



# CALL FOR PAPERS

As President-Elect, I am excited to invite you to submit a paper or session for the Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association to be held **October 16-19, 2024, in Nashville, TN**, in-person with a virtual option for a limited number of participants.

**[The submission portal is OPEN NOW!](#)**

This year's theme is:

## **Social Change and Resistance: Looking Back to Move Forward**

This theme is intended to establish a reflective yet celebratory atmosphere for the meeting as we commemorate our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. The MSSA was established in 1975 to honor the work of sociologists in the mid-south region and to create a more inclusive space for research and publication, especially for historically marginalized populations. I would like us to rededicate ourselves to the initial organizational goals of the association and revitalize it by focusing on research, advocacy, and praxis that center on social change and various forms of resistance. I encourage you to submit a panel, paper, roundtable or workshop that incorporates this year's theme or is sociological or interdisciplinary in nature - **all topics are welcome**.

Additionally, this year we are hosting a Theory Mini-Conference. The Theory Mini-Conference will situate present circumstances at the intersection of the past and the future. We invite submissions that interrogate whether and how opportunities still remain (or might be at the brink of opening up) for humans to identify and resist increasingly problematic trends in social life and social structure, and to influence or shape future trends that allow for greater and constructive agency.

The submission portal will close on **September 2, 2024**. Send an email to [mssaprogramchair@midsouthsoc.org](mailto:mssaprogramchair@midsouthsoc.org) or check out [www.midsouthsoc.org](http://www.midsouthsoc.org) if you have any questions. I eagerly anticipate collaborating with you! Click [HERE](#) or copy and paste the following link into your browser to submit your paper: <https://www.meetingsavvy.org/mssa>. Indicate whether you will present in-person or virtually. For help with submissions, please refer to the [step-by-step submission instructions](#).

Types of Sessions:

**Panel Session:** A discussion focused on a particular topic guided by a group of panelists.

**Paper Session:** 3-5 individuals present their research, followed by a Q&A session.

**Poster Session:** Individual presenters display a poster version of their research and provide a brief description to viewers.

**Roundtable:** Conducted at a round table, intended to bring together individuals interested in a particular topic to discuss ideas, ongoing research, or ask questions.

**Workshop:** Directed sessions with the goal of participatory learning.

*See y'all in Nashville!*

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