Michigan Sociological Association Annual Meeting:
Social Realities and Possibilities
October 26 & 27, 2012
Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI
Covenant Fine Arts Center
Prince Conference Center

Friday, October 26, 2012
7:00 p.m. Mandy Cano Villalobos, "The Work of Arts as an Ongoing act of Remembering" Covenant Fine Arts Center Recital Hall
Reception to follow in West Lobby
Art Gallery open for viewing of two new exhibitions
"Voces - Mandy Cano Villalobos"
"100 Years of Photography - Images from the Collection of Dr. Robert Pool"

Saturday, October 27, 2012
8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Refreshments/Registration
9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Session I

A) Social Justice – Dawn Hinton, Saginaw Valley State University
   Amie Lipscomb, Eastern Michigan University
   Queer Assumptions: An Outcome-Based Program Evaluation of Eastern Michigan University’s LGBTQ Safe Campaign Training Program

   Edward C. Jones, Saginaw Valley State University
   An Exploration of Father Experiences with the Friend of the Court

   Micala Evans, Eastern Michigan University
   The Civic Role of the Community Library: An Oral History of the Idlewild Public Library

   Tierra Tivis, Oakland University
   The Effects of Racism in the Workplace

B) Teaching Strategies and the Social Context of Student Life – Karen Krause, Saginaw Valley State University
   Eric Beasley, Michigan State University
   In Their Own Words: How Students Who Have Been Caught Cheating Explain Why They Cheated.

   Leslie Elrod, University of Cincinnati, Blue Ash College
   ROC the Community: Return to the Open Classroom by Applying Course Content to the Community Around You.

   Colin Farrell, Saginaw Valley State University
   The Role of Social Support and Social Context in the Incidence of Attempted Suicide in Adolescents.
Brian Thomas, Saginaw Valley State University
*Teaching Garbage: Educating About Consumer Culture Through a Hands-on Service-learning Project.*

C) Animals and Culture – Christina Leshko, Michigan State University
Jennifer Kelly, Christina Leshko, and Seven Mattes, Michigan State University
*Perceptions of Wildlife: The Case of Ingham County Michigan.*

Ryan Gunderson, Michigan State University
*The Frankfurt School on the Animal Question.*

Ian Werkheise, Michigan State University
*Fighting Nature: An Analysis and Critique of Breed-Specific Flourishing Arguments for Dog Fights.*

Cameron Whitley, Michigan State University
*Animal Imaging: Communicating Climate Change in National Geographic.*

Seven Mattes, Michigan State University
*PETA's Sea Kittens: Linguistic Absurdity in the Animal Rights Movement.*

Jennifer Kelly, Michigan State University
*Human Populations and Jaguars in Costa Rica.*

Brigitte H. Bechtold, Central Michigan University
*Infanticide and Siblicide: A Comparison of Human and Animal Culture.*

D) Theorizing Social Realities and Possibilities – Nicholas Budimir, Muskegon Community College and Larry Reynolds, Central Michigan University
Nicholas Budimir, Muskegon Community College
*Theories of Social Reality and Possibility: In defense of theory*

Ronald Kramer, Western Michigan University
*Carbon in the Atmosphere and Power in America: Global Warming Realities and Possibilities for Averting Disaster*

Carole McKenna, Ferris State University
*Theories of War*

*Discussant: Barry Goetz, Western Michigan University*

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 – 12:15 p.m. Session II
A) Religious Movements - Alan Hill, Delta College

Amy Lane, Southwestern Michigan College
"Organizational Change and Religious Transformation: an Exploration of the Intersections of Emotions, Organizations, and Religion."

Abdullah F. Alrebh, Michigan State University
“Christian Science Church Members’ Attitudes Regarding Health Care Versus Religious Healing: An Ethnographic Account of a Michigan Congregation" [Sponsored by King Abdullah Scholarship Program - Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission]

Sara Lone, Michigan State University
“Jonestown: Fear Made Corporeal”

Alan Hill, Delta College
“The UFO Abduction Movement: A Twenty-Year Retrospective.”

B) The Global Assembly Line – Brigitte Bechtold, Central Michigan University

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Tijuana’s Maquiladora: Reflections from a Human Rights Tour.

Cedric Taylor, Central Michigan University

Alan Rudy, Central Michigan University
Globalization and Transformations in Agricultural Labor in California’s Imperial Valley.

C) Human Trafficking – Joe Verschaeve, Grand Valley State University

David Scott Cressy, Grand Valley State University – Frederik Meijer Honors College
The Current State of Child-Trafficking in West Africa.

Lydia Marie Benkert, Grand Valley State University – Frederik Meijer Honors College
A Dramaturgy of Hope: Trafficked Children in West Africa.

Mathew Chapman and Alex Doubek, Grand Valley State University – Frederik Meijer Honors College
The Social Influence of Tropical Disease in Ghana: Success and Challenges between the General Population and Children Rescued From Human Trafficking.

Allison Stephens, Grand Valley State University – Frederik Meijer Honors College
Healing Spirits and Becoming Human Again: Bringing Child Slaves Home.

12:15 – 12:30 p.m. Break

12:30 – 2:15 p.m. Luncheon, Welcome from President Le Roy, Calvin College
Tracy E. Ore Address

2:15 – 2:30 p.m. Break

2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Session III

A) Race, Class, Gender, and Immigration – Colleen Wilson-Rood, Delta College
Sanaa Alharahsheh, Wayne State University and Mary Sengsock, Wayne State University)

Evelyn D. Ravuri, Saginaw Valley State University
Predictors of Return Migration to Mexico of Undocumented Workers in Dallas.

Brendan Mullan, Michigan State University
Demography as Destiny: Challenges for Michigan.

Christina Miller-Bellor, Calvin College
Attitudes Toward Breastfeeding: A Content Analysis of Public Reactions to the Breastfeeding Controversy.

Beth Simmert, Wayne State University
Socioeconomic Status and Health.

B) Food, Environment, and Agriculture – Wes Eaton, Michigan State University
Weston Eaton, Michigan State University
Bioenergy Futures: Framing Sociotechnical Imaginaries in Local Places.

Jennifer Buckley, Michigan State University
Artisan food processors’ experiences of food safety regulations in Michigan: The role of processor-inspector interactions

Rachel Anderson, Michigan State University
Merchant Standards in Green Marketing: the case of biodegradable forks

Jess Daniel, Center for Regional Food Systems, Michigan State University, Director FoodLab Detroit
Building Network Capital with Good Food Entrepreneurs: “Me” and “We” approaches.

Tracy E. Ore, St. Cloud State University will serve as a discussant.
C) Social Construction of Everyday Life – Bonnie Wright, Ferris State University
   Jennifer Wray, Michigan State University
   Multilevel Structural Inequality Embedded in Cross-Border Remote Wagering Governance in the WTO Dispute between Antigua and the United States.

   Christopher Sammons, Calvin College

   Laura MacIntyre, University of Michigan-Flint
   Streetwalking: A Socio-spatial analysis of pedestrian behavior on the streets of Flint, Michigan. The (Ab)uses of the Sidewalk.

   Morgan Talbert, Grand Valley State University – Frederik Meijer Honors College
   Community Engagement in Relationship to Public Health Delivery Systems in West Africa.

D) Student Papers – Michael Macaluso, Grand Valley State University
   Guerline Gilles (presented by Michelle Stone), Lake Michigan College
   Assessing Students’ College Financial Literacy.

   Jeanne O’ Brien, Lake Superior State College
   Adolescent Social Media Use, Task Completion and Superficiality.

   Katelyn Talsma, Calvin College
   In the Land of the Trendy: How the “Hipster” Identity Challenged Everything We Thought We Knew about Counter-Culture.

4:00 – 4:15 p.m. Break

4:15 – 5:15 p.m. MSA Board Business Meeting