

POTENTIAL SESSION TOPIC AREAS – 2021 SFAA MEETING

[Note: There are many potential overlaps between these topic areas, so consider this as just a suggestive list. And of course, we are not limited to these topics by any means!]

TIDEWATER AREA – AN ECOLOGICAL ZONE (possible local day or local-oriented sessions)

- Organizations or collaborations addressing climate change in the Tidewater area (possible local day session), and in other areas (general session)
- Cultural preservation in the Tidewater area (possible local day session), including film screenings
- Traditional livelihoods in the Tidewater area (local day); traditional livelihoods (general session)
- Legacies of racism in a region (Tidewater) closely tied to the history of slavery (possible local day session and field trip)
- HBCUs in the Tidewater area
- Tourism (e.g., Virginia Beach) and climate change
- Health issues – veterans, Native American communities

COVID -19

- Global responses and fallout, and policy/practice implications
- National responses and fallout, and policy/practice implications
- Local responses and fallout
- Lessons from previous disasters/pandemics that are relevant to Covid-19
- Human relationships and social distancing

CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTERS

- Communities affected by/coping with climate change
- Climate change economics and community impact
- Disasters and disaster preparedness, including pandemics, hurricanes, other weather events. Special session on COVID-19. (Overlaps with Covid-19 category)
- Comparative disaster preparedness
- Community resilience in disasters and adverse events

GLOBALIZATION AND PRECARITY

- Economic vulnerability in a global economy
- Disparities in the impact of globalization
- Globalization and population movements, migration, migrant work
- Globalism and tourism
- The globalization of environmental impacts
- Health disparities and the social structure of legacy economies – who has had access to care, who has not? How has this changed due to globalization?

ADDRESSING HATRED, BIGOTRY AND OTHERING

- The role of the media
- Factors supporting the growth of the radical right and the associated “deep web”
- Addressing racism, bigotry, hate, and its spread via social media

- Immigration and immigration policies

GLOBAL ISSUES AROUND IMMIGRATION/MIGRATION

- Changing populations, community reactions and resiliency (multiple session possibilities)
- Civil wars, disasters, and the flow of migration
- Health issues surrounding migration – trauma and other health conditions

CULTURAL AND ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Cultural sustainability in changing social/economic circumstances
- Tourism, resorts, and impacts
- Changing energy economy and resulting social configurations (e.g., work, education, families)

SUBSTANCE USE, TRAUMA AND CONTEXTUAL STRESS

- Military and veteran's health – trauma, injuries, impact on families (could connect with local military organizations and health providers here for local day, and also address as a general session)
- The opioid crisis – causes, current directions, impact on communities, impact on veterans

NATIVE AMERICANS

- Native American communities – current strategies for social/economic development, cultural sustainability, and innovative health promotion strategies (e.g., those addressing historical trauma with holistic approaches). (Intersects with local sessions – see above)

HIGHER EDUCATION

- The future of historically Black colleges/universities, Hispanic-serving colleges/universities, Native American-serving colleges/universities (both local and general sessions). (Note local HBCU presence)
- Education, career development – training during a time of precarity
- Digital learning on a mass scale

PUBLIC HEALTH

- Public health and increasing population diversity – approaches and models
- Addressing immigrant/refugee health
- Improving the interactions and collaborations between anthropologists and public health professionals
- Public health issues in disasters and pandemics
- Military/veterans' health