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Every year, the Department of Sociology engages in dynamic research initiatives and professional work. As the 2015-2016 academic year comes to a close, there is much to celebrate in terms of achievement: national awards, media recognition, fellowships, grants, publications and more.

Beyond these accolades, this year marks the end of Bandana Purkayastha’s appointment as Head of Sociology. Bandana’s work over the past five years has shown her passion for advancement within both the field of Sociology and at UConn. Join us in acknowledging these accomplishments by taking a look at our 2016 Newsletter!

UCONN Professor Receives Prestigious Jessie Bernard Award

Nancy Naples, Professor of Sociology and Director of the Women’s, gender, and Sexuality Studies program at UCONN, was selected to receive the 2015 Jessie Bernard Career Award from the American Sociological Association (ASA). In 2014, Nancy was awarded the Lee founders award from the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP).

About the award: The Jessie Bernard Award is given in recognition of scholarly work that has enlarged the horizons of sociology to encompass fully the role of women in society. It is presented for significant cumulative work done throughout a professional career.
Awards, Grants, Fellowships, and Honors

2015 - 2016 Faculty Book Award

Matthew Hughey’s book, The White Savior Film (Temple UP) received the 2016 “Outstanding Publication Award” from the Southwest Sociological Association. The White Savior Film was also selected as a 2015 Finalist for the Peter C. Rollins Book Prize.

Fulbright Announcement

Bandana Purkayastha has been awarded a Fulbright Nehru Senior Research Excellence award for 2017. She will be in India working on her project on Water, Inequalities, and Rights.

Grants & Fellowships

Elizabeth Holzer continues to work on her NSF PIRE grant on water in Ethiopia; Bradley Wright continues to work on his Templeton grant on spirituality.

Three faculty members received funding from UCONN’s Scholarship Facilitation Fund (SFF):

Ruth Braunstein, “Progressive Religion and Social Activism: New Approaches to Understanding Faith and Politics in America.”

Christin Munsch, “The Interaction of Masculine Status and Masculinity Threat on Compensatory Attitudes and Behavior.”


Two faculty members were awarded 2016-2017 UCHI PDP Fellowships from the Humanities Institute:

Matthew Hughey, “White identity, organizational homogeneity, and interpretations of racial stratification and redistributive polices for African Americans and Latinos.”

Daisy Reyes, “Student protests against racial microaggressions and for inclusion on campuses.”

Faculty Fellows & Visiting Scholars

Maya Beasley has been appointed a Fellow at the Center for American Progress and will be working on their Progress 2050 campaign.

Ruth Braunstein has been invited to join the Yale University Center for Cultural Sociology as a Faculty Fellow.

Matthew Hughey has been invited to be the Charles Phelps Taft Memorial Lecturer for the 2016-2017 academic year at the University of Cincinnati.

Matthew has also been selected as a Visiting Scholar with the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race at Columbia University for 2016-2017, and he will be Visiting Professor of Race and Research Ethics at the Universiteit Van Die Vrystaat (University of the Free State), in Bloemfontein, South Africa for a week in September 2016.

Bandana Purkayastha has been invited to be a Fellow to the Institute for Advanced Studies, JNU, in India.

Upcoming Award Announcements**

**Details and pictures will be featured in next year’s newsletter

Mary Bernstein will receive the 2017 Simon-Gagnon Lifetime Achievement Award.

Ruth Braunstein will receive the 2016 Clifford Geertz Award for Best Article Award.

Matthew Hughey will receive the 2016 Helena Znaniecki Lopata Mentoring Excellence Award.

Bandana Purkayastha will receive the 2016 Asia and Asian America Contribution’s to The Field Award.
Editorships

Matthew Hughey (with Carson Byrd, U of Louisville) has guest-edited a special issue entitled “Race, Racial Inequality, and Biological Determinism in the Genetic and Genomic Era” in the journal *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*.


Appointments

Davita Silfen Glasberg has been reappointed CLAS Associate Dean of Social sciences and Undergraduate Education at University of Connecticut.

Several faculty members have been appointed to serve in prominent positions in the discipline

**American Sociological Association (ASA)**

Andrew Deener, *Chair of Membership Committee*, Section on Community and Urban Sociology

Manisha Desai, *Section Council* of the Section on Sociology of Development (2017), and *Chair*, Section on Human Rights (2015-2016)


Nancy Naples, *Chair*, Section on Race, Gender and Class (2016-2017), and *Chair Elect* (2015-2016)


Sociologists for Women In Society (SWS)

Manisha Desai, Co-chair, Publications Committee

Christin Munsch, Chair, Career Development Committee

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

Matthew Hughey, Co-Chair, Division of Racial and Ethnic Minorities (2015-2017)

Nancy A. Naples, Chair, Editorial and Publications Committee (2013-2016)

Invited Talks & Lectures

Ruth Braunstein was the invited guest speaker at the April 2016 meeting of the Storrs/Willimantic branch of AAUW. The discussion was centered on her research on the Tea Party and faith-based community organizing. During 2014-2015, she was an American Fellow of AAUW.

Ruth also spoke at numerous occasions throughout the academic year:

Panelist: “Making Sense of the Topsy Turvy 2016 Presidential Race,” organized by UConn Alumni Association At the Mark Twain House and Museum. (12/2/2015)

“Putting Faith (in Democracy) in Action in the Tea Party and Faith-based Community Organizing,” at the Urban Ethnography Workshop at the University of Pennsylvania. (2/12/16)


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Manisha Desai was invited to present at the Expert Workshop on Human Rights organized by New York University and the University of Antwerp. Manisha’s presentation was titled: “Beyond Vernacularization and Localization: Human Rights Struggles in the U.S.”

Manisha was an invited speaker at two more events during the 2015-2016 academic year. The title of her talks were:

“Towards Epistemic Justice: Feminist, Subaltern, Postcolonial and Decolonial Approaches” at the Hawaiian Sociological Association. (2/19/16)

“Beyond Beijing Plus Twenty: Changes in the International Women’s Activism at the UN” on International Women’s Day at Eastern Michigan University. (3/8/16)

Bandana Purkayastha was invited to give the academic keynote address on Intersectionality and Power at the Black Law Students Association’s annual Night of Inspiration held at the UCONN Law School. (2/18/16)

Conference Participation

Our faculty members were very active in several professional meetings including the American Sociological Association (ASA), Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS), Eastern Sociological Society (ESS), the Association for Humanistic Sociology (AHS), Southern Sociological Society (SSS), Population Association of American (PAA), and the Social Science History Association (SSHA).

Our department will be well-represented at upcoming summer meetings. The following graduate students are scheduled to present:

**ASA**
Erika Lorenzana Del Villar
Bianca Gonzalez-Sobrino
Devon Goss
Brenna Harvey
Matthew Rogers (with Professor Christin Munsch)
Michael Rosino
Kamryn Warren

**SSSP**
Michael Rosino
Abbey Willis

Public Sociology

Connecting Theory & Practice

Phoebe Godfrey’s co-founded non-profit CLICK continues to grow and to successfully receive both local and federal grant funding to further its mission of working towards a more just and sustainable local food system through the incubation of small food businesses, the implementation of local food processing and health and nutrition education.

This connects with the work Phoebe has done this past Spring, in which she completed two co-edited volumes both of which challenge and inspire readers to foster new theoretical and practical linkages and think beyond the traditional, and oftentimes reductionist, environmental science frame by examining issues within their turbulent political, cultural, and personal landscapes.

Graduate student Caner Hazer (pictured below, via The Daily Campus) gave a lecture on gender, gender performance, and inequality in Turkey at the Rainbow Center in December 2015.
Public Sociology (cont’d)

Achievements Receive State Recognition!

Kathryn Ratcliff (pictured below: bottom right) continues her work at Area Health Education Center (AHEC), where she has been President of Eastern CT AHEC for two years and on the board for six. AHEC has various programs to increase access to culturally and linguistically appropriate healthcare and to increase the diversity, quality, and distribution of future healthcare professionals. Eastern AHEC’s programs include the Collegiate Health Service Corps which has a UConn-Storrs site and engages pre-health UConn undergraduates in community health activities. This year, Eastern AHEC received a certificate of commendation from the Governor.

Senator Paul Formica and Eastern AHEC Board Members: Robert Guertin, Sylvia Baird, Brian Bonds, Luis Rodriguez and Kathryn Strother Ratcliff, President of the Board of Directors.

Sociologists Discuss Research on Women & Girls of Color

Following the White House Council’s Initiative to promote research on Women and Girls of Color, Melissa Harris Perry, Maya Angelou Professor & Director of the Anna Julia Cooper Center (Wake Forest University), coordinated a series of roundtables to build a collaborative to Advance Equity Through Research. President Herbst signed onto the collaborative on behalf of UCONN.

On January 18, Melissa Harris-Perry facilitated a roundtable with 12 researchers representing multiple disciplines on our campus whose research addresses the lives of women and girls of color. The participants included Manisha Desai, Bandana Purkayastha, Marysol Asencio, and Chriss Sneed. The discussion centered on how to map the landscape of research happening at UCONN addressing the lives of women and girls of color, and build interdisciplinary bridges to support and advance that work. The discussion also focused on building sustainable models for the recruitment of faculty at their institution.

Bandana Purkayastha (pictured above on the right, next to Dr. Melissa Harris-Perry) has accepted the invitation to join the Advisory Committee for the Intersectional Research Agenda led by the Anna Julia Cooper Center, that is “intentionally inclusive, operating across institutions, disciplines, and even traditional academic/community boundaries” in order to generate, coordinate, highlight, support, and draw resources toward research initiated by and contributing to the lives of women and girls of color in the United States.

MILESTONES IN SERVICE

25 YEARS
Arlene Goodwin

20 YEARS
Ralph McNeal Jr.

15 YEARS
Richard Rockwell
Marysol Asencio is a Full Professor with a joint appointment with El Instituto: Institute of Latina/o, Caribbean, and Latin American Studies. She received her doctoral degree with distinction in 1994 from Columbia University School of Public Health with a concentration in Sociomedical Sciences. Her scholarly interests revolve around race/ethnicity; gender; sexuality; health; and social inequality, in particular Latina/o sexualities. She has produced a body of work that includes books, guest edited journal issues, peer-reviewed articles and chapters as well as other publication, some featured in top journals such as Gender & Society and Medical Anthropology.

Professor Asencio has also received significant internal and external funding for her research and projects, including from prestigious organizations such as the Social Science Research Council and the Ford Foundation. She has received a teaching excellence award from Columbia University as well as teaching commendations at UConn. Her service within UConn and minority communities around social justice and diversity issues has been recognized with several awards and honors.

David G. Embrick will be coming to UCONN as an Associate Professor at both the Sociology Department and the African Studies Institute. Formally, he spent a decade at Loyola University Chicago in the Sociology Department. He received his Ph.D. from Texas A&M University in 2006. He is a former American Sociological Association Minority Fellow, Past-President of the Southwestern Sociological Association, and current Vice President-Elect of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Dr. Embrick serves as the Editor-in-Chief for Humanity & Society, Founding Co-Editor of Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, and Associate Editor of Social Problems.

Dr. Embrick’s research has centered largely on the impact of contemporary forms of racism on people of color. While most of his research is one what he has labeled “diversity ideology” and inequalities in the business world, he has published on race and education, the impact of schools-welfare-and prisons on people of color, and issues of sex discrimination.

Andrea Voyer (Ph.D. University of Wisconsin, Madison) will teach courses in theory, culture, and qualitative methods. Her research focuses on processes of social inclusion and exclusion on the basis of immigration, race, and class. Her research on Somali immigrant inclusion was recently published as a book, Strangers and Neighbors: Multiculturalism, Conflict, and Community in America (Cambridge 2013). Her current research, funded by the Russell Sage Foundation, examines inter-class interactions in everyday life. She is also conducting an analysis of historical changes in Emily Post’s Etiquette for the insight that manners provide into the nature of American class relations.

Prior to joining the Department, Voyer held appointments as Visiting Assistant Professor at Sun Yat-Sen University in Guangzhoi, China, Postdoctoral Fellow in the Center for Cultural Sociology at Yale University, Research Fellow at Linnaeus University in Växjö, Sweden, and Assistant Professor of Sociology at Pace University in New York City.
Faculty Promotions

Manisha Desai
Promoted to Full Professor

Phoebe Godfrey
Promoted to Associate Professor in Residence

Elizabeth Holzer
Promoted to Associate Professor

New Department Head

Manisha Desai has been appointed to serve as the new Head of the Department of Sociology, starting July 1st, 2016. Below is an excerpt from Dean Teitelbaum’s selection announcement:

“Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Professor Manisha Desai to be the next Head of the Department of Sociology. Professor Desai holds appointments in both Sociology and the Institute for Asian and Asian American Studies. She studies gender and Globalization, Transnational Feminisms, and contemporary Indian Society. She arrived at UConn in 2007 and has served as Director of the Women’s Studies Program (now Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies) and on many university level committees, including a term as Chair of the Senate Diversity Committee. Professor Desai was the 2015 Sociologist for Women in Society’s Distinguished Feminist Lecturer and is on numerous editorial boards including those of the American Sociological review and the International Feminist Journal of Politics. She has also worked with various UN agencies. Her most recent book is Subaltern Movements in India: The Gendered Geography of struggle against Neoliberal Development, published in 2016 by Routledge.

I am grateful to the search committee consisting of Professors Cheng, Holzer, Hughey, and Rockwell, of the Sociology Department, Professor Bobaljik of Linguistics, and Associate Dean Shirley Roe for their help with this search.”

Other Faculty & Staff Highlights

FACULTY MENTOR AWARD

Jeremy Pais won this year’s Faculty Mentor award. Run fully by graduate students, This award recognizes outstanding mentors.

Pictured left to right: Jordan Rees (Jeremy’s advisee) reads her nomination letter as Sylvia Pu (graduate student) hands the plaque to professor Jeremy Pais.
More on Department Head Transitions

Words from Outgoing Chair
As I look back and think about the last five years and changes in the Sociology Department, I am really proud of our collective achievements. While we lost a few colleagues through retirements and moves, we welcomed six outstanding scholars to our department. Our scholarly output has lead to several national and local awards each year, including the Jessie Bernard, distinguished career awards, early career awards, and national awards for books and articles. Many colleagues have enjoyed significant media attention for their work. Some colleagues serve in top national and international elected disciplinary positions. The graduate students are blazing their own paths with a significant increase in article, chapter, special issue and book publications. You can this newsletter and get a sense of the wonderful things we have been doing. I know the department will continue to grow and shine with Manisha Desai as the Head.

On a personal note, I have valued my colleagues our commitment to diversity, in scholarship and practice. Over the past five years, I have benefited from the actions of colleagues who have looked out for one another, quietly lending a hand and taking on extra tasks to help out, each time someone needed it. Some people have asked me how I have been able to keep up my research and disciplinary commitments—I was able to do it because of faculty members, graduate students, administrators and staff in the department and in other places around the university. Thank you!

Bandana Purkayastha

Department Shares
Best Wishes
At the annual End of Year Luncheon, many people from the department gathered together to share words about Bandana Purkayastha’s tenure as Department Head.

Junior faculty members Ruth Braunstein, Christin Munsch, and Daisy Reyes gave an address about Bandana’s lasting impact as a mentor and scholar, along with a solid support system.

Lynne Goodstein spoke about Bandana’s lasting impression as Head, particularly the way her leadership allowed for many kinds of growth in departmental programming. This speech was on behalf of the faculty members, many of whom have said similar individual sentiments.

Chriss Sneed spoke about Bandana’s role as not only a Department Head and leader, but a model for the increasingly diverse Sociology graduate student population. These words were meant to be a sounding board for the many grad students who wished Bandana well and organized a modest gift of flowers & card (and “elected” Chriss to represent their voices).

Lastly, Emeritus Professor Ron Taylor spoke about of proud moments of watching Bandana lead the department.

The entire department wishes the best for Bandana as she begins her research work sponsored by Fulbright (and other collaborations).
Scholar Visits UCONN Sponsored by Competitive UNESCO Chair

Josephine Misaro (pictured right) spent four months at UCONN working on her research on “Massification and Its Impact on the Quality of Higher Education in Kenyan Universities.” Her work is being guided by Dr. Bandana Purkayastha. Josephine Misaro’s visit to UCONN is funded by the UNESCO Chair at University of Nairobi and Ford Foundation, Eastern Africa Region. The funding from the UNESCO Chair is competitively awarded to scholars who have selflessly given their time to participate in community work in remote villages in Kenya for empowering women who live in abject poverty.

Josephine is a lecturer in the Department of Sociology & Social Work, University of Nairobi. During her stay at UCONN, she also attended various classes to understand the teaching techniques used in different sized classes at UCONN.

Scholar of Comparative Sociology Hosted by UCONN

Dr. Andrey V. Rezaev (pictured below) is a Comparative Sociology Professor at St Petersburg State University. Rezaev’s research interests are oriented toward the comparative strategies for research in the social sciences and institutional analysis. He is the author of 7 books and more than 70 articles published both in English and in Russian; he has published extensively on theory and methodology of comparative sociology, on comparative capitalism and socio-economic development in the Eurasian countries, on comparative higher education, on migration and transnationalism. While at UCONN, he is continuing his work with Professors David Weakliem and Bandana Purkayastha.

Dr. Rezaev is an internationally recognized scholar who is doing academic work and research both in the USA and Russia. He has also held visiting positions at numerous universities worldwide, including University of Western Ontario (Canada), University of Trento (Italy), University of Regensburg (Germany), Institute of Political Studies in Lille (France), University of Latvia (Latvia), University of Sodertorn (Sweden). He was twice awarded with Fulbright Scholarship to study, to teach, and to do research in the USA: as a junior scholar at Boston University, 1994-1995 academic year, and as a Senior Scholar-in-Residence in the University of Maine system in 2005-2006.
International Connections

Visiting Assistant Professor Highlights International Perspectives in Undergraduate Course

On March 29, 2016, Jolly Lux, the Executive Director of Guiding Light Orphans Inc. presented to Dr. Barret Katuna’s Society in Global Perspective Honors Course. This was the second time that Jolly spoke to one of Barret’s Honors Courses at UCONN. Guiding Light Orphans, Inc. provides services to orphans of HIV/AIDS victims in Uganda as well as other types of community health assistance. To learn more about this organization, please visit: http://www.guidinglightorphans.org

Jolly Lux is a native of Uganda and has lived in Connecticut for many years. During a trip back to Uganda in 2011, she was inspired to start this organization. Jolly’s discussion addressed how non-profit organizations work transnationally and how they can be most effective in their delivery of aid. Guiding Light Orphans, Inc., Board Member, Chip Janiszewski, introduced Jolly and talked to the students about the power of networking to achieve social justice initiatives. The Honors Program provided enrichment funds that Guiding Light Orphans, Inc. graciously received.

Many of the students in Barret’s course were globally minded pre-med students who have a desire to do service work abroad as a supplement to their studies. Two students in Barret’s course, Timothy O’Toole and Natalie Wickenheisser partnered with their friends and will be filing the paperwork to start a Guiding Light Orphans, Inc. Club on campus this fall 2016. The leadership of the club is as follows: Emma Skinner, President; Natalie Wickenheisser, Vice President; Timothy O’Toole, Secretary; and Paige Holden, Treasurer. Barret will be the faculty advisor in the 2016-2017 year.

The goal for the UCONN chapter of this organization is to connect UCONN students with the wonderful opportunities provided by GLO and to spread awareness about the challenges faced by the Ugandan population. The club was not able to complete the application to become a UCONN-recognized club that can participate in the Fall Involvement Fair. If you or any of your students might be interested in learning more, please contact the club at: glo.uconn@gmail.com.

Sociologist Curates Exhibition on Multimedia Feminist Art

Ingrid Semaan co-curated "All Byte: Feminist Intersections in Video Art," which will be on view at Franklin Street Works from April 9 July 10, 2016.

Here is a description of the show:

Feminist conversations and scholarship around the inseparability of class, race, country of origin and other factors when contemplating gender are reflected in artworks that, among other things, encourage viewers to listen across difference and explore matrixes of power. Through a call for submissions, the curators also sought out emerging artists in order to explore “fourth wave” feminist approaches to video and film.

“All Byte” features works made between 2013 and 2015 by nine artists or collectives: Michelle Marie Charles, INVASORIX, Kegels for Hegel, Sarah Lasley, Nicole Maloof, Virginia Lee Montgomery, Sunita Prasad, Legacy Russell, and Maryam Tafakory. This original exhibition is co-curated by the Program Director of Sacred Heart University’s Film and Television Masters school, Justin Liberman; Director of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at the University of Connecticut-Stamford, Ingrid Semaan; and Franklin Street Works’ Creative Director, Terri C Smith.


Gonzalez-Sobrino, Bianca. 2016 “’The Threat of the "Other": Ethnic Competition and Racial Interests.” Sociology Compass


Publications


Taylor, Malaena and Kate Gunby. 2016. “Moving Beyond the Sound Bite: Complicating the Relationship Between Negative Media Coverage and In-Depth Reporting on Activism.” Sociological Forum.


GRADUATE PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS

Cristina Khan received a book contract from Polity Press for Race and Sexuality, to be co-authored with Salvador Vidal-Ortiz (American University) and Brandon Robinson (UT Austin).

Devon Goss and Bianca Gonzalez-Sobrino’s proposal for a special issue entitled “The Mechanisms of Racialization Beyond the Black/White Binary” was accepted by Ethnic and Racial Studies, the top journal on Race and Ethnicity.

Michael Rosino’s book manuscript “Debating the Drug War: Race, Politics, and Media in the “War on Drugs” Debate” is currently under contract for Routledge’s Framing 21st Century Social Issues Series.
Manisha Desai and Bandana Purkayastha’s presentation on Rape Culture from UCONN to India on Dec 2, 2015 was covered by the Daily Campus.

The article about this presentation can be find here:

Phoebe Godfrey’s TEDxUCONN talk, “Investigating the Classroom in the Age of Anthropocene: Are You Awake?” is now on YouTube:
https://youtu.be/SMDrk-3h8jw

Graduate student Ruth Hernandez was the U.S. Coordinator for the Matlalcueyetl group’s transnational theater tour, and assisted them with the planning, logistics, and execution of the tour. During this tour, the group was approached by a documentary company and, through careful planning and conversations, decided to work with them. Ruth assisted the women through this process and helped with the framing of the documentary in terms of ethics and protection of the group.

A full story of the tour can be found here:
http://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/la_casa_rosa_demands_justicia/

The short documentary can be found here:

Another documentary featuring this work (that Ruth was interviewed for) will be released by the New Haven Independent this summer. This tour has also been covered in El Instituto’s newsletter, which can be found here:
http://elin.uconn.edu/news/
Matthew Hughey’s book (co-edited with Gregory Parks) 12 Angry Men: True Stories of Being a Black Man in America Today has been made into a set of theatrical performances that premiered October 15-18 2016 at the Kumble Theater in Brooklyn, New York. Since then, the performance has moved to other venues such as the Billie Holiday Theatre.

More information about the book can be found here:
http://thenewpress.com/books/12-angry-men

David Weakliem’s submission about his research on public opinion was featured on the Washington Post.’s The Monkey Cage (blog) on February 19th, 2016. The article was entitled “More People Think Abortion Should Always be Legal. And More People Think it Should Never be Legal.”

The article can be found here:

Brad Wright and Mike Wallace’s work (with Annie Scola Wisnesky, Christopher M. Donnelly, Stacy Missari, and Christine Zozula — all current or former UConn PhDs) was covered by Five Thirty Eight.com. The study featured was entitled “Religion, Race, and Discrimination: A Field Experiment of How American Churches Welcome Newcomers,” published in the Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion in May 2015.

The article can be found here:
http://fivethirtyeight.com/features/mainline-protestant-churches-are-warmer-to-potential-members-if-theyre-white/
Graduate Student Highlights

Fellowships & Grants

Bianca Gonzalez-Sobrino was received the 2016 Dean Ross MacKinnon Endowment Fellowship.

Caner Hazar was awarded a Conference Travel Grant from the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA).

Ruth Hernandez received the 2016 Graduate student Fellowship in Engaged Scholarship (GSFES). Ruth also was awarded a Human Rights Program Funding Grant, which was used towards the Matlalcueyetl group’s transnational theater tour.

Emma Lesser received a 2016 Summer Pre-Doctoral Fellowship.

Michael Rosino was awarded a travel grant from the Lee Student Support Fund sponsored by the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

Chriss Sneed was awarded the 2016 African American Faculty and Staff Book Scholarship. Chriss also received a 2015-2016 Working Group Grant from El Instituto for “Research in the Borderlands: An Interdisciplinary Workshop for Critical Researchers.

Abbey Willis was awarded a 2016 Travel Grant from Eastern Sociological Society (ESS).

Adane Zawdu received a 2016 Summer Pre-Doctoral Fellowship from the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life.

Fall 2015 Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Recipients
Ruth Hernandez
Todd Vachon

Spring 2016 Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Recipients
Erika Del Villar
Devon Goss
Koyel Khan
Abbey Willis
Adane Zawdu

El Instituto: Institute of Latina/o, Caribbean, and Latin American Studies Institute Predoctoral Fellowship Recipients
Ruth Hernandez
Cristina Khan

Human Rights Institute Graduate Research Grant Recipients
Michael Rosino
Chriss Sneed

Article & Paper Award Winners

Brenna Harvey has won the Susan Porter Benson Graduate Paper Research Award for the paper “Production of Abject Masculinity Online” from WGSS. This award “recognizes cutting-edge research in the field of feminist studies that takes an interdisciplinary and intersectional approach.”

Caner Hazar’s paper entitled “Gender Performance as an Everyday Strategy in Turkey” won second place in the Dicle Kogacioglu Gender Studies Article Award competition of Sabanci University, a prominent private research university in Turkey. This paper was also nominated for the Best Paper Award from the 2016 Interdisciplinary Political Studies Conference at UMass.

Several Sociology graduate students received Recognition for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching from the Office of the Provost during the 2015-2016 academic year.

Among them were:
Ordoitz Galilea
Denishia Harris
Sylvia Pu
Michael Rosino
Chriss Sneed
Abbey Willis

Past recipients include:
Erika Lorenzana Del Villar
Bianca Gonzalez-Sobrino
Todd Vachon

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Graduate Student Highlights

Awards and Honors

Cristina Khan was named the 2016 Recipient of the 100 Years of Women Award from UCONN’s Women’s Center. This award goes to any student who demonstrates a commitment to work advancing women in society.

Both Koyel Khan and Josef Ma received the Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award.

Both Michael Rosino and Farhan Yousaf received the Outstanding Graduate Research Award.

Michael Rosino also received the 2016 Michael L. Dunphy Scholarship Award. The Sociology, History, and Political Science departments alternate in making this award available for an outstanding graduate student who has exceptional academic credentials and scholarly interest in any or a combination of the following fields: American politics, society, culture, and history, among other attributes.

Nicolas Simon received the 2016 Board of Regents System-Wide Adjunct Teaching Award. Two awards are given each year to part-time faculty of the Connecticut State University System, which includes 4 State University Systems and 12 Community Colleges. Nicolas also was the recipient of the 2016 Ron Taylor Award for An Outstanding Graduate Student Paper.

Chriss Sneed received the 2016 Marita McComiskey Distinguished Graduate Career Award for Feminist Praxis from WGSS. This award “honors contributions by a current Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies graduate student who, over the course of their career, has provided distinguished service to the WGSS Program and modeled feminist praxis in their career as a graduate student.”

Maleana Taylor won the 2016 Burns “Bud” Roper Fellow from the American Association for Public Opinion Research. This award “is intended to help people working in survey research or public opinion research who are in early stages of their careers.”
Each year, our students (and faculty members) are very active at professional meetings and conferences such as ASA, ESS, and SWS, to name a few.

* indicates UConn Sociology faculty member

Graduate Students featured at the 110th ASA meeting in Chicago this past August:
Aspen Chen, “The Academic Trajectory of Children of Immigrants: Consistent Success or Catching-up?”
Erika Lorenzana Del Villar, “PROJECT TERROR: State Projects, U.S. Policy and the Construction of the War on Terror”
Brenna Harvey, “Are You Comfortable with Blood Play? BDSM Mobilization and Social Movement Identity as Cultural Capital”
Brenna Harvey and Kamryn Warren, “Queer Pathways: Identity and Belonging Among LGBTQ Forced Migrants not Claiming Sexuality-Based Asylum”
Caner Hazar, “Gender Performance as an Everyday Strategy in Turkey”
Matthew Hughey* and Devon Goss, “A Level Playing Field? Media Constructions of Athletics, Genetics, and Race”
Cristina Khan, Salvador Vidal-Ortiz, and Michelle Newton-Francis, “Negotiated Spaces, Erotic Currencies, and Racialized Intimacies at the Playpen”
Angran Li, Heidi Obach, and Simon Cheng*, “How Much Is Too Much? Debunking the Effects of Parental Over-Involvement at Home”
Gregory J Mills, “The Role of Affluence Concentration in Educational Homogamy of College Graduates”
Heidi Obach and Angran Li, “A Balancing Act: How Engagement in Paid and Unpaid Labor Influences Males’ and Females’ College Enrollment”
Michael Rosino and Matthew Hughey*, “Colorblind and Callous Critiques: Racial Discourse and Identity Construction in Debates on the War on Drugs” (Also presented at the Borderlands Symposium in April)
Trisha J. Tiamzon, “Beering Masculinities: Performing Gender and Taste through Craft Beer Appreciation”
Farhan Yousaf and Bandana Purkayastha*, “The Other Side of Honor: Gender, Class, and Organ Trade”
Abbey Willis, “Identity as Selectivity Filter: One Step toward a Political Economy of Compulsory Monogamy”

Graduate Students featured at the 2016 ESS meeting in Boston this past March:
Mary Fischer* and Allen Hyde, “Hispanic Homeownership Growth and Neighborhood Attainment during the Housing Boom.” (Also presented at the Population Association of America’s annual conference in Washington, D.C.)
Brenna Harvey and John Bailey, “'Neurotypical voice': Neurodiversity movements, medicalization and the politics of mental health online”
Brenna Harvey, “'It's Good, I'm Straight, I'm Thinking About Girls, and I'm Masturbating:' Heterosexual Masculinity and The Social and Emotional Context of Pornography Consumption”
Other Graduate Presentations During the 2015-2016 Academic Year

Emma Lesser, “‘Toward the East a Jew Yearns: Racialization of Jewishness as the Eastern Other’ and ‘Jews of all colors? Representations of Jews of Color in Mainstream Jewish Organizations!’”

Jordan Rees, “The Privilege to Choose: How Class Status Influences Vaccine Refusal”

Michael Rosino and Devon Goss, “Pipeline or Prejudice: Media Narratives of Barriers and Downsides in Corporate Diversity Initiatives”


Abbey Willis, “Queering Place: Using the Classroom to Describe the World”


Koyel Khan, “Education and Human Rights: Adult Literacy Programs in West Bengal, India” presented at the SWS annual winter meeting in Memphis, TN. February 2016.


Kathleen Ragon, “‘How do you define yourself?’: Mobilizing Leadership in the Graduate Employee Union Movement..,” at the Chicago Ethnography Conference in April 2016.


UConn Graduate Students: Session Organizers & Invited Speakers

Devon Goss and Bianca Gonzalez-Sobrino organized a paper session at ASA this past year. The topic of the session was centered on their co-edited special issue “Race and Media Beyond the Black/White Binary.”

Chriss Sneed was an invited discussant and moderator for the lead plenary session at the 2016 CUNY Sociology Doctoral Student Conference in New York City this March. The plenary was entitled “City as Methodology.”

Abbey Willis was an invited speaker at Wesleyan University in April 2016. Her talk was entitled “Non-Monogamy and the State.”

Adane Zawdu participated in the Author Meets Critics session at CPA for the book “The Jewish Phenomenon in Sub-Saharan Africa,” (by Marla Brettschneider), with Walter Isaac this June.

The conference was well attended (with over 100 participants). Several Sociology students presented their research including Devon Goss, Ruth Hernandez, Cristina Khan, Koyel Khan, Michael Rosino, Chriss Sneed, and Adane Zawdu.

Interdisciplinary Research Initiatives

Devon Goss and Cristiana Khan co-founded & co-organized an interdisciplinary graduate student conference entitled “Borderlands: A Critical Graduate Symposium.” This year’s theme was ‘Beyond Bridges and Barbed Wire: Expanding Our Knowledges, Imagining Possibility.’

Borderlands consisted of 14 presentations featuring the work of over 25 graduate scholars and artists based in the Northeast. The keynote speaker was Fulbright recipient and migration scholar Dr. Roberta Villalón (of St. John’s University), whose lecture was “Developing Critical Action Research Across Borders.”

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More Graduate Student Highlights

UConn Grad Students Off Campus & in Professional Organizations

Devon Goss holds the position of Assistant Editor for Qualitative Sociology.

Emma Lesser became the Managing Editor of Humanity and Society in 2016. This is a three-year position.

Chriss Sneed was selected to serve on SWS’s Programming Committee for 2016-2017. Chriss also continues to serves on SWS’s Student Causus Committee as Chair of the Inclusivity and Diversity Subcommitee.

Malaena Taylor is the Associate Programming Chair of the New England chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (NEAAPOR).

Social Problems Advisory Editors (2015-2016)

  Erika Lorenzana Del Villar
  Bianca Gonzalez-Sobrino
  Devon Goss
  Heidi Obach
  Michael Rosino

Social Problems Media Committee

  Erika Lorenzana Del Villar
  Devon Goss

Congratulations!

Sociology Students Take on Campus Leadership Positions

Both Todd Vachon and Chriss Sneed (pictured below) hold executive leadership positions on campus. Todd will be continuing as President of the Graduate Employee Union (GEU-UAW) and Chriss has been elected President of the Graduate Student Senate.

Kathleen Ragon and Jordan Rees also serve in these organizations as Recording Secretary of GEU-UAW and Communications Director of the Graduate Student Senate, respectively.

The Department also welcomes back Kamryn Warren (pictured below, third from right), who is returning from her Fulbright-sponsored research trip to Nepal.

Allen Hyde (pictured left) accepted a tenure-track position as an Assistant Professor of Sociology within the School of History and Sociology at Georgia Tech in Atlanta, GA!

He will be defending his dissertation entitled “Neoliberalism, Finance, and Income Inequality: An Examination of Affluent Capitalist Democracies” this summer.
**Graduations**

**Farhan Yousaf, PhD, “Fleeing Violence: Gender, Human Rights, and Trafficking in Women in “Pakistan.”** Farhan, who was here on a Fulbright award, rejoins his work as an Assistant Professor at International Islamic University in Islamabad, Pakistan.

**Emma Lesser, MA, “Authenticating Jewishness: The Racialized Construction of a Jewish Ideal”**

**D. Matthew Ray, MA, “Mobility for Whom? Local Mobility Structures and the Stratified Impact on Earnings and Poverty”**

**Jordan Rees, MA, “The Privilege to Choose: How Class and Status Influence the Spread of Vaccine Refusal”**

**Kathleen Ragon, MA, “How do you define yourself?”. Mobilizing Leadership in the Graduate Employee Union Movement.”**

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**Incoming Graduate Students**

**Ezana Amdework Atsbeha** holds a BA in Sociology and Social Anthropology an MA in Sociology from Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia. He has been involved in teaching and research since 2005. He has engaged in various research activities on urban and rural development, civil society organizations, as well as children and youth. He has co-published a book on the socioeconomic aspects of traditional alcohol drinks and a research monograph on peasant entrepreneurship. Ezana is an active member of key think tanks and professional associations in Ethiopia. His current research interests include environmental sociology, rural-urban and international migration, and urbanization.

**Merve Erdem** will be attending University of Connecticut this fall. Merve has received a Bachelors of Science in City and Regional Planning from Yildiz Technical University, BS, City and Regional Planning in June 2011. She has also attended Middle East Technical University with a concentration in Sociology.

**Marcus William Garcia** is a first year PhD student at the University of Connecticut, who graduated from Binghamton University with a BA in English Literature and Rhetoric. Having spent his childhood surrounded by Latino culture in The Bronx, NY, and his teenage years away from home as one of a select few inner-city students in the suburbs of Massachusetts, his research interests are particularly concerned with the shifts in both individual and collective identities within different subcultures, and more generally concerned with the intersections of culture, class, race, ethnicity, gender, and sexualities.

**Rhys Hall** is graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park with a Bachelors degree in Sociology. He was named Student of the Year at his schools Nyumburu Cultural Center for Black Student Involvement, and led the schools Black Male Initiative Chapter to being recognized as the Student Service Organization of the Year as well as the Most Improved Organization of the year. His previous research has focused on the mis-framing of the education, performance and retention of young Black men in the
education system, and now he is focusing on the supposed deprived agency of Single Black mothers in the US, with a specific focus on how their status intersects with their geographic location, relationship status, age and health. He seeks to obtain a greater focus on being a quantitative researcher, however has experience with wanting to utilize his own experience as a means of connecting to others in their own perceptions of oppression and privilege.

**Sung Kim** is one of many incoming graduate students to the Department of Sociology at University of Connecticut. Sung Kim received a Bachelors of Arts in Sociology from DePaul University, located in Chicago, Illinois in 2014.

**Kristen Kirksey** holds a Bachelor of Arts in Medicine, Health, and Society from Vanderbilt University and a Master of Public Health from Tulane University. During her MPH studies, she completed a qualitative evaluation of a reproductive health pilot program in the Dejen Region of Ethiopia. Most recently, she worked at the New Orleans Health Department as the program manager for a maternal and child health program. She has presented at the American Public Health Association and CityMatch (National Organization of Urban MCH Leaders) Conferences. Her interests include social determinants of health, specifically reproductive health.

**Amy Lawton** holds a Master of Arts in Social Change (MASC) from the Iliff School of Theology (Denver, CO), where she worked to include atheist perspectives in interfaith discourse. Her undergraduate work was completed at the University of Central Florida, where she received a BA in Interdisciplinary Studies. Her research interests broadly include the sociology of religion, social movements, and social control.

**Jessica McGough** is a 2016 recipient of the Outstanding Scholars Fellowship Program Award. She holds a law degree from William and Mary Law School where she was a member of the William and Mary Journal of Women and the Law. She has spent time working as a research attorney, in multiple state and federal prosecutors’ offices and for a legal aid clinic. She graduated from The State University of New York at Geneseo where she majored in Sociology and Philosophy. Her research interests include the interplay between law and gender, she is especially passionate about the protection of victims of domestic violence.

**Selam Esayas Negatu** is a lecturer at Addis Ababa University. She has B.A. in Sociology and Social Anthropology and an M.A. degree in Sociology from Addis Ababa University. Her M.A. thesis work focused on a comparative assessment of the role of the School in the creation of deviant behaviors in Addis Ababa. She has also served as Chairperson of the Department of Sociology since 2014. Her research interests include issues related to family, education, youth development, and gender and development.

**Brian Roccapriore** holds a MS in sociology from Southern CT State University, where his studies focused on social stratification and social inequality. He also holds an undergraduate degree in Electronics Engineering. Brian currently works in the non-profit sector with the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness, where he acts as the data manager for the state’s homeless management information system. He is passionate about using data and applied sociology to drive social change in a meaningful, measurable, and replicable way.

**Nabil Tueme** graduated from Assumption College of Massachusetts in 2014 with a BA in Sociology. She received her department’s C. Wright Mills’ Sociological Imagination Award for her research on differential social movement responses during periods of comparable income inequality. She has spent the last year working at the University of Massachusetts - Boston researching emergency pedagogy within Syrian refugee camps in Lebanon. She is broadly interested in political and racial sociology, specifically focusing on persons of Middle-Eastern origin.

**Kevin Zevallos** graduated from Connecticut College with a BA in Sociology. His deep and sustained connection to sociology stems from learning experiences that epistemologically decentered whiteness through research and community work. believing that research should prioritize communal needs, Kevin plans to research how gentrifiers conceptualize their sense of self through displacement, with a particular focus on his own community in Brooklyn, NY.
Our majors and minors continue to earn distinctions across the university. Below are various awards from the 2015-2016 academic year.

**Janet M. Fierberg Award**
There were three co-winners of the 2016 Janet M. Fierberg Award this year. All candidates expect to start a career in Social Work and will be attending UCONN’s School of Social Work in the fall.
- Michael Marshall
- Naomi Reed
- Stephanie Ross

**IDEA Grant Winner!**
Elizabeth Charash, an undergrad honors student who took Mary Bernstein’s Sociology of Law class in the fall, was awarded an IDEA grant for their research on the gun violence prevention movement.

**BABBIDGE SCHOLARS**
Students are named Babbidge Scholars when they have earned a semester grade point average of 4.0 for both the spring and fall semesters of the 2015 calendar year.
- Caitlin Briody
- Meghan Ruth O’Neil

**NEW ENGLAND SCHOLARS**
Students are named New England Scholars when they have earned a semester grade point average of at least 3.7 for the spring and fall semesters of the 2015 calendar year.
- Christina Marie Bauman
- Amanda Ewry
- Daniel Jaysen Jablon
- Alexandra Frances Leveillee
- Elise Letitia Sotolongo
- Madeline Hayden Teixeira

**PHI BETA KAPPA**
The following majors and minors have been inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. Phi Beta Kappa recognizes outstanding academic achievements across the university and is one of the oldest honor societies in the U.S.
- Melissa Bresnan-Gilbo
- Caitlin Briody
- Erica Migliore
- Cortney Beckett

**GRADUATION**
The Department held their annual graduation ceremonial lunch this may.

Congratulations to the many graduates!

**OTHER EVENTS**

The Sociology Department hosted a Sociology Major Pizza Picnic on 10/7/2015.

Special mention to 2016 CLAS graduate and Sociology major Ben Gallati for graduating as an Honors Scholar!
**Alumni Highlights**

**William Armaline** (PhD 2007), Director of the Human Rights program at San Jose State University, gave a talk at the HRI lunchtime series on "Human Rights as Policy Standard and Discourse of Resistance in San Jose, CA" on Dec 7, 2015. Also, Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky, UN Independent Expert on Foreign Debt and Human Rights, reached out to Armaline to review his report because of Armaline/Glasberg/Purkayastha’s discussion on this subject in the 2015 book *The Human Rights Enterprise*.

**Medora Barnes** (PhD 2009) received tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor at John Carroll University during the summer of 2015. This year, she is taking on new challenges as Program Director for Women and Gender Studies.

**Loretta Bass** (PhD 1998) published *African Immigrant Families in Another France* (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2014). While at UConn, Loretta worked with Professor Emeritus Josef Gugler, and completed two years of fieldwork in Africa. She is currently a Professor of Sociology at the University of Oklahoma.

**Vaneeta D’Andrea** (PhD 1986) has been elected to a Fellowship in the Academy of Social Science in the United Kingdom.

**Mustafa Gurbuz’s** (PhD 2012) recent book, which emerged from his dissertation, was featured in Hurriyet Daily News.

Links to the interview can be found here:
http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/interview-local-rivalry-key-to-understanding-turkeys-kurdish-question-.aspx?pageID=238&nID=96320&NewsCatID=386

As a podcast:
http://turkeybooktalk.podbean.com/e/mustafa-gurbuz-on-rival-kurdish-movements/


**Andrew S. Fullerton** (PhD 2007) just published a book on Ordered Regression Models and he will be promoted to Full Professor at Oklahoma State this summer.

**Tom Hochschild** (PhD 2011) recently earned Valdosta State University’s Presidential Excellence award for teaching.

**Maura Kelly** (PhD 2010) received tenure and promotion to Associate Professor in the sociology department at Portland State University, beginning Fall 2016.

**Melissa Lavin** (2011) is an Assistant Professor at SUNY Oneonta. Melissa is now associate editor for the journals *Deviant Behavior* and *Humanity and Society*, and I have two forthcoming publications in Deviant Behavior. The forthcoming publications are as follow:


**Cory Lebson** (MA 1999) has a new book named *The UX Careers Handbook* (CRC Press; Taylor and Francis) for a sociology newsletter. The book is going to be available internationally within the next week.

**Sergio Mobilia** (MA 2010) now works and lives in London where he works for Goggle in their education division.

Assistant Professor of Sociology **Stephen F. Ostertag** (PhD 2008) will receive the Barbara E. Moely Service Learning Teaching Award from the Center for Public Service at Tulane University.
Alumni Highlights

Alice Pritchard (PhD 1996) completed her term as Director of CWELF. She has been appointed by President Mark Ojakian as the Chief of Staff of Central Connecticut State University.

Silke Roth (PhD 1998) has a new book called 'The Paradoxes of Aid Work'. Further information can be found on the publisher website. [http://www.tandf.net/books/details/9780415745925/](http://www.tandf.net/books/details/9780415745925/)

Lauren Sardi (Ph.D 2009) was recently promoted to Associate Professor of Sociology and was awarded tenure at Quinnipiac University.

Emeriti Updates

Mark Abrahamson's most recent book—Studying Cities and City Life: An Introduction to Urban Research Methods— is now in press at Routledge. It is scheduled for a November, 2016 release.

Arnold Dashefsky has been very active in colloquia session organizing and conference attendance. Additionally, his newest book, co-edited with Ira Sheskin, is entitled American Jewish Year Book 2015. It was published by Springer in 2016.

He also published the article (with Ira Sheskin) “Jewish Population in the United States, 2015.”

Life Stories

Life Commitment Ceremonies

Faculty member Christin Munsch will be celebrating her wedding to Kavetha Sundaramamoorthy on July 16th. Sending Peace and joy to the couple as they plan for this special day!

Graduate students Bianca Gonzalez-Sobrino and Emma Lesser were married on June 5th, 2016 in Mystic, CT.

Sincerest congratulations to this perfect match.

Graduate student Maleana Taylor and Rebecca (Becky) Barton were married on May 20th, 2016 in Santa Barbara, CA. Becky, a graduate of the Sociology BA program at UCONN, is a graduate student within Brandeis University’s Sociology PhD program. Many well wishes to these happy Cats.

New Additions!

Elizabeth Holzer and partner Greg Svetz welcomed Miriam Joan Svetz (pictured above), a “giant squirmy” (8 lbs 8 oz, 21 inches) and healthy baby on August 31st, 2015.

Josef Ma and his wife welcomed baby Rita Ma on September 14th, 2015.
Our team of faculty, staff, and graduate students continue to make UCONN’s Sociology Department a great place to be. Without our collective commitment to excellence, collegiality, and commitment to outstanding professional standards, none of our accomplishments would have been achieved.

A sincere thanks to all those whose work contributes to the department and university.

I commend Kathryn Ratcliff, who continues to manage our scheduling and serves on many university committees, all the while serving as Assistant Head of Sociology. Thanks also goes to Manisha Desai, for her work as Director of Graduate Studies and for serving on numerous committees around the University. Although Manisha ended her term as Chair of the University Diversity Senate, she is taking up new responsibility as Department Head - Congratulations! And always, a thank you goes to Lynne Goodstein, for serving as Director of Undergraduate Studies. Her diligence continues to help our undergraduates shine.

Special thanks to Arlene Goodwin and Kathy Covey for their exemplary performance in our department. Arlene continues to handle integral departmental operations and building matters that truly keep UCONN Sociology together. Additionally, her work for all – faculty, staff, and students – has benefited everyone who pass through our corridors, we are lucky to be the Department to celebrate her 25th year of service at the university! Kathy has continued her work in both graduate and undergraduate program support. Throughout the year, she has lent a hand to many (faculty and student alike) and her work offers clarity and efficiency much needed in our busy department.

More thanks to Lauren Munyard, for her dedicated work as the Undergraduate Advisor, where she advises students, plans events, and demonstrates commitment to our department growth. Thank you to Daniella Exantus for her help with office support through the year, Kate Ragon, for serving as the Graduate Representative in 2015-2016, and last but not least, Chriss Sneed for working on this newsletter & keeping our website up-to-date all year long.

Thank you on behalf of the department!

Bandana Purkayastha, Department Head
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