Fifty years ago, in 1970, then Department Chair Gordon Hirabayashi wrote a piece for the Pacific Sociological Review about the role of department chair. In it, Professor Hirabayashi wrote that the chair "might play a role somewhat like the orchestra conductor, bringing out the talents of the staff, helping to release resources."

These are humbling words, in that they remind me/us that fulfilling our scholarly goals is a collective and ongoing effort; we cannot stop long to rest on our laurels. But it is also appropriate that we stop, if only briefly, to acknowledge our successes! Our recent self-study and unit review outlined a number of them. Over the last six years, our faculty have published 27 books and 218 articles, including in a dozen journals that rank in the top 20% of sociology journals. They have served as Principal Investigators on 35 major research grants covering an amazing array of timely questions. We
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Remembering Ros Sydie
A snow shovel. A fur coat. A knock on the door. These were all segments of memories--funny, powerful, poignant--offered at the “Remembering Ros” event held on November 4th to honor the legacy of Professor Emeritus and former Dept Chair Rosalind A. Sydie, who died in June 2019. Jointly organized by the Departments of Sociology and Women’s and Gender Studies, the event drew colleagues, former students, and fellow activists, as well as wishes from people across the country who couldn’t attend in person.

The speakers represented different facets of Ros’ vastly influential activities: Michael Phair (former chair of the UAlberta board of governors, and fellow activist), Ann Hall (with Pat Prestwich, professors emeriti and co-fighters for gender equity and gender studies), Catherine Krull (professor and advisor to the Provost at UVic, and former graduate mentee), and Ros’ daughters Annabelle and Lexi. This event followed on a book giveaway from Ros’ collection facilitated by her daughters and organized by doctoral student Lauren Menzie in August.
UAlberta Office of Advancement to develop the **Dr. Rosalind Sydie Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund**. This award will be an annual scholarship to a graduate student in either Sociology or Women’s and Gender Studies who is conducting research in an area that aligns with Ros' expertise and contributions, such as gender and culture, feminist theory, or gender equity.

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New SSHRC Insight Grant Projects

**Searching for Justice: Understanding and Building Police Legitimacy in Toronto’s Inner City**

*(Dr. Marta Urbanik, PI)*

Strong community-police partnerships can have a positive effect on cooperation with police, yet little is known about whether, and to what extent, procedural justice can improve how people view the police, or how different forms of policing affect perceptions of police. By engaging police along with racialized youth in
disadvantaged neighbourhoods in Toronto, this project investigates the impact of disengagement and social distancing on broader perceptions of police legitimacy.

The Changing Dynamics of Parenthood in Canada (Dr. Lisa Strohschein, PI)

Canada is in the midst of transformative population change that has wide-reaching implications for Canada’s economy, housing needs, health care, pensions and other social support systems. This project uses two recent large-scale nationally representative surveys to address two different and impactful aspects of parenthood—non-residential fatherhood and teen mothers—that uncover the ways that family structures in childhood are increasingly implicated in the process of social stratification and intergenerational mobility.

Commodifying Care: Markets in Human Milk (Dr. Robyn Lee, PI)
Research on human milk exchange has focused on health risks from potentially contaminated milk being bought and sold. However, the social impacts of exchanging milk—especially considering that milk is a powerful symbol of maternal love and concern—have received less attention. Through comparative analysis of different models of milk exchange in the Canadian context, this project explores what happens when milk becomes an object of exchange.

Welcome Visiting Scholars!

The Department often has scholars visiting from around the world...

Dr. Encarnación Gutiérrez Rodríguez

Dr. Gutiérrez Rodríguez is a Professor in General Sociology in the Institute for Sociology at the Justus-Liebig-University Giessen (Germany) and Visiting Professor in the Chair for Critical Studies in Higher Education Transformation at Nelson Mandela University in Port Elizabeth (South Africa). Amongst her publications are Spricht die Subalterne Deutsch?

Currently, she is working on questions of decolonial mourning; creolizing conviviality; institutional racism and affect in Higher Education; and the coloniality of migration. For further information, see her research profiles, here and here.

As a visiting scholar in the Departments of
Migration und postkoloniale Kritik (Does the Subaltern Speak German? Migration and Postcolonial Critique, with Hito Steyerl 2002); Migration, Domestic Work and Affect: A Decolonial Approach on Value and the Feminization of Labour (2010), Decolonising European Sociology: Transdisciplinary Approaches (2010, with Boatcă and Costa). More recently, she has worked on Creolising Europe: Legacies and Transformations (2015, with Tate).

Zheng Ge

Zheng Ge is a China Scholarship Council PhD student visiting for a year from Sichuan University in Chengdu China. Her main focus is art theory, specializing in historical Chinese understandings of the landscape space and landscape art. She is working with Dr. Rob Shields on social spatialization as represented via a comparative study of mountain and river landscape art. Ge has a background in literature and aesthetics, and has built an interest in fine arts and movie criticism. She also plays the traditional Chinese bamboo flute.
Anaïs Duong-Pedica

Anaïs is a second year PhD candidate in Gender Studies within the Minority Research profile at Åbo Akademi University in Finland. Her research focuses on the politics of ‘mixed-race’ identity in Kanaky-New-Caledonia in a context of decolonization. She was a visiting student in the department of Sociology during Fall 2019 working with Dr. Shirley Anne Tate, who is an expert in critical mixed-race studies, Black studies and race performativity. Anaïs was able to audit Dr. Tate’s course *Colonial, Postcolonialism and Globalization*.

Farhat Ulla

Farhat is currently doing his PhD at the Department of Social Work, University of Peshawar-Pakistan. He is the managing editor of the *Pakistan Journal of Criminology* and works as a Lecturer at the Department of Social Work & Sociology, Kohat University of Science & Technology, Pakistan. As a visiting student, he is working under the supervision of Dr. Temitope Oriola at the University of Alberta on Doctoral research on the “Effectiveness of Police Reforms to Counter...”
Terrorism in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. Farhat has published 17 research papers related to Policing and Counter Terrorism, Police Reforms, Police training and Local Peace Process and Peace Building.

Indigenous Histories and Stories in Edmonton: North Saskatchewan River Valley Walk with Dr. Dwayne Donald

Sociology faculty and students kicked off the fall term with a River Valley Walk with Dr. Dwayne Donald, a descendant of the Papaschase Cree and Associate Professor of Education. Dr. Donald shared Indigenous knowledge, and history of the Edmonton area and the River Valley, recounted creation stories, taught the group Cree phrases (the Cree name for the North Saskatchewan, kisiskâciwanisîpiy, means ‘swift moving river’), and provided contextual information on Indigenous-settler relations in the region. Dr. Donald recounted how the river valley was for many years an annual gathering place for different Indigenous peoples. The Sociology Department is grateful for this opportunity to learn.
Where are they now?
Dr. Arianne Hanemaayer, PhD 2014

From Edmonton to Halifax, Brandon, and Cambridge, UK, Ariane Hanemaayer has been on an exciting journey, following archival clues and telling the story of modern medicine. After completing her PhD under the supervision of Dr. Zohreh BayatRizi in 2014, Ariane took up a Killam Post-Doctoral Fellowship at Dalhousie University from 2015-2016 under the supervision of Emma Whelan, where she built on her dissertation research to write The Impossible Clinic: A critical sociology of evidence-based medicine (2019, UBC Press). Following her post-doc, Ariane was hired in a tenure track position at Brandon University in Manitoba, where she teaches courses in social theory, historical research methodology, and health and medical systems. She is currently a visiting scholar at the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities at the University of Cambridge, where she is conducting comparative historical research on pain science and opioid regulation in the United Kingdom, Canada, and the United States. Outside of academia, Ariane spends her time writing and recording music, doing photography, and exploring with her dog Brûlée.
Where Are They Now?
Dr. Hannah Pazderka, Honours Sociology, 1995

Hannah enjoyed assessment; to mollify him, she applied only to one place – the U of A. Unexpectedly, she was accepted into neuroscience and placed directly into their doctoral program, where she studied drug craving and risk-taking. After graduating she worked at Alberta Mental Health Board as their Science Lead, until she transitioned into becoming the Director of Research for CASA, a child and adolescent mental health organization. Hannah has authored and co-authored several articles addressing mental health issues as well as technical issues connected to structural equation modeling. She currently works as a research consultant with Little Warriors, and is part of a CIHR-grant funded team developing a mental health intervention for children affected by the Ft. McMurray wildfire.

When Dr. Hannah Pazderka entered the Honours program in 1995 her chosen specialization was psychology, so she spent the summer testing seniors on a project setting geriatric neuropsychological test standards. Dr. Ivan Kiss, the project lead, urged Hannah to go to grad school but

Research Profile: Dr. Amy Kaler

Amy Kaler’s new research project (with
Ryan Dunch, U of A, History & Classics) examines the theopolitical imaginaries of United Church of Canada missionaries in Sichuan, China in the first half of the 20th century. The project is based on materials housed in three archives in Canada, including 73 hours of recorded interviews with former missionaries, conducted by a CBC journalist in the 1970s but never transcribed or analyzed. While there has been a resurgence of interest in missionary history in western China in the last five years, Amy is drawn to this topic because of a personal connection – her grandparents were among those missionaries. The project will complicate the relationship between religion, nationalism, and ethical praxis of Canadian missionaries, both in China and after their return to Canada. It eschews nostalgic narratives of altruism, but also steers away from overly-determined structural approaches which inscribe missionaries as always and only colonial. Instead, the project is oriented by four irreducible tensions manifested in the words of Sichuan missionaries. The intellectual concerns of this project arise from Amy’s current SSHRC-funded project on the narratives of present-day Christians who do international relief and development work.

Graduate Student Profiles: Maria Fernanda Mosquera & Rezvaneh Erfani
Maria Fernanda Mosquera
MA Student

Maria Fernanda Mosquera was born and raised in Colombia, where she completed her bachelor's degree in Sociology. She is a second year MA student interested in examining Latin Americans' migration trajectories. Her research focuses on forced displacement experiences and forms of integration in Canada. Maria participates in the University of Alberta Prison Project as a research assistant. She is also a research assistant for the Mobile Work and Mental Health project. Maria enjoys volunteering with organizations that support newcomers' settlement processes in Edmonton. During her free time, Maria likes cooking and baking; she did Culinary Arts before starting her degree in Sociology. She also loves outdoor activities, such as hiking in the mountains or going out for a run. Music, coffee,

Rezvaneh Erfani
PhD Student

Rezvaneh Erfani’s main research interests include environmental justice, social movements, and postcolonialism. Rezvaneh holds a SSHRC Vanier Scholarship. Her dissertation focuses on environmentalism in the Middle East and examines how Turkish and Egyptian environmental activists interpret nature, politics, and environmental governance. She is interested in whether environmentalism has led or may lead to a more enriched civil society by expanding citizen engagements and eventually by strengthening democratic mechanisms. She completed her interdisciplinary MA in Sociology and Political Science at UofA working on “Postcolonial Critique of Environmental Justice: A Discourse Analysis of United Nations Documents on Post-Invasion Iraq and Afghanistan”. She has also completed another
origami and chatting with her family are all parts of her everyday life. MA at University of Tehran where she focused on environmental communication in Iran. Rezvaneh is the vice-president of Students for Students charity group, based at the UofA, which supports education for less privileged children.

New Books by Sociology Faculty Members


Emphasizing the gateways to criminal justice, truth-telling, and overcriminalization, this interdisciplinary collection provides important insights into often overlooked practices that admit persons to criminal justice. Contributors to the volume adopt social, historical, cultural, and political perspectives to explore the accusatory process that place persons in contact with the law.


This book provides a critical study of the trajectory of struggles in the Niger Delta since 1995, paying attention to continuities and changes, including recent developments linked to the shift from local resistance, to the rupturing of the Presidential Amnesty peace deal (largely to the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta) and the resurgence of low-intensity sporadic

This book uses a Black decolonial feminist approach to deconstruct 'the white sambo psyche' of white European settler colonialism which classified the colonized and enslaved as 'sambo' in Australia, the UK, South Africa and the Caribbean. It analyzes archival data, artefacts, commemorative spaces, films, children's books, fashion and sweets to show Sambo's genealogy and continuation in contemporary life.

**KEYWORDS:** Race/Body

Another successful Keywords: Dialogues in Sociology event in November 2019 saw a multidisciplinary panel grapple with 'Race/Body.' As Canada Research Chair-designate Dr. Shirley Tate (Sociology) put it in her opening remarks, it is impossible to disentangle social processes of racialization from experiences lived in and on bodies. She was joined by Drs. Rebecca Sockbeson (Education) and Donia Mounsef (Drama) for a captivating public discussion moderated by doctoral student Prof-Collins Ifeou. Dialogue ranged from the materiality of racialized violence to the pedagogies of 'Red Hope' found in embodied performances and solidarities.

Many thanks to our great panel and the organizers of Keywords. Videos of this and previous Keywords events can be found on the main Sociology webpage.
**Grad Student Activities**

Graduate students do not live by classes alone. They regularly form reading groups to explore texts and ideas of interest with students in sociology and other disciplines. This year, for example, diverse groups have gathered around readings on Hegel, Freud, and space and culture.

**Focus on Space and Culture:** In the spring, the student and faculty research Space and Culture research and reading group celebrated its 100th seminar since 2004. An affiliated Graduate Students Association group organized by Juan Guevara, Nicholas Hardy, Jeongwon Gim and others hosted Visiting Professor Justine Lloyd from Macquarie University at a Theory weekend. This was a work-in-progress and professionalization retreat at Nordegg May 3-5. Justine’s book *Reimagining Home in the 21st Century* (edited with Ellie Vasta) has recently been published. The group meets monthly (all welcome) and will host another retreat in the coming spring (2020) and a conference on city streets in 2021-22.

**2019 Sociology Convocants**

Congratulations to all of our grads!

Emma Jackson (MA) - Caring for Crude in an Era of Capitalist Crisis: Migrant Caregivers and the Fort McMurray Wildfire (Supervisor Dr S. Dorow)

Ashley Kyle (MA) - Navigating Protective Custody Classification: Examining the Lived Experiences of PC Inmates (Supervisor Dr S. Bucerius)

Natasha Myette (MA) - Redefining Success Through the Educational Experiences of Indigenous Adult Learners (Supervisor Dr M. Maroto)

Gary Barron (PhD) - Universities in the Making: Rankings, Performance Metrics and Control in Academia (Supervisor Dr K. Haggerty)

Eva Bogdan (PhD) - Perceptions and Practices of Flood Risk Management: A Case Study of Flood Risk Governance in High River, Alberta (Supervisors Drs K. Caine & M. Beckie)
Jennifer Braun (PhD) - Making a Place at the Table: Examining the Impact and Influence of Women in Agricultural Leadership in the Canadian Prairies (Supervisors Drs K. Caine & M. Beckie)

Jason Chalmers (PhD) - National Myth in Canada: Reproducing and Resisting Settler Colonialism at Memorial Sites (Supervisor Dr D. Clément)

Ahmad Karimi (PhD) - Sexuality and Integration: Gay Iranian Refugees Navigating Refugee Status and Integration in Canada (Supervisor Dr S. Bucerius)

Ethan Davidge - MA in Criminal Justice (Supervisor Dr J. Grekul)

Taylor-Rae Foster - MA in Criminal Justice (Supervisor Dr J. Grekul)