This newsletter provides sociology majors and anthropology majors/minors with important updates including registration information for Spring 2015 classes and news and happenings in the department.

### Key Dates

**Advising for Spring 2015 Semester**

Enrollment advising for the spring semester of 2015 will take place from October 27 – November 4. Be sure to sign up for an appointment with your advisor.

**Online Enrollment Appointments**

- **Class of 2015** – November 10 & 11
- **Class of 2016** – November 13 & 14
- **Class of 2017** – November 17 & 18
- **Class of 2018** – November 20 & 21

**Seminar Application**

Department seminar courses require permission to enroll. To be considered, complete the online application by Tuesday, November 4 at noon. It is available only online and can be found on the department’s home page: [academics.holycross.edu/sociology-anthropology/SeminarApplication](academics.holycross.edu/sociology-anthropology/SeminarApplication)

Students will be notified by e-mail of their status for enrolling in a seminar and issued a permission number by 5:00 pm on November 6.

### Important Course Information

**Sociology majors**: Sociology majors are required to complete Theory (SOCL 241), Logics of Inquiry (SOCL 223, formerly methods) and Social Statistics (SOCL 226). Students must take Logics of Inquiry before Social Statistics, and we strongly recommend taking Theory before social statistics as well. The preferred sequence is Theory, Logics of Inquiry, then Social Statistics in that order over three semesters.

Majors in the **class of 2017** who have not taken Theory and are not considering study abroad should take Theory this spring. Those who have completed Theory should try to take Logics of Inquiry. In Spring 2015, we’ll offer one section of Theory, two sections of Logics of Inquiry, and two sections of Social Statistics.

Sociology majors in the **class of 2017** who are considering study abroad should keep in mind that the Logics of Inquiry and Social Statistics requirements must be taken at Holy Cross. We therefore strongly recommend that you complete the Logics of Inquiry requirement in Spring 2015. Seats will be reserved for sophomores who wish to study abroad, but you must give us your name. Please speak to your advisor or Prof. Leshkowich to get on the list.

For **Anthropology majors**, we recommend that you take the required courses in Theory (fall) and Methods (spring) in that order. Because the methods requirement must be taken at Holy Cross, students in the class of 2017 who are thinking of studying abroad may consider enrolling in ANTH 310: Ethnographic Field Methods this spring. Please consult with your advisor and with Prof. Leshkowich for more info.

For both Anthropology and Sociology majors, we strongly recommend that you complete the **theory requirement** at Holy Cross. There are, however, some study abroad programs that offer theory courses in sociology or anthropology that could be counted toward the major. Please speak to either Prof. Leshkowich or Prof. Ellis Jones, our department’s study abroad advisor. With the chair’s approval you may transfer up to four courses from study abroad into your major.
Listed below are the 200- and 300-level courses for Spring 2015, new 299 courses and descriptions of seminar courses. For descriptions of all courses, take a look at both the College Catalog and online in STAR.

**NEW 200 Level Courses**

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*Requires a seminar application located on the Sociology & Anthropology department home page: [academics.holycross.edu/sociology-anthropology/SeminarApplication](http://academics.holycross.edu/sociology-anthropology/SeminarApplication)*

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**SOCL 299-01**  Intro to LGBTQ Studies  
Prof. Stephanie Crist

This course will provide students with an introduction to LGBTQ Studies using a sociological framework that prioritizes questions of history, power, identity, and community. Building up to our discussions of contemporary issues, such as marriage equality and bullying in schools, we will learn about important historical events in the gay and trans rights movements. Our primary theoretical focus will be on social constructionism, though we will draw upon a variety of perspectives that contribute to our understandings of gender and sexuality. This course also has an experiential learning component—we will be collaborating with the Holy Cross GLBTQ Alumni Network to collect oral histories from their membership. You do not need a background in LGBTQ issues to enroll.

**SOCL 299-02**  Cities & Environment  
Prof. Daina Harvey

In this course, we will explore the processes, policies, and programs that have shaped and affected the relationship between cities and the environment in the United States. Students will be exposed to a number of theoretical perspectives and methodological approaches to the study of urban areas and the environment. The course will cover a broad range of topics and literatures including urbanization processes, urban vulnerability and disasters, urban political ecology, environmental justice, consumption, and urban planning and sustainability. The broad goals of the course are 1) to expose students to a range of literatures, discourses, and ways of thinking about cities and the environment; and 2) to provide a format for students to look in-depth at one topic on the urban-environment relationship.

**ANTH 299**  Cyborg Self  
Prof. Alvaro Jarrin

This course will explore the figure of the “cyborg”: a concept that attempts to capture the increasingly tenuous boundaries between living organisms and technologies. The aim of the course is to demonstrate how science and technology are inherently social – produced by power struggles, cultural patterns, economic trends and political urgencies. In turn, these new technologies transform the ways in which we socialize, communicate and interact with each other as human beings. Social media, cellphones, reproductive technologies, toys, weapons, cars, factories and robots will be among of our objects of inquiry. Given the centrality of technoscience to our everyday lives, its analysis allows us to better understand the rapid pace of change in our contemporary, globalized society. At the end of the course, students will be able to identify how we have become posthuman “cyborgs,” and what are the implications for our self-construction as knowing subjects.

**AFST 299**  Black Europe  
Prof. Melissa Weiner

Although often considered homogenously white, Europe’s population is and always has been racially diverse. This diversity is the culmination of centuries of colonialist interventions around the globe, particularly in Africa and the West Indies. This course will explore the history and contemporary reality of this population diversity, with a particular focus on the African diaspora in Europe. Beginning with Europe’s simultaneous expulsion of Jews and Muslims and “discovery” of Caribbean islands in 1492, the students will trace European colonial history in Africa and the West Indies that ultimately resulted in return migration of current and former African colonial subjects to multiple metropoles in Europe. Students will then focus on the experiences of
the African Diaspora in Europe, broadly, and in five countries (Britain, France, The Netherlands, Germany, and Italy) before addressing contemporary debates (the racialization of Muslims as the “new Blacks” in Europe, citizenship laws within and across the EU, and anti-racist movements) and concluding with discussion of the future of race and Africans in Europe. Class time will consist of lectures, small-group activities, and discussion. Multimedia in the form of movies and music will be incorporated throughout the semester.

**Seminars, Spring 2015**

ANTH 310  
**Ethnographic Field Methods**  
Prof. Ann Marie Leshkowich

This course provides students with an opportunity to learn about and do anthropological field research, particularly methods for interviewing and participant observation. The main project of the semester will be a student-authored ethnography produced through field research out in the Worcester community or on campus.

ANTH 373  
**Culture & Human Rights**  
Prof. Caroline Yezer

This class examines the debates surrounding the politics of Western human rights interventions into the non-Western world, as well as local or indigenous mechanisms of social justice and recovery in post-conflict societies. In the wake of WWII, “human rights” and humanitarian interventions became an important way to help victims of ethnic and political violence, and to hold states accountable for the ethical treatment of their citizens. Human rights have grown in importance since then, taking on issues beyond those of the state to include, for example, interventions into cultural practices deemed oppressive by the international community. Students will be challenged to think beyond the familiar—but inadequate categories of “good” interventions and “bad” cultural traditions that so often characterize mainstream debates about human rights.

ANTH 380  
**African Informal Economies**  
Prof. Jeremy Jones

Statistics show that nearly ninety percent of the African workforce is employed in the so-called “informal sector.” The figures are even higher for youth and women. This suggests that “informality” is critical to any understanding of contemporary African life. But what do we mean by “informal” economy? How does it differ from the “formal” one? What is at stake in drawing a distinction between them? This course has two goals: first, to critically assess debates about the nature of “informality”; and second, to trace some key characteristics of informal economic practices. Along the way, we will consider the history of efforts to “form” the economy, as well as the ways that “informal” economic behavior relates to other supposedly marginal aspects of the economy, like criminal enterprises, corruption, grey and black markets, etc. We will also examine relationships between the informal economy, politics, and development, both at the level of individual countries and with respect to global economic flows. Our focus will be Africa, but we will examine informal economies in other parts of the world as well, and students will have the opportunity to do research on countries or locations of their choice.

SOCL 365  
**Illness Narratives**  
Prof. Renee Beard

This class is designed to provide students with the skills to critically examine the role of narratives within the sociology of Health & Illness. We will explore first person accounts of living with various illnesses, including mental/physical, acute/chronic, contagious, and age-related conditions. Comparisons will be made across both historical and cultural contexts to highlight the socially constructed nature of health and aging. The interaction between social institutions, such as modern medicine, mass media, the family and politics, and subjective experiences will be studied to demonstrate the sociological relevance of illness. The class will engage the role of labeling theory, postmodern conceptions of health, and differences in illness narratives according to race/ethnicity, class, gender, sexual orientation and age on the “moral career” of illness.

SOCL 370  
**Sociology of Trouble**  
Prof. Ara Francis

This course examines how people experience, manage, and make sense of troubling events and circumstances, such as illness, death, divorce, and natural disaster. Delving into topics that are sometimes assumed to be the purview of psychology, our investigation will highlight the deeply social nature of personal suffering. We will explore a range of troubles that occur at multiple scales (bodies, relationships, and communities) and compare, contrast, and make connections between different types of social disruption. We will also touch upon the relationship of trouble to social inequality and critically examine biomedical accounts that frame suffering as pathological. Discussions require students to think deeply about life’s meanings, the human condition, and the relationship between selves and societies.
Comings and Goings
This fall, anthropologist Prof. Alvaro Jarrín joined the department as Assistant Professor. Prof. Jarrín completed his Ph.D. at Duke University and served as Visiting Assistant Professor at Union College. At Holy Cross, he will be teaching courses on biotechnology, gender and sexuality, and cyborg selves based on his research on plastic surgery, race, gender, and biotechnology in Brazil.

Prof. Marc Goodwin (Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley) has joined us full-time as Visiting Assistant Professor to offer Anthropology 101, Medical Anthropology, and courses in Montserrat. His research analyzes ADHD as architecture of experience and an ethics of enjoyment linking impulsivity, consumption, and time in late American Capitalism. Prof. Lihua Wang and Prof. Greta Kenney have joined the department as visiting lecturers to teach courses on global cities, gender and sexuality, and general sociology.

Faculty leaves: Prof. Jennie Germann Molz will continue her yearlong sabbatical conducting research on families who take their children out of school and “roadschool” them while traveling the world. For more on Prof. Germann Molz’s research, see page 5. Prof. Daina Cheyenne Harvey is spending Fall 2014 working on an exhibition for the Cantor Gallery on art in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

Kudos
Prof. Ann Marie Leshkowich has been promoted to the rank of professor.

Prof. Jennie Germann Molz has received an Arthur J. O’Leary Faculty Recognition Award. The award is given each year to tenured faculty members who have made special contributions to Holy Cross through their teaching, scholarship and/or service.

Several students received funding through the Mellon program and other sources for summer research with faculty members in our department. Vannak Khin ’15 conducted research in Cambodia and Vietnam supervised by Prof. Ann Marie Leshkowich on markets, trade, and identities. Miriam Okero ’15 received a Greisch Family Fellowship to work with Prof. Renee Beard on experiences of discrimination among women of color (for more on Okero’s research, see page 6). Also working with Prof. Beard was Kyle Carr ’14, who conducted research on experiences of stigma among individuals diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Samantha Schuetz ’15 and Mary Bassaly ’16 conducted research on religion and autism with Prof. Sue Crawford Sullivan. Mandy Lam ’15 assisted Prof. Jeff Dixon on his NSF-funded research on perceived worker insecurity in collaboration with Andrew S. Fullerton.

Congratulations to Sociology majors Nicholas Cormier, Christine Fimognari, and Declan Foley, who were inducted into Alpha Sigma Nu, the National Jesuit Honor Society, on October 26, 2014.

Summer Research Fellowships in Anthropology
A generous gift of $50,000 has been made to the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery and to our anthropology program in connection with Professor Susan Rodgers’ upcoming fall 2016 Cantor exhibition, “Pua and Power: Great Cloths of Sarawak and Kalimantan.” This wonderful gift helps support the exhibition per se but also funds two student research fellowships in anthropology for joint fieldwork with Professor Rodgers in summer 2016 in connection with the show. These paid research fellowships (modeled on the summer Mellon opportunities) will allow the students to travel to Malaysia and Indonesia with Professor Rodgers to interview weavers and staff of heritage textile non-profits. After four weeks in Asia the research team will return to campus for five additional weeks of work together, jointly creating the show’s website. Please see Professor Rodgers with questions; more details will follow throughout this year and next.

Save the Date – November 20
Join the Asian Studies faculty and students on November 20 at 4:30 pm to celebrate Ann Marie Leshkowich’s new publication Essential Trade: Vietnamese Women in a Changing Marketplace.

Professor Leshkowich will talk about her new book beginning at 4:30 pm in Beaven 125, followed by a reception with Vietnamese food at 6:00 pm in the Spillane Pavilion – Smith Labs.

Study Abroad
The current department Study Abroad advisor is Prof. Ellis Jones, Beaven 219. He, 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.

Join Prof. Jones at a Study Abroad Information session for Sociology and Anthropology majors on Tuesday, October 28, 7:00 – 8:00 pm. The session will be held in Beaven 229.
The department’s Graduate Studies advisors are Prof. Selina Gallo-Cruz, Beaven 223 and Prof. Melissa Weiner, Beaven 226. 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. Anthropology majors and minors may also consult any of the anthropologists.

Attend an information session on November 11, 6:00 pm in Levis Browsing Room, Dinand Library and have all your questions about graduate school answered. Pizza will be served. If you are attending, email mpost@holycross.edu with your response.

**New Publications**

**BOOKS**


Soile Veijola, Jennie Germann Molz, Olli Pyyhtinen, Emily Höckert, and Alexander Grit, *Disruptive Tourism and its Untidy Guests: Alternative Ontologies for Future Hospitality* has been published by Palgrave.


**ARTICLES**


Susan Rodgers. 2014. “Toward a Pedagogy for Faculty and Student Co-Responsibility in Curating College Museum Exhibitions.” *Arts and Humanities in Higher Education*.


Sawasdee kha ... hello from Thailand! This year, while I am on sabbatical, I am studying roadschooling, or worldschooling as some people call it. Roadschooling is similar to homeschooling, but instead of educating their children at home, families travel abroad with the idea that the world is the children's classroom. That is why I am in Thailand now, to meet up with some of the families who bring their children to Chiang Mai to learn about Thai art and culture, organic farming, and elephant conservation.

Here we are visiting the Roman ruins and learning about Roman history in Volubilis, Morocco.
I'm not traveling alone. My husband, Martin, and I have decided to roadschool our ten-year-old son, Elliot, this year as part of my research project. Incorporating this autoethnographic aspect into my research gives me unique insights into the aspirations and challenges that roadschooling families face. After Thailand, we will head to Singapore and then Australia, where many roadschooling families camp along the east coast between Sydney and Melbourne. Our travels will end in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where roadschoolers often base themselves to learn Spanish and travel around South America. Like many roadschooling kids, Elliot is keeping a blog as we travel. If you're interested, you can follow along at www.all7in7.com.

For me, roadschooling raises several interesting sociological questions about mobility, education, and global citizenship. For example, why do parents valorize travel as a better form of education than conventional schooling? In other words, what do they think their kids are learning on the road that they wouldn't learn in a classroom, and how does this challenge our notions of what counts as knowledge or as preparation for future success in a globalized world? I am also curious about what roadschooling tells us about family life and parenting strategies in the twenty-first century. In a society where family life is almost unquestionably connected to the home, what does it mean to perform family relations and roles while on the road? Many parents have decided to roadschool because they worry that the hectic pace, technological saturation, and consumerism of western modernity is fragmenting their families. Does travel really promote family bonding, as many roadschoolers hope it does? And if so, what kind of togetherness are they looking for?

These are just a few of the questions that I’m exploring this year. I’m looking forward to sharing my research and continuing to explore these questions with you all when I’m back next fall!

**Prof. Caroline Yezer - Book Presentation**

In Lima, Peru on June 5, 2014, anthropology professor Caroline Yezer and Peruvian historian Ponciano del Pino presented their edited book, *Las Formas del Recuerdo: Etnografias de la Violencia Política en Ayacucho* (“Forms of Memory: Ethnographies of Political Violence in Ayacucho”) as part of the official state inauguration of Peru’s first national museum of “Memory, Tolerance and Inclusion.” The book is the first collection of long-term ethnographic fieldwork on indigenous peasants in Ayacucho since the region was the epicenter of over twenty years of political violence (fought between the Maoist rebels The Shining Path and state forces). Peru’s memory museum is the result of over ten years of struggle by the families of the disappeared and other human rights activists to pressure the state and military into creating a commemorative site. Like the Holocaust museums in Europe and the US, Peru’s national museum presents and explains the structural nature of Peru’s “dirty war” violence, which claimed 70,000 victims – the majority of whom were indigenous Quechua-speaking people. A panel of professors and human rights leaders analyzed the themes of the book as they relate to militarization, democratization and human rights debates in Peru today.

**Student Scholarship**

My name is Nicholas Cormier. I am working on my thesis through the Fenwick Scholar Program, and it is titled, "Rewiring Perceptions of Organ Transplantation: A Sociological, Ethical, and Biological Analysis."

I will be exploring the field of transplantation medicine from the three angles described. From the sociological perspective, I will be analyzing the system of organ distribution and the factors that shape the "equitable" allocation of this scarce resource. From the ethical angle, I will be considering the principles at play in this allocation process, particularly when procuring organs from living or brain-dead donors. Lastly, I hope to study some of the biological research currently under way that is transforming the transplantation industry and even modifying the types of sociological and ethical questions we ask. My research will be based largely in qualitative methods. Interviews will be conducted with organ donors, recipients, medical professionals, and scientists in the field.

My name is Miriam Okero, and I’m a Sociology major. My senior honors thesis research, titled “Race Matters: Health Perceptions for Women of Color,” will allow me to further investigate a topic that combines my passion for Sociology as well as my strong interest in health and well being. Working with Professor Beard, I want to understand women of color’s experiences and perceptions of stress for college students, faculty, and
staff on the Holy Cross campus. How many times a day does one think about race? For some people it is never, but for most of those who do they are likely negatively influenced by it. Race is a topic that can get under one’s skin, figuratively and literally. Yet using racism as a social variable has not been widely studied in Sociology or elsewhere from the subjective experiences of those most intimately affected. While scholars in social epidemiology and demography might study the effects of stress on people’s health via increased cortisol levels, this study will ask participants themselves to reflect on their views, values, and experiences of stress with particular attention to women of color. In particular, I want to learn more about how these experiences might have changed a person’s current outlook, health, views, and values. This study will ask women of color to narrate - in their own voices - their perceptions and experiences of stress. Addressing the question of stress from racism at a time when people claim we live in a “post racial society,” makes important contributions to the literature.

Classroom News

Ice Bucket Challenge through the Sociological Lens
Haylie Butler

If you haven’t heard of the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, I am either impressed by your ability to refrain from the use of popular social media or worried about your lack of connectivity with the rest of society. It is quite impossible to have disregarded the millions of videos that began to clog up the newsfeeds of Facebook and Instagram in early July. The task was simple: film yourself getting drenched by a bucket of freezing ice water, post it to any social media website, and nominate five friends to do the same or make a donation to the ALS Association. Of course, the sole purpose of this stunt was to bring general awareness to the nerve-cell targeting disease and raise possible funds for treatment-related research.

If you’re like me, you were a bit skeptical at first. Wouldn’t putting yet another video on social media just boost my ego and do nothing for the actual cause? I guess not—the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge successfully raised over 100 million dollars! And despite the fact that most individuals won’t continue to donate in the future, the brief surge of attention ALS has received is beneficial in its own right.

Through the use of social media and an attention-grabbing gimmick, ALS quickly became a social phenomenon. In a culture that is so influenced by social institutions like Facebook and Instagram, movements such as this can easily take advantage of this tendency of mass-communication to make an impact—to make a difference. It’s important to note that we, as members of society, construct and sustain these social institutions and therefore have the power to determine whether a given movement is a success or not.

Of most interest are the implications that the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge has provided for future causes that will seek to elicit a supportive response from the public. If we continue to perpetuate institutions of social media, the opportunity for success is still present. But, what will stick? What meaning will we ascribe to the next challenge that tells us to wear a certain color or do something out of the ordinary? Well, that’s for you to observe and find out!

Professor Selina Gallo-Cruz took the Ice Bucket Challenge assisted by Jared Boone during her Sociological Perspectives class on the first day of class this semester.

= TREASURE HUNT =

We have hidden a chest of sociological and anthropological treasure somewhere on campus. If you find it, we’ll post your photo in the next issue, and the loot is, of course, yours to keep. There is only one treasure chest, so you’ll need to be quick (and sharp) to find it. Your clue is below. Good luck!

Where science and religion meet, seek where agency emerges and consumption ends. You’ll find the treasure in the remnants of lifeworld that have yet to be fully colonized by system. Obscuring the earth, it dances along a wall of stone. If you wait until dark, the light will lead you.