



# Newsletter

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This newsletter provides sociology majors and anthropology majors/minors with important updates including registration information for Fall 2016 classes and news and happenings in the department.

## Key Dates

### Advising for Fall 2016 Semester

Enrollment advising for Fall 2016 begins March 14 and continues through April 15. Be sure to meet with your advisor during these dates.

### Online Enrollment Appointments

- **Class of 2017** – April 18 - 19
- **Class of 2018** – April 21 - 22
- **Class of 2019** - April 25 - 26

### Seminar Application

Department seminar courses require permission to enroll. To be considered, complete the online application by **Wednesday, April 13 at noon**. It is available **only** online and can be found on the department's home page:

<http://holycross.edu/academics/programs/sociology-anthropology/seminar-application>

Students will be notified by e-mail of their status for enrolling in a seminar and issued a permission number.

## Anthropology Major Requirements

### Requirements (10 course minimum):

- Anthropological Perspective (ANTH 101)
- Ethnographic Field Methods (ANTH 310)
- Anthropological Theory (ANTH 320)
- One advanced course at 300 or 400-level:  
e.g. an intensive seminar, tutorial, or research practicum

### Additional required courses

- Six additional department electives (two may be sociology courses)

## Anthropology Minor Requirements

### Requirements (6 course minimum):

Please note the requirements for the anthropology minor have changed. After taking ANTH 101, you need to take **either** ANTH 310, Ethnographic Methods **or** ANTH 320, Theory in Anthropology.

- Anthropological Perspective (ANTH 101)
- Ethnographic Field Methods (ANTH 310)
- OR**
- Theory in Anthropology (ANTH 320)

### Additional required courses

- Four additional anthropology courses, by student interest

## Sociology Major Requirements

### Requirements (10 course minimum):

#### Recommended sequence of courses:

- Sociological Perspective (SOCL 101)
- Development of Social Theory (SOCL 241)
- Social Statistics (SOCL 226)
- Logics of Inquiry (SOCL 223)
- One advanced course at 300 or 400-level:  
e.g. an intensive seminar, tutorial, or research practicum

### Additional required courses

- Five department electives
- Two of the above electives may be anthropology courses

## Courses - Fall 2016

For schedule of classes and course descriptions, refer to the College Catalog or STAR online.

ANTH 101s	Anthropological Perspective – on STAR	
ANTH 170	Contemporary Asia	MWF 11:00-11:50
ANTH 299-01	AIDS in Africa and Beyond	MWF 1:00-1:50
ANTH 299-02	AIDS in Africa and Beyond	MWF 2:00-2:50

*ANTH 320	Theory in Anthropology	T 9:30-12:00
*ANTH 399-01	Unseminar: Contemporary Issues	M 3:00-5:30

SOCL 101s	Sociological Perspective – on STAR	
SOCL 203	Racial & Ethnic Groups	TR 9:30-10:45
SOCL 223	Logics of Inquiry	WF 2:00-3:15
SOCL 226-01	Social Statistics	TR 11:00-12:15
SOCL 226-02	Social Statistics	TR 12:30-1:45
SOCL 241	Development of Social Theory	WF 12:30-1:45
SOCL 247-01	Sociology of TV & Media	TR 9:30-10:45
SOCL 247-02	Sociology of TV & Media	TR 11:00-12:15
SOCL 259	Children & Violence	WF 12:30-1:45
SOCL 279	Sex and the Global City	TR 12:30-1:45
SOCL 281	Sociology of Travel & Tourism	TR 2:00-3:15
SOCL 299	Urban China	MW 3:00-4:15

*SOCL 399-01	Race, Crime and the Law	W 11:00-1:30
*SOCL 399-02	Food, Poverty and Justice	F 11:00-1:30

\* Requires a seminar application located on the Sociology and Anthropology department home page:

## NEW 200 Level Course

**SOCL 299-01** *NEW* **MW 3:00-4:15**  
**Urban China**  
**Prof. Lihua Wang**

The size and speed of Chinese urbanization has become a widely discussed topic in both the mass media and within the field of Urban Sociology. According to a report published in the *Economist* in 2015, twenty-five out of the hundred largest global cities are now located in China. However, what are the economic, social, and political forces that have driven this expansion of urban space during the last three decades? How does urbanization work? What are the results of this rapid transformation? In exploring these questions, this class introduces ethnographic studies about urban dwellers including migrants, workers, professionals, the new rich, and LGBT in order to uncover a wide range of experiences. This course aims to examine these narratives of urbanization, and to highlight China's uneven development as well as differences in terms of gender, class, and sexuality in urban spaces.

## Seminars, Fall 2016

**ANTH 320** **T 9:30-12:00**  
**Theory in Anthropology**  
**Prof. Jeremy Jones** *Permission needed*

This seminar provides an in-depth and historical exploration of the ways in which anthropologists have theorized culture since the discipline's founding in the 19th century. We will study some of the key trends, concepts, and models in anthropological theories of culture: evolution, functionalism, interpretive anthropology, Marxism, feminist anthropology, postmodernism, globalization, and neoliberalism. A central concern will be how anthropologists have defined culture, conceptualized its processes, and theorized how individuals interact with culture in ways that challenge or reproduce power relations, political economy, and social structures.

**ANTH 399-01** *NEW* **M 3:00-5:30**  
**Unseminar: Contemporary Issues**  
**Prof. Ann Marie Leshkovich** *Permission needed*

Refugees. Poverty. Racism. Global economic forces. Religious conflict. Healthcare. Migration. Gender. Neoliberalism. Sexuality. Deindustrialization. Education. Cultural commodification. How can an anthropological lens help us to understand these and other pressing current issues? This course will challenge all of us to expand how we understand the world and our lives by helping us to explore issues from perspectives that we may never have considered before. Unlike a conventional seminar in which the professor determines the syllabus – topics, readings, and assignments – this **unseminar** will be designed primarily by students.

The application form (available here: <http://holycross.edu/academics/programs/sociology-anthropology/seminar-application>; due by April 13 at noon) will ask you to identify one pressing contemporary question and to suggest readings in anthropology (a book or several articles) that would help us to address it. (If you'd like to discuss your ideas for possible topics and readings, just email me: [aleshkov@holycross.edu](mailto:aleshkov@holycross.edu)). As professor, I will guide us in identifying relevant anthropological perspectives, theories, and bodies of literature so that together we can design the reading list, discussion sessions, and assignments.

The unseminar is an experiment: bring your curiosity and an open mind, and get ready to take charge of our journey!

**SOCL 399-01** *NEW*  
**Race, Crime and the Law**  
**Prof. Melissa F. Weiner**

**W 11:00-1:30**

*Permission needed*

#BlackLivesMatter #TamirRice #MichaelBrown  
#SayHerName #SandraBland #ShutItDown

The Black Lives Matter movement has brought national and international attention to police violence against and the mass incarceration of people of color in the U.S. The U.S. prison system is the largest in the world and disproportionately incarcerates young men (and increasingly, women) of color while often ignoring wealthy whites who wreak environmental and economic destruction. This seminar-level course will focus on the ways in which laws embedded in the US criminal justice system exclude vast segments of the population from full citizenship rights by criminalizing the actions of people of color. Tracing the historical development of criminal policies targeting people of color, students will encounter a wide range of topics related to policing, criminalization, and mass incarceration, their consequences for individuals, communities and racial inequality, and contemporary social movements seeking racial justice in these areas.

**SOCL 399-02**  
**Food, Poverty and Justice**  
**Prof. Stephanie Crist**

**F 11:00-1:30**

*Permission needed*

Though the United States is one of the wealthiest nations in the world, hunger and food insecurity are social issues that impact millions of U.S. residents. This course will address the intersections of food and poverty in the U.S. context. Using a framework rooted in the work of scholars and activists focused on food justice, we will examine the ways that government and charitable organizations address food insecurity in the U.S. Throughout the semester, students will participate in community-based learning placements that will aid them in making analytical connections between the course materials and experiences of food insecurity in Worcester. Assessment will include participation in discussion, presentations on the readings, weekly assignments, and a research paper.

### 200 Level Course Update

**SOCL 247-01**  
**SOCL 247-02**  
**Sociology of TV & Media**  
**Prof. Ellis Jones**

**TR 9:30-10:45**

**TR 11:00-12:15**

Professor Jones will be readjusting his two sections of the SOCL 247 Television & Media course to include more ways to think critically about the role of debates, political advertisements, super PACs, party conventions, and press conferences in this particularly interesting presidential election year. Come and learn how media may be more

important in this election year than in any other election in recent memory! And don't worry, he will still be examining all of the usual topics as well (news, entertainment, organization, economics, and alternatives.)

### Study Abroad

The current department Study Abroad advisor is **Prof. Jennie Germann Molz**, Beaven 215. She, along with your faculty advisors and the Holy Cross Study Abroad office, can give you good advice about universities overseas. Up to four Study Abroad courses can be credited toward a major in sociology or anthropology. The methods courses for either major and the statistics course for Sociology need to be taken at Holy Cross.

### Graduate Studies

Professors **Susan Crawford Sullivan** and **Alvaro Jarrin** are the department's Graduate Studies advisors. They can help you explore graduate school opportunities in our fields and also in related areas such as public health, gerontology, area studies, and international development.

### Department Announcements

We are pleased to announce that **Professor Ara Francis** has received tenure and promotion to Associate Professor. Please congratulate her on achieving this important milestone in her career!

**Ann Marie Leshkowich's** book, *Essential Trade: Vietnamese Women in a Changing Marketplace* (University of Hawai'i Press, 2014) has been awarded the 2016 Harry J. Benda Book Prize from the Association for Asian Studies (AAS). This prestigious award is given annually for a first book from any discipline and country specialization in the field of Southeast Asian studies. The award will be presented at the AAS annual meeting in Seattle on Friday, April 1.

**Matthew Watson '16**, an anthropology major and food studies minor, won the grand prize of \$12,000 in the 2016 "Shark Tank" competition sponsored by the Ciocca Office for Entrepreneurial Studies (COES). His winning pitch was to start the Brewery Stewardship Alliance, a sustainability certification program that empowers environmentally-friendly craft breweries. Congratulations Matthew!

**Susan Rodgers** Professor, Anthropology, and Distinguished Professor of Ethics and Society, will be retiring from Holy Cross in May 2016. She looks forward to continuing her research on minority society arts and literatures of Indonesia -- including working with Holy Cross students in summer and fall 2016 on a new exhibition for the Cantor Art Gallery on campus ("Woven Power: Ritual Textiles of Sarawak and West Kalimantan," Rodgers' fifth exhibition at Holy Cross on Asian textiles).

This summer's collaborative work with students will involve joint fieldwork in Indonesia and Malaysia; the students will serve as docents for the fall show.

Professor Rodgers received her Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Chicago and was a tenured professor of anthropology at Ohio University before coming to Holy Cross in fall 1989 to help start a new anthropology program. In 2013, Professor Rodgers received the prestigious CASE/Carnegie Endowment for Teaching Award as the Massachusetts Professor of the Year. She has taught a number of popular courses in anthropology, including Food, Body Power; Art and Power in Asia; Anthropology of Religion; and Imagined Body; and the ethnographic fieldwork methodology seminar. At Holy Cross she has been active in Asian Studies and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies and served as Sociology and Anthropology department chair for two terms and as Asian Studies director. A resident of Worcester, Rodgers serves on the board of Worcester Refugee Assistance Project, which collaborates with the city's Burmese refugee community.

### Sociology & Anthropology Honors Program

***Announcing changes to the Department Honors Program***  
Beginning in the Fall of 2016, the Department of Sociology and Anthropology will hold its inaugural Honors Colloquium for students accepted into the Department Honors Program. In the past, thesis writers would informally meet every few weeks with our Honors Committee to discuss various steps in the completion of their theses, provide feedback to their peers, and seek writing advice from faculty. Faculty have long felt that such meetings were valuable for our honors students, and therefore sought to formalize these sessions into a year-long colloquium. Beginning this fall, thesis writers will meet in the bi-weekly Honors Colloquium under the direction of the Honors director. The colloquium will be offered in both the fall and spring semesters on a pass/no pass basis and counts for one-half credit per semester.

The Honors Colloquium will cover topics such as: strategies for thesis work, writing an intro to the thesis, IRB application and approval process, ways to write a review of the literature chapter, ethics in research, writing workshops for the students, practice sessions for the formal oral presentations for the April conferences, publication possibilities, etc. The colloquium will also feature guest speakers who will discuss aspects of graduate studies, professional issues, job market issues, and their own research. Department honors students will continue to be mentored by their individual honors thesis advisor.

We hope that the Honors Colloquium will be a fun time for our thesis writers and that ultimately it will be productive and helpful. If you have questions about the

Sociology and Anthropology Program, email Daina Cheyenne Harvey at [dharvey@holycross.edu](mailto:dharvey@holycross.edu)

### Student Scholarship

**Ethnographic Field Methods (Anth 310)** students will present at this year's Academic Conference on Thursday, April 28, 8:30 am to 12 noon, Hogan.

**Margaret MacMullin '16** Meaning of Making in the Holy Cross Art Department

**Megan Demit '16** Inside the American Refrigerator: Photographs of Food Culture and Consumption

**Marjorie Higgins '16** Pressures on College Women Soccer Players: Shaping the Perfect Body

**Richard Greiwe '17** Constructing Lacrosse Team Identity on Game Day

**Katelyn Lyons '18** At the Thrift Shop: Fashion and Social Class in a Non-Profit Space

**Hannah Moore '18** The Power of Preservation: Conservation of Art in Worcester

**Natasha Meyer '16** Beyond Grieving: Understanding the Social Space of Historic Cemeteries in Massachusetts

**Alexandra Gallo '16** Emotion Work of Caregivers in Safe Spaces

**Tanusha Yarlagadda '18** Liberation through Make Up: Brushing on Confidence.

**Jessica Batista '18** Education through the Generations: Life Histories of Latin Americans at Holy Cross

**Erica Mendoza '18** Defining Home: How Latin American Immigrants Express their Home Culture

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Students will present at the Academic Conference on Friday, April 29 from 2:00-5:30 pm in Hogan.

**Rebecca Benoit '16** Subjective Experiences of Life in an American Nursing Home

**Kiara Barbieri '16** A Caring Cut: A Sociological and Bioethical Analysis of Organ Procurement and Transplantation in the United States and Abroad

**Danielle Tierney '16** Cyberlebrity: Selfhood, Cyberperformance and Fame in the Digital Age

**Natasha Meyer '16** Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology in Dialogue: Interpreting the Infant Burials in Astypalaia, Greece

**Tara Hank '16** A Sociological Comparison of the Emergency Food Systems in Philadelphia and Worcester: The Relationship between Poverty, Food Insecurity and Nutrition

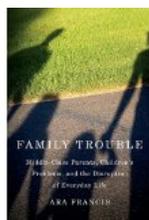
**Matthew Watson '16** Consuming Class: A Comparison Study of Student Food Activism on Two Massachusetts College Campuses

**Zhenxi Qi '16** Travel and Transformation: A Case Study of the Short-term International Immersion Trip

## Faculty New Publications

### Books

**Jeffrey C. Dixon, Royce A. Singleton, Jr., and B.C. Straits.** 2015. *The Process of Social Research*. Oxford University Press.



**Ara Francis.** 2015. *Family Trouble: Middle-Class Parents, Children's Problems, and the Disruption of Everyday Life*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

**Ellis Jones.** 2015. *The Better World Shopping Guide: Every Dollar Makes a Difference*. 5th ed. Gabriola Island, BC: New Society Publishers.



### Articles

**Jennie Germann Molz.** 2015. Making a Difference Together: Discourses of Transformation in Family Volontourism. *Journal of Sustainable Tourism*, October 8, online at <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/09669582.2015.1088862>, forthcoming in print, 2016.

**Jennie Germann Molz.** 2015. Giving Back, Doing Good, Feeling Global: The Affective Flows of Family Volontourism. *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, October 16, online at <http://jce.sagepub.com/content/early/2015/10/12/0891241615610382.abstract?rss=1>, forthcoming in print 2016.

**Alvaro Jarrin.** "Towards a Biopolitics of Beauty: Eugenics, Aesthetic Hierarchies and Plastic Surgery in Brazil." *Journal of Latin American Cultural Studies* 24.4 (2015): 535-552.

**Ellis Jones.** 2015. "Don't Just Read Books, Write Them! Four Lessons Learned from a Multiyear Student-Authored Book Project in Social Theory." *Humanity & Society* 39:213-223.

**Lihua Wang.** 2016. "Rural Women's Bodies and Invisible Hands: Neoliberalism and Population Control in China" with Linda Blum in *Bodies, Boundaries and Vulnerabilities*, ed. by Lisa Folkmarson Käll, Sprinkle Publications, pp. 13-30.

**Melissa F. Weiner.** 2016. "Colonized Curriculum: Racializing Discourses of Africa and Africans in Dutch Primary School History Textbooks." *Sociology of Race and*

*Ethnicity*. Published online February 8 at <http://sre.sagepub.com/content/early/2016/02/05/2332649215628037.full>, print forthcoming.

**Melissa F. Weiner.** 2015. "The Dutchman's Burden: Enslavement, Africa and Immigrants in Dutch Primary School History Textbooks." *Sociologias (Brazil)* 17(40): 212-254.

**Melissa F. Weiner.** 2015. "Whitening a Diverse Dutch Classroom: White Cultural Discourses in a Diverse Amsterdam Primary School." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 38(2): 359-376.

## Department Events

**Monday, March 14, 7:00 – 8:15 pm,** Rehm Library  
**Career Night**

*Life after a Sociology or Anthropology Major or Minor*

Please join five Holy Cross alumni to learn about their work in exciting careers, from finance, to marketing research, to higher education administration, to nurse-midwifery to mental health services in prisons.

**Tim Jarry '00**  
*Chief Investment Officer*  
College of the Holy Cross

**Lauren Maloney '12**  
*Cooperative Education Advisor*  
D'Amore-McKim School of Business, Northeastern Univ.

**Melissa Nelson '10,** MSN, CNM, WHNP-BC  
*Nurse midwife*  
OB/GYN Associates, Providence, RI

**Katherine Sutton '12**  
*Associate PR Manager*  
Reebok US

**Sandra van den Heuvel '14**  
*Clinical Supervisor*  
Spectrum Health Systems



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