Hi everyone!! It’s Lynn, writing you with a shorter than usual introduction to our second newsletter of the fall 2019 semester. The semester seems to have gotten off to a nice start, and I know that workshops are up and running, our department colloquia are happening (thanks to Tey Meadow last month and Rebecca Sandefur coming to talk to us this Friday October 18th--see below), and we had a very well attended (with student and faculty) Professional Preparation Sociology Series (PPSS) Friday event and reception on article publishing (followed by a social “mixer” event in the department lounge organized by our own Edwin Grimsley). Please note that immigration seminars planned by Nancy Foner are also occurring (we did not describe these in sufficient detail in the last *Sociological Imagination* but see below for up and coming interesting and important immigration seminar talks), and that the criminology/law/deviance/policy workshops are into their second thriving meeting tonight October 16th (thanks Candace McCoy and Jayne Mooney)!! On Thursday the 17th from 12 to 2, Bill Kornblum will be talking about ethnography and his time in Marseille France which should be exceptionally worth attending.

Other matters and events to call your attention to are as follows:

1) The first (in a while) PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS OPEN HOUSE for fall 2019 --before people have to get in their applications for the Ph.D. Program by December 15th--will occur on TUESDAY NOVEMBER 19th from 4 to 7 in the SOCIOLOGY LOUNGE. We will be asking Ph.D. students and faculty to be around if possible to answer any questions so please mark this on your calendars!!
2) Likewise, please note that the second PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION
SOCIOLOGY SERIES (PPSS) event will be on Friday November 22nd -- two
weeks exactly after the November 8th department colloquium (more on this
soon) -- and the topic will be FELLOWSHIP AND GRANT WRITING FOR
OUR PH.D. STUDENTS. It will be from 3 to 5 on Friday November 22nd with a
reception afterward in our lounge; speakers, combining faculty and students, will be
announced soon; and finally,

3) I wanted to call your attention to a note from our excellent social media assistant
Sage who has made a ‘corollary’ website called the “Sociology Commons” that
everyone should know about. Please read below from Sage, and thanks to Sage for
making this happen.

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Hi everyone:

This is Sage, writing you to introduce a new website for our current students, faculty,
and alumni: sociology.commons.gc.cuny.edu [sociology.commons.gc.cuny.edu]

As a program social media fellow, I have created a new website that will serve as a
community hub where some of our department news, events, and resources can be shared
and archived more effectively. The main purpose of this new site is to supplement our
official GC website (www.gc.cuny.edu/sociology), which has some limitations in terms of
uploading certain types of announcements and resources. Please note that the site is still in
the development phase as I am continuously adding more items to it. However, you can find
most of our upcoming events in one place from the event calendar. A direct link to this
calendar can be found on our GC website for easier access. If you have any questions or
comments, please contact me at sejungsageyim@gmail.com.

Hope this turns out to be as useful as we all think it will be!! Best, Sage

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That’s it for now until our next November issue! Warm regards, Lynn

Interested in contributing to the Sociological
Imagination? We would love to highlight your work and
others across the GC. Articles, photos, and other types of
postings are welcome. Email lchancer@gc.cuny.edu and/or
kmiller5@gradcenter.cuny.edu and/or
kriley@gradcenter.cuny.edu and/or
bdegnan@gradcenter.cuny.edu.

This monthly newsletter contains updates from the CUNY
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and Kristi Riley. If you have suggested content or feedback for the newsletter, please email them to lchancer@gc.cuny.edu and/or kmiller5@gradcenter.cuny.edu and/or kriley@gradcenter.cuny.edu and/or bdegnan@gradcenter.cuny.edu.

Major credit is also due to Sejung Sage Yim (sejungsageyim@gmail.com) who does a truly awesome job of further publicizing all our student and faculty events and who has created a growing social media presence for our Ph.D. Program in Sociology.

**Events, Colloquia, & Announcements**

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Sociology Colloquia Series, October

Speaker: Rebecca L. Sandefur
When: Friday, Oct. 18, 3-5pm
Where: Sociology Lounge

Rebecca L. Sandefur studies access to civil justice from every angle – from how legal services are delivered and consumed, to how civil legal aid is organized around the nation, to the role of pro bono, to the relative efficacy of lawyers, nonlawyers and digital tools as advisers and representatives, to how ordinary people
think about their justice problems and try to resolve them. Before recently joining the faculty at the Arizona State University, where she is currently a professor in the Department of Sociology, she taught at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2010-2019) and Stanford University (2001–2010) and. She is also a Faculty Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and an enrolled member of the Chickasaw Nation. In 2018, she was named a MacArthur Fellow for her work on inequality and access to justice. Her publications have appeared in such journals as the Law and Society Review, the Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, the American Sociological Review, the Harvard Law and Policy Review, and the Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law Policy.

**Sociology Colloquia Series, November**

**Speaker:** Zine Magubane  
**When:** Friday, Nov. 8, 3-5pm  
**Where:** Sociology Lounge

Zine Magubane is associate professor of Sociology and African and African Diaspora Studies at Boston College. Her work has dealt with two major geographic areas of the world, the United States and Southern Africa. Her choice of research topics reflects a deliberate effort to make an innovative contribution in the following four sociological sub-fields: the sociology of knowledge, the sociology of culture, social stratification, and historical sociology. Her purpose in choosing topics as disparate as masculinity and music and assembling data from geographical locales outside of the United States was to make a significant theoretical contribution by pursuing areas of inquiry that, although they speak to the major concerns of the discipline, have traditionally been neglected. Her primary goal has been to pursue topics that sit at the intersection of all four areas. In this way she has been able to make contributions in several different areas precisely through showing how they exist in dynamic interaction.

**Colloquia Dinners**

Students who share similar research interests/projects with the guest speakers are invited to join them for a dinner in mid-town with other faculty members – students who are interested in participating in any dinner this semester or next should get in touch with the colloquium reps: Viktor and Marianne. Spots are limited, but we would like as many of you as possible to be able to be able to benefit from this opportunity.

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**EVENTS**

**The Center for the Study of Women and Society**  
**Book Salon: Lynn Chancer**

**Speaker:** Lynn Chancer  
**When:** Wednesday, Oct. 16, 6:30-8pm  
**Where:** Skylight Room, 9100  

Building Community in Marseille’s Housing Estates  
**When:** Thursday, Oct. 17th, 12-2pm  
**Where:** Sociology Lounge

Approximately 25% of Marseille’s diverse low-income population resides in public housing estates on the city’s north side. This brown bag presentation by William Kornblum and Jean Sylva will discuss the myths and realities of social life in these neighborhoods, with emphasis on building inter-racial and inter-ethnic cooperation and comity.

Mr. Sylva is a veteran Marseille community organizer and local music producer. William Kornblum is an Emeritus Professor of Sociology at the Graduate Center.

Immigration Seminar Series  
**The Border is Back: Immigration Discourse, Policy, and Outcomes in Europe and the United States**  
**Speaker:** Martin Schain, Professor of Politics Emeritus, New York University  
**When:** Wednesday, Oct. 23, 4:30pm-6pm  
**Where:** Sociology Lounge

CUNY Institute for Demographic Research  
**Demography Seminar Series**  
**Speaker:** Richard Alba  
**When:** Friday, Oct. 25, 1pm-2:30pm  
**Where:** Baruch College – Newman Vertical Campus, Rm 14-290

The focus of discussions of the American demographic future is typically on the majority-minority society projected to occur by mid-century. This focus has unfortunately obscured one of the most important developments of the early 21st century—the rapidly rise of ethno-racial mixing in families and the consequent surge of young people with one majority and one minority parent. This development has potentially huge implications for the ethno-racial configurations of the near future. For the research record, both quantitative and qualitative, shows that, with the critical exception of individuals with black and white parentage, mixed majority-minority Americans are sociologically in-between white and minority groups, but “lean” white in some key respects. The nature of any majority-minority society needs to be re-evaluated in light of this portentous development.

Pre-Seminar: We will meet at 12:30pm to have lunch with the speaker. Please RSVP so we have an accurate headcount for catering

The Research Center for Korean Community (RCKC)  
**2019 Academic Conference**  
**Korean Americans’ Transnational Ties to the Homeland**  
**When:** Friday, Oct. 25, 9-5:30pm
Where: CUNY Queens College, The James Muskens Conference Room

FIRST FRIDAY BROWN BAG LUNCHEON (organizer: Jim Jaspers)
Speakers: Lynn Chancer and Michaela Soyer
When: Friday, Nov. 1, 1pm-2pm
Where: Rm 6112.01 (Thesis Room)

Immigration Seminar Series
Class Identities and Attitudes Towards Immigration and Race among Working-Class Whites
Speaker: Monica McDermott, University of Illinois
When: Wednesday, Nov. 13, 4:30-6pm
Where: Sociology Lounge

STUDENT WORKSHOPS

Crime, Law, Deviance, and Policy Workshop

This workshop of faculty and graduate students meets about once a month to discuss a wide range of issues related to the study of criminology, law, deviance and policy. We read one or two papers per month in these areas, sometimes from students and sometimes from faculty, and we also usually host one guest speaker per month. We'll ask questions and make comments but leave out Foucault’s “malice” part. We'll have a free-flowing discussion of ideas and hypotheses that people are thinking about and would like to research or would like to hear more about from each other. Maybe we can do a white-board list of them. Then we'll find people who are working on these and invite them for the next seminar. And so on, mostly we'll sit around talking.

Our faculty members include Jayne Mooney, Leslie Paik, David Brotherton, Lynn Chancer, Candace McCoy, Calvin John Smiley, and others at the GC and across CUNY, and we draw about 20-30 PhD and masters level students from across the program and the City.

When: 3rd Wednesday of every month, 6:30 – 8:00 pm (September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18)
Where: Sociology Lounge, rearranged
Why: Because we enjoy hearing what our colleagues (students and faculty) are working on and might develop some ideas for our own work – and because we want to enjoy coffee (decaf at 6:30!), wine, beer, and snacks
Contacts:  
Jayne Mooney, Co-Organizer  
Candace McCoy, Co-Organizer  
Ian Heller, Co-Organizer

**Immigration Working Group Workshop**

The GC Immigration Working Group is a graduate student-run group where we exchange, discuss, and collaborate on ideas and research related to immigration. Please come and join us! Light refreshments will be served. Information about upcoming meetings will be forthcoming.

**When:** Mondays, 2:00 - 4:00 pm (September 23, October 21, November 4, December 2)  
**Where:** Thesis room  
**Contacts:**  
Daeshin Hayden Ju - haydendaeshinju@gmail.com  
Janina Selzer - jselzer@gradcenter.cuny.edu

Visit [the IWG Website](#)

**Media, New Media, and Public Sociology**

A new workshop, with about 18 interested students and faculty, focused on encouraging sociologists to use their research and perspectives to reach larger audiences through media and new media especially when engaged in 'public sociology' already.  
A Fall semester schedule is currently in the works. If you are interested in joining, please contact Anthony Capote ([acapote@gradcenter.cuny.edu](mailto:acapote@gradcenter.cuny.edu)).

**Psychosocial Research and Reading Group**

This workshop, hoping to draw faculty and graduate students both from CUNY and from around the City, focuses on using a combination of sociology and psychological/psychoanalytic methods and theories to shed light on a range of empirical topics from trauma to the rise of authoritarianism nationally and internationally.  
Information about upcoming meetings will be forthcoming soon!!

**Contacts:**  
Lynn Chancer - [lchancer@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:lchancer@gc.cuny.edu)
Urban Studies Workshop

The Urban Studies Workshop is a student-run workshop that meets once a month, on Fridays from 12-2pm. Each session includes two parts: workshopping students’ writing, and reading sessions (discussions of new developments in the discipline). The writings pieces (article drafts, grant proposals, syllabi, etc.) will be circulated among the workshop participants at least a week before the meeting."

Contacts:
Anna Zhelnina - azhelnina@gradcenter.cuny.edu

Visit the USW Website!

Social Anatomy and Deportation Group

- **Podcast**
  "They are just deportees" has recorded three episodes so far. If you would like to be featured through an interview with myself and Darializa, please get in touch. Its an informal chat about your work, but we try and make each episode thematic. David Brotherton, Sarah Tosh and Nancy Hiemstra have already appeared, we have Shirley Leyro, Yolanda Rodriguez-Ortiz & Jayne Mooney coming up, to discuss mental health and deportations and domestic violence respectively - as well plans to cover the experiences of Black Deportees, the war on terror and deportations in future episodes

- **Conference(s)**
  We need to send out a request for papers for a conference, and therefore need to also plan the panels for said conference. In addition to this Matt has a sanctuary conference in the pipeline.

- **Book Talk Series**
  "Critical Border Studies" book talk series will feature recently published books on border enforcement practices. The first will be Nancy Hiemstra who will discuss her recent book "Detain and Deport."

- **Conference and Publishing Opportunities**
  Myself and Marianne are planning on presenting a paper we have in the works for the Open Borders Conference, check the description and perhaps we can send a panel?

  For more information see: Zachary Del or Nicholas Rodrigo

Also The Law and Society Review is planning a special symposium issue entitled “Facing Immigration Detention,” to appear in print between 2020 and 2022.
Van Tran

Van C. Tran is a sociologist whose research and writing broadly focus on the incorporation of Asian and Latino immigrants and their children, as well as its implications for American culture, politics and society. As an immigration scholar and urban sociologist, his research and teaching are deeply intertwined with the diversity and vibrancy of New York City. He follows a long tradition of urban scholars who engage with the city as a social laboratory for original research that seeks to inform urban policy. He is currently working on three projects: the consequences of neighborhood gentrification on businesses and residents along Amsterdam Avenue in Manhattan; Asian Americans’ attitudes towards affirmative action policy in university admissions and in the workplace; and how exposure to accurate information about immigrants and immigration trends might shift attitudes towards immigration among Americans, in light of the many misperceptions about immigration and its impacts on the U.S. economy and society. Tran joins our PhD program in Sociology at The Graduate Center, CUNY from Columbia University, where he received the 2018 Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching and the 2017 Faculty Mentoring Award.

Tran’s current work examines the Asian American experience, focusing on their views towards affirmative action, patterns of socioeconomic attainment, and the transition from higher education into the workplace. His new project will explore how exposure to accurate information about contemporary immigrants and trends in immigration might affect U.S.-born Americans’ attitudes toward immigrants based on a national survey experiment. For more information, please visit his website: http://vanctran.org.

Joanna Dressel

Joanna is a third year student in the Sociology Program. Her original focus was in qualitative methods with a focus on how narratives of local history were used to advocated for contested visions of urban futures. While a first-year student, Joanna was surprised to take a liking to statistical methods which has brought her a number of opportunities, including TA-ing the statistics course last year and being a research assistant for Paul Attewell. She also developed a research interest on the temporal and spatial aspects of venture capital while working with Sharon Zukin, and received an Advanced Research Collaborative fellowship award for the spring 2020 semester to focus on the role of venture capital and the startup economy in cities. Joanna sees her work falling in the fields of urban, economic, and cultural sociology, and hopes to also learn more about spatial inequality. She’s teaching Urban Sociology at Lehman College, is on the Executive Committee of the SSA, and is a member of the Urban
Brittany Suh (Bria) is an immigration scholar with special focus on the intersections of migration, gender/sexuality, crime, and culture. She is particularly interested in Asian migrant sex workers in the ethnic enclaves of New York and Los Angeles. Outside of academia, Bria has been working for the International Affairs department of Jeollanamdo Province, South Korea, as a liaison officer. Working closely with the Korean & U.S. government and immigrant communities, she was motivated to further study the unique culture and organization of migrant workers, and their interaction with legal and administrative authorities.

As a Graduate Center Fellow, Bria organizes immigration seminars with Professor Nancy Foner and works on the "comfort women" research project, led by Professor Pyong Gap Min, to shed light on the history of the Korean women’s forced sex slavery organized by Imperial Japanese Army before and during WWII. She currently teaches a sociology course at Queens College and has also taught media and culture courses at NYU and Barnard College. Through academic and professional work, she will continue to be actively involved in immigration issues and activist agendas.

**Upcoming Funding Opportunities**

**Internal**

**The Duberman-Zal Fellowship**

*Deadline: November 15, 2019, 7:00pm*

*Amount: $2,500*

**Synopsis of Program:**
An endowed fellowship named for CLAGS founder and first executive director, Martin Duberman, and partner, Eli Zal, this fellowship is awarded to a graduate student, an independent scholar, or an adjunct from any country doing scholarly research on the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender/queer (LGBTQ) experience. University affiliation is not necessary. The award is adjudicated by the CLAGS fellowships committee.

The winner of the fellowship may be asked to participate in CLAGS’s programming the following academic year to present their research project.

For additional information: http://clags.org/fellowships-and-awards3/#Duberman-Zal

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**Graduate Center Dissertation Fellowship**

*Deadline: Wednesday, January 15th 2020, no later than 12:00pm*

**Synopsis of Program:**
The GC Dissertation Fellowship competition is a yearly competition for level III students who plan to be at the writing stage during the following academic year. Students can apply for a number of different dissertation fellowships (both general and specialized) using the same application.

Online application components:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd_Lf-j3J1w30nmT7-7thEx5arqShyqmCi144HzOmAfwfvzTQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1

Additional information contact Rachel Sponzo, rsponzo@gc.cuny.edu, and view last year’s application guidelines:

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**CLAGS Fellowship Award**

*Deadline: June 1, 2020, 11:59 p.m*

*Amount: $2,000*

**Synopsis of Program:**
An award to be given annually for a graduate student, an academic, or an independent scholar for work on a dissertation, a first book manuscript, or a second book manuscript. The CLAGS Fellowship is open to intellectuals contributing to the field of LGBTQ studies. Intended to give the scholar the most help possible in furthering their work, the fellowship will be able to be used for research, travel, or writing support. Adjudicated by the CLAGS fellowships committee.

For additional information: http://clags.org/fellowships-and-awards3/#clagsfellowship

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Paul Monette-Roger Horwitz Dissertation Prize

*Deadline: June 1, 2020, 11:59 p.m*

*Amount: $1,000*

**Synopsis of Program:**
This award, which honors the memories of Monette, a poet and author, and his partner, Horwitz, an attorney, will be given for the best dissertation in LGBTQ Studies, broadly defined, by a PhD candidate within the City University of New York system. The dissertation should have been defended in the previous year. Adjudicated by the CLAGS fellowships committee.

For additional information: [http://clags.org/fellowships-and-awards3/#PaulMonette](http://clags.org/fellowships-and-awards3/#PaulMonette)

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**External**

**NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)**

*Deadline: Tuesday, October 24th*

**Synopsis of Program:**
The GRFP is a five year fellowship and provides three years of support. NSF provides a stipend of $34,000 to the Fellow and a cost-of-education allowance of $12,000 to the graduate degree-granting institution for each Fellow who uses the fellowship support in a fellowship year. Please note that you submit the applications yourself via Research.gov.

For information on deadlines: [https://www.nsfgrfp.org/applicants/important_dates](https://www.nsfgrfp.org/applicants/important_dates)

For information on application components: [https://www.nsfgrfp.org/applicants/application_components](https://www.nsfgrfp.org/applicants/application_components)

For general information about the program: [https://www.nsfgrfp.org](https://www.nsfgrfp.org)

Please remember to contact the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs for any internal or external funding related questions.

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**Upcoming Conferences & Conference Deadlines**
2020 Eastern Sociological Society

**When:** February 27- March 1st 2020  
**Where:** Philadelphia, PA  
**Deadline for proposals:** October 15, 2019

**Program Theme:** Sociology as Science and Vocation: In the Era of National Populism

For additional information: [http://www.essnet.org](http://www.essnet.org)

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2020 American Sociological Association

**When:** August 8-11th 2020  
**Where:** San Francisco, CA  
**Deadline for proposals:** January 29th, 2020 *(paper submissions will open November 1,2019)*

**Program Theme:** POWER, INEQUALITY, AND RESISTANCE AT WORK

For additional information: [https://www.asanet.org/annual-meeting-2020](https://www.asanet.org/annual-meeting-2020)

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**Rati’s Brag Wagon**

*Showcasing the accomplishments of our students, alumni, and faculty*

**Appointments & Awards**

**Guillermo Yrizar Barbosa (PhD Candidate)**  
Started a full-time academic position on migration affairs at Ignacio Ellacuría Human Rights Institute (IDHIE) at Universidad Iberoamericana Puebla, Mexico

**Books/Articles**

**Erynn Casanova (Alum, 2009)**

[cornellpress.cornell.edu](http://cornellpress.cornell.edu)
Alexandrea Ravenelle (Alum, 2018)

Calvin John Smiley (Alum, 2014)

Van C. Tran (Faculty)

Anna Zhelnina (PhD Candidate)

Films/Videos/Interviews/Talks/Papers/Etc.

Erica Chito Childs (Faculty)
Interviewed by Refinery.29.com on how we are redefining family in the 21st century
“Here’s How We’re Redefining The ‘Family Unit’ In 2019”

Margaret Chin and Van C. Tran (Faculty)
Spoke at the Tenement Talk series titled “A Seat in the Classroom: Asian Americans, Access and Education” on September 26, 2019 at the Tenement Museum.

Margaret Chin (Faculty)
Interviewed by ABC News, where she talked about Asian Americans and Affirmative Action. Watch the video clip: Harvard alum discusses admissions controversy

Bill Helmreich (Faculty)
Completed a tour of Manhattan based on his book, The Manhattan Nobody Knows (Princeton University Press) to be aired by PBS/WNET (Channel 13) *Exact date TBD.

John Mollenkopf (Faculty)
Featured on the GC Thought Project (ep. 64) where he talked about the presidential election and the unusual number of mayors vying for the Democratic nomination.
Alexandrea Ravenelle, (Alum, 2018)  
Talked about her research on gig economy work on the Annex Sociology.  

John Torpey (Faculty)  
Wrote a piece in Forbes about the situation in Germany.  
“Divided Germany, 30 Years After The Fall Of The Wall”

Anna Zhelnina (PhD Candidate)  
Wrote about the election in Moscow in Metropolitics.org  
“National and Urban Politics Converge in Moscow: Will Local Activism Prevail?”

If you have any recent accomplishments which you would like to have publicized in our monthly newsletter, please send them to Sejung Sage Yim (sejungsageyim@gmail.com), Rati Kashyap (rkashyap@gc.cuny.edu), and Lynn Chancer (lchancer@gc.cuny.edu) by the 1st of each month to be included in the next edition (released on the 10th of each month).

Please note that news items may also be publicized via our department's social media accounts (Twitter and Facebook). If you do not want to share your items on social media, please let us know in advance. Thank you.