Dear Alumni and Friends,

It is my pleasure to write and let you know that Sociology is doing great. SIU Sociology’s tradition of educating our students and pushing the bounds of scholarship are intact. Our faculty and students have produced wonderful research and served the department, university, and beyond.

Our Graduate Director, Rachel Whaley, and Undergraduate Director, Jessica Crowe, worked tirelessly to ensure that the department ran smoothly. Our graduate enrollment has increased and the students are actively engaging in teaching and scholarship. Undergraduate enrollment is steady and our majors and minors are doing great work, graduating, getting jobs and going on to graduate school. Below, the directors will provide more details.

Please join me in thanking the faculty and students for a job well done. I would also like to thank our staff, without whom this department could not run. Judy Rose runs the office with a deft hand and assures that the rest of us get what we need. Chasity Shea works behind the scenes to recruit potential students and take care of program needs. Joe McLaughlin was our stalwart student worker over the last two years. He graduated in May but will return to SIU in the fall majoring in law. We wish him the best.

I would finally like to thank the alumni and donors for their generous contributions, helping students and faculty do their jobs and push the departmental agenda forward.

Cordially,

William F. Danaher
The Graduate Program in Sociology had a fabulous 2018-2019 academic year. Our 2018 cohort included 2 new MA students and 5 new PhD students, 4 of whom entered with research fellowships from the Graduate School. We were very happy to welcome this cohort who, with other sociology graduate students, volunteered for a day at a local animal shelter in the spring. Together all are working hard to create a supportive environment for each other and maintain the Sociology Graduate Student Association.

Our students are certainly research productive. Students attended lots of conferences in the 2018-2019 school year including the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Southern Sociological Society, Justice Studies Association Annual Conference, Eastern Michigan University Critical Criminology Conference, American Society of Criminology, and Midwest Sociological Society. At the latter we had a tremendous SIU presence with about 6 MA and PhD students who presented their work or served on panels, and 8 undergraduates who presented work from their senior seminar with Dr. Crowe. Further, we met up with at least 7 alumni of our graduate program and two current faculty attended, myself and Dr. Jessica Crowe. We also had several students present at the annual Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Conference at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. First year PhD student Noha Hassan won the 2019 WGSS Conference Graduate Creative Presentation Award for her original work, "My Cosmic Story: The Dark Energy."

Our students are also turning their research into publications. Clay Awsumb (with Dr. David Kauzlarich) had a paper titled Resisting State Violence: The Role of Music, published in the Routledge Handbook of Critical Criminology, 2nd ed.; Trisha Crawshaw (and Dr. Danaher) have a forthcoming paper titled, As We Come Marching: Framing Amplification and Transformation Through Songs and Poetry, in Research in Social Movements, Conflict, and Change, Vol. 43, Bringing Down Divides and Trisha had a solo-authored paper titled, Rock and Rolls: Body Positivity in the Girls Rock Movement, accepted in Fat Studies: Special Issue on Fat Oppression, Part 2; Yurino Kawashima had two papers published in 2018 including one in the Journal of Asia-Pacific Business, and one (with co-authors) in an edited collection titled Preventing and Treating the Invisible Wounds of War: Combat Trauma and Psychological Injury; Rebecca Bolinski is lead author on two papers (one is in progress, and one is under review) stemming from her research assistantship on a multi-year NIH/NIDA grant called Ending transmission of HIV, HCV, and STDs and overdose in rural communities of people who inject drugs (ETHIC); Rebecca Tuxhorn is working on an R&R for a paper on prison nurseries, Debaleena Ghosh is working on an R&R with Dr. Barber; Ann Johnson and I submitted a manuscript based on her MA research, and Kendra Pospisil was invited to submit a paper that is now under review titled, The Lumps and Bumps of Aesthetic Labor: Rethinking Fat Talk in Plus-Size Retail.

Ann Johnson won the COLA Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award for PhD students, and she and Korey Phelan successfully defended their dissertations in May 2019. Amanda Patrick successfully defended her dissertation in August 2018 and was hired into a tenure track position at Austin Peay State University in Tennessee, and Korey Phelan is joining alumna Jessica Abbott as a tenure-track Assistant Professor at Dixie State University in Utah.
As always, we continue to be grateful for the support we receive from alums and other friends. Your generous gifts enable our students to travel to conferences, fund research, pay summer stipends, and achieve the kinds of honors we are able to tell you about each year. In these tough economic times, your support is a tremendous help! We also want to know what you’ve been doing so that we can pass it along, and we look forward to seeing you at the ASA, SSSP, SSSI, MSS, SWS, ICQI, ASC, and all the other meetings where we make our Saluki presence known.

We hope you have enjoyed hearing our good news, and we look forward very much to hearing back from you!

And finally, after 8 years of serving as Director of Graduate Studies and 4 years on the committee prior to then, it is with great sadness but also excitement that I pass the torch to J.-P. Reed who will take over in August 2019.

Rachel Bridges Whaley

Graduate students: (kneeling) Noha Hassan, Annie Johnson, Ricky Braatz; (standing) Kendra Pospisil, Rebecca Bolinski, Hannah Crane, Korey Phelan, Tori Neal, Neeraja Kolloju, Debaleena Ghosh, Becki Tuxhorn, Austin Boe, Daniel Baltz, Jeremy Allen; (not pictured) Clay Awsumb, Trisha Crawshaw, Danijela Cvetkovic, Yurino Kawashima
The sociology undergraduates had a very productive academic year. Under the guidance of Dr. Jessica Crowe, eight sociology majors and one minor participated in a senior research experience for their senior seminar course. For this experience, seniors designed, implemented, and analyzed a survey of SIU students. In April, they presented their findings at the Midwest Sociological Society’s annual conference in Chicago. The titles of their presentations were: “National Crisis or Overhyped Hoax? How Political Partisanship and Value Orientations Influence College Students’ Views on Social Issues” and “How Issue Framing and Media Consumption Influences College Students’ Views on Social Issues.” With financial support from the sociology department, the senior seminar class had a rewarding experience listening to speakers, making connections, and presenting their research at the conference. The department plans to offer similar research opportunities in the upcoming years as our majors greatly benefit from the research experience.

The Undergraduate Sociology Club had a very productive year. In the fall, two members of the club, Jessie Liberman and Bryan Robinson, attended AAPOR’s first Surveyfest at University of Illinois Chicago's campus. In the spring, the Undergraduate Sociology Club hosted a research panel where Trisha Crawshaw, Tori Neal, and Rebecca Tuxhorn, students in the sociology graduate program, shared their research.

This year we had four students who received the Dr. Willie Pearson, Jr. Academic Excellence in Sociology Award: Tatiana Green, Randall Grider, Megan Hurd, and Elena Cruz. We had one student who received the Louis and Monica Petroff Memorial Scholarship: Baylee Hudgens. Finally, congratulations to our graduating seniors: Elena Cruz, Jessica Liberman, Drew Donelson, Tatiana Green, Taylor Griffin, Elicia Hanley, Jacqueline Harsy, Baylee Hudgens, Tyler Marvin, Jawuan Monroe, Robert Murray. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Jessica Crowe

Undergraduate Sociology Club

The Club participated in the yearly RSO (Registered Student Organization) Fair to recruit new members.

The Pizza Party in fall 2018 attracted nearly 50 people and resulted in some new majors and minors. Thank you to Tori Neal and Jeremy Allen, who brought students from their SOC 108 discussion sections.

A Panel Discussion in spring 2019 featured three presenters: Trisha Crawshaw, Rebecca Tuxhorn, and Tori Neal. Turnout was good, and presentations were great!
While SIU is a State university and primarily funded by the State of Illinois, we rely on the generosity of donors and appreciate their support of our students and the work we do in the Department of Sociology. Some of our alumni have established scholarships for our students. We would like to recognize them here.

Thanks to Dr. Willie Pearson, Jr., we are able to award the Dr. Willie Pearson, Jr., Academic Excellence in Sociology Award to several deserving undergraduate students each year. The Louis and Monica Petroff Memorial Scholarship, established in 1981, is shared by the Departments of Sociology and English, in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Petroff. The J. Mark Wehrle Dissertation Scholarship in Sociology is awarded annually to support dissertation research related to social and/or economic injustice.

We want to thank David L. Briscoe and David A. Baer for their generous donations this year, which have allowed us to establish two new awards. The David L. Briscoe Book Scholarship for Graduate Students in the Department of Sociology will annually provide financial assistance toward the cost of books to a graduate student. The Baer Scholarship in Sociology will help offset the cost of college for students enrolled in the Sociology program.

We want to thank all our generous alumni and friends of the Department for their support. Regular monthly donations, as well as one-time gifts, allow the Department to offer activities that we otherwise couldn’t, such as inviting guest speakers to campus and hosting pizza parties to recruit new undergraduate majors.

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**Faculty Work**

**Kristen Barber, Associate Professor**

**Publications**


**Conference Presentations**

**Invited Lectures**
“Is There a “New Man”? Lessons from Looking at Gender-Boundary Crossing,” Department of Sociology, University of Arkansas.
**Media Appearances**

For The Journal News, Barber talks to Swapna Venugopal Ramaswamy about the marketplace value of salon services for privileged men in the article, “A Salon of His Own: Men Don’t Play Second Fiddle Here.” -- Also published on USA Today.

Nora Whelan talks to Barber about the limits of sartorial fluidity in the Playboy article, “Why So Many Men Chase Skirts, But Won’t Wear them."

The white tank top, Barber explains in a C. Brian Smith MEL Magazine article on the "wife beater," "allows white-collar men to borrow associations of ‘real’—i.e., laboring—masculinity on the weekends."

Dr. Barber is the Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Men and Masculinities*, the Culture Section Editor for the ASA journal, *Contexts*, and serves on numerous committees.

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**Jessica D. Crowe, Associate Professor**

**Grants Received**

2016-2021 Collaborative Research: Upper Delta Region Biodiversity Scholarship, S-STEM Program at NSF (total awarded $4,781,097; SIU awarded $1,600,837)

**Publications**


**Presentations**


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**William Danaher, Professor and Department Chair**

**Paper Publications**


**Chapters in Professional Books**

**Paper Presentations**


**J.-P. Reed, Associate Professor**

**Awards**


**Published**


**Presentations**


Dr. Reed is a Research Associate, Center for Critical Research on Religion and Chair-elect (2019) and Chair (2020), Member, Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee (2017-2020), SSSP (Society for the Study of Social Problems) and on the editorial boards of Critical Sociology, Critical Research on Religion, and Partecipazione & Conflitto (PaCo), Working Paper Series, Center of Studies on Politics and Society, University of Salento, Italy.

**Darren Sherkat, Professor**

**Paper Publications**


**Book Chapters**


Dr. Sherkat is on the editorial boards of Social Science Research, Sociology of Religion, Social Currents, and Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion.

**Rachel Whaley, Associate Professor**

**Publications**

**Paper Presentations**

Kjellstrand, Jean, J. Mark Eddy, Jean Schumer, Rachel Bridges Whaley, and Alice Wheeler. (November 2018). Gender Differences and Implications for Programming During the Reentry of Incarcerated Men and Women Back Into Their Communities. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta GA.

**Chris Wienke, Associate Professor**

**Book Chapters**
“Marriage, Cohabitation, Divorce, and Economic Status.” Forthcoming in Inequality in America: Causes and Consequences of the Rich-Poor Divide published by ABC-CLIO.

“The Disappearance of ‘Gay Neighborhoods’: How Will It Impact the Mental Health of Sexual Minority Young Adults?” with Rick Braatz (Southern Illinois University). The Life and Afterlife of Gay Neighborhoods: Resurgence and Renaissance, edited by Alex Bitterman and Daniel Hess and published by Springer as part of the Urban Book Series. Accepted.
Presentations


“What are Serial Marriage and Cohabitation: An Exploration of the Biographical Stories of Men and Women who have been Married or Lived with a Partner Three or More Times.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA, (April) 2018.

Emeritus Faculty Profile

Lew Hendrix – “Banjo Man”

Lew Hendrix is an emeritus Professor of Sociology. Many of you know him from when he was a regular faculty member. He taught at SIUC from 1971 until his retirement in May 2002, having earned his PhD from Princeton University in 1974 (dissertation titled “Migration from an Ozark Community: A Micro-sociological Study of Social Involvement and Integration”). He taught “family” courses: Families of the World; Seminar on Comparative Family Systems; Family. His book Illegitimacy and Social Structures: Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Nonmarital Birth was published in 1996 (Praeger). His articles have appeared in publications such as The Sociological Quarterly, Journal of Comparative Family Studies, and the American Journal of Sociology.

What you might not know is that Lew is a great banjo player! He lectured in Bill Danaher’s class, Sociology of Music, this spring on old time music and banjo. He captivated the students with his demonstrations of banjo techniques, lectured on the history behind blue grass and country music, and sang traditional songs. Lew also plays live with various groups in Carbondale and throughout the region. If you are in town, catch him at Cristaudo’s Bakery. You’ll be sure to have a good time.

Graduate Student Work

Clay Awsumb, PhD student

Book Chapter
**Papers and Presentations**
“Much More Community to Develop: Neoliberal Communities and the Power, Politics, and Efficacy of Counter-hegemonic Community-based Organizations.” Justice Studies Association Annual Conference, May 30 – June 1, Bridgewater, MA. 2019

“Urban Politics, the Sociology of Community-based Organizations, and Critical Criminology.” Eastern Michigan University Critical Criminology Conference, April 12-13, Ypsilanti, MI. 2019

“Communities, Organizations, and Police: Power and Politics of Community Organizations in Local Governance of Police.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, November 14-17, Atlanta, GA. 2018.

**Awards**


Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Graduate School and Student Affairs. Graduate and Professional Student Survey. $1500. 2018

**Service/Committees**
Graduate and Professional Student Council President, 2018-19 (and 2019-20)  
Search Committee for Associate Dean and Director of Graduate School, 2019  
Diversity Council, 2018-present  
Chancellor’s Planning and Budget Advisory Committee, 2018-present  
Higher Learning Commission Reaccreditation Steering Committee, 2018-present  
Higher Learning Commission Reaccreditation Sub-Criterion 5 Committee, 2018-present  
Campus-Wide Assessment Committee, 2018-present  
Public Safety Advisory Committee, 2018-present  
“Students as Stakeholders” Panelist 2019  
Graduate and Professional Student Survey Presentation, 2019  
Academic Reorganization Panel and Presentation. Coordinator, 2019  
Journal Reviewer Critical Criminology  
Eastern Michigan University Critical Criminology Conference Session Chair. 2019

**Rebecca Bolinski, PhD Student**

**Presentation**
“Attitudes of Local Governmental and Community Organizations Regarding Implementing Syringe Service Programs in Rural Southern Illinois”. Center for Disease Control (CDC) National HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, GA. March 18-21, 2019
**Guest Lectures**


**Certificate**

**Service**
Graduate and Professional Student Council Representative: Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, Department of Sociology, January 2019-present

Disease Intervention Specialist: The Community Action Place, Inc., Marion, IL. August 2018-present.

Graduate Student Representative for Prospective Students: Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, Department of Sociology, August 2018-present.

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**Ricky Braatz, PhD Student**

**Book Chapter**
“The Disappearance of ‘Gay Neighborhoods’: How Will It Impact the Mental Health of Sexual Minority Young Adults?” with Chris Wienke (Southern Illinois University). *The Life and Afterlife of Gay Neighborhoods: Resurgence and Renaissance*, edited by Alex Bitterman and Daniel Hess and published by Springer as part of the *Urban Book Series*. Accepted.

**Presentation**

**Award/Honor**
Graduate Dean’s Fellowship, SIUC. 2018 Fall, 2019 Spring, 2019 Summer

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**Hannah Crane, PhD Student**

**Presentation**
“Family Without Kids: How Childfree Couples Do Family Outside the Norm” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting – Chicago, IL

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**Trisha Crawshaw, PhD Student, ABD**

**Journal Articles**

**Book Review**

**Awards/Honors**
Marlene Rotbart Matten Academic Excellence in Health Research Award Recipient, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Southern Illinois University, 2019.

Elizabeth Eames Women's Studies Graduate Scholarship Recipient, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Southern Illinois University, 2019 and 2017.

College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2018.

**Paper Presentations**
“I Never Talk About This with Anyone’: Empathy, Self-Care, and Feminist Methodology in Qualitative Research.” Midwest Sociological Association, Chicago, IL, April 2019.

“Practicing Empathy and Self-Care in Qualitative Research.” Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Conference, Carbondale, IL, March 2019.

**Other Participation**


Organizer, Thematic Panel, “Passing the Mic: Unlearning Adultism to Empower Young Activists.” Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Conference, Carbondale, IL, March 2019.

**Invited Talks/Presentations**


“Content Analysis: A Nifty How-To!” Guest Lecture for Research Methods and Design, Department of Sociology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, 2018.
“‘As We Come Marching’: Frame Amplification and Transformation through Songs and Poetry” (with William Danaher), Invited Talk for the Undergraduate Sociology Club’s Women Researchers Panel, Department of Sociology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, 2018.

Service
Judge, Undergraduate Creative Session, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Conference, 2019.

Debaleena Ghosh, PhD Student, ABD

Honors and Awards
J. Mark Wehrle Dissertation Scholarship, Department of Sociology, SIUC, 2018.

Paper Presentations


Other Participation
Presider, Regular Session, “Representations of Tackling Oppression,” Annual Meeting of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 2019

Service
Judge, Annual Meeting of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 2019

Judge, Southern Illinois County Science Fair, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 2018, 2019

Noha Tarek Hassan, PhD Student

Award/Honor
Doctoral Fellowship, SIUC Graduate School, 2018 Fall, 2019 Spring, 2019 Summer.

Published, Contributions to Roundtables
Roundtable on Feminism and Revolution, Great Transition Initiative (online), June 2018. Roundtable on Human Rights, Great Transition Initiative (online), April 2018.

Presentation
Yurino Kawashima, PhD Student, ABD

Publications


Tori Neal, PhD Student

Presentations
“Queering Lesbian Motherhood: How Researchers are Eliminating Queerness.” Midwestern Sociological Society. April 2019

“The Gap We Navigate: Exploring Sexism in Academia.” Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Conference. 2019

Kendra Pospisil, PhD Student

Article
"The Lumps and Bumps of Aesthetic Labor: Rethinking Fat Talk in Plus-Size Retail,” Fat Studies

Presentation

Rebecca Bolinski

Rebecca is a Ph.D. student in the Sociology Department, having also earned her M.A. (August 2018) and B.A. (December 2014) at SIU. She was recently nominated for the Outstanding Master’s Thesis Award. Rebecca found that during the crack-cocaine epidemic of the 1980s and 1990s, the media treated African Americans harshly. In contrast, the media treats Whites in the current opioid/heroin epidemic as victims. Her study demonstrates how the media supports racist stereotypes and harsh punishments for African Americans.
Since Spring 2018, Rebecca has been a Research Assistant for the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine & University of Chicago Medical School. She is working with Dr. Wiley Jenkins, Office of Population Science and Policy of the SIU School of Medicine, conducting a study on opioid and heroin use and their outcomes in Southern Illinois. Rebecca plans to write her dissertation on her work with Dr. Jenkins. This research is part of a wide-ranging and important study, funded by CDC, SAMSHA, and NIDA, and aims to discover patterns associated with people who abuse opioids and heroin, find ways society can help them overcome addiction through education and treatment, and curb the spread of disease. This is important research and will make a difference in lives of people in the U.S. and bring attention to the groundbreaking work being done at SIU.

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**Awards, Honors, Markers**

**Faculty**
- Kristen Barber - Family Leave Fall 2018
- Kristen Barber - Sabbatical Leave Spring 2019
- Jessica Crowe - Sabbatical Leave Fall 2019
- Rachel Whaley - Sabbatical Leave Spring 2020

**Graduate Students**
- Daniel Baltz - Master’s Fellowship, 2018 Fall, 2019 Spring, 2019 Summer
- Austin Boe - Master’s Fellowship, 2018 Fall, 2019 Spring, 2019 Summer
- Ricky Braatz - Graduate Dean’s Fellowship, 2018 Fall, 2019 Spring, 2019 Summer
- Trisha Crawshaw - Marlene Rotbart Matten Academic Excellence in Health Research Award, 2019
- Trisha Crawshaw - Elizabeth Eames Women’s Studies Graduate Scholarship, 2019
- Trisha Crawshaw - College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2018
- Trisha Crawshaw - J. Mark Wehrle Dissertation Scholarship in Sociology, 2019 Fall
- Debaleena Ghosh - J. Mark Wehrle Dissertation Scholarship in Sociology, 2018 Fall
- Noha Hassan - Doctoral Fellowship, 2018 Fall, 2019 Spring, 2019 Summer
- Noha Hassan - WGSS Conference Graduate Creative Presentation award co-recipient, 2019
- Ann Johnson - College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2019
- Ann Johnson - defended dissertation “Prescribing Difference: Masculinity and Femininity at CrossFit”
- Derek Lehman - defended dissertation “A Contextual Analysis of Gender in Religion in the United States”
- Amanda Patrick - defended dissertation “The Effect of Racial Discrimination on Mental Health of African American and Hispanic American Adolescents”
- Korey Phelan - Dissertation Research Assistantship, 2018 Fall, 2019 Spring
- Korey Phelan - defended dissertation “Victimization, Cultural Identity, and Delinquency: Extending an Integrated General Strain Theory to Native American Youth”
Undergraduate Students
Elena C. Cruz - Dr. Willie Pearson, Jr., Academic Excellence in Sociology Award, 2019
Tatiana V. Green - Dr. Willie Pearson, Jr., Academic Excellence in Sociology Award, 2019
Randall J. Grider - Dr. Willie Pearson, Jr., Academic Excellence in Sociology Award, 2019
Baylee D. Hudgens - Louis and Monica Petroff Memorial Scholarship, 2019
Baylee D. Hudgens - Undergraduate Sociology Club president, 2018-19
Megan M. Hurd - Dr. Willie Pearson, Jr., Academic Excellence in Sociology Award, 2019
Bryan Robinson - Undergraduate Sociology Club president, 2019-20

Sociology has been offering some courses online, which has been quite popular. Our Summer courses for the past three years (2017, 2018 and 2019) have all been taught online. This helps students save money by not needing to stay in Carbondale, while they earn credit hours studying from home.

Summer 2018
SOC 108, Introduction to Sociology (Wienke, Intersession; Crowe, Summer)
SOC 215, Race & Ethnic Relations in the US (Reed, Intersession; Patrick, Summer)
SOC/WGSS 223, Women & Men in Contemporary Society (Whaley, Intersession; Ghosh, Summer)
SOC 306I, Popular Culture in Society (Crawshaw, Summer)
SOC/CCJ 473, Juvenile Delinquency (Phelan, Summer)

Fall 2018
SOC 108 (Kawashima, second 8 weeks)
SOC 215 (Crowe, first 8 weeks)
SOC/WGSS 223 (Whaley)
Summer 2019
SOC 306I (Johnson)
SOC 461/CCJ 460/WGSS 476, Women, Crime and Justice (Rollins (CCJ))

Spring 2019
SOC/WGSS 223 (Ghosh)
SOC 306I (Johnson)

Summer 2019
SOC 108 (Wienke, Intersession; Crowe, Summer)
SOC 215 (Reed, Intersession)
SOC/WGSS 223 (Whaley, Intersession; Tuxhorn, Summer)
SOC 306I (Crawshaw, Summer)
SOC 397/WGSS 396, Special Topics in Sociology: Men & Masculinities (Barber, Intersession)

Professor Emeritus Lew Hendrix visited Bill Danaher’s Sociology of Music class this Spring.

Pictures

Betsy Dougherty and J.-P. Reed watch their daughter, María Patricia, playing on the trampoline at the Fall get-together.

Bill Danaher, Debaleena Ghosh and Darren Sherkat (not pictured) attended the Southern Sociological Society annual meeting in Atlanta in April.
Dave Baer graduated from SIU in 1973 with a degree in Administration of Justice (now Criminology and Criminal Justice). He spent his entire career as Chief of Police for Bradley University in Peoria. His wife, Cheryl, who received her BA in Sociology from SIU in 1972, passed away in 2011. A financial gift in memory of his wife and his mother, Naomi, has established a scholarship to benefit Sociology students.

Annie Johnson and her daughter, Layla, at the family-friendly Fall get-together.

Graduate students Trisha Crawshaw, Hannah Crane, Austin Boe, Daniel Baltz, Noha Hassan and Annie Johnson spent a day volunteering at a local animal shelter this past Spring.

Tatiana Green and Megan Hurd, two of our Dr. Willie Pearson, Jr., Academic Excellence in Sociology Award winners. Elena Cruz and Randall Grider are not shown.
Trisha Crawshaw presenting her research at MSS. She also presided over this session and was a panelist for another.

Sixteen from our department went to the Midwest Sociological Society annual meeting, held in Chicago in April.

Daniel Baltz and Rachel Whaley at our booth at MSS. The booth gave the Department a presence and an opportunity to talk with potential graduate students.

Some of the Sociology folks that gathered at Dr. Whaley’s house for the annual Fall get-together in August. Thanks so much to Rachel as grad director and host, for the incredible amount of work she has put into this event for faculty, grad students, staff and their families every year.

Pictured are: (kneeling) Korey Phelan, Noha Hassan, Annie Johnson and baby Layla, Vernon the dog, Rachel Whaley, Glenn McLernon, Debaleena Ghosh, Yurino Kawashima; (standing) Tobin Grant, Kendra Pospisil, Ricky Braatz, Mike Phelan, Rebecca Bolinski, Clay Awsumb, Sydney Crowder, Austin Boe, Tori Neal, Hannah Crane, Jeremy Allen, Becki Tuxhorn, Darren Sherkat, Daniel Baltz, Jessica Crowe and baby Nova, Trisha Crawshaw, Glenn Ivanoff. Attended but not pictured: Bill Danaher, J.-P. Reed, Betsy Dougherty, María Patricia Reed, Judy Rose, John Rose, Andrea Johnson, Justin Grant, Stephanie Chambers-Baltz