

Announcements:

We are excited to be offering *SOCY 561: Integrative Research Experience* for the first time ever this semester! SOCY 561 is a newly required capstone course in which students will conduct their own research project from start to finish. All new majors will be required to complete 561, so plan your schedules accordingly. Remember, SOCY 561 has three pre-requisites: 101 202, and 303.

AKD News:

Have you heard of AKD? It is the Sociology Honors Society. This semester, AKD has some exciting events planned. **All Sociology majors and minors are invited to attend.** On February 19 from 9:30-10:30, AKD will host an event where you can meet current graduate students and learn more about applying to graduate school. On March 18 from 9:30-10:30, AKD will host a presentation event about grant opportunities at USC. Locations to be announced. If you have questions about how you can become a member of AKD, or about any upcoming events you can contact Dr. Augustine.

Undergraduate Student Spotlight:

Maya Morris (junior) spent the past summer as a TRIO McNair Scholar at UofSC. Under the mentorship of Dr. Jason Cummings, Maya learned quantitative content analysis to analyze viral videos of African-Americans being profiled and harassed by civilian Whites. She found that 80% of the civilian perpetrators of racial harassment of African-Americans were White women, and that these women called the police 75% of the time, even when there was no evidence of wrongdoing. Maya reported her findings in her paper: *"Guardians of White Supremacy: White Women and the Policing of White Public Places,"* for which she was awarded the McNair program's Extra Mile Award. Maya was also recently awarded the Grace Jordan McFadden Award by the African American Studies Program. Asked about her experience as a McNair Scholar, Maya said:



"The McNair Program was an amazing experience that I feel has helped prepare me for success in my post graduate endeavors. Under Dr. Cummings' brilliant leadership, I was able to complete and present my own research."

More information about the TRIO McNair Scholar Program at UofSC can be found below:

Spring Class Spotlight:

You asked, we listened! We are pleased to be offering two of our regularly offered classes online for the first time this semester. They are SOCY 540: Sociology of Law with Dr. Deflem, and SOCY 330: Sociology of the Paranormal with Dr. Markovsky.

Faculty News:

Dr. Simpson and his collaborator at Ohio State University were recently awarded a three year grant from the Army Research Office. They will be studying how inequality and segregation shape, and are shaped by, collective action. Congrats to Dr. Simpson!

Faculty in the Media:

Several sociology faculty were recently quoted in the media. Dr. Barry Markovsky was quoted in a *Post and Courier* article about why people believe in ghosts. Dr. Carla Pfeffer was quoted in a *Washington Post* article about transgender couples. Dr. Jennifer Augustine was featured as part of a WACH Fox story on dating and relationships. Check out the full stories, linked on the next page.

Important Dates:

January 22: AKD Meeting

February 28: AKD event: Thinking of Graduate School? 9:30-10:30, location TBD

February 28: Colloquium, Stephanie Moller, UNC Charlotte, noon Sloan 315

March 18: AKD event: Grant Opportunities at USC, 9:30-10:30, location TBD

March 26: Mayhew Lecture, Mario Small, Harvard University

April 1-4: Southern Sociological Association Annual Meeting

April 10: Colloquium, Tymofiy Brik, NYU, noon Sloan 315

April 17: Skype with Sara Garver, time TBD

April 22-25: Population Association of America Annual Meeting

April 17: Discover USC

April 27: Last day of classes

April 28: Spring AKD Induction

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Graduate Student Spotlight:

Nik Lampe's study, "Continuity and Change in Gender Frames: The Case of Transgender Reproduction." was recently published in *Gender and Society*. In the study, Lampe and colleagues analyze recently published news articles on transgender people's reproductive experiences. They find that while media outlets increasingly recognize the experiences of transgender people, they also maintain cisnormative and repronormative traditions and beliefs through a variety of processes. This study won the 2019 Emily Thompson Student Award in Women's and Gender Studies at UofSC. You can read the entire study here! <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0891243219857979>

**Reminders about the Sociology Major:**

- Sociology majors are required to take SOCY 303: Undergraduate Research Methods, SOCY 220: Statistics, SOCY 302: Sociological Theory, and SOCY 561: Undergraduate Research Experience.
- Do not forget that 561 has three prerequisites: SOCY 101, SOCY 303, and SOCY 220
- Students must also take four 300-level courses and two 500-level courses to complete the major.
- For more questions about the major, contact your adviser.

Links:

- *Post and Courier* article quoting Dr. Barry Markovsky:
https://www.postandcourier.com/news/scared-of-ghosts-that-s-because-you-want-to-be/article_b87cf418-f735-11e9-bdb4-1bab7238a47f.html
- *Washington Post* article quoting Dr. Carla Pfeffer:
https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/social-issues/to-some-this-queer-couple-looks-straight-for-him-thats-okay-but-for-her-it-feels-like-a-lie/2019/08/22/098b83f2-c43b-11e9-b5e4-54aa56d5b7ce_story.html
- Fox WACH 57 news story with Dr. Jennifer Augustine:
<https://wach.com/news/local/a-rocky-road-for-relationships>
- McNair Scholar Program at UofSC:
https://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/trio_programs/programs_for_college_students/ronald_e_mcnair_program/index.php

ATTENTION: Introducing the Revised Sociology Major Map:

Semester Two:	SOCY 101 – Introductory Sociology
Semester Three:	SOCY 303 – Sociological Research Methods SOCY Elective (300-level)
Semester Four:	SOCY 220 – Elementary Statistics for Sociologists SOCY Elective (300-level)
Semester Five:	SOCY 302 – Sociological Theory SOCY Elective (300-level)
Semester Six:	SOCY Elective (300-level) SOCY 561 Integrative Research Experience <i>or</i> Elective
Semester Seven:	SOCY Elective (500-level) SOCY 561 Integrative Research Experience <i>or</i> Elective
Semester Eight:	SOCY Elective (500-level)

Look out for more news about what is happening in the Sociology department, summer course offerings, and about the exciting work of our undergraduates, graduates, and faculty in the February Sociology Newsletter!