The Department of Sociology at the University of Utah, with assistance from the Department of Sociology at Brigham Young University, will host the 3rd annual conference of the Sociology of Development section of the American Sociological Association, October 24-25, 2013, on the University of Utah campus in Salt Lake City, Utah. The conference theme will be “The Future of Development,” focusing on current research that provides foundation and direction for promising lines of future scientific inquiry on Development, with an emphasis on works that crosscut social, economic, political, and ecological spheres.

Potential topics for papers include the relationships between “development” (broadly construed) and:

- Economy
- Environment
- Gender
- Globalization
- Health
- Human Rights
- Inequality
- Labor
- Migration
- Militarization
- Population
- Regionalization
- State
- Urbanization

The above is a partial list. All development-related topics and methodological perspectives are welcome.

The organizers anticipate publishing selected papers from the conference in multiple journal special issues TBD.

The organizers plan to give awards for the best papers authored by faculty and graduate students. To qualify for an award, authors will be expected to submit electronic copies of completed manuscripts to the organizing committee by October 1, 2013.

Plenary speakers will include Christopher Chase-Dunn (Distinguished Professor of Sociology, University of California—Riverside), Thomas Dietz (Professor of Sociology and Environmental Science and Policy, Michigan State University), and Arland Thornton (Professor of Sociology and Research Professor of Population Studies, University of Michigan).

Instructions for Submissions

- Send extended abstracts (3 page maximum) to socofdevelopment@soc.utah.edu
- Include institutional affiliations and email addresses for all authors
- The deadline for submissions is May 15, 2013
- Authors will be notified if their submissions have been accepted by July 15, 2013
- All questions should be sent to Andrew Jorgenson, chair of organizing committee, at socofdevelopment@soc.utah.edu

Conference Webpage: http://soc.utah.edu/graduate/development-conference.php

Note: There is no fee for registration. Partial funding to defray costs of airfare/lodging will be available for some participants, with preference for junior scholars and international scholars traveling from developing nations. Please specify in your submission whether you would like to be considered for a funding travel award.