

Sociology Matters

Radford University

Department of Sociology



From left: Christiana Rolack and Mikayla Cashwell at Spring 2022 Commencement

Greetings from the Chair

Happy fall, everyone! I hope you all are making time for yourselves to enjoy the beautiful campus as the days become cooler and leaves change color. This year, our department is experiencing pretty big changes in a number of ways, including with the introduction of a new president to the university, President Bret Danilowicz, our first year fully operating and advising within the new REAL curriculum model and programming, and the official start of our new minor in African American Studies (AAST). We appreciate the support of our students as we developed and eventually achieved approval for this new minor, and we are very happy to share the news that we have begun a search for a new Director of African American Studies. I have appreciated seeing you all in the Sociology suite, and I hope to see you much more as the year progresses. Have a fantastic semester, and, as always, please feel very welcome to reach out to your instructors, Dr. Page, and me for any questions you have or assistance you might need along the way.

Dr. Beth Lyman

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SOCIOLOGY COURSES OFFERED SPRING 2023

Required Courses:

SOCY 110 Introduction to Sociology
 SOCY 250 Social Inequality
 SOCY 365 Society and the Individual
 SOCY 480 Survey Research Methods

Elective Courses:

SOCY 121 Understanding Cultures
 AAST 200 African American Studies
 AAST 400 Situating the African
 American Experience in the NRV
 SOCY 210 Social Problems
 SOCY 213 Social Issues & Healthcare
 Delivery
 SOCY 331 Race & Ethnic Relations
 SOCY 340 Appalachian Health Cultures
 SOCY 342 Race, Ethnicity, and
 Healthcare
 SOCY 370 Environmental Sociology
 SOCY 443 Deviance
 SOCY 465 Visual Sociology
 SOCY 486 Engaging the Community

Applied/Practical Experience

Requirement:

SOCY 499 Internship

Sociology Advising News

Pre-registration advising for Spring 2023 is under way

Registration for Spring 2023 classes begins Monday, October 31. Plan now for pre-registration advising with Dr. Page to decide on courses for this spring, think about upcoming semesters and target a graduation date. Choose to meet f2f or by Zoom. Plan for your advising Zoom by reviewing your Degree Works, the new Spring 2023 Sociology courses flyer, and the university-wide schedule for upcoming classes. Then email Dr. Page (erpage@radford.edu) to schedule your appointment.

If you are thinking about doing an Internship soon, start planning now and get in touch with Dr. Lyman (elyman@radford.edu) ASAP; do not wait until the semester's end.

For more advising information and links, visit the Department of Sociology Advising webpage: <https://www.radford.edu/content/chbs/home/sociology/about/SociologyAdvising.html>

Notes:

- Graduating in Spring or Summer 2023? You should have your online graduation application completed, or do so now.
- Considering a course withdrawal? Be aware of the Friday, November 11 withdrawal deadline, and inform Dr. Page of your withdrawal intentions, or questions.

Looking for minors?

Check out the Department of Sociology's new **African American Studies Minor**

- 21 credits total
- 9 credits in African American Studies
- 12 credits from two lengthy menus, including many SOCY classes that will cross-credit with the SOCY major
- <https://www.radford.edu/content/chbs/home/sociology/about/AfricanAmericanStudiesMinor.html>

Looking for your E in REAL? Consider the **Social Justice Minor**

- 18 credits total
- 9 required credits including SOCY 250 Social Inequality and SOWK 220 Introduction to Social Justice
- 9 more elective credits from two lengthy menus
- Overall, two SOCY courses will cross-credit with the SOCY major
- https://catalog.radford.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=53&pooid=7155

Appalachia Symposium



Drs. Bodenhamer, Wagner, and Smith participated in the "Mountains, Rivers, and Roads: Understanding Appalachia Symposium" October 21-22 in Kyle Hall. Dr. Bodenhamer and Dr. Wagner participated in a panel discussion, "Appalachia and Academia." Dr. Smith presented "Race and Place: Prison Gerrymandering and Its Consequence."

Presented by the Honors College, the symposium was dedicated to finding connections and common ground, sharing interests and experiences relating to Appalachia from across Radford and the wider region. Included were panel discussions on hot topic issues, communally developed art work, films, food trucks, and performances from a range of voices and perspectives.

Congratulations Fall 2022 Grads!

Trudy Dalton

Alexis Johnson

Sociology Club

The Sociology Club has been meeting this semester under the leadership of Senior Taylor Hill. In October the club promoted Mental Health Night, as well as Bowling With Professors (see next page). Contact Dr. Bodenhamer (abodenham3@radford.edu) for club information, and get involved with fellow Sociologists.



At right: Please consider participating in one of our Sociology major's honors capstone research project. Maia Grove seeks to examine the experiences of African Americans with health care in the New River Valley.

Everyone is encouraged to complete the survey and consider joining an extended focus group. Details follow the completion of the survey.

Thank you for your consideration!

TAKE THIS SURVEY!

RESEARCH ON HEALTH CARE IN THE NEW RIVER VALLEY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this study is to examine the healthcare experiences of African Americans in the New River Valley.

How?

Scan the QR code and complete the survey! All participants must be 18+ years of age; anyone of any race or ethnicity is eligible to complete the survey. If you wish to participate in the follow-up focus group, you can follow a link after the survey to sign up. You must be African American or multiracial to participate in the focus group.



CONTACT INFO

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact student researcher Maia Grove at mgrove@radford.edu or faculty researcher Dr. Bodenhamer at abodenham3@radford.edu.

PARTICIPATION INVOLVES

A 60-question survey that takes approximately 15-20 minutes.

POTENTIAL BENEFITS

By participating in this survey, you will be contributing to information on the healthcare system and experiences of African Americans in the New River Valley.



Bowling With Professors

Join faculty from Departments of History, Philosophy & Religious Studies, Political Science, and Sociology for:

BOWLING WITH PROFESSORS!

FREE PIZZA!

FREE GAMES!

**LEARN ABOUT
SPRING 2023 COURSES!**

WED, OCT 26
6:00-8:00 PM
THE BONNIE
GAME ROOM



Presidential Inauguration



Dr. Bret Danilowicz was inaugurated as Radford University's eighth president at 10 a.m., Friday, September 30, 2022 on McConnell Lawn. Above, the new president is accompanied by First Lady Kay Danilowicz as they conclude the procession to McConnell Library. Below right: Drs. Bodenhamer, Hunter, Wisecup, and Lyman were also part of the procession.



Dr. Wagner publishes book

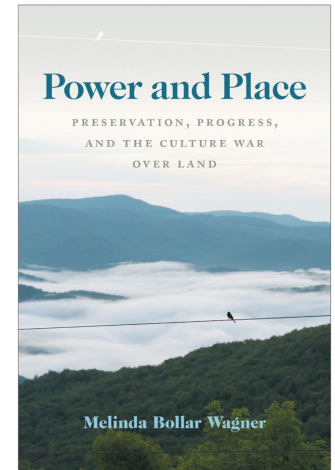
Power and Place: Preservation, Progress, and the Culture War Over Land

Melinda Bollar Wagner

University Press of Kentucky, forthcoming in spring/summer 2023

The book maintains that rural life and culture are important to American society in both practical and symbolic ways. A key to the survival of our cherished values -- and of ourselves as a species -- is maintaining cultural diversity and the places that foster it -- like rural America. They may be the places that teach us to use land to make a living and to make a life, to forge and carry on identity, and to feel history. They may reap a harvest of policies for an environmental balancing act that will salvage resources for America's children's children. The book supports this claim within the framework of culture wars pitting Preservation against economically-driven Progress.

Anthropological ethnographic research with more than 200 residents of five areas in Appalachia provides the stories, data, and analyses to delineate the parameters of cultural attachment to land. The impetuses for the study are environmental crises precipitated by Appalachia's long-standing and continuing status as an energy sacrifice zone, joined with the non-crisis threats of suburban sprawl and culture clash with urban migrants. The ethnographic research into cultural attachment to land became a way to give voice to rural residents whose place at the table is far from assured when energy, environmental, and infrastructure decisions are being made. The book includes details of experience as an expert witness for environmental impact assessment. It concludes with suggestions for balancing Progress and Preservation.



Sociology Notes

Dr. Bradley relocated to Charlotte, NC in summer 2022 and is now Assistant Teaching Professor of Sociology at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte. Dr. Bradley arrived at Radford in 2017 after receiving her PhD at Florida State University.

During her five years at Radford, Dr. Bradley taught such courses as Introduction to Sociology, Social Inequality, Race and Ethnicity, as well special topics on Money and Society, and the Sociology of Hip Hop. Dr. Bradley also taught the methods sequence (Introduction to Social Research Methods, and Survey Research Methods) one year.

We all wish Dr. Bradley well as she continues her career at UNC-Charlotte!

