

# FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS AND PARTICIPANTS

August 1, 2011

Southwestern Sociological Association (SSA) Annual Meeting  
San Diego, California, April 4-7, 2012

**“Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity”**

--- Online Submission Deadline is Monday, October 17, 2011 ---

Temperatures around the century mark notwithstanding, it will soon be time for fall semesters to begin. While most of us southwesterners are way too hot at the moment, imagine a spring meeting in a place where the temperatures rarely get of the 60s and 70s. We have just such a place for a splendid 2012 meeting: San Diego, California. The Manchester Grand Hyatt sits right on the bay front, providing spectacular views of Coronado Island and the constant flow of naval traffic in and out of the harbor. So, join us at the Southwestern Sociological Association Annual Meeting in San Diego, April 4-7, 2012, held in conjunction with the Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA). We invite you to join the nearly 1,000 sociologists and other social scientists expected to attend the 2012 annual meeting. The conference provides great opportunities to keep up with the latest research, innovative teaching practices, and trends in the profession. The conference also facilitates networking with fellow sociologists and social scientists from a variety of other disciplines.



**Submit a proposal online now!** <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SSSASOC2011>

Don't miss this opportunity to gather with your colleagues in such a grand setting. We welcome paper, poster, and visual sociology proposals. We also encourage participation as a panel chair or discussant. Note that the deadline for submission is **Monday, October 17, 2011**.

We welcome papers and other modes of presentation that focus on the themes of “Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity.” Sociology as a discipline makes particular contributions to the study of equality/inequality and disparities. In this age of resurgent inequality, our field has much to offer.

**Proposal Submission:** Go to the program web site at <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SSSASOC2011>. Create a User ID and Password, and then enter the site. Fill in the information about yourself carefully,

avoiding the use of abbreviations. The fields on the form are used to generate the final program copy. *What you type is what you see on the final program!* Scroll through the sessions displayed, and select one or two for submission of your paper. Or, simply submit to the “General Paper Submission” area, and we will route your proposal to an appropriate program organizer. The system requires you to enter information on all co-authors, so have that handy when you are ready to submit. We want to maximize opportunities for all to participate. Please submit one paper only. You are welcome to submit that paper to two sessions, indicating which one is your first choice.

**Volunteer as Session Chair or Discussant:** To be assigned as a session chair or discussant, send a message to the program committee chair at [ssaprogram@baylor.edu](mailto:ssaprogram@baylor.edu). You can also indicate interest in the discussant role on your User Information page on the website.

**Undergraduates Welcome!** SSA has a long history of including undergraduates in the meeting. Very long ago, this year’s SSA President and Program Chair presented papers as students at these meetings. We will continue having **Undergraduate Panels** which are sessions designed for student presentations and discussion. The poster and visual sociology sessions are also good venues for students to showcase their work.

**Awards.** The SSA gives several awards including Distinguished Paper, and Outstanding Doctoral, Masters, and Bachelors Student Papers. Award prizes vary from \$200 to \$500. There are also awards for the best visual sociology presentations.

**SSSA Information.** For general information about hotels and travel go to:  
<http://www.sssaonline.org/index.php/call-for-papers>.

**SSA Program Information.** The second call for papers will have more information about various aspects of the program. In the interim, for information about the SSA program, contact Charles Tolbert, Program Chair, at [ssaprogram@baylor.edu](mailto:ssaprogram@baylor.edu).