Welcome!

THE DELTA IN GLOBAL CONTEXT
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THEORY:
GLOBALIZATION

APPROACH:
COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH

APPLICATION:
Area: THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA
Themes:
EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
HEALTH STATUS AND IMPROVEMENT
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
CULTURE AND HERITAGE PRESERVATION
COLLABORATION/COOPERATIVE ALTERNATIVES
GLOBALIZATION

WHAT IS GLOBALIZATION?

- GLOBAL INTEGRATION UNDER A CAPITALIST MARKET
- STANDARDIZATION & HOMOGENIZATION OF PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION
- STRATIFICATION INTO CORE AND PERIPHERAL AREAS
- DIFFUSION OF CAPITALIST WORLD VIEW AND/OR SYSTEM OF VALUES
- WEAKENING OF NATIONAL STATES, INCREASING CONTROL BY TRANS-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS

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WHAT IS COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH?

- PARTICIPATORY APPROACH IN WHICH THE SUBJECTS HELP SHAPE THE GOALS & DESIGN OF A STUDY
- STARTS WITH THE PREMISE THAT KNOWLEDGE IS ROOTED IN EXPERIENCE
- EMPOWERMENT OF LOCAL ACTORS IS AN IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE
THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA

WHAT IS THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA?

PORTIONS OF 7 STATES BORDERING THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

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WITHIN MISSISSIPPI

19 COUNTY REGION IN NORTHWESTERN MISSISSIPPI; ENCOMPASSES THE YAZOO-MISSISSIPPI FLOODPLAIN

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MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
(1999 DOLLARS)

For 18 Mississippi Delta Counties

### POPULATION DECLINE IN THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA

#### Table 1: Total Population and Percent Change over Previous Decade, for 11 Mississippi Delta Counties, 1920–2000

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**Source:** U.S. Census Bureau, 1995, 2004a.


THEMES

- EDUCATION, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, UNDEREMPLOYMENT & POVERTY
- AGRICULTURE & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
- CULTURE & HERITAGE PRESERVATION
- HEALTH STATUS & ACCESS TO SERVICES
- LEADERSHIP, COLLABORATION & COOPERATIVE ALTERNATIVES
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