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SDSU Department of Sociology Annual Newsletter

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From the Department Chair

Minjeong Kim

Welcome back to the 2022-2023 academic year! As we enter the new academic year, I am pleased to take this opportunity to look back at our past year.

In the 2021-2022 academic year, the Department of Sociology at SDSU accomplished a lot. First and foremost, Sociology's inaugural Annual Lecture Series, which took place, was a wonderful success. The inaugural speaker, Dr. Rubén G. Rumbaut, Distinguished Professor of Sociology at UC Irvine, gave a talk titled "Reflections of an Accidental Sociologist."

Dr. Rumbaut, who is not only an alum of our MA program but also was a departmental faculty member, shared his journey to becoming a sociologist, and presented various findings from his Children of Immigrants Longitudinal Studies (1991-2016), which originated from San Diego. The hybrid event on October 27th, 2021, was the first in-person public event organized within the College of Arts and Letters (CAL) since the shutdown in March 2020. Due to social distancing guidelines, only select campus members were invited to the venue, including Dean Monica Casper, sociology faculty members, graduate students, and scholarship recipients. On Zoom, over 150 campus members and alums attended. (see more on the event on page 10) We are planning the second Annual Lecture Series with Dr. Tanya Golash-Boza at UC-Merced on October 13th; you can find the specific information on the Department's website: <https://sociology.sdsu.edu/news-and-events/lecture-series>.

Other accomplishments are as follows. Following the university's and the college's diversity strategic planning, the Department completed our own diversity planning. In November 2021. The sociology faculty met with the Provost as a part of his listening tour across the campus. Professor Mike Roberts is leading the development of a Sociology minor program at Global Campus. The Department's Center for Community Research and Engagement (CCRE) received a modest amount of support from Dean Casper to support our efforts for public sociology (see more on CCRE on



Page 8). The Department organized an in-person departmental commencement in a new space, Tula Community Center (see page 27).

One of the most significant changes in the department is that the faculty decided to transfer the undergraduate advising to the CAL's newly established advising team. Heather Saunders-Harbaugh, academic advisor of the CAL Student Success Center, is the lead advisor for Sociology (see page 7). This is one of the strategic changes that are taking place in the campus infrastructure as the university is pushing toward SDSU's reclassification as R1. In addition, the university is expanding support for graduate students: for the first time, graduate students who are TAs will receive partial tuition waivers this fall. While each of these initiatives may be imperfect, its direction is a sign of the continuing growth of SDSU.

We also welcome new faculty members. Dr. Stephen Suh, who is a new assistant professor of Asian American Studies housed in Sociology as his home department. Dr. Matthew Rowe and Dr. Michael Calderon-Zaks have joined the Department as new lecturers.

Unfortunately, we are currently without an administrative coordinator. Francine Vasquez left in Fall, and the new hire, Hemi Jeong, left after only one semester. These turnovers are not unique to Sociology Department, as it indicates desperate needs of salary increase for our staff.

I am getting a sense that we are gradually moving forward, leaving the COVID-19 pandemic era behind us. Over the last academic year, we cautiously transitioned to in-person mode. On campus, virtual instructions which was the norm since March 2020 gradually disappeared. In August 2022, American Sociological Association took place fully in person for the first time in three years in Los Angeles. I hope that in the 2022-2023 academic year, we can find ourselves fully in person, and that I can listen to lively conversations in our hallway again.

Lastly, I want to express my enormous gratitude to all our faculty members who work tirelessly to help grow our department. Special thanks to Audrey Beck and Tim Brown for their exceptional work as advisors. Finally, big thanks to Monica Cortez, our Administrative Support Assistant, for her presence and work on creating this newsletter.

Graduate Advisor's Message

Timothy Brown



As we start preparations for the 2022-2023 academic year I am very proud to report all the success our graduate students and our program had this past academic year. These accomplishments were mentored by our great faculty and staff here in Sociology at SDSU. As graduate advisor, I am very excited to see what the future holds for our students and alumni, I am confident it will be impressive. Additionally, I am very excited to welcome our new 2022 cohort and meet them at this year's department orientation!

On the topic of success, I am very happy to report the several accolades that our graduate students accomplished last year in and outside of the classroom. First, we had a huge graduating class of twelve students this year! It was great to share in the celebration with them and their families at our commencement ceremony. Completing an MA program is no small feat (let alone during a global pandemic) and I am proud of their hard work and dedication. I am also happy to report that several of our returning graduate students, and members of our incoming graduate cohort, received scholarship honors this year! Second year students Katie Brandi and Daisy Gomez-Fuentes, along with incoming students, Staci Burns, Ulises Magallon Estrada, and Sara Liaquat received the John O. and Mary L. Anderson Memorial Endowed Scholarship in Sociology offered through our department. Our students were also successful on the other side of the teaching desk and contributed by teaching 28 sections of SOC 101 breakout courses! Furthermore, Mary McClure-Walzenbach and Dianna Ratasamy successfully completed the 2021-2022 San Diego/Imperial County Community College Association fellowships.

Our students also received recognition for their research endeavors. Savannah Taylor participated in the 2022 Student Research Symposium with help from Dr. Audrey Beck and was awarded the Provost's Award for her poster presentation, "Sexual Orientation and Self-rated Health". Daisy Gomez-Fuentes co-presented research with Dr. Norah Shultz at the Hawaii's International Conference on Education and the Pacific Sociological Association. Katie Brandi worked with Dr. Joseph Gibbons on research that he used for his testimony for the first California Reparations Task Force which was also highlighted in the Los Angeles Times.

The Sociology Graduate Student Committee hosted the nationally renowned Dr. Charis Kubrin for their 2022 annual research symposium. Her lecture, "New Directions in Research on Immigration and Crime", dispelled many of the common misperceptions between immigration and crime including that the two are positively linked.

This brings me to my last big announcement for the SDSU graduate program, I am very proud to state that this year we will be welcoming 11 new students to our program! We are extremely excited about this year's distinguished cohort and can't wait to highlight their accomplishments in next year's newsletter! Please allow me the honor to be the first to say welcome to your program! We are all extremely excited to have you as part of the department and look forward to helping you achieve your goals!

<https://sociology.sdsu.edu/graduate>

Undergraduate Advisor's Message

Audrey Beck



This was a year of incredible change and reflection for our undergraduate advising. We successfully transitioned from a faculty-led advising model to a professional one, recognizing that our students' needs were outgrowing our current system.

I ended my tenure as academic advisor, with Heather Saunders-Harbaugh and the team at the CAL Student Success Center stepping into this role.

It was truly an honor to serve as the academic advisor and I continue to be humbled by the remarkable persistence and accomplishments of our majors and minors amid all the turmoil of the last few years. We ended the year celebrating our graduating students with an in-person graduation ceremony where we presented our award for Outstanding Graduating Senior to Amaya Childes. We also presented the second annual awards for Excellence in Sociological Research to Anna Kelley and Excellence in Community Engagement to Jennifer Bayardo and Rebekah O'Donnell, with honorable mention to Alexandra Spencer and Rebekah O'Donnell for research and Tran Tran and Cynthia Ozuna for community engagement.

You can view their incredible accomplishments here:

<https://sociology.sdsu.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-students>.

New Undergraduate Advisor

Heather Saunders-Harbaugh



Please join us in welcoming Heather Saunders-Harbaugh, who is our new professional advisor for Sociology and one of the Student Success Advisors in the College of Arts and Letters (CAL) Student Success Center! She has worked in higher education for about 16 years. She received her undergraduate degree from Southern Oregon University (SOU) in Human Services which at SOU is a combination of Psychology and Sociology. Heather then received her Masters in Higher Education from University of Nebraska before returning to San Diego. She began working at SDSU in June of 2014 with (at the time) the Office of Advising and Evaluations. During her 7 years with that office she worked closely with student ambassadors and other student leaders across campus to train them to be peer advisors.

Many students have already met Heather since she started advising for our department in April. Heather has held countless open office hours and appointments successfully assisting students with their classes, graduation plans, and other needs. This summer alone, Heather led New Student Orientation for over 60 First-Time Freshman and 120 Transfer students. We are lucky to have her as part of our team!

<https://sociology.sdsu.edu/undergraduate>

CENTER FOR COMMUNITY RESEARCH & ENGAGEMENT

Director's Message

Jill Esbenshade



This past year, CCRE worked to build its capacity through grant solicitation and continued facilitation of course-based community projects, both within our department and outside our university.

Through courses taught by our own sociology professors, 88 students were involved in service learning projects, spending nearly 1500 hours assisting community organizations in a wide \ variety of areas. Through two of my own courses, one undergraduate and one graduate, students assisted in the reception of and resettlement of newly arrived refugees as well as the educational and emotional development of refugee teens under the auspices of the International Rescue Committee, the Alliance for African Assistance, and Jewish Family Services. Thanks to our new lecturer, an alumni of our MA program, Rachael Horn-Langford, students were involved in a range of opportunities across San Diego from supporting the recent influx of Afghanistan refugees by teaching English to adults and children through Alliance for African Assistance, to providing meal service at Father Joe's Villages and nutritious food and program referrals for students experiencing food insecurity here on SDSU's campus through Associated Students Campus Food Pantry. Other students were involved in cultural enrichment activities at Sherman Heights Community Center to celebrate the annual Día de los Muertos festivities. In addition, students helped organizations thrive despite ongoing pandemic restrictions, working remotely with children through Community Housing Works' weekly after-school tutoring program and also creating read-aloud videos to support children's literacy at Reading Legacies.

Another 50 students in two courses were involved in a popular education project and a community-based research project. Through my own Sociology of Work course, students, in conjunction with the Center on Policy Initiatives and the Employee Rights Center, created and gave 20 presentations to over 250 students about their labor rights and how to access those rights. Below we highlight a community-based research project facilitated through CCRE and directed by Professor Norah Schultz.



NORAH SHULTZ

Last fall the students in SOC 407, Survey and Experimental Research Methods, through our Center for Community Research and Engagement, collaborated with San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), the University of California San Diego Design Lab and the Minderoo Centre for Technology and Democracy at Cambridge (UK) University to conduct a survey assessing the needs of passengers requiring wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAV). An additional survey was conducted by two students working with me in a special study to assess the attitudes of taxi drivers and owners in the greater San Diego region about offering WAV taxi services.

The students designed the surveys and utilized the university's Qualtrics platform to distribute them. The passenger survey was available in both English and Spanish (translated by the students as well). The students spent a significant part of the semester recruiting subjects.

Students not only learned the basics of survey research, but they also learned the Qualtrics platform and how to use SPSS to analyze the data. They also learned what it is like to do work with a community partner and the complexities of research in an applied setting.

Since the end of the semester, I have continued to work with the research team to do the analysis and present the findings to various committees at the city level. We plan to continue this work and hope to find a way to include the students who will be enrolled in the course in the fall of 2022.

SOCIOLOGY EVENTS

FALL 2021

Annual Lecture Series

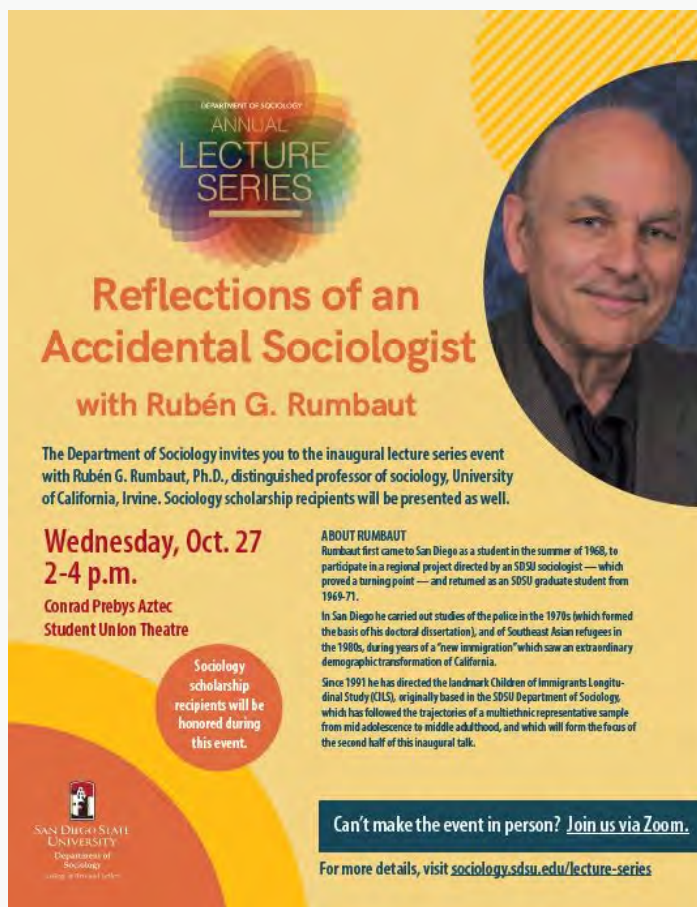
Reflections of an Accidental Sociologist

The Sociology Department's Annual Lecture Series was conceived as an event that connects and reconnects current students and faculty with our alumni and faculty emeriti to build a stronger sense of belonging to the Department.

The 2022 inaugural Annual Lecture Series began with acknowledging the recipients of the John O. and Mary Anderson endowed scholarship. Then, the inaugural speaker, Dr. Rubén G. Rumbaut (UC Irvine), gave a talk titled "Reflections of an Accidental Sociologist." Dr. Rumbaut, who is not only an alum of our MA program but also was a departmental faculty member, shared his journey to becoming a sociologist, and presented various findings from his Children of Immigrants Longitudinal Studies (1991-2016), which originated from San Diego.

The audience members included faculty emeriti, Drs. Shelly Chandler, Joann Sandlin, Rolf Schulze, and John Weeks. Also, Dr. Rumbaut's research collaborators, Linda Borgen, who also taught at SDSU Rhetoric and Writing, and Norm Borgen, who had celebrated his 101th birthday prior to the event. The event was followed by a nice reception at Student Union and dinner.

Afterwards, the Department received multiple positive responses from Sociology alums who attended the event virtually. We look forward to working toward strengthening our relationships as we envision the Department's future together.



The poster is for the Department of Sociology's Annual Lecture Series. It features a colorful, multi-layered circular logo at the top left with the text "DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY ANNUAL LECTURE SERIES". To the right is a portrait of Rubén G. Rumbaut. The title "Reflections of an Accidental Sociologist" is in large, bold, orange letters, followed by "with Rubén G. Rumbaut" in smaller orange text. Below this, a paragraph invites the audience to the inaugural lecture series event with Rubén G. Rumbaut, Ph.D., a distinguished professor of sociology at UC Irvine, and mentions that sociology scholarship recipients will be honored. The date and time "Wednesday, Oct. 27 2-4 p.m." are prominently displayed in red. The location "Conrad Prebys Aztec Student Union Theatre" is listed below. A red circular badge on the left states "Sociology scholarship recipients will be honored during this event." At the bottom left is the SDSU logo. At the bottom right, a blue box says "Can't make the event in person? Join us via Zoom." and a line of text says "For more details, visit sociology.sdsu.edu/lecture-series".

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
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LECTURE
SERIES

**Reflections of an
Accidental Sociologist**
with Rubén G. Rumbaut

The Department of Sociology invites you to the inaugural lecture series event with Rubén G. Rumbaut, Ph.D., distinguished professor of sociology, University of California, Irvine. Sociology scholarship recipients will be presented as well.

**Wednesday, Oct. 27
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Conrad Prebys Aztec
Student Union Theatre

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ABOUT RUMBAUT
Rumbaut first came to San Diego as a student in the summer of 1968, to participate in a regional project directed by an SDSU sociologist — which proved a turning point — and returned as an SDSU graduate student from 1969-71.
In San Diego he carried out studies of the police in the 1970s (which formed the basis of his doctoral dissertation), and of Southeast Asian refugees in the 1980s, during years of a "new immigration" which saw an extraordinary demographic transformation of California.
Since 1991 he has directed the landmark Children of Immigrants Longitudinal Study (CILS), originally based in the SDSU Department of Sociology, which has followed the trajectories of a multiethnic representative sample from mid adolescence to middle adulthood, and which will form the focus of the second half of this inaugural talk.

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Reflections of an Accidental Sociologist



SPRING 2022

Lectures



SOCIOLOGY LECTURE

New Directions in Research on Immigration and Crime

Tuesday, May 3 | 2 p.m. | Conrad Prebys Aztec Student Union | Pride Suite

Do immigrants commit more crime than non-immigrants?
Do increases in immigration cause crime rates to rise in communities?

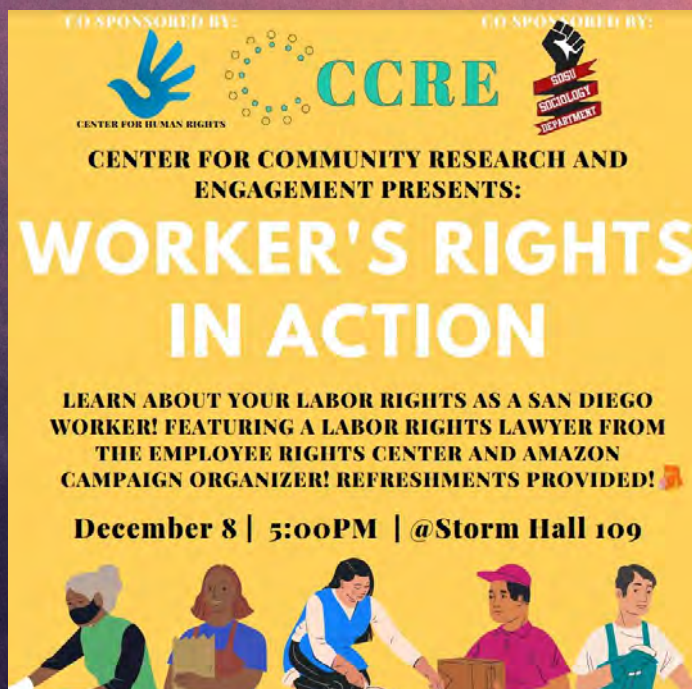
These questions are at the forefront of discussions about crime and public safety in the United States. Public opinion data suggest many residents believe the answer to these questions is an unqualified "yes" but does scientific research agree? In this talk, Charis Kubrin reviews what we know about the immigration-crime link — highlighting opportunities and pitfalls from her own research journey — and discusses new directions in research.




Charis B. Kubrin is professor of criminology, law and society and (by courtesy) sociology at University of California, Irvine. Her research focuses on neighborhood correlates of crime, with an emphasis on race and violent crime. Recent work examines the immigration-crime nexus, as well as assessing the impact of criminal justice reform on crime rates. In addition to her work in peer-reviewed journals, Professor Kubrin is co-author of "Researching Theories of Crime and Deviance" (Oxford University Press 2008) and "Privileged Places: Race, Residence, and the Structure of Opportunity" (Lynne Rienner, 2006) and co-editor of "Introduction to Criminal Justice: A Sociological Perspective" (Stanford University Press 2013) and "Punishing Immigrants: Policy, Politics, and Injustice" (New York University Press 2012).

Professor Kubrin has received national awards for her scholarly contributions to the field including the Ruth Shoale Cavan Young Scholar Award from the American Society of Criminology (for outstanding scholarly contributions to the discipline of criminology) and the W.E.B. DuBois Award from the Western Society of Criminology (for significant contributions to racial and ethnic issues in the field of criminology). In 2019, she was named a Fellow of the American Society of Criminology.

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December 8 | 5:00PM | @Storm Hall 109



SDSU-Hansen Conference on Nonviolence



Mobilization
25 Years - Published by and for the Social Movement Scholars

**SOCIAL MOVEMENTS
IN CONTEMPORARY
DEMOCRACIES**

June 23-25, 2022 at San Diego State University
 ♦ Mobilization Conference and Celebration ♦
CORDIAL INVITATION




♦ https://MobilizationConference.sdsu.edu/abstract_submission.html ♦

To celebrate 25 years of progress in the academic field of contentious politics and a Covid-delayed 25th birthday party for Mobilization, we invite you to a conference to explore a compelling question today: How do contemporary challenges to democratic institutions affect social movement mobilization? Our goal is to host the international community of protest scholars to present their work, exchange ideas, and ponder these themes. The SDSU academic community is cordially invited.

Sessions will cover the major topics in our field and will be organized thematically. Topics include:

• Strategies of protest and resistance	• Tactical variation and movement outcomes
• Trends in social movement theory	• Crossnational and historical analysis of protest
• Analysis of contemporary movements	• Collective identity and identity movements
• Social media and digital technologies	• The rise of resentment on the Right



The Fourth Hansen-SDSU Conference on Nonviolent Protest in Contemporary Democracies was recently held on campus, June 23-25, 2022. Professor Hank Johnston organized it with the support of Dean Monica Casper, the Hansen Foundation for Peace, and Mobilization Quarterly, which is published here in the Department of Sociology. These conferences have come to be recognized as important academic events for the community of nonviolence scholars and researchers in peaceful protest and social change, but for the last two years Covid restrictions had forced cancellations.

About ninety scholars attended this year. There were sixteen paper sessions and four plenary sessions, a reception on Scripps Cottage deck, happy hour on the Eureka! patio, and an exquisite Lebanese dinner for honored senior scholars on Saturday evening. Many presenters were international researchers. Scholars came from Brazil (University of Brasilia, University of Sao Paulo), the UK (University of Aberdeen, Oxford University),

Norway (University of Bergen, University of Oslo), Belgium (University of Antwerp), Japan (Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto University), Switzerland (University of Lausanne), Canada (British Columbia, York University, and University of Toronto), Netherlands (University of Amsterdam), Poland (University of Krakow), Colombia (Universidad de los Andes), and more. Most attendees came from major American universities, such as University of Pittsburgh, Maryland, Berkeley, UCLA, Brandeis, Santa Barbara, Notre Dame, U Mass, and North Carolina. These conferences have come to be highly anticipated among researchers in this field of study—many saying it is their favorite professional gathering.

The opening plenary session on Friday morning focused on movement strategizing. Three leading scholars of social movements presented their research: David Meyer (UCI), Suzanne Staggenborg (Pitt), and Dana Fisher (Maryland). The second plenary focused on the compelling theme of contemporary media environments and their effects on protest mobilization. Presenters were leading scholars of the media-mobilization intersection: Neal Caren (UNC), Deana Rohlinger (Florida State) and Ruud Wouters (University of Antwerp). The third plenary lecture was about racialized movements, especially BLM. Pamela Oliver (Wisconsin), Rune Ellefsen (University of Oslo) and Mathis Ebbinghaus (Oxford University) were presenters. Especially compelling in today's political environment was the fourth plenary session that focused on understanding right-wing mobilization and strategies. Rory McVeigh, well-known scholar of the KKK and Trumpism presented his web-experiment about white opposition to Black and women's civic participation. Peter Simi (Chapman University), also a widely quoted scholar of white nationalist groups and the right, presented his latest research on extremist threats to public officials. Ziad Munson (Lehigh University) gave a talk about resurrecting an old political science concept, status anxiety, and how—with contemporary refinements—it helps us understand white nationalism. Munson's work synchronized with Hank Johnston's presentation on "right-wing nastiness"—as he calls it—with his paper, "Scheler, Gusfield and Ressentiment in America.

At the reception Friday evening at Scripps Cottage, attendees celebrated a belated 25th birthday party for *Mobilization: An International Quarterly*, edited and published at the department of sociology. *Moby*—as it's affectionately called by some—is an academic journal that has been published here since 1996. It is recognized as the leading review of research in the field of social movements, protests, and contentious politics, and the most consistent contribution of the department to international scholarship at the R-1 level.

FACULTY NEWS

INTRODUCING NEW FACULTY

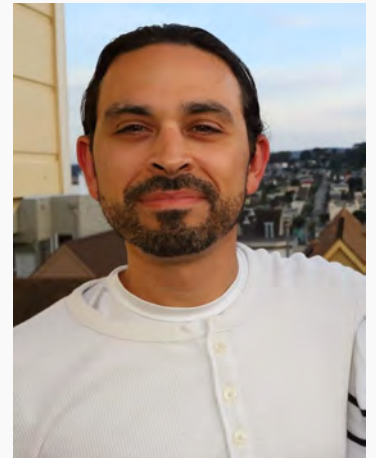
Stephen Suh



Stephen Cho Suh is Assistant Professor of Asian American Studies at San Diego State University. His scholarly interests lie at the intersections of race, ethnicity, gender, migration, and culture, especially in relation to Asian Americans and the Korean diaspora. His current book project examines the culinary entrepreneurship of 1.5 and 2nd-generation Korean Americans in the U.S. and South Korea. He has works published in outlets such as *Ethnicities*, *Ethnic & Racial Studies*, the *European Journal for Sport and Society*, the *International Review for the Sociology of Sport*, *Men & Masculinities*, and the *Journal of Asian American Studies*. He is co-editor of *Koreatowns: Exploring the Economics, Politics, and Identities of Korean Spatial Formation*, published by Lexington Press. Having grown up in and around Los Angeles, Dr. Suh is an unabashed, if not sometimes problematic, fan of the Lakers and Dodgers. His current favorite food is green chili stew.

Michael Calderon-Zaks

Michael Calderón-Zaks received his PhD in Sociology from State University of New York, Binghamton. He has published in the *Journal of World-Systems Research* (2022), *Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos* (2011), and *The Black Scholar* (2010). He also has a book chapter in *Migration, Racism, and Labor Exploitation in the World-System*, Edited by Denis O'Hearn and Paul Ciccantell (Routledge, 2021).



Matthew Rowe



Matt Rowe is a sociologist who studies culture and identity. His empirical work uses qualitative methods, particularly in-depth interviews. This work has been published in *Poetics*, *Sociological Perspectives*, and *Culture, Health and Sexuality*. Now focused entirely on teaching, Matt is excited to join SDSU after previous appointments at CU Boulder and UC Berkeley, where he earned his PhD in 2018. He lives in San Diego with his partner, Elliott, an SD native, and their dog, Maggie.

FACULTY NEWS

Congratulations

MOST INFLUENTIAL FACULTY MEMBERS

We are pleased that our Sociology Faculty were selected for Most Influential Faculty Members by Outstanding Graduating Seniors in Sociology and other majors in the College of Arts & Letters:



Minjeong Kim
Sociology
(Selected by
Amaya Childes)



Jung Choi
Social Science
(selected by
Emily Drake)

Congratulations to the Department of Sociology award winner **Amaya M. Childes**. The College of Arts & Letters awarded her for being our outstanding graduating senior of 2021-2022. Please visit <https://cal.sdsu.edu/our-students/outstanding-graduates> and <https://as.sdsu.edu/cal/officers/> to learn more about Amaya.

Joseph Gibbons

On December 7th 2021, Joseph Gibbons provided expert testimony to California's Reparations Task Force. This summer they will be determining what policies to recommend to the governor based on the testimony from him and the others there. Graduate student Katie Brandy assisted him with preparing the data to make this presentation.

Joseph presented a paper at the 2022 Population Association of America conference with Audrey Beck: Joseph R. Gibbons, Brian K. Finch, Kayla Thomas, Audrey Beck, "Patterns of Force in Times of Change : The Relationship between Officer Involved Homicides of Black Citizens and Gentrification." Presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Norah Shultz

Norah Shultz was invited to present at the ISGAP-Woolf Institute Cambridge Conference: Global Antisemitism: A Crisis of Modernity Revisited. It will be held from July 31 -- August 2, 2022 in Cambridge, United Kingdom

FACULTY NEWS

Tim Brown

Tim Brown along with Julie Marie Baldwin, Marc D. Glidden, and Rick Dierenfeldt published “Walking the Blue Line: An Investigation of Female Law Enforcement Officers Navigating the Hypermasculine Police Culture”. Tim presented at the 59th annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences on March 2022.

Minjeong Kim

In Fall 2021 and Summer 2022, Minjeong Kim was invited to give talks about her recent book, *Redefining Multicultural Families*, at Gyeongsang National University and Soongsil University in South Korea. Also, in Summer 2002, she gave invited talks at Yonsei University, Hanyang University, and Kyonghee University in South Korea about her current project on Korean immigrant communities in the U.S.-Mexico border region. Starting Fall 2022, Kim is serving as the director of the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies at SDSU.

Audrey Beck

Audrey Beck received grants totaling \$363,204! The award of \$351,204 is for the entire project: Prevalence of Child Trafficking in Ghana’s Fishing and Cocoa Farms. She is Co-PI, International Justice Mission, Private Solicitation, for Spring 2022-Fall 2022.

For the Summer-Fall 2021, Audrey received \$12,000 for two undergraduate research stipends for Structural Determinants of Tobacco-Related Health Inequities among Diverse Sexual and Gender Minority Adolescents. She is Co-I (with Co-I, Felner, J.), Summer Undergraduate Research Program, SDSU.

Audrey Beck was selected to serve as one of CAL’s Research Advancement Fellows for AY 2022-2023. In this role she will work with the Division of Research and Innovation and the CAL Office for Research and Innovation.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

Excellence in Sociological Research

Anna Kelley



In the summer of 2021, I participated in SDSU's Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP). My mentor, Dr. Daniel Davis, and I studied undergraduate students' emotions as they approach graduation and the job search. It is well known that this is a complex and demanding time for students and we approached it from the perspective of several classic sociological theories. Using both qualitative and quantitative methods of analysis, I looked at the primary emotions that students express and their causes through the lenses of relational, emotional, and venture labor. I presented my findings at the undergraduate sessions of the 2021 California Sociological Association and 2022 Pacific Sociological Association's conference. I also presented SDSU's 2022 Student Research Symposium. Our study continues to look at this period and the related emotions, focusing on the factors that contribute to students' success.

During the 2021 Fall semester, I worked with Dr. Audrey Beck to study police related homicides. My study focused on the role of departments' training and education requirements in mitigating these deaths. I developed a comprehensive literature review, which drew from relevant sociology journals, such as the American Sociological Review, Demography, and the Journal of Criminal Justice. I integrated these articles into a paper that considered their theoretical and empirical findings.

I will be pursuing my PhD in sociology this fall at Texas A&M University, where I plan to study the effects of incarceration on communities and the forces that both reduce and contribute to recidivism. It is the possibility for tangible research applications that first drew me to sociology. I believe that research can and should be done with the goal of creating a better and more equitable society for all, and hope to contribute to this through my own research. Participating in research at SDSU proved to be transformational for me, both challenging and inspiring me to pursue a career in sociological study.

Honorable Mention:
Alexandra Spencer
Rebekah O'Donnell

Excellence in Sociological Research

Alexandra Spencer



I graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. in Sociology and a B.S. in Criminal Justice in Spring 2022. Outside of academics, I spent my college career playing the baritone in the Marching Aztecs and participating in two national service organizations: Alpha Phi Omega and Tau Beta Sigma. I first got involved in research through the 2021 Summer Undergraduate Research Program. With the guidance of Dr. Kimberly Kras, I examined the emotional labor exerted by probation and parole staff. Emotional labor refers to an employee enhancing, faking, or suppressing emotions in order to display organizationally desired emotions in the context of paid employment. Performing this

research allows us to better understand what factors can be addressed to limit burnout, further role alignment, and improve staff retention. Emotional labor often indicates that employees' well-being is affected. If an individual is enforcing policies they do not agree with, managing their anger or sadness when working with harmed communities, or feeling that their abilities are not appreciated or respected in the organization, they are exerting emotional labor to handle those situations. I drew on sociological concepts to understand these relationships among staff and between staff and clients, as well as to examine the structure of this organization. Emotional labor is based on social interactions. To address the emotional labor component in this organization and ensure that it is taking as little a toll as possible on employees, we must understand how individuals can balance their goals and feelings with the expectations of the organization and those of their colleagues and supervisors. I presented my findings through a poster at the Spring 2022 Student Research Symposium, earning the Provost's Award. With this research, I hope to bring attention to emotional labor within organizations so that staff who exert emotional labor can be better supported. I would like to thank my sociology professors who inspired me to want to make a change in our world and look forward to continuing to create social change in my career.

Rebekah O'Donnell

(See page 20 for Rebekah's story. She was also **Co-Winner** of the **Excellence in Community Engagement Award**)

Excellence in Community Engagement

Rebekah O'Donnell



During my time as an undergraduate student I have been focused on research in various areas that can help a diverse, minority population. One of my projects was a Systematic Review on Health Disparities among Sexual and Gender Minorities as perpetuated by Structural Drivers. Research of this nature is critical in guiding our understanding of structural determinants like policies, schools, and neighborhood contexts to explain how these shape health disparities among LGBTQ+ youth. While much more research is needed in this area I was glad to be part of this project which allowed me to add to the knowledge base and help this marginalized population.

My enthusiasm for working with homeless individuals began in a Service Learning Class where we discussed structural inequalities that cause and perpetuate homelessness. This was a stark realization for me in the ways that power and privilege are intertwined to create social inequity. Becoming familiar with the plight of the homeless afforded me significant insight into the inferior treatment homeless people receive in society. This awareness motivated me to advocate for equality and resources for homeless individuals who are in need of support and to increase awareness of the stigma facing all homeless people collectively.

Now, I am working with a team on public restroom access in San Diego. I used Google Earth to pinpoint public restrooms, label them, and help make them accessible to all people. We also developed a restroom assessment tool, which can be used to monitor the accessibility, cleanliness, and functionality of public bathrooms. I completed an academic literature review on the topic of restrooms and public health, as well as tracking outbreaks of disease related to public health and lack of sufficient restrooms, such as hepatitis A and shigella. My most recent work is to complete and deploy a survey among the homeless of San Diego to discover their needs when it comes to public restrooms. Our team's work has been published at: <https://bathrooms.sdsu.edu>.

Co-Winner: Jennifer Bayardo (not pictured)

Honorable Mention:
Tran Tran
Cynthia Ozuna

My name is Tran Tran and I graduated in the Spring 2022 as a double major under Sociology and Interdisciplinary Studies (Public Health, Sustainability, and Asian studies) with a minor in Cultural Proficiency. My current role in the community is being Miss Vietnam San Diego 2022 People Choice where I'm able to promote my culture and heritage by partaking in community service events and mutual aid within the Vietnamese community. As a recipient of the Mundt Peace Fellowship, I was able to intern with the Research and Training Center for Community Development a non-profit organization that served as a technical resource centre for vulnerable groups in Vietnam with their policy-oriented research and work in order to improve primary healthcare system and address the global and local Vietnam issues and develop sustainable project plans to enrich resources and empower minority Women. For the entirety of my undergraduate year at SDSU, I was also a Price Community Scholar Mentor where I was committed to supporting my students at middle school and high schools level from the City Heights area with academic support in fundamental subjects, and also helped them enhance their skills while creating a pathway to higher education and career exploration.

Tran Tran



Cynthia Ozuna



I have always loved my community and getting involved in it. Throughout my college career, I have mainly focused on finding and distributing resources to those in my community. Shortly after transferring from a community college to SDSU, I involved myself with Ignite Mental Health, an organization that primarily focused on a select group of students on campus that would collect data from stakeholders and distribute resources for students to help locate mental health services on their campuses. I then also became a registered behavioral technician, which allowed me to work directly with children with autism and their families to allocate resources and develop skills necessary for success in their homes, schools, and communities. I also became a resource counselor, in which I assist adults with disabilities in finding

resources and support in their areas, allowing them to thrive in their respective communities. In this position, I also participated in a program called CSF, in which I researched and created a list of resources for younger individuals with resources for themselves and their families in their areas. I also became a peer advisor and data analyst at SDSU through the Counseling and Social Change minor program, in which I was able to advise students in (or coming in) to the CSC program about courses and requirements related to the minor, creating a course plan, and conducting presentations in SDSU and for other related events.

Outstanding Graduating Senior 2021

Amaya Childes



Amaya Childes has been selected Sociology's Outstanding Graduating Senior of 2022. She joined SDSU in August 2019 and graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BA in Sociology, minor in Interdisciplinary Studies, and a certificate in Human Rights. Amaya was an outstanding student, being on the Dean's List for each semester she has been at SDSU. Many faculty members have recognized Amaya as one of the top students that they had in their classes, always a focused and active participant, critically engaging with course materials.

From her first year, Amaya has participated in a variety of student leadership positions, through the residential education halls, student government, and Greek life. She has been a Residential Advisor and Community Assistant under the Department of Residential Education Office and she has been recognized as Resident Advisor of the Month. She has been twice elected to the position of the Executive Vice President of the College of Arts and Letters Student Council. She also served as President of the Delta Gamma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated, and holds an executive position on the National PanHellenic Council as well.

Amaya has been involved in other services, as a member of the Mustard Seed Project, a member of Rotaract, and a volunteer of the BuildIT Center in the SDSU Library.

As she has always been interested in working in public office, she worked as a Mayoral Intern in the Office of the Mayor, Todd Gloria, of San Diego.

With her outstanding leadership experience and service for campus community as well as her excellent academic performance, Amaya has been selected for the 2022 Quest for the Best Award at SDSU.

Amaya considers her experience in Dr. Minjeong Kim's research team as one of the most impactful experiences at SDSU. The team investigated racial representations of voice actors in popular animated films and she felt that her passion for sociological analysis peaked during this process.

GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS



Dianna Ratsamy, a second-year M.A. sociology student who completed the advanced graduate certificate in LGBTQ+ studies, interned last summer at Breaking Down Barriers, an outreach and education program of Jewish Family Services of San Diego, and was offered a position as mental health outreach and education specialist.

Calvin Liew, our Master's Student, just got accepted to the Sociology Ph.D. Program at University of Miami in Florida with full scholarship!



Daisy Gomez-Fuentes

Awards/Scholarships:

Daisy was awarded the John O. and Mary L. Anderson Memorial Endowed Scholarship in Sociology and the Mana de San Diego – The Belloso Family Scholarship. Daisy was also recognized for National Hispanic Heritage Month by the CSU as one of the 30 notable Latinx students, staff, faculty and alumni from across the CSU who have served or continue to serve their campuses and communities.

Link: <https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/news/Pages/hispanic-heritage-month-2021.aspx>

GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

Conference presentations:

Daisy presented alongside her femtor Dr. Norah Shultz To Include or Not Include: The Story of Antisemitism at the 2022 Hawaii International Conference on Education in Waikoloa Village, Hawaii. Daisy and her femtor also presented The Impact of Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, Creative Activities & Service Learning on the Educational Attainment of Low-Income Latinx Students at the 2022 Pacific Sociological Association Conference in Sacramento, California.



Invited Panels:

Daisy was invited by her alma mater, California State University, Fullerton, to participate in a Gear Up Student College panel discussion with high school juniors. Featured on News Articles/Social Media:

Daisy was interviewed by NBC News for National First-Generation Week where she talked about her experience as a first-generation Latina in Higher Education. Link: <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/latina-first-generation-college-students-draw-lessons-mentor-others-rcna4861>

Daisy was interviewed by her alma mater, California State University Fullerton, where she talks about being a child of immigrants and navigating Higher Education: Link: <https://www.instagram.com/p/Ccn8Gr7h8JC/>

ALUMNI NEWS

Jarrett Rose



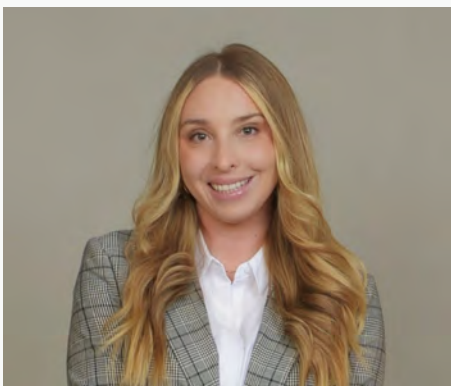
Jarrett graduated from the Department in 2015 and became the 2016 international PhD student in the Department of Sociology York University. This year he is defending his dissertation—which considers culture in psychedelic-assisted group therapy—and have recently accepted a yearlong Lectureship at Rensselaer Polytechnic University in New York. He is very excited about this!

Also, two months ago, he and a coauthor published a groundbreaking article in a topnotch journal called *Social Science & Medicine*—links to his recent publications, below. He has a book chapter coming out shortly on psychedelic culture and surf history in California, being published in an edited collection by Dr. Mike Roberts!

Jarred's recent articles include:

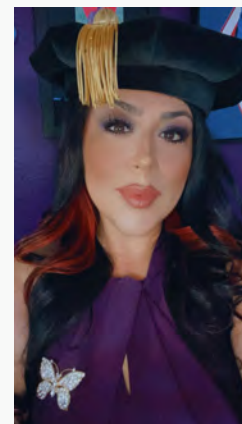
- 1) The Post-Colonialist Condition, Suspicion, and Social Resistance During the West African Ebola Epidemic: The Importance of Frantz Fanon for Global Health.
- 2) *Social Science & Medicine* Decolonizing Western Psychedelic Consciousness: The Therapeutic and Social Implications of Indigenous Plant Medicine Knowledge.
- 3) Canada Watch – Critical Perspectives on Mental Health/Mad Studies.
- 4) Contextualizing Risk Perception and Trust in the Community-Based Response to Ebola Virus Disease in Liberia; *International Journal for Environmental Research and Public Health*.
- 5) Thinking Rhizomatically and Becoming Successful with Disabled Students in the Accommodations Assemblage: Using Storytelling as Method Nursing Inquiry

Kaylee Fisher



Kaylee was recently hired as an undergraduate academic advisor and program coordinator for the School of Global Policy and Strategy at UC San Diego.

Marissa Salinas



Marissa is a professor in Sociology and Criminology & Justice Studies at CSU San Marcos.

ALUMNI NEWS

Gustavo Barraza Jose Olvera



Health and Human Services Agency, supporting various data teams, both qualitative and quantitative.

Gustavo and Jose began their journey with the county as supervisors, leading a team of 16 data analysts and administrative assistants within the county's Public Health Laboratory. When the pandemic hit, they decided to utilize their data, research, and leadership skills that they learned throughout the program to support the efforts in combating COVID-19.

Jose is now with the Epidemiology and Immunization Services Branch (EISB), and currently leads one of the county's outbreak data teams, analyzing and sending reports to the California Department of Public Health. Meanwhile, Gustavo currently supports the county's Maternal, Child, and Family Health Services (MCFHS) branch, evaluating CalFresh Healthy Living programs. His main task is to use data to inform decision-making and program planning, with the aim of reducing chronic diseases such as obesity and diabetes.

Since graduating with their MA from the Sociology Department at SDSU in 2014, Karina has received their PhD in Sociology from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada (2021), and is currently working as a Postdoctoral Researcher at Microsoft Research New England. As an ethnographer of tech critique, Karina researches the sociocultural factors shaping "tech for good" initiatives.

Karina Rider



COMMENCEMENT

Congratulations to Our Graduates of 2022!

The Sociology In-Person Commencement Celebration was held on Friday, May 13 at 8:30 am and took place at the Tula Community Center. Faculty, staff, alumni, family and friends enjoyed a wonderful program with a beautiful powerpoint slideshow, awards were presented and refreshments were served!



COMMENCEMENT



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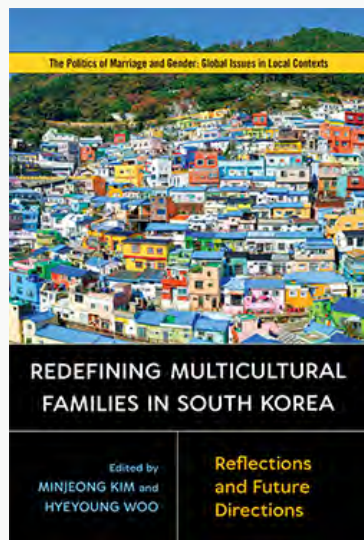
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UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL 2022



Loss in the City: Anti-Blackness and Racial Capitalism in the Nation's Capital



The Department of Sociology invites you to the annual lecture series event with Tanya Golash-Boza, Ph.D., professor of sociology, University of California, Merced.

**Thursday, Oct. 13
2-4 p.m.**

SDSU LOCATION: TBD

ABOUT GOLASH-BOZA

Golash-Boza is the founder of the Racism, Capitalism, and the Law (RCL) Lab and a professor of sociology at the University of California, Merced. Golash-Boza has spent her scholarly career working to understand why racial and economic disparities exist, how racism intersects with capitalism, and how our legal system upholds these inequities. She has used this knowledge to tell stories of people and of systems to help colleagues, students, readers, and listeners understand how racism and capitalism structure our lives and what we need to do to change this country and the world.

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