

**FALL MEETING OF THE
NEW ENGLAND SOCIOLOGICAL
ASSOCIATION**

**“POVERTY & INEQUALITIES:
IMPLICATIONS, POLICIES AND NEW
PERSPECTIVES”**



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2010
8:30AM – 3:30PM**

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DURHAM, NH**

ABOUT NESAS

Founded in 1970 as the Massachusetts Sociological Association, NESAS is a regional organization committed to the continuing improvement of sociological research, teaching, and practice. With approximately 150 members throughout New England and beyond, NESAS provides a forum for the scholarly exchange of ideas, both contributing to and reflecting the most recent advances within the discipline of sociology.

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WELCOME STATEMENT

Welcome to the New England Sociological Association's Fall 2010 Conference. Our theme, *Poverty and Inequalities: Implications, Policies and New Perspectives*, brings topics to our conference that are not only of interest to sociology, but are also of public importance. Presentations such as "Understanding Homelessness in a Recession: A Sociological Analysis of Needs/Access of New Hampshire Homeless Individuals, 2009-2010" by Tauna S. Sisco and Bernie Bluhm and "The Crisis in the City: A Policy Assessment and Longitudinal Geo-Spatial Analysis of Notices of Default and Foreclosures in Lowell, Massachusetts" by Safi Shams, Matthew Ross, William Mass, George Grinstein and Sebastin Kolman, remind us that our discipline is a dynamic one that can seek out answers for some of the most current and challenging problems facing our society.

Here at NESAs we are always excited to have the opportunity to discuss best practices in the classroom and present research about teaching sociology. This conference highlights pedagogy with sessions in the morning and afternoon. We are very excited to host a special event that, for the first time, opens and invites the entire campus community to one of our conference sessions. For this fall conference, The Media Education Foundation submitted the 2010 release of the film *Killing Us Softly 4*, a dynamic documentary that presents the research and lectures of Jean Kilbourne. Kilbourne's work represents nearly three decades of research on images of gender in advertising. Earlier versions of the film have been shown in thousands of classrooms, making her work a significant contribution to the study of gender and a valuable teaching resource for sociology classrooms.

Many thanks to all who helped us through the complexity of putting together this conference. A very special thanks to Kevin Sousa in the UNH College of Liberal Arts Dean's Office, Michele Dillon - Department Chair of Sociology at UNH, Deena Peschke and Lynn Beaver - support staff in the UNH Sociology Department. Also, a very special thanks to Desiree Weisen-Martin for helping organize and coordinate UNH Sociology Graduate student volunteers for the day's events and to those graduate students who are volunteering their time, talent, and warm hospitality. Thank you to Melissa Busher for the design and creation of the conference program and other organizational tasks. And, of course, thanks go out to all of you who help create this intellectual community we call NESAs.

NESA has maintained a long tradition of creating a vibrant network of colleagues in New England and your participation helps to continue that tradition. Thank you for joining us in New Hampshire and we hope to see you at future NESAs events. Make NESAs *your* organization by not only being involved today, but throughout 2010-2011, and in years to come.

Sincerely,

Bruce P. Day

NESA President 2009-2011

GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

- **Location** of registration, coffee hour/welcome address, film premiere, and sessions is Horton Social Science Center at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, NH. A campus map can be located at the following link: <http://www.unh.edu/unhedutop/map> or on the UNH website.
- **Lunch** will be provided in the Squamscott Room in Holloway Commons on the UNH campus. There will be signs and guides (look for UNH graduate students!) to help you locate this room.
- **Parking** will be available in B Lot (across the street from Horton Social Science Center). Please refer to the campus map for entrance locations.
- **Membership & Registration** will be set up on the 2nd floor of Horton Social Science Center from 8:30am – 10:00am. Please check-in/register at this table when you arrive. Pre-registration is available on the NESAs website until October 31st, 2010. (Note: If you pre-register you can pay your membership and registration fee the day of the conference.) Membership & registration fees are determined according to the following pay schedule:

Level	Membership Fee	Pre-Registration Fee*
Undergraduate Student/Unemployed	\$20.00	\$15.00
Retired/Graduate Students/Adjuncts	\$25.00	\$30.00
Standard Membership	\$50.00	\$40.00

*If you register on the day of the conference (i.e., you did not pre-register) please add an extra \$5.00 to the pay schedule outlined above.

- **Presentation Technology:** Each presentation room is equipped with an LCD projector and screen. THERE ARE NO COMPUTERS in the rooms. Session facilitators/presenters should coordinate to have a laptop computer for their session ahead of time. We STRONGLY encourage you to hook up ONE laptop for each session to the projection technology and have each presenter bring his or her presentation on a USB device.

NESA CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2010
8:30AM – 3:30PM
UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE – DURHAM, NH

8:30 – 9:15

Registration
2nd Floor Horton Social Science Center
(Until 10:00am)

Coffee & Pastries
Horton 215

9:15 – 9:30

Welcome Address & Opening Remarks
Bruce P. Day – NESA President
Horton 210

9:30 – 10:45

SESSION I

LOCATION: HORTON 210

“WOMEN & INEQUALITY”

Facilitator: Marcel Beausoleil (Anna Maria College)

- “Creating Alternative Networks for Low Income Women: Leveraging Organizational Ties for Economic Mobility” . . . *Jennifer Dobruck Lowe (Northeastern University)***
- “Low-Income Single Mothers’ Protest in the News: Structural and Cultural Challenges to Creating Change” . . . *Noa Milman (Boston College)*
- “Impact of Victim Offender Relationship on Sentencing Dispositions in Cases of Assault and Battery: Are Indigence, Race and Gender Confounding Factors?” . . . *Nathalie Saltikoff (Endicott College)*
- “The Vibrating Sword, Women Lie and Rape is Not Really a Crime: The Historical Construction of Rape in the United States and the Current Ramifications of this Construction” . . . *Linda Olsen (Castleton State College)*

SESSION 2**LOCATION: HORTON 207****“DYNAMICS OF RACE & POWER”****Facilitator: Bruce P. Day (Central Connecticut State University)****

- “Interracial Marriage and Black Women’s Racial Identity: Polyrhythmic Voices and Realities” . . . *Joyce D. McNickles (Worcester State)*
- “Racial Differences in Civic Engagement Across Time” . . . *Matthew John Cutler (University of New Hampshire)*
- “Is Affluence the Only Influence? Human Rights Activism in the African and Asian Indian Communities in Massachusetts and Related Local-Global Connections” . . . *Autumn Mathias (Northeastern University)*
- “New York City and Chicago in Review: Dynamics of Urban Poverty” . . . *Tyler K.C. Rines, (Keene State College)*
- “Keeping in Touch: Email Interactions in a Small Office Environment” . . . *Kathryn Lonczewski (Central Connecticut State University)*

SESSION 3**LOCATION: HORTON 201****“URBAN, RURAL & BEYOND”****Facilitator: Jen Vanderminden (University of New Hampshire)****

- “Space Policy: The Case for “Cratersville”: A Lunar Town” . . . *John Wilkes (Worcester Polytechnical Institute)*
- “Young Child Poverty in 2009: Rural Poverty Rate Jumps to Nearly 29 Percent in Second Year of Recession” . . . *Marybeth J. Mattingly & Michelle L. Stransky (University of New Hampshire)*
- “Urban Versus Rural Consumption: Interviews with Women” . . . *Travis Nadeau (University of Maine)*

SESSION 4**LOCATION: HORTON 204****“SOCIOLOGICAL PEDAGOGY I”****Facilitator: Yahyra Michel-Smith (University of New Hampshire)****

- “Quantitative Literacy and Student Learning Outcomes: Some Results of a Case Study of Introductory Sociology Data Modules” . . . *Richard Talbot (Anna Maria College)*
- “Fostering Student Engagement Through Research: Opportunities Afforded by the New England Undergraduate Research Conference” . . . *Michael Fraleigh (Bryant University)*
- “Teaching About the Sociology of Poverty from the 1970s to 2010” . . . *Will Holton (Northeastern University)*
- “Comments on Sociological Theory from the Perspective of a Bio-Chemistry Major” . . . *Steven Buchholz (Worcester Polytechnical Institute)*

11:00 – 12:15**FILM PREMIERE & DISCUSSION PANEL****HORTON 4 (BASEMENT)****FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**COURTESY OF:
“THE MEDIA EDUCATION FOUNDATION”
NORTHAMPTON, MA**

Discussants: Bruce P. Day & Yhayra Michel-Smith

“KILLING US SOFTLY 4: ADVERTISING’S IMAGE OF WOMEN”

In this new, highly anticipated update of her pioneering *Killing Us Softly* series, the first in more than a decade, Jean Kilbourne takes a fresh look at how advertising traffics in distorted and destructive ideals of femininity. The film marshals a range of new print and television advertisements to lay bare a stunning pattern of damaging gender stereotypes – images and messages that too often reinforce unrealistic, and unhealthy, perceptions of beauty, perfection, and sexuality. By bringing Kilbourne’s groundbreaking analysis up to date, *Killing Us Softly 4* stands to challenge a new generation of students to take advertising seriously, and to think critically about popular culture and its relationship to sexism, eating disorders, and gender violence.

**12:30 – 2:00
LUNCH & AWARD PRESENTATION
HOLLOWAY COMMONS- SQUAMSCOTT ROOM**

The Sociologist of the Year Award recognizes contributions to the discipline either through academic scholarship or through outstanding service to the broader community of sociologists, beyond the recipient’s own academic department and institution.

2:15 – 3:30

SESSION 5

LOCATION: HORTON 210

“EXPERIENCING COMMUNITY”

Facilitator: Katrina Hoop (St. Joseph’s College of Maine)

- “Enacting Community: Mapping Organizations and Activists in a New England City”...*Matthew Johnsen, Amy Ebbeson & Joyce Mandell (Worcester State College)*
- “Ties to Place: A Comparison of Native and Non-Native Southeast Alaskan’s Ties to Their Communities”...*Jessica Ulrich and Thomas Safford (University of New Hampshire)***
- “NIMBY or Environmental Justice?: Proposed Wind Farm in Fort Kent, ME”...*Soraya Cardenas (University of Maine)*
- “Experiencing Cities Through Food and Food Cultures”...*Walter Carroll (Bridgewater State University)*

SESSION 6
“SOCIOLOGICAL PEDAGOGY II”

LOCATION: HORTON 207

Facilitator: Erica Jablonski (University of New Hampshire)**

- “Creating Google Maps to Study Local Communities and Social Problems”...*Peggy Walsh (Keene State College)*
- “The Sociology Research Experience Capstone Course at Three Institutions: What Does it Look Like?...*Kathleen McKinney (Illinois State University) & Melissa D. Busher (University of New Hampshire)*
- “Gender, Language, and Authority in College Teaching”...*Megan Henly (University of New Hampshire)*
- “Using Arts-Based Research Methods to Advance Health Policy Research and Public Sociology”...*Patricia Leavy (Stonehill College)*

SESSION 7
“HOUSING & CRIME”

LOCATION: HORTON 204

Facilitator: Desiree Wiesen-Martin (University of New Hampshire)**

- “Understanding Homelessness in a Recession: A Sociological Analysis of Needs/ Access of New Hampshire Homeless Individuals 2009-2010”...*Tauna S. Sisco (Saint Anselm College) & Bernie Bluhm (New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services)*
- “The Crisis in the City: A Policy Assessment and Longitudinal Geo-Spatial Analysis of Notices of Default and Foreclosures in Lowell, Massachusetts”...*Safi Shams, Matthew Ross, Williams Mass, George Grinstein & Sebastin Kolman (UMASS Lowell)*
- “Poverty, Inequality, and Victimization: Consequences and Strategies for the Criminal Justice System”...*Marcel Beausoleil & Patricia Gavin (Anna Maria College)*
- “How the US Public and Print Media Reacted to the Crime Wave of the Late 1980s and Early 1990s”...*Peter Cassino (Hesser College)*
- “Youth Leaving Foster Care: The Impact of Dual Victimization Experiences on Depressive Status”...*Aimee Delaney Lutz & Melissa Wells (University of New Hampshire)*

3:45 – 4:30
NESA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL & BUSINESS MEETING
HORTON 215

*****ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND*****

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