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# 49<sup>th</sup> Annual S<sup>4</sup> Social Science Student Symposium Program

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# Sacramento Welcomes You to the SSRIC's 49<sup>th</sup> Annual S<sup>4</sup>

## *Symposium Schedule Brief Overview*

8 am - 8:50 am	Check in, Breakfast (Redwood Room, University Union)
8:50 am - 9:20 am	Welcome, Opening Remarks (Redwood Room, University Union)
9:30 am - 10:50 am	Session 1 (7 concurrent sessions, University Union)
11 am - 12:20 pm	Session 2 (8 concurrent sessions, University Union)
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Luncheon, SSRIC Introduction (Redwood Room, University Union) Keynote Speaker at 1pm, <i>Tani Cantil-Sakauye</i>
2:10 pm - 3:30 pm	Session 3 (7 concurrent sessions, University Union)
3:40 pm - 4:30 pm	Awards, Snacks Closing Remarks (Redwood Room, University Union)

A brief note on the University Union building: The SSRIC Welcome, Lunch, and Closing program will be held in the large reception room known as the Redwood Room on the first floor of the University Union. Gender neutral restrooms exist on all three floors of the union and are marked on the map. The person at the information desk located within eyesight of the Redwood Room can answer all your questions about the building.

Parking Information: Parking on campus is by permit only and is strictly enforced 24/7. Those individuals without a CSU parking permit wishing to park on campus must pay for a parking permit. FREE PARKING is provided for all CSU parking permit holders, including digital permits. However, you MUST stop by the Welcome Center to receive a (free) complimentary all-day parking permit. If you don't have a permit from a CSU campus, you can also purchase a daily permit (see Campus Map for locations of permit dispensers).

All student presentations will be held in the following University Union rooms:

- The Forest Suite: 2013
  - Walnut Room: 2013A
  - Oak Room: 2013B
- Orchard I: 2011-1
- Foothill Suite: 3011
  - Auburn Room: 3011A
  - Folsom Room: 3011B
- Summit Room: 3031
- Valley Suite: 3017

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8 - 8:50 am: Checking in & Breakfast, Redwood Room, University Union

8:50 am - 9:20 am: SSRIC Welcome, Redwood Room, University Union

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**8:50 am:**      **Welcome from Dr. Dianne Hyson, Dean of the College of SSIS, CSU Sacramento  
& Dr. Audrey Beck, SSRIC Council Chair, San Diego State University**

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**SESSION 1: 9:30 am – 10:50 am**

**(7 Concurrent Panels: 1.1 to 1.7)**

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**Panel 1.1: Views on Policing, Forest Suite, Oak Room (2013A)**

**Moderator: Dr. Jackie Brooks, California State University, Sacramento**

Ella Brown and Lorenzo Davalos. "To Serve and Protect? An Exploration of Community Attitudes Towards Policing Using the General Social Survey"

- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

Keith Okwuosa. "Beat Cop: Views, Attitudes and Confidence on Police Action and Polices among a Sample of College Students"

- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

Emmanuel Fadollone. "Police Power & Poverty: How Police Occupy Communities in Poverty"

- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

**Panel 1.2: Families, Forest Suite, Walnut Room (2013B)**

**Moderator: Dr. Ellen Berg, California State University, Sacramento**

Janielle Monroy. "Exploring the Effects on Mixed Status Families in the United States"

- Sociology, California State University, Los Angeles

Sabrina Roa and Jonathan Uribe. "Dominance Networks among Tufted Capuchin Monkeys (Sapajus Nigrinus)"

- Anthropology, California State University, Sacramento

Rocci Vizzusi. "Exploring the Mechanisms Linking Childhood Trauma to Adult Depression: A Parallel Mediator Model"

- Psychology, California State University, Chico

**Panel 1.3: The Dynamics of Distrust, Valley Suite (30317)**

**Moderator: Dr. Chris Pappas, California State University, Sacramento**

Mo Augello and Lorene Sousa. "Unraveling the Threads: Investigating Modern Conspiracy Theories"

- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

Julian Clayton, Viviana Aguiar, and Bimrich Xayavong. "The Trust Divide: A Study of Social Factors that affect American Attitudes using the General Social Survey"

- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

Peter-Toan Le, Tiffany Tarbet, Tejhasvi Jaikumar, and Zifei Cai. "Cynical Citizens: Identifying Social Factors Associated with Attitudes Toward the US Courts and Legal System Using the American General Social Survey and a Survey of University Students"

- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

**Panel 1.4: A World at Risk, Green and Gold Room (3201)**

**Moderator: Dr. Wallis Adams, California State University, East Bay**

Andrew Engel. "US Nuclear Modernization"

- Political Science, California State University, San Luis Obispo

Abigail Turco. "War in Space: How the United States' Dominance of Outer Space Impacts Global Politics"

- Political Science, California State University, San Luis Obispo

Sam Minard. "Climate Migration in the United States: The Influence of Natural Disasters, Resource Scarcity, and Perceived Climate Inhospitability"

- Sociology, California State University, Monterey Bay

Jenn Galinato. "Is the United Nations the Answer? Promoting a Healthy, Protected, and Productive Workforce and Addressing the Expanded Riskscape in Asia and the Pacific (The NGO Response)"

- Political Science, California State University, Sacramento

**Panel 1.5: Language, AI, and Education, Orchard Suite I (2011-1)**

**Moderator: Dr. Kelin Li, California State University, Dominguez Hills**

Malleeswari Jagabattuni, Ava Austin, Molly Downs, Jenna Ferrario-Roeise, Mikey Pagán, Paige Peterson, Cassia Reddig, and Julia Whelan. "Advantages and Challenges in using ChatGPT in Text Simplification for Children"

- English (Linguistics), California State University, San Francisco

Bridget LaPorte, Jonah Storey, Kaley Scheppler, and Olivia Thomas. "The Effect of Artificial Intelligence on Credibility, Instructor Immediacy, and Future Student Investment"

- Communication Studies, California State University, San Luis Obispo

Prema Yousuf, Nicole Douglas, Cameron Bader, and Kate MacPherson. "The Effect of Punctuation on Communication Competence, Appropriateness, and Annoyance Within Professor-Student Communication"

- Communication Studies, California State University, San Luis Obispo

Kaela Afleje, Shelby Wood, Sonja Ganoza, and Jasmeen Yousuf. "Uphill or Downhill Battle: Examining America's Attitudes towards Educational Confidence and Government Spending"

- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

**Panel 1.6: Technology and Society, Foothill Suite, Auburn Room (3011A)**

**Moderator: Dr. Harry Blain, California State University, Sacramento**

Elene Pilpani. "Byte Me if You Can: Growing Impacts of Healthcare Technologies on Privacy Policy"

- Political Science, California State University, San Luis Obispo

Brenden Jacoby. "Who Benefits? Charting How Global North States' Utilize Technology in Asylum Cases"

- Communication Studies, California State University, San Luis Obispo

Sean Messina. "How Media Behaviors Effect Critical Consciousness through Civic Engagement"

- Child Development, California State University, San Bernadino

Tiemei Tang. "Leveraging Online Reviews for Product Innovation in E-commerce"

- Business Administration Master's Program, California State University, Chico

**Panel 1.7: Global Issues, Summit Room (3031)**

**Moderator: Dr. Enrico Marcelli, California State University, San Diego**

Orest Yaslynsky. "Sportswashing and Authoritarianism"

- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

Mari Shinozaki. "Environmental Restoration: Undermining the Global South's Jurisdiction"

- Political Science, California State University, San Luis Obispo

Julian Mendez and Valentina Suarez Sarmiento. "The Role of NGOs in Assisting Refugees and Displaced Persons"

- Political Science, California State University, Sacramento

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**SESSION 2: 11 am – 12:20 pm**  
**(8 Concurrent Panels 2.1 – 2.8)**

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**Panel 2.1: Crime and Fear of Crime, Forest Suite, Oak Room (2013A)**

**Moderator: Dr. Jackie Carrigan, California State University, Sacramento**

Avery Kryger and Emily Brown. "Investigating Gender Disparities in Perceived Campus Safety: A Comparative Analysis of College Campus Locations through Cognitive Mapping"

- Information Systems, San Diego State University

Jennifer Matias and Dianna Millan. "Exploring Different Factors that Provoke Fear of Crime in Individuals as Crime in America Decreases"

- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

Steve Martinez. "Through the Eyes of a Stranger: Perspectives of Incarcerated Youth"

- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

**Panel 2.2: Diverse Backgrounds in Higher Education, Forest Suite, Walnut Room (2013B)**

**Moderator: Dr. Amalia Perez Martin, California State University, Sacramento**

Auva Yekta, Paulette D Garcia Peraza, and Jazelle Sevilla. "Experiences in Academia as First-Generation Women of Color Graduate Students"

- Psychology, California State University, Sacramento

Luna Dimas-Martinez. "The Similarities/Differences between 1st and 2nd Generation College/University Students"

- Sociology, California State University, East Bay

Catie Bussey. "Neurodiversity Autoethnography: Emergent Self-(psycho) Analysis of Alternative Psychiatric Rhetoric"

- English, California State University, Sacramento

Neassa Montes and Viridiana Atescatenco. "Guardian Scholars: An Exploration of Former Foster Youth Experiences at Sacramento State"

- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

**Panel 2.3: Digital Wellbeing, Valley Suite (30317)**

**Moderator: Dr. Eric Vogelsang, California State University, San Bernadino**

Nicholas Jendian. "The Link Between Digital Communication Preferences and Social Anxiety"

- Social Psychology, California State University, Fresno

Jaydee Asuncion and Jon Congjuico. "The Digital Age Gap: How Internet Habits Impact Mental Wellbeing Across Generations"

- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

Maria Cortez and Julie Franco. "Behind the Filter: Analyzing the Relationship Between Social Media and Mental Well-being"

- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

Isabella Avalos. "Exploring Smartphone Distractions and Attentional Suppression"

- Psychology, California State University, Chico

#### **Panel 2.4: Mental Health in College, Green and Gold Room (3201)**

**Moderator: Dr. Nitika Sharma, California State University, Sacramento**

Angelic Lopez, Vanesa Ojeda, and Jessica Spray. "Mind Matters: Unraveling Mental Health at Sacramento State University"

- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

Charmaine Adams, Tashma Hall, and Tyrone Humphrey. "Exploring Marijuana Use at a Large, Public University"

- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

Hannah Burgard. "Advancing Inclusive Mental Health Resources through UX Research: A Mixed-Methods Approach to Empower Awareness, Inclusivity, and Accessibility for Underrepresented and Marginalized Students at CSU Chico"

- Sociology, California State University, Chico

Giselle Vera and Diana Rangel. "Chicanx and Latinx Student Perspective on HIS Representation in Colleges."

- Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, California State University, Sacramento

#### **Panel 2.5: Sex and Relationships, Foothill Suite, Auburn Room (3011A)**

**Moderator: Dr. Amanda Shigihara, California State University, Sacramento**

Trudy Dement. "What Did You Do Last Night?: Examining Cheating and American Attitudes towards Infidelity"

- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

Selena Morentin. "First Generation Female College Students and IPV within Higher Education"

- Sociology, California State University, Los Angeles

Lesley Garcia-Hernandez and Olajunmoke Ogunrinde. "Swipe, Cheat, Repeat: A Dive into Dating Apps and Infidelity Amongst College Students"

- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

**Panel 2.6: Immigrant Experiences and Mental Health Dynamics, Foothill Suite, Folsom Room (3011B)**

**Moderator: Dr. Heidy Sarabia, California State University, Sacramento**

William Iglesias. "The Effects of Immigration Barriers, Racial and Ethnic Factors, and Parental Influence on College Student Mental Health Service Utilization"

- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

Nadia Arreola Neri. "The Generational Transmission of Distress Among Mexican Immigrants"

- Child Development, San Diego State University

Nephtali Garcia. "Legal Status Precarity & Distress Among Brazilian & Mexican Men"

- Social Work, San Diego State University

Kimberly Rivera, Claudia Reyna, Mayeli Martinez, and Brianna Espinoza. "Unveiling Americans' Attitudes Towards Newcomers using the 2022 General Social Survey"

- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

**Panel 2.7: Media Portrayals and Societal Impact, Summit Room (3031)**

**Moderator: Dr. Shelley Hurt, California State University, San Luis Obispo**

Chen Goudz. "Guns, Lasers, Aliens, and Murders: The Negative Effects of Violence in Rick and Morty"

- Political Science, California State University, San Luis Obispo

Kendall Baebler. "He's the Man: Traits of Toxic Masculinity in New Girl"

- Communication Studies, California State University, San Luis Obispo

**Panel 2.8: Inequality of Place, Orchard Suite I (2011-1)**

**Moderator: Dr. Aya Ida, California State University, Sacramento**

Dominique Evans. "How do Social Support, Educational Opportunities and Racial Discrimination affect Individuals Living in Lower Income Communities?"

- Sociology, California State University, East Bay

Alyssa Cantu. "Drinking Water Quality and Environmental Justice in the San Joaquin Valley"

- Economics, California State University, Fresno

Mia Lopez-Lujan. "The Impact of Residential Location: Investigating Socioeconomic Disparities in Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Screening Among Adolescents in California"

- Public Administration, California State University, Chico

Carly Hines. "Insights into Healthcare Providers Perspectives of Life for Patients with Disabilities: An Exploratory Analysis."

- Public Administration, California State University, Chico



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Lunch & Keynote Address 12:30 - 2 pm  
Redwood Room, University Union

Tani Cantil-Sakauye, President and CEO, Public Policy Institute of California

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Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye is president and CEO of the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC), a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank that works to improve public policy in California through independent, objective, nonpartisan research.

Prior to joining PPIC, she served as the Chief Justice of California for 12 years. Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye established herself as one of the country's leading proponents of equal access to justice, civic education, and reform of court funding practices that unfairly affect the poor. When she was sworn into office in January 2011 as the 28th Chief Justice of California, she became the first person of color and the second woman to serve as the state's chief justice.

Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye raised awareness of the unfair financial impact of fines, fees, and the bail system on the poor. She improved the branch's efficiency, accountability, and transparency in how it conducts business, sets policy, and discloses information.

In 2019, she was honored with the Sandra Day O'Connor Award by the National Center for State Courts for her work inspiring, promoting, and improving civics education through her Power of Democracy initiative.

Before she was elected statewide as the chief justice of California, she served more than 20 years on California appellate and trial courts and was appointed or elevated to higher office by three governors.

Earlier in her career she served as a deputy district attorney for the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office and on the senior staff of Governor George Deukmejian, first as deputy legal affairs secretary and later as a deputy legislative secretary.

She holds a BA and a JD from the University of California, Davis.



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**SESSION 3: 2:10 pm – 3:30 pm**  
**(7 Concurrent Panels 3.1 – 3.7)**

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**Panel 3.1: Impact of Religion, Forest Suite, Oak Room (2013A)**

**Moderator: Dr. Audrey Beck, California State University, San Diego**

Nataleigh Denning, Jazmine Flores, and Kelsey Hunkins. "Comparing the Impact of Political and Religious Beliefs Versus Group Affiliations on Abortion Attitudes: Insights from the 2022 General Social Survey"  
- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

Natalia Murillo. "Family, Religion and Adult Mexican Migrant Happiness"  
- Psychology, San Diego State University

Angel Oleson-Johnston, Daphne Morales-Crisosto, and Cameron Cason. "Happiness and Religiosity: Exploring the Intersection of Life and Faith"  
- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

**Panel 3.2: Work, Prestige, and Life Satisfaction, Forest Suite, Walnut Room (2013B)**

**Moderator: Dr. Patricia Morris, California State University, Sacramento**

Eric Fang. "The Happiness Divide: Insights into Social Class, Education, and Race from the 2022 General Social Survey"  
- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

Rodrigo Inzunza Luna. "Occupational Prestige by Legal Status among Mexican Migrants in Los Angeles County"  
- Sociology, San Diego State University

Jose Bermudez and Sana Jaffery. "All Work, No Play: A Sociological Exploration of the Factors that Affect Workplace Satisfaction"  
- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

**Panel 3.3: American Attitudes, Valley Suite (30317)**

**Moderator: Dr. Jackie Brooks, California State University, Sacramento**

Angelina Sainez and Felix Gonzalez. "Societal Views on Capital Punishment: A Sociological Inquiry through the General Social Survey"  
- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

Ethan Aragon, Sadye Zanotti, Melissa Ramos, and Yusuf Zarif. "Pot! Or Not? Public Perception and Attitudes towards Marijuana Legalization using the General Social Survey and a Sample of College Students"  
- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

Fabian Landeros. "Exploring the Nexus Between Religion and Belief in the Afterlife: A Sociological Inquiry"  
- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

**Panel 3.4: Gender and Sexuality, Green and Gold Room (3201)**

**Moderator: Dr. Casey Knifsend, California State University, Sacramento**

Samuel Hocking. "Mental Health Among Young Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming People Following COVID-19"

- Sociology, California State University, East Bay

Madelyn Boyd. "The Privilege in Presentation: Gender Expression influence on Cultural Capital"

- Sociology, California State University, Sonoma

Mikayla Brice-Terry and Lauren Haines. "Grooming Networks of Argentine Tufted Capuchin Monkeys"

- Anthropology, California State University, Sacramento

David Gregory. "A.O.C. Assassination of Character: The Perpetuation of Sexism and the Impact of Sexist Media Framing"

- Political Science, California State University, Chico

**Panel 3.5: Engaging in Education, Summit Room (3031)**

**Moderator: Dr. Lori Weber, California State University, Chico**

Jennifer Frisk. "College Major Choice in a State University Context"

- Social Science and Interdisciplinary Studies, California State University, Stanislaus

Nathalie Hernandez. "Reflecting on English Language Learning Experiences: Attitudes & Perceptions from English Language Learners at California State University Stanislaus"

- English, California State University, Stanislaus

Leonard McGihon, Chelsea Rodriguez, Mary Her, and Latrice Lawson. "Influencing Factors Behind Student and Alumni Engagement"

- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

Juana Alvarado, Maya Fiel, Ivana Flores, and Shareen Habibeh. "Breaking Barriers: Understanding the Mental Health Challenges of First-Generation College Students"

- Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

**Panel 3.6: U.S. Policy, Orchard Suite I (2011-1)**

**Moderator: Dr. Danielle Martin, California State University, Sacramento**

Olivia Huyler. "The Mexican Frontier: Goods, Energy & People"

- Political Science, California State University, San Luis Obispo

Emma Goudy. "The Value and Contradiction of U.S. Foreign Aid"

- Political Science, California State University, San Luis Obispo

Grace Trenholme Goudy. "Commercializing Space: How Public-Private Partnerships are Changing the U.S. Space Sector"

- Political Science, California State University, San Luis Obispo

**Panel 3.7: Social Work and Support Staff, Foothill Suite, Auburn Room (3011A)**

**Moderator: Dr. Donna Jensen, California State University, Sacramento**

Celina Bridges. "The Social Decline: An Absence in Engagement within Assisted Living Facilities"  
- Sociology, California State University, Stanislaus

Staci Burns. "Personal Boundaries in Professional Relationships: How Support Staff Navigate Interactions in Residential Addiction Treatment Facilities"  
- Sociology, San Diego State University

Leticia Mejia. "Voces Valientes: COVID-19 Lessons Learned from Latiné Social Workers in Rural Communities"  
- Social Work, California State University, Chico

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Closing Ceremony: Awards, Snacks & Final Remarks

Redwood Room 3:40 pm - 4:30 pm

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**Awards Presented by**

**Dr. Audrey Beck, SSRIC Council Chair (Sociology, San Diego)**

McCall Award for Best Undergraduate Paper

Honorable Mention

Nesvold Award for Best Graduate Paper

Honorable Mention

Rummels Award for Best Use of Qualitative Data

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# A Special Thank You:

To all the faculty who moderated sessions,  
And to our student volunteers.

To the Dean's Office of Social Science & Interdisciplinary Studies (SSIS) at Sacramento State, along with the Departments of Political Science and Sociology, for generously funding our breakfast.

To the support staff in the Sociology Department.

## **INFORMATION ON THE BEST PAPER AWARDS**

Awards will be presented in four categories: best undergraduate paper, best graduate paper, best use of quantitative data, and best use of qualitative data as well as honorable mentions in each category. Awards are based only on the written papers submitted, but papers must be presented at the S4 to be eligible for an award.

**McCall Award for Best Undergraduate Paper** The award for best undergraduate paper is named after Dr. Charles McCall (Political Science, Bakersfield). Charles was one of the SSRIC founders. He was SSRIC Council Chair (AY 1974-75), served on the Council of the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, and was ICPSR Council chair.

**Nesvold Award for Best Graduate Paper** The best graduate paper award is named after another of the Council's founders, Dr. Betty Nesvold (Political Science, San Diego). Betty was the very first SSRIC chair (AY 1972-73). Like Charles, she also served on the Council of the ICPSR, and was ICPSR Council Chair.

**Rummels Award for Best Use of Quantitative Data** The award for the best use of quantitative data is named after Gloria Rummels (Staff, State University Data Center [SUDC]). Until the early 1.990s, SUDC served as the "hub" for the databases, and the late Gloria Rummels was one of several staff members who provided fantastic support for data users. From the time of her death in 1985 until SUDC was disbanded some years later, Gloria's SUDC colleagues funded this prize out of their own pockets.

**Best Use of Qualitative Data** Qualitative data is non-numerical and can be collected from observations, interviews, audio and video recordings, experience, email, social media, text, and historical events. Analysis of qualitative data results in a narrative and is concerned with both interpretation, explanation and direction. Such data can be tabulated into nominal/ordinal data without the use of advanced statistical analysis.

**Congratulations to all the student presenters.**

**Thank you for making the 49<sup>th</sup> Social Science Student  
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#### **About the SSRIC**

Founded in 1972, the Social Science Research & Instructional Council (the Council) is the oldest of the disciplinary councils in the California State University (CSU) system. The Council is an Affinity Group, as designated by the CSU Office of the Chancellor. With representatives from each of the CSU campuses, the Council is dedicated to assisting students and faculty in their learning, teaching, and research by:

- Providing a forum for sharing information about social science data and computer products
- Initiating and conducting training programs.
- Recommending computerized social science projects in the CSU curriculum.
- Encouraging the collection and distribution of social science data and computer-related instructional and research materials.
- Advising CSU administrators on policies related to providing quantitative social science data for research and instruction.
- Supporting CSU student, faculty, and staff users of subscription data bases from the Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) and the Roper Center, as well as of unrestricted databases.
- Presenting workshops on use of these data, as well as on SPSS, SDA, and other topics as needed
- Offering value-added teaching resources, including modules, exercises, and online textbooks.
- Organizing and sponsoring the annual SSRIC Social Science Student Symposium (S4)!



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