

Sociology & Anthropology

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A Message from the Department Chair



I am very pleased to have the opportunity to share the many impressive accomplishments of our department community from the 2013-2014 academic year with you.

Members of the faculty have been recognized for their outstanding teaching and research. Dr. Krystal Beamon, for example, was awarded the UT System Board of Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award as well as the Dean's Accolade Award. Dr. Scott Ingram was the recipient of the College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Teaching Award. Finally, Dr. Jason Shelton was honored by the American Sociological Association for his recent book, *Blacks and Whites in Christian America*. You can read more about these and other

accomplishments by our distinguished faculty in the pages that follow.

This year's recipient of the Blaine T. and Jean W. Williams Endowed Scholarship in Sociology is Patricia O'Brien. Numerous undergraduate and graduate students received research and travel awards to support their scholarship. Five of our students also presented their research at academic conferences – everywhere from Tyler, Texas to San Francisco. Thirty-eight undergraduate students and twelve graduate students completed their degrees – congratulations! Students and graduates, please keep us informed of your accomplishments!

Dr. Nicole Constable, Professor of Anthropology and Director of Asian Studies at the University of Pittsburg, was the featured speaker at the 2014 Termini Lecture Series. Her presentation, "Precarious and Privileged Lives: The Politics of Migrant Labor and Motherhood," continued a tradition of excellence within this speaker series.

I would like to thank all of those who have made contributions to support the department and our students including Drs. Ben and Trudy Termini, Blaine Williams and Elaine Davenport, Paul and Suzanne Baldon, Matthew Craig, Linda Gregg, Evelyn Gordon, and Sam and Celia Stigall.

Last, but not least, thank you to Pat Woodward for all of her hard work in putting together this newsletter!

Robert Kunovich, Ph.D.

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Faculty Corner



A Transition for Dr. Robert Kunovich

Dr. Robert Kunovich, Associate Professor of Sociology, assumed the position of Chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology in the fall of 2014. We are honored to have this distinguished professor take over the reins from Dr. Shelley Smith. Dr. Kunovich obtained a Ph.D. (2001) and M.A. (1996) in Sociology from The Ohio State University and a B.A. (1993) in Political Science and Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs from Miami University. He started his academic career at Boston College in 2001 and joined the faculty of UTA in 2004. He was recipient of the UTA College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Teacher Award in 2012 and was the Global Research Faculty Fellow for 2012-13. In May 2013, he was inducted into the Academy of Distinguished Teachers and has been granted the title of “Distinguished Teaching Professor.” He has previously served as Sociology Graduate Advisor (2008-2012) and as Associate Chair and Sociology Program Director (2012-2014). Dr. Kunovich’s past experience and achievements have served him well to lead the department into a new era.

Dr. Dana Dunn: Moving to a New Adventure



Dana Dunn, came to UT Arlington in 1987 as a visiting assistant professor of Sociology. She eventually directed UT Arlington’s women’s studies program and held five administrative posts before becoming provost in 2004. She was the first female provost and vice president for academic affairs hired by UT Arlington. In 2007 she stepped down from the number two administrative position as “Special Advisor to the Provost” to return to teaching in the Sociology Department. She’s led the formation of new research centers and interdisciplinary collaborations, and also played a key role in the opening of a downtown Fort Worth campus for the school. The first in her family to attend college, Dana Dunn received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Texas at Dallas and her Doctorate in Sociology from the University of North Texas, 1987. Her focus is on women’s studies and gender issues, women and work and women and politics. Beginning in August 2014 Dana Dunn will assume the role of provost of UNC-Greensboro. She will take over responsibility for curriculum and program development, teaching advancement, research support and other scholarly and creative work of UNCG’s academic community. Dana Dunn will be greatly missed in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and at UT Arlington. We congratulate her and wish her a fond farewell. (Austin, John. “UTA Provost Decides to Step Down.”

Fort Worth Star Telegram April 6, 2007.) (Evans, Matt. “UNC-Greensboro names new provost.” *Triad BizBlog* April 28, 2014)

Faculty Awards and Achievements

Krystal Beamon, *Assistant professor of Sociology*

Dr. Krystal Beamon was one of four UTA recipients of the 2014 **UT System Board of Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Award**. The award recognizes tenured, tenure-track as well as other instructional faculty for their outstanding teaching, mentoring, personal commitment to students and the learning process as well as motivating students in the classroom. Honorees were selected based on recommendations from department chairs, deans and committees. In their evaluations of a candidate’s teaching performance, members of the review panel consider a range of activities and criteria, including classroom expertise, curricula quality, innovative course development and student learning outcomes. You can see more at the following: <http://www.uta.edu/news/releases/2014/08/regents-outstanding-teachers.php#sthash.TUMgLRzE.dpuf>.



Dr. Beamon was also the recipient of the **Dean’s Accolade Award** for her service learning work with Sociology McNair Scholar graduate, Ceola Brown. This honor is awarded to “an outstanding faculty member for innovations in engaged scholarship that integrate service learning into the curriculum.” Her award was presented April 17, 2014 at the acCOLAdes awards ceremony in Irons Recital Hall on the UTA campus. Dr. Beamon’s areas of specialization are Race and Ethnicity, Sociology of Sport, Qualitative Methods, and Inequality.

Scott Ingram, *Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology*



Dr. Scott Ingram was the recipient of the **Outstanding Teaching Award** for lecturers at the acCOLAdes 2014 awards ceremony. It celebrates the academic excellence of UT Arlington's liberal arts students, faculty and staff, recognizing their impact on campus and beyond. The event was held April 17, 2014 in Irons Recital Hall on the UTA campus. Dr. Ingram's areas of specialization are North American Archaeology, Human-Environment Interactions, Collapse and Sustainability, and Climate-Human Behavior.

Jason Shelton, *Associate Professor of Sociology*

Dr. Jason Shelton received 2014 Honorable Mention for the **Distinguished Book Award** presented by the American Sociological Association's Sociology of Religion Section for his book, *Blacks and Whites in Christian America, How Racial Discrimination Shapes Religious Convictions*. The annual meeting was held in San Francisco, California in August 2014. Dr. Shelton's areas of specialization include the determinants of African American Attitudes, the debate over race versus social class, and assimilation/acclimation processes among racial/ethnic minorities.



Faculty Profiles

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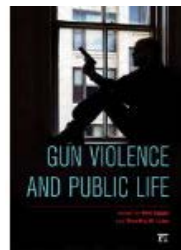
Julie Adkins, *Anthropology*

Dr. Adkins is presently snowed under with final editing on a book that is scheduled to come out next year with University of Arizona Press, which she co-edited with her late husband, Robert V. Kemper, and Andrew Roth-Seneff of the Colegio de Michoacán, Zamora, Mich., México. She will save the details about it for next year's newsletter. (A Spanish edition, to be published by the Colegio de Michoacán, is also in the works for 2015.) She will be presenting a paper in a panel on "Urban Religions" at the AAA meeting in December. She continues to enjoy teaching Intro to Anthropology, while teaching Urban Anthropology this fall and preparing to teach Culture and Personality in the spring of 2015. In her "other life," Dr. Adkins has spent most Sundays this past year either preaching in small Presbyterian churches in and around northeast Texas, or as a paid choral singer at St. Matthew's Episcopal Cathedral in Dallas.

Ben Agger, *Sociology*

During the past year, he authored the book *Texting toward Utopia: Kids, Writing, and Resistance* and co-edited (with Tim Luke) *Gun Violence and Public Life*. He also published these articles: "All that is Solid: Writing, Reading and Publishing in Postmodern Capitalism" (with Tim Luke), "Oversharing: A Sociology of

Self-Disclosure," and "Hegel's Internet." He continues work on the 2nd edition of *Oversharing*, with a new last chapter, "Is Privacy Possible?" He also continues work on *Personal Agency and Social Problems in a Global Grid* (with Beth Anne Shelton). He composed some occasional journalism for truthout.org on the television show 'Mad Men,' on conflicting food politics and paradigms, and on the 50th anniversary of Marcuse's *One-*



Dimensional Man. He continues to run, fish and follow the Texas Rangers and Oregon Ducks. His proudest moment of the past year was when his and Beth Anne's two children discovered that they were at the same Rangers game and one lent the other money, without needing a parent to load up the cash card.

Krystal Beamon, *Sociology*

The Enduring Color Line in U.S. Athletics, (Routledge) was published in 2014. With co-author Chris Messer, the book explores sports as a social construction and more significantly, the large role race and ethnicity play in sports and consequently sports' influence on modern race relations. She also had one article, "Racism and Stereotyping on Campus: Experiences

of African American Male Student Athletes" and a book chapter "Against All Odds: African-American Male Athletes' Pursuit of Professional Sports Careers" published this year. Dr. Beamon was awarded the prestigious Regents Outstanding Teaching award in Austin this August. In April of 2014, she was awarded the Dean's Accolade Endowment Award for her excellence in teaching and student mentorship. Additionally, she was awarded a research fellowship in Center of African-American Studies and delivered the Keynote address at the Center for African-American Studies' 2nd Annual Research Conference Student Development Symposium. Dr. Beamon enjoys watching her two children play baseball and is an avid runner and fitness enthusiast in her spare time.



Naomi Cleghorn, *Anthropology*

Dr. Cleghorn returned to South Africa this summer to continue research into the social and technological responses of Early Modern Humans to climate instability in the Late Pleistocene. She and Chris Shelton (M.A. candidate, UTA Anthropology Program) joined an international team of researchers at Pinnacle Point, a world-renowned

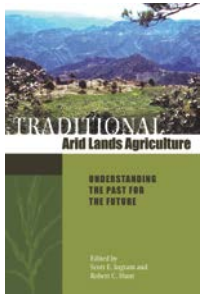
Middle Stone Age locality with some of the earliest evidence for intensive shellfish exploitation. In addition, Dr. Cleghorn and Mr. Shelton continued excavations at a recently discovered Early Later Stone Age locality in Knysna, 100 km east of Pinnacle Point.



Initial work and dating (in part supported by the UTA Research Enhancement Program) suggests this site fills a critical temporal gap in the South African record. Between these excavations, Dr. Cleghorn participated in the Paleoscape Workshop and Conference in George, South Africa. This large consortium of researchers is working to build the connective theory needed to develop effective models for the paleolandscape. In addition to her work on South Africa, Dr. Cleghorn continues to investigate the problem of Neanderthal extinction and Early Modern Human appearance in southern Russia.

Scott Ingram, *Anthropology*

Scott Ingram is excited to see the completion of his book project, *Traditional Arid Lands Agriculture: Understanding the Past for the Future*. Authors of the co-edited volume represent the disciplines of archaeology, anthropology, agronomy, art, botany, geomorphology, paleoclimatology and pedology. Each chapter considers four questions: what we don't know about specific aspects of traditional agriculture, why we need to know more, how we can know more, and, what research questions can be pursued to know more. It will be published this spring by the University of Arizona Press.



This summer he met in Santa Fe with colleagues investigating the resilience, collapse, and climatic impacts on human history in the North Atlantic and U.S. Southwest. This fall, Dr. Ingram is teaching his first large (110 students) "Introduction to Anthropology" course and continues

to enjoy teaching "Principles of Archaeology" and sharing his passion for the "Archaeology of the American Southwest."

Heather Jacobson, *Sociology*

Heather Jacobson continues her work on contemporary gestational surrogacy in the United States. Based on three years of fieldwork with surrogates, in her current book project she examines how commercial gestational surrogates experience and make sense of their work as surrogates and how they negotiate the complex ideological discourse of "work" and "family" within the assisted reproduction marketplace. She presented a paper, "Laboring to Conceive: Surrogacy as Work," at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland last winter. She teaches courses on race and family, reproduction, theory, and qualitative research methods. She continues to serve as Graduate Advisor and would be happy to talk with any alumni or current students of the department interested in our MA in Sociology program.

Dorothy Kalanzi, *Sociology*

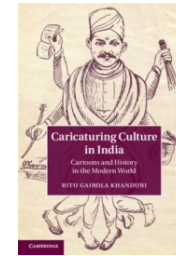
Dr. Kalanzi continues to do research on infectious illnesses as well as climate change in Africa. During her recent travel to Africa, she conducted field research regarding the impact of climate change on African farmers. Upon completion, she plans to present this study at a sociological conference in 2015. Towards the end of her field research, Dr. Kalanzi mobilized, advised and helped village members establish a farmer's union association with a mission as well as 5 and 10 year visions focused on alleviating major challenges in their midst like climate change, health issues, and poverty, all of which advice was warmly embraced and appreciated. Dr. Kalanzi left village members a powerful Luganda slogan which says that, "agali awamu, gegaluma enyama" meaning that the teeth that are together are the ones that will bite the meat, or something like "united we stand". Regarding her research on



infectious illnesses in Africa, Dr. Kalanzi makes presentations about Global Inequality and Ebola in the community.

Ritu Khanduri, *Anthropology*

Dr. Ritu Gairola Khanduri is a cultural anthropologist and researches on media, material culture, cultural analytics, Gandhi, gender and science in the context of India. Her book, *Caricaturing Culture in India: Cartoons and History in the Modern World*, was recently published by Cambridge University Press. Her



recent publications include a co-edited special issue of the journal *South Asian Popular Culture* on media and terror, a visual essay "Terror Myths and Scenes of Violence," and the article "Gandhi and the Satyagraha of Newspaper Cartoons" in *Visual Anthropology Review*. This summer she was in India as a Fulbright scholar to research on women engineers, and presented a paper on comic books at the Association for Asian Studies conference in the National University of Singapore. Her recent invited talks include a paper at a conference on democracy in India at the University of Michigan and an overview of cultural anthropology at the upcoming American Anthropological Association meeting in DC. She serves as an elected member of the AAA's Committee on World Anthropologies. At UTA she is the faculty advisor for Lambda Alpha, the anthropology honors club. She enjoys running, twitter, vegetarian cuisine, cooking for family and friends, music and films.

Robert Kunovich, *Sociology*

Dr. Kunovich conducts research in the areas of race, ethnicity, and nation and political sociology. His research focuses on the interconnections between attitudes and behaviors and the larger contexts within which they are shaped. Professor Kunovich is currently working on several research projects. One project, in collaboration



with Sheri L. Kunovich (Associate Professor of Sociology at SMU), examines gender differences in political knowledge in Poland. Professors Kunovich are examining why some people know more about political parties than others and are trying to better understand the consequences of political knowledge for future political attitudes and behaviors. In another project, Professor Kunovich is using data from the Houston Area Survey to better understand racial attitudes. He is exploring why some people dramatically misestimate the size of different racial groups. Professor Kunovich is currently teaching Social Statistics at the graduate level. He will be teaching Social Statistics at the undergraduate level in the spring. When he is not working, Professor Kunovich enjoys playing music and kayak fishing. He plays guitar, harmonica, double bass, and is trying to keep up with his kids on piano. He enjoys fishing at Lake Lewisville, but also drags his kayak around the country on family vacations.

Karl Petruso, Anthropology

Professor Petruso, an archaeologist, also serves as Dean of the Honors College. In summer 2014 he directed the Honors College study abroad program in France and taught a course on the archaeology and early history of that country, Paleolithic through Roman. In summer 2015 he will direct the study abroad program in Greece; Anthropology undergraduates (both Honors and non-Honors) are eligible to participate. He has an appendix in press on ancient weight metrology in a volume of the final excavation reports for the Early Iron Age cemetery of Palaepaphos-Plakes in southwestern Cyprus. He continues working on artifacts from Early Bronze Age Troy now in a private collection in the United States. This fall he will be delivering an invited lecture at Agnes Scott College in Georgia on the archaeology of early Mediterranean seafaring.

Linda Rouse, Sociology

Dr. Linda Rouse taught core courses in Social Statistics and Social Research, and in the Social Psychology area concentration,

Individual & Society and Self & Social Identities. She was awarded a UTA Community Service Learning Faculty Fellowship in 2013-14 for developing a service learning/evaluation research approach to research methods instruction. As a social psychologist her own research addresses diverse aspects of the individual in social context. In connection with her current research on women physicians, she continued to serve on the Gender Equity Task Force of the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA). Dr. Rouse collaborated on a quantitative project, "Workplace Bullying among Physicians: A Gender Focused Study," that was presented at the 2014 annual meeting of AMWA. She also contributed an invited manuscript on qualitative methods, "Understanding How Women Physicians View Gender and the Workplace: Using Field Observation, Informal Interviews and Organizational Websites," for SAGE Research Methods Cases published in 2014 by SAGE Publications.

Josephine Ryan, Anthropology

Dr. Joci Ryan is a cultural anthropologist with interests including food and culture, gender and sexuality, human rights, public health, and medical anthropology. This spring she will be teaching Medical Anthropology and Anthropology of Sexuality. She has served as the Graduate Advisor for the Anthropology program since 2009.

Beth Anne Shelton, Sociology

Beth Anne Shelton earned her Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of Texas at Austin. After spending ten long winters in Ohio and New York, she moved back to Texas and began working at the University of Texas at Arlington. Her work focuses on gendered patterns of time use in the home, in the paid labor force and in volunteer work. She has published numerous articles on the relationship between work and family, focusing on how the inner workings of the home impact individuals' labor force activities as well as how the constraints of work impact families, including children, mothers and fathers. Her most recent article (co-authored with Rebecca Deen in the Department of Political Science) "Are

Stay-at-Home Mothers Really at Home?" examines women's volunteer work. She has recently begun exploring issues related to higher education, including the nature of online education. She regularly teaches courses on family, work and the intersection of the two. In her free time, she continues to play tennis and enjoy the mild Texas winters.

Jason Shelton, Sociology

Jason E. Shelton's primary research interests concern the sociology of religion, as well as the intersections of race, class, and political/social attitudes in the Post-Civil Rights Era. His articles have appeared in *Social Science Quarterly*, *Du Bois Review*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Journal of African American Studies*, *American Behavioral Scientist*, and other respected publications. New York University Press published his first book, *Blacks and Whites in Christian America: How Racial Discrimination Shapes Religious Convictions*, which won the Southern Conference on African American Studies 2012 C.



Calvin Smith Award for "the most distinguished scholarly book on African American Studies published in the calendar year." It also won an Honorable Mention for the

2014 Distinguished Book Award sponsored by the American Sociological Association's Section on the Sociology of Religion. Dr. Shelton has been interviewed by major media outlets for news stories relevant to his research such as the *Chicago Tribune*, *USA Today*, the *British Broadcasting Company* (BBC), *Houston Chronicle*, and network television affiliates in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Shelley Smith, Anthropology

Professor Smith has a release from teaching this fall semester, having recently transitioned from Department Chair to Associate Chair; she remains Anthropology Program Director. She is preparing to teach ANTH 2307 (Introduction to Biological Anthropology) in Spring 2015, a course she has not taught since Spring 2008,

before becoming Chair. In addition, she is continuing her research on maxillary sinus growth with colleagues at the Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas and is reviving a long-archived manuscript on the connections among eugenics, medical genetics, and genetic counseling. Next on her research agenda is resurrecting another past manuscript on C. Loring Brace's contributions to the interpretation of biological data in the context of the concept of race (which is inadequate in his view as an explanation of biological variation). She is enjoying her change in focus back to more teaching and research and less administrative work.

Amy Speier, Anthropology

Dr. Amy Speier is a medical anthropologist specializing in medical anthropology, with a focus on reproductive health, globalization and medical tourism. In the summer of 2014, she signed a book contract with New York University Press for her manuscript *Fertility Holidays*, which is based on a multi-year ethnographic project about North Americans who travel to the Czech Republic for assisted reproductive technologies. In the book, she traces North American fertility journeys to the Czech

Republic, examining the multiple motivations that compel them to travel halfway across the globe in their quest for parenthood. Dr. Speier is currently teaching Global Cultures and Medical Anthropology, and in the spring looks forward to teaching Anthropology of Tourism.

Robert Young, Sociology

Professor Young teaches courses on Individual and Society, Deviance, Research Methods and Small Groups. His scholarly interests lie within the domains of symbolic interactionism, cognitive sociology and social psychology. Although his previous research has focused primarily on social interaction processes, the sociology of language and discourse and attitude structures, he has recently turned his attention to understanding the role of emotions in human action as well as and nature of human-animal relationships and non-human animal mind. During the past year, he published "Cooling Out the Mark in Companion Animal Adoption" in *Society and Animals* and "Fear, Anger and Guns: The Social Psychology of Vindictive Firearm Ownership," in *Gun Violence and Public Life*, edited by Ben Agger and Timothy Luke. In August he was one of 20 international

scholars invited to present and discuss their research at a conference on the role of emotions in civil gun cultures, held at the Max Planck Institute for human development in Berlin. Dr. Young's presentation was entitled, "Protection or Retribution? Personal Firearms as an Emotional Response to Crime."

Christian Zolniski, Anthropology

Christian Zolniski's research interests include globalization, transnational migration, labor, and Latino immigrants in the United States. As a social anthropologist, he is passionate about long-term ethnographic research. Dr. Z is currently director of the Center for Mexican American Studies. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in anthropology and Mexican American Studies; he enjoys interacting with his students and motivating them to pursue their research interests and professional goals.



In MEMORY Of

William A. Stacey (1935-2014)



Dr. William A. "Bill" Stacey, 79, professor emeritus at the University of Texas Arlington, passed away March 6, 2014, after a brief illness. Bill was born in Indianola, Mississippi, on January 26, 1935 to Frank H. and Fannie Red Stacey. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Mississippi State University and his doctorate from Florida State University. His love of teaching brought him in 1974 to the University of Texas Arlington where he became director for the Center of Social Research. (*StarTelegram Obituaries*)

Frank Jerome Weed (1935-2014)

Frank Weed of Buffalo Creek passed away on September 3, 2014 from idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. Weed, was born on November 22, 1942, in Highland Park, Illinois to William Morgan and Virginia Jerome Weed. He grew up in the Chicago suburbs; Bad Nauheim; Denver and Buffalo Creek. Weed earned his bachelor's degree from Hanover College in Indiana. It was at Hanover where he met Patricia Nelson of Racine, Wisconsin, whom he married in 1966. Weed received his doctorate in Sociology from the University of Missouri and went on to teach at the University of Texas Arlington for 32 years. During that time he published two books and other research. Even while calling Texas home for three decades, his heart remained in Buffalo Creek. After his retirement, Weed was able to enjoy year-round living on Christmas Hill. (*published in High Timber Times from Sept. 17 to Sept. 23, 2014*).



FACULTY RESEARCH & STUDY ABROAD 2014



Dr. Naomi Cleghorn, Anthropology, at Nelson Mandela University, George, South Africa. The workshop, Paleoscape II, had a goal of modeling ancient landscapes and the behavior of humans in these landscapes.



Dr. Amy Speier, Anthropology, photographed this beautiful site in the Czech Republic city of Zlín. Research was at the Clinic for Reproductive Medicine.



Dr. Karl Petruso, Anthropology, Honors study abroad in France. Students received a once in a lifetime experience of living and learning in an international setting.



Dr. Robert Young, Sociology, presented a paper, "Protection or Retribution? Personal Firearms as an Emotional Response to Crime," at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development in Berlin Germany.



Dr. Dorothy Kalanzi, Sociology, research on the impact of climate change on farming in Uganda. There are many challenges faced by the farming community in Uganda.

Sociology & Anthropology Students



Award recipients in Anthropology

Kristi Stephenson

Blaine T. & Jean W. Williams scholarship

Award recipients in Sociology

The following Graduate and Undergraduate students were honored at the Annual Department of Sociology and Anthropology Awards Ceremony held April 29, 2013. The guest speaker was Kristi Stephenson, (SOCl MA, 2003) Manager of Consumer Insights, Innovation at Dr Pepper Snapple Group.

Graduating Anthropology Seniors were Gabriel Escobedo^S, Cynthia Jimenez, Sherry Koshy, Elizabeth Lin^C, Stephanie Lucas, Ana Mariscal^S, Dustin May, Colleen Mullen, Sunnie Nesuda, Logan Piwetz, Kenneth Rhodes, Brittany Ruley, Norman Iree Score, and Tania Zuniga.

Graduating Sociology Seniors were Amanda Alade, Caitlin Batlle, Tanesha Blanton, Nadine Boboy, Brandon Brewington, Jena Burger, Kellandra Daniels, Jennifer Garcia, Karina Garcia, Nathaly Hernandez, Candace Hodges, Chasiti Latson, Reagan Lockwood^C, Kelsey Lusby, Nastassia Macharia, Adam Mendoza, Jade miller, Matthew Moody^M, Estefania Rodriguez^S, Tracy Stoff, Jared Teo, Lisa Trihus, Lanchi Vu, and Michael Warren. *Summa Cum Laude^(S), Magna Cum Laude^(M), Cum Laude^(C)

Graduating Anthropology Master's Students were Carl Feagans, William Nutt, and Zachary Overfield.

Graduating Sociology Master's Students were Paul Blankenship, Vanessa Cantu, Richard Cordrey, Veronika Ellison, Stephen Lott, Stephanie Mastromoro, Jaala Robinson, Lindsey Teel, and Sabuna Timilsina.

The Blaine T. and Jean W. Williams Endowed Scholarship in Sociology went to Patricia A. O'Brien.

Betty and Roger Ruch Study Abroad Scholarship (Charles T. McDowell Center) was awarded to Hannah Keller and Christopher Shelton.

Dean's Graduate Travel/Research Award went to Destiny Micklin and Christopher Shelton.

COLA Conference Travel Support was awarded to Jaala Robinson, Christopher Shelton, and Lukas Szrot.

Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society Inductees were Richard Cordrey, Erin Nichols, Jaala Robinson, Rebekah Rupel, and Christopher Shelton.

Anthropology Honor Roll Recipients who maintained a GPA of 3.5 or higher within the major and 3.0 overall were Rosa Hayes, Glenn Long, Rachel Nemeth, Veronica Pinson, and Katelin Smith.

Sociology Honor Roll Recipients who maintained a GPA of 3.5 or higher within the major and 3.0 overall were Kasie Harper, Tony Hughes, Shelly Kepley, Laura Maddock, Laurie Mitchell, Nichole Queen, and Marie Steere.

Anthropology Scholars who maintained a GPA of 3.5 and completed more than 12 hours of coursework within the major were Shawn Dunlap, Gabriel Escobedo, Chloe Hobbie, Marlen Ibarra, Elizabeth Lin, Ana Mariscal, Thiviyah Raman, and Kenneth Rhodes.

Sociology Scholars who maintained a GPA of 3.5 and completed more than 12 hours of coursework within the major were Victoria Bejarano, Brandon Brewington, Howard Clemens, Mitchell Dodd, Marilyn Dunn, Adriana Espinosa, Karina Garcia, Jacob Garza, Michele Goldsby, Reagan Lockwood, Kelsey Lusby, Melody May, Matthew Moody, Garth Pickard, Matthew Plant, Estefania Rodriguez, and Elizabeth Waller.

Sociology students who pursued a specific area of concentration with a minimum of 12 semester hours were Kellandra Daniels (Social Diversity), Jennifer Garcia (Social Psychology), Nastassia Macharia (Social Diversity), Estefania Rodriguez (Social Diversity), Tracy Stoff (Deviance and Social Control, and Social Psychology), and Michael Warren (Social Diversity).

College of Liberal Arts (COLA) Scholars were Marlen Ibarra, Hannah Keller, Jaala Robinson, Estefania Rodriguez, and Lukas Szrot.

Lambda Alpha Inductees were Miranda Davenport, Shawn Dunlap, Keith Hause, Hannah Keller, and Kayla Rogers.

Alpha Kappa Delta Inductees were Victoria Bejarano, Nadine Boboy, Brandon Brewington, Richard Cordrey, Karina Garcia, Jacob Garza, Tony Hughes, Melody May, Matthew Moody, Amy Reece, Estefania Rodriguez, Sharnese Thompson, Lisa Trihus, Elizabeth Waller, and Corey Whitley.

The Annual Celebration of Excellence by Students: ACES



“The symposium is a university-wide, daylong event that occurs in late March. ACES showcases the best of our students’ research and creativity. Undergraduate and graduate students work with faculty mentors in their disciplines to write presentations or posters to be presented at the symposium” <http://www.uta.edu/aces>. Student presenters at the 2014 ACES symposium were Brandon Butler, Anthropology. His presentation was “Dog Behavioral Patterns In Dog Parks.” Also presenting was Lukas Szrot, Sociology. His presentation was “The Demotion of Humanity.”

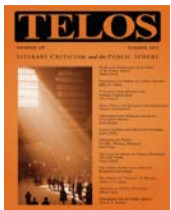
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Zachary Overfield, Anthropology



Zachary Overfield presented his research March, 2014 at the East Texas Archaeological Conference in Tyler, Texas. His paper presentation is titled: “Resurrecting Old Pattonia: Uncovering the Lifeways of a 19th Century Shipping Port Community.” Zack is currently an archaeologist with Perennial Environmental in Austin.

Lukas Szrot, Sociology



Congratulations to Lukas Szrot, a Sociology graduate student, has just been accepted into the Telos journal’s global-intern program. <http://www.telospress.com/internships/>. Lukas presented a paper at the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences (AABSS) conference in Las Vegas, NV in Feb. 2014. He presented a

paper at ACES at UTA in March 2014, and presented a paper at the Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA) in April 2014.

Elizabeth Waller, Sociology



Elizabeth Waller presented "Getting By: The Educational and Ethical Consequences of Online University Courses" which she co-authored with Beth Anne Shelton at the National Social Science Association meeting in San Francisco, CA.

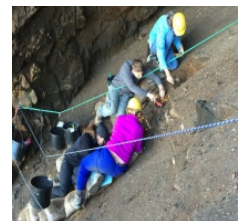
Jaala Robinson, Sociology

Jaala Robinson presented at the North Central Sociological Association in Cincinnati May 11, 2014. Her paper was “Outsourcing Single Parents’ Household Labor.” She also presented a paper, “Helping the Less Fortunate: Commercial Surrogacy in India” at the Southwestern Sociological Association in San Antonio. Jaala was accepted into the Doctoral program at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln with a Graduate Assistantship and the Othmer Fellowship.



Christopher Shelton, Anthropology

Chris Shelton presented a poster on his Pinnacle Point thesis research for the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) at UTA in Nov. 2013. He continued his test excavations at the newly discovered archeological sites in Knysna, South Africa with Dr. Naomi Cleghorn in Dec.-Jan. 2013-14. On this research he was third author on a poster for the Paleoanthropology Society in Calgary, Canada, April 2014, and 3rd author on a poster and 2nd author on a paper presentation in April 2014 for the Society of American Archaeologists in Austin, Texas.



SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY M.A. GRADUATES FINAL THESES

PAUL BLANKENSHIP, *Sociology*

Gender, Style, Technology: The Changing Landscape Of Motorcycle Culture. *Spring 2014*

VANESSA CANTU, *Sociology*

How Does The Sudden Impact Of A Disability Within The Immediate Household Affect Siblings? *Spring 2014*

RICHARD CORDREY, *Sociology*

Legislating Innovation: Why Charter Schools Can't Fix Public Education. *Spring 2014*

VERONIKA ELLISON, *Sociology*

Mind, Body, Spirit, and Consumerism: The Pursuit Of Authenticity in Western Yoga Culture. *Spring 2014*

CARL FEAGANS, *Anthropology*

A Study of Anthropomorphic Figurines in the Neolithic Southwest Asia and Southeastern Europe. *Spring 2014*

STEPHEN LOTT, *Sociology*

The News We Use: A Mixed Methods Analysis Of Cable News Media Polarization. *Spring 2014*

STEPHANIE MASTROMORO, *Sociology*

Gendered Cues in Job Advertising: Perpetuating Occupational Segregation. *Spring 2014*

WILLIAM NUTT, *Anthropology*

Modeling Collapse: Analysis Of The Bronze Age-Iron Age Transition At Two Near Eastern Sites. *Spring 2014*

ZACHARY OVERFIELD, *Anthropology*

Resurrecting Old Pattonia: Uncovering the Lifeways Of A 19th Century Shipping Port Community. *Spring 2014*

JAALA ROBINSON, *Sociology*

Outsourcing Single Parents' Household Labor. *Spring 2014*

LINDSEY TEEL, *Sociology*

Non Thesis, *Fall 2013*

SABUNA TIMILSINA, *Sociology*

Intimate Partner Violence: Decision to Stay in the Abusive Relationship Among the Mexican Immigrant Women in U.S.A., *Fall 2013*

STUDENT ALUMNI: WHERE THEIR DEGREES HAVE TAKEN THEM



Joshua Caster, *Anthropology*: Joshua Caster was an Anthropology undergraduate studying Archaeology at UT Arlington. He graduated in the fall of 2004. Joshua received an MS in physical geography/geoarchaeology at UNT and he is now a research scientist at the US Geological Survey in Flagstaff, Arizona. He is currently studying the potential geomorphic effects of Glen Canyon Dam on archaeological sites along the Colorado River.

Baron Concors, *Anthropology*: Baron Concors graduated in May 1993 with a BA in Anthropology from UT Arlington. He has been selected to be honored as a UT Arlington Distinguished Alumnus. Baron Concors is the Chief Information Officer for Yum! Restaurants International, an operating company of Yum! Brands, Inc. (NYSE: YUM). He oversees information technology for corporate as well as restaurants in over 120 countries. Prior to this, he was Chief Information and Digital Officer for Pizza Hut. In that role, Baron held general manager responsibilities for the digital business and leadership over enterprise information technology. He brings extensive experience in innovation, operations and marketing with an emphasis in retail, hospitality and manufacturing. In 2009, Baron was named by Computerworld Magazine as one of the Premier 100 IT Leaders in the world and Forbes Magazine named the Pizza Hut iPhone application the #1 branded mobile application of the year. Prior to joining Pizza Hut, Mr. Concors was Vice President of Global Retail Technology for FedEx and held a variety of leadership positions at Deloitte and Touche LLP, and Ernst and Young LLP. He holds an MBA from the University of Tennessee.

Kaitlin Johnson, *Sociology*: Kaitlin Johnson graduated Summa Cum Laude in Sociology in 2012 from UTA. She completed her MS in Sociology at Purdue University in 2014 and currently is enrolled in the Ph.D. program in Sociology at Purdue.

Miles Martin, *Anthropology*: Miles Martin received his Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology graduating Summa Cum Laude in the Fall of 2013 from UTA. He is Curator and Collections Manager at the International Museum of Cultures in Duncanville, Texas.

Lori Lee, Anthropology: Lori Lee has been recognized as Archaeologist of the Year for 2013 from a statewide organization of archaeologists. She was presented the award for her years of research at Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest, where she has helped discover, document, and analyze the lives of slaves who lived on the plantation. Lori obtained her BA in Anthropology in 1993 and her MA in Anthropology in 1997 from UTA. Lori is the Ainsworth Visiting Professor of American Culture at Randolph College and a Ph.D. candidate (ABD) at Syracuse University.

Zachary Overfield, Anthropology: Zachary Overfield graduated in 2014 from UT Arlington. He is a project archaeologist for Perennial Environmental Services in Houston, where he designs and implements cultural resource surveys in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and numerous other federal and state regulations. 2014, Spring, UT Arlington Magazine, Alumni News, 47

Ramon Phillips Sociology: Ramon Phillips completed a thesis-substitute project on "Homeownership and Foreclosure: Economic and Social Consequences of the Individualized Society" and graduated in the fall 2011 from UTA. He found employment with the Housing Crisis Center of the Dallas/Fort Worth area as a Program Assistant.

Angela Rodela, Sociology: Angela Rodela graduated from UT Arlington in 2014. She currently teaches math and science at Stemmons Elementary in DISD.

Jared Te'o, Sociology: Jared Te'o is a spring 2014 graduate of UTA working in FWISD at Monnig Middle School. He teaches social studies to 6th and 7th graders and also coaches the 7th grade volleyball team. The volleyball team is currently ranked #1 in FWISD!

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS



Anthro Club

The Anthropology Club kicked off with a great start this year with a new set of officers: Salem Mhanna, President, Caitlyn Deordio, Vice President, Alexandra Melton, Secretary, Brandon Butler, Treasurer, and Dr. Amy Speier, Faculty Advisor. Our plans include museum visits, distinguished brown bag lecturers, exciting events like flint knapping, and helping with the annual goat roast hosted by Dr. Naomi Cleghorn. We are looking forward to continuing with social events like our cultural lunches at local venues. We seek to promote increased awareness of local and national events in anthropology while encouraging fun activities for our student body. For more information on the Anthro Club you may go to <http://mavorgs.collegiatelink.net/organization/anthropologyclub>.

Lambda Alpha (The Anthropological Honor Society Alpha Chapter of Texas)



Lambda Alpha is a dynamic national collegiate organization which nurtures and rewards undergraduate and graduate students' excellence in Anthropology. This year in addition to assisting with the Termini Lecture and Brown Bag series, we will be focusing on developing professional and scholarly skills such as networking and research. We will be attending conferences and lectures throughout the year. This year will also see the introduction of social hours, events designed to give members an opportunity to discuss anthropological topics and career paths. 2014-15 Lambda Alpha Officers are Rosa Hayes, President, Shawn Dunlap, Vice-President, Rachel Nemeth, Treasurer, and Dr. Ritu Khanduri, Faculty Advisor.

Sociology Student Association (SSA)



The Sociology Student Association (SSA) is an officially recognized, student-led organization at the University of Texas Arlington. The purpose of SSA is to demonstrate the practical and theoretical aspects of Sociology in ways beneficial to its undergraduate and graduate students and the surrounding Arlington community. Membership is not limited to sociology majors. SSA activities include career development events, educational activities, community involvement, and social events. Each semester's activities are determined by the student members. SSA officers are Monica Bolden, President, KeAmber Green, Vice-President, and Faculty Advisors are Dr. Krystal Beamon and Dr. Jason Shelton.

Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD)



The Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) Sociological Honor Society Omicron Chapter of Texas welcomed new sociology scholars from UTA to its ranks during the 2013-2014 year. Dr. Jason Shelton and Dr. Krystal Beamon, Faculty Advisors and Chapter Representatives for AKD, inducted new initiates at last year's ceremony co-sponsored with the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and Lambda Alpha. The ceremony also honored UTA's own Sociology Scholars and Sociology Honor Roll students with a reception and banquet afterward. AKD also assists with funding for students interested in attending or presenting at professional conventions. To stay informed of the latest national AKD news, join the Facebook group: Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society, and for more information on the Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society of Sociology you can go to: <http://alphakappadeltainternational.com>.

WE RECOGNIZE THREE STUDENT SCHOLARS

Blaine T. and Jean W. Williams Endowed Scholarship in Sociology



Patricia A. O'Brien

The recipient of The **Blaine T. and Jean W. Williams Endowed Scholarship in Sociology** was presented at the department's Celebration of Achievement Ceremony in the spring of 2014 to Patricia A. O'Brien.

Patricia is from Arlington and graduated with honors from Sam Houston High School. She is the first in her family to attend college. She started her college career at the University of Houston, but transferred to UT Arlington in fall 2011 to be closer to her family. Patricia was initially majoring in Nursing at UTA, but switched to Sociology after taking Dr. Krystal Beamon's Inequalities in Public Education course. When she graduates (May 2015), she intends to enter the graduate program in Health Care Administration. Patricia lives with her mother so that she can assist in raising her three young siblings. In addition to school, Patricia works to help support her family.



Jean and Blaine Williams

The Blaine T. and Jean W. Williams Endowed Scholarship in Sociology was established by their son, Blaine Williams and his wife, Elaine Davenport. Blaine T. Williams, Sr., and his wife, Jean Wood Williams were pioneers in the Dallas-Fort Worth Sociology and Social Work community. The scholarship is awarded annually to a junior or senior majoring in Sociology at the University of Texas Arlington. The award is intended for undergraduate students who are minoring in Women's and Gender Studies. It is intended to recognize students whose commitment to addressing women's and gender issues is evident in their academic accomplishments, creative activities, community involvement or civic engagement.

Paul and Suzanne Baldon & Matthew Craig and Linda Gregg Awards in Anthropology



Marlen Ibarra

Marlen Ibarra and Hannah Keller each received a \$200 gift from Suzanne and Paul Baldon and Matthew Craig and Linda Gregg to be used toward the purchase of textbooks for the fall 2014 semester.

Marlen Ibarra is an Anthropology major and member of Lambda Alpha Anthropology Honor Society which recognizes and honors superior achievement in Anthropology among students. In April 2014 she was honored as a scholar at the College of Liberal Arts (COLA) awards ceremony.

Hanna Keller is an Anthropology major and member of Lambda Alpha Anthropology Honor Society. In April 2014 Hannah was honored as a scholar at the College of Liberal Arts ceremony with the Betty and Roger Ruch Study Abroad Scholarship (Charles T. McDowell Center).



Hannah Keller

Termini Lecture Series 2014

Precarious and Privileged Lives: The Politics of Migrant Labor and Motherhood



Dr. Nicole Constable

The Ben and Trudy Termini Distinguished Anthropologist Lecture for 2014 welcomed Dr. Nicole Constable. Originally from Manchester, England, Professor Nicole Constable spent some of her childhood in Canada. She studied at the University of California at Santa Barbara, where she found herself taking classes in Asian studies, philosophy, history, art, and engineering. She declared her major as anthropology because it miraculously accepted most of her courses. Professor Constable then earned her Anthropology Masters and Doctor of Philosophy degrees at the University of California at Berkeley. She is currently Professor of Anthropology and Director of Asian Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. Her research is focused on four areas: transnationalism, migration and mobilities; the commodification of intimacy; gender and reproductive labor; and ethnographic writing and power. For each issue, she has conducted extensive fieldwork in Hong Kong, China, the Philippines and Indonesia. She is author and editor of several books, including *Romance on a Global Stage: Pen Pals, Virtual Ethnography and "Mail Order" Marriages*, and *Maid to Order in Hong Kong: Stories of Migrant Workers*. Her newest book, *Born Out of Place: Migrant Mothers and the Politics of International Labor*, addresses work, citizenship, and the reproductive rights of migrant workers and asylum seekers in Hong Kong. (Photo of Dr. Constable from <https://www.google.com/search?q=Nicole+constable&client>. Manoa:Finalists for position of Dean. www.hawaii.edu)

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