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Hi everyone! Welcome to our second spring ’19 issue of our Sociology Masters and Ph.D. Program newsletter. I hope you’ll enjoy reading about the variety of events and news about to be detailed. We’ve been busy around the Program, as you’ll see from some photos immediately below, especially with the March 7th Open Day for admitted and waitlisted students. Many thanks about this are in order: to the Admissions Committee which was again headed very ably and collegially by Mary Clare Lennon, and which resulted from hard and committed work put in by faculty members Paul Attewell, Chris Bonastia, Phil Kasinitz, Leslie McCall, Jeremy Porter, Rob Smith, Greg Smithsimon and myself as well by grad students Edwin Grimsley, Jane Guskin and Brian Mercado. This task is obviously indispensable, and the time, effort and care expended are much appreciated. Appreciation of course goes always, and also, to Rati Kashyap for a huge amount of detailed arranging work required to make the day the success it was! A last shout out is amply deserved by Greg Smithsimon who gave a terrific, informative and engaging Open Day talk to our visitors on research in urban sociology, his own and others’! Thank you, Greg!! But, while Open Day just happened in the recent past, please be sure to note many future events soon upcoming this week and through early April when our next newsletter will come out before spring break. For instance, we have ‘extra’ lunch and Friday events soon -- one on studying elites this Thursday March 14th from 12:30 to 2 as a ‘brown bag’ talk in the thesis room by Bruno Cousin of Sciences Po in Paris and Sebastian Chauvin of the University of Lausanne (please come!); another ‘extra’ afternoon talk and reception will be given by Frances Winddance Twine in our Department from the University of California Santa Barbara on Friday March 29th. More details can be found about both events below. On March 22nd, we have a second Professional Preparation Sociology Series (PPSS) Friday afternoon event (remember, these take place every other Friday between our major Friday colloquia), this time on helping students with fellowship and grant applications. Paul Attewell, Leslie McCall and Elena Vesselinov will be speaking; this will be hosted by Tom DeGloma and we hope to see you many of you there as well. As you’ll see, too, we are continuing to feature “spotlights” on alums (so that present students get to know about past ones!), on faculty (whom you may or may not know much about) and on present students of earlier and later cohorts (whether or not you know each other, this is meant to share and celebrate your interesting backgrounds and achievements).

A couple of further items: in future issues, we hope to have a “campus news” section to publicize events, talks and sometimes job talks, that may inspire some of you to visit the campuses and to enjoy our distinctive CUNY interconnectedness. Be sure to send myself or Zack or Angela anything you would like to see included.

One last thing: keep in mind that as things have worked out, this newsletter comes out around the 10th or 11th of each month. Thus, any articles, Rati ‘Brag Wagon’ entries about what you’ve been doing, announcements and/or other contributions are best received, please, by the “1st” of each month. We encourage people to think “first of the month” as we try to institutionalize not just our new “First Friday Faculty” lunch series but this newsletter honoring the GC and “The Sociological Imagination”. Here’s to an interesting (and warmer) March! See you around the Program.

Very best wishes, Lynn, Zack and Angela

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 adel@gradcenter.cuny.edu and/or dlesc@gradcenter.cuny.edu.

Students and faculty welcome admitted & waitlisted students

Lunch in the Skylight Room on Open Day
Events, Colloquia, & Announcements

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Lunch Talk

*Thursday, March 14th, Thesis Room 12:30 to 2 p.m.*

**Speakers:** Bruno Cousin & Sebastian Chauvin

**Topic:** “Old Money, Networks and Distinction: The Social and Service Clubs of Milan’s Upper Class”

Bruno Cousin is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Sciences Po (Paris) and his research analyzes class relations (often with a focus on upper and upper-middle classes’ avoidance and refusal of social and ethnoracial integration), residential segregation, social capital and forms of bourgeois sociability and the modes of elites’ legitimization. His research draws on multiple methods, different theoretical approaches and the intersection of cultural sociology and sociology of inequality, and International comparisons.

Sebaustin Chauvin is a sociologist and Associate Professor at the Institut des Sciences Sociales (ISS) of the University of Lausanne in Switzerland where he co-directs the Centre en études genre (CEG). His work uses field methods, historical sociology and social theory to explore arenas where different axes of social inequality are enacted, reproduced and contested. His research has dealt with immigration, citizenship, labor, law, gender and sexuality in a plurality of countries. With Bruno Cousin, he has developed a multi-sited research program on social and symbolic capital and the cultural sociology of economic elites with a focus on Western Europe. His other writings explore the intersections of race, nationalism, sexuality and citizenship in the Netherlands, France and the United States.

Professional Preparation Sociology Series (PPSS)

*Friday, March 22nd, Sociology Lounge 3-5pm*

**Speakers:** Leslie McCall, Paul Attewell, Richard Alba, & more!

**Presider:** Tom DeGloma

**Topic:** Senior Faculty Tips on Fellowship and Grant Writing

*Friday May 3rd, Sociology Lounge 3-5pm*

(on demystifying job searches during your student days and closer to when you are graduating)

**Speakers to be announced**

Extra Soc Colloquium This Month!

*Friday, March 29th, 3-5 p.m., Sociology Lounge*

**Speaker:** Twine France Winddance, Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara

**Topic:** “Obstacles to Anti-Racist Solidarities: A Transnational and Intersectional Analysis of Opportunity Structures Among Female Engineers in Silicon Valley”

Immigration Seminar

*Wednesday, March 27, 4:30-6 p.m.*

**Speaker:** Laura Limonic, SUNY Old Westbury

**Topic:** “Kugel and Frijoles: Latino Jews in the United States”

*Thursday, April 11th, 4:30-6 p.m.*

**Speaker:** Nadia Kim, Loyola Marymount University and 2018-19 Thomas Tam Visiting Professor of Sociology, CUNY Graduate Center
**Topic:** “Centering Nativist Racism: How Doing So Helps Us Grasp New Forms of Citizenship and Would Have Predicted Trump”  

*Wednesday, May 1st, 4:30-6 p.m.*  
**Speakers:** Gökce Yurdakul, Georg Simmel Professor of Diversity and Social Conflict, Humboldt University of Berlin  
Anna Korteweg, Professor of Sociology, University of Toronto Mississauga  
**Topic:** “Governance Feminism and Postcolonial Difference: Headscarf Regulations in the Netherlands and Germany”

**Social Anatomy of a Deportation Regime**  
**Expert Witness Workshop**  
*Tuesday, March 12, CUNY Graduate Center, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.*  
Join the Center for Latin American Caribbean & Latino Studies at The Graduate Center, CUNY for a workshop on the fundamentals of working as an expert witness on asylum cases. We will be joined by immigration attorneys in NYC, seasoned expert witnesses (with experience on affirmative and criminal cases) and immigration scholars from across CUNY. Registration is required. This event is cosponsored by the Social Anatomy of the Deportation Regime Working Group.

**Eventbrite:**  
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fundamentals-of-being-an-expert-witness-workshop-registration-54935272880?fbclid=IwAR0fOsFwLIZfFRWnYRQG68ODxs3BqYv8hldsrHju07awvPTIoBbuk0Os_kU

**Facebook:**  
https://www.facebook.com/events/322850141873980/

**Sociology Colloquia Series**  
*Friday, April 12th, 3-6:00pm*  
**Speaker:** Bruce Western (Columbia University)

**Graduate Center Digital Initiative’s Workshops & Events**  
**Workshop: “Introduction to Omeka”**  
*Tuesday, March 12th, Room 9207, 6:30-8:30pm*  
Omeka is a free Content Management System (CMS) and a web publishing system built by and for scholars that is used by hundreds of archives, historical societies, libraries, museums, and individual researchers and teachers to create searchable online databases and scholarly online interpretations of their digital collections. If you have a digital collection of primary sources that you want to publish online in a scholarly way, you’ll want to consider Omeka. Omeka allows to describe the items according to archival standards, import and export that descriptive information from other systems, and to create as many interpretive online exhibits as you like from those items.

By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Understand some of the conceptual challenges faced when developing digital archives
- Create an online database of digital archival items
- Create a public facing exhibition featuring items from your collections
Talk: Youngmin Kim: “Digital Humanities in Asia”  
*Wednesday March 13th, Room C198, 6:30-8:30pm*  
Join us as we hear from Youngmin Kim (Professor of English, Distinguished Research Professor at Dongguk University, and Jack Ma Chair Professor of Ma Yun Education Fund at Hangzhou Normal University) discuss the current status of digital humanities scholarship in Asia. His talk will consider digital humanities as participant in the 4th Industrial Revolution transforming itself into an “expanded field” and reminding us of the three V’s in the Fourth Wave of the Industrial Revolution: Volume, Velocity, and Variety (one can add more: Variability and Complexity now). Following Richard Howitt’s application of the concept of the “scale” to representation of “glocalization,” Kim invokes a double movement of the local and the global which contextualizes “the simultaneous and contested shift up-scale towards the global and down-scale to the local as a response to changing economic, political and cultural pressures.” Consequently, he argues, one might “zoom-in and zoom-out” (or “turn closely and go away distantly”) of the object of “DH in Asia,” which, can be seen in the next 2019 JADH-Osaka conference theme of “Localization in Global DH” in “wider East Asia region.”

Talk: “What Can You Do with a 3D Reconstruction of Ancient Rome?”  
*Thursday, March 14th, Room C201/C202, 6:00-8:00pm*  
The Rome Reborn project is an international initiative, launched in 1996, to create a 3D reconstruction of ancient Rome in AD 320, shortly before the capital of the empire was moved to Constantinople. This year was chosen because it represents the peak of the urban development of the ancient city. The model took 22 years to complete. In August 2018, it was finally made available to scholars and to the general public through the VR publisher Flyover Zone Productions. This talk is will draw out the project’s scientific uses as a tool of discovery, taking as point of departure is the claim that a reconstruction of a complex city like ancient Rome is a case in point of Aristotle’s famous claim that “the whole is not a heap but something other than the sum of the parts.” The presentation will feature 3 virtual reality case studies: the alignment of two monuments seen from a fixed position (the relationship of the Montecitorio Obelisk to the Ara Pacis); the dynamically changing viewsheds available to the visitor in the densely-packed Roman Forum (the visit of Constantius II to Rome in AD 357); and, as noticeable in a series of bird’s eye views, the application of organic, as opposed to geometric, urban planning and land use in the entire cityscape. This workshop is co-sponsored by the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program.

Workshop: “Graphic Design for Websites”  
*Tuesday, March 19, Room 9207, 6:30–8:30pm*  
“Graphic Design for Websites” will emphasize the basic elements and principles of graphic design in relationship to front end web design aesthetics. Students will be exposed to various examples and applications for Wordpress based websites (on the CUNY Academic Commons and beyond). The workshop will also introduce and apply a myriad of Open Education Resources on design, techniques, and software. Hands on exercises will be explored.

Workshop: WordPress II: Customizing, Stylizing, and Integrating with Social Media  
*Thursday, March 21, Room 9206, 6:30–8:30pm*
This workshop will involve a conceptual and technical discussion of how to integrate social media with your WordPress site. We will discuss how you can customize and style your site – including changing the layout of the site by choosing a different theme, adding functionality with plugins, customizing menus, changing your site header or colors across the site using the Customizer function. We will not be covering how to create a WordPress site during this workshop, so we recommend that you come with a WordPress site with some content to begin. WordPress sites can be created for free using the CUNY Academic Commons. Instructions can be found Here. You can also use OpenCUNY.

Register HERE

Civil Society Workshop

Thursday, March 14th, Room 5200.07 (Political Science thesis room), 12:30pm

Speaker: Dennis Redeker (PhD Fellow at the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences [BIGSSS], University of Bremen, and International Graduate Researcher Visiting Scholar at the Center for European and Mediterranean Studies, New York University)

Topic: “Digital Constitutionalism: Norm-Entrepreneurship of Transnational Advocacy Networks in the Internet Rights Field”

As the Internet and digital technologies become ever more pervasive in our societies, the struggle around the norms governing the behavior of users, governments and corporations intensifies. Digital constitutionalism has been developed as a term that describes a conversation around fundamental rights and principles regarding the Internet. Initiatives of digital constitutionalism are often led by networks of civil society groups that act as norm entrepreneurs aiming to entrench a set of rights and principles into a transnational constitutional order. Documents of digital constitutionalism typically lay out demands for an array of individual norms, from net neutrality to freedom of expression online. The transnational advocacy networks (TANs) associated with these documents navigate different levels of engagement, from global Internet governance fora, such as the Internet Governance Forum, to divergent local contexts in which Internet related norms are at stake.

The talk sheds light on the emergence and development of three different transnational networks with a focus on the coalition around the “Feminist Principles of the Internet.” The focus of the presentation lies on the negotiation processes that lead to the manifestations of norms expressed in the documents of constitutionalism, the role these documents play in mobilizing TANs, and the use of these documents in the groups’ norm-entrepreneurship. The argument is based on a comparative case study methodology utilizing an analysis of around twenty qualitative interviews with civil society representatives from around the world and numerous written and digital materials.

More Info

Check out the full Spring 2019 schedule Here.

Advanced Research Collaborative Spring Seminar Presentation

Thursday, March 14th, Room 5318, 4:30-6:30pm

Speaker: Heath Brown (Professor of Public Policy, John Jay College)

Topic: “How are Immigrants, Conservatives and Public Policy Interacting at the Grassroots?”

Based on original research, the seminar links the problems immigrants face in integrating in new communities across eight states in the US. The seminar will focus on evaluating for the audience how public policy makers and communities have aimed to welcome immigrants through public policy, on the one hand, and resist immigrant integration on the other. Specific attention will be paid to recent conservative policies (focused on education) and politics (linked to the Tea Party) as they relate to the rising population of immigrants using county-level data.
Events Next Month
(Stay Ahead of the Curve)
Joint Alumni Book Release Event
Wednesday, April 17th, (Exact time TBA)

Alexandrea Ravenelle: Hustle and Gig: Struggling and Surviving in the Sharing Economy
Alexandrea Ravenelle is a 2018 graduate of the Sociology PhD program. She is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Mercy College and Visiting Scholar at the Institute for Public Knowledge at New York University. Her work has appeared in the New York Times, Regions, Economy and Society, and Digital Sociologies.

Robert W. Turner II: Not For Long: The Life and Career of the NFL Athlete
Dr. Robert W. Turner II is a 2010 graduate of the Sociology PhD program, and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Clinical Research and Leadership, with a secondary appointment in the Department of Neurology, at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. He is a health disparities researcher with ethnographic and mixed methods training. His current National Institute on Aging (NIA) funded K01 award examines psychosocial and neurocognitive risk and protective factors, accelerated cognitive aging & mild traumatic brain injury (MTBI) among former NCAA Division I and former NFL athletes. This line of research encompasses understanding how traumatic injury, as an occupational hazard, hinders daily living and career planning over the life course. These are many of the same concerns faced by military personnel returning from war.

Student Workshops

***New Workshop for Spring 2019***
Qualitative Research and Cultural Analysis Workshop
The main objective of this workshop is to cultivate a discussion of the finer points, interpretive processes, and analytic lenses associated with rich or “deep” qualitative research. On a more practical level, the twin aims of this workshop are to discuss an array of techniques for collecting and analyzing qualitative data, including field work, interviewing, content analysis, discourse analysis, historical methods, and visual analysis, among others, and to offer students and faculty an opportunity to present and receive constructive feedback on their work. It is therefore meant to be both informative and actively hands-on. All students and faculty are welcome to attend and present their work on any substantive topic at any stage of development.

The workshop will meet bi-weekly on Mondays from 12:30-2pm in the department lounge. The format will be as follows:

- One presenter per session
- Each session’s presenter will circulate a piece of writing to the group one week in advance of session date
- Each presenter will get 10 minutes to present their work
- Instead of a formal presentation, presenters should summarize their work and theoretical and methodological approach, provide the background and trajectory for their project, and pose any questions or issues they have been facing and would like feedback on
The group will then discuss the presenter’s work in depth

Upcoming Meetings:

March 25th: Siqi Tu

April 8th: Daeshin Hayden Ju

April 29th: Nga Than

May 13th: Marzena Marzouk

To sign up or for any questions, please email Richard Ocejo (rocejo@jjay.cuny.edu), Tom DeGloma (tdegloma@hunter.cuny.edu), and Greg Smithsimon (gsmithsimon@brooklyn.cuny.edu).

Crime, Law, Deviance, & Policy Workshop

This workshop of faculty and graduate students meets about once a month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. 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. 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.

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, March 12th: 
David Brotherton: “Social Control and the Gang: Lessons from the Legalization of Street Gangs in Ecuador”
Anna Gjika: “Mediating the Self, Mediating Sexual Assault” (Dissertation Chapter Draft)

*Also, if anyone is interested in hearing David Garland speak about his book “Peculiar Institution” which discusses capital punishment in the U.S., come to John Torpey’s class on Tuesday April 2nd, 2-4pm, Room 6114 (this room may change -- look for future announcements from Rati or Lynn)

**If anyone is interested in hearing Patrick Sharkey speak about his book “Uneasy Peace: The Great Crime Decline, the Renewal of City Life, and the Next War on Violence” come to John Torpey’s class on Tuesday, April 16th, 2-4pm, Room 6114 (this room may change -- look for future announcements from Rati or Lynn)

Tuesday, April 16th (Leslie Paik and looking for another speaker)

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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. Our workshops take place on Mondays at 2-4pm in Room 6112 or 6107 at CUNY Graduate Center. Please come and join us! Light refreshments will be served.

Upcoming Meetings:

**Monday, April 15th**

Discussant: **Siqi Tu**, Sociology, CUNY Graduate Center  
**Karen Okigbo**, Sociology, CUNY Graduate Center: TBD  
Discussant: **Vadricka Etienne**, Sociology, CUNY Graduate Center

**Monday, May 6th**

**Sejung Sage Yim**, Sociology, CUNY Graduate Center: TBD  
Discussant: TBD  
**Katie Entigar**, Urban Education, CUNY Graduate Center: TBD  
Discussant: TBD

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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 Spring semester schedule is currently in the works. If you are interested in joining, please contact Anthony Capote (acapote@gradcenter.cuny.edu).

Political Economy Workshop

The Political Economy Workshop is a student-led group seeking to workshop papers through engaging in productive discussion that incorporates a multi-faceted, interdisciplinary approach on topics related to political economy. The goal of this workshop is to create a friendly environment for graduate students and scholars in the field of labor, political economy, Marxism and politics to discuss their research projects, learn from each other and build an academic-political community based on these shared interests. All members of the CUNY community regardless of their program are encouraged to join and contribute by submitting a paper or joining the discussions. Meetings are **every other week** on **Thursdays**, at **6:30pm** in the Sociology Lounge.

Upcoming Meetings:
Thursday, March 28th, 6:30pm
Wilson Sherwin: "The Political Economy of Work Refusal During the Long 1960's"

Thursday, April 11th
Jesse Lis: "The Sociology of Money and its Contribution to Understanding Chronic U.S. Trade Deficits"

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Visit the PEW Website!

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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. The group will meet on Fridays from 1-2:30pm.

Upcoming Meetings:
Friday, April 5th, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

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Urban Studies Workshop
The Urban Studies Workshop is a student-run workshop that meets once a month, on Fridays from 10am-12pm. 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.

Upcoming Meetings:
Friday, April 5th
Friday, May 3rd

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Visit the USW Website!
Neil McLaughlin

Neil McLaughlin graduated from GC Sociology in 1996 and is presently a Full Professor of Sociology at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, an hour from Toronto. Neil publishes and teaches in theory, the sociology of intellectuals, social psychology and political sociology, and performs case studies in the sociology of public intellectuals on psychoanalyst Erich Fromm, linguist Noam Chomsky, sociologist David Riesman, novelist George Orwell and literary critic Edward Said. His peer-reviewed scholarship has appeared in such journals as Sociological Theory, Theory and Society, Sociological Forum, Sociological Quarterly, the Canadian Review of Sociology and the Canadian Journal of Sociology, and he is proud to have published political essays in Dissent and New Politics. He also works on the sociology and history of sociology itself, having written extensively on Canadian sociology and the various public sociology debates. His newest research projects look at the conspiracy theories about philanthropist George Soros based on an article he co-authored in the journal Cultural Sociology in 2013 and as well as researching the political consequences of private non-profit higher education in the United States. Neil is finishing up a book called "Escape from Orthodoxy: Erich Fromm’s Global Public Sociology," a return to his CUNY PhD, reformulated now in light of the rise of Donald Trump and Jordan Peterson cult. Neil is a CUNY person to the core, viewing the program as an indispensable institution where one can think politically, theoretically and empirically all at the same time.
Say hello to Neil when you see him at the many conferences he attends, especially ASA.

**Jayne Mooney**

Jayne Mooney is originally from the UK where she worked for many years at the Centre for Criminology, Middlesex University (the home of critical and left realist criminology in London), the Open University (which is well known for having developed a distance learning approach to education), Birkbeck College University of London, Kent University and the University of North London. At UNL she was privileged to work with Prof Sue Lees on the first women’s studies undergraduate degree program. Currently Jayne is an associate professor of sociology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, where she served as Chair of her department. At the GC she usually teaches “The Violence of Life” but opted last semester to teach “Gender and Crime” which, she said, “was amazing…it was wonderful to see the students so engaged with all the issues and debates.” Jayne has spent over fifteen years supervising PhD dissertations on a wide range of subject areas from male sexual victimization, to Latinas experiences of domestic violence in NYC, to hate crime, to the latter years of the Rikers Island jail complex, to the mass media, to stalking, to women who kill, sex workers, and sadomasochism. Jayne is currently on the GC Sociology Department’s FMC and EC and her scholarship focuses on gender and crime, the history of crime and punishment, the sociology of violence, social deviance and critical criminology. She is currently involved in two research projects: a social history of Rikers Island and the penitentiaries and jails of NYC going back to the late 1700s (with CUNY grad student Jarrod Shanahan); and a project on undocumented women, domestic violence and fears of deportation in Trump’s America (with Yolanda Ortiz-Rodriguez, who graduated from the GC in 2016). Her latest book The Theoretical Foundations of Criminological Theory: Place Time and Context will be published by Routledge in 2019. Jayne lives in Red Hook, Brooklyn with her two sons – Joseph and Fin – and dog, Piper. They all – including Piper – support Arsenal football team.
Leslie McCall

Leslie is a Presidential Professor of Sociology and Political Science at the Graduate Center, where she is also Associate Director at the Stone Center on Socio-economic Inequality.

Leslie’s research over the past five years has culminated in the publication of several articles in three distinct areas of research, though all concern inequality in one way or another. The first area can be broadly described as trends and variation in earnings and income inequality using demographic methods. A forthcoming article in *American Journal of Sociology* (with Deirdre Bloome and Derek Burk) devises a new measure of economic self-reliance to determine the extent to which men’s economic status is increasingly affected by women’s growing economic power (finding that it is not). The second area can be broadly described as the politics of economic inequality. In her article published in 2017 in the *Proceedings of the National Academies of Science* (with Derek Burk, Marie Laperierre, and Jennifer Richeson), survey experimental methods are used to examine how Americans’ economic and political views respond to information about rising economic inequality. Leslie and her co-authors are also examining the impact of rising inequality on perceptions of structural disadvantages among people from various class, racial/ethnic, and gender groups, showing that coalition and cooperation across large swaths of the population is possible, and that so-called identity and cultural politics does not need to be divisive. Leslie has another paper under review that challenges the assumption that Americans are free market ideologues, showing that trust in major corporations is low and support for greater wage compression within corporations substantial. In the third area, she continue to write on patterns of intersectional inequality. In an article published in late 2017 (*British Journal of Sociology*, with Ann Shola Orloff), Leslie and her co-author provide a critical analysis of the multidimensional politics of inequality on display in the 2016 Presidential election and its aftermath. Information on other recent research in these areas is provided on Leslie’s website.

Josh Scannell

Josh is primarily interested in using social theory to make sense of dramatic changes driven by ubiquitous digital technology, and the particular way that these have morphed the practice of policing. He is heavily influenced by “continental” theorists like Michel Foucault, Gilles, Deleuze, and Felix
Guattari, scholars working in the Black Radical Tradition, like Cedric Robinson, Hortense Spillers and Katherine McKittrick, and "New Materialist" feminist thinkers, like Jane Bennett, Elizabeth Grosz, and Claire Colebrook. Josh’s recent work has drawn on these traditions to make sense of how changes in criminological theory and digitally-driven police technologies have tended to reproduce systems of inequality.

Andrea Becker

Andréa Becker is a critical gender and sexuality scholar interested in the intersections of health, violence, and stigma. Her Master’s Thesis looks at how perceptions of cyberstalking are shaped by sexism and heteronormative sexual scripts. Current projects examine the abortion narratives of women living in “red states,” as well as interviews with reproductive justice activists in these conservative, sociocultural spaces. These projects contribute to growing literature on the relationship between motherhood and abortion, and contextualize abortion within societal pressures toward intensive mothering and its more medicalized counterpart total mothering. She is a National Science Foundation GRFP fellow as well as a CUNY Digital Innovations Fellow. Other interests include creating maps, making pozole, and petting dogs.

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

Internal
GC Digital Fellowship
Deadline: Friday, March 22nd
Are you looking for a fellowship that will challenge you to enhance your existing technical skills? Do you enjoy working collaboratively with an interdisciplinary team? Do you like working with students, faculty, and staff to help them learn new digital tools and methods? Have you been experimenting with the use of technology in your own research?

GC Digital Initiatives is searching for new doctoral students to join our dynamic group of GC Digital Fellows. Together, GC Digital Fellows lead week-long digital research institutes, teach workshops on technical skills, create resources for GC students and faculty, and build digital projects that make use of the affordances of emerging technology while considering the ethical, social, and political stakes.

Based in the GC Digital Scholarship Lab, the GC Digital Fellows Program operates as an in-house think-and-do tank for digital projects, connecting Fellows to digital initiatives throughout The Graduate Center. GC Digital Fellows utilize a team-based approach as they explore creative solutions for projects and implement them collaboratively. In the process, the GC Digital Fellows Program helps build out “The Digital GC” — a vision of the Graduate Center that incorporates technology into its core research and teaching missions. GC Digital fellows are particularly invested in the way in which questions of race, gender, and social justice intersect with technology.

Our work includes:

- Exploring new ways for Graduate Center faculty, students, and staff to share their academic work through emergent technological tools and social media tools;
- Contributing to and helping to implement a strategic vision for public digital scholarship at the GC;
- Consulting with GC faculty members on digital scholarly projects;
- Offering skill-building workshops to GC students, faculty, and staff;
- Developing websites and web applications for special initiatives;
- Fostering community around digital projects at the GC;
- Experimenting with computational and networked forms of scholarly communication;
- Supporting innovative courses that introduce emerging digital methods;
- Encouraging the exploration of digital scholarship, methods, and tools through office hours, our Python Users Group Meetings, and digital research institutes.

Doctoral students at any level are eligible to apply, and we encourage applications from women and people of color. We hope to add strength to our program in graphic and web design, Python, machine learning, text analysis, R, and qualitative analysis; however, we encourage those with skills and interests in addition to these to apply, as well.

To get a better sense of our work, you can read the GC Digital Fellows' blog, Tagging the Tower, and our semesterly blog post “What is GCDI?”

**Total compensation for the award is $28,128.** Funding will include a graduate assistant appointment, which carries eligibility to purchase the low-cost NYSHIP health insurance, a stipend, and in-state tuition remission for fellows who are within their first 10 registered semesters of study. Digital Fellows will be required to work a total of 450 non-teaching hours during the academic year (two 15-week semesters).

The initial DF appointment is for one year (exact dates vary and will be specified upon appointment). Determinations of DF re-appointments will be made on annual basis up to three years, depending on individual eligibility and GC needs.
To apply, please send a statement of interest (no more than 1-2 pages), a CV, a list of digital projects undertaken and/or completed, and a letter of reference from a faculty advisor (can be sent separately) to gcdi@gc.cuny.edu with "Digital Fellows Application" in the subject line.

Please contact Lisa Rhody, Deputy Director, Digital Initiatives with any questions you might have.

**Altfest Graduate Internship Program, Summer 2019**

*Deadline: Monday, April 1st*

The Graduate Center Office of Career Planning and Professional Development facilitates partnerships with local institutions to host graduate student internships. The opportunities are meant to encourage graduate students to explore diverse career options, while developing skills and experience that will advance their career goals.

For summer 2019, students can create their own internship opportunity at an organization that best suits their academic interests and/or professional goals. Students who find a summer internship with an organization may then apply to the Altfest Graduate Internship Program for funding. The program provides $4,000 for the summer; interns are expected to work a minimum of 120 total hours. The manner in which these hours are completed can be flexible, and will be agreed upon with the host during the application process. The Office of Career Planning and Professional Development is happy to assist students with their internships searches.

Positions are open to PhD and/or Master's students. Students must be currently enrolled to apply. Please plan to submit:

- A current CV or resume
- A one-page document explaining how the internship would further your career goals
- An email or letter from an employer confirming that you have been offered an internship with an organization
- The name and contact information of a professional reference.

Ideally, any proposed internship should help you:

- Gain exposure to career trajectories in the field
- Learn how an organization works, its structure, goals and the roles within it
- Identify ways in which you can expand your range of career options
- Build relationships that expand your personal and professional network.

Previous Altfest Internships have taken place at Open House New York, the Global Fund for Women, Salon, Brooklyn Rail, ExpandED Schools, and the Office of the Inspector General for the New York Police Department.

Applications will be submitted through GC Connect, the Office of Career Planning and Professional Developments new job and internship database (search under job postings for Altfest Internship 2019). If you plan to apply but have not used GC Connect, detailed instructions can be found [here](#).

*Also check out the Early Research Initiative's (ERI) Graduate Center webpage, which provides more details and links to internal fellowship awards and is regularly updated by the Provost’s Office.*
External

Baltimore Community Fellowships
Deadline: Monday, March 11th

The OSI-Baltimore's Community Fellowships Program was established in 1998 to assist individuals wishing to apply their education, life experiences, and professional experiences to serve marginalized communities. Now a corps of more than 200 individuals, Baltimore Community Fellows have established some of the most respected and successful initiatives in Baltimore.

The goals of these fellowships are to encourage public and community service careers, expand the number of mentors and role models available to youth in inner-city neighborhoods, and promote entrepreneurial initiatives that empower communities to increase opportunities and improve the quality of life for their residents.

Applicants may come from all walks of life, including but not limited to-business management, the arts, law, public health, education, architecture, and engineering. Applicants may apply for a fellowship to work under the auspices of a nonprofit organization in Baltimore City, or to work independently. Fellowship awards are in the amount of $60,000 for a term of 18 months. Each year, up to 10 individuals are awarded a Baltimore Community Fellowship to implement innovative projects that seek to improve the circumstances and capacity of an underserved community in Baltimore City.

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Margaret W. Moore and John M. Moore Research Fellowship
Deadline: Friday, March 15th

The Margaret W. Moore and John M. Moore Research Fellowship promotes research during the academic year or summer months using the resources of the Friends Historical Library and/or the Swarthmore College Peace Collection, providing a stipend to support such research. Strong preference will be given to projects making significant use of resources only available on site at Swarthmore College.

The SCPC was established as a research library and archives in 1930(circa), when Jane Addams of Hull-House in Chicago donated her books and papers related to peace and social justice to Swarthmore College. In addition, the organization she helped found the Woman's Peace Party, later called the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom-began depositing its files at about the same time. From these two collections, the SCPC has grown to encompass the papers of many individuals and the records of numerous organizations, reflecting the spread of the peace movement in the United States and around the world. The SCPC also holds material on such subjects as pacifism, women and peace, conscientious objection, nonviolence, civil disobedience, progressivism, the Vietnam era, African-American protest and civil rights, feminism, civil liberties, the history of social work, and other reform movements. Over half of the Collection documents women's prominent role in the peace movement and activities in the public realm.

Faculty, graduate students, or scholars at all levels from outside the Swarthmore College community are invited to apply. A stipend in the amount of $1,200 per week, for a minimum of two weeks and a maximum of six weeks will be available.
Marcus Garvey Memorial Foundation Research Fellowship

*Deadline: Friday, March 22nd*

This grant looks to support doctoral candidates conducting primary research in the Humanities and Social Sciences on topics related to African American, African, and African diaspora history/studies. **Doctoral candidates using archival collections and/or conducting oral histories** are especially encouraged to apply.

Research fellows receive grants of $500 to help defray research expenses.

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Predoctoral Fellowship (Parent F31)

*Deadline: Monday, April 8th*

The purpose of the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Predoctoral Fellowship (Parent F31) is to enable promising predoctoral students to obtain individualized, mentored research training from outstanding faculty sponsors while conducting dissertation research. Applicants for this F31 program are expected to propose a dissertation research project and training plan in scientific health-related fields relevant to the mission of the participating Institutes and Centers. This training plan should reflect the applicant's dissertation research project, and facilitate and clearly enhance the individual's potential to develop into a productive, independent research scientist. The training plan should document the need for, and the anticipated value of, the proposed mentored research and training in relationship to the individual's research career goals. The training plan should also facilitate the fellow's transition to the next stage of his/her research career.

Provides a $24,324 stipend, 60% tuition coverage, plus other allowances for institutional and training expenses.

SSRC Social Media and Democracy Research Grants

*Deadline: Rolling Basis (no upcoming review periods listed)*

Proposals for the Social Media and Democracy Research Grants should examine the impact of social media and related digital technologies on democracy and elections, generate insights to inform policy at the intersection of media, technology, and democracy, and advance new avenues for future research. This initiative seeks to study these processes in an independent, transparent, and ethical way according to the highest standards of data privacy and academic research, to improve the lives of all.

Researchers whose proposals are selected for support will receive research funding via the Social Science Research Council and access to Facebook data via Social Science One.
To find more information on external fellowships, check out Pivot, a comprehensive tool that allows you to search for sources of research funding across the globe.

**Upcoming Conferences**

**CCNY's 1st Critical Perspectives on Human Rights Conference**

*Date & Location:*

*Wednesday, March 13-15th, 25 Broadway 7th Floor*

We would like to invite you to CCNY's first Critical Perspectives on Human Rights Conference, which will be held from March 13-15th at CCNY's Downtown Campus (25 Broadway, 7th floor). There will be nearly 100 participants with institutional affiliations that span almost 20 countries. In addition to 20 panels, the program includes a keynote address from Domna Stanton on "Critical Refugee Studies"; a discussion with Ruti G. Teitel titled, "From Human Rights to Humanity Law"; a talk by Eric Weitz on his forthcoming book by Princeton University Press, A World Divided; and a roundtable discussion with scholars, activists, and students on "The Right to the City and Human Rights in New York City." For a full conference program, please see [Here](#).

The conference is free and open to the public; RSVP via Eventbrite by clicking the links in this description.

**Black Women’s Philosophers Conference**

*Conference Date & Location:*

*Friday, March 15 (10am-7pm), March 16th (9:30am-5:30pm), Elebash Recital Hall at the Graduate Center, CUNY*

**Johns Hopkins University Program in Racism, Immigration and Citizenship: 8th Annual Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference**

*Conference Date & Location:*

*April 5-6, Johns Hopkins University, Homewood Campus, Baltimore MD*

**Eyes on Surveillance: (In)security in Everyday Life**

*Keynote: Bernard Harcourt, Professor of Law and Political Science, Columbia University*
For this year’s conference, we invite submissions that interrogate the normalization of surveillance in our everyday life. Going beyond “surveillance” as a buzzword, we encourage research across disciplines that considers what might constitute the monitoring of bodies and actions across a variety of lived experience. To deepen our understanding of surveillance, we ask: How can we critically think about the ways constant scrutiny exacerbates, rather than resolves danger, risk and fear, often for marginalized groups? Can we imagine surveillance as something that multiplies modes of insecurity rather than reducing them?

We further ask: Can we analyze surveillance as appearing in places and forms that are unexpected, thereby expanding our understanding of what we consider to be monitoring, spying and observing? While surveillance appears in narratives and practices of national and international security regularly, it also penetrates ideas of neighborhood policing, informal and illicit economies, migration control, the medical gaze, data-mining by corporations, and even familial and gender relations in the domestic sphere. This allows us to consider recent developments like high tech sensors along border walls, the NSA leaks and the Cambridge Analytica scandal, but also more long-term processes of “securing” through surveillance: The monitoring of welfare recipients, women seeking abortion, informants in drug and other trafficking economies, or even victims of domestic violence within and outside the family. How can studying surveillance across these cross-circuits produce new ways of understanding security, risk, affect and privacy?

We accept applications from graduate students in any discipline across the social sciences and the humanities.

Papers might explore, but are not limited to, the following questions and topics:

1) What routes does surveillance travel and what actors are involved in these circuits of surveillance (e.g. corporations, individuals, governments)?

2) Where does surveillance take place? What are the different sites of surveillance, e.g. homes, hospitals, asylums, the internet, marginalized neighborhoods, weapons sites, airports, schools, and borders?

3) How can we think of surveillance in terms of scaffolding scales as we move across different levels of surveillance (from the domestic/local to the global)?

4) What affects does surveillance produce for and about people, societies, groups and institutions, e.g. suspicion, insecurity, uncertainty, distrust, danger, risk, and panic?

5) How can we think of surveillance and the algorithms used to calculate threat as differential in its application to various groups and in its disproportionate consequences for marginalized populations? Likewise, how do disciplinary spectacles (such as US troops deployed for the migrant caravan) play a role in surveillance regimes and the policing of racial otherness?

6) What methodologies can we use to study surveillance (e.g. archival, media, ethnography, and fiction)?

Submission Guidelines: Please submit an abstract of no more than 300 words to the Organizing Committee with the subject heading “RIC Conference Abstract” to ricjhu@jhu.edu. Please include your name and institutional affiliation in your submission. Limited travel grants and accommodation may be
available for accepted participants. When submitting your proposal, please indicate whether you would like to apply for travel assistance and justify the required amount in the body of your email.

**Social Anatomy of a Deportation Regime (SADR) Conference**

*Date and Location:*
Monday, April 29th, John Jay Conference Room, 9th Floor of New Building, 524 West 59th Street, New York, NY 10019

Please get in touch with Shirley, Nick, or Yolanda if you are interested in helping plan the conference! Nick is also accepting presentation submissions, corresponding to the working group themes listed below.

***Conference presentations could feed into an edited volume through David Brotherton’s series with Temple University Press.***

**Working Group Themes**
1) Women, Violence, and Deportation
2) Sanctuary and Social Movement Organizing
3) ICE and Enforcement
4) Immigrant Detention
5) Immigration Courts
6) Deportability and Mental Health
7) Media and the Immigrant

**SADR Contact:** Sarah Rose Tosh
**SADR Website** [Link](#)

**Association for Humanist Sociology (AHS) 2019 El Paso/Juarez: “Crossing Boundaries/Building Movements”**

**Currently Accepting Proposals**

*Conference Date & Location:*
Oct. 30-Nov. 3, El Paso, TX & Juarez, Mexico

AHS will go to the southern border in 2019 as it is emblematic of race/class/gender divisions in our country today. Topics and cultural places will include "The Wall", immigration camps for children, family separation, refugees, and asylum, femicide, and international trade at a time of corporate dominance, environmental destruction and indigenous rights. We will also travel to the maquiladoras to see the results of globalization; we will hold Spanish language sessions in Juarez; we will hear from Mexican scholars and activists who are not permitted to cross into the U.S.; we will examine efforts to retain indigenous cultures in the face of globalization; and we will enjoy the Día de Los Muertos celebrations in the area on Nov. 1st.

Please email all inquiries, presentation proposals and session/conference input to AHS2019elpaso@gmail.com.

**American Society for Criminology (ASC) Annual Meeting**

*Conference Date & Location:*
Nov. 13-16, San Francisco Marriott Marquis
The theme for the meeting is **Criminology in the New Era: Confronting Injustice and Inequalities**.

Be sure to follow @ASC_Meetings on Twitter for important information regarding the 2019 Annual Meeting, including dates & times of key conference events, event photos, live updates from the Presidential Plenaries, meeting information from the Divisions & updates from ASC staff. We also encourage you to join the conversation by using the hashtag #ASCSF19.

[More Info](#), including Calls for Papers & Submission Site, Registration, & FAQs

**Migration/Immigration Network of the Social Science History Association (SSHA)**

**Conference Date & Location:**

*Nov. 21-24, Palmer House Hotel, Chicago, IL*

The Social Science History Association is the leading interdisciplinary association for historical research in the United States. We welcome graduate students and recent PhDs as well as more-established scholars and leaders in the field from different disciplinary backgrounds.

In keeping with the conference theme, we especially seek panel and paper submissions related to “Data and its Discontents” and that engage with questions such as: What types of data—both qualitative and quantitative—are available to scholars of human mobility? What are the advantages and disadvantages of different forms of data? Who is and who is not represented in extant data and how does that influence migration scholars’ research agendas and conclusions? How might scholars both demand and produce better data for the study of mobile people?

We seek submissions addressing these questions through the topics below, though we also welcome proposals on all aspects of social science history. Submission of complete sessions and interdisciplinary panels are especially encouraged.

- Migration and Mass Incarceration
- Administrative Violence: Data and Immigration Controls
- Use and Abuse of Immigration Data
- Nativism and Anti-Immigrant Sentiments
- Xenophobia in the Past and Present
- Intersections of Migration: Race, Gender and Sexuality
- Data, Surveillance, and Policing Bodies and Borders
- Making Mobility Visible: GIS and Mapmaking
- Geographies of Migration
- Climate Change and Mobility
- Counting and Categorizing Mobile People
- Interdisciplinary and Mixed-methods Approaches

Submit a panel or paper via [https://ssha.org/](https://ssha.org/). Individuals who are new to the SSHA need to create an account prior to using the online submission site. Please keep in mind that if your panel is accepted, every person on the panel must register for the conference.
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**Articles**

Philip Kasinitz
“Immigrants! We get the Job Done!": newcomers remaking America on Broadway.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* (Published online: Jan. 14 2019)

Rebecca Karam (PhD student)
“Becoming American by becoming Muslim: strategic assimilation among second-generation Muslim American parents.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* (Published online: Feb. 18, 2019)

**Fellowships/Grants**

David Brotherton
The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Grant ($42,000) to study the effects of street-gang legalization in Ecuador [https://www.gc.cuny.edu/News/All-News/Detail?id=48071](https://www.gc.cuny.edu/News/All-News/Detail?id=48071)

Carmela Dormani (PhD student)
Graduate Center Early Research Initiative/Digital Initiatives Connect New York Fellowship ($4,000)

Ricardo Gabriel (PhD student)
Early Research Initiative Knickerbocker Award for Archival Research in American Studies ($4,000)

Edwin Grimsley, (PhD Student)
Graduate Center Early Research Initiative (ERI) Provost’s Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship ($4,000)

Kristine Riley (PhD student)
Graduate Center Early Research Initiative Fellowship in Interdisciplinary Research in the Service of Public Knowledge ($4,000)

Kasey Zapatka (PhD student)
Graduate Center Early Research Initiative/Digital Initiatives Connect New York Fellowship ($4,000)

**Book**
Lynn Chancer

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

Lynn Chancer
Featured in The Thought Project Podcast produced by the Graduate Center
https://www.gc.cuny.edu/News/Podcasts/Detail?id=47736

Samuel Farber (Professor Emeritus)
Published a book review of *The Fate of Latin America’s “Pink Tide”*
https://solidarity-us.org/farber-pink-tide/

Marnia Lazreg
Gave a keynote lecture on "Foucault and the Challenge of Cultural Difference: An Interpretation" at a conference titled "Gender Equality, Diversity, and Critique: Transnational Perspectives", sponsored by the Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, University of Zurich, Switzerland, February 22, 2019

Appointed as Associate Editor of the "Sociology of Islam" Journal

Elizabeth Wissinger (Alum)
Featured in The Thought Project Podcast produced by the Graduate Center
https://www.gc.cuny.edu/News/Podcasts/Detail?id=47666

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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.