

S O C S O U R C E

Block 5 | January 2015

DEPARTMENT NEWS

2015/2016 Sociology paraprof hired!

The Sociology Department is excited to announce that next year's Paraprofessional has been chosen. Helen Feldman will fill the role of paraprof in the upcoming academic year! Many of you already know Helen as a standout student, supportive peer, and all around awesome gal. Check out page 2 to learn a little more about Helen.

Professor Kathy Giuffre to read at Ohio Edit's "Festival of Love"

This Valentine's Day, Kathy will be reading part of her book An Afternoon in Summer at Ohio Edit's "Festival of Love" event in Los Angeles, California. Ohio Edit is an art and literary journal on the internet based in New York City.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Riley Scholar Candidate Presentation: Prentiss A. Dantzler

Monday, January 26th 12:10pm-1:15pm // Palmer Classroom

Prentiss A. Dantzler, II received a B.S. in Energy Business and Finance from the Pennsylvania State University and a M.P.A. from West Chester University with dual graduate certifications in Urban and Regional Planning and Geographic Information Technology. His research interests include housing policy, neighborhood effects, community development, and urban politics. His current research focuses on the impact of changes in housing policy targeted at low-income populations such as HOPE VI/Choice Neighborhoods, Section 8/housing vouchers, and public housing developments.

Lunch will be provided!

Race, Politics, and the Criminalization of Mental Illness

Wednesday, January 28th 7:00pm-9:00pm // Gaylord Hall

Jonathan Metzl is the Frederick B. Rentschler II Professor of Sociology and Psychiatry, and the director of the Center for Medicine, Health, and Society, at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Sociological Imagination Film Screening!

Thursday, February 5th 7:00pm // Cornerstone Screening Room

*This block, the Student Advisory Board will be collaborating with student organization Films for Justice to screen the documentary **The Central Park Five**. The documentary follows the interrogations and trails of five black teenagers wrongfully convicted of the Central Park rape of a female jogger. Any students are welcome! Pizza from Poor Richards will be served.*

Thesis Decompression Hour

Thursdays from 2pm-3pm // Steph's Office (Palmer 129)

It's thesis season! As many of our fabulous sociology seniors work tirelessly on their senior theses, Steph will be offering Thesis Decompression Hour! Stop by Steph's office (Palmer 129) from 2pm-3pm on Thursdays this block and next to eat snacks, bounce ideas around, or simply take a break from the library!

Sociology Department Block Break Programs

The Sociology Department is excited to be offering a series of excursions around Colorado Springs for students sticking around for the break following block 5. More info coming soon!

UPCOMING DEADLINES

January - March, 2015

Study Abroad Applications

Most applications are due between January and March. Be sure to check on individual program requirements. See page 2 for recommended programs for sociology majors!

January 28th, 2015

Public Interest Fellowship Application Deadline

The Public Interest Fellowship Program provides opportunities for Colorado College students and recent graduates to pursue meaningful work with public interest nonprofit organizations, thereby increasing the capacity of those organizations and fostering a new generation of nonprofit leaders.

January 30th, 2015

Teach for America Application Deadline

(Round 5)

February 3rd, 2015

Harry S. Truman Scholarship

Foundation Deadline

"As the living memorial to our thirty-third President, the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation supports the graduate education of outstanding young people committed to public service leadership."

February 4th, 2015

Boren Scholarship Application Deadline

Boren Scholarships provide up to \$20,000 to U.S. undergraduate students to study abroad in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in study abroad.

Your 2015/2016 Paraprof: Helen Feldman

Do you have any new ideas or projects in mind for next year?

I would love the Sociological Imagination Luncheon series to begin to collaborate with different groups on campus that are sociologically-minded. I hope to reach out to the students in the major and see what student organizations they are apart of and help them to plan events for the department and beyond.

One event for seniors could be a faculty-career talk where the professors explain "How they got here." All of the professors in sociology have had very different life paths and it would be great to learn some milestones on their way to sociology professorship.

What are your sociological areas of interest?

Human rights! Specifically related to the anti-human trafficking movement. International development, globalization, and gender, of course.

What were some of your favorite sociology courses?

I loved Thinking Sociologically with Kathy. Also Research Design with Gail, Symbolic Interaction with CJ, and Sociology of Developing Countries with Matt.

What would you like to be when you grow up?

I think I want to be a counselor, therapist or psychologist working with grief counseling or working with anyone who has been a victim of a sexually abusive situation.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

I think it would be to turn into a pig so I could play with my pig friends. But not in a slaughterhouse, in a happy life situation.



Study Abroad Opportunities

Go anywhere! Peruse the International and Off-Campus Programs Website to see what options are available. Students can pick from over 100 programs pre-approved by the College to meet almost all academic interests off-campus. If you have an academic need that is not met through any of the existing programs, you can meet with the Coordinator of Off-Campus Study to learn more about petitioning for a non-approved program. Financial aid transfers on all off-campus study programs approved by the College.

Many approved off-campus study programs are suitable for Sociology majors, as most programs offer cultural insight and community engagement. Some which are especially well suited to Sociology students in the past have been the HECUA programs (both domestic semesters in the Twin Cities and international semester programs, all with a social justice lens), The Augsburg program on Social Change in Central America focusing on Exploring Peace, Justice, and Community Engagement, and the SIT programs (which examine a critical global issue and include and independent research project).

The department will generally grant one elective credit toward the sociology major from off-campus study. If you know you will be seeking sociology credit, check in with your advisor before departure, although credit will not be approved until you return to CC. The department generally awards credit to courses which are explicitly sociological in nature and to related social science courses (e.g., "Culture and Development"). Expect to show a course syllabus and a sampling of coursework and to produce a written statement to be assessed by your academic advisor and the head of the department.

Alumni Update: Jamie Kucinkas

2005 sociology alum Jamie Kucinkas recently landed a tenure-track position at Hamilton College. After graduating from CC, Jamie attended Indiana University—a top tier Sociology school. Her research interests span the sociology of religion, inequality, social movements, cultural and organizational change, and field development. Congratulations, Jamie!



The SocSource is brought to you by the Sociology Department Student Advisory Board. To contribute news, events, opinion pieces, photos, or anything else, please email Steph.Olivas@ColoradoCollege.edu.

We would love to hear from you!

"I love our lunches out here, but I always get the feeling that we're being watched."