



The Great Plains Sociological Association

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The New, News

The 2007-2008 GPSA conference and meetings were held October 11th and 12th at the Ramkota Hotel in Aberdeen, SD.

This year our guest speaker was Jerry Rosonke, retired Northern State University professor and former GPSA member. The topic of his presentation was “Sociology’s Unique and Useful Perspective.”

The location of the 2008-2009 GPSA meetings and conference has yet to be determined.

About The Great Plains Sociological Association

The Great Plains Sociological Association, through its annual meetings affords the opportunity for both new and seasoned researchers to present to their findings in an academic yet comfortable setting. **Students and instructors** are encouraged to submit their work and participate in the activities. The Association gives graduate and undergraduate students the opportunity to present papers in a friendly yet professional atmosphere. Old friends and new acquaintances can get together to share and exchange ideas, discuss what is new in the sociological world or just “hang out”. The Association currently has over 70 registered members.

The Association annually publishes **The Great Plains Sociologist**, the official publication of the GPSA. The editor is Daphne Stevens of UND. Submissions from faculty and students are welcome. Please submit articles for **The Great Plains Sociologist** online to: daphne.stevens@und.nodak.edu.

If you would like to be a reviewer for **The Great Plains Sociologist**, please contact Daphne Stevens at the above email address.

Join in the educational opportunity and the fun!!

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Student Paper Competition – We Need Papers

Professors, instructors, graduate students and friends of the GPSA! Keep on the lookout for student papers and encourage your students to submit their papers in the **Undergraduate or Graduate Student Paper Competition** that is sponsored every year by the GPSA. Or, if you are a graduate student, why not just go ahead and submit that special paper of yours? It's easy, it's fun and it's convenient! (There is also a cash award and a beautiful certificate for the winner of the undergraduate and graduate categories!) Winning really looks good on your resume and goes well with any position application. Just send the final version of your paper to:

Terry Nelson
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For more details, contact Terry at: tnelson@mtmc.edu. He'll be happy to help you!

The recipients of the rewards for this year are:

Graduate: PhD..... Trevor Brooks, SDSU
Diane Kayango-Male – advisor

Graduate: Masters.....Mike Braget, UND
Clifford Staples – advisor

Undergraduate.....Josh Rhodin, NSU
Theresa Stallings – advisor

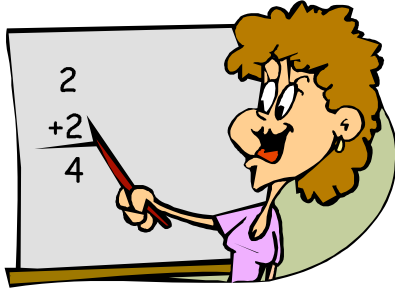
Congratulations to all the entrants and recipients!!!

Memories

Have you cleaned out your desk, closet, file cabinet or for that matter, cleaned out anything lately? Well, the GPSA would like your memories of the way we were. Memorabilia, past newsletters, notes, meeting programs, emails, pictures; anything that is associated with the Great Plains Sociological Association is now a desirable collectable and of historical significance. The GPSA is going to archive it! We want to keep your GPSA memories forever. (It is sure better than dumping it in a landfill.) An Official GPSA Archive has been established at Briggs Library, South Dakota State University, in Brookings, SD 57007. Our person in charge of establishing and maintaining this archive is Elizabeth Fox (SDSU). If you would like additional information, please contact Elizabeth at: elizabeth.fox@sdstate.edu . **Don't get misty over memories, archive them!**

Visit our website...

<http://sociology.sdstate.edu/gpsa/gpsa.htm>



Nominations for Outstanding Teacher and Service Awards

Do you know of a colleague who should be recognized for his or her achievement in teaching or service? This is your opportunity to have that individual recognized. Nomination forms are located at the GPSA website (look up). For more information, (look up again). **Get those nominations in early and beat the rush.** Completed forms should be sent to:

Laura Colmenero-Chilberg at laurachilberg@bhsu.edu

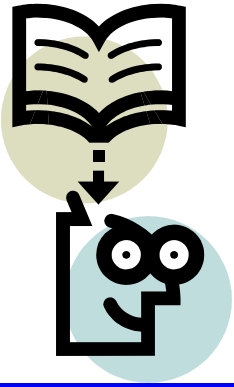
The recipient of the 2007 Teaching Award was: Dr. Abdallah Badahdah



(Service – get it!)

Bye

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as secretary/treasurer for the last four years.
Pat Joffer, Associate Professor, SDSU



Interested in joining the GPSA?

Just send your name, title, school affiliation, address, email, phone number and membership dues to:

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South Dakota State University
Box 540,
Brookings, SD 57007**

Membership

Professional ----- \$20

Student ----- \$5 (can't beat that!)