

Welcome to the 88th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society!

I hope that this format of the schedule is helpful to you. The legend of colors is below. Be sure to use the app for the most updated information, cancelled sessions, etc. I look forward to seeing everyone in Chicago and hope to have a chance to say "hello" while we're there!

- Jennifer Talarico, MSS Executive Director

Workshops

Panel-style sessions

Networking and Plenary events

Meetings

Tours

Posters

Papers, Teaching Techniques,  
Spark Talks, etc.

	11:15 AM - 12:45 PM	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	2:45 PM - 4:15 PM	4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Zurich A	1. AKD Teaching & Learning Workshop (10:30AM - 1:30 PM)			
Zurich B	10. Body Commodification in Late Capitalist Societies	20. Crafting Community	34. Social Change and Transformation	
Zurich C	4. How Students Make Sense of Education: Individualism, Assimilation, and Belonging	21. Social Movements, Gender, and Intersectionality	26. GIFTS: From Condecept to Conceptualizing Core Sociological Content into Class Exercises	
Zurich D				37. Dr. Diane Pike: "Both/And: The Persistent Promise of Sociology"
Zurich E	11. Memory, Identity, and Material Culture	22. Determinations and Meanings of Place	35. Student Success Strategies and Development	
Zurich F	12. Community and Place: Symbolic Interactionist Studies	15. Self and Identity: Symbolic Interactionist Studies		
Zurich G			36. BYOB: "Bring Your Own Brilliance"	
Zurich Foyer	43. MSS Commons Opens Until 5pm			
Montreux 1	5. Remembering Donald Dillman (1941-2024) and His Contributions to our Discipline		29. MSS Research Funding is Accessible: Learn How to Apply	
Montreux 2	2. Identity and Politics	23. Decolonizing "Introduction to Sociology" in Community Colleges: From Talking to Doing	31. Social Hardships and Social Supports	
Montreux 3	6. Obstacles to Engagement at Community Colleges in and Outside the Classroom	17. Sociology as an Administrative Tool I	28. Author Meets Critics Panel: <i>Gardening Behind Bars: Clinical Sociology and Food Justice in Incarcerated Settings</i>	
St. Gallen 2		24. Instant Ethnography Introduction		
St. Gallen 3	7. Media, Culture, and Power		32. Demographic and Residential Impacts on Migrant/Immigrant Communities	
Vevey 1	3. Applications of the Sociological Imagination	18. The Consequences of Inequalities in Accessing Health, Welfare, and Educational Services	27. Transparency, A Bridge to Trust and Collaboration: How Police Oversight Agencies can Share Information with Impacted Families, the Public, and Media	
Vevey 2			30. Assimilation and Transgression: Research and Insights from FGWC Scholars Inside and Outside Academia	
Vevey 3	8. Gender-Affirming Healthcare in Sociological Perspective	19. New Approaches in Measuring Health Disparities	33. New Edges of Religion	
Vevey 4	9. Intersections and Intersectionality	16. Author Meets Critics Panel: <i>Sociology and Classical Liberalism in Dialogue: Freedom is Something We do Together</i>		
Hotel Lobby	13. TOUR: COPA		25: TOUR: Discovery Patnrns Institute, Pritzker Tech Talent Lab	
Èlève Lake View	14: MSS Board Meeting			

**EVENING EVENTS**

38. Welcome Social  
6:15 PM - 7:15 PM  
Èlève Lake View

39. Trivia Night  
(ticketed event)  
7:30 PM  
Zurich D

	7:00 AM - 8:15 AM	8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	10:15 AM - 11:45 AM	Mid-Day Events	2:45 PM - 4:15 PM	
Zurich A		6. Mentorship Program Social			87. Student-Led Plenary Q&A - Diane Pike and Michel Estefan	
Zurich B		55. Revisiting the Frankfurt School: Critical Theory in Contemporary Contexts	74. Critical Theory in the AI Age		100. Identity, Society, and Cultural Representation	
Zurich C		56. Documenting and Theorizing Resistance I	66. Engaging Public Scholarship: Navigating the Path from Academia to Impactful Public Discourse		101. Race, Racialization, and Politics: The 2024 Presidential Election	
Zurich D	42. Teaching and Learning Workshop: Teaching Sociology in 2025 - Coffee and Networking (8:00 AM - 8:30 AM)	44. Teaching and Learning Workshop, Teaching Sociology in 2025: Ilana Redstone Keynote (8:30 AM - 9:45 AM)	63. Teaching and Learning Workshop, Teaching Sociology in 2025: Folded Map Keynote (10:00 AM - 11:15 AM)	83. Teaching and Learning Workshop, Teaching Sociology in 2025: Working Roundtables and Debriefing (11:15 AM - 11:45 AM)	85. Dr. Michel Estefan: "Teaching Sociology as a Vocation" (1:00 PM - 2:30 PM)	90. Dual Credit Education: Bridging the Divide
Zurich E		57. Politics and Perceptions of Students and Education	75. Decolonialisms, Postcolonialisms, and Neocolonialisms: Contemporary Views of Modern Day Conditions of Exploitation		102. Connection and Cultural Competence in Education	
Zurich F		58. Understanding the Social World through Music	76. Constructing Social Problems		94. 21st Century Symbolic Interactionism: The Past	
Zurich G		46. Author Meets Critics Panel: <i>Digital Girlhoods</i>	77. Political Fault Lines in Comparative Perspective		88. Author Meets Critics Panel: <i>The Certainty Trap: Why We Need to Question Ourselves More - And How We Can Judge Others Less</i>	
Zurich Foyer	43. MSS Commons Opens Until 5pm	62. Poster Session I	64. Poster Session II	82. Poster Session III	86. Poster Session IV	105. Poster Session V
Montreux 1	41. Membership Committee	47. Author Meets Critics Panel: <i>Age and Dignity: Anti-Ageist Theory and Practice</i>	70. Radicals, Freaks, and Weirdos: A Reflection on Mizou Sociology	84. MSS Business Meeting (for all MSS members) (12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)	92. Navigating the Margins: Strategies for Success in Graduate School and Careers from Queer and Underrrepresented Scholars	109. Presidential Reception 6:45 PM Zurich Foyer
Montreux 2		59. Thrive, Don't Just Survive: Work-Life Strategies for Grad Students and Early-Career Faculty	78. GIFTS: Good Ideas for Teaching Sociology and Publishing in TRAILS		104. Teaching "Don't Go": A New Resource for Talking about Race, Place, and Segregation	
Montreux 3		50. Practicing Sociology Outside of the Academy	67. Author Meets Critics Panel: <i>Precarious Protections: Unaccompanied Minors Seeking Asylum in the United States</i>		89. Author Meets Critics Panel: <i>Critique and Affirmation in Erich Fromm: Humanistic Politics and Psychoanalytic Clinic</i>	
St. Gallen 1		51. Alternative Models in Education: Emancipation, Incorporation, or Performance?	72. Social Change and Race: Stories of Organizations and People		95. Boosting Student Learning and Engagement	
St. Gallen 2		60. Integrating Data Analysis into Substantive Sociological Courses	65. Gendered Lives: Identity and Social Structures		103. GIFTS: Engaged Pedagogies	
St. Gallen 3		52. Identity, Gender, and Cultural Shifts	79. Crafting a Class Using Open Educational Resources (OER): An Explanation of OER and Discussion of Teaching Experiences and Practice		96. Qualitative Criminology	
Vevey 1		53. Work Worlds: Sociological Explorations of Employment	80. Being a Chair: What to Expect		97. Movies and America: The Last Picture Show	
Vevey 2			71. Scholarship and Solidarity: Building Community Among First Generation Scholars		93. This Moment in Teaching: What Matters Most	
Vevey 3		54. Innovating Approaches in Social Services, Workplaces, and Technological Futures	81. Teaching the Sociological Imagination to Undergraduate Students		98. Social Stigma, Stress, and Substance Use/Abuse	
Vevey 4		45. Context and Identity: "Spark Talks" Presentations	73. Environmental Sociology: Corporate Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Climate Denialism, and Alternative Food Systems		99. Environmental Sociology: Indigenous Knowledge and Practices, Climate Induced Migration, and Risk Reduction	
Arosa	40. Professional Development Committee	48. Publications Committee	68. Social Action Committee			
Lugano		49. Nominations and Elections Committee	69. Executive Committee		68. Governance Committee	

**EVENING EVENTS**

106. Past President's Social  
107. Calling all FG/WC Students Past and Present!  
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM  
Zurich Foyer  
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108. MSS Awards Ceremony and Presidential Address

Dr. Jenny Pearson: "The Joy of Sociology in an Uncertain Future: What We Can Learn from Queer Joy"

5:15 PM - 6:45 PM  
Zurich D  
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	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	9:45 AM - 10:45 AM	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	2:45 PM - 4:15 PM	4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Zurich A							175. Student Interest Committee
Zurich B				MEMBER DISCUSSION FORUMS	144. Conspiracy Theories and Democratic Erosion	154. Author Meets Critics Panel: <i>Descent of the Dialectic: Phronetic Criticism in an Age of Nihilism and Witchcraft: The Code of Ideology in Unsettled Times</i>	
Zurich C				129. North/South Dakota	132. Narratives of Sport(s) and Athletes	163. The Professions and Institutional Change	
Zurich D		119. 3MT Practice (9:45 AM - 11:00 AM)					176. The Peter Hall Lecture Dr. Stefan Timmermans: "The Unclaimed"
Zurich E				130. Kansas	145. Authoritarianism and Social Divisions in American Politics	158. Federal Higher Education Policy Under the Trump Administration	
Zurich F		116. Sociologist's Pen: So, You Want to Write a Book and Get it Published?		131. Iowa	133. Author Meets Critics Panel: <i>Fair Share: Senior Activists, Tiny Publics, and the Culture of Resistance</i>	159. 21st Century Symbolic Interactionism: The Future	
Zurich G					150. GIFTS: Pragmatics in Classroom Management and Assessment	168. GIFTS: Service Learning and Community Involvement: Best Practices for Impacting Students' Educational Experience	
Zurich Foyer	111. MSS Commons Opens Until 5pm				152. "Author Showcase": Book Exhibit (1:00 PM - 3:00 PM)		<b>EVENING EVENTS</b>  177. Queer Mixer 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Montreux 1  178. SSSI Cocktail Hour and Dinner 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Offsite  179. Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition 7:00 PM Zurich D
Montreux 1	110. Committee Chairs Breakfast (7:45 AM - 9:15 AM)				Roundtables 146, 147, 148, 149	Roundtables 164, 165, 166, 167	
Montreux 2		114. Sociologist's Pen: Strategies for Students and Professional Success	120. Sociologist's Pen: Peer-Review Skill-Building and Writing for a Journal	123. At-Large	140. Reflections: Student Research Experiences and Outcomes	172. Collective Liberation and Collaborative Learning on Gender, Race, and Queerness	
Montreux 3				124. Wisconsin	136. Sociology as an Administrative Tool II	133. Author Meets Teachers Panel: <i>Social Problems, 5th Edition</i>	
St. Gallen 1				125. Missouri	141. Gender, Labor, and Workplace Cultures	160. Shifting Policies, Shifting Practices	
St. Gallen 2				126. Illinois	151. CANCELLED	161. Student Stress and Well-Being in Higher Education	
St. Gallen 3				127. Minnesota	142. Research on Gender(ed) Inequalities	169. Write on Track: Plan Your Path to Success	
Vevey 1	112. Sociologist's Pen: Writing Op-Eds	115. Sociologist's Pen: Writing for the Public			143. From the Annals of Sociological History	153. The Cultural, Structural, and Personal Impacts of Race and Racism	
Vevey 2					137. Engaging with our Communities: Faculty and Students	171. Pedagogical Approaches for cultivating Social Justice Advocacy	
Vevey 3				128. State-Level Forum: Nebraska Members	138. Making Academia Your Own: Belonging in Community College and Non-Tenure Track Positions	162. Urban Scenes and Urban Development	
Vevey 4	113. Sociologist's Pen: Research Writing		120. Sociologist's Pen: Collaborative Writing		139. Sociology, Education, and the Global Capitalistic System	157. Breaking Into Leadership When You Didn't Think You Could	
Arosa		117. Committee on Women in the Profession			134. Queer Engagement, Scholarship, and Teaching (QueEST) Committee	155. First Generation and Working-Class Committee	174. Minority Scholars Committee
Lugano		118. 2026 Program Committee	122. Annual Meeting Committee		135. Sociological Practice Committee	156. Finance Committee	

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Zurich B		195. Crafting an Effective Curriculum Vitae (CV)	198. Author Meets Critics Panel: <i>The Dialectic of Herbert Marcuse</i> and <i>The Critical Humanism of the Frankfurt School as Social Critique</i>	216. Institutionally Mediated Youth and Childhood
Zurich C		188. Gender, Sexuality, and Law	203. Teaching and Learning from Doing and Sharing: Resources and Examples	217. Critical Criminologies
Zurich E		189. Leadership in Times of Change	204. Health Politics and Social Change	218. Consequences of Social Inequalities Past and Present
Zurich F		190. Politics and Activism: Symbolic Interactionist Studies	205. Documenting and Theorizing Resistance II	213. Identity and the Illness Experience
Zurich G		191. Testing and Assessing Culture, Norms, and Beliefs	209. <i>The Sociological Quarterly</i> Editor: Meet your Editor and Receive Advice on Publishing	
Zurich Foyer		43. MSS Commons Opens until noon		
Montreux 1		Roundtables 192, 193, 194	Roundtables 206, 207, 208, 212	
Montreux 3	182. Scholarship Development Committee	184. The Job Market: Tips and Strategies for Academic and Non-Academic Jobs	211. Thriving While Teaching that the World is on Fire	
St. Gallen 1	180. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice (DEIJ) Committee	186. Critical Approaches to Mental Health	200. Cultural and Digital Contestations	
St. Gallen 2	181. Committee on Teaching and Learning	183. GIFTS: What's Up With That? Controversial Topics and How to Teach Them	210. GIFTS: Enhancing Student Cognition and Metacognition	
St. Gallen 3		196. Instant Ethnography Presentations	201. From the Mouths of... Research from and about College Students	
Vevey 1		197. MSS Board Meeting (8:30 AM - 1:00 PM)		
Vevey 2		185. It's Fun... In Theory: Academic Panel on Innovative Teaching of Sociological Theory for Undergraduates	199. Small Departments, Big Impact: Operating Small and Combined Sociology Programs	214. Thriving as a Graduate Student
Vevey 3		187. Getting Serious about Belonging: Supporting First-Generation/Working Class Faculty and Students	202. Research Studies Using Ethnographic and Other Qualitative Methodologies	215. Gender Constructions: Performance and Expectation
Arosa				
Lugano				