Hey there, Sociology Grad Students!

Our next GSO meeting will be TOMORROW, Oct 9th and Dr. Brumley will join us, so come and voice your concerns and meet with your fellow students. If you haven’t filled out the form to the survey yet, please take a couple of minutes to do so.

Funding Opportunities

The next AGE/P/KCP/IMSD meeting is October 21, 2015 and will be held at 5057 Woodward, 6th floor, conference room A at 4:30p.m. The Alliance for Graduate Education and Professoriate (AGEP), the King-Chavez-Parks Initiative (KCP) and the Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD) are three different initiatives at Wayne State to help support your development as a research scientist. Refreshments will be provided, therefore please RSVP by October 15, 2015 to k.schramm@wayne.edu.

Dr. Dunbar is the Associate Vice President for Research and is the Assistant Dean of the Graduate School and he highly encourages attendance at these meetings as they can be very beneficial for your academic career. Hope you can attend the meetings throughout the school year.

Questions or comments? Email the GSO newsletter team! Anabel, Kaleema, Charles & Mike : wsugso@gmail.com

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Upcoming Conferences

Michigan Sociological Association (MSA): 2015 Annual Conference, University of Michigan – Flint, October 23-24, 2015, Sociology and Civic Engagement. (Deadline for submission of proposals has passed)

⇒ Keynote Speaker: George Lipsitz, Professor of Black Studies and Sociology, University of California – Santa Barbara. Title: Time Has Come Today: Why Sociology Matters Now

Humanities Center’s Fall Symposium The Good Life, Nov 6, McGregor Memorial Conference Center, 10 a.m. – 4:00p.m. http://research2.wayne.edu/hum/Programs/fallsymposium/2015.html

Upcoming Webinar

ASA Press: Navigating the Academic Job Market, October 30, 2015, 2:30-3:30pm EST https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6402169605378682857

Brownbags, always from 12:30p-1:30p @ 2339 FAB
Oct 14 - K. Khari Brown, Ronald Brown, & Catina Polk
Oct 21: Shirin Montazer

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Our next GSO meeting will take place on Friday October 9 at 4:30pm in room 289 in the Student Center with Dr. Brumley.

On the Benefits of Memberships in Professional Sociology Organizations, Starting this Month with: The American Sociological Association (ASA)

The American Sociological Association (ASA) was founded in 1905 and you can probably guess that it has had a rich and varied history in shaping the understanding of human society since that founding. As America has changed, so has the direction of the ASA. It is worth your time and development as a scholar to check out the ASA. But that’s not the point of this short article. I am writing to alert you to the many opportunities ASA offers to help you become a great sociologist.

An ASA membership has its benefits. In particular, the organization has several Specialist Sections in the fields of sociology. Sections are specialized interest groups, organized by specific areas of sociology. For a small additional cost beyond the yearly membership fee, you can become a member of an ASA section. As a member of an ASA Section you will get introduced to mentors in your areas of specialization. The ASA listservs have a wealth of information about funding, publishing, and conferences outside of what ASA publishes on its website. Recent publications in the area of specialization are announced, and discussion about research topics and areas of interests are regular and ongoing. As a member of the Section, you can help to organize the Section meetings at regional and annual meetings (great professional experience and CV booster).

Personally, I love reading and participating in the discussion groups posted through the listserv. I also enjoy reading the journals and adding them to my library of research materials and resources. To learn more about the ASA including how to join and what are the membership and Section fees go to http://www.asanet.org/

FYI! The next annual ASA meeting will be on the Theme: Rethinking Social Movements: Can Changing the Conversation Change the World? The conference will be August 20-23, 2016 in Seattle, WA.

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