UNLV Sociology enjoyed another very exciting and productive year. Throughout this fourth annual UNLV Sociology Newsletter, you will read about some truly outstanding and wide-ranging faculty, staff, and student accomplishments. Our activities demonstrate resolute commitment to educating students, advancing sociological research, and serving our community. I feel very honored and grateful to work with such a smart, congenial, and conscientious group of people. I am impressed, each day, with the intellectual seriousness, practical importance, and good will demonstrated in all we do.

After our stellar previous year on the hiring front, we were happy to settle in with our newest colleagues, Dr. Courtney Carter, Dr. Cassaundra Rodriguez, Dr. Tirth Bhatta, and Dr. Liz Lawrence. They are all proving themselves as serious scholars with research agendas that probe timely and important issues of our time. Our graduate and undergraduate students have certainly benefitted from their expertise with courses in...
statistical methods, race and ethnicity, and health inequalities. And, their thoughtful involvement in university, college, and departmental matters will further strengthen us for many years to come.

In the following pages, you’ll see evidence of our department’s rich scholarship and stellar teaching. Some accomplishments highlight faculty books, articles, and research grants. Others demonstrate some of UNLV’s and NSHE’s highest faculty research and teaching awards. Our graduate students also have an impressive record on the awards front, garnering top university honors and research support for their outstanding work. Equally impressive is our faculty and graduate students’ prolific public sociology, which takes the form of media interviews, essays and blogs, report writing, consultations, and community-based research. These activities reflect our timely and insightful high-quality work on today’s major public issues.

We continue to build an invigorating *esprit de corps* through activities such as our brown bag lecture series and University Forum speakers that bring scholars from around the university and around the world to our department. Our annual Open House draws more than 250 undergraduate students into our department each Fall semester to explore sociology over lunch and in fun informal conversations with faculty and graduate students.

There’s an ever-increasing amount of vital daily work needed to keep the department’s wheels turning. I deeply appreciate Pam Weiss and Connie Dye’s abilities to manage our office activities so well. They are an invaluable team. I’m also indebted to our Executive Committee—Dr. Barb Brents, Dr. Micheal Borer, and Dr. Andrew Spivak for their hard work and invaluable advice during the year. Likewise, our graduate representatives—Chris Wakefield and Jennifer Stevens gave us vital insight from the graduate students’ perspective.

We all had mixed feelings about Dr. Anna Smedley-López’s promotion to the Director of Student and Community Engagement for UNLV’s College of Liberal Arts. We’re very happy for her well-deserved move to the Dean’s Office, but we sure do miss her insights, energy, and contributions to our department. We also give our best wishes to Dean Chris Heavey as he moves into UNLV’s Senior Vice-Provost position. We have appreciated his strong support for Sociology and the College during the last two years. Fortunately, he leaves the College in excellent hands as our close colleague, Sociology Professor Jennifer Keene takes over as Interim Dean. We’re very happy to see the College of Liberal Arts leadership retain this important continuity.

Finally, an enormous thanks to Dr. Georgiann Davis for producing our newsletter. She somehow finds the time to put this publication together in the midst of all her other important activities and we are all immensely grateful for it.

Happy reading!

Robert
FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Cassandra Rodriguez received a Pop-Up Research and Scholarship grant from the University of Michigan’s National Center for Institutional Diversity (NCID).

Kerie Francis received the 2018 Alex G. and Faye Spanos Distinguished Teaching Award.

Dmitri Shalin received the 2018 CSUN Faculty Award.


Ranita Ray, as co-PI, received a $747,026 grant from the National Science Foundation (PI: Dr. Daniel Gerry, UNLV). She was also selected for a competitive Summer Fellowship at Rutgers University’s Racial Democracy, Crime, and Justice Network. She also published her second book, *The Making of a Teenage Service Class: Poverty and Mobility in an American City.*
FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Georgiann Davis was awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor. She was also elected as Council Member for the Sex and Gender Section of the American Sociological Association and received the 2018 Nevada Regents’ Rising Researcher Award.

Michael Ian Borer accepted an invitation to serve as the Editor of the Culture Section for the peer-reviewed journal Sociology Compass.

From the newsletter editor, Dr. Georgiann Davis

Top 5 reasons I enjoy serving as our newsletter editor.

5. Our department is doing exciting things across the college, university, and discipline, and I want to shout all of it to the world!

4. Many academics have mixed feelings about self-promotion—that is sharing your professional accomplishments on social media, blogs, and the like. Some feel it is a form of entitlement, while others feel it is the way of today’s academic world. I have complicated feelings about self-promotion, but I feel strongly about promoting the work of others.

3. I like to procrastinate from my “real” work. Don’t worry, though. I assure you I’m still productive!

2. By creating our department’s newsletter, I have something tangible to share with my professional networks, prospective graduate students, potential majors, and most importantly, my mother.

. . . and the number one reason I enjoy serving as our newsletter editor?

1. I’m sure to include *only* my best pictures. HA HA HA

Thank you so much to this year’s Technology and Communications Committee for their editorial assistance: Dr. Cassaundra Rodriguez and Dr. Dmitri Shalin. And thank you to Dr. Christie Batson for her creativity with this volume.
Sociologist, and UNLV College of Liberal Arts Executive Associate Dean, Jennifer Keene received UNLV’s Educational Outreach Faculty Excellence Award. Effective August 2018, Dr. Keene will serve as Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Sociologist Anna Smedley-López, Assistant Professor in Residence, was promoted to the Director of Student and Community Engagement for UNLV’s College of Liberal Arts.

Sociologist, and UNLV’s Executive Director of the International Gaming Institute, Bo Bernhard received the Harry Reid Silver State Research Award.

Sociologist, and Interim Dean of the Graduate College, Kathryn Hausbeck Korgan, and Sociology Doctoral Candidate, and Executive Director of Graduate Student Services, Valarie Burke received a $50,000 grant from the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) to participate in an Understanding Ph.D. Career Pathways for Program Improvement project, a multi-institution effort to collect and analyze data on Ph.D. career pathways in STEM and humanities fields. They are pictured with their co-PIs, Associate Dean Emily Lin and Postdoctoral Scholar Katelyn DiBenedetto.
THE 2017 UNLV SOCIOLOGY OPEN HOUSE
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A CONVERSATION WITH DR. COURTNEY CARTER

Georgiann Davis sat down with Courtney Carter to discuss, among other things, her research and favorite Vegas Valley spot. Enjoy!

GD: When did you join UNLV Sociology?
CC: Fall 2017

GD: What research are you currently working on?
CC: I'm preparing a manuscript proposal based on my dissertation research. The book will explore how race, specifically blackness, is contested at a Historically Black College/University.

GD: If you could have dinner with any social theorist (alive or otherwise), who would you choose? Anything in particular you would discuss with this theorist?
CC: Adia Harvey Wingfield. Discuss publishing tips. Also ask her how she negotiates access to research sites.

GD: What's one of your favorite spots in the Vegas Valley? Restaurant, department store, coffee shop, etc. What do you love about the spot?
CC: Monta Ramen. The best ramen in the city.

GD: What courses do you regularly teach for UNLV Sociology?
CC: I teach race, social problems courses. I plan to prep a course on race in education as well.

GD: I know you grew up in Chicago. Do you miss the snow?
CC: Miss the cold? I’ve always disliked cold weather, snow, and ice so I don’t miss Chicago at all.

GD: Are you a MAC or PC person?
CC: I have a Mac, but I don’t like to think of myself as a Mac person.
BEST OF THE LAS VEGAS VALLEY
ACCORDING TO UNLV SOCIOLOGY

On our department FB page and various department email lists, we distributed an anonymous survey asking those with past or present affiliation with UNLV Sociology to identify their favorite spots across the Las Vegas Valley.

What’s your favorite Vegas Valley...

Burger  Thai  Happy hour  Pizza

Guest spot  Dessert  Show

Coffee  Movie theater  Brunch
Nicole Jenkins received the 2018 James Frey Scholarship and Jean Nidetch Scholarship. She also passed her comprehensive area exam in Urban Studies in April 2018 and defended her dissertation prospectus and advanced to PhD Candidacy in May 2018.

Vanessa Núñez successfully defended her professional paper, “La Lucha Sigue: Making the Case for Institutional Support of Undocu/DACAmented Students in Higher Education.” She also successfully passed her comprehensive exam in the area of Social Movements. In addition, Vanessa, her Principal Investigator, Dr. Anna Smedley-López, and her community partners from the UndocuNetwork, presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.

Marta Soligo presented at the 7th Ethnography and Qualitative Research Conference at the University of Bergamo in Italy. She also delivered a guest lecture in a Visual Semiotics class at the University of Turin in Italy. And she made it to the finals of the third UNLV Graduate Showcase that will take place in October. She will present her research during UNLV Research Week.

Korey Tillman received the department’s Public Sociology Award for the work that he does with the homeless and a grassroots organization working to end mass incarceration. He was also the recipient of the 2018-2019 Patricia Sastaunik Scholarship.

Erick López defended his doctoral dissertation prospectus titled, “Acculturation and Health Behaviors among Adult Latinos in the U.S.” Erick López was selected to participate in the Inaugural UNLV Grad Rebel Writing Boot Camp.

Josiah Kidwell presented at the 7th Ethnography and Qualitative Research Conference at the University of Bergamo in Italy. He also delivered a guest lecture in visual semiotics at the University of Turin in Italy.
GRADUATE STUDENT SUCCESS

Jennifer J. Reed was awarded a 2018 UNLV Graduate College Summer Doctoral Research Fellowship. She appeared on Viceland TV in season 1, episode 9 of Slutever discussing her Ph.D. dissertation research on ecosexuality. Reed also served as a media consultant to Maggie Gyllenhaal for HBO’s new television series about the rise of the porn industry in New York City beginning in the 1970s, The Deuce.

Genevieve Minter defended her dissertation prospectus entitled, “Stigmatizing Sin City Bully Culture: Pit Bull Pariahs?”

Jason Scott was awarded a Summer Doctoral Research Fellowship for the second consecutive year. He was also a recipient of the 2018-2019 Patricia Sastaunik Scholarship.


Celine Ayala placed 2nd at UNLV’s Rebel’s Grad Slam. She also received the Departments Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award and successfully defended her masters thesis in the Spring of 2018. Celine Ayala also gave a TEDx talk on her work on the Las Vegas street car scene in the summer of 2018.

Aiemie Pace presented her thesis entitled “Privileged Addicts Get Medical Treatment While Everyone Else Gets God: The Influence of Marginalization on Addiction Treatment” at The Pacific Sociological Association. She was also the recipient of the Best Graduate Thesis Award from the Sociology Department of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

Bridget Cowan Longoria successfully passed her comprehensive examination in Social Psychology.
GRADUATE STUDENT SUCCESS

Jonathan Jiménez defended his masters paper entitled “Emerging: Trans Youth and the Path to Adulthood.” He also co-received the department’s Outstanding Graduate Paper Award.

Chris Wakefield defended their master’s paper entitled “Queering Essentialism: Medicalization Practices and Beliefs of Transition Specialty Providers.” They also successfully passed their comprehensive examination in gender and sexuality.

The newly minted Dr. Matthew M. LeClaire defended his dissertation entitled, “School Bullying: Exploring Juvenile Victimization Trends with the National Crime Victimization Survey – School Crime Supplement (NCVS-SCS),” on April 5, 2018. (Chair: Spivak). He will begin as Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at Coppin State University in Baltimore. Matt also received first place from the University Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award!

The newly minted Dr. Denise N. Cook defended her dissertation, entitled "Worked to Leisure: The Intersections of Volunteerism, Work, and Leisure," on November 13, 2017. (Chair: Spivak). Denise is a fellow at the Corporation for National and Community Service (https://www.nationalservice.gov/) in Washington, D.C.

The newly minted Dr. Steven N. Pace defended his dissertation titled, "Assessing the Potential for Backfire Effects on Citizen Perceptions: A Test of Place-Based Policing in Las Vegas" on April 6, 2018. (Co-chairs: Spivak & Batson). Steven is a FBI Special Agent at the FBI Las Vegas, NV field office.

The newly minted Dr. Rachel Mcfarlane defended her dissertation entitled, “Fathers’ Caregiving in Fragile Families: A Longitudinal Analysis by Race and Ethnicity, Family Contexts, and Gender Ideology” on April 3, 2018. (Co-chairs: Batson & Davis). Rachel is a Las Vegas Field Office Case Worker for the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada’s Child Care Development Fund.

Jennifer Stevens successfully passed her comprehensive examination in Culture.
GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS
THE 2017-18 UNLV SOCIOLOGY BROWN BAG LECTURE SERIES

As organizer of the department brown bag lecture series, Dr. Ranita Ray put together a phenomenal series of speakers who spoke on a wide range of topics from educational inequalities to migration. Several speakers were brought in from outside of the area thanks to funding from various departments and the University Forum—a public lecture series sponsored and funded by UNLV’s College of Liberal Arts, the College of Liberal Arts Dean’s Associates, and the Marjorie Barrick Museum Lecture Series.

In the 2017-18 brown bag lectures series, we heard from:

Nicole Jenkins
UNLV Sociology Graduate Student
Title: Contested Identities: African Diaspora and Identity Making in a Hair Braiding Salon.

Dr. Bandana Purkayastha
Professor of Sociology and Asian American Studies, University of Connecticut
Title: Connecting Circles of Research/Activists Knowledge: Violence and Migration in the 21st Century.

Dr. David Orentlicher
The Cobeaga Law Firm Professor of Law and co-director of the UNLV Health Law Program at UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law
Title: Economic Inequality and College Admissions Policies.

Dr. Norma A. Marrun
Assistant Professor in the Department of Teaching and Learning at UNLV

Dr. Brendan Burchell
Reader in the Social Sciences in the Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge
Title: Small Businesses, Families and Entrepreneurship: A Sociological Study.

Bridget Cowan Longoria
Sociology Graduate Student
Title: Ripping Off the Band-Aid: Poverty through the Lens of Social Service Providers in Southern Nevada.

Dr. David Howard
UNLV Sociology Affiliate Assistant Research Professor
Title: Incarceration During Pregnancy

Dr. Emma Frances Bloomfield
UNLV Communication Studies
Title: The Material Rhetoric of Creationism
A CONVERSATION WITH DR. DAVID DICKENS

Georgiann Davis sat down with David Dickens to discuss his thoughts on UNLV, his favorite place to eat, and other interesting experiences. Enjoy!

GD: When did you join UNLV Sociology?

DD: 1985 (I think)

GD: Over the years I'm sure you've seen the university, and more specifically the department, grow in many different ways. What stands out to you?

DD: Two things: the vast improvement in the quality of work put out by our faculty, and the incredibly collegial environment in the department (due in large part to the inspiring leadership of our fabulous department chair, Dr. Robert Futrell).

GD: It's my understanding you have a background in philosophy. Why did you make the jump to sociology?

DD: The almost complete absence of jobs in philosophy. My philosophy advisor told me that I could switch to sociology and call myself a theorist!

GD: To date, what do you see as your biggest academic accomplishment? Why?

DD: In the narrowest sense of academic accomplishment, I suppose it would be the book on postmodernism that I did with Andie Fontana, as it has been translated into several languages (which I keep hearing about from others but for which I have never received any royalties), but more important to me is seeing my undergraduate and graduate students complete their degrees and get real jobs.

GD: If you could have dinner with any social theorist (alive or otherwise), who would you choose? What would you discuss?

DD: Right now I think I would choose Cedric Robinson, a political theorist who was at UC-Santa Barbara. He passed away a couple of years ago, but he has never received the recognition he deserves. His classic 1983 book, Black Marxism, has gone largely unnoticed in American sociology, but it contains a brilliant critique and reconstruction of both Marxist thought and what Robinson calls "the Black Radical Tradition." Just reading the ninety pages of explanatory footnotes at the back of the book is a mind-blowing intellectual experience.

GD: What's one of your favorite restaurants in the Vegas Valley? What do you order there?

DD: Settebello. Pizza.

GD: What courses do you regularly teach for UNLV Sociology?

DD: Logic of Social Inquiry (Soc 701) and Contemporary Sociological Theory (Soc 724) at the graduate level; Classical Sociological Theory (Soc 421) and Contemporary Sociological Theory (Soc 422) at the undergraduate level.

GD: What do you like most about UNLV Sociology?

DD: The wonderful staff, colleagues, and students.
PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

Michael Ian Borer gave a talk and workshop for the Las Vegas-Clark County Library Distract at its Windmill Lane location as part of its “Adulting 101” Series. He presented research on popular culture and social interaction and their connections to urban “lifestyle enclaves,” scenes, and friendship networks. He was also quoted in the Kingman Daily Miner article “Millennials appear to be missing from the religious landscape.”

Georgiann Davis wrote an op-ed (with Barbara Risman) in The Seattle Times. She was also quoted in numerous local and national media outlets. You can read more about her media appearances on her website.

Barb Brents was quoted in the UK Guardian article, ‘This is a moral issue: the campaign to shut down Nevada’s old west brothels.” She was also quoted in an ABC News article titled “Sex workers speak out after Giuliani slams Stormy Daniels,” and quoted in a Las Vegas Sun article titled “Trump’s sex trafficking bills create greater risks for workers, some say.” She also was profiled in a Public Health Post article titled “Barbara Brents on Sex Work, Stigma, and Nuance.” And she spoke on KNPR’s State of Nevada, “Critics Say Sex Trafficking Law Will Backfire.”

Robert Futrell was consulted by many different media outlets for his expertise on U.S. hate groups. He was featured on Fox 5 Vegas, U.S. News and World Report, Christian Science Monitor, Center for Investigative Reporting, KLASTV, Channel 8 News, Fox 5 Vegas (again!), Kaiser Health News, W Radio Columbia, and The Gadsden Times.

Simon Gottschalk was interviewed on KNPR’s State of Nevada and the Desert Companion magazine about his book The Terminal Self. This book was also a featured story in the UNLV News magazine, KUNV Radio and a KTNV interview. He was invited to submit an article on the acceleration of everyday life to The Conversation and was also interviewed by the Pew Research Center on the “Future of Jobs and Jobs Training.” Additionally, he presented a lecture on “Trauma and Resistance” for the UNLV Center for Democratic Culture, as well as a workshop on “Interpersonal Communication” for the Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation.

Jennifer Keene has been a Member of the Nevada Consortium on Dementia Research with the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health and the Nevada Task Force on Alzheimer’s Disease since 2017. In 2018, she presented (with Takashi Yamashita, Samuel Hickson, and Susan Farris) “Managing Dementia for the Long Term: Are You Ready?” at the Dementia 2018: Dementia Capable Communities Continuing Medical Education conference. Jennifer was also on a UNLV panel entitled “Community Engagement and Collaboration” and delivered a talk at the inaugural CollabCon: United Way of Southern Nevada’s Conference on Collaboration. She was also the keynote speaker for the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences where she delivered a talk titled, “Community and Collaboration: Some Rewards and Challenges of Community Based Research.”
Erick López served as a discussant in the ‘Project Transforming Tomorrow’ Panel Series, organized by the UNLV Phi Kappa Phi Chapter in collaboration with the UNLV Graduate College hosted at Chaparral High School Las Vegas, NV. His talk was titled “Sociology and Your Future.” He also was a presenter at the event titled “Food Justice: Slice of the Pie” UNLV Service Learning Initiate for Community Engagement in Sociology. He also served as a moderator for the workshop titled “Culinary Consciousness: Sustainable Farming & Food Justice in Las Vegas” at the 4th Annual Progressive Summit hosted by Batten Born Progress and the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) Women’s Alliance at the CSN Cheyenne Campus. He also was a panelist at the UNLV Intersection Panel Series titled, “Detoxifying Masculinity in College.” And he, and his sister, Jennifer López (R&R Partners), both spoke at career day at Robert Lunt Elementary School. Erick’s talk was titled, “What do sociologists do?”

Ranita Ray delivered a TEDxUNLV talk titled “Let’s Change How We Think About Poverty.” Her research was cited in The Atlantic, The Las Vegas Sun, and the Las Vegas Review-Journal.

Cassaudra Rodriguez wrote a piece titled “Arpaio’s Pardon and The Insidious Relationship Between Anti-Immigrant and Anti-Latinx Sentiment” for Latinx Talk. She also wrote a piece titled “Seven Things to Know About Mixed-Status Families” for Medium.

Dmitri Shalin organized a conference entitled “Memory of Trauma: Armenian, Jewish, and African American Experience” for the Center for Democratic Culture. He also spearheaded the Fourth Nevada Conference on Russian Art and Culture that will take place in November of 2018. Additionally, he edited The Social Health of Nevada: Leading Indicators and the Quality of Life in the Silver State.

Marta Soligo was interviewed by the Italian television TeleUnica for her work on film induced tourism and community involvement.

Korey Tillman completed a year-long social justice fellowship called Young People For, where he used the platform to further develop a program in Clark County, that will rid the homeless of warrants for petty crimes while helping them find housing. A local non-profit also published his op-ed on the need for a new district attorney in Clark County.
On March 7, 2018, UNLV’s Center for Democratic Culture hosted a conference titled “Memory of Trauma: Armenian, Jewish, and African American Experience.” Sociologist and Director of the Center for Democratic Culture, Dr. Dmitri Shalin, delivered the opening remarks.

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Millions of people have experienced slavery, persecution, war and genocide. Such traumatic events scar the bodies and mark cultural memory for generations to come. This is what Martin Luther King Jr. stressed in his letter from Birmingham jail where he explained how racial stigma warps the minds of parents and children “when you have seen vicious mobs lynch your mothers and fathers at will and drown your sisters and brothers at whim; when you have seen hate-filled policemen curse, kick, brutalize, and even kill your black brothers and sisters with impunity; when you see the vast majority of your twenty million Negro brothers smothering in an airtight cage of poverty in the midst of an affluent society; when you suddenly find your tongue twisted and your speech stammering as you seek to explain to your six-year-old daughter why she cannot go to the public amusement park that has just been advertised on television, and see tears welling up in her little eyes when she is told that Funtown is closed to colored children, and see the depressing clouds of inferiority begin to form in her little mental sky, and see her begin to distort her little personality by unconsciously developing a bitterness toward white people. . . .”

This conference focused on three signature historical events – the Armenian Genocide, the Jewish Holocaust, and racial violence against African Americans. The panelists explored the multigenerational nature of cultural trauma, showed how traumatic experiences are incorporated into communal narratives, and highlighted the psychological, biological, cultural, and family factors in the transmission of trauma whose cumulative effect is felt long after the traumatic events have ceased.

The public forum “Memory of Trauma: Armenian, Jewish, and African American Experience” is part of the Justice & Democracy Forum Series sponsored by the UNLV Center for Democratic Culture and William S. Boyd School of Law.

The conference took place on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 4:00-7:00 p.m., at the Tam Alumni Building, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Among the distinguished speakers who addressed the forum on the persistence of cultural trauma were Andy Armenian, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Armenia in Las Vegas; Esther Finder, President, Generations of the Shoah – Nevada; Roxann McCoy, President, Las Vegas Chapter of the NAACP; Shelley Berkley, Former Congresswoman, U.S. House of Representatives; Rev. Dr. Ralph Williamson, First African Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. Leonard B. Jackson, First African Methodist Episcopal Church; Dr. John P. Tuman, Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science, UNLV; Professor Michelle Tusan, Department of History, UNLV; and Professor Simon Gottschalk, Department of Sociology, UNLV. The conference program can be found here. Partial audio recording of the J&D forum on memory of trauma is available on this page.
PUBLICATIONS


Crystal A. Jackson, D. Sahl & Barbara G. Brents. 2018. "Porn fans as sex tourists? Broadening meanings of sexual consumption among adult entertainment expo attendees in Las Vegas, Nevada" Porn Studies. Published online June 2018


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