

The Graduate Center's **SOCIOLOGICAL IMAGINATION**

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Hi everyone -- This is going to be a short second newsletter of the semester. Many of us are in the middle of lots of things going on, and seeing the end of the semester on the horizon and a not so long off spring break. Also, despite concerns about virus variants and spikes in some parts of the country, there is the wonderful possibility that starting in May, people of all ages may be able to be vaccinated in New York State. On a more serious note, and as the President of the Graduate Center Robin Garrell recently wrote, I want to reiterate her condemnation of all kinds of bigotry and hate and of anti-Asian violence that has recently raised alarms because of incidents reported in the news.

We are doing a short issue, though, to call your attention to some important developments . Check the calendar below for a variety of upcoming events including the PPSS and Barbara Katz Rothman and Kyla Bender Baird (Dr. Kyla Bender Baird who recently defended her thesis) speaking from 12 to 1 on April 9th and 16th about their (respective) book and dissertation work.

I am also going to be working with faculty and students on other matters like a new Consortium Coordinating Committee (CCC) with Elin Waring to integrate college and GC matters as best we can, especially but not exclusively in regard to making adjunct positions known and good matches between students and available courses.

Finally, please take good notice of the announcement about nominating students for committees (see below) as we very much want student participation and for as many students as possible to know about possibilities for involvement.

Sending warm regards, and please stay safe and well....Lynn

Interested in contributing to the Sociological Imagination?

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 2020-2021 Graduate Research Assistants, Maya Tellman and Gabriel Haro. If you have suggested content or feedback for the newsletter, or would like to highlight your work and that of others across the GC, please email lchancer@gc.cuny.edu and/or mtellman@gradcenter.cuny.edu and/or gharo@gradcenter.cuny.edu.

Credit goes to Sejung Sage Yim (sejungsageyim@gmail.com) for publicizing all our student and faculty events and who manages the social media presence for the Ph.D. Program in Sociology and to Rati Kashyap for a great job of keeping track of what's happening with our students and faculty.

SSA Nominations 2021-2022

Kristen Miller and Ali Smith are currently serving as our Governance and Election Representatives for the SSA. They are asking for nominations for open positions in the SSA for the next school year. **Please submit your nominations by March 31st** on this [Google Form](#). Remember, you can nominate yourself or others who you think would be a good fit for the position!

Events, Colloquia, & Workshops

April 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6 EO Drop-in Hours with Lynn 4:00-5:00 PM	7	8 Society and Protest Workshop: Panel Discussion 12:00-1:30 PM	9 Lunch Zoom Series: Barbara Katz Rothman 12:00-1:00 PM Immigration Seminar Series: Reuniting Families: Central American Minors between Separation and Family Reunification 3:00-4:30 PM	10
11	12	13 EO Drop-in Hours with Lynn 4:00-5:00 PM	14	15	16 April Colloquia Series: Nantina Vgontzas 3:00-5:00 PM	17
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25	26	27 EO Drop-in Hours with Lynn 4:00-5:00 PM	28	29 PPSS Series: Writing Successful Grant and Fellowship Articles 4:15-5:45 PM	30 Immigration Seminar Series: Pursuing Citizenship in the Enforcement Era 3-4:30pm	1

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2	3	4 EO Drop-in Hours with Lynn <i>4:00-5:00 PM</i>	5	6 Society and Protest Workshop: Dialogic Opportunities and Poverty-Discourse Fragmentation in the United Kingdom <i>12:00-1:30 PM</i>	7 May Colloquia Series: Adia Harvey Wingfield <i>3:00-5:00 PM</i>	8
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COLLOQUIA

Sociology Colloquia Series, April

Speaker: Nantina Vgontzas

When: Friday, April 16, 3-5 PM

Where: via Zoom. Zoom link will be sent out via email.

Nantina Vgontzas studies the renewal of the labor movement amid growing crises of public health, climate change, and authoritarian ascent. Engaging debates on the future of work, they question dominant visions of artificial intelligence increasing job insecurity. Rather than being subjected to further control or automation, workers could harness technology toward transforming the very power relations under which their work is organized. From this perspective, the future of work is ultimately a political question, and indeed still an open one. Combining political economy with ethnographic and historical methods, Nantina's research examines what is new and old in today's contest over the future of work. Nantina received their doctoral degree in sociology from New York University, in addition to support from the Center for Engaged Scholarship and Urban Democracy Lab. Their work has appeared at the American Sociological Association, International Sociological Association, Data & Society Research Institute and Labor Research Action Network, as well as in *The Nation*, *Jacobin* and *The Cost of Free Shipping: Amazon in the Global Economy*.

Sociology Colloquia Series, May

Speaker: Adia Harvey Wingfield

When: Friday, May 7, 3-5 PM

Where: via Zoom. Zoom link will be sent out via email.

Adia Harvey Wingfield is the Mary Tileston Hemenway Professor of Arts & Sciences and Associate Dean for Faculty Development at Washington University in St. Louis. Her research examines how and why racial and gender inequality persists in professional occupations. Dr. Wingfield has lectured internationally on her research in this area, and her work has been published in numerous peer-reviewed journals including *Social Problems*, *Gender & Society*, and *American Sociological Review*. She is a former President of Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) and the current President of the Southern Sociological Society (SSS), the largest regional professional sociological association in the US. In addition to her academic scholarship, Professor Wingfield has written for mainstream outlets including *Slate*, *The Atlantic*, *Vox*, and *Harvard Business Review*, and is the recipient of the 2018 Public Understanding of Sociology Award from the American Sociological Association. Her most recent book, *Flatlining: Race, Work, and Health Care in the New Economy*, won the 2019 C. Wright Mills Award.

Recordings of past colloquia and other department events can be accessed here:

<https://sociology.commonsc.gc.cuny.edu/event-videos/>

EVENTS

Immigration Seminar Series

The Browning of the New South: Race, Immigration, and Minority Linked Fate

Speaker: Jennifer Jones, Associate Professor of Sociology & Latin American/Latino Studies, University of Illinois at Chicago

When: Friday, March 26, 3-4:30 PM

Where: via Zoom. Zoom link will be sent out via email.

Reuniting Families: Central American Minors between Separation and Family Reunification

Speaker: Ernesto Castañeda, Associate Professor of Sociology, American University

When: April 9, 3:00-4:30 PM

Where: via Zoom. Zoom link will be sent out via email.

Represented But Unequal: The Contingent Effect of Legal Representation in Removal Proceedings

Speaker: Emily Ryo, Professor of Law and Sociology, University of Southern California Gould School of Law

When: April 23, 3:00-4:30 PM

Where: via Zoom. Zoom link will be sent out via email.

Pursuing Citizenship in the Enforcement Era

Speaker: Ming Hsu Chen, Associate Professor of Law, University of Colorado Law School

When: April 30, 3:00-4:30 PM

Where: via Zoom. Zoom link will be sent out via email.

JOINT FACULTY/STUDENT AND STUDENT EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

EO Drop in Hours with Lynn

When: Tuesdays 4-5 PM

Where: Personal Meeting ID: 476-806-2896 ; Passcode: 976996

Friday Faculty and Student Lunch Zoom Series

Who: CONTINUING WITH BARBARA KATZ ROTHMAN (speaking on her new book THE BIOMEDICAL EMPIRE: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE COVID PANDEMIC, Stanford 2021)

When: FRIDAY APRIL 9th 12-1PM

Who: Kyle Bender-Baird will be speaking about her recently defended dissertation (with Barbara Katz Rothman as her chair), “Standing Trans Before the Law.”

When: Friday, April 16th 12-1pm

Society and Protest Workshop: Precarity

This workshop brings together practitioners, PhD students, and faculty across disciplines in a space to reflect on the role of formal and informal Civil Society in expressing citizen demands. Civil society is itself contested and a battleground; both a site of struggle and organization is the domain of class politics. At the same time, formalized civil society and philanthropy are looking to social movements and critical thinking to open up new possibilities and ways of working.

When: Selected Thursdays from 12-1:30 PM

Contact: If interested, you can [RSVP HERE](#) for any and all upcoming sessions.

Urban Studies Workshop

The Urban Studies Workshop is an informal group of urban sociologists in our department. Everyone is in varying stages of the program, which makes for very product meetings and information sharing. We meet about 4 times every semester and primarily read and give feedback on each other’s writing—be it dissertation chapters, class papers, articles for publication, etc.

When: Next meetings are on April 22 and May 20 at 10 am

Contact: Kasey Zapatka (kzapatka@gradcenter.cuny.edu)

Psychosocial Reading Group

An international once a month reading and discussion group that is run by Lynn Chancer and Neil McLaughlin with people participating by Zoom from Brazil, Canada, New Zealand and other places around the world. Our focus is on how to better understand social and sociological issues from points of view that are respectful of both agency and structure, and that take complex and non-reductionist perspectives on the relationship between psyche and society when it comes to myriad contemporary problems from trauma to social movement. We will also be taking up the rise of populism around the world from the standpoint of psychosocial and cultural perspectives: Neil and Lynn have just signed a contract for an edited volume on “The Authoritarian Turn” and we are interested in student involvement and possible writing and presentations related to the Write to Lynn Chancer (lchancer@gc.cuny.edu) or Neil McLaughlin (celticspursbarca@gmail.com) if you are interested in being added to the listserve and wish to receive readings (and we will then send a zoom link).

When: Next meeting is on **FRIDAY APRIL 23rd**, 3 to 5 p.m.

Matheus Romanetto, Tuebingen University, Germany, on “Contemporary Ramifications of the Historic Fromm/Marcuse Debate”

Professional (PPSS) Preparation Sociology Series

We are restarting this series which is meant to be helpful to grad students in a variety of ways. Three sessions are being planned for Spring 2021 on Thursday late afternoons from 4:15 to 5:45 as follows:

When: Next meeting is on **THURSDAY APRIL 29th, 4:15 to 5:45**

“WRITING SUCCESSFUL GRANT AND FELLOWSHIP ARTICLES”

Speaker: Professor Juan Battle, Sociology Ph.D. Program

Immigration Working Group

The GC Immigration Working Group is a graduate student-run group where we exchange, discuss, and collaborate on ideas and research related to immigration. We are now soliciting papers to be presented during our workshop. The purpose of our workshop is to bring together current students, alumni, and professors (especially junior faculty) to present and discuss their works in progress. The topics of the presentations should focus on immigration; however, the papers can cover other areas, such as race, ethnicity, urban sociology, social movements, and public health. There are two presenters for each workshop. Presenters will send their draft to the discussant and/or group at least a week before the workshop. It is up to the presenter’s discretion to choose to share their work with the entire group, upon requests, or only with the discussant. For each paper, there will be a student discussant, whose job is to read the draft closely and provide constructive criticism as to how the paper could be improved. This is a great scholarly exercise for students to have more experience in the peer-review process. Finally, there will be a short Q&A for each presentation.

If you would like to present your work or be a discussant, please fill out this [signup form](#). The signups are first-come-first-serve.

When: Next meetings are on April 20 and May 18, 3-5 PM

Contact: Hayden Ju (dju@gradcenter.cuny.edu) & Janina Selzer (jselzer@gradcenter.cuny.edu)

FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS/JOBS

Internal:

Belle Zeller Scholarship

The program was named for Professor Belle Zeller, a faculty member at Brooklyn College, who served from the founding of the college in 1930 until her retirement in 1973. Belle Zeller was also a pioneer of the American Labor Movement and the founding president of the Professional Staff Congress. The program was established in 1979 to honor her by providing scholarships to allow the most distinguished CUNY students to continue in CUNY undergraduate, graduate and professional school programs. Eligibility for the scholarship includes having completed at least 16 credits at CUNY, with a 3.75 GPA or better, and having performed significant community service.

Each year, we have the privilege and the difficult task of choosing Belle Zeller Scholars from among the many distinguished applicants. Belle Zeller Scholars receive a scholarship in the amount of \$5,000. It is a highly selective award. In a typical year, we receive more than 200 applications and while the number of scholarship awards vary, we customarily award 10 to 12 scholarships each year.

Deadline: **March 31, 2021**

www.bellezeller.org

CUNY Dominican Studies Institute 2021 Research and NSA Fellowships

The CUNY Dominican Studies Institute is now accepting applications for the 2021 Research Fellowships program. The CUNY DSI Research Fellowships enable the Institute to fulfill its mission of producing, stimulating, and disseminating innovative academic research that contributes to the expansion of knowledge about people of Dominican ancestry. Through its fellowships program, CUNY DSI also seeks to expose researchers to a unique hands-on-experience in our archives and library, two entities with no equal in the United States, headed by an elite team of experts who work closely with fellows. The CUNY DSI Research Fellowships program is the first program in the nation devoted exclusively to the advancement of scholarship in Dominican studies.

Deadline: **March 31, 2021**

<https://www.ccnycuny.edu/dsi/research-and-nsa-fellowships>

Louise Lennihan Micro-grants

The Futures Initiative is pleased to announce the fifth annual Dr. Louise Lennihan Arts & Sciences Grant Competition. Up to six micro-grants in the amount of \$500 will be awarded to eligible doctoral students at the Graduate Center to support interdisciplinary research related to the intersections of humanities, arts, science, and technology. Research that is likely to have a public impact or result in a public-facing project is highly competitive. Students who have not received significant funding are especially encouraged to apply.

Deadline: **April 4, 2021**

[Apply here \[forms.gle\]](#)

External:

New York State Excelsior Service Fellowship Program

The New York State Excelsior Service Fellowship Program is a funded two-year fellowship offering talented recent graduates of graduate, law, and advanced degree programs hands on training and experience in New York State government. Excelsior Fellows work full time at host executive-branch agencies and authorities, advancing the operational aspects of large policy initiatives. Fellow placements include Empire State Development Corporation, Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs, Department of Environmental Conservation, the Port Authority of NY/NJ, and the Office of Children and Family Services. Fellows also have the opportunity to participate in a Professional Development program focusing on leadership development and the fundamentals of New York State government.

The program will be administered by the participating partner schools. Interested applicants should submit the following materials to their school's designated contact: resume, transcript, 2 letters of recommendation (at least one of which should be academic in nature), and a personal statement/cover letter. The personal statement should outline the candidate's interest in the Excelsior Service Fellowship and their commitment to public service (no more than 750 words). **Graduate Center student can apply through GC Connect (job #14923).**

Deadline: **April 2, 2021 (through GC)**

www.ny.gov/ExcelsiorFellowship

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowships

The [Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad \(DDRA\) Fellowship Program \[lnks.gd\]](#) provides opportunities for doctoral candidates to engage in full-time dissertation research abroad in modern foreign languages and area studies. The program is designed to deepen research knowledge and increase the study of modern foreign languages, cultural engagement, and area studies not generally included in U.S. curricula.

Deadline: **April 5th, 2021**

Altfest Graduate Internship Program, Summer 2021

The Altfest Graduate Internship Program funds graduate student professional development in the form of summer internships. It allows students to 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. In summer 2021, it is assumed that these internships will be conducted remotely. If your internship must be conducted in person, please make note of that in your application; your employer will be required to complete additional paperwork. The Office of Career Planning and Professional Development is happy to assist students with their internship searches. **Applications will be submitted through GC Connect, the Office of Career Planning and Professional Development's job and internship database (search under job postings for Altfest Internship 2021).**

Deadline: **April 21, 2021**

Jobs:

Research Analyst, Part-time | Office of Policy Research

The part-time analyst will work in the Office of Policy Research (OPR) under the supervision of a Senior Policy Analyst. OPR provides support to CUNY's Chancellery on key policy questions. He/she will work on a range of analyses on key policy topics at CUNY, including admission standards, developmental education, transfer patterns, persistence and completion trends, financial aid, the economic impact of CUNY, and identification of peer colleges for benchmarking. Days and times worked are flexible, but approximately 15 hours a week is preferred.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jTFZWLhG4Pj8Ry6AVTYF1qTgMYXSVFOX/view?usp=sharing>

OIRE Student Employee

The mission of OIRE is to provide leadership in the areas of institutional data and analytics, student learning assessment, performance evaluation, survey research, and program evaluation. We work with various stakeholders at the GC, including students, faculty, staff members, and administration.

As a part-time student employee, you will be assisting with the day-to-day functions of the office. This will include data analysis, best practices research, communication with university leaders, and administrative assistance to the other members of the team. Our collaborative environment is essential to the functioning of the office.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OEiLHhcib8hZ0Q7ZbJjDZyJwd3_iO5v5/view?usp=sharing

Rockefeller Foundation Internships

We are excited to engage with students who want to reimagine our future and contribute to our mission. We value the opportunity to work with future leaders who want to grow personally and professionally and create impact in the philanthropic sector. As a Summer Associate (graduate students) or a Summer Intern (undergraduate students) at The Rockefeller Foundation you will have the chance to contribute to our initiatives through engaging, meaningful work assignments. We operate with a strong commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion and value diverse perspectives and experiences of our team members.

<https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/about-us/careers/internships/>

If you know of any other open positions that you'd like to share, please reach out to Gabriel at gbaro@gradcenter.cuny.edu.

Rati's Brag Wagon

Showcasing the accomplishments of our students, alumni, and faculty

Appointments and Awards

Brenda Gambol (Alum '20)

accepted a tenure-track position at the University of Texas at Dallas. Brenda will be joining the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences as an Assistant Professor of Sociology

Hanna Goldberg

won the 2021 Harry Braverman Award from the Labor Studies Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Her paper is entitled: "The Two-Employer Problem: Strategic Dilemmas at the Heart of the Tipped Wage Debate."

Publications

Andréa Becker

wrote a piece in Bitch Media

"Goop She Did It Again: The Dangerous Obsession with Intuitive Fasting"

Isaac Jabola-Carolus and Ruth Milkman (Faculty)

published a new report titled "The Case for Public Investment in Higher Pay for New York State Home Care Workers: Estimated Costs and Savings" with Stephanie Luce.

Read more about their report at <https://www.gc.cuny.edu/News/All-News/Detail?id=59391>

Luke Elliott-Negri, Siqi Tu, Wenjuan Zheng, Mary Clare Lennon (Faculty)

published an article in Social Problems titled "Hope, Emotional Charges, and Online Action: An Experimental Study of the DREAM Act" (January 2021)

<https://academic.oup.com/socpro/advance-article-abstract/doi/10.1093/socpro/spaa076/6086023>

Angela LaScala-Gruenewald

wrote a blog post about using OER to teach criminology

Criminology: A Critical and Open Approach

Marnia Lazreg (Faculty)

published a book titled *Islamic Feminism and the Discourse of Post-Liberation: The Cultural Turn in Algeria* (Routledge, 2020). Click here to view the publisher's flyer.

Cody R. Melcher

published two articles in March 2021:

"Economic Self-Interest and Americans' Redistributive, Class, and Racial Attitudes: The Case of Economic Insecurity." in *Political Behavior*.

<https://www.gc.cuny.edu/News/All-News/Detail?id=59418&fbclid=IwAR2OC0oh9DfTP1YGE4cxwypCOI5Svc8ICWRnpey0ZI1SzpEkBeNoKnsu9Qc>

"Who's Afraid of 1619?: Pedagogy, Race, and Class in the United States." in *Dialectical Anthropology*.

Pyong Gap Min (Faculty)

published a book titled *Korean "Comfort Women": Military Brothels, Brutality, and the Redress Movement* (Rutgers University Press, 2021). Click here to view the publisher's flyer.

Interviews & Videos

Simone Kolysh (Alum '19)

was interviewed for a local news segment on International Women's day:

<https://www.localdvm.com/video/international-womens-day/6418420/>

They were also part of the Just As It Sounds podcast, where they covered being an LGBTQ+ academic:

<https://www.justasitsounds.com/episodes/episode-11>

Margaret M. Chin (Faculty)

was quoted in media publications

A Sociologist Explains Why Asian Americans Sense Limits at Work (Bloomberg Businessweek)

What is the 'bamboo ceiling'? Here's what Asian Americans want you to know (TODAY)

Julie Suk (Faculty)

gave a book talk at AARI on her recent publication "*We the Women: The Unstoppable Mothers of the Equal Rights Amendment*". Watch the video: <https://aari.info/21-03-05suk/>.

Prof. Suk was also interviewed by Metrofocus where she discusses the Equal Rights Amendment (in August 2020). Watch at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8uPswbG3-bU>