



GREAT PLAINS
SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

2018 Annual Meeting
October 17th-19th

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Welcome to Aberdeen, South Dakota and the beautiful Northern State University campus for the annual Great Plains Sociological Association conference! Our organization's annual conference is the where we meet and share experiences with fellow academics and practitioners who use scholarship and innovation to advance social research and practice.

Our 2018 conference theme of ***In Defense of Scientific Gobbledygook*** is sure to be engaging and applicable to the common issues we face within our respective disciplines. We have a full schedule of paper sessions, thematic panel sessions, as well as a student poster session that each address the depth and range of our theme. Also in line with our theme is a plenary session on Wednesday at 5:00PM and feature panel during Thursday's luncheon (12:00PM), both of which will be held in the Lincoln Gallery. These events will highlight the work of Northern State University faculty from related disciplines in the social sciences and the humanities. We have an exciting keynote speaker, Dr. Sam Cordes, Former Associate Vice Provost for Engagement at Purdue University. His keynote, *The Role of Higher Education in Economic and Community Development*, will be delivered at 5:00PM on Thursday evening in the Red Room of the Johnson Fine Arts Center. Throughout the conference, there will also be many opportunities for professional networking. For this purpose, the Lincoln Gallery will be available for the duration for colleagues to meet and professionally connect.

As the 2018 Great Plains Sociological Association President, I know that the success of a conference depends ultimately on the many people who have worked with me in both organizing the program and planning social arrangements. In particular, I would like to thank Kristi Brownfield, the 2018 Local Coordinator, for her suggestions and tireless work on organizing the conference program; Kami Spieker and other staff in the Communications and Marketing Department at Northern State University, who worked with me to plan the particulars of the schedule and related activities; Association members Cindy Aamlid, Patricia Ahmed, Mary Emery, and Andrew Kubas for their suggestions, patience, and utmost organization and diligence; and the administration at Northern State University, specifically Joshua Hagen, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, as well as Jon Schaff, Department Chair of History and Social Sciences, and Steven Usitalo, former Department Chair of History and Social Sciences, who each have provided support from an institutional standpoint.

Enjoy the conference!

Sincerely,

Courtney A. Waid-Lindberg

Wednesday, October 17th

3:00-6:00 p.m. Registration Open – Lincoln Gallery

5:00-6:00 p.m. Session 1 – Plenary – Lincoln Gallery

Racial Science and the Roma

Dr. Steven Usitalo, Professor of History, Northern State University

Thursday, October 18th

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Registration Open – Lincoln Gallery

9:00-10:15 a.m. Session 2 – Paper Session – Maroon Room

The Sociology of Education

President: John Long, Northern State University

Papers:

- *Economic, Cultural Beliefs and The Fate of Girls' Education in Tajikistan:* Parvina Yakubova, North Dakota State University
- *Exploring Motivating Factors and Barriers in Educational Attainment Utilizing Capabilities Approach:* Frank Arpan, South Dakota State University
- *The Undergraduate Landscape: Demographics in the Upper Midwest and the Search for Students:* John Long, Northern State University
- *Considering Models of Educational Stratification in the Global South:* Chris Whitsel, North Dakota State University

9:00-10:15 a.m. Session 3 – Panel Session– Gold Room

Strategizing for a Positive Future for Sociology in South Dakota

Moderator: Mary Emery, South Dakota State University

Panelists: Kristi Brownfield, Northern State University; Patricia Ahmed, South Dakota State University

10:30-11:45 a.m. Session 4 – Paper Session– Maroon Room

Contemporary Social Perspectives on Gender

Presider: Tom Orr, Northern State University

Papers:

- *Sexuality Through Art by Female Pastoralists: “Body Mapping in Northern Kenya.”*: Doreen Odera, North Dakota State University
- *Gender and Environment: Savior or Victim?*: Sana Illahe, South Dakota State University
- *Hockey Lingo and the Culture of Sport Communication*: Tom Orr, Northern State University
- *Masculinity and its Role in Domestic Violence*: Fnu Ahadujjaman, North Dakota State University

10:30-11:45 a.m. Session 5 – Panel Session – Gold Room

Increasing Diversity and Inclusion on Campus: Improving Native American Academic Experiences and Successes in Sociology Classes

Moderator: Patricia Ahmed, South Dakota State University

Panelists: Mary Emery, South Dakota State University; Marlene Schulz, South Dakota State University

12:00-1:15 p.m. Lunch – Lincoln Gallery

The City as Power: Urban Space, Place, and National Identity

Featured Speaker: Dr. Joshua Hagen, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Northern State University:

Discussants: Greg Blair, Sara Christensen Blair, Benjamin Harley, Steven Usitalo, Northern State University

1:30-2:30 p.m. Poster Session and Awards Ceremony – Lincoln Gallery

2:45-4:00 p.m.

Session 6 – Paper Session– Maroon Room

Social Institutions and the Economy

President: Alyssa Kiesow, Northern State University

Papers:

- *The Influence of Religion on Society's Viewpoint of Economy - A Comparison Between Catholicism and Protestantism:* Puja Djafari, North Dakota State University
- *Political Sociology in Perspective: Crack in Social Values, an Important Explanation for Vote Buying:* Collins Kwarisima, South Dakota State University
- *South Dakota Working in STEM for Equity (SD-WISE): A System, Institutional, and Individual Level Approach to Policy Change:* Alyssa Kiesow, Northern State University
- *Start-up Motivations for Agri-tourism Businesses in South Korea:* Gary Goreham, North Dakota State University, Duk-Byeong Park, Kongju National University, Kyung-Hee Kim, Rural Development Administration

2:45-4:00 p.m.

Session 7 – Panel Session - Gold Room

Service-Learning with South Dakota Jump Start

Moderator: Deb Thorstenson, South Dakota State University

Panelists: Mary Emery, South Dakota State University; Jack Thompson, Dakota State University

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Session 8 – Beulah Williams Library

Confucius Institute Presentation

Dr. Gregory DePies, Director of the Northern State University Confucius Institute

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Session 9 – Keynote – Johnson Fine Arts Red Room

The Role of Higher Education in Economic and Community Development

Dr. Sam Cordes, Former Associate Vice Provost for Engagement, Purdue University

Friday, October 19th

8:00-11:00 a.m. Lincoln Gallery – Registration Open

9:00-10:15 a.m. Session 10 – GPSA Annual Business Meeting – Lincoln Gallery

10:30-11:45 a.m. Session 11 – Paper Session– Maroon Room

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President: Justin Gus Foote, Northern State University

Papers:

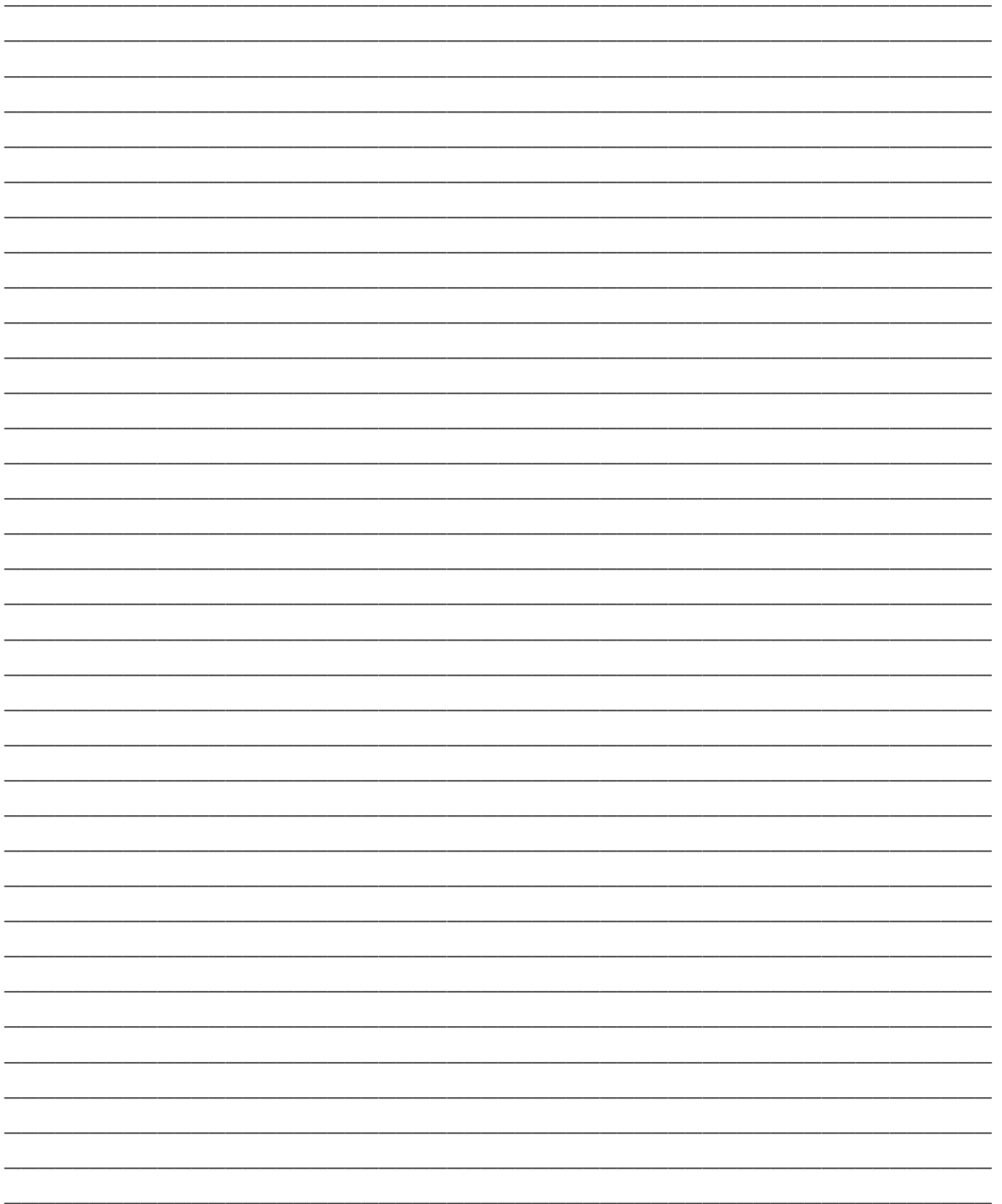
- *Self-Defense Under Siege: Creeping Criminalization of Individual Self-Defense by the U.S. Military:* Brian Bengs, Northern State University
- *Personality Projection:* Garrett Byron, North Dakota State University
- *Exploring Attitudes About Sexual Violence: Preliminary Analysis of a Student Lead Service Learning Project and their Journal Reflections:* Erin Kline, Dakota State University
- *Correct Me If I'm Wrong:* Art Marmorstein, Northern State University

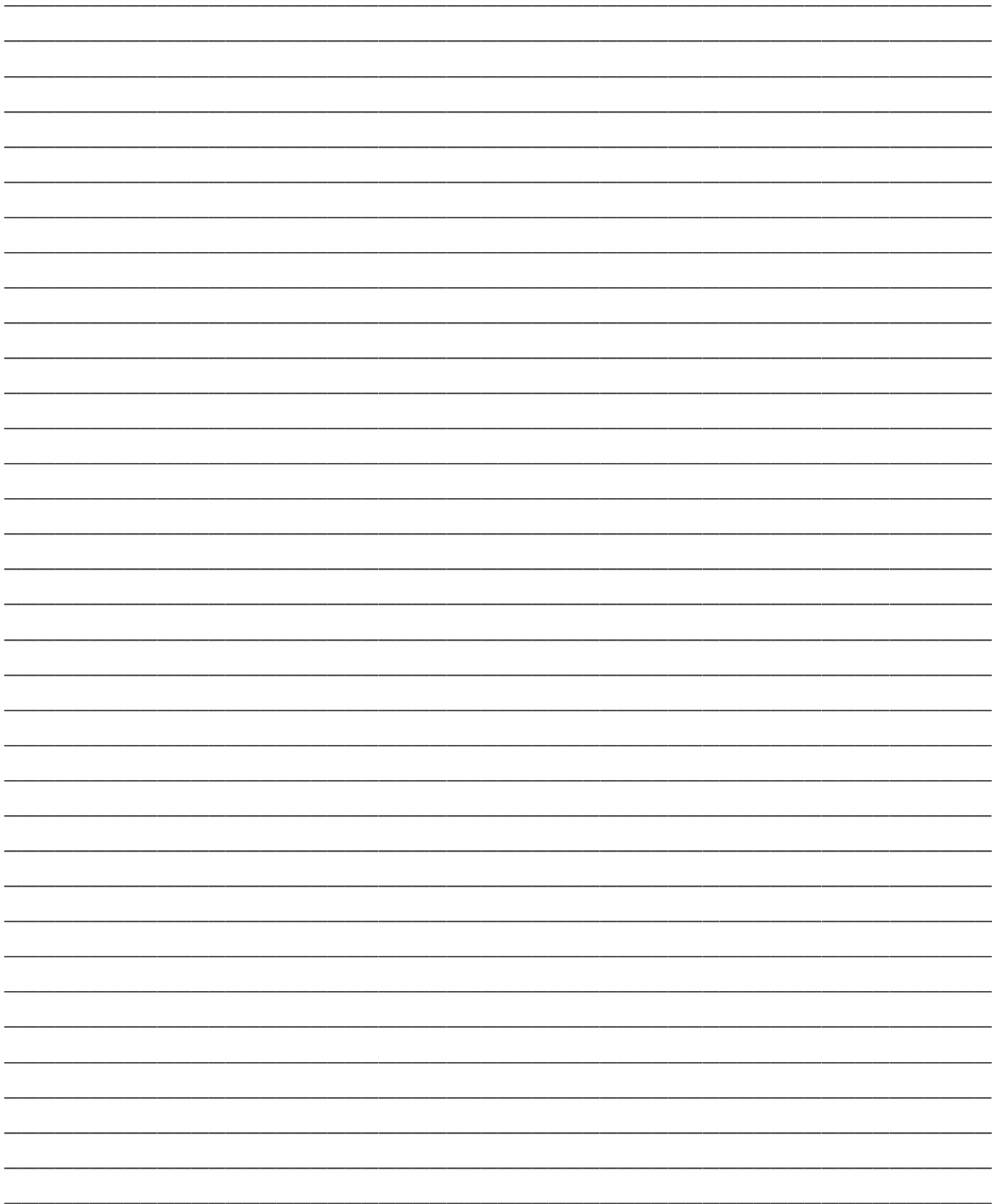
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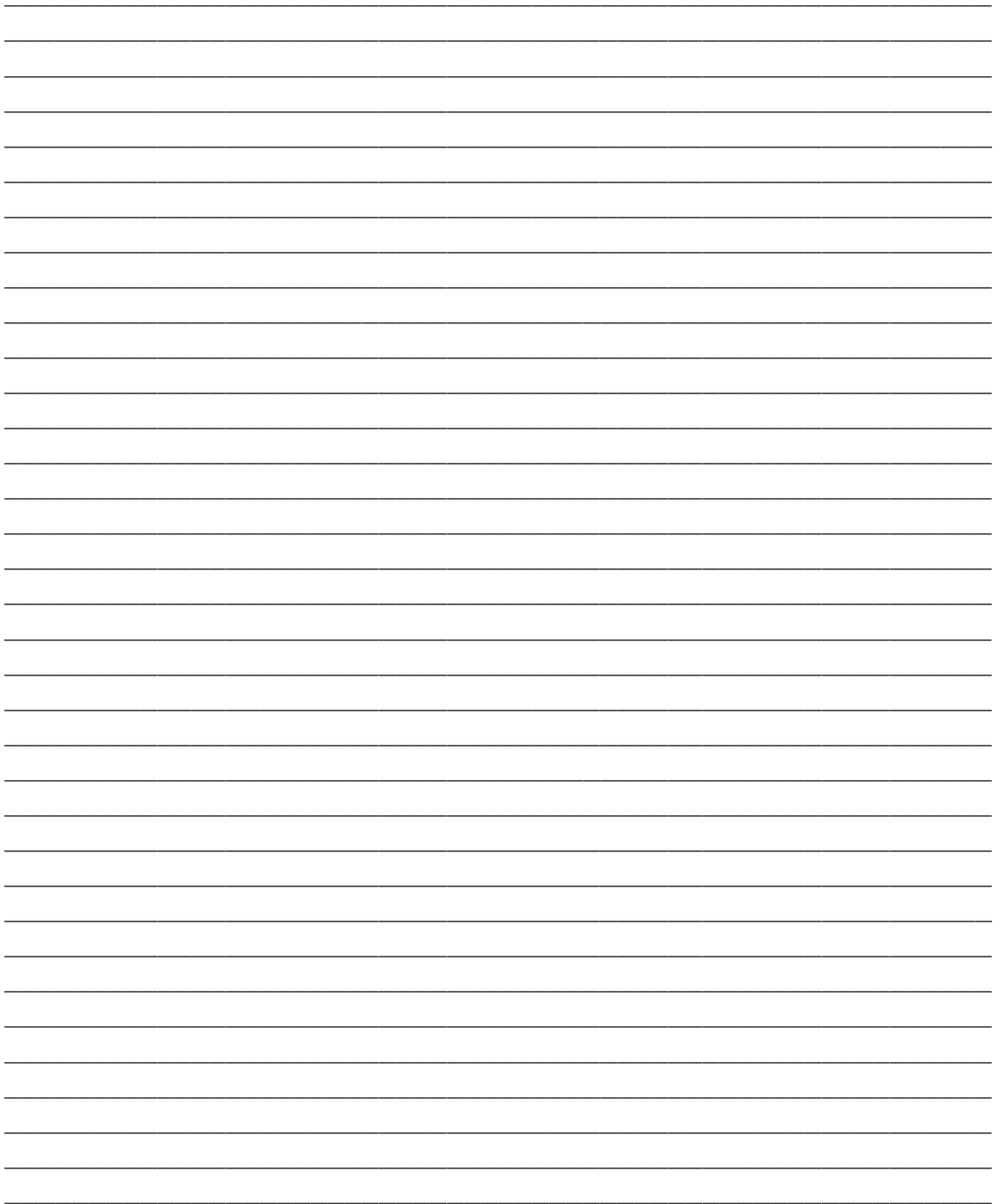
In Defense of a Sociology of the Great Plains: The Past, Present, and Future of the GPSA

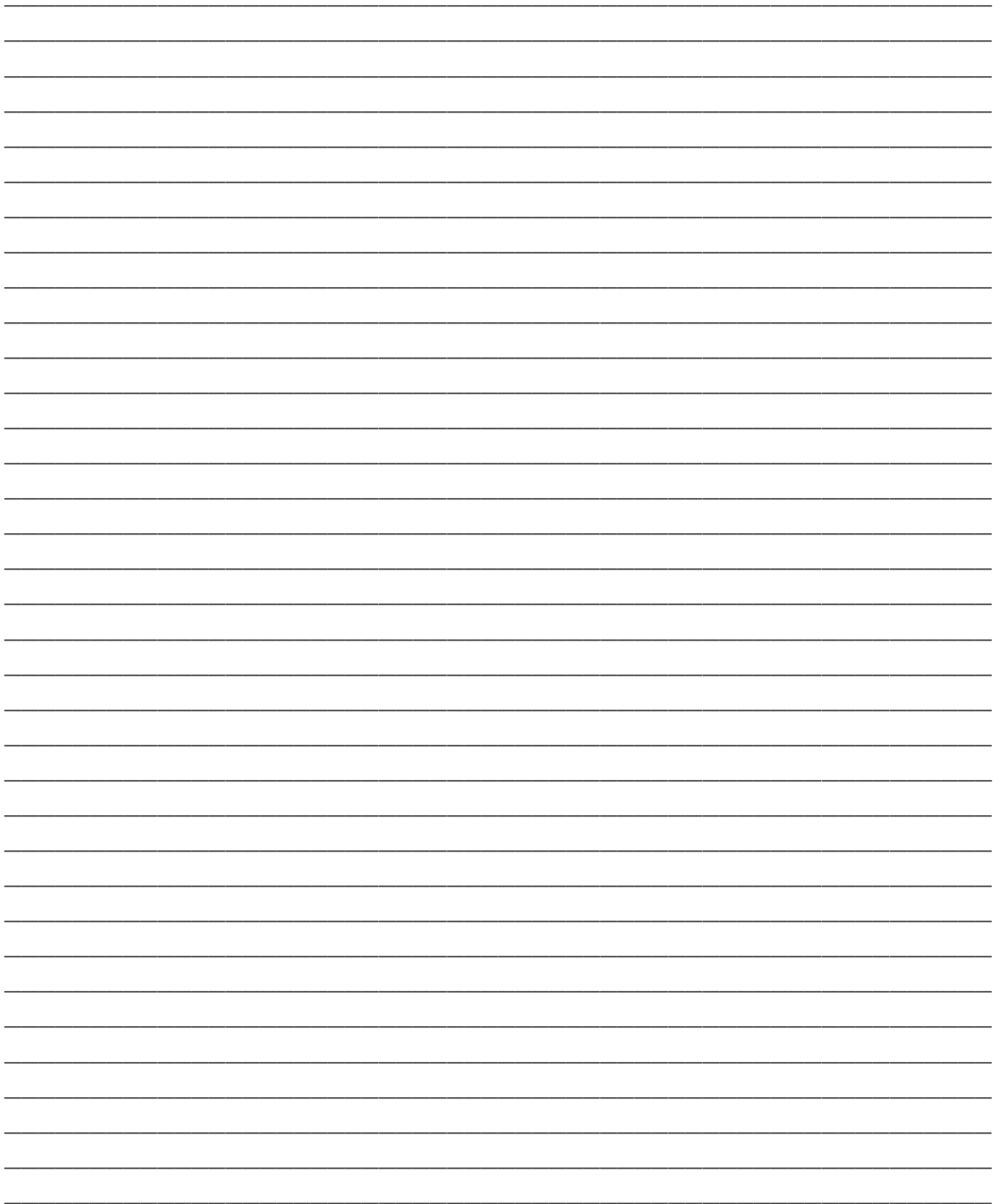
Moderator: Trenton Ellis, Black Hills State University

Panelists: Laura Colmenero-Chilberg, Black Hills State University; Gary Goreham, North Dakota State University; Courtney A. Waid-Lindberg, Northern State University









2018 GPSA Committees

Nominations

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Faculty Honors/Award

Gina Aalgaard Kelly
Patricia Ahmed

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*To be amended to include a third (non-executive) person



1. Wolves Memorial Suites (residence)
2. Briscoe Hall (residence)
3. Lincoln Hall
4. Graham Hall
5. NSU Student Center (admissions)
6. Beulah Williams Library
7. Great Plains West (residence)
8. Great Plains East (residence)
9. Steele Hall (residence)
10. NSU Technology Center
11. Mewaldt-Jensen
12. NSU Greenhouse
13. McArthur-Welsh Hall (residence)
14. Dacotah Hall (financial aid and registrar)
15. Spafford Hall
16. Kikiac Administration Building
17. H.P. Gerber Building
18. Seymour Green
19. Kramer Hall (residence)
20. Johnson Fine Arts Center
21. Regional Science Education Center
22. International Sculpture Garden, Baumgart Plaza
23. Facilities Management Building
24. Heating Plant
25. Athletic and Recreation Fields
26. Barnett Physical Education and Convocation Center
27. Beckman Building (development and alumni)
28. Tennis Courts

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