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The Virginia Social Science Association Mission

Bringing together all groups related to the social science disciplines of Anthropology, Business, Criminal Justice, Economics, Geography, History, International Relations, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology. Those groups include faculty from K-12 as well as all institutions of higher education in Virginia, undergraduates, graduate students, and professionals who apply the social sciences.

We envision three main interrelated missions regarding teaching, research, and outreach:

- Promoting multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary work in the social sciences
- Offering all students opportunities for professional development in presenting their scholarship
- Bringing together teachers at all levels of education in Virginia

9:00-9:15 a.m. Opening Remarks and Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Nadjhia Normil-Skakavac, Virginia State University, VSSA President

9:15-9:40 a.m. Keynote Address
Red Land, Black Labor, White Colleges: The Case of Virginia
Peter Wallenstein, Virginia Tech, VSSA Past President 2004-2008

9:50-11:05 a.m. SESSION 1

Session 1-1: Criminal Justice: Historical Insights, Recent Outcomes, and Implications for Policy and Practice

The Spectacle of the Scaffold Persists
Jessie Grant, Sweet Briar College

An Exploration of Available Services for Offenders with Mental Illness (OMI)
Kaliah Moulton, Bridgewater College
Timothy Brazill, Bridgewater College

Maternal Incarceration and Adjustment Outcomes among Youth
Patricia Joseph, Hampton University
Zina McGee, Hampton University
Daizha Rattley, Hampton University
Sierra Reynolds, Hampton University

Understanding and Combating Sea Cucumber Poaching and Smuggling in the Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve: Perspectives from Law Enforcement Officials
R. M. Arivazhagan, Tamil Nadu Open University (India)
S. Utham Kumar Jamadhagni, University of Madras (India)
K. Jaishankar, International Institute of Justice and Police Sciences (India)

Moderator: Praveen Bolli, Virginia State University

Session 1-2: Lasting Legacy of Education Policy and Theory and Current Considerations for Student Success and College Recruitment

The Neglect of Progressive Educators throughout the History of Testing in Virginia
Raaj Aggarwal, Virginia Tech

College Recruitment and Student Flourishing in a Time of Demographic Shift
Adam Hoffman, Virginia Military Institute
Sara Whipple, Virginia Military Institute

Enhancing Learner Success Using the Theory of Process Education's
Social Domain

Chaya R. Jain, Virginia State University

Steven W. Beyerlein, University of Idaho

Moderator: Ayana Conway, Virginia State University

Session 1-3: Human Rights: Past, Present, and Future

An In-depth Examination of the War Crime of Conducting Biological
Experiments: A Comprehensive Analysis

Rishabh Sing, Symbiosis Law School (India)

Navjyot Birdi, Symbiosis Law School (India)

Attempted Erasure and Resilience: The Effects, Precursors, and Legacies
of Eugenics on Native Peoples in Virginia; 1705-2015

William C. Ingalls, Virginia Tech

Unveiling the Chemical Composition of Sanitary Napkins in India:
A Call for Regulatory Reform and Transparency

Pyali Chatterjee, ICAI University (India)

Navigating Gender and Cultural Perspectives: An Analysis of
Conceptualizing and Addressing the Sustainable Development Goals
(SDGS)

Astitva Kumar Rao, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar National Law University (India)

Moderator: Christa Moore, University of Virginia's College at Wise

11:10-12:25 p.m.

SESSION 2

**Session 2-1: Discrimination and Disparities: Pervasive Issues across
Societal Domains**

Participation of Transgender Athletes in Domestic and International
Events: Issues and Challenges in the Globalizing World

Saakshe Jain, Symbiosis Law School (India)

Naman Arora, Symbiosis Law School (India)

Female Under Representation as First and Senior Authors in Medicine
Subspecialties: A Meta Analysis of Academic Publications

Ohm Tripathi, University of Connecticut

U.S. Military Type-1 Diabetic (T1D) Policies violate Civil Liberties and Common Sense

Kyle Thaller, University of Lynchburg

David Richards, University of Lynchburg

Beyond the Streetlamp: Media Coverage of Sexual Violence in the Arab World

Shannon Hutchens, Virginia Tech

Moderator: Moushumi Roy, Virginia State University

Session 2-2: Virtual, Hybrid, and In-person Work, Programs, and Community: Psychological and Physical Health Risks and Benefits

The Influence of Social Media Use and Societal Expectations

Matthew Santos Flynn, Washington and Lee University

Wythe Whiting, Washington and Lee University

Karla Murdock, Washington and Lee University

Cami Fischman, Washington and Lee University

Hybrid Work and Physical Health Behaviors

Grace Catello, George Mason University

Seth Kaplan, George Mason University

The College Orientation Workshop: Replication, Cognitive-Behavioral Training, and New Findings

Keith A. Kline, Virginia Military Institute

Sara S. Whipple, Virginia Military Institute

Scott T. Frein, Virginia Military Institute

Moderator: Beverly Colwell Adams, University of Virginia (Emeritus)

Session 2-3: Economics, Policy, and Politics: Contemporary Approaches to and Applications of Historical Patterns and Principles

Fairness Preferences over Parental Wealth Transfers

Johanna Mollerstrom, George Mason University

Web-based Approaches to Understanding Political Association in Cold War Central Africa

Catherine Lee Porter, Hampton University

Regime Taxonomy in Shuoyuan (Garden of Eloquence)

Eric Drummond Smith, University of Virginia's College at Wise

Moderator: Christopher Saladino, Virginia Commonwealth University

12:25-12:55 p.m. LUNCH BREAK

1:00-1:10 p.m. Introduction of *Virginia Social Science Journal (VSSJ)* Editor-in-Chief
Nadjhia Normil-Skakavac, Virginia State University, VSSA President

VSSJ Overview and Invitation
Ayana Conway, Virginia State University, VSSJ Editor-in-Chief

Recognition of the VSSA Advisory Board
Nadjhia Normil-Skakavac, Virginia State University, VSSA President

Announcement of VSSA Undergraduate Student Paper Award Recipient
Nadjhia Normil-Skakavac, Virginia State University, VSSA President

1:10-1:40 p.m. Introduction of VSSA Scholar Award Recipients
Keith Kline, Virginia Military Institute, VSSA Vice President

VSSA Scholar Award Recipient Remarks: What I Do and How I Got Here

VSSA Scholar Award in History
Daniel B. Thorp, Virginia Tech

VSSA Scholar Award in Social Science and Education
Terence Hicks, East Tennessee State University

1:45-3:00 p.m. SESSION 3

Session 3-1: Politics, Race, Ethnicity, and Religion: Foundations for Understanding Present-Day Dynamics

Influence of Philosophers, Classics, and Religion on Colonial Thought:
Shaping the Intellectual Foundations of Early America
Rachael Dandreaano, Virginia Tech

Exploring Far-Right Extremism Through the Lens of the Unite the Right
Movement
Trinity Lowman-Bokan, Sweet Briar College
Dwana Waugh, Sweet Briar College

Improbable Harmony: How Religion Resolves Indonesia's Paradoxical
Motto 'Unity in Diversity'
Emmaline Merrill, Southern Virginia University

Lessons Learned from Failure: An Exploration of Virginia's 2021
Redistricting Commission
Brittany Keegan, Virginia Commonwealth University

Robyn D. McDougle, Virginia Commonwealth University

Moderator: Jeremiah John, Southern Virginia University

Session 3-2: Sociology of Appalachia: Culture, Community, Trauma, and Thriving among Appalachian Residents and Trail Thru-Hikers

The Resilience Path: Women in Appalachia Who Survived Child Sexual Abuse

Lillianne Meade, University of Virginia’s College at Wise
Christa J. Moore, University of Virginia’s College at Wise

Mechanical Solidarity in the Thru-Hiking Community on the Appalachian Trail: A Case Study

Samantha B. Cake, Longwood University
JoEllen Pederson, Longwood University

Doing Rural Sociology in Place

Katherine Everhart, University of Virginia’s College at Wise
Willa Campbell, University of Virginia’s College at Wise
Madison Crase, University of Virginia’s College at Wise
Anngel Gallihar, University of Virginia’s College at Wise

Moderator: Carl Riden, Longwood University

*****CONCLUSION OF CONFERENCE—THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!*****

3:10 p.m. Post-Conference Informational Session and Meet-and-Greet for faculty interested in serving on the VSSA Board (using same Zoom link)

The VSSA is proud to have the following colleges and universities represented at its 2024 Conference.

- Bridgewater College
- Dr. B. R. Ambedkar National Law University, Sonipat, Haryana (India)
- George Mason University
- Hampton University
- ICFAI University (India)
- International Institute of Justice and Police Sciences (India)
- Longwood University
- Piedmont Virginia Community College
- Southern Virginia University
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