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# 2021 SDA ANNUAL MEETING

## Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting

October 4-6, 2021

Knoxville, Tennessee

Knoxville Crowne Plaza

**We are planning for an in-person conference in Knoxville, TN (October 4-6), assuming we can ensure everyone's safety and follow recommended public health protocols for a large gathering.**

You are invited to submit abstracts for papers and/or posters for the 2021 annual meeting of the Southern Demographic Association (SDA). You are also invited to suggest topics for panels and poster sessions. The 2021 annual meeting of the SDA will be held in Knoxville, TN with the local arrangements organized by [Stephanie Bohon](#).



Presentations of research in both applied and academic demography are welcome as are related topics in economics, sociology, geography, political science, public health, epidemiology, and psychology. Although SDA is known for regional emphases and membership, the Association encourages the membership and participation of individuals from any region of the country or world. The structure of presentations is flexible; potential contributors are encouraged to not only send abstracts for individual research papers and posters, but also for complete sessions, thematic sessions, panel discussions, and more!

Please email [Wes James \(wljames1@memphis.edu\)](mailto:wljames1@memphis.edu), 2021 program chair, with any questions regarding a potential submission. Presentations by (or co-authored with) students are especially welcome; they can offer a student a significant first professional meeting experience. SDA also awards cash prizes to the best undergraduate and to the best graduate student paper (see details on next page).

All proposals and abstracts should be submitted by **Friday, July 9, 2021 at 11:59pm CDT** through the following Google Form: [SDA Abstract Submissions](#). The submission form will ask you for your name, the name(s) of any co-authors (or other presenters if you are proposing a session), descriptions of paper(s) or poster(s)/topics of proposed session(s) in 250 words or less, institutional affiliation(s), and contact information (email address, telephone number).

Full abstract submission link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepGNfdbIIXi8PH51g8zvC\\_v4osN\\_n\\_pYpF0wNLQ6iX7PIMzg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepGNfdbIIXi8PH51g8zvC_v4osN_n_pYpF0wNLQ6iX7PIMzg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0)

# Call for Papers & SDA Awards

## Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting October 4-6, 2021 Knoxville, Tennessee

We invite submissions of 250-word abstracts for individual research papers and/or posters in applied or academic demography, economics, geography, sociology, public health, psychology, and epidemiology. Also welcome are proposals for thematic sessions or panel discussions.

During the meeting, SDA will announce the 2021 winners of three awards:

- ◆ **E. Walter Terrie Award** for “the best paper presented at the SDA Annual Meeting on an applied topic, especially one relating to state and local demography”
  - ◇ Send nominations to [Jason Devine \(jason.e.devine@census.gov\)](mailto:jason.e.devine@census.gov)
- ◆ **Everett S. Lee Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award** (1 paper per 1<sup>st</sup> author)
  - ◇ Send nominations to [studentawards@sda-demography.org](mailto:studentawards@sda-demography.org)
- ◆ **Outstanding Undergraduate Paper Award** (1 paper per 1<sup>st</sup> author)
  - ◇ Send nominations to [studentawards@sda-demography.org](mailto:studentawards@sda-demography.org)

All paper/poster/session submissions must be made by **11:59pm CDT** on **Friday, July 9, 2021** at the following link: [SDA Abstract Submissions](#).

All paper **award** submissions must be made by **11:59pm CDT** on **Friday, September 10, 2021** to their respective email addresses noted above.

Questions? Contact [Wes James](mailto:wljames1@memphis.edu), Program Chair ([wljames1@memphis.edu](mailto:wljames1@memphis.edu)) or see more details at <http://sda-demography.org/Awards>.



# MEMBER NEWS

**David A. Swanson** (University of California Riverside) penned numerous articles answering the question “How Can Demographers Contribute to Alleviating the COVID-19 Pandemic and Researching It?”

See Part I here: <http://www.sda-demography.org/news/8867531>

See Part II here: <http://www.sda-demography.org/news/9064294>

He also initiated a News thread consisting of articles and resources on **Disclosure Avoidance**. Multiple **SDA members** have contributed to it. Please email newsletter co-editor **Julia Wolf** ([jkwolf@mix.wvu.edu](mailto:jkwolf@mix.wvu.edu)) to contribute relevant work.

Click here to access it: <http://www.sda-demography.org/news/10524019>

# IN MEMORIAM

**Jacob (Jay) S. Siegel**  
**July 25, 1921 - October 26, 2020**

Jay Siegel was an internationally known demographer and gerontologist. He holds an M.A. degree in Sociology from the University of Pennsylvania. He has had three overlapping careers, former Senior Statistician for Demographic Research and analysis at the U.S. Census Bureau, former Senior Research Scholar and Professional Lecturer in the Department of Demography at Georgetown University, and most recently private demographic consultant. In his 40-year career at the Census Bureau Siegel received the Gold Medal Award and the Silver Medal Award from the U.S. Department of Commerce. Siegel was President of the Population Association of America in 1980 and is a Fellow of the American Statistical Association and the Gerontological Society of America. For the past 40 years has been working privately as an expert witness, commissioned author of various technical documents in applied demography and gerontological demography, and visiting faculty in a host of universities. Jay Siegel is the author of several text books, including: *A Generation of Change: A Profile of America's Older Population*, *Applied Demography: Applications to Business, Government, Law, and Public Policy*, *The Demography and Epidemiology of Human Health and Aging*, *Demographic and Socioeconomic Basis of Ethnolinguistics*, and co-author or co-editor of the so-called bible of demography, *The Methods and Materials of Demography* (2 vols.), and the First and Second Condensed Editions under the same name. At the time of his death he had just completed a revised second edition of his Applied Demography text.

As a youth, Jay was an accomplished volleyball player and harmonica player. He taught himself a half dozen languages, and became literate in them and bilingual in English and Spanish. This knowledge of Spanish led to assignments in Puerto Rico, Mexico City, Havana, and Santiago, Chile. He developed an aptitude in preparing glossaries in demography and gerontology, and was solicited to work on a number of works of this kind. In his more than 45-year career as college teacher, he trained legions of academics in the techniques of demography, applied demography, and gerontological demography. He will be remembered for his assiduity and concern as a teacher for the progress of his students then and in their later careers.

Siegel was predeceased by his wife, Rose Varon Siegel, his daughter, Lorise Verne Siegel, and his brothers David and Irvin and sister Ronnie.

Many SDA members have remembered Jay fondly, as seen at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/silver-spring-md/jacob-siegel-9869640>

# COMMENTS FROM THE EDITORS

Hi **SDA Members**,

We would like to encourage everyone to contact us with any news items worthy of being included in future editions of the newsletter. These items could include professional accomplishments, pictures from SDA events, conferences and workshops, job opportunities, and more! For time sensitive information, we can also post to the **SDA website** under the **News** section.

You can contact us via email at [news@sda-demography.org](mailto:news@sda-demography.org), or contact **Wes** by phone at **(901) 678-1631**.

Thanks,

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