



Sociology Matters

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2014 May and Summer
Graduates

- Jessica Brinson
- Kasey Campbell
- Brandi Carper
- Misty Daniels
- Aaron Gravallesse
- Rori Holford
- Meagan Jones
- Rachel McAleese
- Shannon McGrath
- Chafi McNeeley
- Lisa Meredith
- Jessica Meyers
- Sarah Wood

A Season for Change

With great, snowy weather just behind us, midterms and spring break are just around the corner. Next thing you know, we will be on Moffett Quad marching to the sound of Pomp and Circumstance. It has been a busy year so far, and there is still more to come. Make sure to see the last page of the newsletter for some information about an exciting event put together by the Sociology Club.

Familiar Faces



Last October, we had alumni, faculty, and administrators come together in two events to help guide students as they consider directions to take with their sociology degrees. On October 1st, we held a Graduate School Panel, which consisted of Dr. Eppard, Dr. Dennis Grady (RU Dean of Graduate Studies), and three former students who went on to graduate school. They were **Aysha Bodenhamer (2010)**, **Amy DuPont (2012)**, and **Mary Dickerson (2013)**.

On October 18th, alumni from the program shared their post-graduation experiences and gave career advice to our students. They showed a diversity of work experience with their sociology degrees, and helped students see the connection between a degree in sociology and a variety of careers. Alumni panelists were: **James Dye (2007)**, Data Analyst for College of William and Mary; **Alicia Ring (2009)**, Counselor for Student Support



Jess Chandler

Services at Wytheville Community College; **Jess Chandler (2012)**, Therapeutic Day Counselor at Belle Heth Elementary School in Radford; and **Heather Wright (2013)**, Research Assistant for the Computing Research Association's Center for Evaluating the Research Pipeline in Washington, D.C.



Dr. Eppard



Heather Wright

**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

CSCR News

The CSCR was recently awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Verizon Foundation to support their work assessing the Peaceline Plus program for the Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley. Since 2003 the WRC of the NRV has partnered with the Sociology department to assess a number of outreach services. The Verizon funds will be used to purchase equipment and software to facilitate the processing of data from the Peaceline Plus program administered in public middle and high schools in Radford and the five counties of the NRV as well as their new 11th and 12th grade Bystander Awareness program. Student research assistants have been working on this project since its inception in 2003. If you are interested in learning how to become involved, please email Dr. Mekolichick at jmekolic@radford.edu.



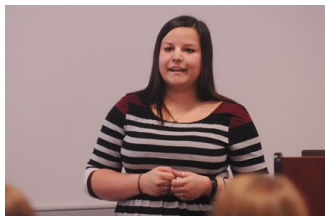
Pictured: Pat Brown, of the Radford Women's Resource Center; President Penelope Kyle, Radford University; Steve Cronemeyer, Verizon and Dr. Jeanne Mekolichick, Chair of the Department of Sociology.

Faculty News

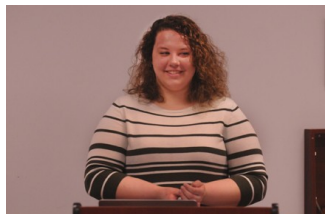
Last semester **Dr. Jeanne Mekolichick** partnered with Dr. Jeff Osborn, Dean of Science at The College of New Jersey, as representatives of the Council on Undergraduate Research, to deliver a workshop at Texas Tech University titled "Institutionalizing Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity." Dr. Mekolichick also contracted with the University of San Diego providing consulting services to the USD Undergraduate Research Course Development Recipients assisting in their course development.

Dr. Carla Corroto is guest co-editor of a special issue of the sociological journal, *Qualitative Inquiry* dedicated to 'identity and embodiment.' Her article, "When will architects speak up for women's rights" was chosen as one of the best published by ArchDaily in 2013. In her role as public sociologist, Dr. Corroto is a regular contributor to an ESPN radio program hosted by Tony Kornheiser. In December she had her name included in the show's jingle. The lyrics include, "Carla Corroto is really smart." She is unreasonably enthusiastic about that last accomplishment.

Amazing Internships!



Jessica Brinson



Brandi Carper



Misty Daniels

On February 19th, three sociology majors described their sociology internship experiences as invited speakers in the "My Amazing Internship!" student speaker series. **Jessica Brinson** described her experience in working in the Cornerstone project of the Radford Women's Resource Center. She spent time with children who were in transitional housing. Also working with youth, **Brandi Carper** interned at the Alleghany County Public School system where she shadowed and worked with staff to learn more about guidance counseling at the middle and high school levels. **Misty Daniels** discussed her experience in being a research intern for Dr. Wisecup through the Center for Social and Cultural Research.

As you prepare for your internships, be sure to visit the department's website where we have space dedicated to internship information, and schedule a time with Dr. Lyman to get your internship plans underway. It's never too soon to start!

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. There are internship opportunities available at the Wilderness Road Regional Museum for the summer and fall of 2014. The internships provide opportunities to develop skills in a wide range of activities - fundraising, publicity and media development, event and exhibit planning, applied

research experience, grant-writing, web-site development, collection management, and educational programming – while you apply the sociological approach of community-based research to work collaboratively with the museum to help this organization make its mark on the region. Sociology majors Kasey Campbell, Austin Addair, and Becca Smith, and History major Caitlin Parker, have gained first-hand experience in all these activities during their internships this year at the museum, and they hope that a new set of interns will carry on the impressive community-based work that they've started. If you're interested, **please contact Dr. Mary LaLone in the Sociology Department at mlalone@radford.edu** and talk to Kasey, Austin and Becca about their Sociology Internship experiences. There's a wide range of possibilities for Internships. Each Intern helps the museum move toward its goals, as well as providing Interns with applied skill-building experiences valuable for resume-building.

Alumni News

Andrew Wimmer (2006) was recently promoted to Account Manager at Bellomy Research, Inc.

Nick Botero (2010) is now Member Research Coordinator at Navy Federal Credit Union

Chris Saraceni (2010) was recently named Communications Lead with Beans and Rice Inc.

Club News

The Sociology Club recently held elections and has a new board of officers. Congratulations to:

President: Alexis Whitehurst

Vice President: Deryk Jackson

Secretary: Danielle Counts

Treasurer: Maddie Reda

Historian: Tasha Cook

On March 17th, from 9am-1pm we will be volunteering with Beans and Rice. There will also be a table outside of the Bonnie to donate school supplies to the organization.

The Sociology Club is bringing Eduardo Bonilla-Silva to Radford on **April 15** at 7pm-9pm at The Bondurant Auditorium in Preston Hall. Look out for tables with flyers and more information posted outside of the Bonnie soon!

We are looking into conferences to attend this semester, and will be collectively attending as a group.

Look out for the Sociology Club Twitter page coming soon, and also an updated bulletin board for the Sociology Department.

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

Mark Your Calendars!

Fall advising begins March 3rd! Dr. Page has sign-up sheets for appointments on his office door at Russell 215.

3/8-3/16 Spring Break

4/7 Fall registration begins

5/2 Last day of classes

5/5 -5/8 Final exams

5/10 Spring commencement

Like Us!



We're on Facebook! Come check out the department at [Radford University Sociology](#) for department news and announcements here, as well as recaps of recent events. For Soci-

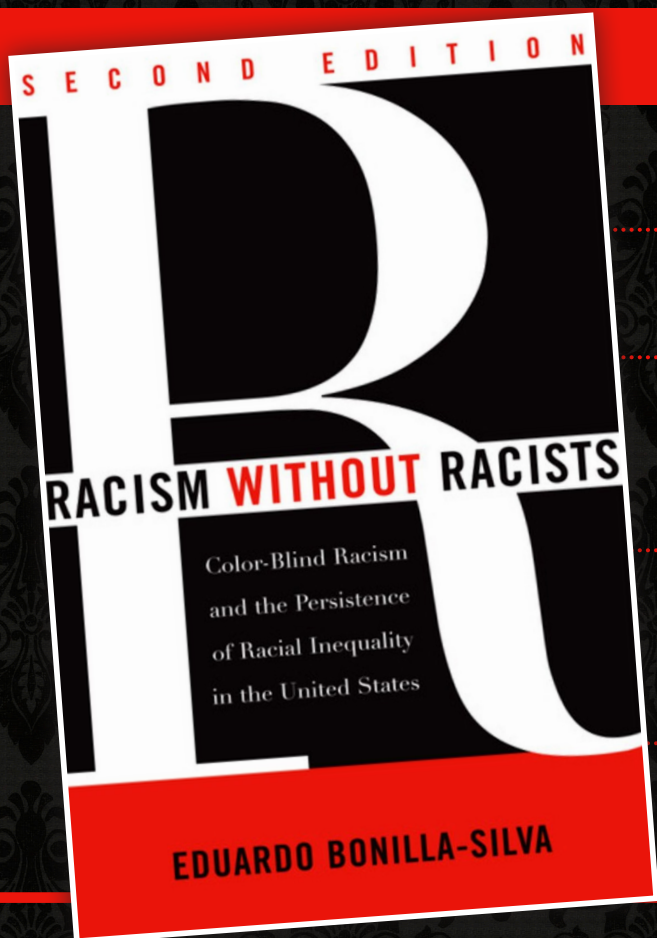
ology Club news, check out the page of the [Radford University Sociology Club](#).



RACISM WITHOUT RACISTS



Dr. Eduardo Bonilla-Silva



with Dr. Eduardo Bonilla-Silva

Tuesday April 15, 2014
7:00pm

Radford University
Bondurant Auditorium

Admission: **FREE**

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