



**North Carolina Sociological Association  
Call for Papers and Conference Registration**

*Social Justice: A Renewed Commitment to Equity and Inclusion*

*Hosted by the Department of Sociology  
Fayetteville State University*

**February 23, 2018  
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel  
Fayetteville, North Carolina**



# Call for Papers

**Deadline to Submit: December 15, 2017**

**Full Conference Information Available at**  
<http://www.ncsociology.org/new/index.html>

The theme for the 2018 conference is timely, given the series of events and perspectives that permeated our society during and after the 2016 campaign cycle and subsequent election. A social justice framework promotes the organization of social processes, social practices, and social organizations in a manner that affirms human dignity for all individuals. Renewal implies a revival of freshness. Commitment suggests an obligation, responsibility, or charge to do something. Equity and inclusion are active processes and can be considered as foundations of social justice.

The field of Sociology and we, as sociologists, are strategically positioned to examine and discuss how a social justice orientation can infuse a renewed sense of peace in society. The North Carolina Sociological Association (NCSA) would be thrilled to have you join us as we explore sociological connections among these ideas.

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# Conference Participation Options

## **Individual Papers/Presentations – Research**

If you desire to present a research project, then submit it as an individual research paper/presentation. The program committee will organize individual submissions into coherent sessions. You need to submit the following via electronic mail as an attachment in Microsoft Word:

- Author(s) name with affiliation and contact information (email address and telephone number)
- Abstract of 150 words or less with title of paper
- Indication of technology needs (e.g., LCD projector, screen, etc.)
- Students should indicate their college/university, department, classification, major, and research advisor or faculty mentor.

Please submit all materials to the following email address:

nca2018fayetteville@gmail.com. In subject line, type your name and the following phrase: Individual Paper/Presentations-Research. If you have questions, please contact Stacye Blount at sblount@uncfsu.edu.

## **Individual Papers/Presentations – Teaching**

If you desire to present on a teaching-related topic, then submit it as an individual teaching paper/presentation. The program committee will organize individual submissions into coherent sessions. You need to submit the following via electronic mail as an attachment in Microsoft Word:

- Author(s) name with affiliation and contact information (email address and telephone number)
- Abstract of 150 words or less with title of paper
- Indication of technology needs (e.g., LCD projector, screen, etc.)
- Students should indicate their college/university, department, classification, major, and research advisor or faculty mentor.

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### **Special Format (e.g., workshops, panel discussions, etc.)**

We accept workshops, panel discussions, or special format sessions on sociological topics. These proposals should be submitted as a complete or closed session, meaning all participants will focus on a single topic and must have agreed to participate before the organizer submits the proposal. You need to submit the following via electronic mail as an attachment in Microsoft Word:

- Names of participants with their affiliations and contact information (email address and telephone number); identify the organizer
- Abstract of 150 words or less with title of proposal
- Indication of technology needs (e.g., LCD projector, screen, etc.)
- Students should indicate their college/university, department, classification, major, and research advisor or faculty mentor.

Please submit all materials to the following email address:

[nca2018fayetteville@gmail.com](mailto:nca2018fayetteville@gmail.com). In subject line, type your name and the following phrase: Special Format Complete Session. If you have questions, please contact Stacye Blount at [sblount@uncfsu.edu](mailto:sblount@uncfsu.edu).

### **Complete (Closed) Sessions – Research**

We accept complete sessions on related research topics. These sessions should have approximately 3 to 4 participants who present papers on similar topics. All participants must have agreed to participate before the organizer submits the abstract for the session. You need to submit the following via electronic mail as an attachment in Microsoft Word:

- Names and email addresses of all presenters; identify the organizer
- Title of the session
- Abstract of 150 words or less for the session
- Title of individual presentations
- Abstract of 150 words or less for each presentation
- Indication of technology needs (e.g. LCD projector, screen, etc.)
- Students should indicate their college/university, department, classification, major, and research advisor or faculty mentor.

Please submit all materials to the following email address:

[nca2018fayetteville@gmail.com](mailto:nca2018fayetteville@gmail.com). In subject line, type your name and the following phrase: Complete Session-Research. If you have questions, please contact Stacye Blount at [sblount@uncfsu.edu](mailto:sblount@uncfsu.edu).

### **Complete (Closed) Sessions – Teaching**

We accept complete sessions on teaching-related topics. These sessions should have approximately 3 to 4 participants who present papers on similar topics. All participants must have agreed to participate before the organizer submits the abstract for the session. You need to submit the following via electronic mail as an attachment in Microsoft Word:

- Names and email addresses of all presenters; identify the organizer
- Title of the session
- Abstract of 150 words or less for the session
- Title of individual presentations
- Abstract of 150 words or less for each presentation
- Indication of technology needs (e.g., LCD projector, screen, etc.)
- Students should indicate their college/university, department, classification, major, and research advisor or faculty mentor.

Please submit all materials to the following email address:

[nca2018fayetteville@gmail.com](mailto:nca2018fayetteville@gmail.com). In subject line, type your name and the following phrase: Complete Session-Teaching. If you have questions, please contact Stacye Blount at [sblount@uncfsu.edu](mailto:sblount@uncfsu.edu).

### **Opening Panel Discussion: Commonalities and Patterns of Social Justice in Society**

The opening panel discussion is designed to engage in conversation focused on the conference theme. We desire four panelists whose area(s) of expertise lie(s) in different types of social inequities (e.g., immigration, race, class, gender, education, criminal justice system, intersectionality). All interested persons are welcome to submit abstracts, including graduate students, faculty, and community members. You need to submit the following via electronic mail as an attachment in Microsoft Word:

- Name and contact information (email address and phone number)
- Abstract of 150 words or less that connects your discussion topic to the panel theme
- Current Curriculum Vitae/Résumé
- Indication of technology needs (LCD projector, screen, etc.)
- Students should indicate their college/university, department, major, classification, and research advisor or faculty mentor.

Please submit all materials to the following email address: [nca2018fayetteville@gmail.com](mailto:nca2018fayetteville@gmail.com). In subject line, type your name and the following phrase: Opening Panel Discussion. If you have questions, please contact Emily Estrada at [eestrada@highpoint.edu](mailto:eestrada@highpoint.edu).

### **Student Poster Submissions**

Undergraduate and graduate students are welcome to submit posters for presentation. The poster should include the following components:

- Title of work
- Presenter's name and school
- Introduction (or Purpose)
- Objective (or Research Question)
- Methodology
- Results (or Findings)
- Discussion and/or Conclusion

Posters should be pre-mounted and should not be larger than 46" x 46". Trifold boards will be displayed on a small table. If the poster cannot be displayed on a table top, then the presenter is responsible for providing an easel.

Poster presentations should be emailed in digital form by the submission deadline: December 15, 2017. A PDF or PowerPoint – 1 slide is acceptable. Poster presenters are responsible for poster board displays on the day of presentation.

Please email the poster title, abstract (150 words or less), digital copy, and your contact information (email address and phone number) to [nca2018fayetteville@gmail.com](mailto:nca2018fayetteville@gmail.com). In subject line, type the following phrase: your name and Student Poster Presentation. Please indicate if your poster can be viewed on a tabletop or if you plan to bring an easel. If you have questions, please contact Stacye Blount at [sblount@uncfsu.edu](mailto:sblount@uncfsu.edu).



## Himes Outstanding Student Sociology Paper Awards

# Call for Paper Submissions

The North Carolina Sociological Association (NCSA) seeks papers that represent excellence in sociological analysis from both undergraduate and graduate students.

NCSA membership and conference fees are deferred for all awardees who attend the NCSA conference. Students who apply for the award should be prepared to attend the annual conference on Friday, February 23, 2018, in Fayetteville, North Carolina and present their work as part of the special Himes Award Paper Session.

### About the Himes Award

The award is named in honor of Dr. Joseph Himes. In 1969, he and other sociologists in the state founded the North Carolina Sociological Association (NCSA). In 1969, Dr. Himes became the first African American faculty member to be tenured as a professor at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG). Prior to his tenure at UNCG, Dr. Himes spent 23 years at North Carolina Central University. From 1965-66, he served as president of the Southern Sociological Society. Additionally, from 1969-71, he served as the first president of the NCSA.

### Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Any student enrolled in a community college, four-year college/university in North Carolina may submit a paper for consideration.
- Students who graduated in spring 2017 or summer 2017 are eligible to submit a paper for the 2018 awards.
- Co-authored papers written by graduate students are eligible for the graduate paper award. The monetary award will be evenly distributed among authors of the winning paper.
- Co-authored papers written by undergraduate students are eligible for the undergraduate paper award. The monetary award will be evenly distributed among authors of the winning paper.

- Co-authored papers written by students and faculty members are ineligible for the award.
- Co-authored papers written by undergraduate and graduate students are ineligible for the award.
- The same individual is eligible to win the undergraduate award once and the graduate award once.

### Award Information

This competition comes with the following monetary awards:

- \$150 for winning undergraduate paper (2-year institutions)
- \$150 for winning undergraduate paper (4-year institutions)
- \$250 for winning graduate paper

Additionally, each winner receives a certificate of recognition from the NCSA. Award winners are recognized at the NCSA Annual Conference and, at the discretion of winners, papers are published on the official NCSA website. Faculty mentors are recognized at the annual conference and their school/college deans and department chairpersons are notified of this recognition.

### Evaluation criteria are as follows:

- accurate, focused, and thorough review of the pertinent sociological literature
- use of method related to topic
- appropriate use of evidence in drawing conclusions
- ability to use theoretical analysis and interpretation
- insight and creativity
- writing skill, clarity, coherence, and proper use of citations and documentation

### Submission guidelines are as follows:

- Submit PDF and MSWord blind copies of your paper to the following address: [ncsa2018fayetteville@gmail.com](mailto:ncsa2018fayetteville@gmail.com). Your paper will be forwarded to the Himes Award Committee.
- In the subject line, identity the award category.
  - Example: Himes Award 2-year undergraduate
  - Example: Himes Award 4-year undergraduate



- Example: Himes Award Graduate

Submit a separate cover letter that includes the following information to Stacye Blount at [sblount@uncfsu.edu](mailto:sblount@uncfsu.edu):

- your full name and contact information (email address and telephone number)
- your college/university
- full name and contact information for your faculty advisor/mentor
- award category
  - Example: Himes Award 2-year undergraduate
  - Example: Himes Award 4-year undergraduate
  - Example: Himes Award Graduate
  - subject line text: Himes Award Cover Sheet

#### Submission Deadline

- The submission deadline is Friday, December 15, 2017.
- If you have questions, please contact Abby Reiter at [areiter12@gmail.com](mailto:areiter12@gmail.com).



# Submission Guidelines

- You must be an NCSA member and register for the conference for your name to appear on the final conference program.
- All submissions must be completed and received by the deadline: Friday, December 15, 2017.
- **Message for Students:** The NCSA welcomes participation (attendance only or presentation) of undergraduate and graduate students. Students must register for the conference. Membership and registration fees are waived for students. Students are responsible for their lunch. Lunch cost is \$15.00.
- Presenters and/or session organizers are required to bring their own computers. We do not provide adapters.
- **Refund Policy:** No refunds



# Hotel Accommodations

The Doubletree by Hilton in Fayetteville, North Carolina is the host location for the conference. A block of rooms has been reserved for conference attendees.

**Room Type Options:** Standard Double Queen or Standard King

- All room are non-smoking.

**Group Rate:** \$93.00 before taxes (does not include breakfast)

Please note the following steps for booking reservations:

- Reservations can be made by either calling the hotel directly at 910-323-8282 or at 1-800-222-8733 (Central Reservations).
- If you call the Central Reservations Center, state the city/state of property location.
- Inform responding agent of the date you seek for your reservation and the group code of "NSA" or group name: NC Sociological Association.
- Indicate the room type preferred (based on availability).
- If it applies to you, give agent your Hilton Honors number or your name, address, and phone number.
- Provide a debit/credit card to guarantee reservation.
- Please keep in mind that the block dates are important. The room block will close on February 8, 2018.
- If you have questions, please contact Stacye Blount at [sblount@uncfsu.edu](mailto:sblount@uncfsu.edu).

For additional details about the Doubletree Hotel in Fayetteville, please click on link below.

<http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/north-carolina/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-fayetteville-FAYDTDT/index.html>

## Conference Registration and Payment

To complete the registration form, click on link below. Please note that lunch is not provided for onsite registrants. After you complete the registration form and click SUBMIT, you will be directed to the payment link.

<https://goo.gl/dT4fzT>

## Important Dates to Remember

December 15, 2017	submission deadline
January 26, 2018	advance conference registration closes
February 1, 2018	target date for 2018 preliminary program to be posted online
February 8, 2018	hotel special room rate block closes

## Conference Contacts

General Program Inquiries:	Stacye Blount, <a href="mailto:sblount@uncfsu.edu">sblount@uncfsu.edu</a>
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Himes Student Paper Awards:	Abby Reiter, <a href="mailto:areiter12@gmail.com">areiter12@gmail.com</a>
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Payment Inquiries:	Beth Davison, <a href="mailto:davisonb@appstate.edu">davisonb@appstate.edu</a>

NCSA will send frequent meeting reminders and updates. We encourage you to add the following email address to your safe sender list:  
[nca2018fayetteville@gmail.com](mailto:nca2018fayetteville@gmail.com).