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And more!
This has been a bitter sweet year for us. Two of our colleagues, Lynne Goodstein and Richard Rockwell, whose retirement we celebrated last May passed away in the Fall (see memoriam below). Both left a deep legacy at UConn, Lynne as Director of the Honors Program and Richard as the Director of the Population Center and President of UConn AAUP. We will miss them both.

But it was also a year of celebrations: the tenure and promotion of Ruth Braunstein and Daisy Reyes; the CLAS Research Excellence Award, Social Science and the ASA’s Jessie Bernard Award received by Bandana Purkayastha; the first Undergraduates’ Choice Award for teaching received by Phoebe Godfrey; the minting of 4 new Ph.Ds.; and the graduation of 45 majors and minors. We currently have 210 majors/double majors and 132 minors. It was also a year of transition. Kay Ratcliff retired after 36 years of service to the Department, UConn, and the larger CT community. We wish her the best as she embarks on new adventures. Simon Cheng completed his tenure as DUS and stepped down to work on new research projects. Brad Wright takes over the reins and looks forward to further strengthening our undergraduate program. We are delighted to welcome Dr. Fumilayo Showers, who will be a joint appointment in Sociology and Africana Studies and our new grad cohort (details below). Mary Malley joined our administrative team last Fall and is already an integral part of the department.

Last Fall, Mary Bernstein served as Interim Department Head while I was in India on an American Institute of India Studies fellowship. Not only did she ably take care of the usual departmental business, that included two tenure reviews, she also oversaw the visit of external reviewers as part of our eight-year self-study. Thank you Mary! The report praised the productivity of our colleagues and graduate students and the diversity and excellence of our undergraduate program but also highlighted areas of improvement such as the need for a social and intellectual community among faculty and graduate students, a more cogent description of our areas of strength, less teaching for our graduate students, and most importantly the need for a better physical plant for all our health and wellbeing. At our annual retreat in May we agreed on various initiatives to address the report’s recommendations, including inaugurating an Annual Sociology Lecture starting this Fall and undertaking a climate survey.

As another academic year comes to an end, we have much to be reflect upon. I wish you all a summer of rest and rejuvenation and look forward to working together next academic year towards increased intellectual and social community and wellbeing.
For 2018-2019, the goals of the Undergraduate Program Committee (UPC) were to further improve our outreach to current and prospective majors/minors and to more actively engage Sociology undergraduates in research.

UPC organized three events for our current majors/minors this year: a “welcome back” pizza party in Fall 2018, the First Annual SOCI Fair in Spring 2019, and a Commencement Reception in Spring 2019. The First Annual SOCI Fair was offered in partnership with our student club, Student Empowerment in Sociology (SES), and helped students learn about careers and internships, undergraduate research, and graduate school. The fair featured faculty (Drs. Fischer, Godfrey, and Wright) and alumni (Matthew Rogers, Madeline Teixeira, and Anand Veeraraghav) as well as representatives from the Center for Career Development and the Office of Undergraduate Research.

In addition to these three events, professors from UPC (Drs. Cazenave, McNeal, Price-Glynn, and Wallace), Kathryn Upson (academic advisor), and Cheyenne Holliday (student administrative assistant) attended three university-wide Open House events and the Major Fair to introduce Sociology to prospective students. We had great success in these events. Additionally, SES hosted two faculty coffee hours, one in the fall with Dr. Asencio and one in the spring with Dr. Wright.

With help from CETL, UPC developed a recruitment video for the Sociology major and minor. It features interviews of students and professors (Drs. Braunstein, Embrick, Reyes, and Wright) and includes general major and minor advising information (narrated by Dr. Price-Glynn). The video was shown in several 1000 and 2000-level SOCI courses and we also added clips to the Undergraduate Program website (https://sociology.uconn.edu/undergraduate/).

This year we continued the Sociology SHARE matching program to link interested Sociology majors with potential faculty mentors to do research. Two student-faculty teams applied: Jingya Zhu-Simon Cheng and Grace Scully-Bradley Wright. The Zhu-Cheng team won the college SHARE award for their project entitled “Stratified Model Minorities: Educational Experiences and Social Mobility of Chinese Immigrants from Taishan and Fuzhou” and the Scully-Wright team received the Sociology SHARE award for their project titled, “A Field Experiment Assessing the Impact of Digital Device Use on Spirituality and Well-Being.” For both teams, the student apprentice spent 10 hours per week during the spring semester working on the faculty mentor’s project and received a $1,500 stipend. The faculty mentor received a $500 stipend.

After two years in the position, I am working to turn over my responsibilities as Director of Undergraduate Studies to Dr. Bradley Wright. Under the leadership of Dr. Wright, we believe that UConn Sociology will grow even stronger, and no doubt will continue to provide undergraduate students with a rigorous program of study that prepares them to understand and meet the challenges of a rapidly changing society.
The Graduate Program Committee [GPC] and the Sociology Graduate Student Association [SGSA] have made a lot of strides this year to respond to students’ call for enhanced professional development opportunities. Elected officers of the Graduate Students Association, Amy Lawton and Nabil Tueme, took leadership and organized several pedagogy lunches that were very well attended. The Director of Graduate Studies, Nancy Naples, consulted with faculty who have been involved in the Teacher Training Program in Sociology in order to systematize the training. From these wonderfully informative discussions, GPC member and new teacher trainer David Embrick, initiated the award of a Certificate of Teacher Training that will now be given to everyone who has successfully completed training. We held a small ceremony at the end of the Fall to honor those who completed it this year with Professor Embrick, including certificates designed by Aaron Rosman.

Professional development opportunities have also expanded in the curriculum. The GPC formalized a sequence of two seminars, Teaching Sociology and Writing Sociology, that will now be taught every other year. The formal sequence began this year with the Writing course designed and taught by Professor Naples. This new course was submitted to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Curriculum and Courses Committee and is now an official part of the Sociology Graduate Course Curriculum. Christin Munch and Daisy Reyes were the first to start the ball rolling in this direction by co-organizing, on their own time, a small writing group for no credit with several advance graduate students which was very productive in that all who participated submitted the papers they worked on for publication. Over the past year two other Writing courses had been taught for credit, one by Elizabeth Holzer and the other by Mary Bernstein. Given the success of these two courses it was determined that we should put the Writing Sociology on the books, so that it would become a permanent feature of our curriculum. Teaching Sociology is already listed in the course catalogue, but has not been taught in recent memory. Professor Naples will design and teach this course this coming Spring. She has been teaching Feminist Pedagogies on a regular basis in Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies and will use some of the insights from that course that incorporates an experiential approach. She will also invite Sociology faculty and graduate students to share their own pedagogical lessons with students taking Teaching Sociology. While neither of the courses is required, they enhance the Department’s goal of systematically training students in all aspects of sociological work.

Other changes to the curriculum includes formalizing a series of courses that have been taught semi-regularly but have not been officially approved so that they have not appeared as a permanent part of our potential course offerings in the Graduate Course Catalogue. These courses that have been approved by the department for permanent listing are: Theories of Intersectionality, Contested Development, Sociology of Human Rights, and Advanced Topics in Human Rights.

The GPC would like to thank Amy Lawton, Nabil Tueme, Zack Kline, Kate Ragon and Galilea Ordoitz and the many other students who helped to make the Recruitment Campus Visit for the new graduate students one of the best ones ever. We are excited to welcome Madison Danton, Olivia Dono, Chase Lonas, Cassie Quattropani, and Rianka Roy to the Department!
Ph.D.’s Awarded:

Ruth Hernandez 05/29/18 (Desai) [defended not filed]
   Todd Vachon 07/18/18 (Wallace)
   Joonghyun Kwak 8/22/18 (Wallace)
   Sheila Pierre 8/22/18 (Weakliem) [defended not filed]
   Bianca Gonzalez-Sobrino 4/13/19 (Hughey)
   Abbey Willis 4/17/19 (Silfen Glasberg)
   Angran Li 4/18/19 (Cheng)

MA’s Awarded:

Rhys Hall 08/31/18 (Desai)
   Kristen Kirksey 09/12/18 (Holzer)
   Marcus Garcia 10/26/18 (Bernstein)

BA’s Awarded: 45

5 Sociology Majors were elected to Phi Beta Kappa
Angran Li, Tenure Track Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China

Cristina Khan, Lecturer, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, SUNY Stony Brook. She will become a tenure tracked Assistant Professor fall 2021.

Bianca Gonzalez-Sobrino, Tenure Track Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Quinnipiac University

Sheila Pierre, Faculty, Department of Behavioral Sciences, North Essex Community College

Abbey Willis, Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Sociology, Siena College

Miranda Wu, Tenure Track Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
New Faculty Hires:

**Dr. Fumilayo Showers** was hired jointly with Africana Studies. She works in the areas of health, labor, and immigration. Her research focuses on the study of U.S. immigration, immigrant labor and entrepreneurship, and the organization of long-term health care. She has published articles in race/ethnicity and care work journals, such as, Ethnic and Racial Studies; International Affairs and the International Journal of Care and Caring. Her work has also been published as book chapters in edited volumes.

Dr Showers’ current book project documents the contributions of African immigrants as direct care workers as well as labor brokers in health care provision in the U.S. Another line of research that examines migration aspirations among college students enrolled in medical and nursing schools in Ghana, West Africa, has been funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. She has developed courses on the African Diaspora; Race, Gender and Global Migration; Sociology of U.S immigration; and Gender and Care Work.

Prior to joining the faculty at UCONN as an Assistant Professor in Sociology and Africana Studies, Dr Showers was an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Central Connecticut State University. She completed her PhD in Sociology at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.
Incoming Graduate Students:

**Madison Danton** has a B.A. in Psychology with a Sociology minor from the San Diego State University and is completing a M.A. in Social Psychology from the University of Nevada, Reno. He is interested in: demographic predictors of political attitudes and behavior, LGB political experience, influence of religion on understandings of political issues, social identity approach, and statistical methods.

**Olivia Dono** has a BA in history and sociology with a minor in women's studies from St. Joseph's College. My undergraduate thesis focused on the effectiveness of the social features in the popular first person shooter video game Overwatch. I am interested in studying culture, especially pop culture, gender, race/ethnicity, and intersectionality. I think pop culture is a useful tool for analyzing social issues and norms.

**Chase Lonas** received his BA in Middle East Studies/Arabic from Brigham Young University. His undergraduate studies allowed him to study in Jordan, which greatly influenced his research interests in culture, narrative, religion, nationalism, and political sociology.

**Cassie Quattropani** is a 24-year old Connecticut native. She is a graduate of Saint Anselm College (c/o 2017), majoring in sociology. Broadly, her research interests are in the area of gender inequality. Opposingly, her personal interests are much more specific, and include spending too much money at Barnes and Noble, livestreaming April the Giraffe, and waiting for new music from Taylor Swift. She looks forward to continuing her academic career in sociology at UConn, and figuring out the next steps as they come.

**Rianka Roy** is from Kolkata, India. She has BA, MA and Ph.D. in English Literature. In 2018, she submitted her doctoral thesis on social media surveillance and privacy at the School of Media, Communication and Culture, Jadavpur University. At present She teaches English Literature at an undergraduate college in Kolkata. She usually teaches John Milton, Literature of the English Revolution, Postcolonial Literature and Critical Theory. She is also interested in Digital Humanities, Media Studies and Cultural studies. Her passion for interdisciplinary research has driven her to pursue another doctoral program. Beyond academic engagements, she reads a lot of crime fiction. PD James and Raymond Chandler are her favorite authors. She is also interested in film criticism and vocal music.
Honors and Awards

- **Dr. David Embrick** received the 2018 “Norma Williams Distinguished Service Award.” Of the Southwestern Sociological Association (SSA).

- **Dr. Phoebe Godfrey** was awarded the 1st Annual Undergraduates' Choice Award as best teacher.

- **Dr. Bandana Purkayastha** was awarded the 2018 Sociologists for Women in Society’s Feminist Mentoring.
- **Dr. Bandana Purkayastha** received CLAS’ 2019 Research Excellence Award for Social Science.
- **Dr. Bandana Purkayastha** received the 2019 Jessie Bernard award 2019.

- 2019 Michael L. Dunphy Award: Cara Ann Jackson
- 2019 Ron Taylor Award: Kate Ragon for her paper “Finding the Good Organizer”
- 2019 Arnold and Sandra Dashefsky Student Award for Excellence, Graduate: Manuel Ramirez; Undergraduate: Jenifer Rojas-Orellana
- 2019 Aetna Graduate Teaching Award: Carol Ann Jackson
- 2019 Outstanding Teaching Award: Kate Ragon
- 2019 Outstanding Research Award: Cristina Khan

- Chriss Sneed received J. William Fulbright 2019-2020 Research Award, U.S. Fulbright Commission and 2019 Esther Ngan-ling Chow and Mareyjoyce Green Dissertation Scholarship
Grants, Fellowships, and Visiting Scholars

- Braunstein, Ruth. Louisville Institute Sabbatical Grant for Researchers 2018-2019, $40,000
- Braunstein, Ruth. Margaret W. Moore and John M. Moore Research Fellowship, Swarthmore College Peace Collection (2018)
- Desai, Manisha. Senior Research Fellowship from the American Institute for India Studies to do 8 months of field research on the Changing Dynamics of Feminist Activism Against Gender Based Violence in India.
- Holzer, Elizabeth, Co-PI, Water & Food Security PIRE, NSF Partnerships for International Research and Education (with Manos Anagnostou, PI; Paul Block, Yang Hong, Liangzhi You, co-PIs), ($4.3M), 2016-2021.
- Hughey, Matthew. Awarded a 2019 Visiting Scholar Fellowship, School of Law, University of Kent.
- Purkayastha, Bandana. co-PI on a grant from Templeton to study Women Living Hinduism and Islam in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and the US.
- Kevin Zevallos applied and received at $1500 Grant (Mellon Mays Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant) from the Social Science Research Council (SSRC).
- Cristina Khan and Chriss Sneed were awarded summer 2019 fellowships of $4,000 each from Wood/Raith Living Trust Fellowships.
Invited Talks/Presentations

Dr. Manisha Dasai:


2018. Organized a Workshop with Putul Sathe, Head of Department, Research Center on Women’s Studies, SNDT University on Reviving the Link Between Women’s Studies and the Women’s Movements via Re-Centering Rural Women’s Movements in Maharashtra. Dec. 17-18.

- Critical Geographies of Transnational Feminisms talk presented to the Master’s Students, Dec. 13, 2018.
- Beyond the Uneasy Relationship between Marxism and Feminism: Public Lecture in Honor of Manorama Savur and the 100th Anniversary of the Dept. of Sociology, Mumbai University. Dec. 14.


2018. Critical Cartographies of Transnational Feminisms. Seminar at Ambedkar University, Delhi, India. October 23.

2018. Subaltern Struggles Against Neoliberal Development in India. Dept. of Sociology, Savitribai Phule Pune University, India. Oct. 5.


2018. Changing Understanding of Women’s and Gender Studies, Dr. BMN College of Home Science, Mumbai, Sept. 21.


2018. Rethinking Gender and Development: Decolonial Perspectives. SNDT University, Mumbai. August, 7.


Invited senior scholar for ISA RC-32-Women in Society--research committee’s initiative on junior-senior scholar interactions. (invited)


People of Color Coping Survival/Thriving Session. SWS (February 2019, Denver) Invited Presidential plenary,

Immigrant Futures ESS (March 2019, Boston). Invited Presidential plenary
Invited Talks/Presentations (Cont.)

Dr. Bandana Purkayastha also convened the multi-country scholarly network on Women Living Hinduism and Islam at UCONN. The three-day workshops brought scholars from the US, Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh to UCONN and included a public presentation that was introduced by the VP for Global Affairs, Dan Weiner. The development of the network and the workshop was supported by a Templeton grant (housed at Cal Poly Pomona with Anjana Narayan as PI) and a UCONN Humanities Institute subgrant.

Dr. Daisy Reyes’s book, *Learning to be Latino: How Colleges Shape Identity Politics*


Dr. Arnold Dashefsky:


Carol Ann Jackson gave a talk at the University of Bridgeport on dating violence “Let’s Talk About it: Dating Violence & Healthy Relationships”

Chriss Sneed:

Sneed, Chriss, April 2019 “Queer Activism After Marriage.” The Graduate Center, CUNY. New York City, NY.

November 2018, “‘Someone Doctored the Negatives!’: The Racial and Sexual Politics of Revisionist History in Film.” African American Studies. Wesleyan University. Middletown, CT.

October 2018, presented at “What is Feminist Research?” panel hosted by Mt. Holyoke College and the Five College Women’s Studies Research Center. South Hadley, MA.


• Purkayastha, Bandana (2019). Feminisms and Gender in Indian diasporas. EPW, Vol 54


Publications

**Books and Book Chapters**

- Arnold Dashefsky and Ira Sheskin (eds.). American Jewish Year Book 2018. Volume 118. Cham, Switzerland: Springer, 2019. (This is the seventh volume in an ongoing series, which was first published in 1899, and which we renewed in an updated format and have edited at UConn and Univ. of Miami since 2012.)


**Editorship**

- Purkayastha, Bandana (guest editor) Economic and Political Weekly, EPW (India): Indian Feminisms in the Diasporas. (April 27, 2019).

- Gonzalez-Lesser, Emma. Guest edited special issue (co-edited with Rhys Hall and Matthew Hughey), “Beyond Representations: Production, Distribution, and Consumption of Racialized Media” in *Humanity & Society*

- Manuel Ramirez co-edited a special issue of Humanity and Society with Dr. Erik Withers entitled "Inequalities in Contemporary Cultural Spaces." The special issue is expected to be released in the first half of 2020.
Conferences

- Braunstein, Ruth, “Ethnography across the Political Divide: Juxtaposition as a Technique of Theorizing and Critique,” Northwestern Ethnography Workshop, May 7, 2019, Chicago, IL.


- Manuel Ramirez, Midwest Sociological Society paper presentation: "Racialized Boundaries: U.S. and Israel's Framing of State Border Violence" with Dr. Fae Chubin.

- Manuel Ramirez’s paper "You Know, We're Just Having a Good Time': Masking Racism and Foregrounding Fun in Cosplay" earned honorable mention in the Graduate Paper Competition sponsored by the Division on Racial and Ethnic Minorities of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.


- Kate Ragon presented at the Young Scholars Conference at the Center for the Study of Social Movements at Notre Dame in May 2019.


- Sneed, Chriss, May 2019 ‘‘Tempo ancestral é o tempo do hoje’: Black Remembrance & Diasporic Struggle Across the Atlantic.” Memoria, Género y Archivo. Latin America Studies Association Congress. Boston, MA.


- Sneed, Chriss, Decolonial Black Feminism in the Americas Transnational Summer School. Dialogo Global & Universidade Federal do Recôncavo da Bahia (UFRB). In Cachoeria, Brazil (August 2018)


Projects In Progress

- Professor Bernstein continues to write about sexuality, race, gender, gun violence prevention, and social movements. During the past year, her article, “Denying, Deflecting, and Distracting: Color-Blind Ideology as Techniques of Neutralization in the Tea Party Movement,” co-authored with UConn PhD grad Malaena Taylor appears in the premier social movements journal Mobilization. She and graduate student Brenna Harvey published a book chapter “The Movement Towards Marriage Equality in Advanced Industrial Nations” in Handbook on Gender and Social Policy, edited by Sheila Shaver. Cheltenham UK: Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd. Professor Bernstein continues to be active on the speaker circuit, giving a keynote speech on “The Impact of Same-sex Marriage on LGBT Activism, Politics, and Communities” at the Intersections: Social Policy & Sexuality Workshop held at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario and she presented a talk on “Gender in the Gun Violence Prevention Movement” at the FemSem (Feminist Seminar) at the University of Wisconsin.

- Professor Bernstein’s research project on gun violence prevention activism has been supported by a grant from the Bennett Fund for Innovative Education in Health and Society. She has been appointed a member of the Regional Gun Violence Research Consortium at the Rockefeller Institute of Government. Over the past year, she co-organized a conference on the “Correlates, Causes, and Solutions for Firearm Violence in America” which took place at The Hartford Club in Hartford CT. The first paper from this project “Once in Parkland, A Year in Hartford, A Weekend in Chicago: Race and Resistance in the Gun Violence Prevention Movement” is forthcoming in the journal Sociological Forum and is co-authored with graduate student Jordan McMillan and UConn honors alum Elizabeth Charash. As a result of her research on gun violence prevention efforts, Professor Bernstein has been active in the world of public sociology, serving as a guest speaker for various events, including, the Humanities Institute, Humility and Conviction in Public Life, UConn, the Unitarian Society of New Haven, the Collaboratory on School and Child Health, UConn, and GVPedia, Gun Violence Research, Connecting Advocates with Academics held in Denver, Colorado.

- Liz, Ezana, Kristen, Selam, Hawolti and Phoebe are still hard at work studying water and food security in Ethiopia under the NSF PIRE grant. Ezana was recently invited to a church social in the community he is studying where he was gently peer pressured into bidding on a doro (chicken in Amharic) for the church auction fundraiser.

Caption: Ezana with the most recent addition to the Water & Food Security PIRE research team now numbering over 40 active researchers: Dora the Doro.

(Merawi, Ethiopia, June 2, 2019)

Photo credit: Greg Svetz
Service

- Professor Bernstein continues to direct the Early College Experience (ECE) program for Sociology. Now in its second year of existence, students in six high schools across Connecticut can take introduction to sociology and receive UConn credit. This year, Professor Bernstein organized an exciting workshop for the sociology ECE teachers designed to incorporate career competencies and discussions of race and racism into the classroom.
- On a national level, Professor Bernstein continues to serve as an elected member of the American Sociological Association’s Publications Committee and she will be chairing the search for the next editors of the discipline’s flagship journal, the American Sociological Review.
- Dr. Kim Price-Glynn, CLAS Foundation Fund Wood/Raith Living Trust for the Study of Gender co-chair (https://woodraithgender.uconn.edu),
- Dr. Kim Price-Glynn, Carework Network Steering Committee member and Global Carework Summit Keynote Committee chair (https://www.uml.edu/Research/CWW/carework/carework-network/)
- Dr. Bandana Purkayastha, American Sociological Association 2019 meeting program committee.
- Chriss Sneed, Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) Student Representative on Council (2018-2019)

Misc./Media/Public Sociology

- Dr. Phoebe Godfrey is co-PI with Richard Parnas in Engineering, as well as others, on an Academic Plan Proposal / Provost Tier 1 Grant for $300,000 entitled “Student Engagement in a Living Laboratory for Sustainable Agriculture”. I am working with other members (mainly Andy Ballantine in Geography and Julia Cartabiano of Spring Valley Student Farm, and Julia Yakovich of Service Learning) and together we have created a new Environmental Studies Minor –Sustainable Community Food Systems. We have had 3 students in the first cohort and are planning for 6 in our next one.
- Dr. Phoebe Godfrey is the Undergraduate Research Coordinator (teaching cross-cultural research methods and will travel to Ethiopia in June 2019 with 9 undergraduate students from sociology and engineering for field-based research projects) for “Taming Water in Ethiopia” - An Interdisciplinary Approach to Improve Human Security in a Water-Dependent Emerging Region.
- Dr. Darrell Irwin would like to hear from students who are interested in forming a criminal justice club in Fall 2019. He may be contacted at darrell.irwin@uconn.edu
Dr. Ruth Braunstein was elected Chief Operating Officer, ASA Culture Section (2017-2020).

Dr. Bandana Purkayastha was elected to the 16 person executive committee at the International Sociological Association which oversees the general operations of the organization along with the officers.

Dr. Bandana Purkayastha was elected to Sociologists for Women in Society: Publication Co-Chair (2018-2021).

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**University Promotions**

- **Dr. Ruth Braunstein**
  Awarded tenure and promoted to the rank of Associate Professor

- **Dr. Daisy Reyes**
Professor Kathryn Ratcliff’s Research area best described as Women and Health (first 15 years here), then Social Determinants of Health. The latter has been an historical examination of the political economy of health coupled with a concern for policy possibilities to improve health. Her latest book, The Social Determinants of Health, has a back blurb comment by Professor Sir Michael Marmot, who was Chair of the WHO’s Commission on Social Determinants of Health from 2005-2008. He said: “What we breathe in, eat, and drink; where we work and live; how we travel—each, done badly, can damage health. Kathryn Strother Ratcliff takes us on a wonderfully informative journey to examine the governmental and industrial causes of exposures that determine health.”

She served as the Director of National Scholarships. Unit had just been set up and first director lasted less than a year. She set up all the procedures for application, selection, mentoring, and prepping for the interviews for finalists. She was successful in having a Goldwater and Udall scholar named. She has been a long term member of the IMJR committee and served as Faculty Chair.

She also served as the Chair of Senate Student Welfare Committee. She spearheaded an initiative to better serve international students, particularly with providing appropriate food in the residence halls and getting the residence halls to accommodate students during school vacations. She interviewed almost 50 students and got their ideas, presented suggestions to the Student Welfare Committee. She made good beginning progress on an effort that continues today. The sheer number of committees she has been asked to serve on at the College and University level suggests that people on campus realize she is committed to the broader good and willing to devote time to make improvements.
This Spring, Graduate Executives Amy Lawton and Nabil Tueme organized and hosted the Graduate Instructor Working Lunches (GIWL) on February 27, 2019 and March 13, 2019. These brownbag-style meetings were developed for graduate instructors of all levels to share their pedagogical insights and experiences, and workshop syllabi and other course materials. The GIWL this semester also provided a space for on-the-market graduate instructors to practice and receive feedback on their teaching demos. A panel of experienced graduate instructors joined the GIWL as well to share their processes on writing and delivering lectures. We hope to continue the GIWL next year and beyond!
Former UConn Sociology Professor and Director of the Honors Program Lynne Goodstein died Monday, November 5, 2018 from a rare neurological disease at her home in Cambridge, MA. Lynne Goodstein, was an outstanding academic leader, a caring colleague, and an outstanding feminist sociologist. She joined UConn as Associate Vice Provost for Enrichment Programs and Director of the Honors Program in 2002. She served as the first full-time Director of the Honors Program, and through her leadership Honors underwent significant and meaningful changes that set the stage for the program to emerge as one of the premier Honors Program in the country. The Honors Program nearly doubled in size during her tenure and also maintained significant increases in the quality of admitted students as well as the completion rates of students in the program. She championed building a strong Honors community, promoting high-quality advising and mentoring in Honors, and expanded the number of courses offered in Honors dramatically. She began the process to create Honors Core courses, offering innovative and interdisciplinary courses to Honors students and non-Honors students at UConn. In Enrichment Programs, she created campus-wide support for undergraduate research and the funding programs available to students. She also helped to formalize the pre-medical, pre-dental, and pre-law advising offices to provide support for all UConn students and alumni interested in these professional programs. She stepped down after ten years in this administrative post to return to the faculty having left a strong legacy in Honors.

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In Memoriam for Lynne Goldstein and Richard Rockwell

When she returned to Sociology in 2012, she first served on the undergraduate program committee, and returned to her research on women and crime. She moved onto the position of Director of Undergraduate Studies, with her characteristic energy and efficiency. She introduced new programs such as the student ambassador program, and moved the program in new directions. Her colleagues valued her wisdom, energy, and advice. Lynne made many friends among the faculty, staff and students. All of us who knew her well, and heard about her future plans for more hiking, travel and immersion in the arts after she retired in May 2018, are shattered at the news of this untimely death.

Former UConn-AAUP President and Sociology Professor Richard Rockwell died on December 27, 2018 at the age of 76. He was a wonderful colleague, a passionately committed teacher and advisor to his students and a devoted member of many committees in the College and the University. He will be sorely missed, to say the least. Richard severed as chapter president during the 2013-14 academic year. His term began under difficult circumstances related to a tumultuous staff shakeup and then worked long and hard to bring people together and get us through a challenging year. During his term, he oversaw the creation of the Representatives Assembly and, crucially, hired two invaluable staff members: Associate Director David Amdur first, followed by Executive Director Michael Bailey. UConn-AAUP is a stronger organization today thanks to his many efforts, and we will miss his deep intellect and gentle humor.
Bianca and Emma’s twins (Liev and Noa) were born July 15th 2018.

Gia Grace Munsch-Moorthy was born on August 15, 2018 to Christin Munsch and Kavetha Sundaramoorthy at Hartford Hospital. She was 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Alumni News:
Steve Ostertag was recently granted tenure and promotion at Tulane University! Congratulations!

Ruthie’s new baby girl, Emma Lorraine Sullivan, born on December 20, 2018. Here is a photo of Emma and her proud big brother Charlie.
We Appreciate Your Generosity!

Private support provides an edge for excellence. It allows us to reward top scholarly effort and to competitively recruit students and faculty. Please consider making a donation to the department.

There is a fund at University of Connecticut Foundation which makes it possible to contribute directly to the Department of Sociology.

To contribute to the fund:
You may make a tax-deductible donation to the department by making a check payable to the “UConn Foundation” or “University of Connecticut Foundation” and writing “Sociology Department—Unrestricted Fund 22735:* in the memo field or on the face of the check. You may also give through the UConn Foundation’s website by using the name and number of the fund.

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