



NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter provides sociology majors and anthropology majors and minors with important updates including registration information for Spring 2022 and happenings in the department.

KEY DATES

Advising for Spring 2022 Semester

Starts October 21 and is ongoing.

Enrollment Begins

For expected graduation term Spring 22 & Fall 22

STAGE 1 - Thursday, November 4 @ 7am- 2:00pm

STAGE 2 - Friday, November 5 @ 7am-11:59pm

For expected graduation term Spring 23 & Fall 23

Stage 1 - Monday, November 8 @ 7am - 2:00pm

Stage 2- Tuesday, November 9 @ 7am - 11:59pm

For expected graduation term Spring 24 & Fall 24

Stage 1-Thursday, November 11 @ 7am - 2:00pm

Stage 2- Friday, November 12 @ 7am - 11:59pm

For expected graduation term Spring 25 & Fall 25

Stage 1- Monday, November 15 @ 7am - 2:00p,

Stage 2- Tuesday, November 16 @ 7am - 11:59pm

STAGE 3 for all of the above:

Open Enrollment- Tuesday, December 7 @ 8am through Friday, January 31 @ 11:59pm

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Courses - SPRING 2022

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

ANTH 101	Anthropological Perspective (4 sections - in STAR)	
ANTH 255	Gender & Sexualities	MWF 12:00-12:50
ANTH 262	Anthropology of Religion	WF 8:30-9:45
ANTH 273	Anthropology of Africa	MWF 9:00-9:50
ANTH 277	Coming of Age at the Border	TR 2:00-3:15
ANTH 299-01	Anthropology of Debt	MWF 11:00-11:50
ANTH 299-02	Arab Women's Worlds	TR 2:00-3:15
* ANTH 310	Ethnographic Field Methods	MW 3:00-4:15
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SOCL 101	Sociological Perspective (5 sections - in STAR)	
SOCL 210	Consumer & Corporate Sustainability	TR 2:00-3:15
SOCL 213-01	Race, Crime & Justice	TR 9:30-10:45
SOCL 213-02	Race, Crime & Justice	TR 11:00-12:15
SOCL 223-01	Logics of Inquiry	MW 8:00-9:15
SOCL 223-02	Logics of Inquiry	MW 9:30-10:45
SOCL 226	Social Statistics	TR 11:00-12:15
SOCL 236	Environmental Sociology	MWF 11:00-11:50
SOCL 238	Cities and Environment	MWF 10:00-10:50
SOCL 241	Development of Social Theory	TR 12:30-1:45
SOCL 254	Girls and Violence	WF 2:00-3:15
SOCL 299-01	Digital Worlds	TR 12:30-1:45
SOCL 299-02	Global AntiRacism	MW 4:30-5:45
* SOCL 313	Freedoms & Unfreedom	W 11:00-1:30
* SOCL 375-01	End of Life	R 9:30-12:00
* SOCL 399-02	Food & Environment	T 9:30-12:00

*Permission Needed

Soc majors need a 300-level soc seminar as a graduation requirement. this requirement can also be filled by writing a SOC honors thesis in the department's honor program or through a directed research course with a professor. See link to the seminar application below:

[Spring 22 Seminar Application Form](#)

Anthropology Major Requirements

Requirements (10 course minimum):
Recommended sequence of courses:

- Anthropological Perspective (ANTH 101)
- Anthropological Theory (ANTH 320)
- Ethnographic Field Methods (ANTH 310)
- One advanced anthropology course at 300 or 400- level
- Six anthropology electives (two electives may be sociology courses)

Anthropology Minor Requirements

- Anthropological Perspective (ANTH 101)
 - Ethnographic Field Methods (ANTH 310)
- OR**
- Theory in Anthropology (ANTH 320)
 - 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 sociology course at 300 or 400-level
- Five sociology electives (two electives may be anthropology courses)

SCAN New Spring 22 Courses

ANTH 299-01 Anthropology of Debt

Prof. Jeremy Jones

MWF 11:00-11:50

This course, we will explore anthropological work on debt, then use it to think through contemporary issues, both here in the US and elsewhere in the world. We will start by discussing the focal role of debt in a variety of religious traditions and revisiting the classical anthropology of exchange. Then we'll explore connections between debt, money, and finance, as they have appeared in different times and places. Along the way, we will consider everything from feuds and blood money, to debt peonage and slavery, to the origins of central banking and state finance, to structural adjustment programs and anti-debt activism. As we wrap up, we'll look at a number of recent trends in our own milieu, including the bail/bond system, subprime loans, and student debt, as well as matters from further afield like microcredit schemes and the role of debt in migration.

ANTH 299-02 Arab Women's Worlds

Prof. Sarah Ihmoud

TR 2:00-3:15

Taking the idea of worlding, or ways of collective living through the senses in relation to women's storytelling as a foundation, this course invites students to participate in a poetics of visceral encounter with Arab women's worlds. Through the lens of feminist ethnography, which questions the line between the fictional and the "real", we will explore the intimate social, political and cultural geographies of Arab women in the MENA region and its diasporas. We will attend to the everyday and embodied realities of Arab women through themes of identity, power, violence, war, exile, memory, revolution, home, love, and belonging, from traditional ethnographic texts to literature, poetry and experimental art, film and life writing. In doing so, we summon the social worlds and gendered imaginaries that grow out of women's lives as ethnographic text. This course will appeal especially to students of Anthropology, Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies, Peace and Conflict Studies, and Middle East Studies at Holy Cross.

new courses continued:

SOCL 299-01 Digital Worlds

Professor Samantha Eddy

TR 12:30-1:45

This course will explore the formation of digital communities and online identity-making. Students will engage in canonical sociological theory, exploring concepts like norm-building, socialization, stigma, and identity-making. This will be paired with cutting-edge research that applies these theories to digital cases. Students will engage in a digital ethnography that engages in critical analysis of online interaction. The course will ask students to consider ethical debates and dilemmas given the novelty of digital research. Students will also engage in reflective exercises to consider their own digital participation across varied online media. This course aims to introduce students to key sociological theories and broaden application to emerging digital research.

SOCL 399-02 Food & Environment

Prof. Daina Harvey

T 9:30-12:00

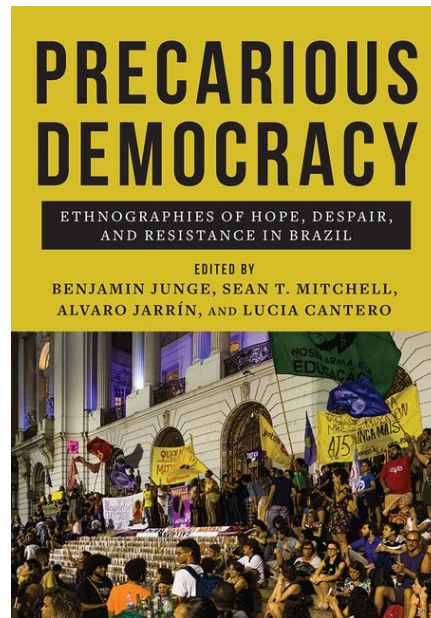
The ways in which we use and transform our environment to produce food has impacted our world more than any other environmental change. Using the intersectionalities of race, class, gender, and citizenship this seminar will focus on the systemic structural and socio-spatial inequities and injustices inherent to both local and global food systems. We will investigate solutions to improve our use of land and food production strategies, ultimately using both the campus and the local community as an additional lens into the nexus of food + environment.



Faculty New Publications

Articles & Chapters

Benjamin Junge, Sean Mitchell, Alvaro Jarrin and Lucia Cantero, eds. 2021. *Precarious Democracy: Ethnographies of Hope, Despair and Resistance in Brazil*. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press.



SCAN Faculty News

Congratulations



Professor Renee Beard promoted to Professor

Faculty News continued



Holy Cross Anthropology Professor Selected as 2021-2022 Harvard Radcliffe Fellow

Alvaro Jarrín was one of 50 recipients selected from a pool of 1,383 applicants Professor Alvaro Jarrín, has been named a 2021–2022 fellow at the Harvard University’s Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study. The fellowship, founded in 1999, is a year-long program designed to foster an “interdisciplinary, international community” of fellows from fields in the arts, humanities, sciences and social sciences who aim to solve today’s most challenging problems. The acceptance rate for the class, which represents nine countries, was 2.4 percent, from 1,383 applications.

Is The Weeknd’s Faux Plastic Surgery Transformation a Statement or a Publicity Stunt? Anthropology Professor Is on the Case

(The Conversation) Canadian singer Abel Makkonen Tesfaye, known as The Weeknd, has been trending on social media in the past few weeks after debuting a faux plastic surgery face in his latest music video. But was he out for shock value or to make a bold statement? In a recent piece for *The Conversation*, **Professor Alvaro Jarrin**, said that he was “struck” by The Weeknd’s use of this medical practice. An anthropologist who has been analyzing the societal implications of plastic surgery for over 15 years, Jarrin believes that this might be the singer’s way of acknowledging the immense pressures that celebrities feel to conform to unrealistic beauty standards.



Holy Cross Sociology Professor Teaches Us How To Score an A+ in Sustainable Back-To-School Shopping.

(National Geographic)

Professor Ellis Jones: After more than a year of intermittent Zoom schooling, parents are likely to have a long back-to-school shopping list as their students return to classrooms. But how do we help families protect the Earth as we stock up this back-to-school season? In a recent interview with *National Geographic*, Professor Ellis Jones, stressed the importance of mindful shopping in teaching kids about eco-friendly consumption. In addition to looking for items that are timeless — instead of focusing on the latest style or fad — Ellis also recommends taking a more playful approach, such as doing a scavenger hunt for items kids already own. “Before picking up a new binder just because it’s cool, have kids search the house for something similar they could decorate themselves,” says Jones. “I’ll often tell my five-year-old, ‘Let me take a picture of it and we’ll talk about it later this week if you still want it.’ I wait to see if she asks about it, and if she doesn’t, she has let it go.



Misguided Drug Policies Worsening Overdose Epidemic, (*The Conversation*) says Sociology Professor Emily Campbell.

The United States is at a pivotal moment in its fight against drug overdose, with over 93,000 Americans having lost their lives to fatal drug overdose last year alone, making 2020 the worst year on record. Prof. Campbell analyzes the roots and ramifications of the overdose crisis in this country, an issue she has been studying since 2016.

Faculty News continued



Holy Cross Sociology Professor Awarded Fulbright Scholarship to Study City Climate Planning Project to draw observations from Worcester, Mass. and Tampere, Finland

Professor Selina Gallo-Cruz, has received a Fulbright Scholar award for 2021-2022 to study city climate planning, according to the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. Jointly funded by Fulbright Finland Foundation and Tampere University, the Fulbright-Tampere University Scholar Award will allow Gallo-Cruz to examine how different cities engage with global models for facing the many challenges posed by climate change, drawing together observations from Worcester, Mass. and Tampere, Finland.



Professor Germann Molz was interviewed about her new book, *The World is Our Classroom: Extreme Parenting and the Rise of Worldschooling*

The Critical Pioneers segment of Northern Notes, a blog published by the sociology department at Leeds University in the UK. You can read her interview here: <https://northernnotes.leeds.ac.uk/critical-pioneers-the-short-interviews-season-3-jennie-germann-molz/>

Study Abroad

The department's study abroad advisor is Professor Jennie Germann Molz (jmolz@holycross.edu). Please contact her with any questions about how you can incorporate a study abroad experience -- including semester, academic year, or Maymester programs -- into your sociology major or your anthropology major or minor.



New Visiting Faculty AY 21-22

Welcome



Samantha Eddy, Visiting Assistant Professor
Fields: Racism, Racecraft, Gender, Strategies for Social Change, and Digital Communities



Douglas Bafford, Visiting Instructor
Fields: Anthropology of religion; evangelical Christianity; racial inequality in post-apartheid South Africa; cross-cultural epistemology; legal anthropology

MESSAGE TO SCAN STUDENTS FROM PROFESSOR IHMOUD



MyHC dedicated to building community and hosting social events within our Department. The group name is Sociology and Anthropology Social Committee. By joining this group you will be able to stay up to date on any upcoming events and important departmental dates. This application also allows you to stay in touch with other members of the group for any needs.

To join the Sociology and Anthropology Social Committee on MyHC following these quick and easy steps:

1. Log in to MyHC
2. Click “Groups” on the top banner of MyHC
3. Search in the search bar “Sociology and Anthropology Social Committee”
4. Click on this group
5. Press the Join Group button once you are on this page

This is an easy and helpful tool to ensure you are up to date on all our latest events. We would be grateful if you can please take the time to join the group.