

# South Dakota Social Science Association Records

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## Abstract

The South Dakota Social Science Association Records document the activities of a professional organization composed of sociologists and students from colleges and universities across South Dakota. Active from the late 1930s through the 1970s, the association sponsored annual meetings, paper competitions, award ceremonies, and the publication of an academic journal. These meetings provided a forum for presenting research, exchanging ideas, and fostering collaboration among social science scholars across the state. The association became inactive in the 1980s.

The collection primarily documents the planning and proceedings of the association's annual meetings. Materials include correspondence, newspaper clippings, programs, meeting

minutes, treasurer's reports, presentation abstracts, publications, and other planning records related to conference organization. Each meeting was hosted by a different South Dakota college or university and addressed contemporary issues in the social sciences, including population change, state governance, education, Native American issues, natural resource development, and mental health. Together, these records document statewide academic collaboration and the role of the social sciences in addressing regional public policy and educational concerns.

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## **Biography**

The South Dakota Social Science Association was composed of professional sociologists and students from colleges and universities across the state. The organization sponsored annual meetings, paper competitions, award ceremonies, and published an academic journal. Its meetings provided a forum for presenting research, exchanging ideas, and fostering collaboration in the field of sociology. The association became inactive in the 1980s.

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## **Scope and Content**

The South Dakota Social Science Association Records document the organization's annual meetings from the late 1930s through the 1970s. The collection includes correspondence, clippings, programs, meeting minutes, treasurer's reports, abstracts, publications, and planning materials related to the coordination of these events. Notably, materials detail speaker arrangements, conference themes, and academic presentations.

Each annual meeting was hosted at a different college or university in South Dakota and focused on timely regional and national topics in the social sciences, such as population change, state governance, education, Native American issues, natural resource development, and mental health. Folder contents typically note the meeting's date, location, and discussion themes.

This collection documents statewide academic collaboration and for highlighting the evolving role of social sciences in addressing public policy and educational challenges in South Dakota.

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## Related Materials

**The South Dakota Social Science Association journal**, South Dakota Social Science Association.; South Dakota Social Science Association, Sioux Falls, S.D., v. 1 (summer 1971)-v.11, no.1 (1981), Ceased with v.11, no. 1 1981 issue., 1971 – 1981  
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## Access Points

### Subjects

- Social sciences
- Sociology

### Names

- South Dakota Social Science Association
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## Container List

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1	1	Second Annual Meeting – South Dakota State College	1937
1	2	Third Annual Meeting – Yankton College	1938
1	3	Fourth Annual Meeting – South Dakota State College	1940
1	4	Fifth Annual Meeting: Topic “The South Dakota Farm Problem.” – Augustana College	1941
1	5	Correspondence to cancel 1942 Annual Meeting [6th Annual]	1941-1942

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1	6	Correspondence [Between 6th and 7th Annual Meetings]	1941-1946
1	7	Seventh Annual Meeting: Topic "The Missouri River Development." – Sioux Falls College	1946
1	8	Eighth Annual Meeting: Topic "Implications of Population Changes in South Dakota, 1870-1945." – Dakota Wesleyan	1947
1	9	Ninth Annual Meeting: Topic "The South Dakota Indian." – Northern State Teachers College	1948
1	10	Tenth Annual Meeting: Topic "The Government of South Dakota." – Huron College	1949
1	11	Eleventh Annual Meeting: Topic "Missouri River Development." – Yankton College	1950
1	12	Twelfth Annual Meeting: Topics 1) "Current Developments of the Missouri Valley." 2) "The Reorganizing of Our State Government." 3) "Education in a Society of Peace and War." – University of South Dakota	1951
1	13	Thirteenth Annual Meeting: Topics 1) "Research in History and Political Science in South Dakota." 2) "The Place of Social Science Training in South Dakota." 3) "Industrial and Community Surveys in South Dakota." – South Dakota State College	1952
1	14	Fourteenth Annual Meeting: Topics 1) "Ethnic Groups in South Dakota." 2) "The Role of TV in Social Action." 3) "Irrigation and Power Development." – Augustana College	1953
1	15	Fifteenth Annual Meeting: Topics 1) "Stimulating Citizen Participation in Public Problems and Policies." 2) "Mental Health, Conditions and Problems." 3) "Reorganizing and Supporting Public Education in South Dakota." – Northern State Teachers College	1954
1	16	Sixteenth Annual Meeting: Topic "The United Nations." – Sioux Falls College	1955
1	17	Seventeenth Annual Meeting: Topics 1) "South Dakota's Farm Organizations." 2) "Natural Resources in South Dakota." – Yankton College	1956
1	18	Eighteenth Annual Meeting: Topics 1) "South Dakota Before Verendrye." 2) "Higher Education in South Dakota." 3) "1957 State Legislation in Retrospect." – Dakota Wesleyan University	1957
1	19	Nineteenth Annual Meeting: Topics 1) "The Legislator Looks at Education." 2) "Human Impacts of the Interstate Highway Program." 3) "A New Constitutional Convention	1958

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		for South Dakota." 4) "The Superior Student." – Black Hills State Teachers College	
1	20	Twentieth Annual Meeting: Topics 1) "Current Emphases in the Study of Social Sciences." 2) "Values of the Social Sciences." 3) "Higher Education and the Social Sciences in South Dakota." – University of South Dakota	1959
1	21	Twenty-First Annual Meeting: Topics 1) "The Training of College Teachers." 2) "The Private College in Higher Education." 3) "South Dakota Politics in an Election Year." – Augustana College	1960
1	22	Twenty-Second Annual Meeting: Topics 1) "The Social Sciences in South Dakota – Two Appraisals." 2) "The Social Sciences in 'A Future Unlimited'." 3) "The Social Responsibilities of the Social Scientist." – Southern State Teachers College	1961
1	23	Twenty-Third Annual Meeting: Topics 1) "Indian Population in South Dakota." 2) "Population Changes in South Dakota." 3) "The Social Scientist as a College Faculty Member." – South Dakota State College	1962
1	24	Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting: Topic "South Dakota in a Changing Society." – Northern State Teachers College	1963
1	25	Twenty-Fifth Annual Meeting: Topic "The Impact of Population Changes." – Sioux Falls College	1964
1	26	Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting: Topic "The Social Scientist in High School and College." – Dakota Wesleyan University	1965
1	27	Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting: Topic "Educational TV Area Development." – Huron College	1966
1	28	Twenty-Eighth Annual Meeting: Topic "Preserving South Dakota's War on Poverty." – General Beadle State College	1967
1	29	Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting: Topic "Governmental Reorganization Mining and Ranching in South Dakota." – Black Hills State College	1968
1	30	Thirtieth Annual Meeting: Topics 1) "Mental Health." 2) "Higher Education." 3) "Political Behavior." – Yankton College	1969
1	31	Thirty-First Annual Meeting: Topics 1) "Grantsmanship." 2) "Social Scientists Task in Today's World." 3) "The Hutterites." – Augustana College	1970
1	32	Thirty-Second Annual Meeting: Topics 1) "Curriculum." 2) "Contemporary State Trends." 3) "Education and State Government." – Northern State College	1971

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1	33	Thirty-Third Annual Meeting: Topics 1) "Governmental Reorganization." 2) "Teaching and/or Research in the Disciplines." 3) "Issues and Answers in Correction in SD." 4) "Economic Trends – Inflation vs. Unemployment." – University of South Dakota	1972
1	34	Thirty-Fourth Annual Meeting: Topics 1) "Social Science Education in Elementary and Secondary Schools." 2) "Developmental Problems in Underdeveloped Countries." 3) "Report on Human Needs Assessment Survey in 1st Planning District." 4) "Preparing Social Sc	1973
1	35	Thirty-Fifth Annual Meeting: Topics 1) "Human Services in South Dakota." 2) "What's New in Higher Education."	1974
1	36	Thirty-Sixth Annual Meeting: Topics 1) "Land Use and Planning." 2) "Social Concerns and State Government." – Black Hills State College	1975
1	37	Thirty-Seventh Annual Meeting: Topics 1) "Grants and Developments in South Dakota." 2) "Criminal Justice in S.D." – Sioux Falls College	1976
1	38	Thirty-Eight Annual Meeting: Topics 1) "Social Science in the Seventies." 2) "Political Party Strength." – Huron College	1977
1	39	Thirty-Ninth Annual Meeting: Topic "Social Sciences and Indian Concerns." – Northern State College	1978
1	40	Miscellaneous Abstracts/Reports	1964, 1975, undated
1	41	Social Science Conference Program [21st Annual], The South Dakota Academy of Science	1936
1	42	Treasury Reports	1940-1965