

Mini-Conference: Committee on the Status of Ethnicity, Race, and Racism

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Call for Papers

The Committee on the Status of Ethnicity, Race and Racism (CSERR) is organizing a mini-conference for the 2019 meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society. This year's theme is "Facts and Fictions: Narratives of Inequality and Difference", thus our four sessions focus on issues related to Confronting Intersectional Controversies/Inequalities. The four sessions for the mini conference include: 1) Confronting Intersectional Controversies on College Campuses: Engaging Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Nationality; 2) (Re)Conceptualizing Race And Ethnicity in the Era of Trump: Anticipating Changes to the Census 2020; 3) The Color of In/justice: Youth of Color and the Law; and 4) Interrogating Myths of Un/Documented Immigrants and Documenting Racism. We welcome papers that focus on these topics. Please see the ESS website for more information about each session.

1. Panel Session: Confronting Intersectional Controversies on College Campuses: Engaging Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Nationality

In a moment of recognition and reckoning, college and university campuses are confronting the reality of intersectional inequalities and controversies. We invite papers based on experiential and/or empirical data that speak to experiences of intersectional oppression. We also welcome papers that speak to issues of diversity, inclusivity and equity, as experienced inside and outside of the classroom, among students, staff, faculty, and administrators. Papers that provide best practices are also encouraged.

2. Panel Session: (Re)Conceptualizing Race And Ethnicity in the Era of Trump: Anticipating Changes to the Census 2020

As the Census 2020 approaches, debates have intensified about new race and ethnic categories on the Census have provoked a lot of attention and conversation. These debates raise questions about the real and imagined impact of these changes on people's lives. These discussions also raise questions about how to best enumerate the population and capture any shifts in how people are identifying in terms of race and ethnicity. We welcome papers that help us explore the social impact of the shifting sands of race and ethnicity.

3. Panel Session: The Color of In/justice: Youth of Color and the Law

Family separation, shooting deaths of unarmed black people, living while black and

brown, among other events, have heightened the role of the law (and enforcers of the law) in the lives of youth of color. How has racialized surveillance of young brown and black bodies intensified the legal mechanisms of social control of them, their families and their communities? In this session, we invite empirically based papers that explore these topics.

4. Panel (Graduate Student Session): Interrogating Myths of Un/Documented Immigrants and Documenting Racism

In a time of increasing anti-immigration rhetoric, what are the stories being told? How are the new narratives and mythologies of “good” and “bad” immigrants creating processes working to include or exclude certain populations? How are people, including immigrants, embracing and/or resisting these narratives? Who do these narratives serve? This session welcomes papers that explore these topics and works to document various “isms” in contemporary society.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Those wishing to present papers in this mini-conference should submit an abstract of no longer than 250 words by October 30, 2018 through the ESS submission portal at <https://www.meetingsavvy.org/ess>. Proposals not accepted for the mini-conference will be submitted to the ESS general call for submissions.

To submit to this mini-conference, select "Mini Conference Presentation" in the "Submission type" drop-down menu. Supply your title and abstract. After hitting "Next", select the name of the mini-conference from the keyword drop-down menu.

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