Good news, good works April 2021

Book

Interview
Marta Soligo gave an interview for the sociology podcast *The Social Breakdown* to discuss the sociology of tourism, specifically the relationship between COVID-19 and the travel industry. She discussed Las Vegas tourism in Las Vegas, dark tourism and tourism's role in issues such as community exploitation and racism. Great public sociology!

Chapters

In the Media
PhD student Josh Corum and alumnus, instructor, and SNHD Senior Health Educator Dr. Cherly Radeloff. They were on KNPR's State of Nevada last week as experts for a program addressing "Does A New Sex Revolution Becon As The Pandemic Waner?" It's an interesting discussion about pandemic and post-pandemic social norms around intimate relationships, sex, and social change. It's well worth a listen (or read) and an example of more great UNLV public sociology Nice work Josh and Cheryl!

Dr. Brents and Dr. Korgan, along with two other colleagues, published an important opinion piece in the Nevada Independent – *Scientific evidence for ending the criminalization of sex work*. They explain that research demonstrates that decriminalizing sexwork defines a key pillar in broader criminal justice reform efforts and is supported by growing range of international human rights organizations. The essay takes aim at several pending bills in the Nevada Legislature. Strongly argued public sociology. Nice work Barb and Kate!

UNLV Sociology moved up to 84th in the U.S. News graduate program rankings. Our program provides graduate students excellent scholarly training and professionalization. Nice job everyone!

Awards
The [graduate college officially announced their scholarship and fellowship awards](#). So many Soc folks representing!

Doctoral candidate Vanessa Núñez received word this week that she won the President’s UNLV Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. The President’s Fellowship is the top Graduate College research award with $25,000 in support for students in their final dissertation year. Vanessa was our departmental nominee and successfully made through the rigorous vetting process, including a final interview with the university awards committee. Great work Vanessa!

FIVE (!) students won a prestigious Summer Doctoral Research Fellowship, which will support their research activities over the summer.
- Celene Fuller
- Jeannette Hernández
- Bridget Longoria
• Marta Soligo
• Korey Tillman

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