

SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE CHAIR

NANCY DENTON



I am happy to report that the UAlbany Sociology Department has had another very successful year! Our three new faculty members arrived: Stacy Torres, an ethnographer who studies aging, families, and medical sociology, Kate Averett, a gender scholar, and Brandon Gorman, who studies culture, politics, qualitative text analysis and the Middle East. They are valuable additions to the department and we are happy to have them. Our resurrected chapter of AKD, the sociology honor society, just inducted seven new members. They were given their certificates and graduation ropes at a ceremony last week. The faculty sponsor of the group is Jim Zetka and he is doing a great job with them. I am just finishing my fifth year as Department Chair and while I continue to enjoy the job, I am happy to be turning it over to Glenn Deane at the end of August. It has been great serving on the faculty here since 1990 and I am now looking forward to my retirement on September 1, 2017.

It was wonderful to have a full office staff this year. Ashley Turski quickly learned the job of undergraduate secretary and Lisa Klein is doing very well and loving the graduate secretary job. Jaime Galusha continues to enjoy being our Administrative Manager and helping us get better organized. And our full-time undergraduate advisor, Christine Puleo, joined us last August. A full-time advisor is something we have been requesting for many years

and we are very happy to have her with us. So in terms of staff, the department could not be more fortunate!

We had our Annual Theodore G. Standing Lecture—the 47th --on April 7, 2017. This is a wonderful event where we honor our “founders” with awards to our current students. Professor Mario Small from Harvard University gave a wonderful talk titled “Someone To Talk To: A New Approach to the Study of Networks of Support.” His research examined how people choose a confidant to talk with when they need social support. Network analysis would suggest they turn to a close circle but those studies tend to be based on asking a person who their friends are, not asking them who they would actually turn to when they wanted to talk. By interviewing graduate students in one university about who they approach, and supplementing their answers with nationally representative survey data, Professor Small found people are far more willing to turn to others they are not close to, even to near strangers, than network theory suggests. His work goes on to discuss the complexities of close relationships and that social connection is related to who people encounter regularly, rather than who they believe they are connected to.

Along with publishing journal articles and teaching, members of our department received accolades and honors during the year. Professor Zai Liang won the President’s Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Activities. Zai is a well-known scholar in the demography of migration within China and immigration from China to the U.S., as well as the study of the health of children of Chinese migrants.

His work is funded by grants from NICHD, NSF, Russell Sage and other foundations. He plays a key role in the Urban China Research Network which trains young scholars from China and the U.S. in the demography of China. Congratulations, Zai!

Other faculty news includes that Joanna Dreby has won a Fulbright Award to conduct research in Costa Rica in the Fall. Angie Chung has published a new book, *Saving Face: The Emotional Costs of the Asian Immigrant Family Myth*. Trevor Hoppe, together with David Halperin, published *The War on Sex*, an edited volume that brings together some of the leading scholars to explore the relationship between sex and social justice. For the second year running, two graduate students, won University Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation awards. Se Hwa Lee won for her dissertation “Korean ‘Wild Geese’ Families: Split Household Strategies and Gender Dynamics in Transnational Families” and Kristin Hourigan for “Redefining Murder: A Qualitative Exploration of Emotion and Identity Following the Loss of a Loved One to Homicide.”

In closing, I want to thank Beth Popp Berman for her three years of service as Director of Graduate Studies. This job is a lot of work and she did it very well, something that we can always depend upon in the department. In addition to all the usual things, she initiated “Visit Day” as a recruiting tool and that has been very successful and the Graduate Student Town Hall Meeting which is an informal opportunity for us to hear from the graduate students about the program. She was also influential in helping us make the transition from Cathy to Lisa. So many, many thanks to Beth! Kate Strully will assume the role of Director of Graduate Studies at the end of the summer.

Let me also say to the alums that though the department may have changed since you were here, we still have wonderful faculty, graduate students, staff, and adjunct lecturers. We are eager to stay in touch with you and learn where you are and what you are doing. So, let us hear from you!

And by all means, if you are in the area come by to visit us, see some old friends and meet some new ones. Our door is always open!

FROM THE GRADUATE DIRECTOR

ELIZABETH POPP BERMAN



This has been my third and final year as graduate director, and I hope that I am leaving the graduate program in strong shape. The past three years have seen the arrival of a new graduate secretary, a new department administrative manager, four new faculty, and most importantly, twenty-five new graduate students. Fortunately, we have had only one department chair—the excellent Nancy Denton—to serve as a counterweight to all the change.

In some ways, the last three years have been ones of relative stability. There have been no budget crises. Our cohorts have remained stable in size, and the university continues to fund assistantships for our students. Graduate stipends have increased modestly, but steadily, each year. We continue to attract students working in a range of subfields, with recent cohorts having clusters of interest in demography, migration, and—especially—gender. Our graduates are being hired into positions in academia and outside of it, but nearly always into positions in which they are using the PhD they worked so hard to achieve.

But it is also clear that the department is evolving. Recent faculty hires have brought new expertise in law, sexuality, medicine, gender, computational sociology, political sociology, aging, family, ethnography, and mental health. For graduate students, this has meant dynamic young faculty to work with, as well as new course offerings—this semester Sociology of Law is being offered for the

first time in several years, and the fall will see new courses being taught on Text as Quantitative Data and Sociology of the Life Course.

At the graduate level, our cohorts continue to gradually become more international, with the globalization of graduate education and the strength of the department's reputation abroad—increasingly in China, thanks to the efforts of Professors Zai Liang, Steve Messner, Richard Lachmann, and others. We have also had a resurgence of interest in the joint MA-PhD program with Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies in the last few years, and currently have six students pursuing that option. Finally, thanks to our new undergraduate advisor Christine Puleo and her efforts to get out the word, we have had an uptick of interest in the BA/MA program, with an unprecedented three students planning to begin that option in the fall.

Beyond coursework and the degree program, part of graduate education involves becoming socialized into the discipline. One thing the department has worked on over the past few years is strengthening that process and beginning it earlier. This starts with a revamped orientation class, which introduces students not only to resources on campus and faculty in the department, but to the sociology job market, presenting at conferences, finding summer jobs, and the structure of the profession.

SOS has also organized well-attended brown bags on preparing for comprehensive exams and other topics. And thanks to the speaker series organized by junior faculty, students had the opportunity to meet with visiting scholars like NYU's Lynn Haney, Arizona's Charles Seguin, and Harvard's Mario Small. Perhaps as a result of all this professional socialization (as well as its convenient location in Montreal), eleven students are traveling to ASA this August to present or otherwise participate.

As my term as graduate director comes to a close, I would particularly like to acknowledge all the work that others have put into making the graduate

program a success. This year's graduate committee, including Professors Peter Brandon, Joanne Kaufman, Zai Liang, Richard Lachmann, Kate Strully (fall) and Glenn Deane (spring), has as always done the heavy lifting of reviewing graduate applications, as well as choosing students for department awards (this year, Bo Zhou for the Allen E. Liska Dissertation Award, Emily Pain for the Paul Meadows Teaching Award, and Kristen Hourigan and Susana Muñiz for the Paul Meadows Research Award), handling program and curricular issues, and generally serving as a sounding board on whatever issues arise. They have been incredibly responsive and more than willing to pitch in whenever needed.

SOS (Students of Sociology), the grad student organization, was ably led this year by Danielle George. I have worked closely with Danielle as I did with her predecessors, Katie Meck and Colleen Wynn, and all three of them went above and beyond to make grad student life better. Their efforts to establish a visit day for prospective students have made a big difference in our recruiting, and they have always been there to help with a last-minute job or serve as a conduit between faculty and students. I guess Danielle must not have found working with me too terrible, since we'll be co-teaching together in the fall.

Lisa Klein stepped into the demanding position of graduate secretary last year with great aplomb, and has rapidly taken over a growing number of tasks that make the program run, while working to routinize and improve existing systems. She does this with incredible good cheer, despite the many demands that we all place on her every day. The program is also supported by Jaime Galusha, who schedules graduate classes, assigns advanced graduate students to teach undergraduate classes, and manages graduate assistantships—along with generally serving as a font of wisdom.

Finally, we had the great good fortune to have Professor Nancy Denton serve as department chair

for the last five years. Nancy has heard about every up and down along the way, and has always been there with sound advice, a good listening ear, or a wisecrack, as needed. Her even temper and hands-on style have helped keep the ship running smoothly, particularly during the transition in office staff that took place eighteen months ago. I hope as she prepares to enjoy her well-deserved retirement she can take satisfaction knowing that she piloted us safely through some fairly rocky shoals.

In August, I will be passing the grad director torch to Professor Kate Strully, who I have no doubt will manage the position with great success. Although I am ready to move on to new things, it has been an honor to serve for the last three years and I think the program is running smoothly for Kate and for the rest of the department.

FROM THE UNDERGRADUATE DIRECTOR

AARON MAJOR



Since joining the faculty in 2008, it has been clear to me that, as a department, we value and support undergraduate education. However, we often lacked the resources that we needed to fully act on those values. Fortunately, in the last two years, that has begun to change.

Last fall, we welcomed Christine Puleo to the department to fill the role of our new Academic Advisement Assistant and, since January, Christine has taken over the academic advising of all of our nearly 500 sociology majors--an absence that I hope we've all noticed, even if not missed. Our proposed concentrations in Criminology and Families & Communities continue to work their way through the labyrinths of SUNY Central and State Ed. Hopefully

we will be able to offer these programs to our students in the coming year. This semester we hosted two events for our undergraduate students on how to get the most out of their major and on careers in sociology, and on May 11 we initiated another group of students into our revived chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta. A week later we will see many of our students complete their careers at UAlbany and move on to the next stage of their lives.

These successes stem first and foremost from the time and effort that many of you have put into developing programs, applying for funds, and attending events, but, as I suggested way back at our faculty retreat in October, we are also in a moment when undergraduate education is at the top of the University's priorities list.

On the one hand, this creates new challenges for us as a department as pressure increases to boost enrollments and retain existing students. In their worst form, these pressures take the appearance of a competitive struggle as departments vie against each other to claim bigger slices out of the pie of students. It is easy to see, then, how this breeds frustration and cynicism.

But, I think there is also good reason to be optimistic in this new climate, and I think that the achievements that I highlighted above support this belief. As much as the sharper focus on undergraduate education can often feel like a demand to do more with less, it also creates opportunities for us to do things with our undergraduate program that improve the experience for everyone in the classroom--faculty and students.

Looking ahead to the fall we will have our first group of students arriving on campus hoping to take advantage of the Excelsior Scholarship. What effect this will have on total enrollments, student quality, students' academic and career interests, and University finances, remains to be seen but it is almost certain that it will create new, and pressing, challenges along with new, if more subtle, opportunities. Nothing positive that we seek to

achieve in the coming years will simply be handed to us, but our track record shows that we are a thoughtful, creative, proactive bunch and that good things happen when we put those qualities to use.

All of that being a long way of saying that I wish everyone a smooth end to the semester and a relaxed entry into the summer and looking forward to building on our successes around creating a stronger, more vibrant experience for our sociology students.

FROM THE HONORS DIRECTOR

ANGIE CHUNG



This year has been a very busy but productive one in between the restructuring of our Sociology Honors program; the induction and graduation of three new juniors and three outgoing seniors; a survey of past, present and potential Honors candidates; and several recruitment events throughout the year.

Perhaps the biggest development has been the approval of a new cross-disciplinary research proposal seminar to be offered during the Fall semester in collaboration with the School of Criminal Justice Honors Program. The seminar will allow us to provide a diverse and interactive seminar for those select Honors students who cannot take the standard 3-semester track, which typically starts in the spring semester of the junior year. We will also be able to increase the small size of our small Honors seminar in the spring by welcoming CRJ Honors students, many of whom are also double majors or minors in Sociology. The two departments have plans to coordinate recruiting efforts and possibly offer an end-of-the-year research colloquium for students who want to share their

research findings to current Honors students, faculty and friends/ parents.

To guide our restructuring efforts, I distributed a survey in Summer 2016 using SurveyMonkey to present and past Honors students, as well as to all declared/ intended Sociology majors who had a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50. I was pleased to receive responses from 31 students. Among other things, most students heard about the program through the Honors director or a newsletter. The top three reasons Honors students enrolled in the program were diverse but included resume building, interest in research experience, and interest in continuing education in graduate school. The main challenge they felt was the workload. The top three reasons why most of them did not enroll was because they couldn't fit it into the schedule; they didn't know about the program; they didn't meet the requirements yet; or they weren't interested in the research component.

Based on the overall findings, my long-term goal is to improve recruitment/ outreach; better communicate the practical utility of the Honors program; incorporate more professional post-graduate guidance; and offer more flexible program tracks.

This year, I'm proud to announce the graduation of three Honors students: Carol Haviland, Harrison Bohn and Megan Carter. We welcome the induction of three new Honors students: Zakiya Browne (topic: the effects of gentrification on neighborhood schools), Kevin Russo (topic: the various factors that explain why certain Muslim extremists commit terrorist acts), and Giselle Henriquez (topic: how the content/ delivery of sex education shapes individual views on sex). Thanks to Peter Brandon and Steve Messner for mentoring our outgoing students; and to Trevor Hoppe, Stacy Torres and Richard Lachmann for mentoring our incoming students next year. And many thanks to David Wagner for his many years of service in building and sustaining the Sociology Honors program.

FROM CSDA

ZAI LIANG



As many of you know, the Center for Social and Demographic Analysis (CSDA) is among a small number of prestigious Population Centers in the country that receive federal grant support (from Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development). 2017 is an important year for CSDA as we are up to renewal of our Center grant. Thus, during the fall of 2016, CSDA leadership (including members of the Executive Committee) labored hard to craft the Center grant renewal proposal. We spent many long hours discussing ideas and drafting different versions of the proposal. We submitted the final version in late December 2016 and look forward to hearing the decision sometime in early summer of 2017. Key members of the proposal writing group include: Ben Shaw (Director of CSDA and Professor in School of Public Health), Tim Gage (Associate Director, Professor in Anthropology), six members from sociology (Core Director Zai Liang, Executive Committee members of Nancy Denton, Sam Friedman, Kate Strully, Hui-Shien Tsao, and Tse-Chuan Yang), and two members from School of Public Health (Gregory DiRenzo and Recai Yucel).

In the past academic year, CSDA attracted a group of outstanding scholars to give presentations in our colloquium series, covering domestic and especially international topics. These speakers included Tse-Chuan Yang (assistant professor in sociology) who discussed inequality- mortality association at the U.S. county level using spatial panel models; visiting scholar from Sweden Charlotta Nilsen who presented research on the role of midlife work stressors in aging and health; Jennifer Montez from Syracuse University who presented recent research on adult health and longevity; Dean of School of Criminal Justice Bill Pridemore shared recent work

on the impact of the 1980s Farm Crisis on Suicide in Rural America; Melisa Tracy from School of Public Health discussed how to use agent based models to study violence; April Sutton from Cornell University presented work on manufacturing gender inequality in the new economy; and finally Shiguo Jiang from Geography and Planning at UAlbany introduced target-based approach to determine spatio-temporal patterns of crime.

As usual, CSDA associates have been busy at work to attract more research grants and so far, have yielded several exciting funded projects this year. Here is a sample of grants CSDA associates received this year. Joanna Dreby from sociology received a Fulbright US Scholar Research Grant for a project on Farm Families and the Modern Food Economy: Markets and Household Strategies in Costa Rica and the United States; Michael Bloom (from School of Public Health) received a grant from NIEHS to study Exposome Contributors to Child Health Originating from National Fetal Growth; Catherine Lawson (Geography and Planning) received a grant from USDOT for a project on Techniques for Efficient Detection of Rapid Weather Changes and Analysis of their Impact on a Highway Network.

As we celebrate another banner year for CSDA, it is also important to acknowledge the contributions of our dedicated supporting staff: Walter Ensel, Linda Lawrence, Jin-Wook Lee, Hui-Shien Tsao, Ruby Wang, and Ajay Yesupriya. Thank you all!

FROM S.O.S.

DANIELLE GEORGE, PRESIDENT



This year, Students of Sociology collaborated with students and faculty to continue the tradition of providing opportunities for success in graduate school as well as future careers. The year began with several events focused on welcoming

the first-year cohort and visiting scholars to the department. Prior to the first day of class, we held an informal campus tour and dinner for the first-year students. During the first week of classes, the department hosted a welcome reception in the courtyard. Continuing with tradition, SOS assigned first year students with a second-year mentor to help them transition into the program. We plan to continue these events and relationships in the future to create a sense of community in the department.

Throughout the year, we hosted student and faculty panels on an array of topics such as the preparing for comprehensive exams, writing dissertations, the academic job market, and the presidential election. SOS also strengthened our interdisciplinary relationships by co-sponsoring a movie night with the Anthropology Graduate Students. We look forward to hosting more professional and social events in the future!

Thank you to all the faculty and graduate students who took time out of their busy schedule to participate in SOS events, and to the amazing department staff for helping us plan them. Also, thank you to this year's executive board for all of their hard work and dedication. While another year comes to an end, we look forward to helping the next cohort as they take over SOS next year!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENT PHD RECIPIENTS

AS OF MAY 15, 2017

Cassandra Carter, "All the Single Ladies: How the Intersections of Race and Family Type Influence Health"

Daniel Farr, "Parental Aspirations Among Young Gay Men"

Se-Hwa Lee, "Korean Wild Geese Families: Split Household Strategies and Gender Dynamics in Transitional Families"

Lei Lei, "Does Neighborhood Matter in China? Pathways and Heterogeneous Effects of Residential Contexts on Children' Education and Health"

Jiejn Li, "Socioeconomic and Health Consequences of Settlement in New Destinations: A Study of Asian Immigrants in the United States"

Tianyue Ma, "The Developmental Corporative State: How Government Promotes Innovation Capability in China"

Zachary Miner, "A Kind of Peace: The Real World of Firearms Owners"

Megan K. Murphy, "Queer Youth Activism: Generational Change in the US LGBTQ Movement"

Basak Ozgenc-Kurd, "Human Capital, Assimilation and Local Labor Markets: A Multi-level Analysis of Earnings Inequality Between Non-Hispanic US-Born and Foreign-Born Whites in the U.S.: 1980-2010"

Edelmira Reynoso, "Mexican-American Professionals: An Oxymoronic Concept or a New Reality?"

Kimberly Tauches, "Space, Place, Gender, and Sexuality: Situational Gender in Four Coffee Houses"

Kathleen Tobin-Flusser, "Gender: Impacts on Participation in Elected Local Government"

Kristen Hourigan, "Redefining Murder: A Qualitative Exploration of Emotion and Identity following the Loss of a Loved one to Homicide"

Allen Wong, "Immigration and Victimization: Applications of Criminological Concepts to the Lesser-Known Side of the Immigration and Crime Nexus"

ENTERING GRADUATE STUDENTS FOR FALL 2016

Tyler Bellick graduated from the University at Albany with a BA in Sociology. His research interests are crime and juvenile delinquency.

Dean Bock graduated from the University of Minnesota with a BSc in Chemistry in 2015. His interests include criminology, deviance, as well as migration and refugees in Southeast Asia.

Mairead Carr graduated with a BA in English and Philosophy from St. John's University in 2015. Her research interests are gender and inequality. She is a part of the dual program with Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

Griffin Lacy graduated from Cornell University with a BS in Development Sociology and a concentration in Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. She graduated from Portland State with a MS in Sociology. Her research interests are gender, sexuality, qualitative methods, social sustainability, environmental sociology, and youth.

Seulki Kim graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2012 with a MA in Economics. She is primarily interested in Demography and Migration.

Yuanfei Li graduated from Peking University in 2016 with an MA in Sociology. He is primarily interested in migration, education, and social inequality.

Yuemin Li graduated from Dartmouth College in 2016 with an MA in Liberal Studies-Globalization. Her interests are economic sociology and social network analysis.

Rebeca Herrero Saenz graduated with an MA from NYU Steinhardt in May 2016. Her main interests are Medical Sociology, and Sociology of Health, especially in relation to mental health and illness.

Yimang Zhou graduated with a BA in Sociology from the Renmin University of China (RUC) in 2013, and his MA in 2015. His main interests are political sociology, especially in social movement, state building, and bureaucracy. He also has interests on the topic of how political dynamics shape social inequality.

ALUMNI NEWS FROM OUR PHD GRADUATES

Se-Hwa Lee was awarded the 2017 Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Award from the University at Albany for "Korean Wild Geese Families: Korean Wild Geese Families: Split Household Strategies and Gender Dynamics in Transnational Families."

Jianhong Liu won the Division of International Criminology of American Society of Criminology's 2016 "Freda Adler Distinguished Scholar Award." Jianhong is currently the elected President of the Scientific Commission of the International Society for Criminology (since 2014), the chairman of the General Assembly of the Asian Criminological Society (2016-). Professor Liu was the Founding President of Asian Criminological Society (from 2009 to 2015). He is also the editor-in-chief of the *Asian Journal of Criminology* (Springer Publishing), the editor of "Springer Book Series on Asian Criminology & Criminal Justice", and a member of the editorial boards of more than 20 international academic journals, including *British Journal of Criminology*. Prof Liu is the author, editor-in-chief, or co-editor of about 30 books. He has published nearly 100 journal articles and book chapters.

Amy Lutz has two forthcoming articles. The first, with Yingyi May, "Jumping on the STEM Train: Differences in High School Math and STEM College Degree Attainment between Children of Immigrants and Natives in the United States," is forthcoming in *Research in the Sociology of Education*. The second, with Yaël Brinbaum, "Examining Educational Inequalities in Two National Systems: A

Comparison of the North African Second Generation in France and the Mexican Second Generation in the United States," is forthcoming in *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*

Monika Reuter was invited to submit a chapter in a forthcoming book on creativity, edited by Dr. Vlad Glaveanu (forthcoming with Macmillan). Reuter is also active as an Associate Editor for an open-source qualitative research journal published out of the Free University of Berlin, *the Forum: Qualitative Research*. As a member of a non-profit organization (SAGE Institute for Family Development), Monika teaches workshops and seminars on creativity, which she states are a lot of fun. She notes that David is the lead faculty for an online program for a small non-profit college here in Fort Lauderdale. Their daughter will be 26 this year.

Jukka Savolainen and his colleague from University of Oslo, Torbjørn Skardhamar, received the 2016 Outstanding Contribution Award from the American Society of Criminology's Division of Developmental and Life Course Criminology for their article "Changes in criminal offending around the time of job entry: A study of employment and desistance." The award was given at the annual meeting of the ASC, November 16-19, 2016, in New Orleans. Savolainen is currently Director of the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (ICPSR) and Research Professor at University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research.

Karen Tejada was awarded tenure and promotion to associate professor at the University of Hartford.

Min Zhou's co-authored book with Jennifer Lee, *The Asian American Achievement Paradox* (Russell Sage Foundation, 2015) won multiple awards, including the 2017 Award for Best Book in the Social Sciences from the Association for Asian American Studies, the 2016 Thomas and Znaniecki Book Award of ASA International Migration Section, the 2016 ASA Asia and Asian American Section Book Award on Asian America, and the 2016 Pierre

Bourdieu Award for Outstanding Book of the ASA Sociology of Education Section. Min Zhou published *The Rise of the New Second Generation* (with Carl Bankston, Polity Press, 2016) and the third edition of *Contemporary Asian America: A Multidisciplinary Reader* (with Anthony Ocampo, New York University Press, 2016). In addition, Zhou spent three years (2013-2016) in Singapore, taking up a chair professorship at Nanyang Technological University, where she also served as Head of Sociology Division and Director of the Chinese Heritage Centre. She has recently returned to UCLA as Professor of Sociology & Asian American Studies and Walter & Shirley Wang Endowed Chair in US-China Relations & Communications. She also serves as the Director of the UCLA Asia Pacific Center.

Yue (Angela) Zhuo is currently the Writing Across the Curriculum 2017 Faculty Fellow of St. John's University, where she won the Faculty Recognition Award in 2016. Zhuo was elected to serve as a board member of the Association of Chinese Criminology and Criminal Justice (2015-2018). Her daughter, Anna, was born in September 2016.

GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

Kenneth Chen received a Graduate Student Association Research Grant and presented a paper, "Cyber Divide: International Students, Spatial mobility and Transnational Elite," at a roundtable session at the American Sociological Association annual meeting. In addition, Chen presented a paper, "The middlemen of migration: A case study on international educational agents and agencies in Taiwan," at ESS.

Kristen Hourigan received the Paul Meadows Award for Excellence in Research for her paper entitled "'The gentleman who killed my daughter': Explaining the effects of social proximity on forgiveness after extreme offense."

Gwoon Jung was awarded The Ralph A. Gallagher Travel Grant from The Association for the Sociology of Religion. Jung published numerous articles this year, including: "I Know What Freedom and Responsibility Mean Now: Narratives of Korean International Students in the U.S." (*Young*); "Does Transnational Experience Constrain Religiosity? Korean Evangelical Women's Discourse on the LGBT Persons" (*Religions*); "Household Structure and Suburbia Residence in the US Metropolitan Areas: Evidence from the American Housing Survey" (with co-author Yang, *Social Sciences*); "At the Nexus of Work and Family: Small Family Farms in Upstate New York" (With co-authors Joanna Dreby and Rachel Sullivan, *Journal of Rural Studies*); "The Politics of Cross-Border Learning: Evangelical Christian Discourse on the LGBT in South Korea" (with co-authors Yi and Phillips, *Society*). Jung also presented papers at the ASA annual meeting and at Association for the Sociology of Religion meeting.

Zhifan Luo published "Intrastate Dynamics in the Context of Hegemonic Decline: A Case Study of China's Arms Transfer Regime" in *Journal of World-Systems Research*.

Emily Pain was awarded the Meadows Excellence in Teaching Award, the SAGE Teaching Innovations and Professional Development Award, the UUP Individual Development Award, an ESS Travel Grant, and the IFW Feminist Research Award. Pain was a panel discussant at ESS. In addition, Pain is currently on the ASA elections ballot for Graduate Student Representative of the Section on Sexualities.

Dean Weld received second place (with co-author Sean Roche, a UAlbany PhD student in criminal justice) in the American Society of Criminology's Gene Carte Student Paper Competition. The paper, titled "A Matter of Time: A Partial Test of Institutional Anomie Theory Using Cross-National Time Use Data," is forthcoming in the *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*.

Colleen Wynn presented two posters at the 2017 Population Studies Association Annual Meeting in Chicago -- including a poster, "Race/Ethnicity, Family Structure, and Neighborhood Connection," and a paper co-authored with faculty member Samantha Freidman, "Race/Ethnicity, Family Structure, and Housing Turnover." Wynn also published two notes in ASA's *TRAILS* bulletin: "Metropolitan Area Characteristics and Residential Segregation Using American FactFinder" and "Research Evaluation Activity and Paper Assignment."

FACULTY NEWS

Christine E. Bose received the Three Voices Grant from the University at Albany Emeritus Center for research on international marriage migration (2016-2017). Bose also presented a paper, "A Comparative Study of International Marriage in Two Regions: The Patterns of Gender and Nationality," co-authored with UAlbany PhD. Minjeong Kim, at the Pacific Sociological Association meetings in April 2017. In August 2015, Professor Bose changed her primary residence from Albany to Seattle, WA--a 3,000 mile move--where she has Affiliate Faculty positions in the University of Washington Departments of Sociology and of Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies. Since the move she has worked with 8 PhD and 2 MA students, who have now completed their degrees.

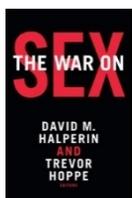


Angie Chung published a book, *Saving Face: The Emotional Costs of the Asian Immigrant Family Myth* (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press). Chung published two journal articles: "Behind the Myth of the Matriarch and the Flag-bearer: How Korean and Chinese American Sons and Daughters Negotiate Gender, Family and Emotions" (*Sociological Forum*) and "Consuming Gangnam Style: A Comparison on Nation-Branding in Koreatown, Los Angeles and New York" (with co-authors Jinwon Kim and Injeong Hwang, *CUNY*

Forum). She presented papers at: the Annual Conference of the Association for Asian American Studies; the First Annual Larry Bell Urban Forum; and ASA. Chung was also invited to speak at the CUNY Asian American/Asian Research Institute Lecture Series, where she gave a talk titled, "Koreatown Redevelopment and the LA Garment Industry." Chung also served as Program Committee Co-Chair for the National Association for Asian American Studies conference in Portland, Oregon (April 12-15) and started as founding chair of the new Social Science section of the AAAS.

Joanna Dreby received a Fulbright Scholar grant to travel to Costa Rica July through December 2017. The grant is to interview families that farm in Costa Rica as compared to upstate New York where Dreby has interviewed 50 farming families since 2015. Preliminary results were recently published together with grad students Jung and Sullivan: "At the Nexus of Work and Family: Family Farms in Upstate New York" (*Journal of Rural Studies*).

Brandon Gorman published three papers: "Appropriating Democratic Discourse in North Africa" in *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*; "The Myth of the Secular-Islamist Divide in Muslim Politics: Evidence from Tunisia" in *Current Sociology*; and "What Makes Muslim Women Entrepreneurs Successful? A Field Study Examining Religiosity and Social Capital in Tunisia" (with Lisa Baranik and William Wales) in *Sex Roles*.



Trevor Hoppe published his first book, a co-edited collection of essays on the criminalization of sex, *The War on Sex* (with David Halperin, Duke University Press, 2017). He published two articles: "Punishing sex: Sex offenders and the missing punitive turn in sexuality studies" (*Law & Social Inquiry*) and "Cruel intentions? HIV prevalence and criminalization during an age of mass incarceration, U.S. 1999-2012" (with co-authors Sykes and Maziarka, *Medicine*). His monograph, *Punishing Disease: HIV and the*

Criminalization of Sickness, will be out in November 2017 with University of California Press.

Richard Lachmann published two papers: "The Culture of Sacrifice in Conscript and Volunteer Militaries: The U.S. Medal of Honor from the Civil War to Iraq, 1861-2014" (with Abby Stivers) in *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*; and, "States, Citizen Rights and Global Warming" in *Revue Internationale de Philosophie*. Lachmann also published a chapter in *The Sociology of Development Handbook* (Gregory Hooks, ed.), "Neoliberalism, the Origins of the Global Crisis, and the Future of States."

Stacy Torres participated in the Summer Institute on Tenure and Professional Advancement (SITPA) at Duke University. Torres won a Junior Research Award in Demography from CSDA. Torres also presented two papers: "It's For a Younger Crowd": Public Place, Belonging, and Exclusion among Older Adults Facing Neighborhood Change" (2016 CPC-CAPS Annual Upstate Population Workshop) and "Gentrification Embodied: Access to and Movement through Urban Public Spaces for Older Adults" (2016 ASA). She published several popular press articles, including: "Snowstorm Cleanup Deplorable in Albany." Perspectives (*Times Union*, March 18); "Why I Live With a 'Dumb' Phone in a Smartphone World" (*San Francisco Chronicle*, December 14); "As Los Angeles Gets Younger, Skid Row Gets Older" (*Next City*, August 18).

Zai Liang received the 2017 President Award for Research. Liang was a keynote speaker at an international conference on Migration and Urbanization held at East China University of Technology in Shanghai in November 2016. Liang also published a book "Confronting the Challenges of Urbanization in China" by Routledge (co-edited with Steve Messner, Youqin Huang, and Cheng Chen). He published four peer-reviewed articles in *Annual Review of Sociology*, *The Annals of the Academy of American Political and Social Science*, *International Migration*; and *Urban Studies*.

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