

**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
**THE VIRGINIA SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION**  
**99<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**at Virginia Military Institute**

**MARCH 28, 2026**

The Virginia Social Science Association (VSSA), the oldest academic association in Virginia, welcomes abstracts for presentations from faculty members and from graduate and undergraduate students at its in-person 99th Annual Conference at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia on Saturday, March 28, 2026. The deadline for abstract submission is **noon on Friday, February 27, 2026**. The abstract should be **no more than one page in length with the following required section headings**: Background, Purpose/Objectives, Method, Findings, and Conclusions/Implications. **Following the abstract, please provide**: the presentation title and the corresponding author's name, institutional affiliation, email address, and academic status (undergraduate, graduate, faculty). **Please also provide**: the names, institutional affiliations, email addresses, and academic statuses of any co-presenters, co-authors, and faculty mentors (for student corresponding authors). **At this time, please assume that accepted submissions will be delivered as paper (oral) presentations.**

The VSSA conference offers an ideal venue to present work in progress, receive feedback, and expand your professional network.

**Please e-mail your abstracts to** Dr. Keith Kline, VSSA President, at [klineka@vmi.edu](mailto: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. Only students whose abstracts are accepted and who are presenting at the conference will be eligible to win awards for their full papers. Full papers are due by **noon on Friday, February 27, 2026**. The VSSA will award \$500 for the best graduate student paper and \$250 for the best undergraduate student paper. Winners will be announced at the conference. **For consideration by the VSSA Student Paper Awards Committee, graduate and undergraduate students must submit their papers to** Dr. Keith Kline at [klineka@vmi.edu](mailto:klineka@vmi.edu).

The paper requirements for award consideration are:

- (1) Maximum length (text and references): 7,500 words using Times New Roman, 12-point font, double-spaced, 1-inch margins.
- (2) **Letter or email of endorsement from a faculty member sent to** Dr. Keith Kline at [klineka@vmi.edu](mailto:klineka@vmi.edu).
- (3) **A cover page that includes the following information**: the title of the paper, the student author's name, institutional affiliation, academic status (graduate or undergraduate), current academic level, major, mailing address, and email address, and the name and email address of the faculty member endorsing the paper.
- (4) Papers and support letters or emails must be received by **noon on Friday, February 27, 2026**.

Conference registration fees are **\$90 for faculty and \$30 for students**, with an additional 8.7% Eventbrite processing fee. Registration includes VSSA membership and breakfast and lunch at the conference. Registration is free for VSSA lifetime members and K-12 educators. **Please register at: Saturday, March 28, 2026. VSSA Annual Conference Tickets, Sat, Mar 28, 2026 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@texascollege.edu](mailto:mroy@texascollege.edu). **For questions about conference registration, please contact:** Dr. Praveen Rao Bolli, VSSA Media Officer, at [pbolli@vsu.edu](mailto:pbolli@vsu.edu). Information about lodging will be forthcoming. **For questions about local arrangements, please contact:** Dr. Aubrey Whitehead, VSSA Board Member and Conference Local Arrangements Liaison, at [whiteheadak@vmi.edu](mailto:whiteheadak@vmi.edu).