



# Sociology Matters

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*Sarah Theibert*

*Ashlie Tubb*

*Heather Wright*

*Isabel Wu*

## A Season for Change

Happy fall, everybody! There is a lot going on in the Department of Sociology, including some big changes that many of you have probably already noticed: we have two new and fabulous faculty

members, Dr. Lawrence Eppard and Dr. Joanna Hunter; Dr. Page is now the department Advisor; and Dr. Lyman is now the department Internship Coordinator. We have a new and great group of

students in the CSCR as well. Welcome to our new faculty and new student workers, and we hope you are already off to a great start in your classes!



Congratulations to our 2013 graduates! We had another big group of students leave Russell Hall to start their new lives as RU graduates. We also have congratulations to extend to a group of outstanding students who were recognized for their many achievements during the April, 2013, Department of Sociology Honors and Awards Ceremony. The following students were recognized for their hard

## Many Congratulations!

work: John Burke, Ricardo Camacho, Mary Dickerson, Tiffany Goins, Shanell Herbert, Caci Higgins, Shylah Jones, Vanity Lugo, Shannon McGrath, Jeremy Mobley, Angelica Owens, Cubby Rash, Shannon Wood, Heather Wright, Isabel Wu.

Addair, Caci Higgins, Rori Holford, Vanity Lugo, Shannon McGrath, Jeremy Mobley, Jessica Myers, Angelica Owens, Kimberly Pearman, Madeleine Reda, Ashlie Tubb, and Heather Wright.

Congratulations to all!

We also initiated twelve students into the International Sociology Honors Society, Alpha Kappa Delta. These are students who have distinguished themselves as top sociology students in the program: Austin



## Famous Sociology Majors:

Saul Alinsky

Arne Duncan

Rev. Jesse Jackson

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Cardinal Theodore McCarrick

Alonzo Mourning

Michelle Obama

Ronald Reagan

Ahmad Rashad

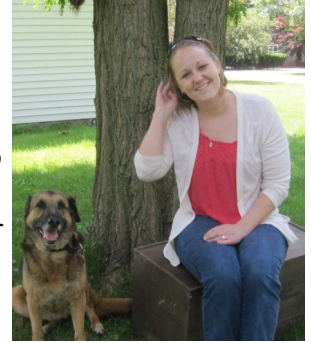
Joe Theisman

Rep. Maxine Waters

Robin Williams

# Welcome, Welcome!

The sociology department is fortunate to have two, new faculty members with us this year. **Dr. Joanna Hunter** joined the faculty this fall as an Assistant Professor of Sociology. Before coming to Radford, and after completing her PhD at Florida State University, she taught at Saint Joseph's College in Indiana. This semester she is teaching Introductory Sociology (SOCY110) and will teach Men and Women in Society (SOCY 326) and Society and the Individual (SOCY 365). You can find Dr. Hunter in 205 Russell where you may find her rocking out at her desk while she works.



**Dr. Lawrence Eppard** joined the faculty this fall as an Assistant Professor of Sociology. Before coming to Radford University he taught sociology at both the University of Florida and Bethune-Cookman University while he was finishing his PhD at UF. This semester he is teaching Introduction to Sociology (SOCY110), Race and Ethnic Relations (SOCY331), and Sociology of the Family (SOCY389). In the spring he will be teaching Introduction to Sociology (SOCY110) and Social Inequality (SOCY250). You can find Dr. Eppard in 208 Russell Hall.

## Coming this Spring

**Dr. Lyman** will be teaching a new course, **Unequal Opportunities (SOCY 495)**, this spring. This special topics course will address the common American belief that our educational system is a great equalizer of sorts, leveling the playing field and creating equal opportunities for success to all Americans regardless of race, class, and gender. In this class, students will discover how the American educational system actually perpetuates inequalities among Americans, from nursery school to graduate school. The course counts as a 400-level elective for sociology majors and minors. Please see Dr. Lyman or Dr. Page if you have questions about the course or registration for it.

**Dr. Wagner** will be teaching the **Practicum in Sociology (SOCY 493)**. In this class, students will be a part of the Floyd County High School Place-Based Education Project and get experience in mentoring high school students in a project that includes: ethnographic and oral history interviewing; preparing interviews for web presentation via the Internet; content, theme analysis, and archiving of video and audio recordings, photographs, and print materials; and movie-making. Please see Dr. Wagner or Dr. Page if you have questions about the course or registration for it.

## Dr. Wagner and the Appalachian Teaching Project



Dr. Melinda Wagner's Scholar-Citizen Initiative (SCI) class, SOCY 482 Qualitative Research Methods, combined with APST 495 Research in Appalachia, is participating in the Appalachian Regional Commission's Appalachian Teaching Project (ATP). Each of the 16 participating universities offers a course in which students address the question, "How do we build on community assets to shape a positive future for Appalachia?" The Radford University project was sparked by Floyd County Virginia's Land Policy Task Force that found that "What Matters Most" to Floyd County residents was "preservation of rural character, Appalachian heritage, and community identity." The Appalachian Teaching Project will research what residents want to preserve and study perceptions of potential threats to those values. In the meantime, the course is teaching students the skills to become effective community leaders who understand the importance of community values.

### Kudos to Dr. Corroto...and Cleveland

Carla Corroto published "When Will Architects Speak Up for Women's Rights?" in *Architecture Daily* and "The Architecture of Choice: Re-framing Feminism," in the Australian journal *Parlour: Women, Equity, Architecture*. Dr. Corroto presented "The Jumbo-Shrimp of Professions: The Oxymoronic Relationship between Architecture and Feminism," at International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry at the University of Illinois, Champagne Urbana in May. She was also on the program committee for the American Sociological Association National Conference in New York City in August. Her favorite baseball team from Cleveland made the play offs as Wild Card representative.

## Internship Opportunities

Dr. Mary LaLone has served as museum consultant for the Wilderness Road Regional Museum, a regional cultural history museum in Newbern, VA, since Spring 2012. Dr. LaLone and Dr. Carolyn Matthews, President of the New River Historical Society, have launched a university-- community partnership that is providing multiple undergraduate research opportunities for RU students to learn and apply social science skills as they assist in a wide variety of museum revitalization activities.



Recently, **Kasey Campbell** did an Internship, gaining first--hand experience in grant writing, fundraising, and web site development. **Austin Addair** and Caitlyn Parker are currently doing internships that are involving them in multiple activities that include event planning, exhibit planning, social/historical research, and promotional and media development.

There are internships available for spring and summer, 2014. If you're interested, please contact **Dr. Mary LaLone** in the Sociology Dept. at [mlalone@radford.edu](mailto:mlalone@radford.edu) and/or talk with Kasey Campbell, Austin Addair, and Caitlyn Parker about their Internship experiences at the museum. There's a wide range of possibilities for Internships and each Intern helps the museum move toward its goals, as well as providing wonderful experiential training for student resumes.



## Alumni News

**Heather Wright, class of 2013**, joined the Computing Research Association's Center for Evaluating the Research Pipeline as a Research Assistant in Washington, D.C.

**Claire Paulette, class of 2012**, is now Outage Staffing Specialist with AREVA in Appomattox, Virginia.

## Club News

The Sociology Club will be having a Halloween bake sale on **Tuesday, October 29, Wednesday, October 30, and Thursday, October 31** from **10am-4pm** outside the Bonnie. Before the end of the semester we would like to have another bake sale around the holidays (Thanksgiving/Christmas) so be on the lookout for us!

There will also be a screening of the documentary *Jesus Camp* on **Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30** in Davis 151 and a discussion with one of the subjects of the documentary, Levi O'Brien, on **Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00pm** in McGuffey 203.

On **November 16**, we will be hosting a pancake fundraiser at Applebee's restaurant on Main Street. We will be selling tickets for \$5 and it's all you can eat pancakes from 8 am – 10 am!

Also, when it gets closer to Thanksgiving, we will be having a food drive as well as working with the Women's Resource Center on a clothes drive. There will be more information on this around campus as we get closer to Thanksgiving.

**It isn't too late to join Sociology Club! We are always welcoming new members! Come out and join us!**

## Mark Your Calendars!

Spring and majors/minors advising has begun! Dr. Page has sign-up sheets for appointments on his office door, RU 215.

11/4 Spring registration begins

11/23-11/30 Thanksgiving break

12/6 Last day of classes

12/9-12/13 Final exams

12/14 Winter commencement

## Like Us!



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ology Club news, check out the page of the [Radford University Sociology Club](#).

