



How Bargain Rooms Hurt WSSA

By Larry A. Gould

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This issue has been discussed previously in the *WSSA News*, but recent events at other conferences have made it critical that every attendee understand the ramifications of using off-site hotels or discount companies to register at the conference hotel. Recently, the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences Deans had to pay a penalty of \$70,000 due to problems related to its failure to meet the required guest room pick up.

Shortly, we will post a link on WSSA's website that will take attendees directly to the correct Hyatt site for room registration for April's WSSA Conference.

As you make your plans to attend the annual meeting of the WSSA, we ask that you consider the following. As you make your hotel reservations, it no doubt is tempting to use on-line travel websites and discount travel companies that promise big savings on room rates. The option of



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securing lower room rates appears to be fiscally responsible; however, booking discounted rooms could actually hurt the WSSA and eventually lead to much higher conference costs. This is an important issue for any organization that holds a conference. I have read similar articles in other places such as the Council of

Colleges of Arts and Sciences Newsletter and in a recent Wall Street Journal (www.wsj.com) article by Ron Lieber, "Hotel Discounts That Are No Bargain" (Aug 6, 2003).

What most attendees don't understand is that the room block reserved for their event is a trade-off for renting the event space for breakout meetings. We use 25 such rooms at each of our annual meetings. In other words, we get the breakout space at no charge to the Association *only if* we fill the number of guest rooms described in the contract with the hotel. If we do not fill the guestrooms we pay a penalty. This is standard practice in the hotel industry.

When attendees stay at other hotels both the Association and the hotel suffer, and when the attendees book rooms at the conference hotel through a discount service the Association suffers. Not only does this make it difficult for us to book hotels for future years, it can cost us in terms of

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The Nomination Committee Selects Officer Candidates

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The ballot that WSSA members will soon receive in the mail features a strong slate of candidates selected by the Nomination Committee for the 2005-2006 WSSA Executive Council (please see pages 4-5 for more information about the candidates). The nominees were selected during a recent meeting of the current Council in Albuquerque.

Doreen Barrie of the University

of Calgary was nominated to succeed Jim Peach of New Mexico State University as President-Elect. Three candidates were nominated for Vice President: **Phadrea Ponds**, U.S. Geological Survey; **Bill Simonsen**, University of Connecticut; and **David Theissen**, Lewis-Clark State College.

In accordance with WSSA's Constitution, six Executive Council nominees were chosen: **Mary Brentwood**, **Gilbert "Gil" Fowler**, **Lilias Jones Jarding**, **Cynthia Klima**, **Gary Linn**, and **Christopher Plein**.

Answering Some Critical Questions

By Lisa Nelson

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Hello, WSSA members and friends. I'd like to report to you on how the WSSA Executive Council (EC) responded to some questions I posed at the fall meeting in Albuquerque and in the last newsletter. I have combined the answers into a mythical single voice. So up front, this is fiction, not social science.

What is it that makes you a social scientist? Is it a role, a label, an activity, a world view? Something else?

EC: Broadly, as a social scientist, I study people in a somewhat formalized way. I use scientific methods to satisfy my curiosity. My job is to understand and explain behavior (personal, interpersonal, social), problems, and policies, and to investigate the impact that private and group decisions have on society and community goals, and vice versa.

Since I also come from a specific discipline, I look at the rest of the social sciences as a resource for understanding the broader context of my specialization. The part of me that is an economist assumes human greed and insufficient resources, and seeks efficiency and fairness outcomes. The part of me that is a social worker draws on moral philosophy and is grounded in the theory of all the social sciences. As a geographer, I look at the spatial order of human activity.

What do social scientists have to offer the world at this point in history, where so many systems seem to be breaking down, conflict and other problems are widespread, and yet at the same time we can perceive and communicate new ideas on a never-before-achieved global scale?

EC: First, we can spread the word that there are no truths, only stories (or positions). We can provide probabilistic rather than "right" or "wrong" findings. Some of what we have put forth in the past has been oversold, such as the idea that markets always work. Results that are statistically significant are important, but we also must address the fact that our theories are social constructs that a certain number buy into, without having to listen to those of others. In other words, as a group we can't take ourselves too seriously, but we shouldn't take ourselves to task too seriously either. We need to get away from strictly academic dogmas and spend time figuring out the questions that should be asked in these times.

We also need to encourage each other to seek as much truth as we can in an environment in which thousands of think tanks produce studies that confirm pre-determined results, and, in turn, consider the sources of our own research funding. Social scientists are multi-armed and multi-voiced, having many different methods available and many questions to address. At the policy level, we have to deal with the reality of politics and ideology overrunning reason and science. We need to be the rational voice. Life is a bundle of contradictions. We need what WSSA offers: a place where people talk to you about your papers.

I'd like to know what you think about these questions (and answers!) Please send me your responses. Place "social scientist" in the subject line, and send to lnelson@csupomona.edu. I hope you will engage your colleagues in a discussion of the above questions. I'd like to hear from you.

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WSSA Section Coordinators' Corner

BY DENNIS
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This is my fourth year as Section Coordinator for the Criminal Justice and Criminology Section and my first year serving on the Executive Council of WSSA. What I have come to appreciate by serving in these two positions is the unique nature of the role the Section Coordinator plays in the overall operation and success of the WSSA. The WSSA is, and always has been, decentralized in its approach to the organization's membership recruitment. The key to this decentralized approach is the Section Coordinator. WSSA's health as an organization is directly related to the health of the sections. Since the WSSA does not maintain a centralized database of all the potential members of the organization, its lifeblood is found in the sections' lists of active and potential members.

As I pondered my Section Coordinator role in light of what I have learned on the Executive Committee, it occurred to me that it would be of value to have a regular feature in the *WSSA News* devoted to issues, ideas, and contributions that would both acknowledge the critical role of the coordinators and strengthen the sections. It is my hope that this feature can serve as a place where Section Coordinators can share ideas so the membership at large will have a better understanding of this critical role. To launch this "Section Coordinators' Corner," I wanted to briefly share what I have experienced in trying to maintain an active membership in the Criminal Justice and Criminology Section.

I have come to discover that updating a mailing list of possible contributors to sections and members of the WSSA is an ongoing, sometimes daunting task. I inherited my section from Larry Gould. It came with an extensive, up-to-date mailing list of faculty and other possible contributors. However, over time, that list became outdated. Depending on the discipline, mailing list maintenance can be relatively easy or extremely complex. The combined disciplines of criminal justice and criminology rank on the more complex end of the

spectrum. Criminal justice academic programs fall under a number of rubrics, including criminal justice, justice administration, law enforcement, and justice studies. These programs can be found at the university, college and community college levels. There also are practitioners in police, courts and corrections agencies. On the criminology discipline side, the same is true, as it is often found as a sub-discipline in sociology departments or can stand alone as a department.

I have chosen to begin updating my own section list by attacking the criminal justice discipline first, followed by criminology. My first step was to find as many institutions as possible that have a criminal justice, law enforcement, justice studies, or justice administration curriculum. My initial internet foray produced a lot of results, including "macro sites" that maintained lists of degree programs throughout the United States and, in some cases, in other countries. The current faculty in these programs was compared with those faculty members we currently have on our mailing list. My second source for updating the mailing list is the membership list of other academic organizations. In the case of criminal justice, this would include an organization like the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. On the criminology side, it would include the American Society of Criminology.

Regardless of the method, the critical nature of current mailing lists cannot be overstated. I encourage all Section Coordinators to establish a regular system for mailing list maintenance. When you pass the mantle on to someone else, be sure they have a current mailing list and understand the method for systematically maintaining it.

In closing this inaugural Coordinators' Corner column, I would encourage any coordinator who would like to contribute to the next issue to please e-mail me with your thoughts or contributions to dennis.catlin@nau.edu

Advance Purchase Tickets Required for Plenary Speaker

In the last newsletter, the WSSA announced that Fred R. Harris will be the plenary speaker for the 47th annual conference in Albuquerque. This plenary address and luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, April 15th. Seating is limited, and you need to purchase luncheon tickets in advance. You may purchase your tickets when you register either by mail or on-line at: <http://wssa.asu.edu>



Fred R. Harris

the University of Oklahoma, College of Law in 1954 with numerous awards for his academic performance. After practicing law and serving in the Oklahoma state legislature from 1956 to 1964, Harris was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1964 and served as National Democratic Party Chair in 1969-1970. He is the author or editor of 20 books including three works of fiction. His latest novel (*Following the Harvest*) was released in October. The title of his plenary address will be: "The Baby Bust: Who Will do the Work? Who Will Pay the Taxes?"

-- Jim Peach, WSSA President-Elect

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huge penalties for not meeting our room quota. When an attendee books a room through a discount service at the conference hotel and the discounted price is lower than the conference rate WSSA does not get the much needed credit for that room.

Conference site hotels and some conference organizations are already beginning to charge attendees a higher registration if they don't stay at the conference hotel. Also, many hotels have barred non-guests from using the shuttles and other hotel services provided for their registered guests.

It is important that the majority of attendees register as guests at the conference hotel, otherwise WSSA meetings can be seriously impacted by the increased financial burden.

Meet the WSSA Candidates!

The 2004 WSSA Nomination Committee is pleased to announce an impressive slate of candidates for President-Elect, Vice-President, and the Executive Council. Under the constitution, the current President-Elect, Jim Peach of New Mexico State University, will move up to President. The Nomination Committee, according to precedent and constitutional provisions, determined to offer one nomination for President-Elect. The Committee also offers three nominations for Vice-President and six nominees for the Executive Council.

The ballot, which WSSA members will receive in the mail, must be returned to WSSA Executive Director Larry Gould *no later than February 28, 2005*.

* NOMINEE FOR WSSA PRESIDENT-ELECT

Doreen Barrie University of Calgary, Canada

Doreen Barrie is an Adjunct Assistant Professor in Political Science at the University of Calgary in Canada. She has been involved with the Canadian Studies Section of the WSSA for a number of years. She has served on the Executive Council and is currently Vice President and Section Coordinator for Canadian Studies. Barrie is very interested in

trying to forge links between the WSSA and similar organizations particularly in Canada, for their mutual benefit. She specializes in Canadian and provincial politics and has written about Alberta politics and health care. Her current research interests center on the politics of water and the environment. Doreen is very involved in her local community and through an institute she founded has been trying to encourage constructive debate among the general public. She is on the Board of Directors of the Alberta Civil Liberties Research Centre and has served on the Board of Advisory Editors of *Great Plains Quarterly*.

* NOMINEES FOR WSSA VICE-PRESIDENT

Phadrea Ponds U.S. Geological Survey

Phadrea Ponds received her B.S. in Wildlife Biology from Grambling State University in 1988 and her M.S. in Wildlife Biology and Forest Recreation Management from Oregon State University in 1993. She currently serves as Research Wildlife Biologist for the U.S. Geological Survey in Fort Collins, Colorado. Her research focuses on natural resource management and how the public participation process affects environmental management.

Ponds is active as a mentor and advisor on several interagency committees, advisory boards, and professional societies. She has been an active member of the WSSA since 1996, and served as a member of the WSSA Executive Council from 1998-2002. In 2001-2002, she served as coordinator of the Student Involvement Committee (a subcommittee of the Executive Council).

Bill Simonsen Univ. of Connecticut

Bill Simonsen is a Professor in the Department of Public Policy at the University of Connecticut, where he is the Director of its Master of Public Administration program. Prior to that, he served as Associate Professor and Associate Department Head in the Department of Planning, Public Policy and Management at the University of Oregon.

Simonsen has been an active member of the WSSA for about 15 years. He served on the Executive Council for a three-year term that just ended in April 2004. He also has coordinated the Public Administration section and co-founded the Public Finance and Budgeting section.

Simonsen enjoys the WSSA's traditions of a collegial atmosphere and a multi-disciplinary approach to the social sciences. His major research interests include local government finance and citizen participation.

David Thiessen Lewis-Clark State Coll.

David Thiessen, Ph.D., is Professor of Economics at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho, where he has been since 1981. He also has served as an adjunct for the College of Business and Economics at the University of Idaho. Dave has been a member of the Western Social Science Association since 1993. He will complete a three-year term on the WSSA Executive Council at the April 2005 conference.

Dave has served on council committees and as the unofficial council parliamentarian. He has nine years of experience as a co-coordinator of the New Zealand and Australian Studies section. Dave has also participated in the Economics and Canadian Studies sections. He has published a number of journal articles and been active in other academic associations.

WSSA 2005-2006 OFFICER ELECTIONS

* NOMINEES FOR WSSA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Mary Brentwood Cal. State Univ.-Sacramento

Mary Brentwood first became involved with WSSA as a graduate student in the Political Science Department at Northern Arizona University in 1991. She presented her first paper at the 33rd Annual Conference, April 1991 in Reno, and also presented at the 34th Annual Conference, March 1992 in Denver. She also presented at the 43rd Annual Conference, April 2001 in Reno, where she served as chair of the panel titled "Environmental Decision-Making."

In addition, Brentwood has served as a mentor to a McNair scholar from California State University, Sacramento, guiding her in presenting a student paper at the 44th Annual Conference, April 2002 in Albuquerque. She served two terms, 2003 and 2004, as Section Coordinator for the Environmental Policy and Natural Resource Management section. Both years, she received an award for outstanding service as section coordinator. She also has published book reviews for *The Social Science Journal*.

She chose WSSA as her primary professional organization because of its interdisciplinary nature, which fits well with her fields of environmental policy, law and ethics.

Gilbert L. "Gil" Fowler Arkansas State University

Dr. Gilbert L. "Gil" Fowler of Arkansas State University has been active in the Western Social Science Association since 1993. During those twelve years he has authored or co-authored 43 paper presentations and has made presentations at all but one WSSA conference. His work has not only included his own research but includes encouragement and support to more than 20 graduate students who have contributed over that period. He was named coordinator of the Mass Communications section in fall 2003 and was given the award as "Outstanding Section Coordinator" in Salt Lake City in April 2004.

Lilias Jones Jarding Colorado State University

Lilias Jones Jarding has been a member of the WSSA since 1993. She has presented papers during four of those years in American Indian Studies and Rural Studies. She has also participated as a moderator for a panel. She enjoys the WSSA and encourages others from a variety of disciplines to be part of the organization. It has been by far the best professional organization for her needs.

Cynthia Klima SUNY-Geneseo

Dr. Cynthia Klima, Associate Professor of German and Russian Languages, SUNY-Geneseo, has been active in the Rocky Mountain Western Slavic Association (RMWSA) as well as the Western Social Science Association for the past eight years. She has served as President and Coordinator of the RMWSA and currently serves as Chair of Regional Affiliates for the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, representing RMWSA in that capacity.

A Ph.D. graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, she is the author of numerous articles on Jewish themes and is currently completing a translation of Paul Leppin's "Blaugast," a novel of Old Prague, from German into English.

Gary Linn Tennessee State University

Gary Linn has been active in the WSSA since 1987, when he first presented in the Chronic Disease and Disability section at the El Paso meeting. Since 1994 he has alternately chaired or co-chaired the Chronic Disease and Disability Section. With others, he has attracted important scholars in disability and chronic illness research to participate in the section.

In 1998, he developed an affiliation between the WSSA and Research Committee no. 49 of the International Sociological Association (Mental Health and Illness). For the past six years, international researchers affiliated with RC-49 from Sweden, England, Germany, Canada and other nations have presented in the Chronic Disease and Disability Section. Last year, a presenter traveled from Cape Town, South Africa to share her research on HIV in health care professionals. In 2001, Gary and David Pfeiffer were recognized by the WSSA for their section leadership and productivity.

Gary also serves as a reviewer of student papers for the student paper competition and has published reviews in the *SSJ*.

Christopher Plein West Virginia University

Chris Plein has been active in the WSSA since the late 1990s. He has given papers, served on roundtables, and chaired panels at various meetings over the years. He had a publication in *The Social Science Journal* which appeared in 1998. For the past two years, he has served as an Associate Editor with *The Social Science Journal*. He looks forward to the upcoming meetings in Albuquerque in Spring 2005.

The WSSA Returns to Albuquerque

By Jim Peach

New Mexico State University
WSSA President-Elect

Albuquerque is always among the most popular sites for WSSA's annual conferences and we anticipate a large turnout again for our 2005 conference to be held April 13th through April 16th. As in 2002, this year's conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque. The Hyatt is located in the middle of downtown and its central location makes access to Albuquerque's many attractions easy.

And, how lucky can we be? In April, 2005 the city of Albuquerque begins its 300th birthday celebration. The celebration will continue for more than a year and will include many special events and activities. On Friday, April 15th, there will be a ribbon cutting at the expanded Albuquerque Art & History Museum as well as the opening of the first of three exhibits from Spain, "El Alma de Espana" featuring the "Old Masters." Opening ceremonies begin on April 16th (Saturday) at Balloon Fiesta Park and will include a balloon lift-off, bands from throughout the State, horse groups for parade, formal greetings, speeches, proclamations, release of doves, , music and fireworks. Also on April 16th, there will be music and fireworks in the Civic plaza directly across the street from the Hyatt. More information about these events can be found at: www.albuquerque300.org

The Duke City offers many other attractions. A visit to Historic Old Town with its central plaza and numerous shops and restaurants is a must. Albuquerque has a small but excellent zoo, a wonderful botanical garden, and an aquarium. The Museum of Natural History will give you the opportunity to see exhibits of what the area once looked like including a glimpse of dinosaurs. The rebirth of downtown Albuquerque is clearly evident along Central Avenue, which is just a few blocks from the hotel. Or, take a hike along the Rio Grande and its numerous nature trails. Albuquerque is not Reno or Las Vegas, but if gambling is your thing, there are several casinos in and

around town.

If this is not enough, then take a side trip. Santa Fe is an easy hour's drive north or visit nearby Acoma Pueblo, the oldest continuously inhabited city in America. If you have a little more time, the Bosque del Apache is about two hours south of the city and has bird-watching galore. Within a few hours are White Sands National Monument and Carlsbad Caverns, which are "must-see" places at some point in your life.

The WSSA also has some very special events planned for the conference. On Wednesday, April 13th, all participants are invited to WSSA's opening reception at 6 p.m. While there are no sessions on Wednesday, plan to arrive early enough for the opening reception, which is always a great time to relax and visit with both old and new friends. On Thursday at lunch-time, WSSA President Lisa Nelson will deliver her presidential address. On Friday, we are honored to have former U.S. Senator Fred Harris as our plenary speaker at lunch. Reserve your spot for both luncheon events early. On Saturday evening, everyone is invited to the President's Reception to celebrate the end of another successful conference.

And yes, we do have numerous panels and excellent papers organized around WSSA's thirty different sections. The section coordinators (many thanks to all) have been working hard to put together a great program. Although the final program is not finished, early reports indicate a very large and diverse set of panels. One of the really nice things about WSSA is the opportunity to attend and participate in sessions outside of your own discipline. Take a close look at the program and I am certain you will find sessions worth attending in many areas. When you need a short break from the sessions, the publisher's book exhibit and paper display are

well-worth your time. Bob Watson has been working hard on arranging the book display and I am sure it will be a good one.

Finally, don't hesitate to ask me or other WSSA officeholders or members of the executive council about other things to do or how to make the conference more enjoyable. We look forward to seeing you in Albuquerque.



Two of the many impressive features that surround the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque.

News and Notes from the WSSA

A REMINDER ABOUT WSSA'S ELECTIONS

It is that time of year again when we vote for new officers. Ballots have been mailed to you and we hope that you will take the opportunity to vote. Every vote counts and we encourage you to be involved in the election. One of the ways that our future is determined is by the selection of new leadership for the Association. Our election slate represents a diversity of talents from the various disciplines of the association. All of our candidates are talented and have leadership qualities that will continue to strengthen the WSSA. If you do not receive the ballot that was mailed to you, please contact WSSA Executive Director Larry Gould and he will provide you with a new ballot.

-- Diane Calloway-Graham, Immediate Past-President

SEARCH CONTINUES FOR NEW SSJ EDITOR

All members of the WSSA should have received announcements for our search to replace the Editor of *The Social Science Journal (SSJ)* and the Book Review Editor for the Journal. We are very grateful for the many years of wonderful dedication and leadership from David Freeman (Journal Editor) and Bob Watson (Book Review Editor). They have both contributed to the fine reputation of *The Social Science Journal*.

The WSSA is seeking qualified individuals who will edit the journal or edit and solicit book reviews for the *SSJ*. Nominations and self-nominations are encouraged. The deadline for application is February 15, 2005. Please submit the following to the Chair of the search committee: (1) Vita, (2) Letter of Institutional Support from Dean or President, (3) Three letters of recommendation, and (4) A statement of goals and philosophy for *The Social Science Journal* that includes proposed changes or innovations. Interviews will be conducted at the WSSA Annual Conference which will take place April 13-16, 2005 in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the Hyatt Regency Downtown.

If you wish to nominate a person to serve as editor, or if you have questions about the responsibilities of serving as Editor for the *SSJ*, you are encouraged to contact the committee chair: Professor Diane Calloway-Graham, Department of Sociology, Social Work, & Anthropology, Logan, Utah 84422-0730. Phone: 435-797-2389, FAX: 435-797-1240, E-mail: diancall@hass.usu.edu

-- Diane Calloway-Graham, Immediate Past-President

STUDENTS AND THE WSSA

The WSSA has always been interested in developing the professional skills of students. To this end, we provide panels on publishing in the *SSJ* and on Preparation of the Professional

Portfolio. The Association is keen to encourage students to participate at the annual meetings and in the Student Paper Competition. We have set up a Student Involvement Committee to encourage students to get involved with the WSSA.

At the Salt Lake City Conference in April 2004, we held a reception for student attendees. This was well-attended by students and Executive Council members also were on hand to introduce themselves and mingle with students. It is our hope that undergraduate and graduate students will consider presenting papers, entering papers in the competition, or just attending the conference to get a feel for such events.

The WSSA is an inter-disciplinary organization and we have heard from many academics that they enjoy the conference a great deal precisely because it offers a breadth that is absent from their disciplinary meetings. In addition, they feel the Association is very welcoming and they appreciate the opportunity to renew acquaintances with colleagues in related disciplines. Thus, the ambience is perfect for students who have seldom or never attended academic meetings.

-- Doreen Barrie, WSSA Vice President



WSSA FULLY ON-LINE WITH CREDIT CARD PROCESSING

By now many of you have received your dues notice. I would like to take the opportunity that you can pay your dues and conference registration on-line. This provides you with an immediate receipt and acknowledgement of your payments. It also cuts down the time necessary for us to process your conference registration. Many people have already taken advantage of this method of payment.

-- Larry A. Gould, WSSA Executive Director

GO WIRELESS IN ALBUQUERQUE

Take advantage of the free, publicly accessible wireless space across the street from the Hyatt (conference hotel) in the Civic Plaza. Albuquerque was the first city in New Mexico to provide free wireless at various city hotspots such as Civic Plaza. Sit down at one of the tables in the Plaza with your favorite wireless device (laptop computer, PDA, Pocket PC) that contains a wireless network adaptor and browse the Web and check and or send e-mail. The plaza is wired by a T1 line that makes the Internet accessible at 1.544 megabits per second. As long as you are within a 1000-foot line of sight of the antennae (all spots within the Civic Plaza) then you can take advantage of this free service. Starbucks customers seated in the outside café at the corner of the hotel have been successful at connecting to the service, however, you won't be able to connect within the hotel, so venture outside and enjoy the weather while you surf the web.

-- Rich Greene, Executive Council Member



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Paper Requirements

- **Papers cannot exceed 25 pages (which include bibliography, tables, figures, appendices and other supporting materials).** Abstracts and cover sheets do not count as part of the 25-page maximum.
- **Papers longer than the 25-page maximum will not be read (strictly enforced).**
- All pages must be double-spaced and in 12 pt. Arial font.
- Papers may not be theses or dissertations previously presented or published.
- Authors may wish to consult *The Social Science Journal's* style guide for formatting information.
- **Papers must be received on or before February 1, 2005.** Please clearly indicate undergraduate or graduate status, institutional affiliation, address, phone number and e-mail address. Send an e-mail copy (Word or Rich Text formats) or three hard copies to:

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