

CALL FOR PAPERS

VIRGINIA SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION 98th ANNUAL CONFERENCE HOSTED BY VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY APRIL 12, 2025

The Virginia Social Science Association (VSSA), the oldest association of academics in Virginia, welcomes abstracts for proposed presentations from faculty members, graduate students, and undergraduates at our in-person 98th Annual Conference hosted by Virginia State University on Saturday, April 12, 2025. To be considered for inclusion in the program, please submit your abstract by **11:59 pm on Wednesday, February 26, 2025**. In addition to an abstract, the proposal should include the following: **name, presentation title, e-mail address, phone number, school name, academic status (undergraduate, graduate, faculty member), and for students, the faculty advisor's name and contact information. Undergraduate students should also indicate preference for paper (i.e., oral presentation) or poster presentation. All graduate student and faculty proposals are for paper presentations. 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.

Please e-mail your abstracts to: Dr. Keith Kline, VSSA President, 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 at the conference. The deadline for submitting the full paper for the competition is **11:59 pm on Wednesday, February 26, 2025**. 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.

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 support letters or emails must be received by **11:59 pm on Wednesday, February 26, 2025**.

Conference registration is **\$90 for faculty and \$50 for students and includes membership in the VSSA as well as continental breakfast and lunch at the conference. Registration is free for VSSA lifetime members and K-12 educators. Please register at: [Saturday, April 12, 2025. VSSA Annual Meeting & Conference Tickets, Sat, Apr 12, 2025 at 8:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)**

For questions about the conference program, abstract submission, or student paper awards, please contact Dr. Moushumi Roy, VSSA Vice President and Conference Program Chair, at mroy@vsu.edu. For questions about conference registration, please contact Dr. Praveen Rao, VSSA Board Member, at pbolli@vsu.edu. Information about lodging will be forthcoming. For questions about local arrangements, please contact Dr. Nadjhia Normil-Skakavac, VSSA Immediate Past President and Conference Local Arrangements Liaison, at nnormil@vsu.edu.