Making Our Way to Denver: A Preview
Chuck Koeber, President

Greetings! I am now counting the days until we travel to Denver to participate in yet another fantastic AHS annual meeting. Admittedly, I am also counting the days because I have not yet finished my Presidential address and want to ensure that I have sufficient time to do so.

We are very fortunate that Bhoomi Thakore is serving as our Program Chair this year. She has worked diligently to put together an exciting and engaging program that features a wide variety of topics and session formats. Bhoomi’s conference programming work is all the more impressive when considering that she must balance her program chair responsibilities with her new position as a visiting assistant professor and program director at Elmhurst College. Many thanks and congratulations to Bhoomi! I feel very privileged and thankful to be working with Bhoomi, an extraordinarily bright, energetic, and creative scholar-activist, and I know that you will enjoy the conference because of her hard work.

Are you still making your conference travel plans? If so, I encourage you to arrive Wednesday, so as to beat the rush at the registration table and, more importantly, so that you can be among the first to enjoy the traditional AHS Hospitality Suite, which will open Wednesday night and is located in the very spacious and newly renovated “Presidential Suite” of our hotel. If you know me, then you also know that spending two, three, or more hours in the hospitality suite has always been one of my favorite AHS conference pastimes, and not only because of the complimentary beverages and munchies. The hospitality suite is a great place to kick back, relax, continue conversations started earlier in the day, and to meet up with new and old friends alike.

Those of you arriving Wednesday will also be prepared to join us on Thursday morning for the opening board meeting! Or, you could take a tour of the Black American West Museum in the historic Five Points neighborhood led by longtime member and former AHS President, Woody Doane. This small museum is one of Denver’s hidden gems and enables visitors to learn about what has been neglected by mass media, mainstream history, and John Wayne movies: the significant role of African Americans in the early development and expansion of the western United States. Space is limited, so hurry to the AHS website to sign up for the tour at a very affordable cost of $10, plus another $9 to cover the cost of a light rail day pass (which can also be used later if going downtown for dinner).

Regular sessions begin Thursday afternoon and feature a wide variety of topics and formats including paper sessions about environmental abuse and achieving environmental justice, films about peace making and human rights abuses on the US/Mexican border, a workshop about youth using art to engage in community action, and sessions featuring book authors/editors and their critics and commentators. These are but a few examples of the many interesting sessions taking place on Thursday afternoon and throughout the conference.

At the end of the day on Thursday we relax, socialize, and continue to learn while being educated and entertained by our own Corey Dolgon, who will present a musical labor history presentation during our Thursday afternoon/evening reception. Ample time will remain following the reception for those who would like to go out for dinner to do so.

Kerry Wilks, Associate Professor of Spanish and Associate Dean of the Graduate School at Wichita State University, will be the Saturday Plenary Lunch speaker discussing “LGBTQ Activism in Kansas: A Personal Journey in the Land of Oz.” Photo courtesy of Kerry Wilks.
For those wishing to go downtown, the light rail is only a few steps away from the hotel, is affordable, and provides a scenic 30-minute ride to Union Station, where one can walk or ride free shuttle buses up and down the mile long 16th Street (outdoor) mall. Don’t forget to check out the Tattered Cover, one of the largest independently owned book stores in the United States.

A new light rail line runs from the airport to Union Station, where you can then change lines and ride to the Orchard stop, which is very near the hotel. The light rail is by far the most affordable way to travel while at the conference and there are several interesting stops between the hotel and downtown, such as Denver University and Lower Downtown (LoDo) that you may also want to explore.

On Friday and Saturday we begin early with several breakfast meetings! The hotel serves fantastic food and features a gourmet breakfast buffet with an omelet and waffle bar, fresh fruit and many other delicious breakfast items. Make sure to check the program to determine which breakfast groups are meeting and on which days. On Friday morning, for instance, we have scheduled a breakfast for new members, an excellent opportunity for new members to get to know each other. We have also planned several opportunities to sign up for and/or lead a group for dinner. Over the years of attending AHS meetings, I’ve arrived at the conclusion that we have an unwritten rule that we don’t eat alone and we don’t let others eat alone (unless they want to, of course).

I first attended AHS as a graduate student at SUNY-Binghamton (now they call it “Binghamton University”). As I finished my presentation and began to walk back to my room, where I figured I would spend the evening catching up on e-mail or watching a movie on HBO, several people, (Jim and Greta Pennell, among others) whom I recognized from sessions I attended that day, invited me to dinner. I accepted the invitation and, to my pleasant surprise, I enjoyed a wonderful and memorable evening that made me want to renew my membership with AHS and return to more meetings. I have learned since that time that AHS meetings provide opportunities to learn and meet interesting and like-minded scholars and activists both within and outside of sessions. While some meetings I have attended are clearly organized to be formal events, we hope that this year’s meetings will continue to be as they have been: not merely a useful event for some, but a memorable conference experience for all.

One of Friday’s highlights is a long-time AHS tradition, “The Activist Café Luncheon,” which features several speakers from community organizations from the conference city. Activist Luncheons not only inform about local social issues and challenges, but also provide inspiring accounts of what is being done to meet these challenges and to overcome barriers to improving the well-being of the community and its residents.

This year we included one lunch in the price of your registration and I promise that it will be delicious and substantial. In fact, Friday’s lunch will be so delicious, and the presentations so interesting, that you will want to make sure to pay the additional fee for a second lunch. This is because Saturday’s luncheon plenary features my Wichita State colleague and friend, Dr. Kerry Wilks. Kerry will give an exciting account of her experience as one of the main plaintiffs in a same-sex marriage lawsuit against the State of Kansas, and tell us about her work with “Equality Kansas” to bring about equal LGBTQ rights.

Although I have known Kerry for many years as a Spanish professor, it was not until I saw her on the local evening news speaking out against the prohibition of same-sex marriage in Kansas that I realized what an incredibly brave, ethical, and driven person she is, especially when advocating for human rights. Kerry’s keynote presentation will no doubt be highly engaging, inspirational, and you won’t want to miss it.

It is impossible to do justice to the more than 100 excellent papers and sessions that conference participants will enjoy. In looking at the preliminary program, one thing is clear: those in attendance will be surrounded by many people who share an interest in not
only understanding the nature of very complex social problems, but who also wish to create a more progressive and humanistic social world. As we look west into the mountains, we will also become more aware of how the energy industry is destroying them with extremely harmful extraction methods such as fracking (as if drilling was not harmful enough). As we contrast the elegant and grandiose corporate architecture of the Denver Tech Center area with the visible populations of homeless in Downtown Denver, we will learn not only about the polarization of wealth and income in the United States, but also how people are working together to alleviate poverty and bring about economic equality and social justice.

As I observe news coverage of the Presidential Campaign, it is obvious that too many people in the United States are struggling to get by and desperately want and need a change of course in American politics that will improve their life chances. However, equally obvious is that too many people do not know in which direction we should go next to achieve this goal. As a result, they choose to follow leaders who, ironically, may lead us in the wrong direction. As scholars and activists, we need a stronger voice, a more effective message, and must show others that fear, hatred, isolation, and narcissism will only perpetuate the problems that plague most people. We must be the “trail blazers.” It is imperative that we better educate ourselves and others about the many more promising pathways to achieving a just, progressive, humanistic, and inclusive society. I look forward to listening to and discussing your ideas a few short weeks from now. See you in Denver!

**Riding the Roller Coaster of Progress**

Jim Pennell, Interim Editor

I have often heard people say that the older they get, the less they know. As I find myself at an age I never really imagined or contemplated very much as a younger person, I realize the problem may just be that remembering what one knows gets harder to access—or at least that's what they say forgetfulness is. But of course, forgetfulness isn't what that saying is about. It's that you start to fully realize that all you thought was solid melts into the air. Well, I guess I knew that from Marx. Maybe it's just that one starts feeling humbled by the enormity of the world’s wonders and problems. Along comes a presidential election like no other, and you know we have stepped forward by finally having a woman from a major party as a presidential candidate (despite the many misgivings about the candidate herself, especially her coziness to moneyed interests). But then we have Donald Trump, who takes us back to George Wallace and worse. Even Wallace started to show some humility in his old age, although he could not undo the damage he had done. Not Trump. No humility there. And he is a major party candidate. Hopefully the large majority of Americans see through all the bluster and bullshit and will send him back to his business rip-offs and boondoggles where the harm he does is more localized.

The demands we all face in this late-capitalist world can seem pretty overwhelming because they are. Everything seems important and in need of our attention and resources. We have to pick and choose through all the demands. I'm flooded with requests to do this, to donate to that. New inventions make new demands. I do like being able to access so much information in the digital world, but so much of it is non-information or disinformation—and there is just so much of it. People walk around like zombies looking into their phones and accidently running into people in their immediate presence. Texting drivers are outnumbering drunk drivers as the biggest road hazard. Some of us have tried to keep our sanity by intentionally disconnecting for moments or hours. But disconnecting for days can be a problem itself. Life is increasingly being lived online whether we like it or not. What is one to do?

The one thing that always re-energizes me and pulls me out of any downward spiral toward hopelessness is the annual AHS meeting where I get to meet up with friends and colleagues and talk face-to-face about the good things they are doing in so many places and in so many ways. It is hard not to be inspired by such an interesting group of people trying to move the world in a more equitable and just direction. So hopefully I'll see you there and can hear what you are doing to contribute to our many causes. In this issue, President Chuck Koebel fills us in on what to expect in the land of legal cannabis. We have some news about AHS member accomplishments. I know there are many more things going on with us, but these were the ones folks found time to send on short notice. Incoming President Rebecca Hensley suggests some blogs as a way to engage the public. We have also included the program as it stood when the newsletter was assembled with some of the details stripped out to keep it a bit more succinct. Things can and do change, so be sure to recheck the program at the meeting. And if you haven't sent in your membership dues for 2017, there is a form you can actually fill out and mail in. Or you can go the online route via the AHS website: http://www.humanist-sociology.org/membership-form.

Last, as I noted in the make-up newsletter that went out a couple weeks ago, we need a newsletter editor and some officers (VP for Publications, Treasurer, Nominations Committee members) to work for the good of the group. Please bring your talents, energy, and humor to one of these tasks. Greta and I have followed proudly in the footsteps of Betty and Al Lee in our efforts to serve AHS and promote an activist approach to sociology that doesn't assume to have all the answers to the questions we face, but recognizes we collectively do know quite a bit and should us that knowledge to make life better for all people. Some of Al Lee's work can seem a little dated, but I'm currently using the chapter "How Sociologists Serve People" from Sociology for the People: Toward a Caring Profession (from way back in 1988), with my senior capstone students because it still captures how it is and how it could be in our discipline. We aren't as big an organization as the Lees probably would have liked to see, but we still carry on that spirit, offering a haven from the frustrations of our discipline and the challenges of building a better world. Thank you for everything you do and the inspiration you provide to your students, your colleagues, and me.
Dirty Little Secret?
Social Media as Public Sociology
Rebecca Hensley, President Elect

Back when I was an adjunct without an office to meet my students in, I started my blog on race (at http://whyaminotsurprised.blogspot.com) as a way to avoid standing in the parking lot after my evening classes let out. That was eleven years ago and I had no idea it would take on a life of its own. It has now passed 600,000 hits in nearly two hundred countries and nobody is more surprised than me.

If you’re interested in reading some sociological blogs for fun or professional reasons, or if you’re looking for the motivation to try your hand at writing one yourself, here’s a list of some of the ones that are out there already. For more information, you might want to attend a session in Denver where we intend to discuss alternative publication options for a very public sociologist.

A Backstage Sociologist  https://thesocietypages.org/monte
All That Is Solid  http://averypublicsociologist.blogspot.com
Blog for Society and the Environment  http://www.cse.umd.edu/blog
Contexts  https://contexts.org/blog
Creative Sociology  http://creativesociology.blogspot.ca
Cyborgology  https://thesocietypages.org/cyborgology
Everyday Sociology Blog  http://www.everydaysociologyblog.com
Family Inequality  https://familyinequality.wordpress.com
Feminist Reflections  https://thesocietypages.org/feminist
Gender and Society Blog  https://gensociety.wordpress.com
Girl w/ Pen!  https://thesocietypages.org/girlwpen
Inequality by (Interior) Design  https://inequalitybyinteriordesign.wordpress.com
Montclair Socioblog  http://montclairsoci.blogspot.com
Office Hours  https://thesocietypages.org/officehours
Other Sociology  https://othersociologist.com
Racism Review  http://www.racismreview.com/blog
Social Watch  http://www.socialwatch.org
Sociological Images  https://thesocietypages.org/socimages/blog
Sociology in Focus  http://sociologyinfocus.com
Sociology Lens  https://thesocietypages.org/sociologylens
Speak for Sociology  http://speak4sociology.org
The Power Elite  http://thepowerelite.blogspot.com
The Society Pages  https://thesocietypages.org
The Sociological Cinema  http://www.thesociologicalcinema.com/blog
The Sociological Imagination  http://sociologicalimagination.org
The Sociological Review  https://www.thesociologicalreview.com/blog
This Sociological Life  https://simplysociology.wordpress.com

AHS MEMBER NEWS

Corey Dolgon was awarded the 2016 Praxis Award from the American Sociological Association Section on Marxist Sociology. He also received the 2016 Humanitarian Award from Community Connections of Brockton (MA).

David G. Embrick has taken a new job at the University of Connecticut in a joint position as Associate Professor of Sociology and Africana Studies Institute.

Greta Pennell was promoted to Professor of Teacher Education in the Dept. of Teacher Education, University of Indianapolis.

Jim Pennell was promoted to Professor of Sociology in the Dept. of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Indianapolis. He also received a Faculty Achievement Award for scholarship and service.

Janine Schipper will facilitate a workshop on “Teaching with Compassion,” as part of the Contemplating Holistic Learning “learnshop,” Maricopa Center for Learning and Instruction, Maricopa Community Colleges, Tempe, AZ, November 18, 2016. She was also invited by George Ritzer (editor) to contribute an entry on “Buddhism” to the 2nd edition of the Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology.

PUBLICATIONS


**CALL FOR PAPERS**


**AHS 2016 Election Results**

President - David Embrick

VP Membership - Marc Settembrino

Nominations Committee - (2 Year Term) - Jodi Sekhon and Stephen Adair

Nominations Committee - (1 Year Term) - Walda Katz-Fishman

Note: President and VP terms run from the close of the 2016 meeting to the end of the 2019 meeting. The terms for newly-elected Nominations Committee members begins upon official determination of the election results. An elected member of this Committee must make every effort to attend the annual meeting.
AHS Board Meeting

Conducted by Conference Call, April 2, 2016, 9AM – 11AM CST

Board Members Present: Chuck Koeber, Dawn Tawwater, Susan Machum, Greta Pennell, Johnny Williams, Rebecca Hensley, Kathleen Fitzgerald, David Embrick, Daina Cheyenne Harvey, Bhoomi Thakore

Other Members Present: Marc Settembrino, Michelle DeHaven

Minutes taken by Dawn Tawwater, AHS Secretary

President’s Report (Chuck Koeber):

Website is updated and is being worked on by Michelle DeHaven. She has also created a new logo. Chuck introduces her to the group. Chuck reports several professional organizations have been contacted for advertising meeting this year and that it is going well. Chuck took another trip to Colorado at his own expense to arrange conference business; he connected with several activist organizations with the help of faculty at Denver University. Arrangements to secure activist participation in the meeting has not occurred yet but is being pursued, Michelle created a database of activist organizations in the Denver area. Speakers include Kerry Wilks, a professor and primary plaintiff in a fight for same sex marriage in Kansas. The link for the conference hotel will be up soon, the costs is $119 a night. Registration forms should be available soon. Chuck wants to thank Bhoomi and Michelle for their help with organization. Chuck will bring PA system to meeting, he is also working on an art exhibit for the conference.

Nominations Committee Report (Daina Cheyenne Harvey):

Daina discusses a “gap” that occurred between the meeting and the submission of names for the election, noting some backed out of nominations due to changes at work, etc. Greta discusses her concern about new nominees for Nominations Committee having too little organizational experience to be nominees and states she cannot approve the current slate as it is. Further she noted that part of her concern was that several folks she knew who were nominated weren’t asked – she wanted to ensure they were actually asked. She also expressed concerns about too many graduate students on the committee and how that can create issues with actual presence at the meeting as well as institutional memory. Kathleen suggests setting a criteria that defines the demographics needed for Nominations Committee. A discussion occurred about how the nomination process for candidates can be improved. Bhoomi responded with her experiences with the process of seeking candidates for the election. The Nominations Committee was asked to consider candidates based on feedback and re-submit the slate by May 1, 2016. Dawn inquired about timelines and due dates for the election based on these changes and how to conduct the election (in terms of program used, etc.). Dawn was directed to Stephen Adair for direction in the election process platform since he has handled it in the past. It was also noted that Daina is leaving the Nominations Committee to serve as the Editor of Humanity & Society. This will leave one, single year opening on Nominations Committee. That one year position on the ballot will be unique because of that shift.

Incoming President (2017-2018) Report (Rebecca Hensley):

Site selection update: Rebecca, Johnny and Ricardo Dello Buono will be going to Havana, Cuba, to scout for the 2017 conference at the beginning of May. They will split the $800.00 provided to defray costs for the trip and do the rest of the trip at their expense, Ricardo will also be paying for his own expenses. Rebecca has secured contacts in Cuba and has had support from Ricardo that has been very helpful. She has also been working with other academic organizations in Cuba including an organization of social scientist. There was long conversation about ambiguities in planning, emerging issues that could occur, especially as related to the budget and the verifiability of arrangements prior to going to Cuba. Several board members voiced concerns, many suggested a survey of membership to see who could attend and what issues may prevent attendance. Rebecca conveyed several scenarios and lots of information about the research she has to date and her confidence and security in the arrangements being discussed. Greta made a last suggestion for Rebecca to connect with past presidents to get guidance in making conference arrangements.

VP for Publications (Susan Machum):

Daina Cheyenne Harvey nomination as the new Editor of Humanity & Society was unanimously approved, and Daina’s interest in the position is greatly appreciated. There was a discussion that began in Portland about future application process for an editor as well as whether some issues around the nomination for editor can be clarified with additional application materials. Newsletter update is almost ready to go out, but Susan is waiting on a few submissions to complete and distribute it. Discussion occurred about soliciting books for the annual book award. Mark Settembrino (book committee chair) asked that he be sent a nominations letter and be contacted (if possible) by the author for the award nominations. Nominations are needed for the Frank Lindenfeld Outstanding Student Paper Award. Susan will advertise the paper award again, but if no papers are submitted it will be three years in a row without a submission. David Embrick reported that the group discussed in Portland creating a committee for publications and suggested that maybe this should be revisited. Greta noted that the constitution does allow for the committee. Susan brought up other concerns, notably the contract with Sage for Humanity & Society.

TP for Membership (Johnny Williams): No report made.

Treasurer’s Report (Greta Pennell): No report made.

Book Award Committee Chair: No report made.

Secretary (Dawn Tawwater): No report made.

Motions:

Motion to approve minutes from the Closing Board Meeting, 2015 with friendly amendments. Motion passes.
Susan brings motion that we accept Daina Harvey as editor of *Humanity & Society* for the 3 years beginning in 2016/17. Motion passes.

Chuck makes a motion that the Nominations Committee submit a revised slate by May 1st and that approval of the slate occur via email. Motion passes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 AM CST.

**AHS Board Meeting Synopsis of Decisions**
**Conference Call, August 4, 2016, 8:00-10:30am**

*Editor's note:* Since the minutes of this meeting have not been approved, but only reviewed by some board members, they have been edited to only include board motions, decisions, and discussion directly related to those decisions. This is in keeping with the AHS Constitution (Article V, Section 1) that says: *Board actions shall be reported promptly to the membership in The Humanist Sociologist, on the website, and using other electronic media. The membership shall review, at the regular annual business meeting, the actions of the Board of Directors and, by a majority vote of those present, can call for a membership referendum of any decision made by the Board or any issue pending.*

**Board Members Present:** Chuck Koeber, Dawn Tawwater (minutes), Greta Pennell, Rebecca Hensley

**Other Members Present:** Walda Katz-Fishman, Corey Dolgon, Marc Settembrino, Curt Hosier

**Secretary (Dawn Tawwater):** Election results 2016-2017 read: President, David Embrick. VP of Membership, Mark Settembrino. Nominations Committee, Jody Sekon, Stephen Adair – 2 yr appt. Walda Katz-Fishman – 1 yr appt. Chuck says he will need to appoint co-chairs for the nominations committee. Chuck clarifies that the nominations committee begins immediately, other positions are taken over after conference in Denver

Motion by Chuck Koeber to approve the April board minutes. Motion Passed.

Chuck reads a document from Daina Harvey, incoming *Humanity & Society* editor who was unable to participate in the conference call. In the document: "...I looked at our membership and while I considered asking any one of three individuals to consider the position, I ultimately decided to go outside the organization. I asked Selina Gallo-Cruz to be our Book Review Editor and after speaking at length with me and Matthew, Selina has agreed. I asked Selina for a number of reasons. First, Selina is an amazing scholar of transnational activism, social movements, gender, and nonviolence (and a really great person as well). She spent part of last year as a Gender, Conflict, and Peacebuilding Fellow at the Kroc Institute for International Studies at Notre Dame. Her research and teaching fits perfectly with the humanist mission of AHS. I believe she will be a welcomed member and will contribute to the Association for years to come. Second, Selina is very active in ASA sections and organizations that align well with AHS. I believe that with her position at H&S she will be able to help expand our membership and in particular target a number under-represented groups among our membership. Third, her office is fifteen feet from my office and I wanted to be somewhat geographically proximate to the Book Review Editor…"

Motion by Chuck to approve Selena Gallo-Cruz to be the new *Humanity & Society* book review editor. Motion Passed.

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**2016 AHS Board of Directors**
**PRESIDENT:** Chuck Koeber, Wichita State University

**PRESIDENT-ELECT:** Rebecca Hensley, Southeastern Louisiana University

**PAST PRESIDENT:** Kathleen Fitzgerald, Tulane University

**VICE-PRESIDENT/PUBLICATIONS:** Susan Machum, St. Thomas University

**VICE-PRESIDENT/MEMBERSHIP:** Johnny Williams, Trinity College

**SECRETARY:**
Dawn Tawwater, Austin Community College

**TREASURER:**
Greta Pennell, University of Indianapolis

**EDITOR, HUMANITY AND SOCIETY:**
David Embrick

**INTERIM EDITOR, HUMANIST SOCIOLOGIST:**
Jim Pennell, University of Indianapolis

**CO-CHAIRS OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:**
Daina Cheyenne Harvey, College of the Holy Cross, and Bhoomi Thakore, Elmhurst College

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**The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) is soliciting applications for the position of Editor for the Society’s flagship journal, *Social Problems*.** The three-year term will begin with the operation of the new editorial office in mid-year 2018. The new editor will be responsible for editing and promoting Volumes 66-68 (years 2019-2021). We seek a diverse pool of editorial candidates. Applicants must be members or become members of the SSSP by the time of their application and continue to be a member during their tenure as editor.

Candidates must have distinguished scholarly records, previous editorial experience, strong organizational and management skills, and the ability to work and communicate well with others, including with scholars in academic and non-academic settings. For a full description of the position and application process, please visit: [http://www.sssp1.org/file/announcements/Social_Problems_Editor.pdf]. Deadline for applications is January 15, 2017.

Please direct all inquiries, nominations, expressions of interest, and application materials to Dr. Corey Dolgon at cdolgon@stonehill.edu.
AHS DENVER 2016 PRELIMINARY PROGRAM
NOVEMBER 2-6, 2016
Doubletree by Hilton, Denver Tech Center

Note: This is a condensed version of the program as of September 29, 2016. Check the final program for complete information and descriptions.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

4:00PM-6:00PM Registration Desk Open [Lobby Level near ORANGE/LEMON]
7:30PM-??? AHS Hospitality Suite [ROOM TBA]

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

8:30AM-4:30PM Registration Desk Open [Lobby Level near ORANGE/LEMON]
7:45AM-8:45AM Breakfast Available ($) [ZINK, Lower Level]
8:30AM-4:30PM AHS Silent Book Auction [Lobby Level near ORANGE/LEMON]

TH 9:00AM-12:30PM Tour

(1) LOCAL TOUR: The Black American West Museum [Meet in HOTEL LOBBY at 9:00AM]
Organizer: Woody Doane, University of Hartford
Cost: $19 ($10 for Museum admission; $9 for RTD day transit pass—which may also be used for evening travel into Denver). Limit: 20 persons

TH 9:00AM-11:00AM AHS 2016 Board Meeting [TEAL]

TH 1:00PM-2:30PM Concurrent Sessions A

(2) FILM SCREENING: Takeaways to Making Peace [AQUA]
Organizer: Steve McGuire, Muskingum University

(3) WORKSHOP: Change and Activism - A Potential Conflict [CHARTREUSE]
Organizer: Jim Gallagher, University of Maine (retired)
Panelists: Jim Gallagher, University of Maine (retired)
Corey Dolgon, Stonehill College
Greta Pennell, University of Indianapolis

(4) Oil, Gas, and Conflict in Colorado: Social and Environmental Justice in the Oilfields [PERIWINKLE]
Organizer: Stephanie Malin, Colorado State University
Presenters: "Hydraulic Fracturing & the Colorado Food-Energy-Water Nexus" Stephanie Malin, Colorado State University
"Identities in Conflict: Labor-Environment Relations in U.S. Shale Fields" Jessica Rich, University of Colorado Boulder
"Horizontal Drilling & Shifting Spatial Patterns of Extraction: A Case Study of Greeley, Colorado" Adrienne Kroepsch, Colorado School of Mines
"Environmental Justice and Unconventional Oil and Gas Development: Issues of Local Governance and Activism in Northern Colorado" Stacia Ryder, Colorado State University
(6) **Identities [SEPIA]**
Facilitator: Chuck Koeber, Wichita State University
Presenters: "Selling Ourselves: Personal-Branding, Self-Commodification, and the Consumptive Labor of Marketing and Advertising" Chuck Koeber and Michelle DeHaven, Wichita State University

"A Modest Proposal for Creating a Progressive Model of Inclusion: Beyond Physical Accommodation for Faculty with Disabilities" Amy Allen Sekhar, Independent Scholar

"Pulse Nightclub Massacre: An Intersectional Queer Narrative" Marc R. Settembrino, Southeastern Louisiana University

"You are Welcome Here: Preventing Terrorism through Community Reform and Inclusiveness" Harmony Jovet, American University

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**TH 2:45PM-4:15PM Concurrent Sessions B**

(7) **FILM SCREENING: Crisis on the Border: A Documentary [AQUA]**
Organizer: Talha Salman, Appalachian State University
Panelists: Isabel Pernia, Appalachian State University
Kayla White, Appalachian State University
Caroline Webb, Appalachian State University
Clare Milburn, Appalachian State University
Ryan Beverley, Appalachian State University

(8) **PANEL: Dirty Little Secret: Is There a Place for Alternate Forms and Styles of Publication in Academe? [CHARTREUSE]**
Organizer: Rebecca Hensley, Southeastern Louisiana University
Panelists: Rebecca Hensley, Southeastern Louisiana University
Melissa F. Lavin, State University of New York, Oneonta
Mary Erdmans, Case Western Reserve University

(9) **Fractured Landscapes: Wastewater Injection, Induced Seismicity, and Environmental Injustice Surrounding Oil & Gas Fracking on the Western Plains [PERIWINKLE]**
Organizer/Facilitator: Anthony E. Ladd, Loyola University New Orleans

"Risk and Opportunity: The Role of Context and Social Responses to Oil and Gas Development" Liesel A. Ritchie, Nenina Campbell, & Jamie Vickers, University of Colorado Boulder

"Contested Colorado: Governance of Colorado's Oilfields" Stephanie A. Malin & Stacia S. Ryder, Colorado State University

(10) **WORKSHOP: Art as Community Action with Youth, for Youth, by Youth [SEPIA]**
Organizer: Anna Elzer, Lawrence CommunityWorks; Renée Hopkins, Lawrence Arts House

(11) **WORKSHOP: A Retrospective - The Academic Life and Work of T.R. Young [TEAL]**
Organizers: Dawn Tawwater, Austin Community College; Steve McGuire, Muskingum University
TH 4:30PM-6:00PM Meet and Greet Reception [ORANGE/LEMON]

5:00PM-5:15PM A Tribute to Helen Raisz

(12) 5:15PM-6:00PM Entertainment by Corey Dolgon

6:00PM-6:30PM – Group dinner sign-up sheets [Lobby Level near ORANGE/LEMON]

9:00PM-?? AHS Hospitality Suite [ROOM TBA]

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:00AM-4:00PM Registration Desk Open [Lobby Level near ORANGE/LEMON]
7:45AM-8:45AM Breakfast Available ($) [ZINK, Lower Level]
7:45AM-8:45AM New Member Breakfast – Marc Settembrino ($) 
7:45AM-8:45AM Nominations Committee Breakfast ($) 
7:45AM-8:45AM Humanity and Society Editorial Board Breakfast ($) 
8:00AM-4:00PM AHS Silent Book Auction [Lobby Level near ORANGE/LEMON]

F 9:00AM-10:30AM Concurrent Sessions C

(13) FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION: The League of Revolutionary Black Workers Then & Now: Race, Class, and Revolution [AQUA]
Organizer: Walda Katz-Fishman, Howard University
Panelists: Walda Katz-Fishman, Howard University
Jerome Scott, League of Revolutionaries for a New America

(14) WORKSHOP: Community Engaged Teaching and Scholarship [CHARTREUSE]
Facilitator: Corey Dolgon, Stonehill College

(15) Race and Politics [PERIWINKLE]
Facilitator: Woody Doane, University of Hartford
Presenters: "Trump is a Racist! No He Isn’t!: Racial Discourse and the 2016 Presidential Campaign" Woody Doane, University of Hartford

"Minority Political Incorporation and Housing: Can Minority Mayors Protect the Housing Needs of the Poor?" Cameron Williams, Loyola University Chicago

"The Racialization of Communism in the National Review" Stephen Del Visco, University of Connecticut

"Strategies for a Black Liberation Movement in the Era of Neoliberalism" Bilal Dabir Sekou, University of Hartford

(16) EDITORS’ BOOK TALK: Fighting Academic Repression and Neoliberal Education: Resistance, Reclaiming, Organizing, and Black Lives Matter in Education (Forthcoming, Peter Lang Publishing) [SEPIA]
Organizers: Anthony J. Nocella II, Fort Lewis College; Erik Juergensmeyer, Fort Lewis College
Respondent: John Baranski, El Camino College

(17) Health Inequalities [TEAL]
Facilitator: Curtis Hosier, Indiana University Purdue University Ft. Wayne
Presenters: "Does Access to Primary Care Physicians Impact Health Outcomes? A County by County Assessment in Indiana" Curtis Hosier, Indiana University Purdue University Ft. Wayne
"Pathways to Progressivism: Medical Care for Persons ‘Aging without Children’ Under Undemocratic Capitalism or Democratic Socialism" Estelle Record-Stanley, Independent Scholar

F 10:30AM-10:45AM Coffee Break [Mezzanine Level]

F 10:45AM-12:15PM Concurrent Sessions D

(18) Industrial Society [AQUA]
Facilitator: David Tabachnick, Muskingum University
Presenters: "Visual and Documentary Evidence of Common Property in England and France, its History and Continuing Vitality, and its Solutions for Contemporary Inequality" David Tabachnick, Muskingum University

"Notes on the Sociological Processes that Define the Value of Labor" Stephen Adair, Central Connecticut State University

"The Maximum Feasible Good Quotient" Brian Barry, Rochester Institution

(19) PANEL: Who’s In 'De'-nial? Wading Through the River of Whiteness [CHARTREUSE]
Organizer: David G. Embrick, University of Connecticut
Panelists: Woody Doane, University of Hartford
Bhoomi K. Thakore, Elmhurst College
Johnny Williams, Trinity College
David G. Embrick, University of Connecticut

(20) Media Narratives [PERIWINKLE]
Facilitator: Devon R. Goss, University of Connecticut
Presenters: "A Cow Does Not Suddenly Become a Fish’: Media Discourses of Race in the Rachel Dolezal Controversy” Devon R. Goss, University of Connecticut

"Emancipatory Constraints on Gender in Film” Lindann Maloney Miller, Tulane University School of Social Work (emeritus)

"The Political Economy of the Marvel TV Universe” Rod Carveth, Morgan State University

(21) Innovative Methods for Social Understanding [SEPIA]
Facilitator: Sine Anahita, University of Alaska Fairbanks
Presenters: "A Sociological Analysis of Place and the Opiate Epidemic” Bradley Powell, Case Western Reserve University; Brian Gran, Case Western Reserve University

"How Community Assets are Vital to Social Trust and Well-being in Curtis Bay, MD” Tissa J. Thomas, Jonathan Hunter-Cevera, and Marina Adler, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

"The Headscarf Project: Exposing Myself by Covering Up” Jessica Obermiller, University of Alaska Fairbanks

"Hypermacy or Homogamy? Status Differential and Marital Satisfaction among Foreign Brides in South Korea” Paul Y. Chang, Harvard University

F 12:30PM-2:00PM ACTIVIST CAFÉ [ORANGE/LEMON]

(22) Raja Raghunath, Workplace Rights Project, University of Denver Sturm College of Law
(23) TBD, El Centro Humanitario
(24) TBD, Denver-based organization

**F 2:15PM-3:45PM Concurrent Sessions E**

(25) **FILM SCREENING: Tested (2015) [AQUA]**
Organizer/Director: Curtis Chin, New York University

(26) **WORKSHOP: Moving Toward Transformative Sociology - Creating Activist Mentoring [CHARTREUSE]**
Organizer: Hephzibah Strmic-Pawl, Manhattanville College
Panelists: Hephzibah Strmic-Pawl, Manhattanville College
Corey Dolgon, Stonehill College
Walda Katz-Fishman, Howard University
Jerome Scott, League of Revolutionaries for a New America
James M. Thomas, University of Mississippi

(27) **Environment [PERIWINKLE]**
Facilitator: Daina Cheyenne Harvey, College of the Holy Cross
Presenters:
"Prioritizing Ecological Citizenship in an Increasingly Illiberal Society" Daina Cheyenne Harvey, College of the Holy Cross

"Research in Service of Communities" Kelly Giddens and Christopher Cleary, Citizens for a Healthy Fort Collins & Weld Air and Water, University of Northern Colorado & Colorado State University

"Fighting Wetland Degradation through Popular Education in Southeast Louisiana" Martha Sibley, Southeastern Louisiana University

"Resilience and Well-being in Curtis Bay, MD" Mary (Tess) Hines, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

(28) **The Criminal Justice System [SEPIA]**
Facilitator: Melissa F. Lavin, SUNY Oneonta
Presenters:
"Restructuring Rehabilitation: Violent Offenders in Colorado's Youthful Offender System" Jennifer A. Schlosser, Colorado State University-Pueblo

"Defining the Political through Stay Away Orders" Emily Brissette, Bridgewater State University
"Behind the Steel Door: Criminal Justice Students' Perceptions of Solitary Confinement and the Prison System" Amy Hall, Southeastern Louisiana University

"Looking At The Impact Of Race On Child Support Enforcement Outcomes" Maretta McDonald, Louisiana State University

(29) **Sociology through Art [TEAL]**
Facilitator: Tim Maher, University of Indianapolis
Presenters:
"Up Against the Wall: The Art of the Social in Image and Text" Tim Maher, University of Indianapolis

"What Should Fill the Belly of the Starving Artist?: A Sociological Investigation of Art and Commerce in the Art School" Michael Leonard Sette, University of South Florida

"Art Speaks for Old Denver 'Hoods" Linda Mariposa Marangia, The Metropolitan State University of Denver

"Lyricizing Sociology for the People" Sine Anahita, University of Alaska Fairbanks
F 3:45PM-4:00PM Coffee Break [Mezzanine Level]

F 4:00PM-5:30PM AHS 2016 Business Meeting (open) [PERIWINKLE]

F 5:30PM-7:00PM Welcome Reception [ORANGE/LEMON]

(30) 6:00PM-7:00PM AHS Awards Ceremony

AHS 2016 FRANK LINDENFELD OUTSTANDING STUDENT PAPER AWARD
"Perceptions on Race and Gender among Urban Farmers"
Ahmed Z. Mitiche, University of Indianapolis

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Children of Katrina
Alice Fothergill, University of Vermont; and Lori Peek, Colorado State University
University of Texas Press

The Scholar Denied: W.E.B. DuBois and the Birth of Modern Sociology
Aldon D. Morris, Northwestern University
University of California Press

7:00PM-7:30PM Group dinner sign-up sheets [Lobby Level near ORANGE/LEMON]

9:00PM-?? AHS Hospitality Suite [ROOM TBA]

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:30AM-12:30PM Registration Open [Lobby Level near ORANGE/LEMON]
7:45AM-8:45AM Breakfast Available ($) [ZINK, Lower Level]
7:45AM-8:45AM Women's Breakfast ($)
7:45AM-8:45AM AHS Old/New Officer Breakfast ($)
7:45AM-8:45AM Nominations Committee Breakfast ($)
8:30AM-12:30PM AHS Silent Book Auction [Lobby Level near ORANGE/LEMON]

SA 9:00AM-10:30AM Concurrent Sessions F

(31) Innovative Pedagogy [AQUA]
Organizer: Rebecca Hensley, Southeastern Louisiana University

Presenters: "Structural Violence and the Rigged Game: Teaching Social Stratification and Inequality As We Circle the Drain" Rebecca Hensley, Southeastern Louisiana University

"Teaching Naked in Late Capitalism: Personal Narratives and Classroom Self-Disclosure as Pedagogical Strategy" Danielle Docka-Filipek, Christopher Newport University

"Fulfilling Sociology's Promise One Personal Trouble at a Time" Timothy D. Levonyan Radloff, East Stroudsburg University

"Transformative Pathways towards Integrating Human Rights into Social Problem Analysis" Alex O. Otieno, Arcadia University

"Neo-Liberal Chronicles 1 -- Sociological Praxis Interruptus or How I Learned to Stop Problematizing and Embraced Corporate Curriculum" Kenneth Bolton, Southeastern Louisiana University
(32) **CRITICAL DIALOGUES: Race, Gender, and Tenure [CHARTREUSE]**
Organizer: Melissa F. Weiner, College of the Holy Cross
Panelists: Melissa F. Weiner, College of the Holy Cross
Lisa Martinez, University of Denver
Renee White, Simmons College
Johnny Williams, Trinity College
Ruth Thompson-Miller, University of Dayton

(33) **Food and Drink [PERIWINKLE]**
Facilitator: Jim Pennell, University of Indianapolis
Presenters: "Structural Inequalities in Occupations and Ownership in the Midwestern Wine Industry" Jim Pennell, University of Indianapolis
"Southern Barbecue: A Case Study of Race and Authenticity in the U.S. South" Kaitland M. Byrd, Virginia Tech
"Gentrifying Street Food: Trade Association’s Roles in Entrepreneurial Social Movements" Cate Irvin, Tulane University
"Relational Resiliency?: Diversity, Equity, and Transcending the Object" James Hale, Colorado State University

(34) **Strategic Planning for Social Justice [SEPIA]**
Facilitator: Chuck Norman, Indiana State University
Presenters: "Sociology of Subaltern Architecture: Dweller-Initiated Housing Alternatives" Lisiunia (Lisa) A. Romanienko, Kean University
"Making Choices: Confronting the Dilemma between Individual Benefit and Community Well-Being" Kathryn Gaianguest, University of Maine
"Public Sociology as Political Intervention in a Neoliberal Age" David Baronov, St. John Fisher College
"Flint: Lessons Learned" Anna Bennett Reed, University of Michigan-Flint

**SA 10:30AM-10:45AM Coffee Break [Mezzanine Level]**

**SA 10:45AM-12:15PM Concurrent Sessions G**

(35) **Housing as a Right [AQUA]**
Facilitator: Kurt Borchard, University of Nebraska Kearney
Presenters: "The Process of Development for Homeless Tent Cities and Small House Villages" Kurt Borchard, University of Nebraska Kearney
"Homelessness and Disaster: The 2013 Colorado Floods" Jamie Vickery, Natural Hazards Center
"The Nursing Home: A Modern Day Panopticon" Lydia Domínguez Ibarra, Wichita State University
"Discursive Anchors in Tribal Nursing Homes: Family is Home" Anastacia Schulhoff, University of Missouri-Columbia
(36) **WORKSHOP: Hola, Cuba! The Nuts and Bolts of Attending the AHS Conference in Havana in 2017**

[CHARTREUSE]

Organizer:  Rebecca Hensley, Southeastern Louisiana University  
Panelists:  Rebecca Hensley, Southeastern Louisiana University  
Johnny Williams, Trinity College  
Martha Sibley, Southeastern Louisiana University  
William Busby III, Southeastern Louisiana University  
Kenneth Bolton, Southeastern Louisiana University  
Elena Diaz, University of Havana

(37) **Experiential Learning [PERIWINKLE]**

Facilitator:  Greta Eileen Pennell, University of Indianapolis  
Presenters:  "Navigating the Vicissitudes of Voluntourism within an International Service-Learning Experience" Greta Eileen Pennell, University of Indianapolis  
"Rethinking the Sociological Imagination: Experiential Learning for Social Justice" Stuart Parker, Kingsborough Community College  
"Participatory Reading and Civil Engagement: A Progressivist Approach to the Text" Ray Muller, East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania

(38) **Higher Education [SEPIA]**

Facilitator:  Kathleen Tiemann, Merrimack College  
Presenters:  "Higher Education in the Culture War: A Case Study of Enemy Tactics" Jeff Torlina, Utah Valley University  
"Beyond Cost: Student Attitudes/Expectations on Course Materials" Jeffrey Dowd, Rutgers University  
"Neoliberalism in Higher Education: The Experiences of Students at a Midsized Southern University" Sarah Basile, Southeastern Louisiana University  
"What Does a Gender Inclusive Campus Look Like?" Emma Bailey and Lydia Huerta, Western New Mexico University

**SA 12:30PM-2:00PM AHS Plenary Lunch [ORANGE/LEMON]**

(39) **LGBTQ Activism in Kansas: A Personal Journey in the Land of Oz**

Speaker:  Kerry Wilks, Wichita State University

**SA 2:15PM-3:45PM Concurrent Sessions H**

(40) **Global Issues [AQUA]**

Facilitator:  Joti Sekhon, Winston-Salem State University  
Presenters:  "Global Understanding through Sport: Implications for Curriculum Internationalization" Joti Sekhon, Winston-Salem State University  
"Community Cohesion in Cuba: Chances and Challenges" Frens Kroeger, Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University, UK  
"Working with Haitian Migrants in the Dominican Republic: An NGO Perspective" Karie Peralta, University of Toledo
(41)  **PANEL: The Pros and Cons of Teaching with Textbooks** [CHARTREUSE]
Organizer: Kathleen J. Fitzgerald, Tulane University
Panelists: Kathleen J. Fitzgerald, Tulane University
Mary Patrice Erdmans, Case Western Reserve University
Corey Dolgon, Stonehill College
Kandice Grossman, University of Missouri/Stephens College

(42)  **Race Relations** [PERIWINKLE]
Facilitator: Kasey Henricks, University of Illinois at Chicago
Presenters: "Bridging The Continental Divide: The Fight To Make Affluent, White Campuses Accessible To Marginalized Students" Samuel Schavoir, Colorado College; Jabu Ndlovu, Colorado College; Wick Griswold, University of Hartford

"The Myth of Black Privilege" Lori Hale, Michigan State University

"A Formula for Eradicating Racism: Humans Treating Humans like Humans" Timothy McGettigan, Colorado State University – Pueblo

(43)  **Primary Education** [SEPIA]
Facilitator: Melissa F. Lavin, SUNY Oneonta
Presenters: "Racial Disparities in Suspension: Suggestions for Closing the Discipline Gap" Jacob Erickson, Iowa State University

"Brown is Dead, Where Do We Go from Here?" Stuart Parker, Kingsborough Community College

"They Call Us Problem Child" Melissa F. Lavin, SUNY Oneonta

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**SA 4:00PM-5:45PM Presidential Reception** [ORANGE/LEMON]

(44)  **4:30PM-5:45PM Presidential Ceremony and Address**

"Elevating Humanity: Pathways to Progressivism" Chuck Koeber, Wichita State University

**5:45PM-6:15PM** – Group dinner sign-up sheets [REGISTRATION DESK]

**9:00PM-???** AHS Hospitality Suite [ROOM TBA]

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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

**SU 9:00AM-11:00AM** AHS 2016 Closing Board Meeting  [TEAL]

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