Sociology Alumni Newsletter Summer 2021

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Our Faculty

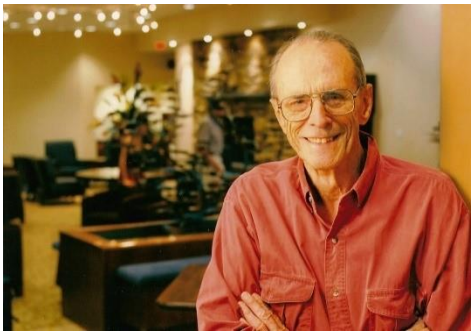
Letter from the Chair

Masks. Distancing. Plexiglas. Zoom.
To say that this past year has required adaptation would be a colossal understatement.

This past year has brought about many opportunities and areas of change that we could not have anticipated. Dr. Chad Menning shares how the Department of Sociology adapted and thrived this past academic year. Here are some highlights.

Read his letter.

Remembering Whitney Gordon



It is with great sadness that we at the Department announce the passing of Dr. Whitney H. Gordon on November 27, 2020. Dr. Gordon was a beloved and highly regarded member of our faculty, with over three decades of outstanding service to our department, community, and discipline.

Read more here
Link: https://www.facebook.com/BSUSociology/posts/3530721956980838

Remembering Ron Burton

It is with great sadness that we at the Department announce the passing of Ronald Burton, PhD. on January 5, 2021. We had the pleasure of having Dr. Burton as a faculty member for over thirty years. We remember Dr. Burton not just for his dedication to the discipline, but also to the populations he served through study.

Read more here
Link: https://www.facebook.com/BSUSociology/posts/3668756806510685

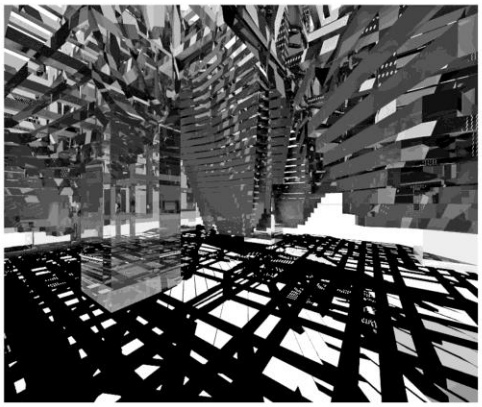
Thank you, Dr. Lisa Pellerin

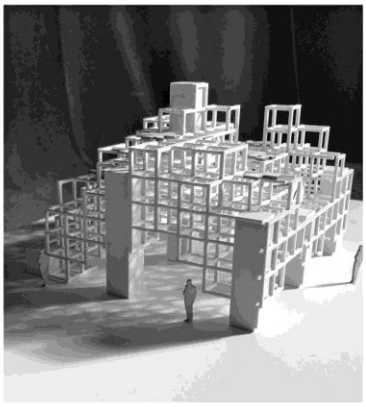
Dr. Lisa Pellerin served as Director of the Women and Gender Studies Program for 11 years. We want to recognize and thank her for the outstanding job she provided starting and growing that program for Ball State University while still teaching for the Department of Sociology.

Sociology Solves It

In this blog story, the Department of Sociology professors probe the Covid-19 impact, examining how Ball State **Department of Sociology's** unique lens shapes the conversation about this pandemic, equipping faculty and students to evaluate the impact of future events.

Read the entire piece
Link: https://blogs.bsu.edu/csh/2020/09/25/csh-investigates-the-department-of-sociology-tackles-covid-impact/





Sociology and architecture students collaborated in a timely passion project--to synthesize design knowledge the historical and ongoing racial violence crisis. CAP professor Matthew Wilson, PhD, led discussion groups based on the readings and films in partnership with the SOC 221 Race and Ethic Relations class taught by John Anderson, assistant lecturer of sociology. Anderson and Wilson had been looking for an opportunity to collaborate after discovering shared interests in sociology and social justice. Read the story here
Link: *https://blogs.bsu.edu/cap/07/2021/design-thinking-around-social-justice-issues/?fbclid=IwAR0r9LZ4uFNQ7BMK8gMswjmEmoDQiYRPRIq6hZ7ccTzkwI5xlrSGB5RREzI*

Good News

Dr. Mellisa Holtzman

Congratulations to Dr. Mellisa Holtzman on the publication of her qualitative study, “Bystander Intervention Training: Does it Increase Perceptions of Blame for Nonintervention?” in the journal *Sociological Inquiry*.
Read more
Link: https://blogs.bsu.edu/csh/2021/05/10/good-news-sociology-2020-2021/

John Anderson

Congratulations to John Anderson on the publication of his peer-reviewed chapter contribution to the book *Blackmaled*! *Blackmaled By Academia* is a collaborative narrative of the experiences of Black men in academia.
Read more
Link: https://blogs.bsu.edu/csh/2021/05/10/good-news-sociology-2020-2021/

Dr. Richard Petts

Dr. Richard Petts won Ball State's 2020 Outstanding Research Award! This is a university-wide award in recognition of exemplary scholarly productivity and achievement.

Read more about his insights and how his research is influencing national policy.
Link: https://blogs.bsu.edu/research/2021/06/23/2020-outstanding-researcher-of-the-year/

Dr. Melinda Messineo

Students, under the direction of BSU faculty members Juli Metzger and Melinda Messineo launched *Inform Muncie*, a proof-of-concept newsletter and news website, through the Virginia B. Ball Center for Creative Inquiry class in Spring 2021. They examined emerging news deserts and created a new publication targeting the under-recognized and untold stories of Muncie.

Read more about this initiative
Link: informmuncie.com.

Dr. Ellen Whitehead

For their project *"*How Rental Property Management Shapes Social and Economic Inequality*",* Ellen Whitehead and her colleagues have earned the Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Authority Grant!

Learn more about the project

Dr. Fang Gong and Dr. Jun Xu

Faculty collaboration by Dr. Fang Gong and Dr. Jun Xu has brought forth the accepted paper *"*Ethnic Disparities in Mental Health among Asian Americans: Evidence from a National Sample*"* at the *Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice.* Additionally, they participated in the inaugural AAPI event.
Read more
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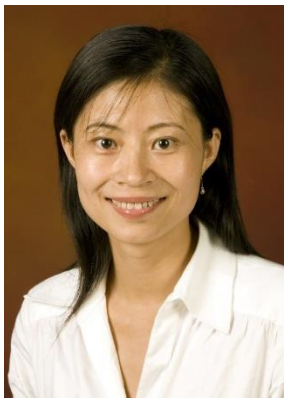

Chris Hutton

Graduate Student, Chris Hutton, had editorials published in *Newsweek* and the *Daily Dot.*
Read more and access his articles here

Link: https://blogs.bsu.edu/csh/2021/05/10/good-news-sociology-2020-2021/

Ayrlia Welch

Graduate Student, Ayrlia Welch, placed second in the National Alpha Kappa Delta graduate student paper competition with her thesis entitled “The Link Between Collegiality and Job Satisfaction Among Faculty: Exploring Variation Across Race, Gender and Rank”! We know you are going to do great things in your PhD program next year.

Link: https://www.facebook.com/BSUSociology/posts/4023834191002943

New to Sociology!

Accelerated Master’s Program

The department of Sociology is excited to announce a new Accelerated Master’s Program.

Do you know a Ball State undergraduate student wanting to get a jumpstart on graduate studies?

Contact us for more information.
Link:

https://www.bsu.edu/academics/collegesanddepartments/sociology/about/contact

Our Alumni

Sociology

Thank you for giving on One Ball State Day!

Community Engagement

SECOND HARVEST food bank

The show must go on!

Our **Capstone** students this semester have done a fantastic job working one-on-one with our community partner, **Second Harvest Food Bank**.

See students in action and watch this video to learn more about our partnership with Second Harvest!

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