



## **I. General Information**

The 2008 SCCR conference will be held in conjunction with the annual meetings of the Society for Anthropological Sciences (SASci). All sessions will be held in the Le Pavillon Hotel, at 833 Poydras Street in New Orleans, Louisiana. SCCR plans to schedule most of the substantive programs between 8:30AM and 6PM on February 21 and 22, and from 12:30 to 4:30PM on February 23. The meetings will begin at 6PM on Wednesday and end at 4:30 PM on Saturday.

If you have an interest in cross-cultural research, whatever your discipline, you are encouraged to submit. Empirical, theoretical, historical, and methodological submissions related to culture are all welcomed. We also welcome students (both graduate and undergraduate) to submit. The Program Committee and SCCR encourage the inter-disciplinary and international character of the annual meetings.

Proposed submissions for papers, student posters, symposia, panel discussions, and conversation hours will be reviewed and considered for inclusion in the program if received by November 20, 2007 (11:59PM Eastern Time).

The program will consist primarily of presentations and sessions submitted to the SCCR Program Committee. In addition, SCCR will include on the program some sessions jointly sponsored with SASci. SASci will also issue its own Call for Papers.

Registration and submission forms, along with information about numerous other topics, are posted on the Conference Web Site: <http://meeting.sccr.org/>.

You are strongly encouraged to browse that web site to learn about the conference and other cultural opportunities in New Orleans.

All program participants, including members, nonmembers, joint SASci members, and students, are expected to register for the conference and pay the appropriate registration fees.

## **II. Rules for Participation**

### **1. Who May Submit**

Anyone with a scholarly or applied interest in cross-cultural research may make a submission.

### **2. Non-Member Participation**

It is not necessary to be a member of SCCR to make a submission, although we offer newcomers the option of a discounted one-year membership along with registration. In fact, we *strongly* welcome newcomers to this conference.

### **3. Eligibility of Chairpersons**

Anyone is eligible to be a chairperson of a session, subject to the approval of the Program Committee.

#### **4. Number of Participations Allowed**

**There is no general limit to the number of participations per person. However, given time and space limitations the Program Committee may have to place some limits in the event of a high number of submissions. As a general rule, we want to maximize the number of people who have the opportunity to be on the conference program.**

#### **5. Scheduling of Presentations**

**Persons with accepted submissions must participate at the time scheduled by SCCR or arrange to have the presentation delivered by an appropriate substitute. Persons with time constraints for religious or other compelling reasons must bring them to the attention of the Program Committee when submitting a presentation or session, and all scheduling decisions rest with the Program Committee, subject to time and space limitations.**

### **III. Procedures for Submissions**

**We strongly prefer that submissions be sent via the SCCR on-line page at <http://meeting.sccr.org/submissions.htm>**

#### **Types of Sessions**

##### **1. Paper Sessions**

**A “paper session” is a grouping of several independent oral presentations, given in front of an audience on a general theme. The conference Program Committee will group individually-submitted papers together based on similarities. Time allotments will be determined by the Program Committee. As a general rule we will seek to allot a minimum of 15 minutes for each oral presentation, but this will depend on the number of submissions. The overall length of paper sessions will also depend on the number of submissions.**

##### **2. Student Poster Sessions**

**Based on popular demand, SCCR will consider poster submissions for the first time, but only from students (undergraduate- or graduate-level). We encourage students to submit posters so that they may share their work with many individuals and have the experience of talking about their ideas in a give-and-take social setting. Details for the formatting of posters will be sent this fall to all students whose posters are accepted for presentation. The length of poster sessions (minimum of 1 hour) will depend on the number of submissions. The poster will be tacked onto a 3' X 4' (left panel = 3'H X 1'W, middle panel = 3'H X 2'W, right panel = 3'H X 1'W) cardboard poster display board supplied by SCCR at the conference. Attendees may browse through the posters at a session and may talk with presenters one-on-one.**

### **3. Symposia**

**A symposium is focused on a common theme, issue, or research question. We strongly encourage constructive interactions between panel members and the audience. The symposium chairperson will be responsible to assure that the communications are respectful and not adversarial. Due to space limitations, a symposium will include no more than 3-4 presenters plus 1 commentary by either the chair or a discussant.**

**It is the responsibility of the chairperson to keep the session within time limits. The length of symposia or panel discussions will depend on the number of submissions, but generally will be between 90~105 minutes.**

**Participants should send their presentations/papers to the chairperson/discussant prior to the meetings so a cohesive commentary is possible. The chair should not give a separate presentation. We strongly urge participants not to read papers (or read Powerpoint words verbatim). Informal communication is an advantage of SCCR sessions compared to sessions at mega-conferences.**

**The discussant will comment on the presentations included in the symposium, drawing on his/her own expertise; however, the discussant does not present his/her own research. The session chairperson may take the role of discussant, but there should only be one discussant commentary.**

### **4. Panel Discussions**

**A “panel discussion” is the same as a symposium, but the oral presentations will be shorter, leaving most of the session time for a wide-ranging discussion within the panel and with the audience. The same general rules apply for a Panel Discussion (a new format for SCCR meetings) as described above for a Symposium. The audience may have an opportunity to respond to the issues raised and to suggest additional questions and comments for the panel. But the focus of the session and use of time is entirely at the discretion of the chairperson.**

### **5. Conversation Hours**

**Participants in a “conversation hour” include one or two presenters, one of whom is also the chairperson and organizer. They would present their knowledge or ideas on some topic or issue, and hold a discussion with audience members. It is expected that this type of interchange might be more informal and go into greater depth than would a discussion at a symposium, panel discussion, or paper session. Conversation Hours will be 50 minutes in length. This format is also new for SCCR.**

## **General Instructions for All Submissions**

Submissions are classified for either individual presentations (papers and student posters); or grouped presentations as “sessions” (symposia, panel discussions, conversation hours).

Titles of papers and sessions should not exceed 100 characters.

Participants are urged to adhere to strong principles of ethics in avoiding sexism, ageism, or other forms of bias or disrespect in presentations.

Co-Sponsorship with SASci – Any session intended to be co-sponsored by SASci should be so designated at the time of the submission, subject to time and space limitations.

### **Format**

#### **1. Individual submissions**

Individual papers, student posters, and each presentation within a symposium/panel discussion should include the following information:

- 1. Title (maximum = 100 characters)**
- 2. 5 subject index keywords**
- 3. 75-100 word abstract (not accepted if longer; no tables/figures, please)**
- 4. For the principal author (person delivering presentation): full name (no nicknames, no initials), highest educational degree, e-mail address; SCCR membership status (member/non-member/former member); telephone number (direct or cell), fax number, institutional affiliation (department, school, agency, company), street address, city, state, zip/postal code, country, etc.**
- 5. For *all* co-authors (if applicable): full name (no nicknames, no initials), institutional affiliation, and e-mail address.**

#### **For Sessions (Symposia, Panel Discussions, Conversation Hours)**

- 1. Title (100 characters maximum)**
- 2. 50-word summary description of topic/purpose of session**
- 3. 5 session keywords for indexing**
- 4. Chairperson (only 1 person, please) name, affiliation, and e-mail**
- 5. Discussant (optional; no multiple discussants, please) name, affiliation, and e-mail**
- 6. Presenter 1 name and presentation title**
- 7. Presenter 2 name and presentation title**
- 8. Presenter 3 name and presentation title (if applicable)**
- 9. Presenter 4 name and presentation title (if applicable)**

**Note:** Strict limit of 4 symposium/panel discussion presenters; chairperson may also serve as discussant; limit of 2 participants in conversation hour

#### **IV. Audiovisual Aids**

SCCR will supply an LCD projector, power extension cords, a screen, and a cart in each session room (with exception of Student Poster sessions). We will not supply OHPs or other audiovisual equipment.

**The session chairperson is responsible** to arrange for a laptop computer for the session. Each participant is responsible to supply an electronic file of her/his presentation, on a flash drive or other diskette.

**Note.** Mac vs. PC files, software, and hardware may be incompatible. Please make arrangements within your group for compatibility and proper adaptors; have all presentation files loaded on one laptop BEFORE the scheduled time of the session.

#### **V. Conference Chairpersons**

**Co-Organizers:** David W. Shwalb, Barbara J. Shwalb, Southeastern Louisiana University Department of Psychology

##### **Program Committee:**

**Pablo Chavajay (University of New Hampshire)**  
**Bonnie Hewlett (Washington State University)**  
**Brad Huber (College of Charleston)**  
**Dung Ngo (University of Wisconsin – La Crosse)**

##### **Local Planning Committee:**

**Chairperson: Carl Bankston (Tulane University - Sociology)**  
**David Beriss (University of New Orleans - Anthropology)**  
**Anthony Ladd (Loyola University - Sociology)**  
**Robert Lawyer (Delgado Community College - Psychology)**  
**Guillarne Leary (Southern University of New Orleans - Psychology)**  
**Loren Marks (Louisiana State University - Family, Child, and Consumer Sciences)**  
**Patricia Morris (Dillard University - Educational/Psychological Studies)**  
**Lisa Schulte (Xavier University - Psychology)**  
**Allison Truitt (Tulane University - Anthropology)**  
**Ray Brassieur (University of Louisiana - Lafayette – Anthropology)**

##### **Student Organizers:**

**Travis Blaze, Southeastern Louisiana University Department of Psychology**  
**(Graduate Student Coordinator)**

**Lacy Guidroz, Southeastern Louisiana University Department of Psychology  
(Undergraduate Student Coordinator)**

**Pattie Steib, Southeastern Louisiana University Center for Faculty Excellence  
(Conference Web Site Designer and Technician)**

#### **VI. Subject Index for Conference Program**

**In order to create a subject index in the conference program, we ask that you supply 5 keywords for each presentation (keyword = 1 word, or a 2-word phrase). The terms may include the population studied anything else that will help interested attendees find your paper.**

#### **VII. Registration**

**The rates for registration are provided on-line at <http://meeting.sccr.org/index.htm>. In addition to lowered rates for retirees, students, and advanced registration, we are providing a discounted registration for Louisiana non-presenting students, in order to encourage local participation in the conference. Registration fees are SCCR's only source of revenue from the conference to cover the expenses of the meetings – thank you for your cooperation and participation.**

#### **VIII. Deadlines (PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR)**

**All Submissions Deadline: November 20, 2007**

**Travel Grants Deadline: November 20, 2007**

**Student Awards Deadline: December 31, 2007**

**Hotel Room Reservation (conference rate by phone 800-535-9095): January 11, 2008**

**Advance Registration Deadline: January 31, 2008**

**Meetings: February 20 to February 23, 2008**