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March 10, 2023 Colloquium with MONICA BELL

Hi everyone –

It's Lynn, writing to introduce the first of what will be two, and if possible three, editions of *The Sociological Imagination* this semester. This semester, our newsletter 'team' consists of Andree Hoolihan (ahoolihan@gradcenter.cuny.edu); Qiyao Pan (qpan@gradcenter.cuny.edu); Erin Ward (eward1@gradcenter.cuny.edu) and Yu-Jhen Chen (ychen15@gradcenter.cuny.edu) as well as myself (lchancer@gc.cuny.edu) – with help as usual from Rati (RKashyap@gc.cuny.edu). I am putting this contact information right at the opening of the newsletter since we hope you will not hesitate to send any of us an email with information you may want us to share about events, workshops, publications or public sociological appearances that you would like to have

in the newsletter. This goes for alumni and also faculty around the campuses as well as at the GC. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any information that helps to keep the newsletter as informative, helpful and lively as possible.

On other matters, the semester is already flying by and it has been quite busy with a number of things around the Graduate Center PhD Program in Sociology. For one thing, we are doing a hire for the first time in many years for a central line appointment at the Graduate Center. We have already interviewed Ariella Schacter and Jean Beaman, but please see the newsletter for the names, times and dates of our last two candidates and speakers – Onoso Imoagene (March 22nd) and Orly Clerge (March 29th). Please be sure to attend the talks if you possibly can in person or on line. It is a great opportunity for our PhD students to both obviously participate in the process and to get a sense of what job talks are like.

Also, we recently had an open house for admitted students and thanks to those of you who participate in this as well. Our featured speaker was Jamie McCallum – one of our alums -- on his new book **Essential** and a number of us thought Jamie was excellent analyzing labor related including organizing issues since and through the pandemic especially as these relate to the situation of many “essential” workers.

Speaking of open meetings, note from the newsletter also that Friday April 21st from 3 to 4:45 is our next colloquium which will feature Kathryn Edin and Tim Nelson from Princeton Sociology speaking about their new ethnographic work on stratification and poverty, and their travels in the Northeast researching their soon to be forthcoming book. This will be preceded by an open Executive Committee meeting of faculty and students from 1 to 2 p.m.

I am going to keep this relatively short for the following reason. A number of events are still being organized and I will be writing you separately about them -- most notably about a Qualitative Methods series that will, just for this semester (since a number of students having expressed strong interest in being exposed to more qualitative methods) comprise the majority of the PPSS (Professional Preparation Sociology Series) this term and even though there will also be a session on article and fellowship writing. You will hear more about this and other events, including workshops, from me, in later emails in the near future. But for now, I wanted to have the newsletter out and back in business for Spring 2023 as immediately as possible. Hope to see many of you in person and/or on zoom and please don't hesitate to contact any of us and to keep our multiple lines of communication open.

With warm regards as always, Lynn

Events, Colloquia & Workshops

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Open House for Admitted Students Speaker: Jamie McCallum (*11) 3:00-4:00pm	10 Colloquium: Monica Bell 3:00-5:00pm	11
12	13	14 Job Talk: Jean Beaman 2:30-4:00pm	15 Immigration Seminar: Arnfinn H. Midtbøen 4:30-6:30pm	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Job Talk: Onoso Imoagene 2:30-4:00pm	23	24 Book Talk: Jessica Hardie 3:00-5:00pm	25
26	27	28 QMSS Panel: RaúlPérez 6:00-8:00pm	29 Job Talk: Orly Clerge 2:30-4:00pm	30	31	1

<i>April 2023</i>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5 Spring Break	6 Spring Break	7 Spring Break	8
9	10 Spring Break	11 Spring Break	12 Spring Break	13 Spring Break	14 Spring Break	15
16	17	18	19 Immigration Seminar: Harald Bauder 4:30-6:00pm	20 Special Event: Jayne Mooney & Alex Vitale	21 Colloquium: Kathryn Edin & Timothy Nelson 3:00-5:00pm	22
23	24	25	26 Professional Preparation Sociology Series: TBA	27	28	29
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COLLOQUIA

Sociology Colloquia Series, April

Speaker: Kathryn Edin & Timothy Nelson

When: Friday, April 21st, 3:00-5:00pm

Where: Sociology Lounge 6112 or Zoom

Sociology Colloquia Series, May

Speaker: Loic Wacquant

When: Friday, May 12th, 3:00-5:00pm

Where: Sociology Lounge 6112 or Zoom

Immigration Seminar Series

Immigration Seminar Series, April

Speaker: Harold Bauder

When: Wednesday April 19th, 4:30-6:30pm

Where: Sociology Lounge 6112 or Zoom

EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

Job Talk

Speaker: Onoso Imoagene

When: Wednesday, March 22nd, 2:30-4:00pm

Where: Sociology Lounge 6112

Book Talk

Speaker: Jessica Hardie

When: Friday, March 24th, 3:00-5:00pm

Where: Sociology Lounge 6112

QMSS Panel

Speaker: Raúl Pérez

When: Tuesday, March 28th, 6:00-8:00pm

Where: Sociology Lounge 6112

Job Talk

Speaker: Orly Clerge

When: Wednesday, March 29th, 2:30-4:00pm

Where: Sociology Lounge 6112

Special Event

Speaker: Jayne Mooney & Alex Vitale

When: Thursday, April 20th

Where: Sociology Lounge 6112

Graduate Center Spotlight

◆ New Faculty

Jean Halley

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Jean Halley is a professor of sociology at the Graduate Center and the College of Staten Island of the City University of New York (CUNY). She earned her doctorate in sociology at the Graduate Center of CUNY, and her master's degree in theology at Harvard University. Her book about touching children, breastfeeding, children's sleep and contemporary childrearing advice, *Boundaries of Touch: Parenting and Adult-Child Intimacy* was published in July 2007 by the University of Illinois Press. She assisted Patricia Ticineto Clough in editing *The Affective Turn: Theorizing the Social* in 2007 (Duke University Press). Halley co-authored *Seeing White: An Introduction to White Privilege and Race* (Rowman and Littlefield) with Amy Eshleman and Ramya Vijaya in 2011 and a second edition in 2022. And Halley's memoir and social history of cattle ranching in the United States, *The Parallel Lives of Women and Cows: Meat Markets*, came out with Palgrave Macmillan in 2012. Halley and Eshleman published *Seeing Straight: An Introduction to Gender and Sexual Privilege* with Rowman and Littlefield (2017). By Ron Nerio and Halley, *The Roads to Hillbrow: Making Life in South Africa's Community of Migrants* is out in 2022 with Fordham University Press. Halley's book with the University of Georgia Press about girls who love horses, *Horse Crazy: Girls and the Lives of Horses*, came out in 2019. She and her horse grew up in the Rocky Mountains. Today she lives in New York City.



Ryan A. Smith

Ryan A. Smith's areas of research include the causes and consequences of race, ethnic and gender stratification at work, racial attitudes in America, and the functional use of religion during times of existential crises. His research has appeared in *American Behavioral Scientist*; *American Sociological Review*; *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*; *Annual Review of Sociology*; *Du Bois Review*; *Religions*; *Review of Religious Research*; *Social Currents*; *Social Forces*; *Social*



Problems; Social Science Research; Sociological Quarterly; and Work and Occupations.

Dr. Smith has served on the editorial board of Social Problems and has been a reviewer for Administrative Science Quarterly, American Sociological Review, Work and Occupations, Human Resource Management Journal, Law and Society Review, Rutgers University Press, and the National Science Foundation. He is a frequent guest lecturer, workshop facilitator, moderator, panelists and consultant to numerous nonprofit, for-profit and government agencies on a variety of issues pertaining to diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace, the role of race in America, and social policies designed to increase equality of opportunity at work.

Dr. Smith is a former Scholar in Residence at the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research at Harvard University. He also served as the Lillie and Nathan Ackerman Chair of Social Justice at the Marxe School of Public and International Affairs at Baruch (2012 – 2015). He received his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California, Los Angeles, his M.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and his B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania.

◆ New Courses 2023

Soc.81100: Dissertation Proposal Development Seminar

Profs. Van Tran/Julia Wrigley

This seminar provides an opportunity to develop a dissertation research project that will result in a complete draft of your dissertation proposal. In this seminar, you will formulate a research project, develop a theoretical argument, design a research strategy, propose a data collection plan, and present your proposal in a precise and compelling narrative form. By the end of the semester, you will be expected to have your draft of the dissertation proposal.

This seminar is designed with three objectives in mind. First, it will guide students through the process of producing a high-quality dissertation proposal. Second, it will provide a writing space and structure for students to work on their dissertation proposals. Third, we will discuss the challenges in the research and writing process as well as practical strategies for navigating them.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

Vera-CUNY Graduate Center Summer Fellowship 2023

Deadline: March 17, 2023

Application link and more information can be found [here](#).

The Vera Institute of Justice and CUNY Graduate Center invite applications for Summer Fellows who will be based in Vera's New York City office. These \$4,000 fellowships will be offered to Graduate Center Ph.D. students from any program with research interests in criminal or immigration justice and the work of the Vera Institute. The primary responsibilities of the award winners will be to collaborate with researchers in one of Vera's 4 centers or programs on research relating to a specific project, including but not limited to data collection, analysis, fieldwork, report writing, stakeholder engagement, and dissemination.

Fellowship recipients will work with their assigned initiative for 120 hours over the summer of 2023. While there is some flexibility in remote working, fellows will be expected to work onsite at Vera's offices in Sunset Park Brooklyn for at least 60 hours over the course of the summer in line with Vera's hybrid schedule. In addition, recipients will be required to attend a welcome reception at the beginning of the fellowship, to do a brief presentation on their work at the end of the summer and write a blog post about their experiences before the end of the Fall 2023 semester.

2023-2024 Graduate Student Public Humanities Fellowship

Deadline: March 20, 2023

Application link and more information can be found [here](#).

Humanities New York and its nine partner universities, comprising the Humanities Centers Initiative, invite grant proposals from advanced graduate students in support of public programming and projects. Grant proposals for projects that are underway or already in development are highly encouraged. Projects may be collaborations between two or more students; however, the application should designate one as the project director. Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously been awarded the Humanities New York Public Humanities Fellowship. All projects must be public-facing in some way: intended for public audiences, engaging members of the public as collaborators, or partnering with community groups. Projects of any format or type will be considered; however, projects that engage with issues of social justice and equity are particularly welcome. Grantees will also have the opportunity to take part in workshops and networking events held by the HCI partners, designed to introduce them to different skillsets and to experts of the public humanities, in order to enrich their practice.

2023-2024 Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness Fellows Program

Deadline: March 24, 2023

[The Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness \(OIRE\)](#) is seeking two Research Analysts for its Fellowship Program. OIRE is an administrative unit within the Provost's Office at the GC. It provides leadership in the areas of

institutional effectiveness, data analytics, student learning assessment, program evaluation, and regional accreditation. The OIRE Fellows Program provides vital support to the office. We seek applicants with experience, skills, and/or strong interest in working in the areas of data analytics, research, assessment, and/or higher education administration.

All full-time doctoral students in good academic standing are eligible to apply. Students holding one of the GC's multi-year fellowships and tuition fellowships are also welcome to apply. Effective with the Fall 2023 semester, this OIRE graduate fellowship requires fellows to work a total of 450 non-teaching hours during the academic year (15 hours/week).

Compensation for the fellowship will be a minimum of \$27,374 for the academic year. Fellows will be appointed to the Graduate Center payroll as Graduate Assistant Bs (GAB) at their own current rate and receive a Provost's Award in the amount of \$14,159 that will pay through the Office of Financial Aid. The GAB title provides eligibility to purchase the low-cost NYSHIP health insurance as well as in-state tuition remission for fellows who are within their first 10 registered semesters of doctoral study. Fellows who are past their 10 registered semesters of doctoral study will be eligible to receive in-state tuition remission at the Level 3 rate as per the new PSC- CUNY contract (this benefit provides for this tuition remission for a maximum of 4 semesters past the student's 10th registered semester).

To apply, please submit your application to institutionalresearch@gc.cuny.edu. Include a CV (no more than 4 pages), and a brief cover letter (no more than 1 page) describing your interest, skills, and relevant experience for the position. Please indicate in your subject line "OIRE Fellows Program".

2023 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowships

Deadline: March 28, 2023 5pm

Application link and more information can be found [here](#).

The Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program (DDRA) funds dissertation level doctoral students to conduct research in modern foreign languages and area studies for periods of 6 to 12 months. This program is sponsored by the U. S. Department of Education (ED) and is not related to the IIE Fulbright program. The Fulbright-Hays DDRA Program is for students who intend to conduct dissertation research outside of the United States and Western Europe, and is of particular interest to students in the social sciences and humanities. Students must be US Citizens or Permanent Residents to be eligible.

The application and additional information is available through the department of education website at: <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpsddrap/applicant.html>. Applications are submitted through the G5 website: <http://www.g5.gov/>. Please note that because Fulbright-Hays awards are granted to students through their educational institutions, all applications must be submitted to the Graduate Center's Provost Office prior to being submitted electronically to the Department of Education. Given the timing of the current application period, the Graduate Center's internal deadline will be Tuesday, March 28, 2023 5:00 p.m. in order to allow for proper review and assembly of applications prior to the Education Department's transmittal deadline of April 11.

2023 GC Digital Fellowship

Deadline: March 28, 2023

Application link and more information can be found [here](#).

GC Digital Initiatives is searching for new doctoral students to join our dynamic team. 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. In fact, the GC Digital Fellows are twice-recognized by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for their digital pedagogy and in the next two years will work with a research team to develop new workshops for GC students that will also be used nationally.

Graduate Center doctoral students at any level are eligible to apply, and we encourage applications from women and gender minorities and BIPOC. We hope to add strength to our program in graphic and web design, Python, and mapping; however, this is not an exhaustive list. We encourage those with other skills and interests to also apply.

2023-24 CUNY Humanities Alliance Fellowships

Deadline: April 4, 2023

Application link and more information can be found [here](#).

This fellowship requires reflection, flexibility, collegiality, and willingness to engage in educational support activities that lay crucial foundations for community college students' learning, thriving, and success. It offers an ideal opportunity for Graduate Center students committed to public higher education, social justice, thinking about the humanities in community college contexts, and supporting CUNY undergraduates. Fellows can expect to strengthen their skills in pedagogy, programmatic support, project management, leadership, events planning, and community building that will serve them in a wide range of career pathways. Graduate fellows will be assigned to work with one of four campus partners. Fellows will also have opportunities to connect and collaborate with the Graduate Center's Teaching and Learning Center, The Futures Initiative, and other partners throughout the CUNY system. CUNY Humanities Alliance Fellowships offer annual compensation of approximately \$29,000 (or more, depending on prior service or appointment history with the Graduate Center). All applicants must be a full time Graduate Center doctoral student, in good academic standing, and entering years 3-5 of study in Fall 2023.

2023-2024 Future Initiative Graduate Fellowships

Deadline: April 5, 2023

Application link and more information can be found [here](#).

The Futures Initiative is seeking applications from Graduate Center doctoral students in any field for a 2023-2024 fellowships. Doctoral Fellows are at the heart of the Futures Initiative, and the work we do is designed to support our mission and the professional goals of every Fellow. Our past Fellows have gone on to do meaningful, inspiring work, both in the academy and beyond. Futures Initiative Fellowships offer a minimum total compensation of approximately \$29,374 for the academic year. The FI Fellowship has two components: a graduate assistant B appointment and a financial aid fellowship.

There are five new openings: Web Content Manager, Fellow-in-Residence HASTAC Scholars Co-Director RA to FI Founder & Faculty Co-Chair, Cathy N. Davidson RA to FI Faculty Member Outreach Manager. Graduate Center doctoral students may apply for more than one position. Applicants who have previously applied to FI without an accepted offer are welcome to re-apply. Doctoral students who have backgrounds underrepresented in the academy are especially encouraged to apply.

Rati's Brag Wagon

Showcasing the accomplishments of our students, alumni, and faculty

Appointments, Awards and Honors

Juliana de Castro Galvão

Accepted a postdoc offer at Oxford University. She will defend her dissertation titled "Lasting Inequalities: Gender Earning Inequality across Generations, Period and Countries" in March 2023 with her dissertation committee: Janet Gonick (chair), Paul Attewell, Mary Clare Lennon, and Leslie McCall.

Josephine Barnett

Was awarded the Graduate Center's Advanced Certificate in Film Studies

Leslie McCall (Faculty) and Alexandra Ravenelle ('18)

Were named Russell Sage Foundation Visiting Scholars for next year. Check out the GC news to learn more about their research projects: "[Two Professors and an Alumna Named Russell Sage Foundation Scholars](#)"

Talks/Interviews/Op-Ed/Etc.

Richard Alba (Faculty Emeritus)

Was covered by GC News titled "[An Immigration and Race Scholar Who Bucks Conventional Thought](#)" celebrating his scholarship and influence as a scholar, teacher, colleague and friend.

Marina Lazreg (Faculty)

Was interviewed by New Books Network on the paperback edition of "[Foucault's Orient: The Conundrum of cultural Difference from Tunisia to Japan](#)" on February 10, 2023

Publications

Janet Gonick (Faculty)

Co-published an article titled "[The Persistence of the Gender Earnings Gap: Cohort Trends and the Role of Education in Twelve Countries](#)" with Eyal Bar-Haim, Louis Chauvel and Anne Hartung in *Social Indicators Research*

Philip Kasinitz (Faculty)

Published an article titled "[Global Commerce, Immigration and Diversity: a New York Story](#)" in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*

Cristine Khan

Published an article titled "[Searching for Boxes to Check: Constructing Boundaries of Second-Generation Indo-Caribbean Identity through Community Initiatives](#)" in *Social Identities* (Nov 22, 2022)

Jean Halley (Faculty)

Published two books:

- Ron Nerio and Jean Halley. *The Roads to Hillbrow: [Making Life in South Africa's Community of Migrants](#)*. New York, NY: Fordham University Press, 2022.
- Jean Halley, Amy Eshleman and Ramya Mahadevan Vijaya. *Seeing White: An Introduction to White Privilege and Race*. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2011; second edition, 2022.

Qiyao Pan

Published an article titled "[Mortality Patterns in Romania 2000-2015: Infant Mortality, Adult Mortality and Causes of Death](#)" in *Romanian Journal of Population Studies* (Issue 2, 2022)

Liza Steele (Faculty) and Nga Than

Co-published an article titled "[Attitudes about Refugees and Immigrants Arriving in the United States: A Conjoint Experiment](#)" with Lamis Abdelaaty in *Racial and Ethnic Studies* (Jan 9, 2023)

Kasey Zapatka ('22) and Juliana de Castro Galvao

Co-published a paper titled "[Affordable Regulation: New York City Rent Stabilization as Housing Affordability Policy](#)" in *City and Community* (October 2022)

Alumni News

Emily Campbell ('20)

Published two articles:

- "[Contesting Deaths' Despair: Local Public Religion, Radical Welcome and Community Health in the Overdose Crisis, Massachusetts, USA](#)" in *Open Theology*
- "[The Drug War Turns 50](#)" in *Contexts*.

She is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the SNF Agora Institute at Johns Hopkins University.

Benjamin Haber ('17)

Accepted tenure-track assistant professor position at Wesleyan University

Talha İşsevenler ('22)

Published an article titled "[An event-without-witness: a Nietzschean theory of the digital will to power as the will to temporalize](#)" in *The Agonist* (2022)

Tsedale Melaku ('16)

Published an article titled "[Black Women in White Academe: A Qualitative Analysis of Heightened Inclusion Tax](#)" in *Ethnic and Racial Studies* (07 Dec 2022)

Doug Meyer ('11)

Published a book [*Violent Differences: The Importance of Race in Sexual Assault against Queer Men*](#) (University of California Press, 2022)

Karen Okigbo ('21)

Will be joining the University of Massachusetts-Boston department of sociology as a tenure-track assistant professor in fall 2023, after holding a two-year postdoctoral research position at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy. Nancy Foner was her dissertation advisor, and the other members of her committee were Richard Alba, Phil Kasinitz, and Rob Smith.

Stephen Ruszczyk ('15)

Published an article titled "[The Spatial Mobility Trap? How Urban Contexts Shape the Spatial Mobility of Male Undocumented Youths](#)" in *Sociological Forum* (Nov 28, 2022)

Mara Getz Sheftel ('21)

"Immigrant wealth stratification and return migration: The case of Mexican immigrants in the US during the 20th Century," a chapter from Mara's dissertation, was accepted for publication in *Demography*

Albert de la Tierra ('22)

Joined San Francisco State University as a tenure-track assistant professor. He defended his dissertation titled "Carceral Calisthenics: Physical Culture in the Hood" in 2022. His dissertation committee are: David Brotherton (chair), Lynn Chancer, Lucia Trimbur, Jayne Mooney, Kathryn Henne.

Anna Zhelnina ('20)

Published an article titled "[Making Urban Futures at Your Kitchen Table: Temporalities of an Urban Renewal Controversy in Moscow](#)" in *City & Community* (Nov 14, 2022)