When I arrived on campus in August of 2016 and then took the role as Head in October, I was met with such a great welcome. My transition was easy, given the incredibly well-running department I joined. Interim Department Head, Ken Ferraro, mentored me in the process and helped with the transition. Thank you Ken for your support.

I spent my first six weeks in one-hour meetings – that lasted two hours in many cases – with each faculty member and shared good coffee and meals with most everyone. The welcome was tremendous and the time to get to know everyone was invaluable. As I suspected when I interviewed, Purdue Sociology is an incredible department with top-notch scholars and teachers. I am lucky to be a part of all that is happening here.

The College of Liberal Arts under the direction of Dean David Reingold has supported sociology in many ways. We admitted a strong undergraduate class of some of the best and brightest in Indiana and across the country and the world. We are working within the college and across the university to provide unique opportunities for our undergraduates with the new Degree in 3 program, sociology minors, and the option to earn a second major without having to earn a second degree. These opportunities alongside the great work of the Career Center in CLA will make our graduates even more competitive in the labor market. Keep your eye out for Purdue Sociology graduates!

We were also very lucky this year to gain a number of highly talented new faculty members. Starting in 2017, we hired two new Continuing Lecturers and an Assistant Professor in the Social Science Cluster. This fall, we were given the opportunity to recruit a senior and a junior scholar who specialize in Law & Society. In addition, with support from the College and the Provost, we are taking on initiatives and working hard to increase our diversity at the faculty, graduate and undergraduate student levels.

I am proud to be a Boilermaker, and I am looking forward to many new initiatives to enhance our program.
SOCIOLOGY WELCOMES NEW FACES

**Trenton Mize** – Trenton joins the Purdue University faculty as an Assistant Professor of Sociology; he is also affiliated with the cluster in Advanced Social Science Methodologies. Trenton completed his PhD in Sociology from Indiana University in 2017. Prior to receiving his PhD, he earned an MS in Sociology – also from IU.

His primary area of research focuses on how gender and sexuality shape workplace interaction and labor market outcomes. He has examined wage inequalities based on sexual orientation and gender inequalities based on leadership positions. He also works on methodological and statistical approaches for causal inferences and for testing effects across models.

**Lindsay Hamm** -- Lindsay joins Purdue University as a Continuing Lecturer in Sociology. She did her graduate work at North Carolina State University and taught sociology there, as well as at Meredith College and North Carolina’s Governor’s School.

Her research uses mixed methods to assess how interpersonal networks and legislation shape categorical inequality within and between workplaces. She has also conducted interdisciplinary research on effective undergraduate teaching practices across learning environments.

**Thomas Maher** – Thomas joins Purdue University as a Continuing Lecturer in Sociology. Thomas comes from the University of Arizona where he was a Post-Doctoral Research Scholar, for the Youth Activism Project.

His interests are in conflict between dissident groups and states and/or organizations, which places his research at the intersection of social movements, organizations, and political sociology.
MANGALA SUBRAMANIAM has been named the Susan Bulkeley Butler Chair for Leadership Excellence.

In her new role she leads the Butler Center’s mission to develop leadership capacity through research, education and collaborations that help to advance the inclusion of women and broaden their representation in academic administration.

DAN OLSON was elected President of the Association for Sociology of Religion, 2017-2018.

DAN WINCHESTER received the Clifford Geertz Award for Best Article from the American Sociology Association Culture Section for “A Hunger for God: Embodied Metaphor as Cultural Cognition in Action”.

KEN FERRARO was one of two recipients of the 2016 Provost’s Award for outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor. The awards are given to nominees who demonstrate sustained and significant contributions to graduate education at Purdue University.

FENGGANG YANG was selected as a winner of the 2017 College of Liberal Arts Discovery Excellence Award for the Social Sciences.
Rachel Einwohner was named Faculty Fellow at Shreve Residence Hall for 2016-17 academic year; she has also been named to the editorial board of a new journal: Studies in Judaism and the Social Sciences. Rachel also received a courtesy faculty appointment in the Department of Political Science.

Mangala Subramaniam was selected as a 2017-18 CLA Dean’s Faculty Fellow for her project: “Institutional Mechanisms for Breaking the ‘Glass Ceiling’: Gender, Race and Mid-career Faculty.”

Jean Beaman received a 2017-2018 grant through the Clifford B. Kinley Trust for her project, “From Ferguson to France: Understanding BlackLivesMatter in France.” She is also a faculty affiliate in the African-American Studies and Research Center and the Global Studies Program.

Mangala Subramaniam was selected as a 2017 Fellow of the Purdue Policy Research Institute for her project, “Intimate Partner Violence and Risks to HIV: Using Empirical Evidence for Policy Making.”


Ken Ferraro was honored with an Alumni Appreciation Award at the recent 20th Anniversary Symposium of the Center on Aging and the Life Course.

Patti Thomas received the Daryl P. Evans Outstanding Teaching Award in Sociology.

Bill Coghill, Limited Term Lecturer, received the inaugural Instructor of Excellence Award.

Nicole Remley, Graduate Secretary, received the Bravo Award for Purdue employees.

Jean Beaman received the Excellence in Research Award from the Center for Research on Diversity and Inclusion.

Mangala Subramaniam was honored as one of YWCA Women of Distinction for her work in the community and has been promoted to full Professor in Sociology.

Candy Lawson, main office secretary, was recognized for 40 years of service at Purdue University.

Brian Kelly was awarded an Exploratory Research in the Social Sciences grant for his project entitled, “Cross-Substance Policy Influences on Trajectories of Youth Marijuana and Tobacco Use.”


GRADUATE ACHIEVEMENTS

JONG HYUN JUNG was recipient of “Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award.”

JOEY MARSHALL, SOON SEOK PARK, and JARED WRIGHT were recipients of 2017 Summer Research Enhancement Award.

TY MILLER accepted a position as Assistant Professor in Sociology, Criminology and Anthropology at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC.

JOY KADOWAKI accepted a position as Assistant Professor for Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work at the University of Dayton.

FANHAO NIE accepted a position as Assistant Professor in Sociology at Dixie State University in Saint George, Utah.

BLAKELEE KEMP and JARED WRIGHT were awarded 2017-18 PRF Research Grant Awards.

JOY KADOWAKI accepted the 2017-2018 Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship Award.

PREETHI KRISHNAN was awarded the Graduate Student Outstanding Teaching Award.

MONICA WILLIAMS was awarded the Robert L. Eichhorn Fellowship in Medical Sociology.

TY MILLER was awarded a National Institute of Justice Graduate Research Fellowship for his project “Drugs, DUI, and Crime? What are the Effects of Legalization of Marijuana in Colorado?”

PUTNAM KEMP and JARED WRIGHT were awarded 2017-18 PRF Research Grant Awards.

ANDREW RARIDON accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Sociology and Criminology at Valparaiso University, IN.

XIAOZHAI (YOSEF) YANG is Assistant Professor of Sociology at Murray State University.

JOY KADOWAKI accepted a position as Assistant Professor for Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work at the University of Dayton.

MIAO LI is currently a post doc with Sarah Mustillo at Notre Dame.

MONICA WILLIAMS was awarded the Robert L. Eichhorn Fellowship in Medical Sociology.

BLAKELEE KEMP and JARED WRIGHT were awarded 2017-18 PRF Research Grant Awards.

MONICA WILLIAMS was awarded the Robert L. Eichhorn Fellowship in Medical Sociology.

JOEY MARSHALL is a Research Associate on the religion team at PEW Research Center in Washington, DC.

ASHLEIGH KYSAR-MOON is Assistant Professor of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology at the University of Northern Iowa.

JARED WRIGHT was awarded the Walter Hirsch Graduate Student Dissertation Research Award.
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**New Award Established for Faculty**

We are celebrating the re-naming of the Purdue University Research and Scholarship Distinction Award to the **Lu Ann Aday Award**. **Lu Ann Aday** is one of our alums (MS ’70, PhD ’73, and HDR 2004). The award is given for extraordinary contributions in the humanities and social sciences for faculty.
Through the internship course, SOC 48900, Wanga Kardee earned a spot at Concentrics Research in Indianapolis, a contract research organization specializing in late-stage clinical trials and consumer healthcare research. Most of their research projects examine the feasibility of converting prescription medications to over-the-counter medications. Concentrics Research conducts experiments, surveys, and observational studies to provide evidence-based findings to the Food and Drug Administration.

The research internship also taught her about time management after college. The days of flexible scheduling were gone. “I realized that I had to be available Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm, every single week.”

Contributed by Traci Robison

Eden Holmes received the Sociology/CLA Alumni Outstanding Senior Award for 2017.

Chengming Shi received the Outstanding Community Volunteer/Service Award.

Destiny Moore, a senior in Sociology worked in Talent Identification at Ascend Indiana. She says that “Ascend Indiana has helped me identify skills I didn’t realize I have. The Talent Identification Team does an outstanding job helping you identify your skills and develop a personalized career path.” With the help from Ascend, I was able to receive my first full-time job. I will be working for PolicyStat through the Orr Fellowships.

Julia Rolniak received the Outstanding Undergraduate Paper Award for “The Effects of Incarceration on Employment and Recidivism.”

ERIN STRAKA came in 2nd at the Undergraduate Research Poster Symposium 2017. Her poster was titled, “You can’t always get what you want: Gender Attitudes and Parental Leave”. Her mentor is Jeremy Reynolds.

The College of Liberal Arts offers the opportunity for students to complete their degree in three years. Degree in 3 majors allow students to enter the work force or graduate school a year earlier than traditional plans of study while also providing a cost-effective way to complete an undergraduate degree.
We welcome to the Sociology Department as Undergraduate Program Manager, Dr. Warren Dukes. Warren has an M.S. in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University and a Ph.D. in Leadership Studies from North Carolina Agriculture & Technical state University.

In this newly created position, Warren will coordinate and execute undergraduate programming and curriculum for the department. In addition to his leadership duties, Warren will be teaching essential Sociology and Law & Society classes.

How do I begin to explain my outstanding experience in the Purdue sociology department?

Okay let’s start from the beginning. My name is Ini Bello, an exchange student from Coventry University in England. My major back home is in Criminology, and I wanted to remain within the same department with the hope to learn from America’s perspective, which is exactly what happened. I chose to take Criminal justice - Bill Coghill, Criminology - Lindsay Hamm, Race and Ethnicity - Warren Dukes and last but not least, Black Community - Denice David. These instructors truly added positivity to my American experience and I will forever be grateful! Through the great support received, I am now enrolled in a full-time internship at Tippecanoe County community corrections! Super excited - I will now be able to experience part of the American Criminal Justice System!  

-By Ini Bello

Sociology is also one of the key participants in the new Cornerstone curriculum and has formed a collaboration with the Polytechnic Institute engaging in many other cross-disciplinary initiatives, both within our own college and in the STEM disciplines.
It is with a heavy heart that CALC and the Sociology department mourn the passing of Shalon Irving. Shalon graduated with a dual-title PhD in Sociology and Gerontology in 2006. She worked for the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. A few weeks prior to her death, Shalon gave birth to a healthy baby girl, Soleil Meena Daniela Irving. Shalon died of complications due to hypertension a few weeks after giving birth and died on January 28, 2017. A college fund has been established for Soleil. Please send contributions to Shalon’s mother: Wanda Irving, 354 The Chace NE, Sandy Springs, GA 30328.

William Satariano, professor of Epidemiology and Community Health Sciences and director of undergraduate health programs at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health, died Sunday, May 28, 2017 at John Muir Hospital in Walnut Creek. He was 70 years old.

Professor Satariano’s distinguished career spanned more than 40 years, and he earned numerous accolades, including a Fulbright Senior Scholarship, the Alfred W. Childs Distinguished Service Award for Faculty, and the American Cultures Innovation in Teaching award.

Satariano, who was known as “Bill” by colleagues, friends, and family, received his bachelor’s degree in sociology from Santa Clara University. He then went on to earn a masters and doctorate of philosophy in sociology from Purdue University before landing at UC Berkeley, where he earned an MPH in behavioral sciences and an MS in epidemiology.
RETIREMENTS

The Department of Sociology had a Retirement Reception for Drs. Jim Anderson and J. William Spencer on May 3, 2017 at the Trails

We are sad to see them leave the department but excited for their next journey. Dr. Anderson retired after 47 years!!!! His work and legacy to the department will not be forgotten. Dr. Spencer had been with the department for 28 years! We will miss them both.

Alison Greene and Jack Spencer
Jim and Marilyn Anderson

Eugene C. Jackson will retire after the fall semester in January 2018. His teaching career in Purdue Sociology began August 1980. He will be greatly missed by faculty and students alike. He was recognized at the 2017 Winter Recognition Banquet.

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