Changing Perspective on How to View White Savior Narratives in Media

Presenter: Elliot Howard, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Session 2: T.E. McKinney Undergraduate Student Research Azalea

Moderator: Dr. Erica Hilton, Methodist University, Fayetteville, N.C.

The Effects of Coaching Styles on the Mental Health of Student Athletes

Presenter: Ashante Gatlin, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA

We the Stewards: Community Conservation and Socio-Environmental Systems at Southern University

Presenter: Chasity Joseph, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA

Re-imagining Hip- Hop in Slavery: What the Next Four Years Look Like For Black Americans Under Donald Trump

Presenter: Cameron Griffin, Dillard University, New Orleans, LA

Restorative Practices and the Outcome of the School to Prison PipelinePresenter: Teeshell Lawrence, Dillard University, New Orleans, LA

Session 3. Empowerment and Excellence

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Moderator: Dr. McKinley Alexander, Retired Professor, Jackson State Univ.

Breaking Barriers and Empowering Change in Higher EducationIntersectionality, Career Advancement and Metacognition

Presenters: Stephen O. Okojie; Linda F. Delaney, and Angeline Reddick, Jackson State University. Jackson, MS

Enhancing Student Persistence in Online Courses Through Effective Design Presenter: Alana Stevenson, Simmons College, Kentucky

Session 4: Poster Section

Hallways

Moderator: Dr. Dorian Williams, Dillard University, New Orleans, LA
Ethnic Identity and Cognitive Factors in Decisions to Shoot (Poster)

Presenter: Jaymes Durriseau, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA

Paternal Medication Exposure During Spermatogenesis and Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes: A Review of the Literature (Poster)

Presenter: Twayna Williams, Dillard University, New Orleans, LA

Counter-Terrorism in the US: Recognizing the Strategies and Effectiveness

Presenter: Keymoni Coleman, Dillard University, New Orleans, LA

Enhancing Hurricane Preparedness Through Geospatial Analysis: A Case Study in New Orleans

Ashley Reynaga, Dillard University, New Orleans, LA

The Price of Protection - How Tariffs Shape Income Growth and Inequality

Presenter: Anna Griffin; Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA

BUSTED! - The Myth That Productivity Reduces Inequality New Data Challenges Long - Standing Belief

Presenter: Casey Henry - Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA

An Examination of Capital Spending Between Public Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Predominantly White Institutions (PWIs) In the State of Virginia

Presenter: Reginald Dewayne Johnson

THURSDAY 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Session 5: Undergraduate Student Panel

Magnolia

Moderator/Organizer: Dr. Kristie Perry, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA Understanding the Lack of Intervention in Domestic Violence Situations: Social, Psychological, and Cultural Barriers, and the Role of Policy in Addressing These Challenges

Organizer: Dr. Kristie Perry, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA Presenters: Jareh Trena Buchanan, Nakahia S. Ridgeway, Ashakia Arielle Gatlin, Hayleigh N. Henderson, and Gabrielle Jacobs Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA

Coping Mechanisms Among College Students Living Away from Home: An Exploratory Study

Presenter: Gabrielle Simone Jacobs, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA

Understanding the Lack of Intervention in Domestic Violence Situations: Social, Psychological, and Cultural Barriers, and the Role of Policy in

Addressing These Challenges

Presenter: Nakahia Ridgeway, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA

Voter Apathy in the state of Louisiana and its implication for policy. Please add her to my session for student undergraduate presentations
Jareh Buchanan, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA

Session 6: Shaping the Future: The Family and Family Support Systems Azalea Moderator: Dr. Thomas Durant, Emeritus Professor, Louisiana State University Intergenerational Housing and Support System Panel

Presenter: Dr. Nancy Giunta, Frostburg University, Maryland

Changing Food Systems in Rural Communities

Dr. G. E. Washington, Frostburg State University

The Value of Construction Technology in Empowering Family Diversity Dr. Benedict Nwokolo, Grambling State University

Section 7: Ethnic Identity and Cognitive Factors in Decision to Shoot Camellia Moderator: Dr. Shaciara Drake Hamilton, University of Illinois, Champagne, Ill.

Jayme Durriseau, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, LA

The Correlation Between Access to Student Lounges and Improved Student Wellness

Presenter: Nicholass Vallair, Dillard University, New Orleans, LA

The Importance of the Relationship Between the Mentor and the Mentee for Career and Leadership Development

Presenter: Crystal Culberath, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA

THURSDAY 3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Sessions 8: Addressing Status Barriers in Community Colleges: Magnolia

Moderator: Carlos C. Morris, Lawson State Community College, Lawson, AL

Panelists:

Dr. Shantay Grays

Provost/Executive Vice President

Howard Community College, Columbia, MD

Mrs. Sandra Theus, Sociology Professor Bossier Community College Bossier City, LA

Chreasancio Jackson, Department Chair, Debra Cooper, Assistant Professor Carla Mercy, Assistant Professor

Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Delta Community College: Monroe, LA

Carlos C. Morris, Chair Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences Lawson State Community College: Lawson, AL

Session 9: Sociological Theory and Research Panel

Moderator: Dr. Anthony Igiede, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA

The Contributions of Classical African American Sociologists to Sociological Theory and Research

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Organizer: Thomas J. Durant, Jr., Louisiana State University Baton Rouge, LA

Presenters: Dr. Thomas J. Durant, Jr., Louisiana State University Dr. Ollie Christian, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA

Applying Social Theory to Our Families (1995)

Presenters: Dr. Lavian Coleman, Urban League, Atlanta, Georgia

Klurie Tucker, Veteran Affairs, New York

Session 10: Shaping the Future: Focused on Change

Moderator: Dr. Julietta Raymond

Over Troubled Waters: Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges, and Strengthening Communities (Workshop)

Presenter: Dr. Lamarr Shield, Visionary Leader, Cambio Group

Baltimore, Maryland

Pathways to a Healthy Longevity

Presenters: Klurie Tucker, Jasmine Fordjour, Dr. Alice Stevens, Dr. Octavia Kincy Motem, Social Research Alumni

Session 11: Undergraduate Roundtable

Camellia

Moderator: Dr. Octavia Kiney, Retired Educator, Houston, Texas Intersectionality in Action: Political Participation, Public Opinion and Gender Identity at HBCUS (Roundtable 1)

Organizer: Dr. Melanie Smith Johnson, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA Discussants:

Chandler Taylor, Amaya Rosser, Jabari Johnson, Jaria Hunter, Caleigh Lester, Faith Alexander, Christina Holmes, Devin Harrison, Kameron Dowling, Norea Williams, Terry Avery and Robyn Hughes

FRIDAY: 8:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Session 12: Race, Gender, and Ethnicity

Magnolia

Moderator: Dr. Lamar Shields, The Cambio Group, Baltimore, MD

Examining Culture and Racism in Relation to Masculine Gender Role Stress Experiences of Black Men

Presenter: Dr. Shanette M. Harris, The University of Rhode Island

"- Duped? - Racial Realism and the History of Black People in America

Presenter: Lori Latrice Martin, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

The Impact of External Change That Prompts Personal Change How Does Change Empower My Role as a Servant Leader?

Discussants:

Dr. Linda Fontenot, Grand Canyon University, Colorado Dr. Karen W. Ross, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA Twaski S. Simmons, CEO, TICP, D'Affluenza

Sessions 13: Breaking Barriers in Education

Azalea

Moderator: Dr. Thomas J. Durant, Jr., Louisiana State Univ., Baton Rouge, LA Expounding on Kolb's Experiential Learning Theory: A Pathway to Student Success Panel

Panelists: Dr. Rory L. Bedford, Mr. Prentiss Smiley, and Dr. Ellen D. Smiley, Grambling State University, Grambling, LA

The Impact of Property Tax Based School Funding on Education Equity: How Disparities in Funding lead to Underprepared Students and Lower College Retention and Graduation Rates

Ebony Petterson, Grambling State University, Grambling, LA

The Impact of Using AI as an Educational Tool in Improving Learning and Increasing Students' Interaction in Accounting Classes

Dr. Jacob Habashi, Dillard University, New Orleans, LA

Sessions 14: Navigating New Barriers, Presidential Politics

Camellia

Moderator: Dr. Anthony Igiede, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA

Trump, Eroticism and Power

Presenter: Dr. Shanette M. Harris, The University of Rhode Island

Embracing Presidential Leadership for National Progress and Unity Dr. Cameron Sumlin, University of Louisiana at Monroe, Monroe, LA

The New Political Climate, the Shift in Administration Paradigm, and the Availability of Social and Health Services

Dr. Lemmy Akoma, Grambling State University, Grambling, LA

The Economic Impact of Negotiating with Tariffs

Dr. Ogbonnaya John Nwoha - Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA

FRIDAY 10:15 a.m. -11:45 a.m.

Session 15: Thematic Panel: Breaking Barriers/Empowering Change in Higher Education Magnolia

Moderator: Dr. Anthony Igiede, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA Historically Black Colleges (HBCUs)

Dr. Connie Walton, Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs-Grambling State University, Grambling, LA;

Predominantly White Colleges (PWIs)

Atty. Tiffany Jackson Tucker, University of Houston, Houston, TX

Predominantly Minority Institutions (PMIs)

Dr. Shantay Grays, Provost/ Executive Vice President, Howard Community College, Columbia, MD

Section 16: Generational Cycles Trauma: Mental Health Disorder within Socioeconomic Families and Communities Azalea

Moderator: Dr. Shaciara Drake Hamilton, University of Illinois, Champagne, Ill.

Presenter: Dr. Alice Leonce Stevens, CEO / Prevention Specialist Delaware

Empowering Change in Families / Communities: Workshop 1/2/ Economically Disadvantaged Families Mental Health Issues

Presenter: Dr. Alice Leonce Stevens, CEO/ Prevention Specialist Delaware

FRIDAY: 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

W. E. B. Du Bois Luncheon.

The Valdry Center for Philanthropy at Southern University

FRIDAY 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Session 17: Health Equity and Healthcare in America (Panel)

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Moderator: Dr. Alice L. Stevens, CEO/ Prevention Specialist, Delaware State

Organizer: Dr. Ollie Christian, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA Panelists:

Born Unequal: The Social Stratification of Mental Health in America

Dr. Thomas J. Durant, Jr., Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

Healthcare In America: Are We the Very Best of All?

Dr. Ollie Christian, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA

Achieving Health Equity in Louisiana

Alma Stewart Allen, Founder & Director, Louisiana Center for Health Equity

FRIDAY: 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Session 18: A Family Affair: A Look at Students Parents Today Magnolia

Dr. Suzanne Mayo, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, Grambling State University, Grambling, LA

Carol Alexander Lewis, Director, Child Development Center, Grambling State University, Grambling, LA

Session 19: Race, Ethnicity and Media

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Evidence of James Baldwin's Enduring Significance: A Roundtable

Organizer: Dr. Matthew Sheptoski and Dr. Karletta White-Langhorn Grambling State University, Grambling, LA Discussants:

Dr. Matthew Sheptoski, Grambling State University, Grambling, LA

Dr. Karletta White, Grambling State University, Grambling, LA

Elliott Howard, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Pearl Wise Howard, Grambling State University, Grambling, LA

Malcolm X As a Resource in the Struggle for Ethnic Equality: Connecting the Past Present and the Future: A Roundtable Discussion

Organizers: Dr. Matthew Sheptoski and Dr. Karletta White

Discussants: Dr. Matthew Sheptoski, Sociology, Grambling State University Dr. Karletta White, Criminal Justice, Gramling State University Elliott Howard (Doctoral Student), University of Tennessee, Knoxville Pearl Wise Howard (Doctoral Student), Grambling State University Destin Theus, (Undergraduate Student), Grambling State University

Session 20: Racial and Ethnic Issues

Camellia

Neighborhood Has Always Mattered: Effects of Skin Tone on Residential Segregation

Dr. Karletta White-Langhorn, Mackisha Brumant, and Andra Richardson, Grambling State University, Grambling, LA

A Personal Look at Recidivism Reduction Programs

Dr. Karletta White-Langhorn, Grambling State University, Grambling, AR Ms. Shurunda Thrower, University of Arkansas Pine-Bluff . Pine-Bluff, AR

Session 21: Remembering Dr. Mary William: A Revisitation and Dramatization of her Writing on Health and Aging Roundtable/Video/Vignette Magnolia

Presenters: Dr. Taylor McGlown, Dr. Dorothy Idleburg, Dr. Frances Staten, Dr. Ogbonnaya John Nwoha, Mrs. Inetha Wimberly, Dr. Lemmy Akoma, and Mr. Clarence Williams

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