CALL FOR PAPERS

VIRGINIA SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION
VIRTUAL 97th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
HOSTED BY SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE
APRIL 20, 2024

The Virginia Social Science Association (VSSA), the oldest association of academics in Virginia, welcomes abstracts for proposed paper presentations from faculty members, graduate students, and undergraduates at our virtual 97th Annual Conference hosted by Sweet Briar College on Saturday, April 20, 2024. To be considered for inclusion in the program, please submit your abstract by **11:59 pm on Wednesday, March 20, 2024**. In addition to an abstract, the proposal should include the following information: **name, paper title, e-mail address, phone number, school name, academic status (undergraduate, graduate, faculty member), and if appropriate, the faculty advisor's name and contact information. The abstract should be no more than one page in length and should summarize the theoretical argument, methodology, findings, and significance of the project.**

The VSSA conference is an ideal venue to present and get feedback on work in progress. The VSSA does not require faculty members or students to have completed papers for the conference.

To ensure technical issues do not prevent us from receiving your submissions, **please e-mail your abstracts to:** Dr. Keith Kline, Professor of Psychology at Virginia Military Institute and VSSA Vice President and Conference Program Chair, at klineka@vmi.edu.

Student paper awards: Faculty members are urged to encourage their graduate and undergraduate students to submit full papers for the "Best Paper" Competitions. Papers will only be considered if the abstract is accepted for the program and the student is presenting the paper at the conference. The deadline for submitting the full paper for the competition is **11:59 pm on March 20, 2024**. VSSA will award **$500 to the winner of the graduate student paper award** and **$250 to the winner of the undergraduate student paper award**. Winners will be announced at the conference.

> **For award consideration by the VSSA Student Paper Awards Committees, undergraduate and graduate students should submit their papers to:** Dr. Keith Kline at klineka@vmi.edu.
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> The paper requirements for award consideration are:
> (1) Maximum length (text and references): 25 standard double-spaced pages.
> (2) Letter or email of endorsement from a faculty member sent to Dr. Keith Kline at klineka@vmi.edu.
> (3) Cover page that includes the following information: **name of author, title of paper, college or university, graduate or undergraduate student, year in school, major, phone number, email address, mailing address, name and email address of the faculty member endorsing the paper.**
> (4) Papers and letters or emails of support must be received via email by **11:59 pm, on Wednesday, March 20, 2024**.

Conference registration, which includes VSSA membership, is **$50 for faculty and free for students, VSSA lifetime members, international presenters, K-12 educators, and guests. Please register at:**

2024 VSSA Annual Meeting & Conference Tickets, Sat, Apr 20, 2024 at 8:00 AM | Eventbrite

For questions about the conference program, abstract submission, or student paper awards, please contact Dr. Keith Kline at klineka@vmi.edu. For questions about registration and the logistics of our virtual conference, please contact Dr. Dwana Waugh, Associate Professor of History and Social Sciences and Humanities Division Head at Sweet Briar College and VSSA Conference Local Arrangements Chair, at dwaugh@sbc.edu.