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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

Saturday, April 21, 2018

REGISTRATION: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Academic Learning Commons Lobby

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST: 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Location: Academic Learning Commons Lobby

SESSION I: 9:00-10:50 a.m.

Panel 1-1: Global Gender Issues (Moderator: Nadjhia Normil-Skakavac, Virginia State University)

Location: MCALC 1100

Empowerment Positive, HIV Positive? A Case Study of Female Autonomy Effects in Zimbabwe

Catherine Hensly, American University

Women in the Shadows: Reflections on Widowhood Traditional Practices Amongst the Ikwerre of Nigeria's Niger Delta Region

Chioma Joseph-Obi, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria

An Analysis of Gender Bias through Feminist Theory: Nigeria's Condition

Kpakpando Anyanwu, University of Virginia

Black Women, Slavery, and Maternal Power in Jamaica and Barbados, 1780s to 1830s

Maureen Elgersman Lee, Hampton University

French Secularism and its Impact on Muslim Women

Aminata Wallet Mohamed, Eastern Mennonite University

Panel 1-2: Gender at Work (Moderator: Tomoko Hamada, College of William and Mary)

Location: MCALC 1102

The Rise of Female Managers in Japanese Multinationals: Abenomics and Women in Japanese Business

Tomoko Hamada, College of William and Mary

Dimensions of the Female Entrepreneur: A Look at How Female Entrepreneurs Inhabit, Create, and Move between Time and Space in Washington, D.C.

Phebe Meyer, College of William and Mary

Tsenacommacah Rising: Thomasina E. Jordan (Red Hawk Woman) and Political Activism in Virginia

Danielle Moretti-Langholtz, College of William & Mary

The Good Son: Transnational Migration and the Making of Indian Kinship

Andrea Wright, College of William & Mary

Discussant: Michelle A. Lelievre, College of William and Mary

Panel 1-3: Political Economy (Moderator: Darrell Tyler, Longwood University)

Location: MCALC 1104

A City Divided: The Effects of Residential Segregation on Metropolitan & White Employment

Grace Mausser, George Washington University

The Reverse Federal Student Loan: A Market Based, Forward Looking Approach to Student Lending

Deborah L. Spencer, Emory and Henry College

Does Economic Growth Cause Democratization?

Dana Councilman, George Washington University

The Power of Working Longer

Sita Nataraj Slavov, George Mason University

Gila Bronshtein, George Mason University

Jason Scott, George Mason University

John B. Shoven, George Mason University

Panel 1-4: Public Administration and Criminal Justice (Moderator: Pamela Gibson, Troy University)

Location: MCALC 1105

Privatization and Public Procurement: Ways to Contract for the Strategic Goals of Public Organizations

Joshua Steinfeld, Old Dominion University

Sawsan Abutabenjeh, Mississippi State University

Eric Prier, Florida Atlantic University

Clifford McCue, Florida Atlantic University

Public Service Users' Perceptions of Public Service Quality: Do Bureaucrats' Physical Appearance Stereotypes Matter?

Kouliga Koala, Old Dominion University

Eric Reed, Old Dominion University

Reading the Tea Leaves: The Future of Administrative Law in U.S. Supreme Court Jurisprudence

John M. Aughenbaugh, Virginia Commonwealth University

From the Inside: Examining the Relationship between Victimization and Criminality among Women in Prison

Zina McGee, Hampton University

Brandy Richeson, Hampton University

Little Girl Lost: Assessing Patterns of Female Juvenile Delinquency

Harolyn Johnson, Hampton University

Carileigh Jones, Hampton University

Tandeka Nunn, Hampton University

Zina McGee, Hampton University

Panel 1-5: The Environment (Moderator: JoEllen Pederson, Longwood University)

Location: MCALC 1107

Green Spaces and the Fight for 'Chocolate City': The Struggle between Displacement and Parks in Washington, D.C.

Cassandra Jean, Howard University

Decision Making and Risk Perception: An Environmental Justice Perspective

Donta Council, Old Dominion University

Environmental Concern Among U.S. Mennonites: Preliminary Findings from a National Study"

Jenni Holsinger, Eastern Mennonite University

Atmospheric Impacts on Park Visitation in the James River Park System

Mitchell W. Smiley, Virginia Commonwealth University

Panel 1-6: Identity and Cultural Politics (Moderator: Alexandra Reckendorf, Virginia Commonwealth University)

Location: MCALC 2100

Negotiation of Muslim-American Identity after 9/11 and the Election of President Trump

Jessica Hill, Randolph-Macon College

Scott London, Randolph-Macon College

Microaggressions: Who is more sensitive?

Ayrin Cooke, University of Virginia

Beverly Colwell Adams, University of Virginia

The Dangerous Black Man: Symbols of Fear in America

Ashleigh Grubb, Virginia Tech

What Exactly is Populism? Trying to Get Traction on a Slippery Concept

Aaron Stacey, Old Dominion University

The Influence of Victimization and Media on Student Police Perceptions

Andrew Franklin, Norfolk State University

SESSION II: 11:00—11:40 a.m.

Location: MCALC 1201

2018 AWARDS RECIPIENTS PLENARY SESSION

What I Do, and How I Got Where I am

Moderator: VSSA President Beverly Colwell Adams, University of Virginia

VSSA Scholar Award Recipient

Introductory Remarks: VSSA Vice- President Zach Wilhide, Tidewater Community College

Scholar Award in Political Science: Dr. Herbert Hirsch, Virginia Commonwealth University

Ninth Annual John Ramsey Awards Luncheon: 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Academic Learning Commons Lobby

Presiding Officer: VSSA President, Beverly Colwell Adams, University of Virginia

Presentation: VSSA Best Paper Awards 2018

Peter Wallenstein Undergraduate Student Paper Award

Henry J. Abraham Graduate Student Paper Award

Election of VSSA Officers

Recognition of Life Members and Board Members

SESSION III: 1:10 – 3:00 p.m.

Panel 3-1: Historical and Contemporary African- American Issues (Moderator: Beverly Colwell Adams, University of Virginia)

Location: MCALC 1100

“All Power to the People:” The Black Panther Party and Human Rights

Lama Elsharif, The London School of Economics and Political Science

Black Representation in Comics

Willie Cordy Jr., Regent University

Socialization and Black Academic Intellectuals

Rutledge M. Dennis, George Mason University

When Silence Screams: An Examination of Reporting Behavior Among Sexual Assault Victims on HBCU campuses

NaTasha Robinson, Old Dominion University

The Health Crisis Among Black Virginians in the Progressive Era, and the Actions Taken by Black Populations to Keep their Community Alive

Cecelia Wiley, Virginia Commonwealth University

Panel 3-2: U.S. Higher Education (Moderator: Deborah Spencer, Emory and Henry College)

Location: MCALC 1102

Effects of the College Orientation Workshop on the Physical and Psychological Well-being of At-Risk Male Adolescents

Sara S. Whipple, Virginia Military Institute

Scott T. Frein, Virginia Military Institute

Keith A. Kline, Virginia Military Institute

Bitch Pedagogy: Assertiveness and Argumentativeness in Female Virginia Tech Faculty and Students

Elizabeth Howe, Virginia Tech

Improving College Student Discourse through Critical Thinking and Blooms Taxonomy

Ayana Conway, Virginia State University

Melissa Johnson, Virginia State University

Academic Ground Zero: Course Discourse to Activate Change Agents

Erica R. Russell, Norfolk State University

Karen Y. Holmes, Norfolk State University

Panel 3-3: Selling Racism as Virtue (Moderator: David Dillard, James Madison University)

Location: MCALC 1104

Virginia's Experience with the Second Klan

James Lamb, James Madison University

Shaping German Identity

Kaitlin Hampshire, Independent Scholar

Recasting Segregation's Champions

David Dillard, James Madison University

Panel 3-4: Geopolitics (Moderator: Herbert Hirsch, Virginia Commonwealth University)

Location: MCALC 1105

A Hypocritical Rationalization of Immigration Laws in the United States

Nadjhia Normil-Skakavac, Virginia State University

A Seat at the Settler's Table: Equal Citizenship Demands by Bolivia's Indigenous Peoples

Tara Parsons, James Madison University

Democracy in Nepal: A Case Study of Democratic Transition

Emily Rothstein, University of Mary Washington

The Humanitarian Dilemma: Collective Well-being and Development Aid

Claudio D'Amato, Virginia Tech

Panel 3-5: "Still She Persisted:" Gender, Politics and Popular Culture (Moderator: Jennifer Gauthier, Randolph College)

Location: MCALC 1107

The Good, the Bad and the Bloody

Alexandra Wieczorek, Randolph College

Even Jane Could Do That: Gender in Dr. Seuss

Hannah Overstreet, Randolph College

The Girl of Steel Breaks the Glass Ceiling

Veronica Lee, Randolph College

Moving Beyond Lilo & Stitch: Native Women Filmmakers in the Pacific Islands

Jennifer Gauthier, Randolph College

Panel 3-6: To IRB, or Not to IRB? Finding the Balance between Research and Human Subjects Protection in Social Sciences (Moderator: Jennifer Holsinger, Eastern Mennonite University)

Location: MCALC 2100

Participants:

Stacy West, Virginia Commonwealth University

Christina Wright, Virginia Commonwealth University

Susan Bodnar-Deren, Virginia Commonwealth University

Panel 3-7: Political Socialization (Moderator: Darrell Tyler, Longwood University)

Location: MCALC 2104

The Rise of Structural Individualism: Millennials Attitudes towards Welfare and Poverty
Jamesha Watson, Longwood University

Political Socialization Through Pop Culture Phenomena
Alexandra Reckendorf, Virginia Commonwealth University
Shelby Horner, Virginia Commonwealth University

Surveying the Arab Youth Survey
Nada Berrada, Virginia Tech

A Comparative Study of Religious Nationalism/Extremism Terrorist Groups in the
United States
Colleen Arthur, Virginia Commonwealth University

Impacts of Giving Circles on Participants: Giving Style and Civic Engagement
Eric Busche, James Madison University
Rob Alexander, James Madison University

SESSION IV: 3:10 – 5:00 p.m.

Panel 4-1: Pedagogy (Moderator: JoEllen Pederson, Longwood University)

Location: MCALC 1100

Diversity and the Performance of Difference: Towards a Re-definition of Inclusion
Marcy Schnitzer, Virginia Tech

The Effects of Parent's Gender on Educational Involvement in the Classroom
Katie Fabian, Longwood University

Parent's Perceptions of Outdoor Play on Child Development
Kimberly Daucher, Longwood University

How Educators' Perceptions Impact Student Achievement
Melissa Johnson, Virginia State University
Ayana Conway, Virginia State University

Social Relationships in Adolescence: The Impact of Parent and Peer Attachment on Well-
being
Susan Antaramian, Christopher Newport University
Dana Fulcher, Christopher Newport University

The Impact of Parental Involvement on the Reading Achievement of Fourth Grade African
American Males in the Tidewater Region of Virginia
Faye Bradley, Virginia State University

**Panel 4-2: Mediating the Neocolonial: Social and Cultural Manifestations of Empire
(Moderator: Jennifer Gauthier, Randolph College)**

Location: MCALC 1102

Rewiring Colonial Urbanism: Refashioning in Addis Ababa
Rob Flahive, Virginia Tech

“Space: The Final Frontier”: Imperial Narratives in Science Fiction Television
Leigh McKagen, Virginia Tech

Mapping as Claiming: The Neocolonial Reproductions and Representations in Sri Lankan
Tourist Maps
Shelby Ward, Virginia Tech

**Panel 4-3: Global Affairs (Moderator: Chris Saladino, Virginia Commonwealth
University)**

Location: MCALC 1104

Globalization of Modernity: The Emerging Patterns of Homogenization in the Economy,
Politics, and Culture in the World Societies
Shahid M. Shahidullah, Hampton University

The Clash of Narratives: Russia's Perception of the United States
Marianna Portnyagina, Old Dominion University

Form, Semiotics, and Typology: Rethinking Mao Zedong's Iconic Representations in
Contemporary China
Zhe Dong, University of Virginia

Cultural Capital and the Gulf Museum: A Study of Reception of Museums in the United
Arab Emirates
Xinyi Amy Zhang, George Mason University

**Panel 4-4: The Donald Trump Effect (Moderator: Zachary Wilhide, Tidewater
Community College)**

Location: MCALC 1105

Setting the Elite Agenda: Social Media, President Trump, and Racial Coding in Charlottesville
Chad Murphy, University of Mary Washington

Sanctions: President Trump's Response to the North Korean Issue
Kriss L. Truelove, Jr., Old Dominion University

Critical Theory, Fascism and the Trump Candidacy
James Curiel, Norfolk State University
Robert Perkins, Norfolk State University

Pentadic Analysis: Examining the Stump Speech of Donald J. Trump
Jill Mitten, Richard Bland College of William & Mary

Panel 4-5: Culture and Policy (Moderator: Keith Kline, Virginia Military Institute)

Location: MCALC 1107

Of Feuding “Monsters” and Dangerous Transgressive Women: “Beowulf” and
the Cultural Logic of Projection

Stephen Bell, Liberty University

Regime Change in the Works of Mencius

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

Mediated Discourses Surrounding Suicide: An Analysis of 13 Reasons Why

Kaija Craft, Christopher Newport University

Folklore Beliefs and Old Wives’ Tales: Does Adherence Affect Health Seeking
Behaviors in Pregnant Women? A Research Proposal

Sloane Smith, Virginia Commonwealth University

**Panel 4-6: Presidential Decision Making in U.S. Foreign Policy (Moderator:
William Newmann, Virginia Commonwealth University)**

Location: MCALC 2100

Participants:

Rana A. Abouelhagag, Virginia Commonwealth University

Abegail R. Anderson, Virginia Commonwealth University

Lewis A. Baker, Virginia Commonwealth University

Maricela P. Embe, Virginia Commonwealth University

Matthew J. Friday, Virginia Commonwealth University

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