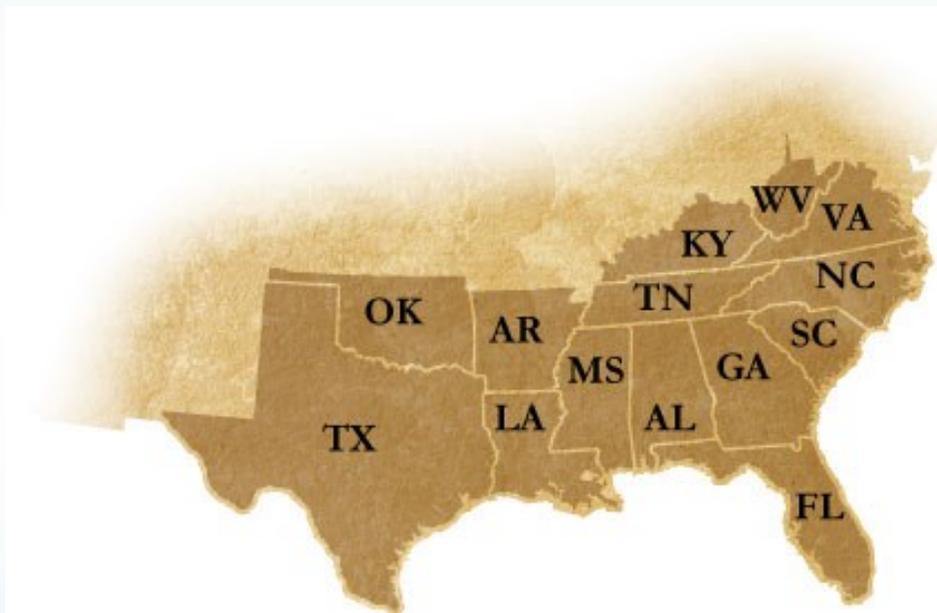


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CALL FOR PAPERS

**October 12-14, 2016
The Graduate Hotel
Athens, GA**

Contributors are encouraged to send abstracts for individual research papers and posters, as well as proposals for complete paper and poster sessions, thematic sessions, panel discussions, and software demonstrations.



Presentations of applied and academic demographic research in the fields of demography, sociology, economics, political science, public health, geography, epidemiology, and psychology are welcome.

The SDA also awards the Everett S. Lee Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award and an Outstanding Undergraduate Paper Award. The Walt Terrie Award recognizes the best paper on an applied topic, especially one relating to state and local demography. (See awards at <http://sda-demography.org>, and a link to each is also provided on the next page of this newsletter).

Submit abstracts by July 15, 2016 at:

<http://sda-demography.org/SDA-Abstracts.php?meetyear=2016>

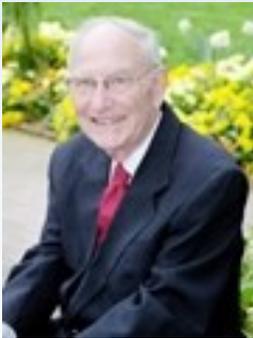


Contact Program Chair Mark Fossett (m-Fossett@tamu.edu) with any questions.

SDA PAPER AWARDS

The SDA makes awards for the following types of papers presented at the annual meeting:

Everett S. Lee Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award



SDA presents an award for the best *graduate student* paper delivered at the annual meeting. The winning student receives a cash prize and a certificate, both of which are presented at the annual business meeting. Please send your complete paper in electronic format to http://sda-demography.org/sda_lee_award.php by September 15, 2016.

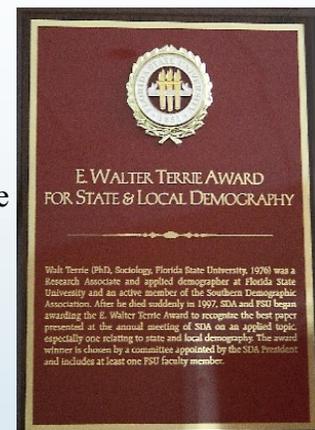
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Paper Award

SDA presents a cash prize and a certificate for the best *undergraduate paper* presented at the conference. The award is given at the annual business meeting. Please send your complete paper, in electronic format, to studentawards@sda-demography.org by September 15, 2016.

E. Walter Terrie Award for State and Local Demography

Walt Terrie was a faculty member and applied demographer at Florida State University and an active member of the Southern Demographic Association. After he died suddenly in 1997, SDA and FSU began awarding the Walt Terrie Award to recognize the “best paper presented at the SDA Annual Meeting on an applied topic, especially one relating to state and local demography.” The award is chosen by a committee appointed by the SDA President and including at least one FSU faculty member. For consideration for the E. Walter Terrie Award, email your submission to Jason Devine jason.e.devine@census.gov no later than September 14, 2015.

Submissions for the award should only be made after the paper has been submitted for program consideration through the SDA website http://sda-demography.org/sda_terrie_award.php. The Terrie Award consists of a \$400 cash prize and an appropriate certificate.



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MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

We are so excited that our 2016 Annual Meeting will be held in the Classic City: Athens, Georgia. Athens is one of the hippest towns in America with a vibrant arts scene. The downtown and adjacent University of Georgia campus are fully walkable, and, in October, the weather should be terrific. Athens is also conveniently located in the heart of the South, so it will be driving distance for many of our members and an easy shuttle ride for those flying into Atlanta. If you've never been to Athens, our annual meetings will be the perfect opportunity to see what all the hype is about. If you haven't been to Athens for a long time, you can marvel at all the changes.

This year's meeting will be held at The Graduate, a boutique hotel billed as "an intellectual return to the glory days of college," with "a rich color palette accented with bright florals, classic Southern haberdashery and fresh modern elements." In other words, it's *so* Athens. The hotel itself is in the historic Athens Foundry which became infamous in 1863 for producing a double-barreled cannon—a weapon that shot one cannon, flipped over, and shot the shooter. Oops! The cannon still sits at City Hall and is worth a visit along with other notable Athens features, such as The Tree that Owns Itself. Some of the hotel guest rooms are in the adjacent Hoyt House, a two-store home built in 1829. The Hoyt House also features a very nice spa, for those who need a little respite from the important work of being a demographer. SDA's Local Arrangements Chair, Matt Hauer, has worked diligently to ensure the best hospitality Athens has to offer.

This year, we are delighted that our luncheon speakers will be Steven Holloway and Jennifer Barber. Holloway is a Professor of Geography at the University of Georgia who is best known for his extensive work on diversity, segregation, and mixed-race couples. Jennifer Barber is a Professor of Sociology and a Research Professor at the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan. She is best known for her work on contraceptive use and teen pregnancy and she is the Principal Investigator of the longitudinal Relationship Dynamics and Social Life Study, which explores which types of relationships result in early and/or unintended pregnancies.

As I write this, President-elect Mark Fossett is working hard putting together what promises to be an exceptional program. Help him by submitting your paper abstracts early in our online system, and please encourage your colleagues and students to submit, too. Additionally, please consider your submission for the E. Walter Terrie Award for State and Local Demography and encourage promising students to apply for the Everett Lee Graduate Paper Award and the Undergraduate Paper Award.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Athens!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Bohan", is centered within a white rectangular box.

ATHENS HOTEL INFORMATION

The 2016 annual meeting will be held at the Graduate Hotel, read below for a description:

Welcome to Graduate Athens – where your intellectual curiosity meets your favorite place to stay.

Perhaps you've noticed our Graduate hotel has made a home in the Foundry, where blacksmiths crafted famed works like the UGA Arch and the Double-Barreled Cannon. We're located near downtown and just a short walk from the scenic and historic UGA campus. Our boutique hotel has crafted the perfect setting for a wedding, company meet up and is the all-around smartest place to stay in Athens, GA.

The Foundry, our music venue, was reimagined to honor the site's roots and preserve this piece of Athens' fine past. The multi-tiered venue welcomes crystal clear views, stellar acoustics and a place to celebrate with craft brews, fine food and new artists.

So whether you're dropping in for a show, showing off the Alma mater or attending a meeting here in town, our Graduate hotel is here to make it memorable. Our warm, friendly and whip smart staff (#humblebrag) can guide you around Georgia's finest – so that you feel like a local – even if it's your first time in Athens.

Sit back with a copy of The Red and Black, grab a Terrapin Liquid Bliss and bite at the Foundry – this is the good life in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Our Athens boutique hotel rooms are ready for a night like you've never had before. Where little moments of surprise and discovery will meet you down every corridor. This is Graduate – get ready to be inspired.

“Ever crowned with praise and glory Georgia, hail to thee!”

To book a room for the upcoming SDA meeting please visit this link:



MEMBER NEWS

The members of SDA are saddened to learn of the death of Adansi Amankwaa in September 2015. Dr. Amankwaa was a member of SDA and received his Ph.D. from Florida State University. Dr. Amankwaa joined the Department of Sociology at Albany State University in Albany, GA in 1996, and was a valuable member of the ASU community as evidenced by him being recognized as Researcher of the Year at ASU in 2004-2005. He was 61 years old. See below for a link to Dr. Amankwaa's obituary:

<http://dev.albanyherald.com/news/2015/sep/10/adansi-8220felix8221-amankwaa/>

JOBS: UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Applied Demographer Position, Univ of Georgia (posted 15 Apr 16)

The Carl Vinson Inst of Govt invites applications for a public service faculty position as an Applied Demographer. Starts August 1, 2016.

A master's degree or equivalent in demography, sociology, geography, economics, city/urban planning, or related field is required. Ph.D. or equivalent is preferred. The successful candidate must possess strong knowledge and experience with demographic analysis, regional economics, demographic and other socioeconomic data, and research methods. Experience with any statistical package such as Stata, SAS, R, or Python and experience with GIS and spatial data is required.

Candidates will be considered for the position until it is filled but are assured of consideration if materials are received by May 15, 2016. More details [HERE](#) (click on the link labeled [...Applied Demography Program])

JOBS: LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY

The School of History and Social Sciences seeks applicants for a tenure track Assistant Professor of Sociology position, beginning September 1, 2016. A Ph.D. in Sociology is required by this date. The successful candidate will become part of a small, collegial department with a strong commitment to undergraduate teaching. We seek applicants to teach social theory and research methods in addition to her/his areas of specialization and interest, along with introductory sociology. The ability to teach classes such as race and ethnicity, criminal justice, social movements, and aging is desired, although we are open to other areas of specialization as well. The normal teaching load is three courses per quarter. Responsibilities will also include advising undergraduate sociology majors. A strong commitment to exemplary teaching at the undergraduate level, scholarship/research activity, and good interpersonal and collegial skills are expected. Please send letter of application, curriculum vitae, transcripts, and three current letters of recommendation via email to: Jason Pigg at jpigg@latech.edu. (If necessary, letters may be sent to Jason Pigg, Head, Department of Social Sciences, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA 71272.) Review of applications will begin on May 16, 2016, and continue until the position is filled. Louisiana Tech University is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply. Louisiana Tech University is a member of the University of Louisiana System.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE: PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Online Graduate Certificate and Masters of Professional Studies in Applied Demography Pennsylvania State University Department of Sociology

The Department of Sociology at The Pennsylvania State University will launch online courses leading to a Graduate Certificate and a Masters of Professional Studies (MPS) in Applied Demography in the Fall of 2016. These courses are offered through Penn State's World Campus. The Graduate Certificate and MPS programs are designed for working professionals who are seeking to increase their knowledge applied demographic topics and methods, to enhance their careers, support organizational goals and objectives, and better understand and anticipate population change. The opportunities for applied demographers are numerous and include: data and market research analysis, local, state and regional planning, and consulting for public and private organizations.

The Certificate is a 12-credit (four courses) program provides an introduction to the concepts, measures, data, software and methods used in applied demography with an emphasis on applications in both the public and private sectors. The four courses in the Certificate form the core requirements for the online MPS in Applied Demography. The online MPS in Applied Demography is a 30-credit degree (10 courses) and will draw on applied demographic research from both the U.S. and International context. Students will complete their MPS with a capstone project where they will apply the applied demography perspective to a subject relevant to their professional goals.

To obtain information about the MPS in Applied Demography, please contact Dr. Alexis R. Santos, ars39@psu.edu. We will launch the Certificate Program in the Fall of 2016 and an MPS in Applied Demography in the Spring/Fall of 2017.

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

Hi SDA Members,

I would like to encourage everyone to contact me of any news items worthy of being included in future editions of the newsletter. You can contact me via email at news@sda-demography.org, or by phone at (901) 678-1631.

Thanks,

Wes James
The University of Memphis
Editor, Southern Demographic News