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*Resiliency and Social Change in the Wake of Disaster*



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# Welcome

Welcome to the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Tennessee Undergraduate Social Science Symposium at Middle Tennessee State University. The symposium seeks to encourage student interest in the scientific study of human interaction and to foster professional growth, while providing opportunities for the intellectual and social exchange of ideas.

Our keynote speaker this year is Dr. Pamela Jenkins, Professor of Sociology and Director of Women's Studies, and a faculty associate of the Center for Hazard Assessment, Response, and Technology of the University of New Orleans. Her topic, **Loss and Resiliency: Lessons from Katrina**, is especially timely given recent disasters that have affected all of us as citizens of the world community.

This symposium would not be possible without the assistance of numerous members of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and the cooperation of faculty, staff, and students across campus. Special thanks are due to Dr. John McDaniel, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, who has generously supported the program over the years. We also thank Dr. Ron Aday, Chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, for his support of this year's program. We are especially grateful to the Distinguished Lecture Committee for generous funding for the keynote speaker, and the University Honors College and Student Activity fees for funding the documentary film, *An Inconvenient Truth*.

Most of all, we offer our thanks and appreciation to the students who have agreed to make presentations and volunteered to moderate sessions, and to the faculty who helped organize paper sessions. All of us who attend the activities of the Symposium will profit from their efforts.

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology is very proud to continue a tradition begun thirty years ago by Dr. Rodger Bates at Lambuth College in Jackson, Tennessee. In hosting this symposium, we recognize his commitment and tireless efforts. We also acknowledge the important contributions of Professor Ben Austin, who with enthusiasm and commitment built this symposium program over the past three decades. We would not be here today were it not for his outstanding leadership. We offer this year's program in honor of the tradition established at MTSU by Professor Austin. Because of the work and dedication of our predecessors we are confident that the symposium will continue to provide a unique and valuable learning experience for our students.

We hope that you will enjoy the special events that we have planned this year including a luncheon for program panelists and presenters, a thematic panel discussion with first responders, an afternoon movie screening on global warming, an evening keynote address, and a wide range of lively and engaging student paper topics.

Finally, we thank you for your participation and contribution to the success of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Tennessee Social Science Symposium.

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# Program Summary

## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Tennessee Undergraduate Social Science Symposium

### Wednesday, November 15

8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Registration..... Lobby, James Union Building (JUB)
9:10-10:05 a.m.	Student Paper Sessions .....Dining Room C-1, Hazelwood, JUB
10:20-11:15 a.m.	Student Paper Session.....Hazelwood, JUB
11:30a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Luncheon for Program Presenters.....Tennessee Room, JUB
12:40-1:45 p.m.	Thematic Panel Discussion.....Tennessee Room, JUB <i>First Responders: Is Planning for Disaster Possible?</i>
2:20-3:10 p.m.	Student Paper Sessions .....Dining Rooms C-1, C-2, Hazelwood, JUB
3:15 p.m.	Documentary Film.....Keathley University Center Theater <i>An Inconvenient Truth</i> featuring former Vice-President Al Gore
7:00 p.m.	Keynote Address.....Tennessee Room, JUB <i>Loss and Resiliency: Lessons from Katrina</i> by Dr. Pamela Jenkins

### Thursday, November 16

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Registration continues.....Lobby, JUB
8:00-9:25 a.m.	Student Paper Session ..... Hazelwood, JUB
9:40-11:05 a.m.	Student Paper Sessions.....Dining Room C, Hazelwood, JUB
11:20a.m.-12:45 p.m.	Student Paper Session..... Hazelwood, JUB
11:20a.m.-12:45 p.m.	Documentary Film and Discussion.....Dining Room C <i>The Hurricane of '38</i>

**Panel Discussion** *First Responders: Is Planning for Disaster Possible?* A lively discussion on disaster relief and emergency response with local community members charged with planning and responding to crises. Tennessee Room, James Union Building, 12:40-1:45 p.m. November 15. Sponsored by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

**Movie** *An Inconvenient Truth*. Directed by Davis Guggenheim and featuring former Vice President Al Gore on Global Warming. 3:15 p.m., Wednesday, November 15, KUC Theatre. Co-Sponsored by the University Honors College, the Middle Tennessee Anthropology Society, Sociology Club, and Graduate Student Sociological Association. Q & A discussion to follow.

**Keynote** *Loss and Resiliency: Lessons from Katrina*. Pamela Jenkins, Professor of Sociology, University of New Orleans, 7:00 p.m., November 15, Tennessee Room, James Union Building, Middle Tennessee State University. Co-sponsored by the Distinguished Lecture Committee, College of Liberal Arts, and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.



**11:30-12:30 a.m.**

**Luncheon for Presenters**.....Tennessee Room

**12:40-1:45 p.m.**

**Thematic Panel Discussion**

**First Responders: Is Planning for Disaster Possible?**.....Tennessee Room

Opening: Kevin Smith, Professor of Anthropology, MTSU  
Moderator: Ben Austin, Associate Professor of Sociology, MTSU

Panelists: Kevin Brechbill, Adjuster, State Farm Insurance  
Nick Fielder, Homeland Security Liason and Emergency Service Coordinator,  
Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation  
Pamela Jenkins, Professor of Sociology, University of New Orleans  
Ronald Serpas, Chief of Police, Nashville, Tennessee

**2:20-3:10 p.m.**

**Student Paper Sessions**

**4. Contemporary Issues Facing American Youth**.....Hazelwood  
Organizer and Presider: Dawood Sultan

*Are Eating Disorders among Young African American Females a Result of Value Conversion?* Caroline Tippens, University of Tennessee at Martin

*Bullying in Schools* Amber Williams and Randall Huff, University of Tennessee at Martin

*The Relationship Between Rap Music Exposure and Violence* Natasha Nichols, University of Tennessee at Martin

**5. Social Stratification, Ritual, and Revitalization**.....Dining Room C-1  
Presider: Richard Todd

*Ritual and Etiquette as a Means of Social Stratification* Kelly Jones, Middle Tennessee State University

*Rebuilding that which was Torn Asunder: Examining Dynamics with the Intent of Revitalizing Impoverished Towns around the New River Gorge in the Wake of Permanent Cessations of Mining* James Maples, University of Tennessee Knoxville

*Organic Solidarity in Relation to Occupational Sex-Segregation* Tara Perrin, Middle Tennessee State University

**6. Understanding Hate Groups**.....Dining Room C-2  
Organizers: Ben Austin                      Presider: Sarah Mogan

*Applying Merton to Marginalization and Internet Hate Groups*  
Susan Loar, Middle Tennessee State University

*Increasing Influence of Hate Groups in the United States: A New Era of White Supremacy*  
Lauren Stewart, Middle Tennessee State University

*Christian Hate and the Religious Right: An Analysis of Christian Identity Movement and Bias Motivated Crime* Ja Dee Carrathers, Middle Tennessee State University

**3:15 p.m. MOVIE TIME (ice cream provided)**

**"An Inconvenient Truth" Documentary Film** .....Keathley University Center Theater  
Directed by Davis Guggenheim and featuring former Vice-President Al Gore

Organizer: Shannon Hodge  
Q&A Student Moderators: Sara Malley, Lauren Stewart, Lacey Fleming

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**7:00 p.m.**

**Keynote, "Resiliency and Loss: Lessons from Katrina"**

Dr. Pamela Jenkins, University of New Orleans.....Tennessee Room  
Professor of Sociology, Director of Women's Studies, and  
Faculty Associate for the Center for Hazard Assessment, Response, and Technology

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**Thursday, November 16, 2006  
James Union Building**

**8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. (Breakfast coffee and pastries in lobby)**

**Registration continues**.....Lobby  
Christy Kilpatrick and Jessica Lendon

**8:00-9:25 a.m.**

**Student Paper Session**

**7. Archaeology** .....Hazelwood

Organizer and Presider: Tanya Peres

*The Role of the Domesticated Dog (Canis familiaris) in Prehistoric Middle Tennessee* Lacey Fleming, Middle Tennessee State University

*Lithic Analysis from Features 4 and 16 of the Castalian Springs Site*  
Brandy Dacus, Middle Tennessee State University

*A Dividing Line: Construction and Purpose of Palisades at Mississippian Sites in the Middle Tennessee Region* Ryan K. McNutt, Middle Tennessee State

*Viking Women: Housewife or Warrior Princess?* Jessica Bain Connatser,  
Middle Tennessee State University

*The Past Foundations, A Grave Situation: 2006 Forensic Archaeology Field School* Jennifer Ledford, Middle Tennessee State University



**11:20 a.m. -12:45 p.m.**

**Documentary Film and Discussion: The Hurricane of '38.....Dining Room C**  
Organizer and Presider: Foster Amey

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