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*CULTURAL, PRAGMATIST, &
PSYCHOSOCIAL APPROACHES*

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WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE

The Roots and Branches of Interpretive Sociology: Cultural, Pragmatist, and Psychosocial Approaches

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Within the field of sociology, scholars have advanced various approaches to the interpretation of social life. While these approaches share a drive to uncover the deeper meanings underlying human actions, events, and experiences, they often diverge in their core assumptions, methods, theoretical vocabularies, and levels of analysis. They also draw from a range of theoretical traditions including the social psychology of George Herbert Mead, the semiotics of Charles Sanders Peirce, the thick description of Clifford Geertz, the hermeneutics of Paul Ricoeur, the structural linguistics of Ferdinand de Saussure, the social phenomenology of Alfred Schütz, the cultural anthropology of Mary Douglas, and the psychoanalytic thought of Sigmund Freud and Jacques Lacan, among other influences.

Moreover, scholars working in these traditions have developed various programs to grasp the rich layers of meaning behind human experiences. Some of these—including the strong program in cultural sociology/cultural theory, symbolic interactionism/pragmatism, and psychoanalytic sociology/ psychosocial theory—have made significant contributions to the field. In an effort to build bridges among these approaches and advance the overall aims of interpretive sociology, we envision this conference as providing a unique space where scholars from cultural sociology, symbolic interactionism/pragmatism, and psychoanalytic sociology can come together to discuss different approaches to common themes.

Over the course of two days, we will host panels and social gatherings that are designed to facilitate these conversations. We are thrilled you are here and taking part in this important exchange. **Welcome and enjoy!**

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Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction

The Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (SSSI) is an international professional organization of scholars interested in the study of a wide range of social issues with an emphasis on identity, everyday practice, and language. Symbolic interactionism, the society's theoretical foundation, is derived from American pragmatism and inspired by the work of many foundational thinkers such as C. S. Peirce, William James, John Dewey, George Herbert Mead, Herbert Blumer, Robert Park, Charles Horton Cooley, Erving Goffman, Howard Becker, and others. Scholars in this tradition have come to be concerned with particular phenomena, such as the social foundations of the self and identity, the emergence of meaning in social situations, social performance, and the social foundations of cognition, memory, and emotion. Symbolic interactionism has influenced many sub-disciplines in the social sciences, including sociology of emotions, deviance/criminology, collective behavior/social movements, feminist studies, social psychology, communications theory, semiotics, education, nursing, mass media studies, organizations, and the study of social problems. Similarly, many interactionist concepts have gained widespread use, such as the total institution, emotion work, identity work, and impression management. <https://www.symbolicinteraction.org/>

Yale University's Center for Cultural Sociology

Yale University's Center for Cultural Sociology (CCS) provides a focus for meaning-centered analysis in the social science tradition, with openings to normative themes such as democracy, justice, tolerance and civility. Drawing on classical and contemporary social and cultural theory, CCS students and researchers develop concepts and methods that illuminate the cultural texture of social life at both individual and collective levels. They apply these to understanding the full range of activities and processes from local to global levels. Because culture is always closely intertwined with the patterning of social organization, the CCS is centrally concerned with institutional life and the intersection of culture with social structure. Its own institutional life is carried on through the ongoing Workshop, seminars and courses offered

by CCS faculty and students, guest lectures from distinguished visiting scholars, and occasional conferences. Through activities such as these, CCS also provides a meeting point for the humanities and social sciences, both at Yale and beyond. The CCS directors and fellows maintain active research programs. The lines of ongoing research include: (1) Developing cultural theory: We theorize the structure of meanings and the way these influence social action at levels from the interpersonal to the global; a core focus of the CCS is on developing new conceptual tools for this activity. (2) The study of various empirical domains in which meaning shapes social life. In the past decade topics that have led to monographs have included war and cultural trauma, economic exchange, political authority, social movements, punishment, the mass media, and civil discourse and civil society. (3) Ongoing projects and works in progress by CCS faculty include household budgeting, climate change, President Obama, the crisis of journalism, and the Vietnam War. <https://ccs.yale.edu/>

Psychosocial Scholars Group

The Psychosocial Scholars Group first convened over twenty years ago. Centered in New York City but networked globally, this collective of academics and practitioners works to explore the intersections between sociology and psychoanalytic theory. In particular, we ask how the insights of psychoanalytic thought—from Freud to various contemporary thinkers—can inform and advance our understandings of a variety of significant social questions. We also investigate the historic relationship between sociology and psychoanalysis with a particular interest in the sociological resistance to psychoanalytic perspectives. As we explore these and related themes, we challenge sociology to engage with psychoanalytic insights and, in the process, break down some barriers in the discipline. As part of our work, and under the editorial leadership of Lynn Chancer and John Andrews, this group recently produced a collection of writings that advance psychosocial scholarship and theory in various ways. This book is titled *The Unhappy Divorce of Sociology and Psychoanalysis: Diverse Perspectives on the Psychosocial* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2014).

STATEMENT ON EXPECTED CONDUCT

The Program Committee Co-Chairs would like to remind all participants of the American Sociological Association’s policy on harassment (ASA Code of Ethics, June 2018, Point 6, Page 7), which is reprinted below. The Co-Chairs support this policy and will work to enforce these professional standards of conduct; please report any incident or act that violates our professional standards of conduct during this conference to them.

“Sociologists do not engage in harassment of any person, including colleagues, students, supervisees, employees, staff, or research participants. Harassment consists of a single intense and severe act or multiple persistent acts, any of which are demeaning, abusive, offensive, or create a hostile professional or workplace environment. Harassment may include unnecessary, exaggerated, or unwarranted scrutiny or attack, whether verbal or non-verbal. Sexual harassment may include unwanted sexual solicitation, physical advance, or verbal or non-verbal conduct that is sexual in nature. Acts of harassment can be based on age, race, socioeconomic status and socioeconomic origins, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, health conditions, political affiliation, marital status, domestic status, parental status, or any other applicable basis proscribed by law.”

For the complete ASA Code of the Ethics, see http://www.asanet.org/sites/default/files/asa_code_of_ethics-june2018.pdf.

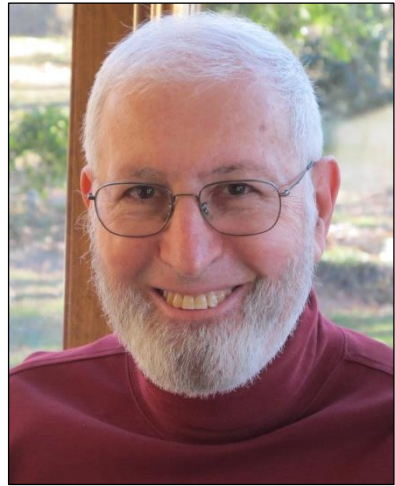
ABOUT THE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

“Taken for Granted: Phenomenology Meets Semiotics”

Eviatar Zerubavel

Friday, August 10 | 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Eviatar Zerubavel is Board of Governors and Distinguished Professor of Sociology at Rutgers University. He is the author of *Patterns of Time in Hospital Life: A Sociological Perspective* (1979), *Hidden Rhythms: Schedules and Calendars in Social Life* (1981), *The Seven-Day Circle: The History and Meaning of the Week* (1985), *The Fine Line: Making Distinctions in Everyday Life* (1991), *Terra Cognita: The Mental Discovery of America* (1992), *Social Mindscapes: An Invitation to Cognitive Sociology* (1997), *The Clockwork Muse: A Practical Guide to Writing Theses, Dissertations, and Books* (1999), *Time Maps: Collective Memory and the Social Shape of the Past* (2003), *The Elephant in the Room: Silence and Denial in Everyday Life* (2006), *Ancestors and Relatives: Genealogy, Identity, and Community* (2011), *Hidden in Plain Sight: The Social Structure of Irrelevance* (2015), and *Taken for Granted: The Remarkable Power of the Unremarkable* (2018). Dr. Zerubavel served as Chair of the Culture Section of the American Sociological Association in 2000-2001, and he was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship in 2003. He is currently writing a book on generic theorizing.



ABOUT THE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

“Symbolic Interaction and the Productions of
Meaning in a Chaotic Post-Fact World”

Donileen Loseke

Saturday, August 11 | 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Donileen Loseke is a Professor of Sociology at the University of South Florida. She has served as President of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction and President of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

A proud recipient of the Mead, Cooley, and Mentor Awards from the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, she is also a former editor of the *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* and a current editorial board member for *Social Psychology Quarterly* and *Symbolic Interaction*. Dr. Loseke’s most recent book, *Methodological Thinking: An Introduction to Social Research Design* (2nd edition, Sage Publications, 2017), is an introduction to epistemological



issues underlying both qualitative and quantitative research. Her current substantive interests are in narrative, emotion, and culture, especially in how stories on public stages can encourage support for political agendas. She is working on a new book titled *Narrative and the Productions of Meaning*, which she says is a particularly difficult project in this chaotic, “post-fact” era.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW: DAY ONE

Friday, August 10, 2018

8:00- 8:30 am	REGISTRATION, MEET AND GREET, & REFRESHMENTS	
8:30- 10:00 am	SESSION ONE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Narrative Identities and Social Situations• Everyday Racial Mechanisms of Structural Inequality• Modes of Inquiry in Cognitive Sociology: Intersections with Cognitive Science• Sex/Gender Identities at Work• Selected Undergraduate Research Presentations	Room: C08 C15 C116 C34 C06
10:15- 11:45 am	SESSION TWO <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interpreting Religion Featured Thematic Panel• 10:20 – 11:30 am: Messages and Meaning in Mass Media co-sponsored by the Media Sociology Preconference• Depressive Love: A Social Pathology Book Panel• Gendered Logics / Sex and Gender Scripts• Reproducing the Boundaries of Power	Room: C15 C36 C06 C34 C116
11:45 am- 1:00 pm	LUNCH BREAK	
1:00- 2:30 pm	SESSION THREE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Fine Lines of Interpreting Bodies and Identities Featured Thematic Panel• Transformative Experience• New Developments in Methods of Interpretation• Collective Memory & Mnemonic Practices	Room: C15 C116 C34 C08

2:45- 4:15 pm	SESSION FOUR	Room:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beyond Gender? Interpreting/Experiencing Gender in Contemporary Contexts Featured Thematic Panel • Media & Frames of Meaning co-sponsored by the Media Sociology Preconference • Environment, Space, and Place • Micro-Interactions and the Meanings of Personal Relationships • Memory, Trauma, and Identity 	C15 C08 C06 C116 C34
4:15- 5:00 pm	RECEPTION & REFRESHMENTS	
5:00- 6:30 pm	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Eviatar Zerubavel, Rutgers University	Room: C05

PROGRAM OVERVIEW: DAY TWO

Saturday, August 11, 2018

8:00- 8:30 am	REGISTRATION, MEET AND GREET, & REFRESHMENTS	
8:30- 10:00 am	SESSION ONE	Room:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semiotics and Social Interpretation Featured Thematic Panel • Narrating Gendered and Sexual Selves • Theory & Methods of the Psychosocial • Sociomental Frames and Meaning Construction • Identity Work and Power Dynamics 	C15 C08 C116 C06 C34

10:15- 11:45 am	<p>SESSION TWO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Meanings of Music Featured Thematic Panel • Symbolic Interactionism and Psychoanalysis: Beyond the Pathological and the Clinical Featured Thematic Panel • Local Cultures and Contextualized Interpretations • New Interpretations of Selfhood and Identity • Symbolic Interactionist Perspectives on Social Structure 	<p>Room:</p> <p>C15</p> <p>C36</p> <p>C08</p> <p>C116</p> <p>C34</p>
11:45 am- 1:00 pm	<p>LUNCH BREAK</p>	
1:00- 2:30 pm	<p>SESSION THREE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpretive Methods: A Panel Discussion on Levels of Analysis and Levels of Abstraction Featured Thematic Panel • Pragmatic-Based Interactionism • Authoritarianism and the Psychosocial • Interpretive Analysis of Urban Spaces • Crafting Identities / Symbolic Boundaries • Interpretive Paradigms and Deviant Work 	<p>Room:</p> <p>C15</p> <p>C34</p> <p>C08</p> <p>C36</p> <p>C116</p> <p>C06</p>
2:45- 4:15 pm	<p>SESSION FOUR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpreting Race: Trends, Dilemmas, and New Directions Featured Thematic Panel • Race, Ethnicity, Emotions, & the Psychosocial • Building Commonalities: Politics of Engagement & Cultural Sociology • Identity Work and Challenges to Selfhood 	<p>Room:</p> <p>C15</p> <p>C116</p> <p>C34</p> <p>C08</p>
4:15- 5:00 pm	<p>RECEPTION & REFRESHMENTS</p>	
5:00- 6:30 pm	<p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Donileen Loseke, University of South Florida</p>	<p>Room:</p> <p>C05</p>

FULL PROGRAM & SCHEDULE

Friday, August 10

**Registration, Meet and Greet, & Refreshments: 8:00
– 8:30 am**

Sponsored by Hunter College, CUNY

Session One: 8:30 – 10:00 am

Narrative Identities and Social Situations | Room C08

Organizer & Presider: Lea T. Marzo, Georgia State University

Panelists:

- **Set Trippin': Narrative Identities and Gang Membership.** Lea T. Marzo, Georgia State University
- **Finding My Black Card: Disidentification and Afro-Latinx Identity.** Edlin Veras, University of South Florida
- **It's Camp: Identity Formation at Summer Camp.** Penny Harvey, Georgia State University
- **Black on Both Sides: An Examination of Race and Class in the Ghetto Mecca.** Jonathan Grant, Georgia State University

Everyday Racial Mechanisms of Structural Inequality | Room C15

Organizers: Michael L. Rosino, University of Connecticut & Matthew W. Hughey, University of Connecticut

Presider: Michael L. Rosino, University of Connecticut

Panelists:

- **Pathological Racism, and Other -isms, as a Form of Addiction.** Rodney D. Coates, Miami University
- **The Bounce Back: Balancing of Civic, Political, and Social Life among the Black Middle Class.** Candice C. Robinson, University of Pittsburgh

- **How Does It Feel to be the Solution? Toward a Phenomenology of Ignorance.** Jennifer C. Mueller, Skidmore College; Kristen M. Lavelle, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
- **Contemporary Opposition towards Black Political Action.** Karen H. Lee, University of Texas, Austin

Modes of Inquiry in Cognitive Sociology: Intersections with Cognitive Science | Room C116

Organizer & Presider: Ryan McVeigh, Lakehead University

Panelists:

- **The Rules of Cognitive Sociological Method.** Ryan McVeigh, Lakehead University
- **The Phenomenology of Truth.** Joshua Wakeham, University of Alabama
- **On Sociological Debugging and Emergent Meaning: Interpretive Interventions in Cognitive Experiments.** Nils Kloweit, Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences

Sex/Gender Identities at Work | Room C34

Presider: Marisa Tramontano, CUNY Graduate Center

Panelists:

- **A Comparative Examination of the Exit Accounts of Volunteers and Paid Workers.** Kylie Parrotta, Delaware State University & Alison Buck, Center for Urban Affairs and Community Services
- **Masculinity and Silence in Academia.** John C. Pruit, Stephen F. Austin State University & Amanda G. Pruit, Stephen F. Austin State University
- **Outsourced Exclusion? LGBTQ Military Members Blurring the Boundaries of Inclusion, Agency, and Exploitation.** Courtney Caviness, University of California, Davis
- **Male Femininities in the Firehouse: Managing Gender-Nonconforming Embodiments and Practices in a Hyper-Masculine Context.** Roscoe C. Scarborough, Franklin and Marshall College

Selected Undergraduate Research Presentations | Room C06

Organizers: Jenny Enos, Gettysburg College & Liselotte Hammer, Eastern Connecticut State University

Presider: Nicolas Simon, Eastern Connecticut State University

Panelists:

- **Why Dorian Gray Can't Live with Himself: A Dramaturgical Analysis.** Sarah House, Dickinson College
- **Intimate Labor and Gender Norms in the International Introduction Industry.** Amanda Schwinger, Lebanon Valley College
- **An Exceptional Racism: How Swedes Talk About Ethnoracial Difference.** Jenny Enos, Gettysburg College
- **A Tale of a Collective Culture: Scandinavian Students and Their Struggle with Adapting American Culture.** Liselotte Hammer, Eastern Connecticut State University
- **Wicca as Both Individual and Communal: How New Religious Movements are Personalized.** Julie Szamocki, Eastern Connecticut State University

Session Two: 10:15 – 11:45 am

Interpreting Religion | **Featured Thematic Panel | Room C15**

Organizers, Presiders, & Discussants: Erin F. Johnston, Stanford University & Daniel Winchester, Purdue University

Panelists:

- **Penny Edgell**, University of Minnesota
- **Iddo Tavory**, New York University
- **Vikas Singh**, Montclair State University

Messages and Meaning in Mass Media | **10:20 – 11:30 am* | **Co-sponsored by the Media Sociology Preconference** | Room C36**

Organizer & Presider: Ian Sheinheit, SUNY Albany

Panelists:

* This panel runs on a different timetable to accommodate its co-sponsorship by the Media Sociology Preconference, which is sharing the conference space.

- **Give as Good as You Get: Reviewers as Both Cultural Producers and Consumers.** Phillipa K. Chong, McMaster University
- **Graphic Interpretation: Comic Books and Visual Analysis.** Dustin Kidd, Temple University
- **Digital Messages and Meanings About Immigration: Papers, Please and the Capacity for a Video Game to Promote an Aesthetic Public Sphere.** Brian McKernan, Syracuse University
- **The Meanings and Actions of News: News as Interpretive Social Practice.** Stephen F. Ostertag, Tulane University

Depressive Love: A Social Pathology | Book Panel | Room C06

Organizer & Presider: Lynn Chancer, Graduate Center of the City University of New York

Author: Emma Engdahl, University of Gothenburg

Panelists:

- **Lynn Chancer**, Graduate Center of the City University of New York
- **Natalia Ruiz-Junco**, Auburn University
- **Christina Nadler**, Contemporary Freudian Society

Gendered Logics / Sex and Gender Scripts | Room C34

Presider: Krista McQueeney, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater

Panelists:

- **Patriarchal Sexual Scripts: Cultural Coercion and “Affirmative Consent” in Heterosexual Relations.** Sherryl Kleinman, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; A. Corey Frost, Research Triangle Institute International; Matthew B. Ezzell, James Madison University
- **The Radiant Self: Transgender Discursive Resistance and Narrative Self-Making.** Sonny Nordmarken, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- **Making Legitimate Conspiracy: Legitimizing Discourses and Masculine Cultural Scripts Among “Preppers.”** Jonathan Redman, University of California, Irvine
- **The Roots and Branches of Righteous Retaliation: American Retributive Violence from Osama bin Laden to**

Operation Matador. Marisa Tramontano, CUNY Graduate Center

Reproducing the Boundaries of Power | Room C116

Organizer & Presider: Max Papadantonakis, CUNY Graduate Center

Panelists:

- **Cultural Othering: Interpersonal Foundations of Nationalist and Ethnic Conflict in a Greek Street Market.** Max Papadantonakis, CUNY Graduate Center
- **Building Walls: The Processes of Constructing Class Inequality.** Alissa Klein, University of South Florida
- **Face Control: Everynight Selection and “the Other.”** Avihu Shoshana, Haifa University
- **Racial Formation and Performance in the Queer Male Sexual Marketplace.** Andrew Shapiro, CUNY Graduate Center

Lunch Break: 11:45 am – 1:00 pm

Session Three: 1:00 – 2:30 pm

The Fine Lines of Interpreting Bodies and Identities | Featured Thematic Panel | Room C15

Organizers, Presiders, & Discussants: Anne Marie Champagne, Yale University & Piper Sledge, Bryn Mawr College

Panelists:

- **Stylized Extremism: Embodied Violence, Performance and Youth Radicalization.** Cynthia Miller-Idriss, American University
- **Metaphors, Mechanisms, Materiality: A Cultural Cognitive Perspective on the Social Construction of the Body.** Asia Friedman, University of Delaware
- **Hearing Value: Embodied Perception, Understanding, and Value.** Whitney Johnson, University of Chicago

Transformative Experience | Room C116

Organizers: Erin F. Johnston, Stanford University & Daniel Winchester, Purdue University

Presider: Daniel Winchester, Purdue University

Panelists:

- **Personal Transformation in Practice: Spiritual Communities, Discursive Consciousness, and the Reflexive Imperative.** Erin F. Johnston, Stanford University
- **Re-Narrating Self after Relationship Dissolution: The Role of Social Support Networks.** Spencer Garrison, University of Michigan
- **Taking Care and Taking Risks: Identity Formation in Young Adults with Chronic Conditions.** Hillary Steinberg, University of Colorado Boulder
- **From “Getting Your Bell Rung” to Experiencing a Concussion: Former Football Players Redefining Past Head Hits.** Deana Simonetto, Wilfrid Laurier University

New Developments in Methods of Interpretation | Room C34

Presider: Lisa McCormick, University of Edinburgh

Panelists:

- **Race in the Symbolic Landscape: Cross-National Considerations.** Anna Lund, Stockholm University & Andrea Voyer, University of Connecticut
- **Interactional Ethnography and the Sociology of Effects.** Iddo Tavory, New York University
- **Reflections on the Interview as Interaction.** Brandy L. Simula, Emory University & Michael Patrick Vaughn, Emory University
- **Assessing Private and Public Selves Utilizing the TST and the TST-Short.** David Rohall, Missouri State University

Collective Memory & Mnemonic Practices | Room C08

Presider & Discussant: Christina Simko, Williams College

Panelists:

- **Class, Generation, and Collective Memory: Chairman Mao’s Children and China’s Difficult Past.** Bin Xu, Emory University

- **Memory, Morality, and Monuments: National Identity in Competing Confederate Monument Removal Narratives.**
Kathryn DelGenio, University of South Florida
- **Contested Space, Contested Futures: The DC Funk Parade as Cultural Performance and Collective Imagination.**
Joanna Dressel, CUNY Graduate Center

Session Four: 2:45 – 4:15 pm

Beyond Gender? Interpreting/Experiencing Gender in Contemporary Contexts | **Featured Thematic Panel** | Room C15

Organizer & Presider: Jodi O'Brien, Seattle University

Panelists:

- **Jodi O'Brien**, Seattle University
- **Wendy Chapkis**, University of Southern Maine
- **Arlene Stein**, Rutgers University

Description: As lesbian feminist sociologists of a certain age (i.e., older) with a long professional history of interpretivist/interactionist scholarship in gender and sexuality, we are intrigued with recent socio-historical shifts in gender and sexual identities and expressions (e.g., trans masculine rather than butch lesbian). These expressions reflect shifting social forms of classification that may indicate a broader acceptance of gender and sexual variance, but may also result in unanticipated and heightened forms of exclusion. For instance, is there a “right” way to be gay/queer/trans in current cultural practices? How are these shifting scripts/classifications influencing choices about who we think we can be? What does this variance suggest about the ways in which we make sense of bodies, feelings, and interactional expectations around gender and sexuality? These are a few of the questions that we’d like to dialogue on based on our respective socio-historical perspectives.

Media & Frames of Meaning | **Co-sponsored by the Media Sociology Preconference** | Room C08

Organizer & Discussant: Julie B. Wiest, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Panelists:

- **Between Interpretation and Involvement: A Frame-Analytic Account of Mediated Interaction.** Maria Erofeeva, Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration
- **Unite the Right, Divide the Narrative: Competing Constructions of the Violence in Charlottesville.** Shelby Statham, University of South Florida
- **What Does Beauty Cost? Interpretations of Identity and Beauty Norms in the Comic *Beauty*.** Myron Strong, Community College of Baltimore County
- **Advocating for Life Itself: Narratives of Moral Worthiness in Crowdfunding Personal Medical Expenses, and the Wider Implications of Commodifying Virtue in Times of Suffering.** Matt Wade, Nanyang Technological University

Environment, Space, and Place | Room C06

Organizer & Presider: Daina Cheyenne Harvey, College of the Holy Cross

Panelists:

- **Eco-Pragmatism and Climate Change in the Bucolic Ghetto.** Daina Cheyenne Harvey, College of the Holy Cross
- **“You Don’t Miss It ’til It’s Gone”: Place-Attachment Post-Disaster.** Ashleigh Elain McKinzie, Middle Tennessee State University & Skyler Lauderdale, Northern Arizona State University
- **“Nica-Tourism”: Critical Reflections of Ecotourism in Nicaragua.** Marko Salvaggio, Goucher College
- **Light, Connectivity, and Place: Public Interactions in a (Dark) Post-Industrial Town.** Thomas M. Gareth, Cardiff University; Eva Elliott, Cardiff University; Eve Exley, Cardiff University; Gabrielle Ivinson, Manchester Metropolitan University; Emma Renold, Cardiff University

Micro-Interactions and the Meanings of Personal Relationships | Room C116

Presider: Erin F. Johnston, Stanford University

Panelists:

- **Explaining the Persistence of Filial Piety in China: Micro-Interactions and the Need to be Virtuous.** Becky Hsu, Georgetown University
- **Thirteen (Misleading) Reasons Why: Stigma, Account-Making, and Moral Identity Work in Peers of Suicide Decedents.** Tanetta E. Andersson, Trinity College
- **The Sociological Importance of Friendship: Insights from a Local and Sustainable Food Movement.** Jared Strohl, University at Buffalo
- **The Effects of Interpersonal Relationships on Men’s Sensorial Experiences While Consuming Sweets.** Caroline Erb-Medina, Graduate Center, CUNY
- **Communicating with the Dead in Italy: An Empirical Research.** Marco Marzano, University of Bergamo & Alina Pop, Christian University of Bucharest

Memory, Trauma, and Identity | Room C34

Presider: Bin Xu, Emory University

Panelists:

- **Marking Time in Museums of Terror.** Christina Simko, Williams College
- **Meaning-Making and Trauma: On Mapping a Gay Collective Memory.** Michael Patrick Vaughn, Emory University
- **Uncanny Science: Cultural Trauma versus Scientific Reason in German-Israeli Collaborations.** Gad Yair, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- **Narrative Strategies and Narrative Emplotment: Making Sense of the German Reunification.** Melanie Lorek, School of Professional Studies, CUNY

4:15 – 5:00 pm: Reception & Refreshments

Sponsored by the Yale Center for Cultural Sociology & Texas State University’s Department of Sociology

5:00 – 6:30 pm: Keynote Address | Room C05

Welcome & Introductory Remarks

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Eviatar Zerubavel, Rutgers University

“Taken for Granted: Phenomenology Meets Semiotics”

Saturday, August 11

**Registration, Meet and Greet, & Refreshments: 8:00
– 8:30 am**

Sponsored by the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction

Session One: 8:30 – 10:00 am

Semiotics and Social Interpretation | **Featured Thematic Panel | Room C15**

Presider: Melinda Milligan, Sonoma State University

Panelists:

- **Materiality, Embodied Animism, and the Self.** Eugene Halton, University of Notre Dame
- **Encyclopedic Culture, Semiosis, and Cultural Explanation.** Andrea Cossu, University of Trento
- **Semiotic Embeddedness over Silence: Indexing HIV across Local and Migrant Sexual Networks.** Jorge Fontdevila, California State University, Fullerton
- **Iconic Anchoring: Theorizing the Discrepancies between Verbal and Visual Representations of Uprisings in Revolutionary Vietnam.** Todd Madigan, Yale University

Narrating Gendered and Sexual Selves | Room C08

Organizers & Presiders: Brandy L. Simula, Emory University & Michael Patrick Vaughn, Emory University

Panelists:

- **Masculinity Achieved, Masculinity Failed: Narratives of Heterosexual Men’s Sexual Selves.** Beth Montemurro, Penn State University, Abington
- **Constructing Parallel Transitions: Narratives from a Support Group for Family Members of Transgender Individuals.** Jasmine Suryawan, University of Colorado, Boulder
- **“Gender Just Doesn’t Apply to Me”: Personal and Cultural Narratives of Transgender Identity.** Ashley Green, University of South Florida
- **Martyrdom and the Masculine Self: Gender, Subjectivities, and the Impetus for Violence in Militant Social Movements.** Pooya S.D. Naderi, University of Kansas; Austen B. McGuire, University of Kansas; Rebecca L. Griffith, University of Kansas

Theory & Methods of the Psychosocial | Room C116

Organizer and Presider: Lynn Chancer, Graduate Center of the City University of New York

Panelists:

- **Psychosocial Research in Theory and Practice.** Lynn Chancer, Graduate Center of the City University of New York
- **The Function of the Heavy Symbol in Ethnography.** Christian J. Churchill, Contemporary Freudian Society and St. Thomas Aquinas College
- **Methods of the Social Unconscious.** Christina Nadler, Contemporary Freudian Society
- **Freud, Bataille, and the “General Economy” of the Drives.** Rebecca Reynolds, University of Essex

Sociomental Frames and Meaning Construction | Room C06

Presider: Daina Cheyenne Harvey, College of the Holy Cross

Panelists:

- **North Stars, Companions and Pure Wisdom: The Cognitive Sociology of Mourning Public Figures.** Daniel A. Nolan IV, University of Washington
- **Learning How to Be Funny: The Secondary Cognitive Socialization of Stand-Up Comedians.** Adrian Good, Rutgers University
- **Toys and Frames: Towards a Microsociology of Playthings.** Victor Vakhshayn, Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences
- **“Meet Them Where They Are”: Zerubavelian Frame Analysis and the Self as Anchor of Social Movement Communication.** JL Johnson, Bethel University

Identity Work and Power Dynamics | Room C34

Presider: Melissa F. Lavin, SUNY Oneonta

Panelists:

- **“White Feminism” Versus “Intersectionality”: Rhetorical Opposition, Identity Work, and the Denial of Sexism.** Karen M. Booth, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill & Sherryl Kleinman, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- **Becoming White Teachers: Symbolic Interactions and Racializing the Raceless Norm in Predominantly Black Schools.** Marcus Bell, Onondaga Community College
- **Roma Resistance: Examining American Roma Identity Work and Boundary Work.** Sabrina Marks, University of Central Florida

Session Two: 10:15 – 11:45 am

The Meanings of Music | **Featured Thematic Panel | Room C15**

Organizer & Presider: Lisa McCormick, University of Edinburgh

Panelists:

- **Epistemological Obfuscation in the Sociology of Music: A Report from the (Sub)Field.** Roscoe C. Scarborough, Franklin and Marshall College
- **Scandalous Choices: Moral Disturbances in Music Competitions.** Lisa McCormick, University of Edinburgh

- **“I’m in love. What’s that song?” The Sound of Music Sociology.** Joseph Klett, University of California, Santa Cruz
- **Digitized Music and the Aesthetic Experience of Difference.** Nancy Weiss Hanrahan, George Mason University

Symbolic Interactionism and Psychoanalysis: Beyond the Pathological and the Clinical | **Featured Thematic Panel | Room C36**

Organizers & Presiders: Jean-François Côté, Université du Québec à Montréal & Steven Bailey, York University

Panelists:

- **Goffman, Psychoanalysis, and Existentialism: Common Ground in the Analysis of the Self.** Steven Bailey, York University
- **George Herbert Mead and Psychoanalysis: Problems and Prospects.** Jean-François Côté, Université du Québec à Montréal
- **Recognizing Self in Relation to Other: Racial Rapprochement in the New Sanctuary Movement.** Ghazah Abbasi, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- **#MeToo: Sympathetic Introspection, Transference, and the Ethics of Shared Experience.** Caitlin Janzen, York University

Local Cultures and Contextualized Interpretations | Room C08

President: Avihu Shoshana, Haifa University

Panelists:

- **Making it Work: The Collective Construction of Success in an Informal Marketplace.** Laura Orrico, Penn State, Abington
- **Empathy as Care: The Case of Palliative Medicine.** Natalia Ruiz-Junco, Auburn University & Daniel R. Morrison, Vanderbilt University
- **Moral Dilemma and Culture Work in Medical Informal Transactions.** Weirong Guo, Emory University and Bin Xu, Emory University
- **From Kulturtechniken (Cultural Techniques) to Herrschaftstechnologien (Technologies of Control/**

Domination) in the Digitalization and Biomedicalization of Childhood and the Classroom: Symbolic Interaction, Decolonial Options, and the Study of Cognitive Cultures in 3Es (Embodied, Enactive, Extended). Alexander I. Stingl, Collège D'études Mondiales, Paris

New Interpretations of Selfhood and Identity | Room C116

Presider: Andrea Laurent-Simpson, Southern Methodist University

Panelists:

- **Time for a Change? Personal Resolution Making and Temporal Identity Work.** Jamie L. Mullaney, Goucher College
- **Who Are You? Where Did You Come From? The Marked Identity of Adoptees and Affective Solidarity across Markedness.** Alexandra Demshock, Rutgers University
- **The Affective Future: Future Consideration, Affect and Experience of Mexican Migrant Families.** María Islas-López, University of Denver

Symbolic Interactionist Perspectives on Social Structure | Room C34

Organizers: Jacqueline Joslyn, University of Arizona & Joseph Galaskiewicz, University of Arizona

Presider: Jacqueline Joslyn, University of Arizona

Discussant: Joseph Galaskiewicz, University of Arizona

Panelists:

- **Aging Alone, Gossiping Together: Older Adults' Talk as Social Glue.** Stacy Torres, University at Albany, SUNY
- **Eating Inequality: Exploring the Relationship between the Symbolic and Structural Dimensions of Food Choice.** Kara Young, Ohio State University
- **Particle or Wave? Sociological Conceptions of the Self.** Gregory C. Elliott, Brown University

Lunch Break: 11:45 am – 1:00 pm

Session Three: 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Interpretive Methods: A Panel Discussion on Levels of Analysis and Levels of Abstraction | **Featured Thematic Panel | Room C15**

Organizer & Presider: Stephanie Peña-Alves, Rutgers University

Discussants:

- **Gary Alan Fine**, Northwestern University
- **Ann Mische**, The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame
- **Wayne Brekhus**, University of Missouri
- **Isaac Ariail Reed**, University of Virginia

Pragmatic-Based Interactionism | Room C34

Organizer & Presider: Lonnie Athens, Seton Hall University

Panelists:

- **Robert Park: His Academic Career, Vision of Society, and Recent Critics.** Lonnie Athens, Seton Hall University
- **Understanding the Social Order: A Radical Interactionist Perspective.** Noreen Sugrue, The Latino Policy Forum
- **Internal Conversations as Rehearsals.** George H. Weston, Iowa State University; David Schweingruber, Iowa State University; David W. Wahl, Iowa State University
- **Interpretive Sociology and Peirce's Semiotics: A Pragmaticist SI, EM and CHS Approach.** J. I. (Hans) Bakker, University of Guelph

Authoritarianism and the Psychosocial | Room C08

Organizer & Presider: Neil McLaughlin, McMaster University

- **“He Says What I Think”: The Authoritarian Wish for an Incorrect Leader.** David N. Smith, University of Kansas
- **From Antithesis to Synthesis: Learning from Psychosocial Approaches to Authoritarianism.** Lynn Chancer, Graduate Center of the City University of New York

- **The Habitus/Social Character of the Authoritarian Professor: How American Higher Education Contributes to Trumpism.** Neil McLaughlin, McMaster University
- **Revisiting Erich Fromm’s “The Method and Function of an Analytic Social Psychology” in the Neoliberal Era.** Joseph van der Naald, CUNY Graduate Center

Interpretive Analysis of Urban Spaces | Room C36

Organizers: Richard Ocejo, John Jay University & Graduate Center, CUNY & Melinda Milligan, Sonoma State University

Presider & Discussant: Jonathan Wynn, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Panelists:

- **Caroling with Boomboxes: Unsilent Night and the Rituals of the Urban Public Realm.** Melinda Milligan, Sonoma State University & Marc Weidenbaum, Academy of Art University, San Francisco
- **The Unbearable Lightness of the Cosmopolitan Canopy: Accomplishment of Diversity at an Urban Farmers Market.** Sofya Aptekar, University of Massachusetts, Boston
- **Dilemmas of Public Life.** Michael DeLand, Gonzaga University
- **Encounters as Moral Affordances: A Cultural Sociology of the Urban Interaction Order.** Mervyn Horgan, University of Guelph

Crafting Identities / Symbolic Boundaries | Room C116

Presider: Jamie L. Mullaney, Goucher College

Panelists:

- **From the Asylum Officials’ Point of View: Schemes of Perception and Evaluation in Refugee Status Determination.** Katherine Jensen, University of Texas, Austin
- **“Bioengineers Really are One Kind of Person”: Boundary-Making Processes Among Liberal Arts Faculty.** Brandy L. Simula, Emory University & Tracy Scott, Emory University
- **Exploring the Identity of the Certified Wound Ostomy Contenance Nurse in Industry: An Interpretative Analysis of Professional Ecology.** Cynthia Sylvia, Cardiff University

- **“I was Just Me”: Performances of Denial as Impression Management.** Wendy Marie Laybourn, University of Maryland

Interpretive Paradigms and Deviant Work | Room C06

Organizer, Presider, & Discussant: Melissa F. Lavin, SUNY Oneonta

Panelists:

- **Growing Consensus and Conspiracy: How Journalists of “Conspiracy Theories” became Mainstream.** Brian Lowe, SUNY Oneonta
- **On “White Slavery”: Gershwin and Black Cultural Production.** Graham Cassano, Oakland University
- **Masters, Scratchers, and Handpokers: Hierarchies and Status Competition among Tattoo Artists.** William Ryan Force, Western New England University
- **The Construction of Victimhood: Chinese Immigrant Women in Massage Parlors.** Yen-Chiao Liao, CUNY Graduate Center

Session Four: 2:45 – 4:15 pm

Interpreting Race: Trends, Dilemmas, and New Directions | **Featured Thematic Panel | Room C15**

Organizer: Matthew W. Hughey, University of Connecticut

Presider and Discussant: Erica Chito-Childs, Hunter College and Graduate Center, CUNY

Panelists:

- **Elijah Anderson**, Yale University
- **Kathleen Blee**, University of Pittsburgh
- **Sarah Mayorga-Gallo**, University of Massachusetts, Boston
- **Michael L. Rosino**, University of Connecticut

Race, Ethnicity, Emotions, & the Psychosocial | Room C116

Organizer: Lynn Chancer, Graduate Center of the City University of New York

Panelists:

- **Racial Talk/Anxiety Talk and Feeling Race in the Trump-Episteme.** Omar Montana, CUNY Graduate Center
- **“You’re Calling Me a Racist?” The Emotional Landscape of Racial Encounters.** Sarita Srivastava, Queen’s University
- **Race, Caste, and the Negative: A Comparative Essay on Abjection in Social Relations.** Vikas Singh, Montclair University

Building Commonalities: Politics of Engagement & Cultural Sociology | Room C34

Organizers & Presiders: Eeva Luhtakallio, University of Tampere & Veikko Eranti, University of Tampere

Panelists:

- **Justification across Contexts.** Gianpaolo Baiocchi, New York University
- **The Production of Power-lessness.** Amanda Barrett Cox, University of Pennsylvania
- **What is a Project?** Isaac Ariail Reed, University of Virginia
- **Politicization, Depoliticization, and Levels of Engagement.** Veikko Eranti, University of Tampere & Eeva Luhtakallio, University of Tampere

Identity Work and Challenges to Selfhood | Room C08

Presider: Andrea Laurent-Simpson, Southern Methodist University

Panelists:

- **Look Who is Talking! Self, Subjects, and the Multiples Theories of Culture and Personhood in U.S. Sociology.** Claudio E. Benzecry, Northwestern University & Daniel Winchester, Purdue University
- **Neurotechnologies and the Self.** Jorie Hofstra, Rutgers University
- **Rendering Sensory Processing Disorder In/Visible: Accounts of Sensory Deviance.** Stephanie Medley-Rath, Indiana University, Kokomo
- **Self-Investment and Self-Other Relations: A Chrysler Plant Closing.** Anne Statham, University of Southern Indiana & Paul Greider, Florida Southwestern State College

4:15 – 5:00 pm: Reception & Refreshments

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5:00 – 6:30 pm: Keynote Address | Room C05

Welcome & Introductory Remarks

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