

The Graduate Center's **SOCIOLOGICAL IMAGINATION**

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(April 28, 2023 - Prof. Mary Clare Lennon's retirement event)

Hi everyone –

It's Lynn, writing with our second and last edition of *The Sociological Imagination* this semester. I wish to immediately thank our newsletter 'team' which 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). As always, please don't hesitate to contact us with any information and news items as we can continue what you send us into next fall's semester .

I can't believe how fast this semester has gone, and there are still a number of events I want to be sure to tell you about. First, please come to our end of the year colloquium tomorrow Friday, May 12th. This is a "Meet and Greet Consortial Faculty" which will introduce our last six admitted doctoral faculty to other faculty and students: Jean Halley, Howard Lune, Ryan Smith, Liza Steele, Alex Vitale and Michael Yarbrough. Unfortunately, Ryan Smith can't be with us in person but we will show a video of Ryan's research and hear from Jean, Howard, Liza, Alex, and Michael tomorrow. We hope this is a nice way to introduce new faculty to students and other new faculty and, as usual, the event will be hybrid. And PLEASE come to our reception afterward which, in addition to the Rati Brag Wagon items reported here, will feature food and drink and celebration of our students and faculty.

Also, as many of you know, we have had a Qualitative Methods Lunchtime Series on zoom this semester that has comprised the majority of the PPSS (Professional Preparation Sociology Series) this term. We already had a session with Wendy Lutrell on Visual sociology, one with Anna Gjika on mixed qualitative methods, and another with Erica Chito Childs on focus groups. Two more sessions are coming up in the next week with Brittany Fox-Williams on her own mixed qualitative methods research and with Tamara Rose on ethnography. An advantage of these lunchtime sessions are that they are both substantive in providing background of how our faculty have used qualitative methods while allowing the 8 to 10 students who have been showing up each time to ask questions about their own work and how they might apply a given method (or methods) to the projects they are or plan to work on.

I wanted to also tell you that I will be having chair office hours on Wednesday May 17th on zoom from 12 to 2pm and also on Tuesday May 23rd from 10 to 12. I will be in my office in person if anyone wants to stop by but will also be on zoom if you prefer to chat remotely.

Please don't hesitate to drop by if you get a chance.

Warm regards, Lynn

Events, Colloquia & Workshops

May 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Colloquium 3:00-5:00pm Sociology Lounge 6112 or Zoom	13
14	15	16	17 Mixed Qualitative Methods Brittany Fox Williams 12:00-1:15pm Zoom	18 Doing Ethnographic Research Tamara Mose 12:00-1:15pm Zoom	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

COLLOQUIA

Sociology Colloquia Series, May

Speaker: Jean Halley, Howard Lune, Ryan Smith, Liza Steele, Alex Vitale, and Michael Yarbrough

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

Where: Sociology Lounge 6112 or Zoom

EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

Speaker: Brittany Fox Williams, Lehman College and the GC

When: 5/17 12:00-1:15pm

Where: [Zoom](#)

Speaker: Tamara Mose, Brooklyn College and the GC

When: 5/18 12:00-1:15pm

Where: [Zoom](#)

Rati's Brag Wagon

Showcasing the accomplishments of our students, alumni, and faculty

Appointments

Duygu Basaran Sahin

Accepted a postdoc offer at RAND (Postdoctoral Training Program in the Study of Aging) and started her position in April. Duygu defended her dissertation titled “Older Adults in the Great Recession: Labor Force Transitions, Perceived Workplace Ageism and Life Satisfaction” in March. Her dissertation committee are: Richard Alba (chair), Paul Attewell, Mary Clare Lennon, and Deborah Carr.

Juan Cruz Ferre

Accepted a postdoc offer at the Program in Latin American Studies (PLAS) at Princeton University, starting this coming Fall. After one year, he will take a position of Assistant Professor at the Sociology & Anthropology Department of Rowan University. Juan will defend his dissertation titled “The Promise of Universalism, Deferred: Social Policy in 21st Century Latin America” in July. His dissertation committee are: Ruth Milkman (chair), Janet Gornick, Charlie Post, Jeffrey Webber, and Paula Varela.

Janina Selzer

Accepted a visiting assistant professor offer at Hamilton College. Janina will defend her dissertation on May 12. Her dissertation committee are: Philip Kasinitz (chair), Thomas Feist, Greg Smithsimon, Van Tran, and Michaela Soyer.

Awards & Honors

Kasey Zapatka ('23)

Will be featured in the [GC Dissertation Showcase](#) on May 17th, 2023

2023-2024 Dissertation Fellowship Recipients

- Bonnie Ip, Dissertation Year Fellowship (\$25,000)
- Angela LaScala-Gruenewald, Altman Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)
- Marianne Madore, Gittell Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)
- Zachary Del Rosso, Garth Dissertation Fellowship (\$10,000)
- Nicholas Rodrigo, Dissertation Year Award (\$10,000)
- Lorraine Torres Colon, Dissertation Year Award (\$10,000)

2022-2023 Early Research Initiative Awards Recipients

- Angela LaScala-Gruenewald, American Studies Archival Award (\$4,000)
- Andrew Shapiro, American Studies Archival Award (\$4,000)
- Brian Mercado, Public Research Summer Award (\$4,000)
- Nicholas Rodrigo, Public Research Summer Award (\$4,000)
- Brittany Suh, Connect New York Research Award (\$4,000)

2022-2023 Black, Race and Ethnic Studies (BRES) Fellowship Recipients

- Cristine Khan (Doctoral Fellow)
- Kristen Miller (Doctoral Fellow)
- Diana Yung-Yi Pan (Research Faculty Fellow)
- Margaret Chin (Curriculum Development Faculty Fellow)
- Richard Ocejo (Curriculum Development Faculty Fellow)
- John Torpey (Curriculum Development Faculty Fellow)

2022-2023 Provost's Digital Innovation Grant Recipients

- Yu-Jhen Chen (\$1,000)
- Qiyao Pan (\$1,000)

Zachary Del Rosso

Was awarded 2023-2024 Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness (OIRE) Fellowship

Sasha Isaac

Was awarded 2023-2024 CUNY Humanities Alliance Fellowship (\$29,000) and Future Initiative's Equity & Social Justice Grant (\$500)

Joseph van der Naald

Was awarded 2023-2024 [Center for Engaged Scholarship Dissertation Fellowship](#) (\$30,000)

Publications

Margaret Chin (Faculty)

Published an article titled "[Asian American Experiences in the Workplace](#)" in *Data Bits*

Jack Hammond (Faculty)

Published an article titled "[Tax the Rich, Because Inequality Is Bad for All of Us](#)" in *Jacobin*

Elisabeth Lackner

Published an article titled "[Community College Student Persistence During the COVID-19 Crisis of Spring 2020](#)" in *Community College Review*

Kevin Morris

Co-published two articles:

- "[Contested Killings: The Mobilizing Effects of Community Contact with Police Violence](#)" in *American Political Science Review* with Kelsey Shoub
- "[Ticketing and Turnout: How Policing for Profit Shapes Democratic Participation](#)" *American Political Science Review* in *American Political Science Review* with Jonathan Ben-Menachem

Joseph van der Naald and Janet Gornick (Faculty)

Co-Published an article titled "[Poverty Reduction through Federal and State Policy Mechanisms: Variation over Time and across the United States](#)" in *Social Service Review*

Talks/Interviews/Op-Ed/Etc.

Alex Vitale (Faculty)

- Was mentioned in New York Times article "[The Black Artists Claiming More Space Than Ever Before](#)"
- Appeared in the high-profile [national convening on police accountability and community](#) event at National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis
- Wrote [Testimony to the NY City Council Public Safety Committee](#)
- Participated in a taped debate with Harvard Sociologist Adaner Usmani arguing against the hiring of 500,000 additional police. It is addressed in his co-authored article "[Why More Cops Are the Last Thing We Need](#)" with Alec Karakatsanis of Civil Rights Corp

Alumni News

Andréa Becker ('22)

Will publish a new book *Unchoosable: Hysterectomy, Gender and Stratified Reproduction* (NYU Press, 2024)

Natascia Boeri ('16)

Received ASA Travel Award for Teaching

Melissa Ditmore ('02)

Published a new book [Unbroken Chains: The Hidden Role of Human Trafficking in the American Economy](#) (Beacon Press, May 2023). She also has two NYC events coming up, a launch May 1st at WORD Brooklyn in Greenpoint, and an event with Alex Vitale May 18th at P&T Knitwear on the lower east side.

Anna Gjika ('20)

Published a new book [*When Rape Goes Viral: Youth and Sexual Assault in the Digital Age*](#) (UC Press, December 2023)

Robin Isserles ('02)

Gave a book talk on [*The Cost of Completion: Student Success in Community College*](#) organized by CUNY Academy for the Humanities and the Sciences at Sociology Lounge on May 5, 2023.

Mitchell Alan Kaplan ('88)

Published an article titled "[The Rise in Anti-Asian Racism and Xenophobia in the Time of COVID-19](#)" in *Journal of Hate Studies*

Mara Getz Sheftel ('20)

Published three articles:

- "[Immigrant Wealth Stratification and Return Migration: The Case of Mexican Immigrants in the United States During the Twentieth Century](#)" in *Demography*
- "[The Role of Place of Birth and Residence in Puerto Rican Health Disparities: Evidence From Disability Prevalence Among Archipelago- Vs. Mainland-Born Puerto Ricans](#)" in *Journal of Aging and Health* with Frank Heiland
- "[Health Across Borders: A Crossnational Comparison of Immigrant Health in Europe](#)" in *Population Research and Policy Review* with Rachel Margolis and Ashton M. Verdery

Alexandra Ravenelle ('18)

- Published a new book [*Side Hustle Safety Net: How Vulnerable Workers Survive Precarious Times*](#) (UC Press, October 2023)
- Co-published an article titled "[It's Not Like Chasing Chanel: Spending Time, Investing in the Self, and Pandemic Epiphanies](#)" in *Work and Occupations* with Ken Cai Kowalski

CalvinJohn Smiley ('14)

Published a new book [*Purgatory Citizenship: Reentry, Race and Abolition*](#) (UC Press, May 2023), which is listed #1 in Sociology New Releases on Amazon.

Sebastian Villamizar Santamaria ('22)

- Will be Associate Editor at *Nature Cities*, a new journal focused on urban research from the *Nature* umbrella of journals
- Has a book contract with Springer based on his dissertation, which will likely come out in early 2024