

Anthropologists and Sociologists of Kentucky

Annual Conference

April 14, 2018

Thomas More College

SEE, JUDGE, ACT



Asking for 50 Years

Welcome to Thomas More College! The Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice appreciates the opportunity to host the 2018 Anthropologists and Sociologists of Kentucky Conference. Thomas More College is a small liberal arts college with a big reputation. We are celebrating our ranking as the #1 college for return on investment in the state of Kentucky by [PayScale, Inc.](#) for three straight years (2015, 2016, 2017). TMC is consistently ranked by

U.S. News and World Report as one of the best regional universities in the South.

Founded in 1921 by the Benedictine Sisters as Villa Madonna College, Thomas More now serves more than 2,000 students from across the country and around the world on its beautiful Crestview Hills, Kentucky campus, located just minutes from downtown Cincinnati.

This year's ASK theme "See, Judge Act" is specifically drawn from the Tradition of Catholic Social Teaching. "See, Judge, Act" was originally proposed by Father Joseph Cardijn in 1960 and was elevated popular use in Catholic Social Teaching in Pope John XXIII's Social Encyclical "Mater et Magistra" (Mother and Teacher of the Nations). This Encyclical focused on a wide variety of social issues calling on the Church to promote awareness, understanding and change as needed to promote human dignity.

In essence "See, Judge Act" challenges us to be aware of the world, to evaluate the world and to act in accordance with this judgement. We, in the social sciences, are uniquely positioned to contribute to this dialogue of "seeing, judging and acting;" Our fields of study empower us with the tools of science to uncover the truth, make informed and reasoned assessments of the truth around us and then use the power of science and reason to act as agents of change.



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Keynote Address
Louis Valencia
Attorney at Law

Louis earned his B.A. in Economics from the Ohio State University in 1992, and a Juris Doctor from the University of Toledo, College of Law in 1996, where he was a member of the Moot Court Board.

In 2004, he was a founding partner of his Law firm. He is also a member of the National Immigration Project, the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), the Ohio Bar and the Federal Bar. He concentrates his practice in the areas of criminal defense, family law, immigration, personal injury and business law.

Louis has Hispanic ethnicity; his parents and four siblings were all born in Colombia, South America and immigrated here to Cincinnati in 1963. Louis was born here in Cincinnati, Ohio. He grew up between the Colombian culture and the American culture giving him an understanding of the importance to respect all cultures.

In 1982, Louis began college in pre-med interning in the psychology departments of several hospitals in the Youngstown area. While working with MR/DD adults and children he became more aware of injustice in the field of mental health. This gave him the desire and passion to change the laws and red tape he had come to dislike so much leading him to law school in 1992.

Louis is a man of law. He is also a family man. Louis and his wife, Gloria, met in Colombia and soon after married in Ohio in 1995. They have two wonderful children, Alejandra and Luis. Alejandra is currently a student in the Business honors program at the Ohio State University. Luis is high school student/athlete. Louis is an active member, supporter and fan of his childrens' activities. Louis also loves cooking, especially traditional healthy Colombian meals with lot of vegetables. His children love his meals.

Louis is a strong believer that the community should be well informed of the law and rules. He organizes and participates in meetings in the community where he gives general information about current legal issues and provides free advice. In the realm of advocacy, Louis is a founding member of the Latino Coalition of Southwest Ohio, a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to improving the relations between the Hispanic community and law enforcement, as well as a founding member of Conoce tus Derechos, a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to providing free legal education and representation to immigrants. Louis also hosts a radio show "Conoce tus Derechos" ("Know your Rights").which gives listeners the opportunity to ask questions and educate themselves about a legal system that for most is foreign. This program airs on Saturday mornings on La Mega 97.7 FM (Cincinnati) and La Mega 103.1 FM (Columbus) as well as Facebook Live.

Detailed Program

8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Hallway

Registration

Main Building, 2nd Floor

Continental Breakfast

Main Building, Room 2201

Poster Set-Up

Main Building, Room 2203

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Session One

Social Support: Sources and Outcomes Room 2205

Moderator: Leonard Thomas (Jefferson Community and Technical College)

Examining the Risk of Arrest among Young Adults of Cuban and Mexican Descent: Do Differences in Immigration Policies Affect the Immigrants' Behavioral Outcomes? Viviana Andreescu and Elizabeth Grossi (University of Louisville)

Family Concerns Motivate Migrations: Men Face Kin Problems in Mexico and Afterwards in the United States. Dr. Brian L. Rich (Transylvania University)

Symptoms of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder: The Impact of Gender, Coping, Social Support, and Self-Concept. Lydia Bickham (Alice Lloyd College)

Perceptions of the Stigmatized Dyslexic. Emaly Slone (Alice Lloyd College)

Drug Use, Abuse, and Responses

Room 2206

Moderator: Douglas Hume (Northern Kentucky University)

How Does Social Alienation Affect Drug Abuse? Keisha Lawson (Alice Lloyd College)

The Need for Post-Release Opioid Abuse Recovery. Rebecca Howard (Transylvania University)

Social Inequality and the Criminal Justice System. Hogan Jones (Transylvania University)

10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Session Two

The 21st Century College Student

Room 2205

Moderator: Shaun Dixon (Jefferson Community and Technical College)

Competing Experiences of First-Generation College Students on Centre College's Campus. Mariama Minteh and Robyn Cutright (Centre College)

The Effectiveness of Teaching Social Justice in Service Learning. Alex Hunter, Rebecca Thaman, and Dr. James Camp (Thomas More College)

Why Do College Students Get Tattoos? Madison Mooney (Alice Lloyd College)

Poster Session

Room 2203

Household Relocation and Job Industries: Internal Migration in the United States. Zijun Deng and Robyn Cutright (Centre College)

Program Descriptions for the Mexican/US Border Studies and Jamaica Service Learning Programs. Shelby Sherrill (Thomas More College)

11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Lunch

Seiler Commons
Voucher Attached

12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Keynote Address

Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel
Louis Valencia, JD
Immigration without the Fake

News

**Jules Delambre Student
Paper**

Contest Awards Presentation

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Session Three

Religion and Culture

Room 2205

Moderator: Dr. Brian L. Rich (Transylvania University)

Blessing and Redemption: Perspectives of God in Gospel and Contemporary Christian Music Genres. Jonathan E. May (Campbellsville University)

Narrating the Religious Imagination in Northern Gabon. John M. Cinnamon (Miami University)

African Readings from Adventures of a Traveling Woman. Dr. Phyllis Puffer (Big Sandy Community and Technical College).

**Special Session: Studies in Aging
and Medical Information**

Room 2206

The Demographic Factors of the American Elderly and their Traveling Motivations and Behaviors. Yushi Li and Andrea Carter (Northern Kentucky University)

Cross-Generational Perceptions on Living Arrangements for the Elderly: A Comparison Research between Adult Children and their Aging Parents. Yushi Li and Andrea Carter (Northern Kentucky University)

The Impacts of Online Medical Information on the Levels of Trust in Physicians. Yushi Li (Northern Kentucky University)

2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Session Four

Studies in Urban and Rural Anthropology Room 2205

Moderator: Dr. James Camp (Thomas More College)

Poaching and Poitin: Playing the Game with the Gardai in Rural Ireland.
Michael Simonton (Northern Kentucky University)

Expert Knowledge among Sugar Cane Farmers in Northern Belize.
Douglas Hume (Northern Kentucky University)

Cultivating Community: Exploring the Embeddedness of Liminality in Lexington Coffee Shop Culture. Raaziq El-Amin (Transylvania University)

Dysfunctions of Social Institutions Room 2206

Moderator: Amy Thistlethwaite (Thomas More College)

Voting as a Tool to Disadvantage. Taylor Miller (Transylvania University)

"Unite the Right:" Rural Masculinity and Values Based Similarities of Far-Right Hate Groups. Erin Alexander (Transylvania University)

Suspended Justice: Family Homicide and the Disabled. Christina L. Carpenter (University of Louisville)

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Board Meeting
Main Building, Room 2202**