Chair’s Message

This year’s newsletter appears two months into a Fall term that has seen us return to campus while we continue to navigate our way through what is hopefully the latter stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been great to reconnect and to see people in person again, and we are thankful that the resumption of in-person teaching has been able to proceed relatively smoothly without any COVID outbreaks on campus. Thanks to all of the instructors, TAs, and staff members who have made the return to in-person classes a success. The department emerges from the pandemic-related challenges of the past 18 months in very good shape. Student registrations in our courses are strong, and we continue to introduce exciting new courses to strengthen our main areas of teaching focus. Our graduate program welcomed fourteen new students this September, and it was especially pleasing to see five of our graduate students awarded with SSHRC scholarships in the past year.

The physical environment of the department has also been greatly enhanced by a series of large photographic images linked to sociological topics mounted in the corridors. Thanks especially to Bruce Ravelli for spearheading that project.

As always, our faculty members continue to be recognised for the excellent work that they do. Some recent highlights include Bruce Ravelli receiving the Lorne Tepperman Award in Teaching Excellence from the Canadian Sociological Association, the late Zheng Wu being posthumously awarded the 2021 Canadian Population Society Lifetime Achievement Award, and Aaron Devor’s reappointment for a second term as Chair of Transgender Studies along with the 10-year anniversary of the Transgender Archives.

The past year also marked the retirement of Margaret Penning, who had a distinguished career as a member of our department for 28 years, as well as working with UVic’s Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health. Margaret made many notable contributions to gerontological research during her career. She was the recipient of the Canadian Association on Gerontology’s Distinguished Member Award for Lifetime Achievement in Research in 2017, as well as the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for Contributions to Gerontology in 2012, and was recently inducted as a Fellow at the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences.

The department is moving through a process of renewal, which will continue this year as we hire a new faculty member working in the sociology of health to replace Margaret. The future for the department looks bright as we work towards realising the goals that we have laid out in our recently completed strategic plan. Finally, thanks once again to Ruth Kampen for her work in putting together the newsletter this year.

~Steve Garlick
Getting to Know Midori Ogasawara

I have been researching on digital surveillance and technologies since 1999. I was an investigative journalist for Japan’s national newspaper and led a media campaign to oppose Japan’s first digitally centralized national identification system. The campaign eventually induced a social movement; hundreds of thousands of citizens returned or threw away the notice of 11-digit number the government sent to each citizen by mail. More than a dozen lawsuits emerged against the government for threat to privacy and civil liberties and for opting out of the ID system. It was a very meaningful experience as a journalist, but I was still struggling to find its real social significance, beneath the surface—how would surveillance technologies change the relationship between the state and citizen? So, I decided to study sociology at graduate school and got involved in the Surveillance Studies Centre at Queen’s University, via a journalist fellowship at Stanford University. Both my MA and PhD are from Queen’s. My first degree is in law from Waseda University in Tokyo.

What drew you to UVic?
I think that my area of research was a great fit for the Crime and Law position advertisement. During my campus visit, I had nice and relaxed conversations with faculty members, and I was actually very encouraged by the personal congratulatory messages from them when I received the job offer. The warm feeling drew me here.

What is your current research program focused on?
I moved to Victoria in December 2020 after completing the data collection for my Banting postdoctoral research at the University of Ottawa (which was the reason of my late arrival). The project, entitled “Legalizing Illegal Mass Surveillance: The Global Collaboration of Intelligence Agencies and Big Data Corporations, and Its Impact on Canadian Law and Democracy”, is built on my 2016 personal interview with the American National Security Agency (NSA) whistleblower Edward Snowden. I submitted a paper to a journal this summer, which analyzes how the global expansion of security intelligence has altered the Canadian law to legalize the previously illegal surveillance of citizens. I am planning to write about whistleblowers in my next paper.

Meanwhile, the COVID-19 pandemic has been taking us to another stage of mass surveillance, such as contact tracing apps and vaccine passports. This global trend of technological responses to infectious disease began in East Asia (China, Taiwan, and Korea), which encountered the viruses earlier than the rest of the world. I have received an internal grant from UVic to research people’s experiences of pandemic smartphone surveillance in East Asia, and I am hoping to grow it into ethnographical research. Because my PhD project was about the Japanese biometric identification systems in occupied Northeast China in 1920’s-1945, I am also interested in tracing the historical trajectories of surveillance systems in East Asia since the time of Japanese empire in this project.

What courses are you teaching this Fall and Spring?
I am teaching SOCI346 Sociology of Surveillance this Fall. I will be teaching SOCI220 and the 4th-year seminar course on Identification, Surveillance, and Citizenship.

What are the best parts about teaching and/or why is teaching important to you?
Both of my parents were high school teachers (Western history and English). They were, especially my mother, in my view, good at teaching students who were struggling in the classroom. She loved the moments when those students untangled a long-term problem and their eyes shone with excitement at understanding what it was. I would like to bring that inclusive educational experience and encouragement to my students.

What do you hope your students will remember long after the final exam?
Critical thinking and commitment to ‘Others’. I believe that universities are a privileged place to know the world outside the scope of everyday lives, and that my role is to draw students’ attention to unknown, diverse Others, who are marginalized and abandoned in today’s unequal and conflicting societies. I feel that UVic students are interested in social issues, especially keen to advance Indigenous sovereignty. It is wonderful, and I would like to further push their boundaries of knowledge to the outside of North America and Europe.

How have you settled into life in Victoria so far?
The first 9 months were quite tough actually! Because of the pandemic and online teaching, I rarely saw people on campus. At times it was challenging to get administrative responses and other resources by emails, but Zoe, Aileen, and Ann were always helpful! I didn’t know what I didn’t know to settle in. The housing crisis exacerbated this experience, and I suffered with a kind of memory loss caused by the isolation, being away from my communities in Ontario. It was only after the summer that I was able to meet my colleagues in person, which helped me a lot. My family and I also found that we actually landed on a beautiful island through our camping trip to Port Hardy this summer. I look forward to getting to know more people and places!
Margaret Penning Retires

Margaret J. Penning received her B.A. from the University of Winnipeg, her M.A. from the University of Manitoba and her PhD form the University of Alberta, all in sociology. She joined the Department of Sociology at the University of Victoria in 1993. Margaret has been and is committed to the sociological enterprise, believing that part of its strength emanates from the multiple perspectives embedded within the discipline. Hard work, rigour and fairness mark her research, teaching and service. She applies her sociological lens to all of these endeavours, especially to an understanding of the issues faced when we age, emphasizing the need for societal perspectives and interdisciplinary research in the development of policies and practices that affect aging. She begins with a theoretical perspective and applies that to real-world issues facing seniors, whether examining transitions within the health care system, health and well-being of seniors or family care. She brings both a macro societal and an individual lens, combined with an acute equity awareness. These intersecting perspectives are embedded in a scientific approach that demands rigour of science directed toward actionable research that is responsive to community needs addressing emergent problems. She bridges the gap between academics and practitioners, through knowledge translation and collaboration with community partners. The health authorities with which she has partnered cite her “excellent leadership” and willingness to engage with decision-makers and knowledge users as key factors in her effort to make “meaningful change” in the health care system.

Margaret’s contributions extend well beyond the University of Victoria, although her mark is evident there with the many departmental and university-wide committees she has served on and the over 60 graduate students she has supervised. She was Editor-in-Chief of the Canadian Journal on Aging, our national academic aging journal, inaugural chair of the CIHR’s Social Dimensions of Aging review committee, and an academic advisor to the Centre for Aging and Health Research, Institute for Population and Development Studies, School of Public Policy and Administration, Xi’an Jiaotong University, Xi’an, China.

Recognition by Canada’s top peer-reviewed funders has been continuous throughout her career, beginning with SSHRC and NHRDP doctoral and post-doctoral awards, then with CIHR/SSHRC/NHRDP health career investigator awards and then a steady stream of grants from these same agencies as well as others. She has been recognized locally, nationally and internationally as a leading health sciences researcher. Locally, the University of Victoria has recognized her with the Social Sciences Research Fellowship Award. Nationally, she has been recognized by the Canadian Association on Gerontology (our national organization) with their highest honour, the Distinguished Member Award for Lifetime Achievement in Research and with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for Contributions to Gerontology. This past year she was named a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. Internationally, The Gerontological Society of America in the U.S. (the world’s leading gerontological association of researchers) recognized her contributions and commitment by naming her an International Fellow.

Margaret is more than her academic work; she is also a loving wife and mother. She plans to continue publishing for some time to come but her constant presence in the department will be missed by colleagues and graduate students alike.

We wish her the best in retirement.
~Neena Chappell

Karen Kobayashi, Neena Chappell, Denise Cloutier & Margaret Penning
Faculty Awards and Honours

Congratulations to Bruce Ravelli for winning the first annual Lorne Tepperman Award in Teaching Excellence from the Canadian Sociological Association. They note: “Dr. Ravelli has made important contributions to undergraduate teaching in a variety of venues outside his own university, including textbooks, websites, professional meetings, and professional journals. Dr. Ravelli’s website, Making Sociology Matter, shows how sociology can help to promote a better social world. As one judge wrote, “His contributions are a treasure chest of valuable, and often hidden, jewels that enlighten the sociological imagination.” In many ways, Dr. Ravelli has developed and promoted creative new techniques for teaching undergraduates that will appeal to younger generations of learners outside his own classroom.”

Bruce also recently received a UVic Kudos for his scholarly and teaching contributions that inspire students and demonstrate how sociology can help promote a better world.

Congratulations to Aaron Devor for his reappointment for a second 5-year term as Chair in Transgender Studies (2021).

Margaret Penning was inducted into Canadian Academy of Health Scientists this fall as a Fellow.

Zheng Wu, has been posthumously awarded the 2021 Canadian Population Society Lifetime Achievement Award. "This award honours a Canadian scholar every two years who has shown outstanding commitment to the profession of demography and whose cumulative work has contributed in important ways to the advancement of the discipline in Canada, through publications, teaching and/or services. The body of lifetime work may include theoretical, substantive, methodological and/or applied contributions."

Lanjing Li, Zheng’s widow, accepted the Lifetime Achievement Award on his behalf, at UVic’s University Club, a place Zheng frequented almost weekly with colleagues.

This year, six UVIC researchers in the fields of science, social sciences, engineering, and humanities have been elected to the Royal Society of Canada (RSC), a council of distinguished scholars and leaders recognized with the country’s highest academic honour. Sarah Wagner, Sociology postdoctoral fellow is one of them. Sarah is an ethnographer who employs community based research to explore the inequalities of the digital world. Karen Kobayashi is one of Wagner’s post-doc supervisors.

Congratulations to William Carroll and Susan A. McDaniel for being selected to contribute to “Canadian Sociologists in the First Person”. This is the first book to survey the Canadian sociological imagination through personal recollections, exploring the lives and experiences of twenty contributors from across the country. The book connects the unique and shared features of their careers to broad social dynamics while providing a guide to their own research and administrative contributions to their universities, their profession, and their broader society and communities.” Available for purchase here.

Susan McDaniel’s chapter is in Professional Sociology section: Choices and Non-Choices: Waltzing with the Micro/Macro in Sociology, while Bill Carroll’s is in Political Economy Section: From Ugly American to Critical Sociologist - in Five Decades.

On the list of 83 best Demography books, Thomas K Burch’s book sits at #11! This volume of selected essays takes a wide-ranging methodological critique of demography, rejecting the notion that demography is simply a branch of applied statistics.
Faculty Research Grants

Katelin Albert
Rapid SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine Research Initiative in BC. Funders: Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research; BCCDC Foundation for Public Health. For “Investigating how health information influences attitudes of British Columbians to COVID-19 vaccines to help counter misinformation and encourage vaccine uptake/acceptance.”

Garry Gray (Co-Investigator).

UVIC Internal Research/Creative Project Grant. Title of Project: “Health behaviours, safety, and vaccinations: An analysis of Southern British Columbians’ opinions, attitudes, and responses to the COVID 19 pandemic.”

Aaron Devor
2020-2022 BC Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction Grant. Principal Applicant “Improving labour market participation for Trans+ people.” $200,000.

Steve Garlick
‘Men and Markets: Masculinities, Neoliberalism, and New Materialisms’, SSHRC Insight Grant 2021-24 ($51,000)

Tamara Humphrey
SSHRC Insight Development Grant with Audrey Yap (Philosophy, UVIC) for a project titled “Storywork and Desistance from Crime: Remaking the Self through Narrative”

IRCPG (Internal Research/Creative Project Grant) for the same project

Karen Kobayashi
Co-PI on a grant from Alzheimer Society Canada for, “Consent and substitute consent to participate in research: Ethics and legal practice for the meaningful inclusion of Canadians living with dementia.”

SSHR Partnership Grant: Karen Kobayashi and Anelyse Weiler, with Kendra Strauss (SFU), Denise Cloutier (Geography), Feng Xu (Political Science)

Midori Ogasawara: Internal Research/Creative Project Grant for “Pandemic Smartphone Surveillance: The Experiences, Efficacy and Expansion in East Asia”, University of Victoria ($7,000CAD)

From a partnership project funded by SSHRC, Midori authored the first chapter “Collaborative Surveillance with Big Data Corporation: Interviews with Edward Snowden and Mark Klein” in “Big Data Surveillance and Security Intelligence”.

Margaret Penning
Co-PI with Denise Cloutier, also with Karen Kobayashi. The Impact of Covid-19 on Social Isolation and Mental Health among Middle-aged and Older Adults: Addressing Immigrant Status, Gender, and Place-based Geographic Disparities. University of Victoria Collaborative Grants Program, 2021-22.

The Corporate Mapping Project (CMP) held their third summer institute in May. The Summer Institute ran as an online graduate-level seminar course. It attracted students from across Canada (and one from Germany), and featured 50 speakers in 16 sessions, from May 10 to 28. An online conference in June was also hosted.

Additionally, the CMP book, Regime of Obstruction, edited by William Carroll is available for free download on the publisher’s website.
Faculty Research Projects

Aaron Devor
Part of a large team just completing the World Professional Association for Transgender Health’s Standards of Care for Transgender Health version 8

Modernizing the recording of sex, gender, and sexual orientation (GSSO) in electronic health records

Continuing to build the database for a unique discovery tool created by my team for the Transgender Archives

Building a digital display for the Transgender Archives to highlight Trans+ oral histories that were previously collected by a post-doc under my supervision

Trans+ people’s experiences in forced labour in Canada

Development, with a community partner, of a pilot program to improve labour market success for Trans+ people coming out of poverty.

A new book chapter about Reed Erickson and the Erickson Educational Foundation’s leadership in gaining human rights for Trans+ people

Susan A. McDaniel
In the Midst: How Midlife are Coping with the Great Recession in Canada and the United States. [based on SSHRC-funded research], to be completed 2022. (with Amber Gazso)

An expansion of the Canadian Sociologists in the First Person into a book.

Margaret Penning

CIHR Catalyst Grant: Strategies for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR) - Building Solutions to Homelessness, Housing Insecurity and Health for Older Women in Vulnerable Circumstances, 2020-21. (with Cloutier, D., Halseth, G., Kobayashi, K., Penning, M.J., Sheets, D. & Stadjuhar, K.)


Tamara Humphrey

Storywork and Desistance from Crime: Remaking the Self Through Narrative (Co-PI with Audrey Yap)

Latino Men’s Community Project: Supporting Well-Being and Healthy Relationships (Collaborator on a community-academic team led by PI Liza Lorenzetti, Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary)

Evaluating the Impact of Formal Sanctions and Informal Supports on Trajectories of Offending (Co-PI with Erin Gibbs Van Brunschot, University of Calgary, Collaborator – Grace Li, PhD Candidate UVic).

Midori Ogasawara held a public online talk on September 24, 2021, hosted by UVic’s Pacific & Asian Studies on her recent research.

Congratulations to the TransGender Archives on their 10 year Anniversary! “This upcoming year will be a year of celebration! It will be a year of looking back, and a year of looking forward, and we want you to be a part of it. Over the upcoming year, you will see special 10 Year Anniversary content from us!”

Meet Sean Hier’s new COVID dog, Chester. Sean notes that Chester is a collaborator that is with him every moment of the working day!
Grad Student — Awards

SSHRC – Doctoral
Tayler Zavitz

SSHRC – MA
Fiona McNeill-Knowles
Zeinab Hammoud
Talya Jesperson

CIHR – MA
Alanna Cannatella

Donor Awards:
Zeinab Hammoud (September, 2020) & Finn Deschner (September, 2021)
– Roy E. L. Watson Graduate Scholarship

Other student awards/scholarships:
Tucker Farris (PhD) – 2021 President’s Fellowship in Research Enriched Teaching Award, University of Victoria

Canadian Sociological Association’s Outstanding Graduating Student Awards in 2020-2021:
Mushira Khan – PhD Program
Tara Erb – MA Program

Graduate student opportunities from BC NEIHR:
Funding (MA $17,500, PhD $35,000 and Postdoc $59,398)
Networking, Internships, Training and experiential learning, Events & more!
For questions or more information, please contact the Network Coordinator at bcneihr@uvic.ca or visit our website.

Grad Student Updates

I’m happy to share that I had a busy and productive summer, staying connected to the Canadian academic events from my home in Turkey. I was able to participate in the virtual CSA conference (May 31–June 4), presenting papers on two panels.

The first panel was titled ‘Mental Health and Social Context: Mental Health Experiences of Indigenous, Immigrant, And Refugee Populations In Canada’. I presented a paper entitled ‘As if I am telling a story’: Narratives of Iranian refugees on trauma, coping, and access to mental health services in British Columbia’. The second panel’s topic was sociology of migration with a focus on new research initiatives in migrant transnationalism. My presentation in this panel was named ‘Leaving Everything Behind’: Power and Agency in the Migration Trajectories of Iranian Refugees in British Columbia’. In both of these panels I had the opportunity to talk and engage with other presenters, as well as the audience through Q-A sessions and further discussions.

My second paper has also been accepted as a book chapter for the 4th edition of ‘Reading Sociology’, which is to be published by the Oxford University Press in 2022. The aim of this chapter is to introduce first-year Sociology students to the concept of agency in the context of Iranian refugee migration to Canada.

In addition to working on these presentations and the book chapter, I also co-presented a workshop session sharing my teaching experience. This presentation was co-hosted by me and Gerry Gourlay from our Centre of Learning and Teaching Support and Innovation (LTSI), as a part of the ‘Let’s Talk About Teaching’ workshops. The workshop presentation, ‘Looking Forward in Course Design – Creatively Crafting Intended Learning Outcomes’, took place virtually on August 31. There, I shared my experience of creating two online course syllabi for SOCI 438 (Issues in Contemporary Sociology: Sociology of Migration) and SOCI 327 (International Perspectives on Inequities in Health and Health Care), using course-level and unit-level intended learning outcomes to guide the teaching and learning objectives. The workshop was met with great interest by other graduate students and teaching staff, and I’m looking forward to possibly co-hosting it again in November.

"Sanam Vaghefi (5th year PhD Candidate)
Tucker Farris was awarded the President’s Research Enriched Teaching Fellowship for the 2021-22 academic year for teaching SOCI 309. In addition to 309 he has taught three sections of Death and Dying and within the scope of this course (both online and in person) has fostered a new sense of meditation on mortality within our students that culminated in the creation of an experiential educational installation in the central Cornett courtyard that has allowed a fair amount of students to have a quiet and meditative space to reflect on both their own mortalities, and to consider those they may have lost during the last tumultuous years of COVID-19. As evidenced in their writings and reflections, this space has become deeply meaningful to some as a place to consider the socially symbolic connections we the living have with those that have passed, and to some degree has become a space where some small modicum of healing may emerge for the emotionally, socially, and psychologically draining collective experience we have had with COVID. In addition to 389, this fall Tucker has been teaching a new 438 course specifically focused on “coming of age in the digital age” where his students have been exploring the radical changes experienced by those growing up in the emergence of technology and social media. Effectively, it is an exploration of a generation’s experience growing up over two decades of rapidly changing social landscapes, perpetual war, and a healthy dose of optimism despite the darkness creeping in.

Aside from departmental teaching experiences, Tucker has tentatively been asked to consider supervising a massive pedagogical and operational shift in the Centre for Academic Communication to evolve it to a new, student centered approach (studio pedagogy) that focuses on universal design and active writing in process rather than being a service centre for writing help. This has the potential to radically transform the UVIC landscape as far as student writing success, experience, and support. This undertaking is being drawn from his previous participation in coordinating a similar shift at Oregon State University’s Writing Studio (which has since been awarded the 2019 Association of College and Research Libraries Instruction Section Innovation Award due to this shift). While not directly related to sociology, Tucker is hopeful that the long term impacts of this pedagogical work will be felt in the department with students able to receive a more focused, collaborative, and helpful form of writing support across fields and genres of writing.

Finally, on the front of his professional work, Tucker, along with Shreyashi Ganguly and Sarah Revilla-Sanchez founded a new peer-reviewed open source academic journal specifically focused on emergent scholars in social, cultural and political theory. The journal is titled “Sojourns: A Journal of Social, Cultural, and Political Thought” and is currently seeking submissions. For more information, you may email sojourns@uvic.ca. In addition to this endeavor, Tucker has completed his first book titled: Institutional Interactionism: The Theory of the Institutional Self which is due out very soon from Light of the Moon Publishing. The work is a new and original theoretical work (at 450 pages and with 4 years of work behind it) that presents a meta-reflection on the state of sociology as a ‘field,’ a newly proposed model of considering and conceptualizing “social reality” and presents a contemporary reinvigoration of Symbolic Interactionist thought to attempt to explore the nature of the social institution in modern society as something beyond a simple group of individuals and instead something resembling “Citizen’s United Meets Hobbes’ Leviathan”. He recently presented a talk on a chapter from the book for the CSPT Monthly Colloquium, a video of which is available here. Once publishing details are finalized, a book launch may take place in the department.

Graduate Student Colloquium

In addition to having to “pivot” fairly quickly to teaching and holding office hours online, many other events had to be held via Zoom. In spring (April 29, 2020), four graduate students presented their MA research work. Numerous faculty and grad students attended and learned more about the research conducted by Finn Deschner, Kelsey Block, Victor Nascimento and Mark Shakespear.

Stay tuned for information about this year’s grad student colloquium!
The department is very excited to welcome the new graduate cohort, consisting of 10 MA students and 4 PhD students (*one PhD will join in January 2022). Their names, supervisor, former educational institution and research areas of interest are listed below. We wish all students a successful year!

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Recent Graduate Student Defenses

**PhD Students**


**Linda Outcalt** (INTD), July 30, 2021, “Aged by Popular Culture” (Supervisor: Neena Chappell)


**Mushira Khan**, December 7, 2020, “Of Duty, Deen (faith), Diaspora, and Dilemma: Narratives of Care and Intergenerational Support Exchanges in Aging South Asian Muslim Families” (Supervisor: Karen Kobayashi, Member: André Smith)

**MA Students**

**Sasha Dwyer** – August 27, 2021, Major Research Paper - “Media Portrayals of Women Who Engage in Fatal Violence” (Supervisor: Tamara Humphrey, Member: Steve Garlick)

**Finn Deschner** – August 25, 2021, “White Collar Crime Perspectives on Deregulation under Trump” (Supervisor: Garry Gray, Member: William Carroll)

**Kora Liegh Glatt** – August 24, 2021, “The Challenges Farmers Face at Vancouver Island’s Farmers’ Markets” (Supervisor: Martha McMahon, Member: William Carroll)

**Jessica Annan** – August 12, 2021, “An Uncomfortable City: A Community-Based Investigation of Hostile Architecture” (Supervisor: William Carroll, Member: Tamara Humphrey)

**Kelsey Block** – August 6, 2021, “LGBTQ+ Experiences in Christian Communities” (Supervisor: Steve Garlick, Member: Aaron Devor)

**Shreyashi Ganguly** – August 6, 2021, “Comedy Knows No Caste: Nation and Caste in English Political Standup Comedy on the Internet in India” (Supervisor: William Carroll)

**Sarah Revilla Sanchez** – July 28, 2021, “Haunting Murders: Feminicide, Ghosts, and Affects in Contemporary Mexico” (Supervisor: Steve Garlick, Member: Peyman Vahabzadeh)

**Thomas Mallette** – April 14, 2021, “The Sparring Instinct: Diaries of Mixed Martial Arts” (Supervisor: Steve Garlick, Member: William Little)

**Victor Nascimento** – March 22, 2021, “The Hegemony of the Neoliberal Narrative: Right Wing Discourses of ‘Common Sense’, the Weaponization of the Term ‘Liberal’, and the Shifting of the Political Spectrum” (Supervisor: Steve Garlick, Member: Edwin Hodge)

Updates from Recent Graduates

Tara Erb is the Network Coordinator, British Columbia Network Environment for Indigenous Health Research (BC NEIHR).

Shreyashi Ganguly is in the PhD program in Sociology at York University, in Toronto

Sarah Revilla Sanchez is pursuing a PhD in Hispanic Studies at UBC.

Mark Shakespear – I am in my second year of the sociology PhD program at UBC. I presented my MA thesis findings at the CSA and IASNR (International Association for Society and Natural Resources) conferences this past summer.

Suzanne Wood – I am in my 2nd year Doctoral Student in Sociology at Notre Dame University in Indiana, a CREO (Center for Research on Educational Opportunity) Affiliate and a Burns PIER (Program for Interdisciplinary Education Research) Fellow. Currently I am buried in coursework while simultaneously collecting ethnographic data in an Elementary School classroom.

Andrew Ivsins— I’m a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Department of Medicine at UBC and at the BC Centre on Substance Use (since 2019). I did a short 6 month stint as a Senior Policy Analyst in early 2021 with the Overdose Emergency Response Centre within the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions. But I missed research too much so returned to UBC/BCCSU this fall.

What a year it has been! It turns out graduating in the middle of a pandemic isn’t exactly the best conditions for job-hunting. However, I recently accepted a UBC position through the Centre for Gender and Sexual Health Equity! I’m going to be researching for two projects, one focused on supporting criminalized non binary folks, Two-Spirit folks, and women accessing reproductive justice, another focuses on program evaluation of a Trauma Informed Support Project. I am so looking forward to working in my field and supporting feminist research that aims to document and empower those most targeted by the cis-heteropatriarchy. I was also recently accepted into a Sexual Health Educator program which I’m hoping will diversify my feminist repertoire to educate on pleasure and reproductive justice. In my “spare” time, I’m volunteering for Students for Consent Culture and organizing with a local collective to defund the police. I hope everyone is surviving out there, and finding moments to appreciate the beauty and care that arises in dismantling oppressive structures. Sometimes the best resistance is rest.

XOXO
~Sophia Myers

I’ve been pretty busy since finishing my MA in 2018. I started a PhD program in the sociology department at Queen’s University in 2019, and this past summer I reached the milestone of becoming ABD! My project, for which I was awarded SSHRC funding, looks at how seemingly neutral new media platforms reproduce inequality through their technological inner workings as well as through their tacit support of behaviours and practices that are harmful to marginalized individuals. Through the use of mixed methods, I specifically look at how racialized influencers on Instagram experience racism through obscure platform policies and lack of support in reporting and managing online harassment. In designing and implementing this project, I’ve put into practice all of my stats/qual knowledge which has made this a very rewarding (although challenging at times) experience!

~Daniela Zuzunaga

I currently work as the Business Manager and Advocate for CUPE 2278, the union which represents teaching assistants and language instructors at UBC and UNBC. My work involves providing learning opportunities for grad students to be more informed of their rights as workers and the self-advocacy skills needed to assert their rights. I also negotiate agreements with the two universities and occasionally I (verbally) brow beat faculty who mistreat teaching assistants. My role is to challenge and confront these potential power imbalances where I can. The relationship between doing a PhD in Sociology and being a union staff person is not obvious, and there are few PhD grads doing this work. In fact, filling this role with someone who has a background in union activism AND who understands the weird world of academia was a challenge. I LOVE MY JOB! I tell people that I’m the “union nerd for the nerd union”.

~David Huxtable
More Updates from Recent Graduates

I am still working as the Indigenous Education Coordinator for Peace Wapiti Public School Division. I have not attended any conferences recently, however I will be joining two colleagues for a presentation at the upcoming CASS (College of Alberta School Superintendents) Fall Conference. The presentation is called “Leading for Educational Equity” and goes over our school division’s work the past three years. I will be joining the two main presenters to contribute how our Indigenous Education program has transformed.

Along with response to divisional needs, collaboration with other school divisions, community input and research, this transformation has been informed by the research I undertook while in grad school at UVIC. This is an interesting way research can carry on outside of the traditional publishing sense. Conference link here.

On a personal note, Geoff and I got married this last summer and I’m currently on maternity leave with my 6 month old baby boy! His name is Jude and he is happy and healthy. So are we!

~ Brigitte Benning

My first job out of grad school was as an Intake Coordinator with the Workers’ Resource Centre in Calgary, where we advocated and assisted in the application of workers rights for minorities. I currently work for an environmental consulting company, Golder, as a Social Scientist. My role involves working with project management and senior team members to complete reports for energy companies, federal and provincial government organizations, and sovereign First Nations. A lot of my work involves researching and applying socio-economic topics related to the environmental impacts of various projects.

~ Gagan Sharma

My dissertation, Aged by Popular Culture, was designed to investigate how our perceptions of age and aging are shaped by two specific aspects of North American culture – Western media and popular culture. I used art-based methods research (participant photos, images and audio clips) to examine the representations of older age and aging that are found in popular culture and media which have advanced and reinforced ageism though their celebration of the ‘cult of youth’ and negative depictions of aging and old age, and which also form the foundation of the anti-aging industry.

Aged by Popular Culture is not in the standard PDF format but is instead in a website format that was specifically designed as a teaching tool to be used in K-12 schools, post-secondary institutions, and other organizations and senior’s centres (as an accessible website that is available without cost). This website dissertation has the objective of promoting critical thinking that may generate a positive change in attitudes towards aging, build more positive intergenerational connections, and help to reduce the harmful effects of ageism in contemporary society.

~ Linda Outcalt

I applied for a position at the John Howard Society North Island in June 2021 and moved to Courtenay, BC in August of 2021. I am the Assistant Program Manager of a youth care centre called The Station. I manage the daily operations of two youth programs, Independent Living and Level Up. The Independent Living program provides services and supports to high-risk youth who are transitioning out of Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) care to living on their own. The second program is called Level Up and it is a second stage recovery program that provides services and supports to youth who have substance abuse issues. Youth who reside in the program have to be attending school in some capacity. Both of these programs are designed to support youth through their transition into adulthood. A large part of my job is to develop and evaluate youth programming (surrounding addictions, life skills, healthy relationship and boundaries, and the like), to implement policies and procedures, and to support staff in navigating their roles as front line workers. Although I have previous experience working with marginalised groups, it was because of my MA in Sociology that I was offered this position.

~ Sasha Dwyer
Honours Program - Student Research

As with many things, this year was a little different for the Honours Student research presentations. On March 30, 2020 they presented their research projects via Zoom. But as usual, their projects covered many interesting areas. The students, their project titles and supervisors are listed below:

Megan Ingram—Interdependent Resistance: On Agency and Affirmation in Queer Disabled Sexual Identity Construction (Supervisor: Edwin Hodge)

Kai (Hanna) Jacobsen – Who Counts as Trans? A Critical Discourse Analysis of Tumblr Posts (Aaron Devor)

Sicily Fox – Exploring Arguments against Anthropogenic climate change – (Andre Smith)

Dorothy Poon – Constructing the Good Immigrant (Karen Kobayashi)

Yang Yang – Religion and Attitudes towards Intimate Partner Violence: A Cross-National Study (Min Zhou)


Are you excited about conducting your own research? Are you thinking about continuing your studies in sociology? If so, the honours program is for you. For more information on the program please contact Andre Smith at apsmith@uvic.ca

This year’s Honours program includes a small but passionate group of three students. The students and their supervisor are:

Mila Klapstein—Anelyse Weiler
Arista Marthyman—Anelyse Weiler
Felix Morrow —Bill Carroll

Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award—JCURA
The 2020-21 recipients were:
Cole Freeman, Brooke MacNab Dorothy Poon, Yang Yang
Typically this event is held in person in March with a poster session, however last year it was held online. You can view the presentation posters and watch their presentation video here.

The 2021-22 JCURA recipients are:
Mila Klapstein
Arista Marthyman
Hannah Thon

BOSS is the Bureau of Sociology Students, an undergrad student-run organization governed by UVSS policy. The group’s 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.

BOSS coordinates a number of events throughout the year, including movie nights, study groups, and information sessions, mixers and pub crawls, and organizes group attendance at lectures and information sessions. You can find BOSS on Instagram @bossuvic and on Facebook: UVic Bureau of Sociology Students (BOSS). We can be reached by Facebook messenger or by email at boss.uvic@gmail.com

Get yourself on the mailing list to stay informed of our various events!
BOSS looks forward to another great year!
Co-op Program - 2021 Student Placements

UVic offers an exciting co-op program for undergraduate and graduate students. More and more Sociology students are taking the opportunity to gain valuable and relevant work experience while also completing their degree. For more information about the program as well as requirements, click [here](#). See below for the students who are currently on co-op as well as those who participated this summer and spring.

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Faculty in the Media

Aaron Devor
Tan France's Queer Icons, Audible UK. June 2021
The State of Trans Studies in the 2020s, April 2021
Opinion: Without exemptions to protect women in prison, gender identity laws are unconstitutional (National Post) Apr.12
BC Courts update gender identification process (CBC Radio) Dec.24

Anelyse Weiler
Conditions facing Quebecois workers in B.C., including pesticide exposure (La Presse) Sept 27, 2021
OpEd: Minimum wage rules should apply across the board (Vancouver Sun) May 31.
OpEd: Migrant workers need priority access to the COVID-19 vaccine (The Globe and Mail) Mar.2

Bill Carroll
Opinion: Why It's Hard for BC's NDP to Be Greener (The Tyee) Oct.19

Bruce Ravelli
OpEd: 2021 high school graduates are not a 'lost generation' (Times Colonist) June 16

Cecilia Benoit
Opinion: We expect childbirth to hurt, but it should not kill. Canada must do more to reduce maternal deaths (The Globe and Mail) May 10

Edwin Hodge
Door Locks at COVID Vaccine Clinic Filled With Glue, Police Looking for Suspect (Newsweek) Oct.13
Pseudo law theories (CFAX Radio) Sept.29
COVID-19 vaccine protests (CBC Radio) Sept.23; Capital Daily Podcast
Vaccine passports (CBC Radio) Sept.7
Vaccine cards (CBC Radio) Aug.27
Experts weigh-in on how to address COVID-19 conspiracy theorists (Vancouver Is Awesome) Dec.15

Karen Kobayashi
Inside the scramble to find culturally competent care for elderly immigrants (Broadview) June 24

Min Zhou
Anti-Asian racism in Canada called 'disturbing' amid shocking rise of greater discrimination (China Daily) May 4
OpEd: As Asian Canadian scholars, we must #StopAsianHate by fighting all forms of racism (Conversation Canada)

Susan McDaniel
Low birth rate (Global News Radio) May 6

Tamara Humphrey
Why many Victoria residents may perceive an increase in crime (Victoria News) Apr.30

September Welcome BBQ Lunch

The term started on a strong and positive note with a face to face gathering. There was plenty of food and friendly conversation as the new graduate students were welcomed with a BBQ lunch that included faculty members as well as current grad students. Many thanks to the office admin for all your hard work in organizing this fun social!
Publications & Conference Presentations

Departmental members’ names in bold.

Books:


Articles:


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Book Chapters/Reports:


Presentations (Conference Papers/Invited/Guest Speaker/Posters)


Benoit, C. Research points to the need for a BDAR provincial system. Bad Date and Aggressor Reporting Webinar. Vancouver, BC. 2020.


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Carroll, W. “Mobilizing the sociological imagination: a pedagogical odyssey.” CSA June 1, 2021.

Carroll, W. “Organizing the 1%: How corporate power works in Canada.” Right Turn? The Rise of Conservatism in the Americas Lecture Series, University of Alberta, 16 April 2021

Carroll, W. “Contending hegemonic projects in an era of climate breakdown.” International Sociological Association, February 2021


Carroll, W. “Reflections on the Struggle against the Free Trade Agreement (FTA), three decades on.” Socialist Studies Symposium, 19 March 2021 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rF-aDd8rQ90

Devor, A. 2021 Organizer and host of the Moving Trans History Forward conference. Entirely online. International and interdisciplinary. Almost 400 attendees from 23 countries in 13 time zones on all continents except Antarctica.


Ogasawara, M. “Bodies as Risky Resources: Japan’s Colonial Identification Systems in Northeastern China”, Online Public Talk, Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, University of Victoria, September 2021.

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.

Undergraduate Rising Stars Awards

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Yunker, Z. & Carroll, W. Corporate Mapping Project Webinar on researching corporate power (200 attendees; Shannon Daub as co-presenter). 17 February. 2021

Zavitz, T. The Socio-Political Framing of Ag-Gag Laws in Canada: An Analysis of the Justifications for Doing the Wrong Thing. 3rd Annual Canadian Animal Law Conference (hosted online), October 2021.


Zavitz, T. The Dual Failure of the Canadian Legal System: Animal Law and the Criminalization of Dissent. 2nd Annual Canadian Animal Law Conference (hosted online), October 2020


Wishing everyone a productive and enjoyable Fall term! Don’t forget to turn back your clocks this weekend!