



ILLINOIS SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

2024 Annual Conference

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MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY



University Commons
Hosted by: Dept of Sociology & Criminal Justice

Welcome to the 2024 annual conference of the Illinois Sociological Association. The ISA supports the varied activities of sociologists and like-minded social scientists in the state and region, and our members' various activities and interests are well reflected in this year's conference program. We are excited to showcase the work our members are doing in the areas of research, teaching, and community service that carry forward the traditions of the ISA and the discipline of sociology.

This year's theme is *Building Collaborative Communities*, reflecting our shared pedagogies, research, and practices that exemplify the sociological tradition of putting theory into practice in a way that promotes awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the sociological imagination and often engages our community partners. Please enjoy the varied sessions that reflect this tradition of teaching and research in sociology!

A special thanks goes out to all who contributed to this year's program and who made this conference possible, including presenters, presidors, volunteers, and those whose work is done behind the scenes, often with little recognition. Thanks to all who have contributed to the program and to all who have chosen to spend the day with us at this year's conference!

Sincerely,

Your ISA Leadership Team

CONFERENCE SITE & TIMELINE: GENERAL INFORMATION

This year's conference is held at Millikin University in the University Commons building (UC). It starts at 8:15 a.m. in the first-floor lounge (located inside the main entrance), where you will find the registration table for signing in, your name tag, and other conference materials.

A continental breakfast (coffee, juice, pastries, and fruit) will be served in the lounge from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m., just before opening remarks from Millikin University's Dean of Arts & Sciences, followed by the first conference sessions. All sessions will be located on the second floor, one floor up from the lounge area, in rooms 138 - 144.

Lunch will be provided free of charge to all registered conference attendees, and is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. in the cafeteria on the ground floor, located just down stairs from the lounge area (next to the elevator).

Dr. Laurie Linhart will deliver our Keynote Address at 12:30 p.m. on the third floor in UC Banquet Room A.

GETTING TO THE CONFERENCE & PARKING

The address of Millikin University (UC bldg) is: 1230 W. Main St., Decatur, IL. Due to another event taking place on the day of the conference, the UC parking lot (right in front of the UC bldg) will be closed (reserved), so we ask that attendees use the parking lot located just across the street from the UC bldg on Main St. (entrance to this lot is on E rte 48/Fairview St.). Parking is open and free to all. The following pin location will direct you to the open parking lot: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/66Ff2WJMWroeaRZy9>

If you plan on arriving the evening before the conference, we recommend these hotels:

[Decatur Conference Center & Hotel](#) (4191 US 36 West Wyckles Rd., Decatur, IL 62522)

[Hawthorne Inn](#) (2370 South Mt. Zion Rd., Decatur, IL 62521)

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
8:15 am – 8:45 am	Check-In and Continental Breakfast	UC Lobby
8:45 am – 9:00 am	Opening Remarks	
9:15 am – 10:15 am	Teaching Workshop: Engaging Students the Old-Fashioned Way, With Fun!	UC 142-144
	Paper Session: Identities, Labels, and Social Types: Studies of Their Meaning and Social Significance	UC 140
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Roundtable: Student Sociological Research	UC 138
	Paper Session: Studies of Health, Mental Health, and Medicine	UC 140
	Panel: Legislative Action and the Future of Racial and Ethnic (In)equality	UC 142
11:45 am – 12:30 pm	<i>Lunch</i>	UC Cafeteria
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	<i>Keynote Address</i> Dr. Laurie Linhart (President-elect, Midwest Sociological Society) “The Sociological Imagination in the Academy: Unpacking Our Own Private Troubles and Public Issues as Professors and Students” <i>Student Paper Awards Ceremony</i>	Banquet Room A
1:45 pm – 2:45 pm	Panel: Better Understanding the Sociology Major Transfer Students	UC 138
	Paper Session: Social Theory and Collective Action	UC 140
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Paper Session: Beyond the Academy: An Interventionist Approach to the Social Sciences	UC140
	Roundtable: Works in Progress	UC142

DETAILED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:15 am – 8:45 am Check-in and Continental Breakfast **UC Lobby**

8:45 am – 9:00 am Opening Remarks:
 Dr. Nancy Curtin, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, Millikin University
 Dr. Jorge Chavez-Rojas, President, Illinois Sociological Association

9:15 am – 10:15 am
 Paper and Special Sessions

Engaging Students the Old-Fashioned Way, With Fun!	TEACHING WORKSHOP UC 142-144
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The purpose of this session is to present participants with new ideas for their teacher’s toolbelt to keep their classroom engaging. Participants in this workshop will learn fun and engaging ways to work with their students regardless of the topic.

Facilitator: Jennifer Woodruff, Heartland Community College

Identities, Labels, And Social Types: Studies of Their Meaning and Social Significance	PAPER SESSION UC140
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Prsider: Keith Johnson, Independent Scholar

“The Father of The Year”: A Syndrome that Exposes a Social Problem
Keith Johnson, Independent Scholar

Possible Links to Poor Health Outcomes: A Focus on LGBTQ+ College Students
Chase Pier, Eastern Illinois University

Deviance in Context
Marisa Poole, Eastern Illinois University

Assessing Parental Skills for Parents with Repeat Maltreatment Cases
Abigail Whipple, Millikin University

10:30 am – 11:30 am
Paper and Special Sessions

Student Sociological Research**ROUNDTABLE**
UC138

In this roundtable session, students will present and discuss their developing, proposed, ongoing, or completed research projects. The roundtable format of this session is designed to facilitate conversation and dialogue supportive of student research.

Presider: Jorge Chavez-Rojas, Millikin University

How Does Parental Divorce Affect High School Graduation and College Admission Rates?

Katy Bearden, Millikin University

The Impact of Individual's Mental Health on Prison Recidivism

Chloe Lewis, Millikin University

Does the Lack of Education Determine if Someone is More Likely to be a Recidivist?

Emmanuel Nwatu, Millikin University

The Effect of In-prison Vocational Training on Recidivism Rates

Izabel Pender, Millikin University

Are Teens Who Spend More Time on Social Media More Likely to Struggle with Mental Health Disorders?

Emma Reidy, Millikin University

Studies of Health, Mental Health, and Medicine**PAPER SESSION**
UC140

Presider: Darren Hendrickson, Eastern Illinois University

Determinants of the Use of Practitioner-Based Complementary and Integrative Medicine

Darren Hendrickson, Eastern Illinois University

Fewer Work Hours, Poorer Health? Exploring the Impacts of Worktime Insecurity in a Precarious Labor Market Using the IPUMS CPS-ASES 2016-2023 Dataset

Qianyi Lu, University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign

Alternatives to Arrest for Mental Health Public Disturbances

Haley Willan, Millikin University

Legislative Action and the Future of Racial and Ethnic (In)equality

**PANEL
UC142**

In this session, panelists will present thought-provoking ideas about the potential effects recently proposed federal legislation in the U.S. may have on the future of racial and ethnic inequalities.

Presider: Wade Smith, Eastern Illinois University

The Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act
Jahlani Grant, Eastern Illinois University

The Wayne Ford Racial Impact Statement Act
Paige Parmenter, Eastern Illinois University

The Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools Act
T.J. Seputis, Eastern Illinois University

To Amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act
Isabel Spear, Eastern Illinois University

**11:45 am – 12:30 pm
LUNCH**

UC Cafeteria

**12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND AWARDS CEREMONY**

Keynote Address:

UC Banquet Room A

The Sociological Imagination in the Academy: Unpacking Our Own Private Troubles and Public Issues as Professors and Students
Dr. Laurie Linhart – Midwest Sociological Society President-Elect, and 2025 Program Chair, Des Moines Area Community College

Student Paper Awards Ceremony

Presiders: Jorge Chavez-Rojas, Ken Laundra, and Keith Johnson

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm
Paper and Special Sessions

Better Understanding the Sociology Major Transfer Students

**PANEL
UC138**

This panel of transfer students will discuss their struggles and successes in transitioning from a community college student to a sociology major at a four-year university. The session will include a Q&A with the audience.

Presider: Doug Dowell, Heartland Community College

Mackenzie Raddatz – Illinois State University and Moraine Valley Community College

Delaney Fearneyhough - Illinois College and Lincoln Land Community College

Izzy Hernandez – University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign, Eastern Illinois University, and Elgin Community College

Chase Pier – Eastern Illinois University and Lincoln Land Community College

Haley Willan – Millikin University and Lincoln Land Community College

Social Theory and Collective Action

**PAPER SESSION
UC140**

Presider: Ken Laundra, Millikin University

The Purse: A Symbol of Maternal Sacrifice and Catalyst for Collective Action
S. Khadija Quadri Al-Jilani, Loyola University Chicago

The Field of Hetero-Westernism in The Iranian Revolution
Saeed Saffar-Heidari, University of Illinois–Chicago

Humanitarian Trafficking
Devin Top, Millikin University

Professionals, Not Laborers: Historical Contingencies Impacting Faculty Prestige and Unionization
Camden Webb, Eastern Illinois University

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Paper and Special Sessions

**Beyond the Academy: An Interventionist Approach to the
Social Sciences**

**PAPER SESSION
UC140**

Presider: Ken Laundra, Millikin University

Showing Up at The Analogion: Applied Ethnomusicology and the Social Aesthetics of
Byzantine Chant

Angela Glaros, Eastern Illinois University

Mental Health in Refugees

Sadiya Kosho, Eastern Illinois University

Unmasking Plastic Pollution: From Pellets to Plague: Advancing Current Issues in Sociology
Through Technology/Social Media

Rebecca Moore, Eastern Illinois University

Does Antiracist Education Have to Be Antiracist? Reconceptualizing Antiracism in the Classroom

Wade Smith, Eastern Illinois University

Works in Progress

**ROUNDTABLE
UC142**

In this roundtable session, presenters will give short presentations on their works in progress, followed by a group discussion designed to assist presenters with the continued development of their research.

Presider: Jorge Chavez-Rojas, Millikin University

Interfaith Marriages: Exploring the Role of Upbringing and Lived Experiences on Interfaith Couples'
Responses to Stereotypes and Union Decisions

Meghna Gogoi, Illinois State University

Modern Pharaonism and the Deconstruction of Egyptian National Identity

Salma Mostafa Kamel, Northwestern University

Human Trafficking Adjudication in Central Illinois

Diana Terneus, Millikin University

Toeing the Line: Irezumi versus Tatū

Elise Ulrich, Illinois State University

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm

ISA Board Meeting

UC Leadership room

SPECIAL THANKS

Ally Doerfler

Alysa Analitis

Rebecca Robinson

Corey Clabaugh

Cesiley Martinez

Jack Harris

Haley Willan

Keynote Address

Dr. Laurie Linhart

Student Paper Awards Selection Committees

Dr. Angela Glaros, Dr. Darren Hendrickson

Dr. Keith Johnson, Dr. Ken Laundra

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