



The Great Plains Sociological Association

Fall, 2007 Newsletter

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The New, News

The 2007-2008 GPSA conference and meetings will be held October 11th and 12th at the Ramkota Hotel in Aberdeen, SD. Please make your reservations early – the cost is \$89.00 a night. The Ramkota is located on 1400 8th Ave. NW, Aberdeen, SD – (605)229-4040.

Please be aware that all presenters must be members of the GPSA and there is an early and late conference registration fee. The early conference registration fee is \$20 for professionals and \$5 for students. Early registration ends on October 1. Registration at the conference is \$30 for professionals and \$10 for students. Please see the registration form that is located at the end of this newsletter and [register for the conference early](#).

This year our guest speaker is Jerry Rosonke, retired Northern State University professor and former GPSA member. The topic of his presentation is “Sociology’s Unique and Useful Perspective.” Please plan on attending and we will see you in Aberdeen.

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 GPSA. The journal can be found online at: www.minotstateu.edu/research/. The new 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.

Join in the educational opportunity and the fun!!

Empty box – I need something to put in this box! Got any news? Contact me at:

patricia.joffer@sdstate.edu.

If you would like to present at the Fall GPSA association, please send your proposal(s) to:
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***Denotes Committee Chair**

If you would like to contact any of these individuals (volunteers are especially welcomed) please contact me – Pat Joffer – patricia.joffer@sdstate.edu and I will be happy to send you their email address (if I have it).

GPSA Officer and Committee Position(s) Open

Do you like to meet interesting people? Make new friends? Sharpen those planning skills? Get points for service in your discipline? NO? Well get over it and do it anyway. Volunteering is fun!

We need nominations and/or volunteers for Vice President 2007 – 2008 as well as committee members. Please send your nominations/willingness to volunteer to:

Becky Freilinger frebec3@msn.com
South Dakota State University
Rural Sociology
Box 504
Brookings, SD 57007

Student Paper Competition – We Need Papers

Professors, instructors, graduate students and friends of the GPSA: keep on the lookout for those student papers that show promise 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 category!) 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
Mount Marty College
Yankton, SD 57078

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

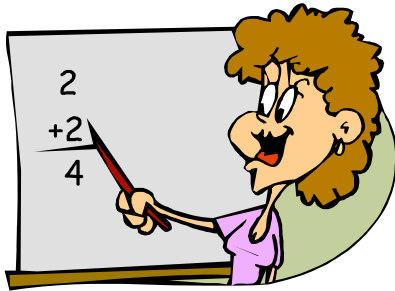
Memories

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 (not like on the "Road show" but for our association). 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 – or is it?) An Official GPSA Archive has been established at Briggs Library, South Dakota State University, in Brookings, SD 57007. Our person in charge of establishing 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!**

The Association is also happy to announce the appointment of a GPSA Historian. Geoff Grant has graciously accepted the position. So, if you have a history, contact Geoff at SDSU.

Visit our website...

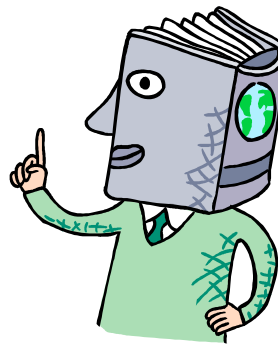
<http://sociology.sdstate.edu/gpsa/gpsa.htm>



Nominations for Outstanding Teacher and Service Awards

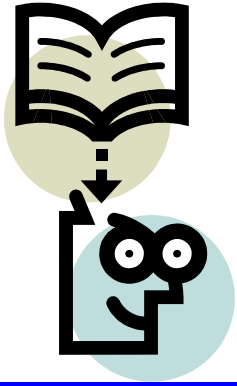
Do you know of a colleague who should be recognized for his or her achievement in teaching or service? This is your opportunity to have that individual recognized for work in the field of teaching and/or service. Nomination forms are located at the GPSA website (look up). For more information, (look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

Jay Vargas joel.vargas@sdstate.edu



Bye

If you have any announcements or any information for the next newsletter, please contact me, Pat Joffer at patricia.joffer@sdstate.edu. Thanks!



Interested in joining the GPSA?

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

**Patricia Joffer GPSA Sect/Tres.
South Dakota State University
Box 540, Scobey 214
Brookings, SD 57007**

Membership

Professional ----- \$20

Student ----- \$5

(can't beat that!)

**The Great Plains Sociological Association
2007 Annual Meeting
October 11th & 12th**

Ramkota Hotel
1400 8th Ave. NW
Aberdeen, SD 57401
Phone : (605)229-4040
Group rate: \$89.00 per/night (Be sure to mention GPSA)

Cut Along Line and Return Registration Form and Payment

**REGISTRATION FORM 2007
GPSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Please Print

Name: _____
School Affiliation: _____
Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Prepayment

Membership \$ _____
Conference Fee \$ _____
Thursday Evening Meal.. \$ _____
Friday Lunch \$ _____
Donation \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Annual Membership Dues

Professional Membership: \$20
Student Membership: \$5

*(membership dues are
required of all presenters)*

Conference Fee

Professional: \$20
Student: \$5

Undergraduate
Masters
PhD

Meals

Thursday evening meal: \$16.21
Friday business lunch: \$ 9.95

Thank You!

Mail registration form and your prepayment to
Patricia Joffer by: **October 1, 2007**. Please make
checks payable to the GPSA.

**Patricia Joffer Sec/Treas. GPSA
South Dakota State University; Box
504, Scobey 214 Brookings, SD
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See you in Aberdeen!

