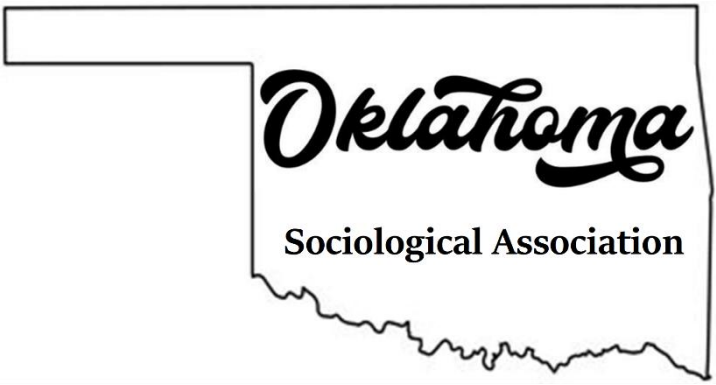
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2026 Oklahoma Sociological Association Annual Meeting & Conference



PUTTING SOCIOLOGY TO WORK FOR A MORE EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY

Friday, November 6, 2026
Oklahoma State University
Stillwater, OK

Student Union (4th Floor)
301 Student Union Rd Stillwater, OK 74078

President: Dr. Jericho R. McElroy, OSU
Treasurer/Secretary: Dr. Sarah V. Fry, NWOSU

8:00 - 8:45 SIGN-IN AND REGISTRATION

9:00 - 10:15 BREAKOUT SESSION 1

1A. Environmental Health & Well-being – *Case Study 1 (408)*

"*Occupations and the Environment: How Jobs Shape Environmental Attitudes in the U.S.*" – Ohenebeng Boapeah (Oklahoma State University)

"*Working Time, Gender and Sustainability: A Sex-specific Analysis of The Carbon Intensity of Wellbeing across US State, 2005-2022.*" – Jared Fitzgerald, Michael Briscoe, Jennifer Givens, Corinne Schwarz, & Ohenebeng Boapeah (Oklahoma State University*****)

"*Do Cumulative Environmental Risks Contribute to Climate Concern?*" – Charles Spurlock (Langston University)

"*Environmental Inequality behind Bars: A Case Study of the Oklahoma State Reformatory.*" – Karson N. Kuykendall, Hailey Jordan, Kennedy Peach, & Maddie Bradford (Oklahoma State University)

1B. Responding to Deviance & Marginality – *Case Study 2 (416)*

"*The Unhoused Community in North Central Oklahoma.*" – LaDonna S. McCune (University of Central Oklahoma)

"*Ideology, Migration, and Sexuality: Perspectives of Bengali Students in the United States.*" – Parboti Das (Minnesota State University, Mankato)

"*Building on Gendered General Strain Theory.*" – Jonathan D. Ishoy (Oklahoma State University)

"*Family Preservation Services and Child Behavior Problems among Families Involved with Children Protective Services*." – Taysir M. Siddiki & Dan Wang (University of Oklahoma)

1C. Integrative & Interdisciplinary Scholarship – *Exhibit 1 (413)*

"*Aging Belongs in Sociology: Teaching a Gerontological Imagination in Oklahoma.*" – Karel Joyce Kalaw (University of Central Oklahoma)

"*Who Holds the Plan? Toward a Sociology of Planning.*" – Nicholas J. Membrez-Weiler (Midwestern State University)

"*Redeeming Time: At the Nexus of Sociology, Theology, and Horology.*" – Antonio A. Chiareli (Oklahoma Baptist University)

"*Metatheorizing Environmental Sociology: Integrating Theory and Method.*" – Thomas J. Burns (University of Oklahoma)

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10:30-11:15	**KEYNOTE ADDRESS – *Case Study 2 (416)***
"*The Need for Sociology in Transdisciplinary Sustainability Research*." Dr. Michael A. Long, Professor of Sociology (Oklahoma State University)	
11:15-11:30	**GROUP PHOTOGRAPH – *Case Study 2 (416)***
11:30-12:30	**LUNCH (provided on site)**
12:30-1:00	**BUSINESS MEETING – *Exhibit 1 (413)***
1:00-2:00	**POSTER PRESENTATIONS – *Exhibit 2 (417)***

MEET THE 2026 KEYNOTE SPEAKER



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Dr. Michael Long is Professor of Sociology, and the Director of the Office of Research Capacity and Competitiveness in the Division of the Vice President for Research, at Oklahoma State University.

Dr. Long is the (co)author of 10 books and more than 100 journal articles and book chapters primarily in the areas of environmental sociology, green criminology, sustainability, food insecurity, agriculture, hazards/disasters, extreme weather, resilience, energy, and quantitative methodology. He has received funding from the U.S. National Science Foundation, U.S. Department of Agriculture, the British Academy, among others, to support his research.

Dr. Long is also co-editor of *Social Problems*, a former co-editor of *The Sociological Quarterly*, and the lead editor of the *Handbook on Inequality and the Environment*.

2:15-3:15 BREAKOUT SESSION 2

2A. Technology & Society – *Case Study 1 (408)*

"*Dr. Bot and the Couch of Doom: Can AI Chatbots Replace Human Therapy?*" – Joyce A. Touma & Calvin H. Easterling (Oral Roberts University)

"*Learning Through Change: AI Governance and Organizational Adaptation in Higher Education.*" – James E. Stobaugh, Sean Huss, & Angela Black (Arkansas Tech University)

"*Who Asked for This Anyway? Analyzing Public Sentiment on Data Centers in Oklahoma from YouTube Comments.*" -Christopher Garneau & Heather Bedle (University of Oklahoma)

2B. Campus Climates & Responsiveness – *Case Study 2 (416)*

"*The Social Context of Play-based Learning in Higher Education.*" – Sara K. Moon-Seo (Rogers State University)

"*Exploring Safety Perceptions on Campus: A Look at d/Deaf Student Responses to Campus Crime and Institutional Effectiveness.*" – Edgar J. DelaTorre, Erin Farley, & Gabriel Lomas (Oklahoma State University*****)

"*More Than Stress Relief: Therapy Dogs, Institutional Care, and Belonging on a University Campus.*" – Rachel M. Schmitz (Oklahoma State University)

2C. Capital Investment, Accumulation, & Religion – *Exhibit 1 (413)*

"*Can Taxes Do the Work of Hellfire? Weber, Capital Investment, and Accumulation.*" – Dorothy Weaver (Oklahoma State University-OKC)

"*The Trickle Down Effect of NIL and the Transfer Portal on Collegiate Student-Athlete Experiences.*" – Krystal Beamon (University of Texas at Arlington)

"*Nested Canopies: Fandom Canon Formation as a Meso-Level Test of Secular Sacralization.*" – Zachary Guinn (University of Texas at Arlington)

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3:30-4:30 BREAKOUT SESSION 3

3A. Activism & Social Movements – *Case Study 1 (408)*

"*Why Only in August 2024? A Tipping Interaction behind Bangladesh's Government Breakdown.*" – Mahadi Hasan & Md Arman (Oklahoma State University*****)

"*A Decolonial Perspective on Visual Framing and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Movement.*" – Ara'Seli L. Salas & Reagan Cole (Oklahoma State University)

"*What Makes Up an Environmental Club President?*" – Red Jones (University of Texas at Arlington)

3B. Gatekeeping Justice – *Case Study 2 (416)*

"*Who Polices the Profession? Attorney Misconduct, Professional Self-Regulation, and the Oklahoma Bar Association.*" – Brenda DuVerney (University of Central Oklahoma)

"*Black Lawyers Still Matter: Minority Access to Legal Representation.*" – Lorenzo K. McCoy & Cal H. Easterling (Oral Roberts University)

"*In Pursuit of Justice? Eyewitness Testimony and Wrongful Convictions in Oklahoma.*" - Cal H. Easterling (Oral Roberts University)

3C. Rethinking Community Embeddedness – *Exhibit 1 (413)*

"*DID community.*" – Bertha Ntoti (University of Texas at Arlington)

"*Young Women and their Use of Social Media: Examining Research on Positive Outcomes.*" - Donna Sharp (Rogers State University)

"*Internal Migration and Women's Employment in Bangladesh: Evidence from the 2022 Bangladesh Demographic and Health Survey (BDHS).*" – Mohammad S. Durud (University of Oklahoma)

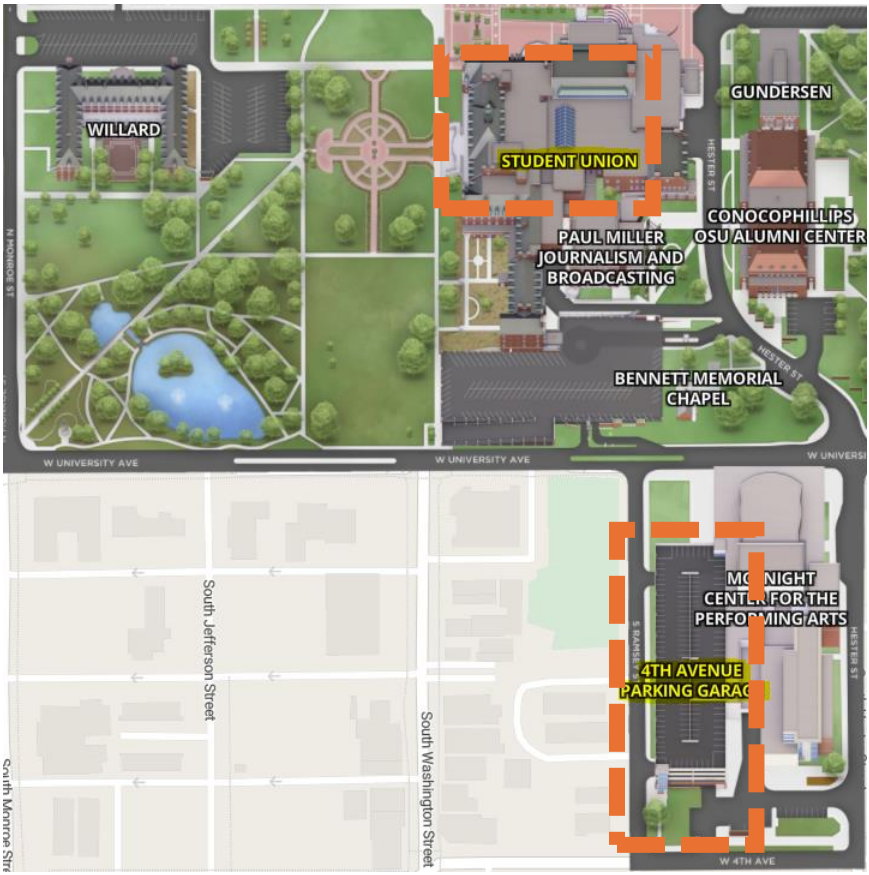
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◈ POSTER PRESENTATIONS ◈

1. "*Red Vs. Blue - Beyond the Ballot: The Hidden Mental Health Effects of Party Affiliation*." – Jenna Abi Joumah, Julia Herrmann, Mary Ruth Freitas de Freitas, & Kylie Huckabaa (University of Oklahoma)
2. "*Two Moral Questions, Two Divides: Party, Religion, and Social Attitudes*." – Ying Bonfils Rasmussen, Emalie Ortiz, Riley Skrinar, & Laura Tully (University of Oklahoma)
3. "*Who Do We Trust? Understanding Media Consumption, Gender, and Fear of Crime*." – Lauren Bottiaux, Lauren Myers, Taylor Wortmann, & Arieana Stecki (University of Oklahoma)
4. "*Faith Across the Map: How Region Affects Religious Practice*." – Scott Camacho, Campbell Peck, Hailee Vazquez, & Lizzy Morton (University of Oklahoma)
5. "*Pleasure or Poison? An Evaluation of Sexual Deviance Through Age and Adult Media*." – Brooke Cleary, Brooke Allen, Crystal Hernandez Ortega, & Lauryn McNeill (University of Oklahoma)
6. "*Harsh Courts and High Incomes: Does Region Moderate the Effects of Income on Opinions for Harsher Courts?*" – Tori Hink, Izabelle Nasits, Ashley West, & Gavin Garcia (University of Oklahoma)
7. "*Lighting That Joint: Exploring the Effects of Generation on Drug Use*." – Lisette Garcia, Jelaina Lucas, Kyle Otto, & Braden Powell (University of Oklahoma)
8. "*Ring the Wedding Bells: Exploring the Effects of Time and Income on Marital Status*." – Abby Houts, Ella Kwan, Valeria Sanchez Vargas, & Logan Mitchell (University of Oklahoma)
9. "*An Unexpected Connection: Exploring the Relationship Between Work Hours and Mental Health*." – Peyton Huy, Katie McGeough, Sami Groves, & Jack Spears (University of Oklahoma)
10. "*Best Practices: The Patterns in OSU Honors Students*." – Lila Perryman (Oklahoma State University)
11. "*Does Money Buy Happiness? The Interaction of Age, Income, and Mental Health Status*." – Chad Stevens, Caeley Tackitt, Karley Alvarez, & Emily Cho (University of Oklahoma)

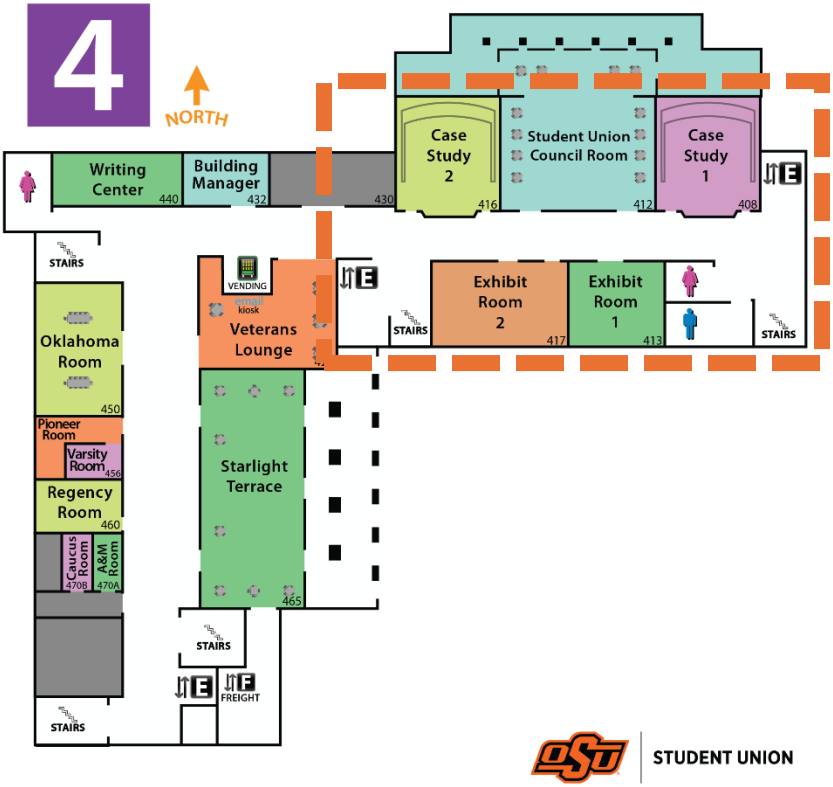
Posters are numbered in alphabetical order by last names of (first) authors.

MAP #1: PARKING AND BUILDING LOCATIONS



Suggested Visitor Parking:
4th Ave Parking located at 720 W 4th Ave, Stillwater, OK 74074

MAP #2: CONFERENCE MEETING SPACES



"It can be lonely being a sociologist in Oklahoma."
Thank you for joining us!