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Chairperson Greeting

On behalf of all of us in the Department of Sociology, welcome! We hope that you find this edition of our newsletter interesting and informative, and if you find anything here that resonates with you, we hope that you will reach out to us via email, Facebook, phone, or drop by to see us on campus. We would very much like to know what you have been up to; please stay in touch. As Acting Chairperson, it is my privilege to announce that Melinda Messineo, has been elevated to the position of Interim Associate Provost for Diversity here at Ball State--a position that highlights the natural confluence of Dr. Messineo's sociological expertise and astute leadership skills.

While this pulls Melinda out of the chairperson role for now we are pleased that the sociological imagination will be so well represented in this vital part of university administration.

I look forward to doing my part to facilitate the exceptional teaching, learning, and scholarship for which the members of our department are known. I invite you to stay tuned to find out more about how our students, faculty, and staff are working together to understand and change our social world for the better.

Scholarship Recipients Named

Peter Moskalew (right) & Chair Dr. Menning

Peter Moskalew was named the 2017 Tamney Scholarship, Recipient. Presented in honor of the career and contributions of departed faculty member, Dr. Joseph Tamney, the award recognizes students who have demonstrated, in their sociology courses, sound sociological ideas about the causes of social behavior.

Devaugn Jones was named the 2017 Gordon Scholarship Recipient. In honor of Emeriti faculty member Dr. Whitney Gordon, this award recognizes community service and commitment to understanding or working with disadvantaged populations. Congrats to Devaugn and Peter!

BA/BS Recipients

Drew Apanavicius
Ahnessa Black
Madeline Butkus
Za Cooley
Asia Flemings
Alyssa Gneiding
Lauren Hazel
Emmalie Hodge
Autumn Huse
Miggin Hutson
Kendra Mehringer
Casey Misner
Leilani Pearce
Sage Schmitmeyer
Kelley Smith
Terin Solomon
Chase Streetman
John Whitman
Andrew Will
Brittany Williams

We are so proud of you!

Photo: (left) Devaugn Jones(right) Dr. Whitney Gordon

Congrats to our recent MA grads!

MA Recipients

Gulzar Jalal
Terri Manring
David Nickel
Jessica Poore Nickel
Jordan Reinoehl

NCSA Conference Themes

2017

"Peace in a Time of Polarization"

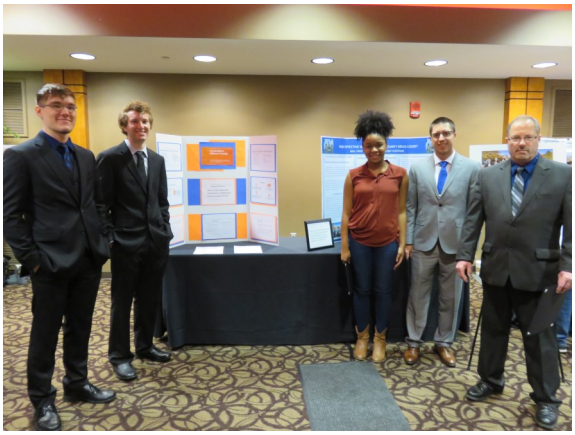
2018

"Crime, Punishment and In/Justice"

Sociology Runs in the Family

The Department was pleased to host Dr. Jeffry Will as our keynote speaker at the end of year celebration. He presented "The Persistence of Privilege in Community Based Research: Self Reflections of an Applied Sociologist in an Era of Social Change and Strife." Dr. Will also happened to be celebrating his 30-year reunion as a Ball State alum and sociology major. To add even more to the celebration, his nephew Andrew Will graduated from BSU sociology department, also as an engaged applied sociologists. We are pleased to celebrate the contributions of a very sociologically engaged family!

Photo: Dr. Jeffry A. Will Director, Northeast Florida Center for Community Initiatives with his nephew, graduating senior Andrew Will.



Photos: Capstone students presenting their work at the Showcase .

Students Present Research at North Central Annual Meeting

Each year the Department of Sociology sponsors a team of Graduate and Undergraduate students to attend the North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting . This year the meeting was held in Indianapolis and graduating MA student Jordan Reinoehl presented her original research.

The trip was funded in part through a grant from the National AKD office.

Thank you AKD!

Jordan Reinoehl presented

"Atheists and Spirituality"

In reflecting on her experience at NCSA, Jordan shared,

"Professionally, I was able to attend some applied sociology sessions, which gave me some more insight into what all can be done in the field. Thank you for this opportunity!"

Book Release Event

We are extremely pleased to announce that our faculty released three books in 2016-17.

Ordered Regression Models: Parallel, Partial, and Non-Parallel Alternatives

By Andrew S Fullerton and Jun Xu

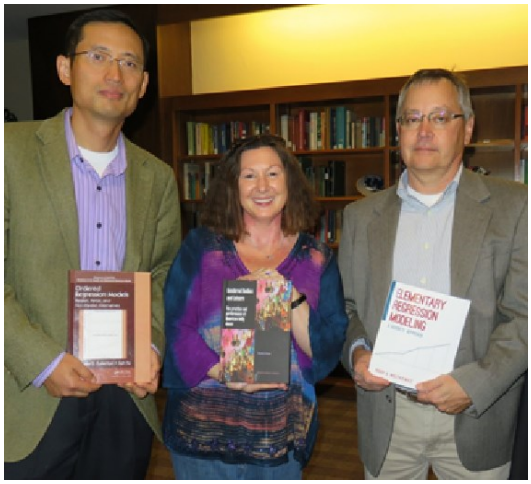


Photo: (Left to right) Dr. Jun Xu, Dr. Rachel Kraus and Dr. Roger Wojtkiewicz

Gendered Bodies and Leisure: The Practice and Performance of American Belly Dance

by Rachel Kraus

Elementary Regression Modeling: A Discrete Approach

by Roger A. Wojtkiewicz

Be sure to check them out online. Congratulations!

Photo: (Left to right) Immersive learning team, Dr. DeOllos at reception, Dr. D and Dr. Susan Johnson.

BSU Hosts Midwest Safety Summit

On April 5th & 6th, 2017, Jana's Campaign under the BSU leadership of Dr. Mellisa Holtzman (below), hosted the Inaugural Midwest Campus Safety Summit (MCSS) on the campus of Ball State University in Muncie, IN. Nearly 100 participants representing 9 states and 34 universities and organizations attended the Summit, departing with expanded knowledge, inspiration, and resolve to incorporate what they learned into their daily lives on their campuses.

Celebrating The Career of Dr. Deollos

Dr. Ione DeOllos retired at the end of May and will be greatly missed. Below is an excerpt from the Omega Dinner comments. Ione DeOllos earned her PhD in Sociology from Arizona State University 1993. She started at BSU in 1994 and taught classes in Theory, Globalization, Social Movements, Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Family, and Environmental Sociology. Appointed in 2003 by Governor O'Bannon to serve as the faculty representative to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, she was later selected to serve as Chair of the Statewide Transfer and Articulation Committee (STAC). Dr. D. also served as liaison to other state and national bodies including ACT, the National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students, and the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships. Dr. DeOllos served on the BSU Institutional Review Board since 2009 most recently serving as the co-chairperson. She has also taken on challenging roles including serving on appeals panels and the Financial and Budgetary Affairs Committee during her time on the Faculty Senate. She has served on the Task Force for the Status of Women since 2010 and has been a vocal proponent for helping break down barriers in Higher Education for decades.

Faculty Receives NIH Grant

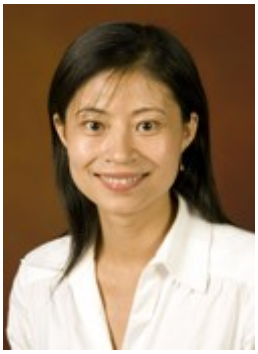
Photo: Dr. Richard Petts

The Department of Sociology is pleased to announce that Dr. Richard Petts received a National Institutes of Health grant for $87,704 for his project:

Paternity Leave and Family Health and Well-Being This is an *extremely* competitive grant process. Congratulations, Dr. Petts! We are so pleased for your success!

15 Years of Service Recognized

Dr. Mellisa Holtzman was recognized for her 15 years of outstanding service at Ball State University. Thank you for your leadership!



Photos: (Left to Right) Dr. Mellisa Holtzman, Dr. Jun Xu, Dr. Fang Gong

Dr. Jun Xu Promoted to Full

The Ball State University Trustees recently approved the promotion of Dr. Jun Xu to full professor. This promotion recognizes the tireless commitment to scholarship and teaching that typifies Dr. Xu's career. The BSU community is extremely fortunate to have Dr. Xu as a member. Congratulations and thank you for your countless contributions!

Featured Research: Differences in Perceptions of Everyday Discrimination

Gong, Fang, Jun Xu and David Takeuchi (2017)"Racial and Ethnic Differences in Perceptions of Everyday Discrimination." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*.

This study examines differences in perceptions of discrimination across multiple racial and ethnic minority groups. The authors focus on structural factors such as race/ethnicity and socioeconomic status (SES) and psychosocial factors such as racial/ethnic identities as predictors of perceived everyday discrimination. Data come from the Collaborative Psychiatric Epidemiology Surveys (CPES), and analyses reveal several important patterns *(PDF Download Available)*. Available from: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/ 312040386_

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus Named TWU Dean

The department thanks faculty member Dr. Carolyn Kapinus for her 18 years of dedicated service to the University and wishes her well as she undertakes her next career step at Texas Woman's University as dean of its graduate school. Dr. Kapinus, had most recently served as Interim Associate Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School but she had also served as Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Sociology where she taught numerous courses including graduate methods, Introductory Sociology, Capstone and more. We will miss you, Dr. K.!

2017 Sabbatical Presentation

In Spring 2017 Dr. Lisa Pellerin presented her work: "The effect of parent attitudes and caregiving arrangements on children's socio-emotional development."

Using data from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study - Birth Cohort, Pellerin modeled the effects of parent attitudes and pre-school child care quality, type and extent on a multi-item measure of children's socio-emotional readiness for Kindergarten. Readiness is negatively affected by parents' being overwhelmed or having "no energy for discipline," and positively affected by parents' being "easy-going and relaxed." Child care type (center, relative, etc.) has no effect, nor do general measures of quality. Caregiver attachment has an unexpected negative effect on children's socio-emotional readiness.

The 2016-17 Community Partners included:

*Second Harvest

*Hancock County Drug Court

* IU Health/Ball Memorial Hospital

Thank you to all of our community partners for making these learning experiences possible!

Photo: (left) Tim Kean and Dorica Watson from Second Harvest

Photos from the 2016-17 Immersive Learning Showcases

Photo: Lauren at partner site.

Alpha Kappa Delta Welcomes New Members

The Zeta Chapter of AKD, the International Sociological Honors Society, is pleased to announce the 2016-17 initiate class:

Drew Apanavicius
Josyaah Budreau
Asia Flemings
Lauren Hazel

Miggin Hutson
C.S. Hendershot
Gulzar Jalal
Sunni Matters
Morgan Self

President: Meagan Brant * Vice President & secretary: Sunni Matters * Social Media Manager: Morgan Self * Recruitment Chair: C.S. Hendershot Philanthropic Chair & treasurer: Tom Henry

Department Welcomes New Contract Faculty

John Anderson is a practitioner-scholar who has years of experience in community work and teaching social science courses in higher education. He is graduate of Ball State University, where he earned a double major Master of Arts degree in Sociology and Adult & Community Education, with an additional graduate certificate in College & University teaching. His academic interest includes: culture studies, social identity studies, contemplative pedagogy, guided pathways to college completion, and learning communities in higher ed.

Sara Collas, PhD has taught a wide variety of classes in the social sciences. She is currently working on a book "What Happened to the Lesbian Nation?" This work joins her dissertation with her most recent participant observation study. She co-authored the book, "Intimacy and Alienation: Forms of Estrangement in Female/Male Relationships" Most recently, Collas presented an interactive workshop at Edgewood College entitled, "Last Night a Spiritual Saved My Life": Using Music to Teach About Race," to students, administrators, and faculty as part of the Faculty Colloquium Series 2017.

Photo: (left to right) Fang Gong, Jun Xu, **John Anderson, Sara Collas,** and Mellisa Holtzman at College Meeting

Photo: (left to right) Capstone Students Terin, C.J., Leilani, Maddie, Kendra, Averie, and John at Showcase

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Welcome New Professional Academic Advisor

Kathy Herbert

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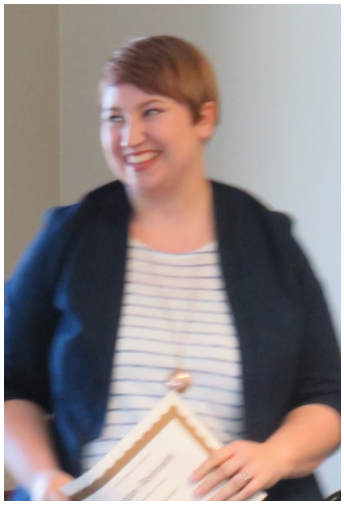
Theses to Celebrate for 2016-17



We have two fantastic theses to recognize this year:
Author: Jordan Reinoehl, MA Thesis

"Atheists and Spirituality"

Author: Gulzar Jalal, MA thesis

"The Impact of Religious Beliefs on Body Organ Donation"

Photos: (Top left) Jordan Reinoehl (right) Dr. Jun Xu and Gulzar Jalal

(Bottom left) Leilani Pearce and Drew Apanavicius (right) Morgan Self

Congratulations to our

2016-17

Outstanding Seniors

Drew Apanavicius & Leilani Pearce

And Outstanding First Year

Graduate Student

Morgan Self