

Winter Meeting of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction

COUCH STONE SYMPOSIUM

Tools of the Trade: Advancing Qualitative Inquiry and Analysis

Call for Papers

The current broad popularity and acceptance of qualitative work in academic departments around the world has produced new challenges and opportunities for symbolic interactionists as well as others (such as social constructionists and ethnomethodologists) working within interpretive traditions. We seek submissions for this conference that focus on data collection, data analysis, and theorizing within interpretive sociology in general and symbolic interaction in particular. We are especially interested in works that center on methodological innovation, particularly those that problematize and challenge boundaries, such as those between qualitative and quantitative research, between micro and macro approaches, between social sciences, natural sciences and the humanities, between theory and method, between research and application, and other constructed binary oppositions. The major goal is to explore how innovations and new collaborations in methods of research and analysis might further advance the quality and relevance of our work both inside and outside sociology, inside and outside academia.

Extended Abstracts (500-750 words) of proposed conference papers should be emailed as a Word or PDF document to Maggie Cobb at usfcouchstone@gmail.com no later than **November 1, 2014** (this is a firm deadline). On a cover page, include paper title, names and rank (faculty or student) of all authors with institutional affiliations, and contact information. Due to the limited number of conference sessions, submission is restricted to one paper (single or co-authored) per participant. Work in progress will be grouped in roundtable sessions. Notifications of acceptance will be given by November 15, 2014. In addition to paper and roundtable sessions, we will offer a series of methods workshops (on topics such as narrative analysis, video-based research, ethnographic observation, grounded theorizing and others) by established scholars.

There is no conference registration fee, however all presenters must become members of SSSI (<https://sites.google.com/site/sssiinteraction/home/membership-journal>). Information about hotel accommodations, travel suggestions, and other conference activities is forthcoming.

For more information, please visit the conference website scholarcommons.usf.edu/couch_stone or contact Maggie Cobb at usfcouchstone@gmail.com.

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