WELCOME BACK to Fall 2019, everyone, and I hope you all had good summers. I’m delighted to be your EO again for the coming year, and wanted to go over a few highlights of the year as of this point.

The summer was busy as, during ASA in New York (August 9th through 13th), we hosted two successful events. On Saturday night, close to 100 people attended an ASA Graduate Center Sociology Alumni gathering in our Sociology Lounge (see pictures below). On Monday night, the International Migration Section of the American Sociological Association met in our Lounge – hosted by Professors Van Tran and Philip Kasinitz – with likely more than that number. The event was more crowded, literally, than any other event I’ve ever attended in the Sociology Lounge.

In terms of upcoming news items: first, the *Sociological Imagination* will again come out three times in mid-September, mid-October and mid-November 2019, before the semester comes to a close with our last colloquium of the year at the end of the first week in December. Expect to see the newsletter around the 10th-12th of each month. This year, I will be assisted in getting the newsletter out to you by Bridget Degnan, Kristen Miller and Kristi Riley, my new assistants. Many thanks to Zachary Del Rosso and Angela LaScala-Gruenwald for their research assistant help with the newsletter last year. Be sure to send “Rati Brag Wagon” items any time you wish to Sejung Sage Yim, sejungsageyim@gmail.com, who will be assisting us again with keeping track to communicate with you as she will continue to help with the GC’s new social media presence on Twitter and Facebook. Sage’s help has been stellar and I’m more than delighted that she is back working with us again.

I’m pleased to say that much has happened with student and faculty accomplishments from grad student publications (as you’ll see) to people landing good jobs and awards of various types. Take a look at the Brag Wagon in this issue to see for yourselves. Thus, secondly, we are continuing our older-and-new GC Sociology initiatives. Thanks to Ruth Milkman and Carolina Bank Munoz, and student committee members Marianne Madore and Viktor Andre Bensus, we have a terrific year of colloquium speakers starting this Friday, September 13th, with Tey Meadow of Columbia Sociology. But we also have a number of other things going on to please take note of: Jim Jaspers’ first Friday (of the month) brown bag lunch series for students and faculty to hear about the latter’s work will be continuing this semester starting the first Friday in October.
The next First Friday Faculty lunch will be FRIDAY OCTOBER 4th from 12 to 1 with KATHERINE CHEN of the GC and City College speaking on “Supporting Democratic Practices in Learning Communities: From Burning Man to A Self Directed School.” This will be followed on the same day -- Friday October 4th -- by the Professional Preparation Sociology Series (PPSS) from 3 to 5, followed by a hang out reception.

Indeed, the Professional Preparation Sociology Series (PPSS) will take place three times this term on Fridays from 3 to 5 (followed by a reception), starting with -- October 4th -- Anna Gjika, Anna Zhelnina and other students speaking about their recent experiences that led to articles being published quite recently (or accepted and about to be published).

Last but not least, check out our workshops!! (see the workshop section below) The Immigration workshop will be up and running again (again, see below) as well as the Crime/Law/Deviance/Policy workshop, run this year by Professors Jayne Mooney and Candace McCoy and also by our intrepid students Edwin Grimsley and Ian Heller. See below for descriptions of other workshops that are already planned and others in the process.

Thirdly, several welcomes are greatly in order. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to PROFESSOR VAN TRAN who starts this year with us this year after years teaching at Columbia; we are delighted and excited to have him now among us and to know that we will see him on a regular basis around the Program. Also please note that, beginning in spring 2020, PROFESSOR JEREMY PORTER will be replacing PROFESSOR MARY CLARE LENNON as the new DEPUTY EO for the Program. We are very sorry and extraordinarily appreciative of all of Mary Clare’s hard work for the program; simultaneously, it’s wonderful to have Jeremy coming aboard as Deputy EO. Hardly least, if last, is a huge WELCOME TO OUR NEW COHORT just entering our Graduate Center Sociology community. All of us have been trying to welcome you in various ways through the new student orientation and around the Sociology Lounge. I hope you will be free to come to workshops and PPSS and First Fridays, as you can, and look forward to the longer process of getting to know all of you.

So enjoy and please contribute to this newsletter!! We need article and section ideas, and photos, and generally any interest and help you might be able to provide.

Sending you warm regards and yet another welcome to the fall term,

Very best wishes for now, Lynn, Bridget, Kristen, and Kristi

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 Graduate Center’s Department of Sociology. It is produced and monitored by Lynn Chancer (Program EO) and her 2019-2020 Graduate Research Assistants, Bridget Degnan, Kristen Miller, 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

September 2019

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- Cohort Mixer, 6-8:30pm
- Criminology Workshop, 6:30-8pm
- Tey Meadow Colloquium, 3-5pm
## Sociology Colloquia Series, September

**Speaker:** Tey Meadow  
**When:** Friday, Sept. 13, 3-5pm  
**Where:** Sociology Lounge

Tey Meadow is an assistant professor of sociology at Columbia University, where she teaches courses on gender and sexuality, queer theory, qualitative methodology, law, and the analytics of risk and uncertainty. Meadow’s published work focuses on a broad range of issues, including the emergence of the transgender child as a social category, the international politics of family diversity, the creation and maintenance of legal gender classifications, and newer work on the ways individuals negotiate risk in intimate relationships. Meadow is the author of Trans Kids: Being Gendered in the Twenty-First Century (University of California Press, 2018), and the co-editor of the volume, Other Please Specify: Queer Methods in Sociology (University of California Press, 2018). She has published essays in academic journals like Gender & Society, Politics & Society, Sexualities, Journal of Contemporary Ethnography, Transgender Studies Quarterly and multiple edited volumes.  
[https://sociology.columbia.edu/content/tey-meadow](https://sociology.columbia.edu/content/tey-meadow)

## 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 joining the faculty at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she is currently an associate professor in the Department of Sociology and the College of Law, she taught at Stanford University (2001–2010). 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.

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 rep: viktor and marianne - spots are limited but we would like as many of you as possible to be able to benefit from this opportunity.

Professional Preparation Sociology Series

**When:** Friday, Oct. 4th, 3-5 pm followed by reception

**Where:** Sociology Lounge

Anna Zhelnina is PhD candidate at GC CUNY Sociology working on the dissertation about resistance to an urban renewal project in Moscow, Russia. Anna will talk about the experience of preparing, revising, and publishing her paper on political apathy in “Social Problems.” Specifically, she will talk about the process of sharpening and polishing the paper in interaction with professors and peers at the GC before submitting to the journal.

Anna Gjika is a Visiting Lecturer at Bard College, and PhD Candidate in Sociology at the Graduate Center, CUNY. Anna will speak about her experience writing, revising, and publishing her paper on media representations of new technologies in sexual assault cases in Crime, Media, Culture. Her talk will address the R&R process, including dealing with reviewer comments, resubmitting, and responding to reviewers and editors.

Building Community in Marseille’s Housing Estates

**When:** Friday, 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

Embracing Black Middle Class Culture

**Speaker:** Karen Lacy

**When:** Friday, Oct. 17th, 4-6pm

**Where:** Sociology Lounge
Drawing from ethnographic and interview data collected from a study of black mothers and children who are members of an elite social club, this talk explores the transmission of a black, distinctly middle class culture from the mothers to their children as the mothers attempt to socialize children into their preferred black racial identity. Within the organization, children interact with similarly positioned peers. In doing so, they learn the norms and rituals of black middle class culture. In this talk, I show precisely how mothers do the work of constructing their children’s racial identity and the extent to which children embrace the black middle class culture so highly valued by their mothers.

Social Anatomy and Deportation Group

The Social Anatomy Group is scheduling another meeting to discuss some of the work that has been done to push members work into the general public, as well as plans for upcoming conferences and public events, and feedback from ASA. We are looking to hold this meeting on **Friday 13th September at 1pm** in the Sociology room at John Jay (899 Tenth Avenue, Fifth Floor). Detailed below is a short agenda.

- **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? Deadline is September 13th reach out to Dr. Nicholas Rodrigo directly if you are interested.
  https://actionnetwork.org/events/2019-open-borders-conference

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

**Cohort Mixer to Welcome the New Cohort**

**When:** Tuesday, Sept. 17, 6-8:30pm  
**Where:** Sociology Lounge
Student Workshops

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.

Information about upcoming meetings will be forthcoming. 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

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, 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

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Angela LaScala-Gruenewald - alascalag@gradcenter.cuny.edu

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).

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.

Information about upcoming meetings will be forthcoming.

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Joey Van der Naald - jvandernaald@gradcenter.cuny.edu

Visit the PEW Website!
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.

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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.

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Visit the USW Website!

Graduate Center

Spotlight on Alumni, Faculty, and Students

Jeremy R. Porter is a Professor of Sociology at the City University of New York with appointments in multiple departments throughout CUNY. He is currently the Director of the Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (QMSS) Program at the CUNY Graduate Center and is on the doctoral faculty in the GC’s Ph.D. programs in Sociology, Demography, and Criminal Justice. Additionally, Porter is a Faculty Associate at the CUNY Institute for Demographic Research (CIDR). Recent research has appeared in Annual

His current research looks into the demographic and economic impacts of climate change, now and in the future. Using GIS and spatial methods, his work models and forecasts high-precision property-level flooding inundation. His most publication on this topic looked at the impact increasing rates of nuisance tidal flooding events along the east and gulf coasts and, when comparing that to the universe of recorded real-estate transactions over the last 15 years, found that coastal homes at risk of nuisance tidal flooding have lost an estimated $15.8 billion in appreciation compared to "like-homes" without the same exposure to frequent tidal flooding.

Ruth Delaney is starting her 5th year in the PhD and wrapping up the data collection for her dissertation, the topic of which is the meaning of college for people who enroll while in prison. Her interest in this area began at the Vera Institute of Justice, where she currently manages the assistance Vera offers to over 60 colleges in 27 states and regularly publishes reports with Vera on criminal justice policy and practice trends. Most recently, she co-authored a 50-state policy scan compiling and analyzing the barriers to accessing state financial aid for incarcerated people. She has testified at Congressional briefings and to state legislatures. Her work at Vera has been highlighted in the media, and Ruth has been quoted in the New York Times and NPR, among other outlets. Pursuing her PhD at CUNY has deepened her research contributions to this field.

Drawing on work she completed in Mary Clare Lennon and Paul Attewell’s multivariate methods course, she secured a grant from the American Institutes for Research and published a peer reviewed article with AIR in 2018, as well as presenting the research at the PIAAC Research Conference and the American Society of Criminology conference the same year. The study examined what predicted interest in higher education among people in prison using the results of the 2014 Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies. Her dissertation is chaired by Michael Jacobson and her committee includes Paul Attewell, Tom DeGloma, and Chris Beasley of the University of Washington at Tacoma.

Cody Melcher is a second year PhD student in the department of sociology at the Graduate Center. His research focuses broadly on the intersection of race and class, specifically the effect of white supremacy on the American labor movement, and the political economy of racism. Cody’s research has been published in the Journal of Labor and Society, the Journal of Political Science Education, Labor: Studies in Working-Class History, the Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History, with a forthcoming article from Critical Sociology, and another article under-review at Ethnic and Racial Studies. His
article in the journal Labor (co-authored with Michael Goldfield) examines the supposed effects of progressive labor legislation, arguing, through an analysis of the NIRA’s Section 7(a) and the unionization of coal miners, that this legislation is primarily reactionary and co-optive, rather than catalyzing and “radical,” as the existing literature contends.

His forthcoming piece from Critical Sociology examines W.E.B. Du Bois’s often contradictory relationship with the American labor movement, while attempting to ground this contradiction in the often untenable transhistoricism of (some) of his theoretical claims concerning the behavior of the so-called “white working class.” Cody has worked for the past year with Prof. Mary Clare Lennon on an ongoing project analyzing the effect of Community Land Trusts on educational outcomes of participants’ children. Cody is also currently collecting original survey data in an attempt to illustrate the role job insecurity plays in determining attitudes towards race and immigration. He teaches a class called “Capitalism” at City College.

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

Internal

Graduate Center Dissertation Fellowship

Deadline: Wednesday, January 15th 2020
The application will be available in mid-October.

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.

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

Fulbright Open Study/ Research Award
Deadline: Tuesday, October 8th

Synopsis of Program:
Applicants for study/research awards design their own projects and will typically work with advisers at foreign universities or other institutes of higher education. The study/research awards are available in approximately 140 countries. Program requirements vary by country, so the applicants' first step is to familiarize themselves with the program summary for the host country.

Here are the application components for all grant types.

Creative and performing arts applicants are required to submit supplementary materials based on their disciplines.

For additional information: https://us.fulbrightonline.org/about/types-of-awards/study-research

Sociology Program- Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Awards (Soc-DDRI)
Deadline: Tuesday, October 15th

Synopsis of Program:
The Sociology Program supports basic research on all forms of human social organization -- societies, institutions, groups and demography -- and processes of individual and institutional change. The Program encourages theoretically focused empirical investigations aimed at improving the explanation of fundamental social processes. Included is research on organizations and organizational behavior, population dynamics, social movements, social groups, labor force participation, stratification and mobility, family, social networks, socialization, gender, race and the sociology of science and technology. The Program supports both the collection of original data and secondary data analysis and is open to the full range of quantitative and qualitative methodological tools. Theoretically grounded projects that offer methodological innovations and improvements for data collection and analysis are also welcomed.

In assessing the intellectual merit of proposed research, four components are key to securing support from the Sociology Program: (1) the issues investigated must be theoretically grounded; (2) the research should be based on empirical observation or be subject to empirical validation or illustration; (3) the research design must be appropriate to the questions asked; and (4) the proposed research must advance understanding of social processes, structures and methods.

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.

Sociology Program Fellowship, NSF

Due to the Research and Sponsored Office by **October 1, 2019**

**Synopsis of Program:**
The Sociology Program supports basic research on all forms of human social organization -- societies, institutions, groups and demography -- and processes of individual and institutional change. The Program encourages theoretically focused empirical investigations aimed at improving the explanation of fundamental social processes. Included is research on organizations and organizational behavior, population dynamics, social movements, social groups, labor force participation, stratification and mobility, family, social networks, socialization, gender roles, and the sociology of science and technology. The Program supports both original data collections and secondary data analysis that use the full range of quantitative and qualitative methodological tools. Theoretically grounded projects that offer methodological innovations and improvements for data collection and analysis are also welcomed. The Sociology Program also funds doctoral dissertation research to defray direct costs associated with conducting research, for example, dataset acquisition, additional statistical or methodological training, meeting with scholars associated with original datasets, and fieldwork away from the student’s home campus.

For additional information: [https://pivot.proquest.com/funding_opps/4349](https://pivot.proquest.com/funding_opps/4349) and [https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5369](https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5369)
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)

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)
**Rati’s Brag Wagon**

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**Appointments**

**Heather Dalmage (Alum, 1996)**  
Elected as the 2019-2020 president for the [Society of the Study of Social Problems](#)

**Anna Gjika (PhD Candidate)**  
Started Visiting Lecturer position at Bard College from the Fall 2019 semester

**Benjamin Haber (Alum, 2017)**  
Started Visiting Professor position at Wesleyan University from the Fall 2019 semester

**Jinwon Kim (Alum, 2016)**  
Started Assistant Professor position at New York City College of Technology, CUNY from the Fall 2019 semester

**Abigail Kolker (Alum, 2018)**  
Started working at the Library of Congress as an Immigration Policy Analyst in the Congressional Research Service

**Alexandrea Ravenelle (Alum, 2018)**  
Started Assistant Professor position at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from the Fall 2019 semester

**R. Josh Scannell (Alum, 2018)**  
Started Assistant Professor position of Digital Media Theory at the School of Media Studies at New School from the Fall 2019 semester

**Sandra L. Trappen (Alum, 2016)**  
Promoted to Assistant Professor at Penn State University

**Sarah Tosh (Alum, 2019)**  
Started Assistant Professor position at the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice of Rutgers University-Camden from the Fall 2019 semester
William Weikart (PhD Candidate)
Started Visiting Professor position at University of Lynchburg, VA from the Fall 2019 semester

Tommy Wu (PhD Candidate)
Accepted Assistant Professor position of Labor Studies in the Fall at McMaster University in Ontario, Canada

Awards

Courtney Frantz (PhD Student)
Received the Inaugural (2019) Erik Olin Wright Distinguished Article Award for Best Paper by a Young Scholar from Critical Sociology for their paper entitled "Whose Movement Is It? Strategic Philanthropy and Worker Centers," which is out from behind the paywall at https://tinyurl.com/whose-movement.

Pyong Gap Min (Faculty)
Received the 2019 Contribution to the Field Award from the ASA Section on Asia and Asian America

John Mollenkopf (Faculty)
Received the 2019 Contribution to the Field of Urban Affairs Award at the annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association

Max Papadantonakis (PhD Student)
Received the 2019 Herbert Blumer Graduate Student Paper Award from the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interactionism for his paper titled “Cultural Othering: Interpersonal Foundations of Nationalist Ethnic Conflict in a Greek Street Market.”

Fellowships/Grants

Miriam Moster (PhD Student)
Received the Wexner Graduate Fellowship (class 32) from the the Wexner Foundation and the Mellon Humanities Public Fellowship

Lorraine Torres (PhD Student)
Received the Clogg Scholarship to participate in the 2019 ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research
Articles/Books

Benjamin Haber (Alum, 2017)

Michael Raphael (PhD Candidate)

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

Lynn Chancer (Faculty)
Wrote blog posts related to her recent book *After the Rise and Stall of American Feminism: Taking Back A Revolution* (Stanford University Press, 2019)
- Feminist Revival and the Year of the Woman
- Revisiting and Fulfilling the Feminist Promise of Universal Day Care

Samuel Farber (Professor Emeritus)
Wrote an article about Fidel Castro’s legacy (Part II) on *Solidarity*

Marnia Lazreg (Faculty)
Interviewed by *Radio France Internationale* on July 26, 2019 about the impending switch from French to English as a first foreign language in Algeria

Tsedale M. Melaku (Alum, 2016)
Gave a talk at the *New York Public Library Featured Author Talk event* with Prof. Erica Chito Childs on June, 5, 2019 about her recent book *You Don’t Look Like a Lawyer: Black Women and Systemic Gendered Racism* (Rowman & Littlefield, April 2019)

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