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From the Department Chair



Welcome to the 2018-2019 academic year! We are starting this year with many changes in the Department. Dr. Norma Ojeda's five-year term as the Department Chair has ended and she made many contributions to the Department, including this newsletter! As I am taking over the reign from Dr. Ojeda, Dr. Enrico Marcelli will assume the position as Graduate Advisor, and he has been enthusiastically working

to welcome our new cohort of graduate students and learning to manage important tasks. Dr. Audrey Beck, who has been working diligently on the Department's and College's Curriculum Committee, will serve the Department as the new Undergraduate Advisor, and has already made creative changes in terms of advising students.

The Department has grown a lot in recent years, and this year, Dr. Timothy Brown will join our department as a new faculty member specialized in criminology. Our faculty members have been well-represented on our campus. As the director of Brazil Program, Dr. Erika Robb Larkins, who has been newly tenured, organized a high-profile event with Former President of Brazil, Dilma Rousseff on "The Future of Democracy in Brazil" on April 18, 2018. Dr. Hank Johnston, the Hansen Chair of Peace Studies, organized the second *Mobilization* conference on "Social Movements and Protest: Ethnicity, Race, and Nonviolence" on May 4-5, 2018. Dr. Jung Choi and lecturers Amy Wong and David Gauss were all nominated for the Favorite Faculty Award, a streak that has not been broken for many years, and, even more outstanding, Amy was selected from the nominees to receive the award. Our undergraduate students Leonardo Alcaraz and Nancy Nguyen received the Arts & Letters Alumni Chapter Scholarship in 2017, and our graduate student Joshua Hudson was one of the six SDSU recipients of the highly-coveted Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholarship.

As you will see in the following pages, our students and faculty members are working on projects and topics that deal with a variety of social issues in their research, teaching, and community engagement. I continue to be amazed at their accomplishments on and off campus and I feel extremely privileged to serve you as the new Department Chair. I look forward to working with you to make our Department stronger in this critical time for U.S. higher education and SDSU.

Last, but not least, I want to thank Rachel Fine, our new Department Coordinator who started working in our Department since September 2017 and has already become an invaluable part of our Department; and Monica Cortez, our Administrative Assistant, for working on our newsletter every year! Without their dedication and diligence, this newsletter would not be possible.

Minjeong Kim
August 2018

Improving Human Well-Being by Investigating Social Inequalities

From New Undergraduate Advisor

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Dr. Audrey Beck

We welcomed 80 new freshman and transfer students at this summer's orientation series. Sociology was one of the most popular and selective CAL majors for new students with 1,597 applications, 236 admits, and 90 enrolled. Over my tenure as Undergraduate Advisor, I plan to focus on enhancing student communication, further highlighting student achievement, and utilizing student data to help students reach their graduation and career goals. In terms of communication, we have already established a new advising email (advising.sociology@sdsu.edu) that will better transfer to future advisors. We also created a frequently asked questions page called "Advising Assistance" on our department website that I hope both faculty and students will visit. We are also in the process of creating new content to share in the halls of our department. Special thanks to Monica Cortez and Amy Wong for their innovative ideas and assistance executing these changes. We hope this will be a space to share some of the many successes of our students. Finally, I plan to work with student affairs and advising staff to identify and assist students with low major GPAs and those with barriers to graduation.

From New Graduate Advisor



Dr. Enrico Marcelli

On behalf of the Department of Sociology's faculty and staff, and as incoming Graduate Advisor of Master of Arts (MA) program this fall, I would like to welcome our eight new students and welcome back our 10 returning students. You are our program, and we have taken considerable care and time to invite you to join what we hope will become "your" community. During my tenure as advisor, I intend to work closely with you, the current Sociology Graduate Student Committee (SGSC) President, Josh Hudson, and other faculty and staff to create more than just another social group or network. One component of this is understanding of our history. Sociology at SDSU began as a "concentration" in 1940 and became an official department sometime in the late 1950s or early 1960s (it was still a joint Anthropology-Sociology department in 1952). In 1960 our MA program was created. So the graduate student program you have joined has existed for more than half a century! And I didn't know this until our Department Coordinator, Rachel Fine, helped me find this information just the other day. During my tenure as graduate advisor, I will work to encourage us to help create a community of scholar-teachers in which we can both challenge and encourage one another. The good news is that we have students in the program already who are doing this. Furthermore, in addition to many of our past MA students who have gone on to work for community organizations or government, or to teach at various colleges or universities – over the past five years we have graduated more than 35 MA students and more than a dozen have begun Ph.D. programs. We are excited to welcome you into our program and ever-changing community!

Introducing New Staff



Rachel Fine

The Sociology Department welcomes its newest staff member, Rachel Fine. Rachel started as the Department Coordinator in September 2017, previously working at a sports broadcasting company as an administrative coordinator, and has both her BA and MA in English and Children's Literature from SDSU. She was born and raised in San Diego, and spends her free time tutoring elementary school students and finding the best used book sales in town. We are very happy to have her here in our department!



Dr. Timothy Brown

Professor Timothy Brown was hired in the Department of Sociology beginning the academic year of 2018-2019. He received his Ph.D. in Sociology with a concentration in Criminology from Louisiana State University. His research focuses on the impacts of changing economic landscapes on the social fabric of communities, specifically involvement or desistance in deviant groups such as youth gangs. Brown is currently a member of an on-going research team examining escalating youth gang violence in a rural community in the Southern U.S. which was supported by a Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant. He currently serves on the editorial boards for *Deviant Behavior* and *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. He has published his work in *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, *Deviant Behavior*, *Homicide Studies*, *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, and *The Social Science Journal*, among others.



Dr. Erika Robb Larkins

New Faculty Promotion

Professor Erika Robb Larkins earned tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor beginning the academic year of 2018-2019.

New Research Grants/Awards

Professor Erika Robb Larkins received a Critical Thinking Grant for her book project, "Vigilante: Race, Class, and the Labor of the Private Security in Rio de Janeiro."

Professor Minjeong Kim and Enrico Marcelli received The Grants Research and Enterprise Writing (GREW) fellowship in Fall 2017 and Spring 2018, respectively.

Professor Minjeong Kim received a research grant from National Science Foundation (\$173,000) for her research project entitled "Ethnic Movement, Economy, and Incorporation in a Border Region." She also received a Korean Studies Grant from the Academy of Korean Studies (\$18,000) to host a workshop with contributors of a volume she is co-edited with Professor Hyeyoung Woo at Portland State University.

2018 Favorite Faculty Awards

Students living in the residence halls nominate their favorite faculty member at SDSU every year. Three Department of Sociology professors received that distinction in 2018. Congratulations to Professors Jung Choi, Amy Wong and David Gauss. Amy Wong received the Favorite Faculty Award.



Sociology Graduate Student Committee organized a conference on “Capitalism: Culture and the Individual” for the 26th Annual SDSU Sociology Graduate Student Event on April 14, 2018.



Pictured left to right: Jonathan Baltazar, Sean Jones, Kimberly Gan, Arely Sanchez, Dr. Timothy Taylor (Professor of Ethnomusicology, UCLA), Kelly Gmeiner, Ian Larson, Paul Poggemayor, and Aimee Imlay



Paper presentations:

“The Commodification of the East and West Coast Rap Beef” — Jonathan Baltazar

“Labor and Takarazuka” — Kimberly Gan

“Music Festivals and Capitalism” — Kelly Gmeiner

“Parental Incarceration: Capitalism and the Destruction of the Family Unit” — Denise Hernandez

“Class in Space, Cultural Hegemony of the Future” — Paul Poggemeyer

“Ethnoracial and Nativity Differences Differences in Intergenerational Financial Transfers” — Arely Sanchez

California Sociological Association (CSA)

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The CSA 2017 Annual Meeting "A Legacy of Sociology" was held on November 17-18, 2018 in Sacramento, CA at the Holiday Inn Downtown Arena.

Paper presentations:

"Why People Attend Music Festivals Beyond the Music" — Kelly Gmeiner

"Advocating for Social Change in Punk Music: A Latent Function of Entertainment" — Sean Jones

"A Call for the Sociology of Video Games" — Ian Larson

Pacific Sociological Association (PSA)

The 89th Annual PSA Conference "Teaching Sociology: Innovations, Changes, and Challenges" was held March 28-31, 2018 in Long Beach, CA at the Long Beach Hyatt Regency. In addition to the presentations, graduate students got together for SDSU Night at PSA!

Paper presentations:

"Reframing the World through Hip Hop" — Jonathan Baltazar

"Why People Attend Music Festivals Beyond the Music" — Kelly Gmeiner

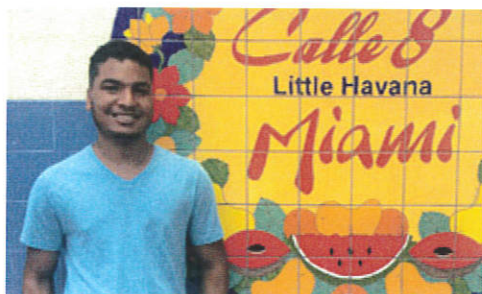
"Adolescent Children Narratives of Parental Incarceration" — Denise Hernandez

"The Media's Portrayal of Women Murderers/Killers" — Ian Larson

"Advocating for Social Change in Punk Music: A Latent Function of Entertainment" — Sean Jones



Student Awards



Graduate News:

Congratulations to Joshua Hudson, graduate students, winner of the Sally Casanova Scholarship Predoctoral Fellowship for 2018-2019. Joshua was just one of 75 highly qualified California State University students who was chosen from 304 applications. Dr. Minjeong Kim mentors him.

Undergraduate News:

Congratulations to Nancy Nguyen and Leonardo Alcaraz! They are the winners of this year's Arts and Letters Alumni Chapter Scholarship, which had close to 200 applicants.



Commencement 2018

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The Sociology Department hosted the 2018 graduation ceremony on Friday, May 11 at Peterson Gym, celebrating the students' accomplishments with families and faculty members.

In 2017-2018, 162 students received Bachelor of Arts degrees in Sociology, including 34 students with distinction. Seven students received Master of Arts degrees in Sociology.

We congratulate all our graduates!

Lauren Pon

Outstanding Graduating Senior

Professor Jung Choi

Most Influential Sociology Faculty Member



2017-2018 - Selected Publications

Lansing, A.E., Plante, W.Y., **Beck, A.N.**, & Ellenberg, E. (2018). Loss and Grief among Persistently Delinquent Youth: The Contribution of Adversity Indicators and Psychopathy-Spectrum Traits to Broadband Internalizing and Externalizing Psychopathology. *Journal of Child & Adolescent Trauma*. Online. DOI:10.1007/s40653-018-0209-9

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Murphy, John W., Berkeley Frantz, **Jung Min Choi**, and Karen Callaghan. 2017. *Narrative Medicine and Community-Based Healthcare and Planning*. New York: Springer Publishers.

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Gibbons, Joseph R and Tse-Chuan Yang. 2018. "Searching for Silver Linings: Does Segregation Offset Minority Patient Discrimination from Healthcare Providers?" *Applied Spatial Analysis and Policy*. 11(1), 37-58. DOI: 10.1007/s12061-016-9211-5

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Roberts, Michael. 2018. "Occupy the Hammock: Beyond the Economy vs Culture Divide in the Era of Alternative Facts," *Situations* 7 (1&2): 31-52.

Aronowitz, Stanley and **Roberts, Michael**. Eds. 2018. *Class: The Anthology*. Wiley-Blackwell.

