

# The School Of Sociology Newsletter

## Welcome!

As many of you know, Arizona Sociology has a history of excellence in research and teaching, and has long been a wellspring of innovation in theory and methods. In this newsletter, we highlight some of the work being done by our faculty and graduate students, many of whom teach in our undergraduate programs. In addition to the traditional BA in Sociology, we offer a BS in Care, Health, and Society, and a new minor in Criminology. Many of our majors have won college and university-wide awards, and are eager to connect with local alum for internship and shadowing opportunities as they strive to connect their skill set to future work opportunities. If you are interested in sharing the kind of work you do – perhaps through a meet and greet on campus or a shadow day at your workplace, please fill out the form on page 10.

We host many events open to the public, including a weekly seminar series that brings in sociologists from around the country and an annual series of workshops where researchers can learn new methods. Many of you have helped fund such events or have made contributions to much needed student scholarships. Every donation (even \$10) is put to good use, and we thank you in advance for your support. To make a donation, see page 11.

We look forward to staying in touch with you all!

Best,  
Erin Leahey  
Professor and Director  
School of Sociology  
University of Arizona





## **Kudos!**

### **Assistant Professor Christina Diaz wins Career Enhancement Fellowship**

UA Sociology Assistant Professor Christina Diaz won a 6-month Career Enhancement Fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. The Career Enhancement Fellowship Program is a nationally competitive program that seeks to increase the presence of minority junior faculty members and other faculty members committed to eradicating racial disparities in core fields in the arts and humanities. The Fellowship, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, supports the Mellon Foundation's mission to strengthen, promote, and, where necessary, defend the contributions of the humanities and the arts to human flourishing and to the well-being of diverse and democratic societies.



### **PhD. Candidate Jacqueline Joslyn wins 2019 Centennial Achievement Award**

Doctorial candidate Jacqueline Joslyn has been announced as a University of Arizona 2019 Centennial Achievement Award. The Centennial Achievement are presented to University of Arizona students who have demonstrated integrity, determination, and commitment in improving themselves, their families, and their communities. The students have completed groundbreaking research to aid underserved and underrepresented communities, founded nonprofits, given many hours of public service and earned advanced degrees in the face of adversity. You can read more about Jacqueline and her research at the link below:  
<https://sociology.arizona.edu/user/jacqueline-joslyn>



### **New Community Outreach: SMART TALK on KVOI 1030**

A new outreach effort of the School of Sociology along with the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the College of Education is called *Smart Talk*. It's a talk radio show on KVOI 1030 AM from 9-10 am every Saturday. The co-hosts are from the School of Sociology (Al Bergesen) and the College of Education (Robin Hiller). Al talks political and social issues; Robin educational policy issues.

KVOI provides podcasts of the show (<https://www.kvoi.com/onair/smart-talk>) where you can listen to Al talk with School of Sociology faculty, who use their research expertise to help folks in Tucson and Southern Arizona understand the pressing issues of the day.

Recent guests and topics include:

- Christina Diaz on immigration
- Jennifer Carlson on Guns in America
- Brian Mayer on Poverty in Tucson
- Jeff Sallaz & Lane Kenworthy on Guaranteed Income
- Dan Martinez on Immigration
- Terrence Hill on Suffering and Society

You can also call in to ask questions and express your opinion. The call-in number is 520-790-2040. We hope you can join us!



## Kudos!

### Regents Professor Ronald Breiger Receives James S. Coleman Distinguished Career Award

The James S. Coleman Distinguished Career Achievement Award recognizes a career of outstanding contributions to the field of Mathematical Sociology. The recipient is further invited to give an honorary lecture at the subsequent meeting of the American Sociological Association. The 2019 lecture was given on August 10 by Ronald Breiger, recipient of the 2018 James S. Coleman Award. The purpose of the Mathematical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association (ASA) is to encourage,



enhance and foster research, teaching and other professional activities in mathematical sociology, for the development of sociology and the benefit of society, through organized meetings, conferences, newsletters, publications, awards, and other means deemed appropriate by the Section Council. The Section seeks to promote communication, collaboration, and consultation among scholars in sociology in general, mathematical sociology, and allied scientific disciplines.

Link to award announcement: [Mathematical Sociology Section Award Recipients](#)

### PhD. Candidate Morgan Johnstonbough's Research Covered in the UA News

UA doctoral candidate Morgan Johnstonbough's research on sexting practices which was recently presented at the American Sociological Association's 2019 annual meeting received coverage in the UA news. She studies sex and gender, sexualities, and digital technologies under associate professor of sociology **Louise Roth**. The research Johnstonbough presented at the ASA Annual Meeting will contribute to her dissertation on sexting practices among college students.



Click [here](#) to read the story and more about Morgan's work.

## The Poverty in Tucson Project

Tucson has one of the highest poverty rates in the country. As a result, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, the city of Tucson, and local nonprofit groups are studying how poverty affects our community, and identifying ways to help struggling families.

The Poverty in Tucson Field Workshop, taught by Associate Professor Brian Mayer, engages undergraduate students in research into problems related to poverty. Students use [field research](#) and in-class instruction to study the living conditions of Tucson's poor. They work in teams to interview participants; collect, record and analyze data; and present their findings to city officials and the general public.

The workshop's goals are three-fold:

- 1) To combine applied student learning with community-driven research
- 2) Educate student on poverty-related issues while enhancing professional and interpersonal skills
- 3) Generate data to be utilized by county, city, and nonprofit actors in addressing poverty



## **Kudos!**

### **Assistant Professor Jeremy Fiel receives the National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship**



The National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship Program supports 30 early career scholars working in critical areas of education research. These fellowships support non-residential postdoctoral proposals that make significant scholarly contributions to the field of education. The program also develops the careers of its recipients through professional development

Activities involving National Academy of Education members. Please find out more about the fellowship at the link below:

[webpage:https://naeducation.org/2019-naed-spencer-postdoctoral-fellows/](https://naeducation.org/2019-naed-spencer-postdoctoral-fellows/)

### **PhD. Candidate Desi Rodriguez-Lonebear receives ASA Minority Fellowship Award**

Desi Rodriguez-Lonebear has been awarded the 2019 ASA Minority Fellowship Award. MFP seeks to attract talented doctoral students to ensure a diverse and highly trained workforce is available to assume leadership roles in research that is relevant to today's global society. In addition to providing financial support, MFP works with its Fellows and their faculty mentors to help prepare the Fellow for a research career. Also, MFP plans workshops and paper sessions at the ASA Annual



meeting, offers travel support to scientific conferences, and fosters the development of formal and informal networks for Fellows. The School of Sociology would like to extend a warm congratulations to Desi for this remarkable achievement!

## **New Criminology Minor**

The School of Sociology has finalized a new minor in Criminology, which has been launched as of Spring 2020. Criminology is a sub-discipline within Sociology that examines the definitions, forms, causes, and societal reactions to norm-violating and criminal behavior. Though the Criminology minor is not intended to train applied practitioners (e.g., law enforcement officers or social workers), it does provide a substantive knowledge base and critical thinking skillset required for these types of occupations. The minor's curriculum also provides an important foundation for students interested in pursuing law school or graduate study in criminology, sociology, or justice studies. The minor's required and elective "core" courses, which draw on the research and teaching strengths of our faculty, offer an introduction to criminology, juvenile delinquency, policing and society, and the sociology of rights, justice, the law, while the electives provide additional exposure to various forms of social inequality as well as crime, deviance, and social control.

For more information, please contact assistant professor Daniel E. Martínez ([daniel.martinez@arizona.edu](mailto:daniel.martinez@arizona.edu)).



## **Good News**

- In September, Director Erin Leahey gave a keynote address at Uppsala University in Sweden, and was asked to serve on the international advisory board of the Centre for Integrated Research on Culture and Society.
- Jennifer Carlson's article "Beyond the Weberian Presumption: Police Militarism, Police Populism and the Racial Politics of Legitimate Violence," is in press at *the American Journal of Sociology*. Jenny also has a paper in press at *Social Problems*. The title is "Police Warriors and Police Guardians: Race, Masculinity and the Social Construction of Gun Violence in US Policing."
- Graduate student Jacqueline Joslyn's paper, titled "Bribery in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Mediating Effects of Institutional Development and Trust," was published in *Socius*.
- Kathleen Schwartzman contributed two pieces to edited volumes in 2019. The first, "Mexico and the New Neoliberalism," was published in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Latin American History*. Edited by William Beezley. The second, "Democracy" was published in *Core Concepts in Sociology*, edited by J. Michael Ryan. John Wiley & Sons Inc.: 60-62. ISBN 13 9781119168669.
- Four people affiliated with our School of Sociology published "Precluding Rare Outcomes by Predicting their Absence" in *PLoS ONE* (October 2019): PhD Alumni Eric Schoon (Assistant Professor at Ohio State University) and David Melamed (Associate Professor at OSU); current PhD student Eunsung Yoon, and Regents Professor Ronald Breiger, joined current OSU PhD student Christopher Kleps as authors. This published research was supported by a grant from the Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA).
- PhD candidate Attila Varga published a sole-authored paper in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*. The title is "Shorter distances between Papers over Time are Due to More Cross-Field References and Increased Citation Rate to Higher Impact Papers."
- Graduate student Erin Heinz was awarded the SAGE Publishing Keith Roberts Teaching Innovations Award. This award helps prepare a new generation of scholars and leaders in the Teaching Movement in Sociology by providing funds to support participation in the Section on Teaching and Learning's pre-conference workshop, "Inclusive Pedagogy for a More Just World" at the 2019 ASA conference in New York City.
- Graduate student Kelsey Gonzalez received the RStudio Conference Diversity Scholarship, which provides funding for her to attend the conference and workshops, held in January 2020 in San Francisco.
  - In September, we welcomed Juliana Reddick as our new business manager.
- In January 2020, we welcome Jessica Dennes as our new Internship Coordinator. We also thank Keith Bentele for his excellent service in this position.



## **Recent Placements of PhD students**

### **Angela Addae**

Current position: Assistant Professor, University of Oregon School of Law

Dissertation Title: "Saving Black Portland: Organizational Roles in Preserving a Disintegrating Community."

Dissertation Chair: Joseph Galaskiewicz

### **Eliza Benites-Gambirazio**

Current Position: Post-Doctoral, WIsDHoM (Wealth Inequalities and the Dynamics of Housing Markets), hosted by the Centre Max Weber (Sociology) CNRS (French National Center for Scientific Research), the École Normale Supérieure (ENS) and the Université Lyon 2

Dissertation Title: "Working as a Real Estate Agent: Dispositions, Matching & the Production of Market Inequalities."

Dissertation Chair: Jane Zavisca

### **Andrew Davis**

Current Position: Assistant Professor, North Carolina State University

Dissertation Title: "Structuring Conflict: Network Isolation and Embeddedness in the Global System"

Dissertation Chairs: Ronald Breiger

### **Michael Gibson-Light**

Current Position: Assistant Professor, University of Denver

Dissertation title: "Capital & Punishment: How Prison Labor Systems Reproduce Inequality."

Chair: Jeffrey Sallaz

### **Kate Gunby**

Current Position: Associate Research Director, PRR, Inc.

Dissertation Title: "Constitutionally Guaranteed Economic and Social Rights Realization in South Africa."

Dissertation Chair: Robin Stryker

### **Meltem Odabas**

Current position: Post-Doctoral Fellow, Computational Social Science, Indiana University-Bloomington

Dissertation Title: "Online Communication Platform as Cultural Field."

Dissertation Chair: Ronald Breiger

### **Kyle Puetz**

Current Position: Post-Doctoral Research Associate, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia

Dissertation Title: "Measuring Cultural Alignment: Three Analyses of Surveys as Cultural Affiliation Networks."

Dissertation Chairs: Ronald Breiger and Brian Mayer

### **Jessica Pfaffendorf**

Current Position: Assistant Professor, North Carolina State University

Dissertation Title: "The Double Disadvantage: A Theory of Status-Stigma Intensification and Moral Expectations."

Dissertation Chair: Robin Stryker

### **Misty Ring-Ramirez**

Current Position: Assistant Professor, Austin Peay State University

Dissertation title: "An Interorganizational Network Analysis of the Social Movement Sector in New York, 1960-1995."

Dissertation Chairs: Jennifer Earl and Joseph Galaskiewicz

### **Kendra Thompson-Dyck**

Current Position: Senior Analyst in the Assessment, Research and Grant Development Department, University of Arizona

Dissertation Title: "Revisiting the Neighborhood: A Spatial Analysis of Community Organizations and Juvenile Recidivism in the Urban Southwest."

Dissertation Chair: Joseph Galaskiewicz



## **Graduate Students On the Market**

### **Eric Bjorklund**

**Dissertation Title:** "Up Against an (Imaginary) Wall? The Socio-Political Consequences of Rising Economic Insecurity amongst White Working-Class Men"

### **Amelia Blume**

**Dissertation Title:** "New Media Engines of Global Pharmaceuticalization: An Analysis of Top-Grossing Pharmaceutical Corporations"

### **Morgan Johnstonbaugh**

**Dissertation Title:** "Sexual Trophy, Revenge Porn, or Just a Prank? An Examination of Gendered Sexting Practices in 7 U.S. Universities"

### **Jacqueline Joslyn**

**Dissertation Title:** "Disjointed Fluidity: Relationships as Remembered and Imagined Events"

### **Alexander B. Kinney**

**Dissertation Title:** "The Green Rush: Institutional Change in the U.S. Cannabis Industry"

### **Sabrina Nardin**

**Dissertation Title:** "Making Sense of a Controversial Past: National Narratives of Political Violence in Italy"

### **Sosuke Okada**

**Dissertation Title:** "Testing the Intrinsic Benefit Model of Cultural Signaling"

### **Desi Rodriguez-Lonebear**

**Dissertation Title:** "Remaking Collective Identities: Data Sovereignty, Citizenship, and Indigenous Nations"

### **Amanda Schutz**

**Dissertation Title:** "Congregation Among the Least Religious: The Process and Meaning of Organizing Around Non-Belief"

### **Hyungjun Suh**

**Dissertation Title:** "Antecedents and Consequences of Housing Status across Housing Regimes"

### **Attila Varga**

**Dissertation Title:** "Structural Conditions of Novelty Seeking in the Sciences; Knowledge Growth and the Channels of Knowledge Integration"

### **Liwen Zeng**

**Dissertation Title:** "Sojourning Mentality, Acculturation, Acculturative Stress, and Mental Health among Chinese International Students in the US"

### **Josh Yongjun Zhang**

**Dissertation Title:** "The Corporate Political Transparency and Accountability Movement in the U.S."

## Research and Workshops

### Brownbag Series 2020

The School of Sociology hosts a series of research talks every Friday during the academic year. Guest speakers are drawn from sociology departments around the country as well as the UA. Talks are held 12-1:15 in Social Sciences Building, Room 415 and are open to all. You can find a list of current talks on our [Google Brownbag Calendar](#) or by visiting our event calendar: <https://sociology.arizona.edu/events>

### Spring 2020 schedule:

- 01/17/20 **Tomás R. Jiménez**- Associate Professor, Stanford University
- 01/22/20 **David Pettinicchio**- Assistant Professor, University of Toronto
- 01/31/20 **John Levi Martin**- Professor, University of Chicago
- 02/07/20 **Craig Calhoun**- Professor, Arizona State University
- 02/14/20 **Natasha Quadlin**- Assistant Professor, Ohio State University
- 02/21/20 **Connor Sheehan**- Assistant Professor, Arizona State University
- 02/28/20 **Leila Bighash**- Assistant Professor, University of Arizona
- 03/06/20 **Jennifer Carlson**- Associate Professor, University of Arizona
- 04/03/20 **Sarah Doyle**- Assistant Professor, University of Arizona
- 04/10/20 **Megan Carney**- Assistant Professor, University of Arizona
- 04/17/20 **Michael Hechter**- Professor, Arizona State University
- 04/24/20 **Roger Waldinger**- Professor, University of California, Los Angeles

## Our Programs

**Undergraduate:** The University of Arizona's School of Sociology continues to offer a bachelors of arts in sociology. Our school has regularly nominated students for awards at the college and university level. We are happy to announce that our plan to offer a minor degree in Criminology is on its way to approval. We anticipate that this new minor program will build momentum toward our sociology major.

**Graduate:** In 2018-19 the School of Sociology graduated twelve Ph.D.'s. They are working in research I universities, teaching colleges, and non-academic settings. Our students continue to publish in high quality journals and get grants for their research. The latest rage among current students is the certificate program in Computational Social Science (CSS), a partnership among six schools/departments in SBS that provides state-of-the-art training in data science methods. Professor Joseph Galaskiewicz serves as the Director of the certificate program.



## **Research and Workshops**

### **ASA Methods Section mid-year meeting + Arizona Methods Workshops March 20-22, 2020**

Please join us for an exciting event co-hosted by the American Sociological Association Methods Section and University of Arizona Sociology. It will be held in Tucson at one of the most beautiful times of the year. Come for the one-day meeting, or the two-day workshops, or both. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/swtqh5d>

#### **DAY 1 (March 20): Methods Section meeting**

The theme is “Replication & Rigor in Social Science,” broadly defined.

Confirmed participants include:

Jeremy Freese (Stanford)  
Erin Leahey (Arizona)  
David Melamed (OSU)  
Jim Moody (Duke)  
Martín Sánchez-Jankowski (Berkeley)  
Katherine Stovel (Washington)  
Corey Abramson (Arizona)

Questions? Contact [methods2020@gmail.com](mailto:methods2020@gmail.com)

#### **DAYS 2 and 3 (March 21-22): Arizona Methods Workshops**

##### **MORNING WORKSHOPS (SAT-SUN 8:30—Noon)**

Social Network Analysis, James Moody (Duke)  
Introduction to Sequence Analysis, Katherine Stovel (Washington)  
Observing Everyday Behavior, Martín Sánchez-Jankowski (Berkeley)

##### **AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS (SAT- SUN 1:30-5pm)**

Qualitative Data Analysis with ATLAS.ti, Corey M. Abramson (Arizona)  
Producing Reproducible Research, Jeremy Freese (Stanford)  
Introduction to R, Jeffrey Oliver and Keaton Wilson (Arizona)

Workshops start at \$300 and graduate students can apply for the Scott Eliason Award to cover workshop fees. For more information visit: <https://sociology.arizona.edu/methods>

Questions? Contact [coreyabramson@email.arizona.edu](mailto:coreyabramson@email.arizona.edu)



Data coding and analysis



Professor Jennifer Earl with a workshop participant.



Workshop participants socializing



Claude Rubinson's QCA Workshop

## Calling All SOC/CHS Alumni in Tucson:

Our undergraduates are always looking for interesting and relevant internship experiences, or opportunities to shadow an alum at work for a day to get a sense of different jobs.

Such hands-on learning opportunities give students a chance to develop and apply skills that are relevant to professional careers. Students are encouraged to seek out and secure their own internships, as the School of Sociology does not assign students to any particular internship position.

Here's a brief list of organizations our students have interned with this year:

- Autism Society of Southern Arizona
- International Alliance for the Prevention of AIDS
- Peterson HIV Clinic
- ScribeOne – Medical Transcription Company
- Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona
- El Rio Health Center
- Banner UMC
- Tucson Medical Center
- Tuba City Regional Health Care
- Banner Diamond Children's
- Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels
- Tucson United School District
- 162nd Medical Group
- Landstuhl Regional Medical Center
- Social Growth Center
- Children's Clinic
- The Mayfair Group
- Homicide Survivors, Inc.

If you are interested in providing an opportunity to our students, please let us know!

Simply fill out the short Google Form linked here:

[Google Form](#)

## Undergraduate Student Award Winners

### **SBS Excellence in Leadership and Community Engagement Award**

*This award recognizes a graduating senior who has demonstrated exemplary leadership skills through their involvement on and off campus and their impact on the lives of others.*



Lynzie Hudson, CHS Major  
Nominated by Professor Lorre Laws

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### **SBS Student Success Award**

*This award is given to a graduating senior who is a first-generation college student.*



Camille Miskin, Sociology major  
Nominated by Professors Jeffrey Sallaz  
and Erin Leahey



## **Supporting the School of Sociology**

The importance of private support for the School of Sociology has never been greater. Gifts from alumni and other friends assist our students and faculty and enhance our unique learning environment. Private philanthropy is a significant contributor to keeping the School of Sociology among the very best public university sociology programs the nation. For instance, UA Sociology has consistently ranked in the top 20 of all sociology programs in the United States.

### **Are you interested in donating to the University of Arizona's School of Sociology?**

Your donation will be used to support School of Sociology's greatest needs, such as student scholarships, research, community space improvements, and exciting course creations.

#### **Donation Online:**

Click here to make a secure donation:

[Sociology Fund General](#)

#### **Donation by Check:**

A donation to the School may be made payable to the UA Foundation, and sent to the address below. Checks are welcome in any amount. Please make out your check to "UA Foundation," and mark in the memo field that you would like to donate your funds to the "Sociology Fund General."

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*Thanks to you all for your interest in, and support of, Arizona Sociology!*