Chair’s Welcome

When I joined the Department of Sociology in 2003, Karen Kobayashi was the only other junior professor. Alan Hedley had just completed a 13-year tenure as chair, Rennie Warburton had just retired, and the University had yet to seize hundreds of rabbits that had taken up residence on campus years earlier.

We have come a long way since the days when our halls were lined with dreary brown doors and half of the 3rd floor of Cornett was populated with political scientists (although Christoph Schimmele – who defected from the Political Science Department– continues to be a presence in our hallways). Over the past 14 years, the Department has welcomed at least 7 new regular faculty members and said good-bye to other friends and co-workers.

As we head into the fall season, we say good-bye to Cecilia Benoit (who retired in August). Cecilia joined the Department in 1989 (a few years before the arrival of now-senior colleagues including Zheng Wu, Margaret Penning, and Martha McMahon). In the 28 years that she spent with the Department, Cecilia became an internationally recognized scholar. Cecilia’s 86-page vita lists dozens of books and articles, multiple reports, numerous student supervisions, and a staggering number of research grants, conference presentations, and public addresses. As a member of the Sociology Department and a Scientist with the Centre for Addictions Research BC (not to mention a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a featured researcher at the University of Victoria), Cecilia will be missed.

We press on. The Department welcomes 4 new PhD students and 12 MAs. The incoming cohort is composed of students coming from as far away as Iran and Turkey, and as close as Victoria. We are excited to offer incoming students a revamped set of graduate courses, including new courses in sociological explanations and qualitative methods.

The Department also continues to increase our social media presence. Garry Gray, the Department’s social media manager, has recently supplemented our Facebook and Twitter pages with Instagram, with has plans for future digital offerings.

Finally, we are pleased to welcome George Pavlich from the University of Alberta this term. Professor Pavlich is Canada Research Chair in Social Theory, Culture, and Law and Professor of Law and Sociology. He will be a visiting professor until December. ~ Sean Hier

Office Staff Shuffle

Last December we said good-bye to Carole Rains, who had worked as the departmental secretary for 20+ years. Zoe Lu moved into her office and is now the Assistant to the Chair while Aileen Chong transitioned from Office Receptionist/Undergraduate Secretary to become the Graduate Secretary. In Spring we welcomed Ann Hamilton as the new Office Receptionist/Undergraduate Secretary. Zoe and Aileen are in the office full time while Ann works Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (10:00 to 2:30pm). We are grateful to have such friendly and helpful staff!
Reflections on the Contributions of Dr. Cecilia Benoit

I’m convinced of this: Good done anywhere is good done everywhere. For a change, start by speaking to people rather than walking by them like they’re stones that don’t matter. As long as you’re breathing, it’s never too late to do some good. -- Maya Angelou

Although Cecilia Benoit’s retirement marks the formal end of her 25 year storied career as our colleague in the Department of Sociology, it does not signal the completion of her work as a change-maker. An internationally recognized public sociologist, Cecilia will continue her CIHR-funded studies into health inequities among marginalized populations, especially women, seminal work that was most recently recognized by Status of Women Canada, a Governor General’s Award in Commemoration of the Persons Case, and the UVic Provost’s Engaged Scholar Award.

Throughout her career, Cecilia has been an inspiring role model for emerging academics, health care professionals, community leaders, and social activists alike. In addition to her many research, teaching, and service activities at the university, she has sat on the boards and advisory committees of a number of community organizations over the years endeavouring to create social and political change from the ground up. Indeed, community-based work has been germane to all of Cecilia’s research projects on the health and well-being of hidden populations, such as midwives, Aboriginal women living in urban areas, street-involved youth, pregnant women who use substances and face other challenges, and adults involved in sex work. To sum up the impact of her contributions in these areas well, her colleague and friend at UVic’s Centre for Addictions Research of BC, Dr. Tim Stockwell, said this: “Cecilia is somebody who has made Canada a better place through her work. She has made us more accepting of vulnerable populations ... She is acutely aware of societal attitudes and stereotypes, especially where they could take us. Her research has given voice to people who are not usually heard.”

Despite the numerous honours and accolades that Cecilia has received in recognition of her formative academic and community work, including prestigious inductions as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, she is unfailingly humble and gracious in her success. But then again, this is really who Cecilia is: a colleague, a friend, an advocate who, no matter your status, experience, or identity, is always kind and generous with her time and wise counsel. As Cecilia prepares to transition to retirement, I wish for her all the good things that she has done for others and a long and happy ‘third age’.

~ Karen Kobayashi

Faculty Awards and Honours

Congratulations to Cecilia Benoit who received the “Provost’s Community Engaged Scholar Award” this Spring. The 5 year title comes with a one-time award of $10,000 to support research, teaching and community involvement.

Neena Chappell received the “David H. Turpin Gold Medal for Career Achievement in Research” which comes with a gold medal and $1000.

Aaron Devor received the “Outstanding Community Outreach Award” at the faculty of Social Sciences 2017 Excellence Awards.

Margaret Penning has been selected to receive the Canadian Association of Gerontology’s 2017 Distinguished Member Award for lifetime achievement in research. The award will be presented at the CAG meetings in October.

A very warm welcome to Dr. George Pavlich, visiting professor in our department this fall. He will be presenting a talk on Wednesday October 4, in Cornett B344 at 2:30pm. The talk is titled, “The Accusatory Grounds of Colonial Criminalization”. View the website link for more details on his research.
Sabbatical News

Min Zhou is currently on a one-year sabbatical leave. With the support from a SSHRC Insight grant, he has been conducting fieldwork in multiple Chinese cities (currently including Beijing, Shanghai, and Nanjing). This project investigates nationalist protests against foreign countries (particularly Japan) in China in recent years. He plans to conduct interviews and another wave of surveys based on the pilot survey that he and other colleagues conducted in 2014.

Moving Up!

Congratulations to Dr. Sean Hier and Dr. Peyman Vahzadeh on being promoted to full professor.

Also, congratulations to Dr. Bruce Ravelli for his promotion to full teaching professor.

Research Funding

Congratulations to the following faculty members for successful grant funding:


Carroll, W.K. received a SSHRC Connection Grant.


Kobayashi, K. & Cloutier, D. Interior Health Authority Research Grant for A Cup Half-Full: Using an Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) Approach to Support Healthful Aging for Older Adults in Rural Communities. Co-PI with Denise Cloutier 2016-2017 ($15,000).

Kobayashi, K. SSHRC Insight Grant for Precarity and aging: unequal experiences in contemporary late life. (Co-Investigator (Theme Lead: Immigration, Principal Investigator: Amanda Grenier, 2016—2021 ($231,520).

Ravelli, B. received a UVic Community Engaged Learning Curriculum Development Grant.

Sheets, D, MacDonald, D., Smith, A., Kennedy, M. & Asche, C. Alzheimer Society of Canada Research Grant Program, Voices in Motion: An intergenerational community choir for persons with Alzheimer’s disease and their caregivers. 2017-2019 ($238,000.)

Smith, A. & Kurucz, S. Island Health Collaborative Research Grant, Optimizing antipsychotic use in residential care: The role of organizational readiness for change. PI: André Smith; 2017-2018 ($20,000)

Smith A. & Hier, S. SSHRC Internal Research Grant, The Problematicization of Antipsychotic Use in Residential Nursing Care: An Historical Analysis of the Role of Media in British Columbia. 2017-2018 ($7,000).


In the News: Media Exposure

Cecilia Benoit:
* Spoke to CFAX Radio on February 2 about her new study of Canadian adult sex workers.
* Spoke to CBC’s All Points West about the same study and was interviewed on February 3 by CBC Daybreak North in Prince George.
* A Canadian Press article about the study was published by multiple media outlets, including the Globe & Mail, CBC News, Metro News, Yahoo News, CityNews, the Telegram, Times Colonist, Roundhouse Radio, the Oak Bay News, and the National Post.
* Interviewed on Radio Canada and Calgary’s News Talk 770.

Bill Carroll’s media interviews:
* Radio interview, Project Censored show (Pacific Radio, a network of 20 stations), interviewer: Peter Phillips, Berkeley, CA. Corporate power and the transnational capitalist class www.projectcensored.org/category/radio Jan 5, 2017
* Print media interview MetroNews Vancouver. “Lobbyists among oil industry’s $5M B.C. political donations: study.” Mar 8, 2017
* Print media interview Rabble.ca, interviewer: Alyse Kotyk, Toronto rabble.ca Mar 13, 2017
* Print media interview Kelowna Okanagan Advertiser Mar 14, 2017

Aaron Devor has been featured in the following media outlets in 2017:
* Globe & Mail Newspaper, Canada, July.
* National Post Newspaper, Canada, July.
* Vancouver Sun Newspaper, Vancouver, July.
* Toronto Star Newspaper, Toronto, July.
* CFAX Radio, Mark Brenae Show, Victoria, June.
* Times-Colonist Newspaper, Victoria, July.
* CHEK TV News, Victoria, April.
* Driftwood Newspaper, Gulf Islands, BC. Mar.

Nick Graham’s media interviews:
* Roundhouse Radio 7:05pm, May 9
* CBC Radio Day Break South 7:15 am , May 10
* Several interviews with journalistic/news outlets including DeSmog Canada, The Tyee, Focus magazine and Rabble

Garry Gray:
* ATM Robbery/Organized Crime TV Interview, CTV Vancouver Island, March 14, 2017 http://www.cheknews.ca/atm-theft-langford-follows-similar-formula-used-elsewhere-286302/
Moving On: Graduate Student Defenses

PhD Students

Mohammad Nasser Jahani Asl, defended his Doctoral thesis on August 24. The dissertation is titled “Identity, Politics, Organization: A Historical Sociology of the Democratic Party of Iranian Kurdistan and the Kurdish Nationalist Movement” (Supervisor: Dr. Peyman Vahabzadeh, Member: Dr. William Carroll)

Jacqueline Quinless, defended her Doctoral thesis on April 21st, 2017. The dissertation is titled "Decolonizing Bodies: A First Nations Perspective on the Determinants of Urban Indigenous Health and Wellness in Canada" (Supervisors: Dr. Douglas Baer & Dr. William Carroll, Member)

David Huxtable, defended his PhD dissertation on December 13th, 2016. The dissertation is titled "The International Trade Union Confederation and Global Civil Society: ITUC collaborations and their impact on transnational class formation" (Supervisor: Dr. William Carroll)

MA Students

Stephanie Cahill defended her Masters thesis on September 7, 2017. The thesis is titled “Imagining Alternative in the Emerald City: The Climate Change Discourse of Transnational Fossil Fuel Corporations” (Supervisor: Dr. William Carroll)

Isaac Rosenberg (INTD), defended his Masters thesis on September 7, 2017. The thesis is titled “A Lifetime of Activism: Doing Feminist Men’s Work from a Social Justice Paradigm” (Co-Supervisors: Dr. Steve Garlick & Dr. Annalee Lepp)

Ryan Butler defended his Masters thesis on August 25, 2017. The thesis is titled "Between Nature and Artifice: Hannah Arendt and Environmental Politics" (Co-Supervisor: Dr. William Little)

Joshua P. Armstrong defended his Masters major research paper on August 24, 2017. The major research paper is titled "#HeterosexualPrideDay: Heterosexual Pride and the Changing Face of Queer Pride" (Supervisor: Dr. Steve Garlick)

Robert Scott defended his Masters thesis on August 24, 2017. The thesis is titled "Fiery Climates: A Story of Wildland Firefighters" (Supervisor: Dr. Steve Garlick)

Rudolf Scherban defended his Masters major research paper on April 25th, 2017. The major research paper is titled "Application of Constructal Theory on Turner's Social Dynamics" (Supervisor: Dr. Steve Garlick)

Galina Scolnic defended her Masters thesis on April 20, 2017. The thesis is titled "Pentecostalism in Soviet Union: A Nihilistic Analysis" (Supervisor: Dr. Peyman Vahabzadeh). Galina has started as a PhD student in Sociology at the University of Windsor.

Katie Fraser defended her Masters thesis on April 19, 2017. The thesis was titled "Eating for Social Justice and Environmental Sustainability: Attempting to Live Food Sovereignty" (Supervisor: Dr. Martha McMahon)

Ashley Berard defended her Masters thesis on December 15, 2016. The thesis is titled "Post Your Journey: Analyzing the Formation of an Instagram Support Group for those Living with Fibromyalgia" (Supervisor: Dr. André Smith)

Demy Tabangcura defended his Masters thesis December 12, 2016. The thesis was titled "Media Representation of Gay and Lesbian Couples with Families: A Multimodal Discourse Analysis of Proposition 8 Advertisements" (Supervisor: Dr. Steve Garlick, Dr. Aaron Devor, Member)
**Convocation: June 14th**

Carole Rains was asked to carry the mace for the afternoon convocation on June 14, when Sociology students graduated.

MA students Katie Fraser, Ashley Berard and Demi Tabangcura

Jacqueline Quinless & David Huxtable (PhD) with their supervisor, Bill Carroll.

The Sociology department held a reception for undergraduate and graduate students and their families after the convocation ceremony on June 14. Students were presented with a small gift and card. We look forward to making this a annual event.

**New Books: Adjunct Professor**

**Thomas Burch** looks forward to the fall publication of *Model-Based Demography: Essays on Integrating Data, Technique, and Theory*. The publication will be by Springer, in the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research series *Demographic Research Monographs*, edited by James Vaupel. It will be available online [open access] and in hardcopy.

An edited collection of earlier papers, the book is an extended application of the semantic or model-based view of philosophy of science to demography. The result is a view of demography as a complete scientific discipline rather than a branch of applied statistics, with more and better theory than is generally realized. Several standard demographic models are re-evaluated from a model-based perspective. And principles for teaching demography are derived, suggesting a greater integration of formal/technical and substantive/behavioral demography.

**Alumni**

**Michael K. Corman**, former MA student, is anticipating his first book publication, *Paramedics On and Off the Streets*. The book is an institutional ethnography of the complex, mundane, intricate, and exhilarating work of paramedics in Calgary, Alberta. Corman’s research includes more than 200 hours of participant observation ride-alongs with paramedics over a period of eleven months, more than 100 first hand interviews with paramedics, and 36 interviews with other emergency medical personnel.

Dr. Corman is a principal advisor in the Department of Health and Wellness for the Government of Prince Edward island and an adjunct professor in the Department of Sociology & Anthropology and Faculty of Nursing at the University of PEI.
Undergraduate Rising Stars Awards

BOSS Update

BOSS has started organizing study groups for first year courses to encourage first year students to getting involved and to ease life into their studies.

Graduate Students Present at Congress and Beyond

Every year the annual Congress conference is held at the end of May, where the Canadian Sociological Association holds its own meetings. This year six graduate students presented their research at the Toronto meetings. In addition, several faculty members also presented papers and chaired sessions.

I gave my first conference presentation this past spring at Congress 2017 under the CSA at Ryerson University. I was lucky enough to be presenting on the first day and I was surprised at how many people showed up. Presenting in a room filled with like-minded academics was a breath of fresh air. It enabled me to network with others doing interesting work in my field of interest and gave me new insights to what angles I can be taking within my own work. And I came home with a few too many books from the book fair (pro tip: bring an extra suitcase because the book fair was my favorite part).

Later this summer, I attended the annual meeting for the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) in Montreal. I preferred this conference over Congress as it was smaller, less overwhelming, and was more focused. SSSP is better for networking internationally, as it is an American association. I certainly encourage you all to partake in academic conferences during graduate school. It’s a great way to begin networking, gain practice presenting, bulk up your CV, and to put your name out there.

~ Kora Liegh Glatt

Daniela Zuzunaga presented a talk entitled #feminism: Mapping out 4th wave feminisms through Instagram, at the CSA Meetings on June 1.

I was fortunate to be able to attend both the CSA and ASA meetings in Toronto and Montreal this summer and had this precious opportunity to present my research. I presented two papers in two panels at the CSA Congress. One was The Social Attitudes toward Homosexuality in Three Chinese Societies in Transnationalism and Sexuality while another one was The Evidence of Social Mobility in China: The Use of Social Networks in Job Seeking among Different Age Cohorts in Social Network panel. I was quite nervous during the presentation, especially in the Social Network panel where several world-renowned social network professors attended. But at the end of the presentation, I received solid and valuable feedback from the audience. In particular, Dr. Erickson who has gained worldwide academic reputation in social network theory and Dr. Shen who specializes in Chinese social network analysis provided great suggestions and critiques for my paper.

In addition, I presented a similar paper at ASA meetings in Montreal. It was The Social Acceptance of Homosexuality in Chinese Societies—Mainland China, Taiwan and Singapore in Attitudes toward Homosexuality in Asia session. The ASA meetings were on a much larger scale as the attendants were from all over the world. I had a great journey at the ASA meetings and my paper received good feedback as well.

~ Alexi Hu

Conference Tips for New Graduate Students

- Most conferences have travel grants available; if you can’t find information on an association’s website contact them. And apply early!
- You can receive one grant per fiscal year from the GSS – also apply early, once the funds for the quarter are gone, they’re gone.
- Encourage others in your cohort to attend. In doing this, you have a support team to cheer you on. It’s comforting and then you get to travel and have fun in a new city.
- Get some business cards with your contact information and interests on them. Everybody has these at conferences. And have no shame about handing them out.
- Ask others for their contact information. Talk to others about the work they’re doing.
- Have fun.—conferences are not as daunting as they may seem, especially for your first!
- Don’t be afraid of making mistakes or embarrassing yourself when you present, all you need to do is to “stay hungry and stay foolish”.


## New Graduate Students in our Department

This year the department is very excited to welcome a large cohort of new students, consisting of 12 new MA students and 4 PhD students. Their names, supervisor, former educational institution and research area of interest are listed below.

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TAC and Graduate Student Liaison

This year, I am returning as the Teaching Assistant Coordinator and expanding the position to also include being the Graduate Student Liaison. As the Teaching Assistant Coordinator, I will be training and supporting teaching assistants in the department as well as supporting faculty with any TA-related tasks! One exciting change this year is that Bruce Ravelli and I will be running the Graduate Seminar Series on Fridays throughout the Fall semester and this falls under the duties of my Graduate Student Liaison role. I am looking forward to the series as a way to further foster a sense of community in the department and to meet and support all the new graduate students! My office is COR A331, feel free to stop by if you have questions concerns, or just to say hi! ~ Ashley Berard

Professional Development Seminar Series

The graduate student professional development sessions will be held on Fridays at 1:30pm in Cornett A317. The topics and dates are listed here:

Seminar #1: Sept 8th – Life as a grad student at UVic
Seminar #2: Sept 15th – How to Succeed in Grad School
Seminar #3: Sept 22nd – Balancing the demands of Grad School
Seminar #4: Sept 29th – Writing successful grants/scholarship applications
Seminar #5: Oct 13th – Meeting Faculty – Panel and Q&A
Seminar #6: Oct 27th – Academic writing/publishing in grad school
Seminar #7: Nov 3rd – Teaching sociology
Seminar #8: Nov 17th – Wrap up/End of semester discussion/Course Evaluation

Graduate Student Successes

Congratulations to MA Candidate Kora Liegh Glatt (nee Russell) for being awarded “The Stephens Family Graduate Research Award in Organic and Sustainable Food Systems”!! This $10,000 scholarship is for those pursuing novel research in the areas of organic food, sustainable food systems, community and agricultural development, food security, or environmental stewardship in agriculture.

We are very pleased to announce that three of our second year MA students were successful in earning SSHRC scholarships—Congratulations to Josh Armstrong, Zoe Yunker, & Kora Liegh Glatt.

INTD PhD Student Kimi Dominic received the 2016 Andy Farquharson Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching (senior supervisor, Aaron Devor and co-supervisor, Andrea Walsh)

Congratulations to JP Sapinski who now holds a post-doctoral fellowship with the Corporate Mapping Project, which runs from Jan 2016 through June 2018.

Tips for New Graduate Students

Second year students offer the following suggestions for incoming grad students:

◊ Start your SSHRC application EARLY!
◊ Don’t do your readings the night before a class.
◊ Consider only taking 2 classes a semester. The workload difference is incredible and can ease your semester, especially for your first.
◊ Make some time for yourself. Grad school can be grueling and sometimes your brain needs a break.
For an intensive week this past May, UVic’s campus was enlivened by the first of three Corporate Mapping Project Summer Institutes. The CMP is a six-year, SSHRC-funded Partnership hosted by UVic, which is mapping the economic, political and cultural power of Canada’s carbon-extractive corporate sector. Sociology professor Bill Carroll is its university-based co-director; Shannon Daub (Associate Director of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives) is its community-based co-director.

Hosted by our Sociology Department (with important support from UVic’s VP-Academic and Dean of Social Sciences), the Institute drew together dozens of graduate students from across Canada and members of the CMP team, which includes researchers and civil-society activists. Through spirited presentations, panel discussions, seminars, workshops, film screenings and a fabulous colonial reality tour of campus led by Cheryl Bryce, participants dug into a set of challenging and intersecting topics, including the climate crisis and the role of fossil capital, the political economy/ecology of fossil capital, the role of imperialism, colonialism, land grabs in fossil capital development, corporate hegemony and the battle for hearts and minds, carbon commodity chains and flashpoints, Indigenous resistance and resurgence in the face of big carbon, building strong alliances for climate justice, and grassroots climate leadership. The Institute’s final day consisted of presentations of preliminary research results from 30 CMP researchers, nine of them graduate students.

Much was accomplished at the Institute, and at times the dialogue between research and activism was electrifying. Those centred in activism brought a breadth and depth of practical knowledge about how to create change – a grounded, bottom-up, understanding, attuned to strategy and tactics, with Indigenous ways of knowing playing a key role. Participants centred in research (and particularly academe) brought theoretical insights on how the complex system of fossil capitalism has been assembled historically, and how it works on and through us to reproduce a deeply unjust and unsustainable (dis)order -- globally and locally. The Corporate Mapping Project plans to post on its website (http://www.corporatemapping.ca/) a number of the excellent student papers prepared in weeks following the Institute. A big thanks to JP Sapinski, who served as a teaching associate, and to Nick Graham, who served as a teaching assistant.

The CMP Summer Institute was followed up with a day-long workshop on May 31 at the Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences, on Corporate Power, Fossil Capital, Climate Crisis, featuring academic papers from the partnership.

Dorothy Smith — Award and Guest Lecture

Congratulations to Dr. Dorothy Smith, who was awarded the Lee Founders Award in Montreal last month at the SSSP (Society for the Study of Social Problems). This “award is made in recognition of significant lifetime achievements demonstrating a devotion to the ideals of the founders of the Society and especially to the humanist tradition of Alfred McClung Lee and Elizabeth Briant Lee.”

We are excited to announce that Dr. Smith will be giving a public lecture at UVIC on Monday October 23, at 2:30pm. More details to follow—keep an eye on your inbox and/or the department website.
Undergraduate Honours Program

The Sociology honours program offers dedicated undergraduate students the opportunity to engage in original, innovative, cutting-edge research under the supervision of a full-time faculty member. The program provides a high level of training in critical reading, writing, and thinking.

Last year the honours program had seven students, while this year it has expanded to nine enthusiastic students. Welcome to the program:

Finn Deschner
Quinna Laver
Larissa Edmondson
Harris Watt
Melissa Indome
Taisto Witt
Danielle Knopfel
Qwisun Yoon-Potkins
Saige Lawson

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Karen Kobayashi, Honours Advisor, at kmkobay@uvic.ca or 250 721 7574.

Honours Program Student Research

On March 21, 2017 the Honours students presented their research projects to interested faculty, students and family members. Their projects are listed below:

Kenda Chang-Swanson: “Participatory Development: A Case Study from Anandapuram Mandal.” (Supervisor: André Smith)
Katie Lindsay: “Workplace Violence among Truck Drivers.” (Supervisor: Garry Gray)
Delaney McCartan: “Analyzing Online Users Motivation for Suicide through Durkheim’s Typology of ‘Suicide’ and the Behavioural Contagion Theory.“ (Supervisor: André Smith)
Taylor Peacock: “Remus, Fred and James: Commemorating Loss in Harry Potter on Tumblr.” (Supervisor: André Smith)
Dyana Sonik-Henderson: “Embodied Gendered Identities: Negotiating the Self through Dance and Movement.” (Supervisor: Steve Garlick)
Undergraduate Rising Stars

The annual Rising Star Event hosted by the Social Sciences faculty was held January 31, 2017 in the Michele Pujol Room, SUB. We celebrated 14 students from our department who received financial awards.

Jenica Banks
Melanee Bryniawsky
Marylyn Buenvenida
Kenda Chang-Swanson
Dawei (David) Chen
Finn Dreschner
Delaney McCartan
Megan McGarry

Megan McGarry
Natalie Mioduszewski
Yvonne Mitchelle
Eri Ono
Lisa Slager
Allegra Wolansky
Candace Woodland
Qwisun Yoon-Potkins

BOSS Update

The Bureau of Sociology Students (BOSS) is a collective of students from the Sociology Department. As a student-run organization our aim is to promote the study of sociology, to foster a sense of community on campus and, to create a positive and inclusive environment for sociology students by promoting both social and academic experiences.

The group meets at 12 noon on Mondays in Cornett A372. All Sociology undergraduate students are welcome! This is the same room as the BOSS office.

Last Fall BOSS hosted a social event and fundraiser at Felicitas called “Sweater Weather” which included live music and a sweater drive for Out of The Rain youth shelter.

On March 14, 2017 we sponsored an interesting and educational talk provided by Cecilia Benoit in coalition with Peers Victoria entitled, “Lack of confidence in police creates a ‘blue ceiling’ for sex workers’ safety”.

We also attended a bystander intervention training session regarding sexual assault.

The following members were elected to various positions for the new school year:

President: Eden Wallis
Vice President: Samantha Howse
Treasurer: Evan Johnston-Robertson
Social Media Director: Elise Patricelli
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Since it’s still early in the term we have not confirmed this year’s events yet but please check out our Facebook page and Instagram for more information on upcoming activities and come to our meetings!
International Exchange Students at Uvic

UVic has agreements with over 50 partner universities in more than 20 countries around the world so students interested in travel and study abroad opportunities can take advantage of these agreements. Additional information and specific details about exchange opportunities can be found here. In addition, UVic hosts international students for a semester or year. Below is a submission from one of those students, Sofie Elland.

On December 28, 2016 I boarded a plane in Denmark which took me across the Atlantic Ocean to Canada. My suitcase was packed with living utensils for half a year (reduced to an absolute minimum), excitement, and a little bit of fear. I was facing a dream coming true; to study a semester abroad.

My friend and I from my Sociology class at Aalborg University already started planning our semester abroad back in December 2015. We quickly settled on UVic, as we both wished for an English-speaking country, something a little far away from accustomed surroundings and the experience of Canadian university life.

We started looking at courses, to see if the sociology department offered courses qualifying for transferable credits. I ended up taking 5 courses, as my university demands a certain number of units taken per semester (a number of courses that later turned out to be a little unusual). I took SOCI 271 Introduction to statistical analysis, SOCI 285 Sociology of Gender, SOCI 301 Regulation and Social Control, SOCI 309 Modern Social Theory and SOCI 345 Sociology of Mental Health.

The way you ‘go to school’ at UVic is very, very different from what I am used to from Denmark. First of all, the classes are much smaller and involves a greater amount of group work and interaction with both teachers and T/As; at UVic most of the teachers actually know your names! Second of all, I AM NOT used to assignments, midterms, handwritten exams and grades based on the aforementioned. In Denmark, we have one exam that covers all of the material from one course (sometimes two courses). And that is it! You have one shot to show them what you’ve got. I actually found the grading system at UVic fairer. As many other sociology students, I feared the field of quantitative methods. It came as a surprise when I found myself enjoying the course and the world of statistics – how great is that?

However, the greatest difference was definitely the size of the university and the campus area. The fact that the campus had a swimming pool, a cinema, several food courts, a huge fitness area, and other amenities really impressed me. I lived at campus in one of the cluster houses, surrounded by all of the other international students. I felt like I was really a part of UVic and Canadian culture, and that is definitely one of the things I miss the most. Canadians are the nicest, welcoming and open minded people I have ever met. Be proud of it.

During my term abroad, we also had time to travel and explore places both before, during and after the semester ended. We both got to see Toronto during New Years, the Rockies during reading break, (a road trip with 11 other international students), Hawaii and a lot of BC. It is really a good opportunity and ‘excuse’ to travel around with all the lovely people you meet. That is without question the greatest accomplishment; to meet and make new friends from all over the world.

Co-op Program

Co-op can help you develop skills and competencies that employers look for! As a sociology co-op student you can combine full-time work experiences into your degree program. If you are in at least second year and have a B average, you are eligible for this program. Download an application form here or to learn more you can attend one of their information days or go to the Social Science Co-op Office in DTB A204. The next Co-op and Career Fair will be October 3 & 4 in the Michele Pujol Room from 10am-3:00pm.
BOSS Update

BOSS has started organizing study groups for first year courses to encourage first year students to getting involved and to ease life into their studies.

Recent Publications

Faculty, adjunct professor, sessional instructor and graduate student names are highlighted.

Books:


Book Chapters:


Carroll, W.K., & Coburn, E. (2017). Counter-hegemonic projects and cognitive praxis in alternative policy groups. in A. Salas-Porras & G. Murray (Eds.), *Think Tanks and Global Politics: Key Spaces in the Structure of Power*. (pp. 187-217), New York: Palgrave Macmillan.


**Articles:**


Benoit, C., Jansson, M., Smith, M., Flagg, J. (2017). ‘Well, it should be changed for one, because it’s our bodies’: Workers’ views on Canada’s punitive approach towards sex work. *Social Sciences. Special Issue "Sex Workers’ Rights: Looking toward the Future"* 6, 52.


Saleh, N., Penning, M.J., Cloutier, D., Mallidou, A., Nuernberger, K., & Taylor, D. (Forthcoming). Social Engagement and Antipsychotic Use in Addressing the Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia in Long-Term Care Facili-
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**Presentations (Conference Papers/Invited/Guest Speaker/Posters)**

**Armstrong, J. Masculinities at War: Homophobia as Gender Performance in Online Gaming Lobbies.** Presented at the annual meetings of the Canadian Sociological Association, May 27-June 1.

**Benning, B. The Role of Cultural Support On-Campus for Indigenous Students in Post-Secondary.** Presented at the annual meetings of the Canadian Sociological Association, Toronto, May 27-June 1, 2017.

**Benning, B., & Gray, G. In this Era of Reconciliation, Can we Theorize Together?** Presented at the annual meetings of the Canadian Sociological Association, Toronto, May 27-June 1, 2017.


**Benoit, C., Smith, S., Magnus, S., Jansson, M. “Oh yeah, I’m a prostitute. So, can you check me?” The costs and benefits of disclosing sex work in health care encounters.** Qualitative Health Research Conference, Kelowna, BC, October 17-19, 2016.


**Carroll, W.K., Corporate Power, Fossil Fuels and Climate Crises, presented to the First Metropolitan United Church of Canada, Victoria, 11 October.**

**Carroll, W.K. Art and Science: Music videos and corporate mapping as approaches to political communication, presented to Presentation, Cafe Sympatico, Victoria, 28 October. [http://www.victoriacasc.org/2016/10/](http://www.victoriacasc.org/2016/10/)**

Carroll, W.K. Reflections on corporate power and the Kinder Morgan pipeline. Panel on Protect All Lifelines: Stop the Kinder Morgan Pipeline, UVic Dogwood Initiative Club, Victoria, 27 March.


Devor, A. Featured Speaker. The Shifting Landscape of Gender, Salt Spring Forum, Mar. 2017

Devor, A. Featured Speaker. Canadian Federation of University Women. Victoria, Feb. 2017


Glatt, K.L. Food Sovereignty and Repeasantization on Vancouver Island. Presented at the annual meetings of the Canadian Sociological Association, Toronto, May 27-June 1, 2017.


Photos of the Department Welcome Luncheon on September 8: An opportunity to meet, mingle and set the tone for a great term!