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*from all of us to all of you!*

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## Notes from the Chairs

*Peter Conrad and Carmen Sirianni*

### **Hello and happy New Year from Pearlman Hall!**

Very exciting news ~ we have several new colleagues joining our Sociology department this year:



**Michael Strand** (Ph.D. Notre Dame) joined the department as an Assistant Professor beginning September 2015. We are excited to have him on board. Mike's main interests are in Sociological Theory, focusing his research on the origins of social justice. He will teach graduate and undergraduate courses in theory as well as undergrad courses including "Order and Change in Society" and a new course in "Sociology of Celebrity." Welcome Mike!

**Derron Wallace** has also joined our department as a joint Assistant Professor with the Education Department. Derron received his Ph.D. from University of Cambridge in the UK. He has interests in race, education and inequalities. His most recent study explored the national, political and cultural factors that position Afro-Caribbean "high achievers" in New York relative to African Americans, and "underachievers" in London compared to Black Africans. Derron will teach one course a year in Sociology and three courses in Education. This year he will teach "Sociology of Race, Gender and Class." Welcome Derron!

This year we also had a search for a new faculty position in the area of Social Movements. We are delighted to announce that **Gowri Vijayakumar** (Ph.D. UC-Berkeley, May 2016) will join the department in Fall 2016. The title of her dissertation is "Viral Politics: Sex Worker Activism and HIV/AIDS from Bangalore to Nairobi." Gowri will teach courses on Social Movements, gender, and sexuality. We are excited to welcome Gowri in the fall!

For the 2015-16 academic year, the department decided to have an interim chair. The department appointed Peter Conrad as chair for

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the fall, Carmen Sirianni for the spring, and Karen Hansen to lead oversight of the self-study for the External Review Committee (more on that below). Between the three, they bring 18 years of chairing to the task! We expect to select a new chair for 2016-17.

For the first time in more than twenty-five years, the Department had an “External Review Committee” evaluate the Sociology program. First we completed a ‘self study’ over a couple of months and produced our own reflective report of the state of the department under the expert leadership of Karen and our senior academic administrator, Cheryl Hansen. The Dean appointed an excellent visiting committee comprised of the chair, Debra Minkoff (Barnard College/Columbia), Elizabeth Armstrong (University of Michigan), and David Takeuchi (Boston College). The committee came for a day and a half in December to interview faculty, staff, students and other colleagues. They delivered their report in early January. We appreciate their hard work and dedication to the task. The Department will meet this spring to collectively digest and discuss the report and its recommendations. With the 2017 planned retirements of Peter Conrad and Shula Reinharz, this was an ideal moment to examine the department and its future directions. Stay tuned for further details!

This past June, we bid farewell to David Cunningham who left the Sociology Department to take a new position at Washington University in St. Louis. We wish David all the best in his new academic venture!

A special thank you to our academic administrator, Lauren Jordahl, for making this newsletter even better and more interesting.

Best wishes to all connected with the Brandeis Sociology Department. Things are going very well here and we're always happy to hear from departmental grads, especially those still connected one way or another to the world of Sociology.

**Best wishes for the New Year!**

*Peter Conrad and Carmen Sirianni*



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## Faculty Notes

This academic year, we are thrilled to welcome two new professors to the Department of Sociology:  
**Mike Strand** and **Derron Wallace**



And ~ more exciting news...  
Next academic year, we are very excited to welcome **Gowri Vijayakumar**  
to our Department as an Assistant Professor of Sociology



## ~ Department of Sociology Faculty ~

**Wendy Cadge** continues as the Chair of the Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program (WGS) and is serving as the Faculty Representative to the Brandeis Board of Trustees. She is starting a new four year project funded by a \$4.5 million grant from The John Templeton Foundation focused on the education of healthcare chaplains described here: <http://www.researchliteratchaplaincy.org/>. She has also published several recent papers on a range of topics. All are available on her website: [www.wendycadge.com](http://www.wendycadge.com):

- Forthcoming. "Idiosyncratic Prophets: Personal Style in the Prayers of Congressional Chaplains, 1990-2010" with Laura Olson and PhD candidate Margaret Clendenen. *Journal of Church and State*
- 2015. "The Evolution of Spiritual Assessment Tools in Healthcare" with PhD candidate Julia Bandini. *Society* 52(5):430-437.
- Forthcoming. "'Watch Over Us Sweet Angels:' How Loved Ones Remember Babies in a Hospital Memory Book" with and PhD alum Nicole Fox and Qiong Lin. *Omega: Journal of Death and Dying*.
- 2015. "Teaching Healthcare Providers How to Provide Spiritual Care: A Pilot Study" with Angelika Zollfrank, Kelly Trevino, Michael Balboni, Mary Martha Thiel, George Fitchett, Kathleen Gallivan, Tyler VanderWeele, and Tracy Balboni, *Journal of Palliative Medicine*. 18(5):408-14.
- 2015. "Assessing Learning in a Sociology Department: What Do Students Say That They Learn?" with PhD candidate Julia Bandini, David Cunningham and Sara Shostak. *Assessment and Evaluation in Higher Education*.
- 2015. "Experience with a Hospital Policy on Not Offering Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation When Believed More Harmful than Beneficial" with Andrew Courtwright, Sharon Brackett, Erik L. Krakauer, Ellen M. Robinson. *Journal of Critical Care* 30(1):173-7.

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**Peter Conrad**, Harry Coplan Professor of Social Sciences, served as Interim Chair of the department in Fall 2015. In Spring 2015 he spent his 18<sup>th</sup> ten-day stint as a Visiting Professor of Sociology at Queens University-Belfast in Northern Ireland. Peter was a Distinguished Fulbright Professor at Queens in 1997, and has returned at least once a year since. He has recently published several articles and chapters, including:

- “Medicalization: Sociological and Anthropological Perspectives” (with PhD alum Meredith Bergey). *International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences*, second edition, Elsevier, pp. 105-109, 2015.
- “Mental Illness as a Form of Deviance: Historical Notes and Contemporary Directions” (with PhD candidate Julia Bandini) in Erich Goode (ed.) *Wiley Handbook on Deviance*. John Wiley, forthcoming
- Forward, Susan E. Bell and Anne E. Figert, *Reimagining (Bio)medicalization, Pharmaceuticals, and Genetics: Old Critiques and New Engagements*. Routledge, 2015.
- “The Internet and Illness: From Private to Public Experience” (with PhD candidates Julia Bandini and Alexandria Vasquez) in *HEALTH: An interdisciplinary journal*, 2016
- “Anticipatory Medicalization: Predisposition, Prediction, and Proto-disease in Expanding Medical Conditions” (with PhD alum Miranda Waggoner). *Journal of Predictive, Preventive and Personalized Medicine*, forthcoming.
- He is completing an edited volume with PhD alum Meredith Bergey and two others on *Global Perspectives on ADHD* to be published by Johns Hopkins University Press.

**Gordie Fellman** continues as the Chair of the Peace, Conflict, and Coexistence Studies Program (PAX). Gordie presented "My Growing Critique of Peace Studies" at the annual meetings of the Peace and Justice Studies Association, held this year at James Monroe University in Harrisonburg, VA. He also participated at the conference in a four-person panel discussion on Environmental Justice, where he presented some of his thoughts on underpinnings of climate change and denial of it, as well as a report on activities of the Brandeis Faculty against the Climate Threat (FACT) and the Brandeis Climate Justice student group. Both groups are making the case for Brandeis divesting from fossil fuel investments.

**Karen V. Hansen** has been speaking about entanglements between immigrants and Indians to academic (Eastern Sociological Society; American Historical Association; *Migration and Immigrant Incorporation Workshop* at Harvard; *Immigrant America: New Immigration and New Immigration Histories* at University of Minnesota) and public audiences in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Dakota (sponsored by the North Dakota Humanities Council). In spring 2015, she team taught a Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies methods course with Faith Smith (English and AAAS). Fall 2015, thanks to grants from the Mandel Humanities Center and Library and Technology Studies, in conjunction with Abigail Cooper (History) she taught a new graduate seminar, "Migration, Dislocation and Dispossession." This spring 2016, she is shivering away in the far north as Fulbright Distinguished Chair of American Studies at Uppsala University in Sweden.

**Laura Miller** published, with former Brandeis graduate student, Emilie Hardman, "By the Pinch and the Pound: Less and More Protest in American Vegetarian Cookbooks from the Nineteenth Century to the Present" in the edited collection, *Protest on the Page: Essays on Print and the Culture of Dissent Since 1865*. She continued as the first Secretary-Treasurer of the American Sociological Association's newest section, on Consumers and Consumption.

**Chandler Rosenberger** continues as Chair of International and Global Studies. Chandler won a Norman Grant to travel to Prague to do archival research for his biography of Czech dissident Vaclav Havel. In February he joined a Boston University panel on the crisis in Ukraine; in August he spoke about Arab nationalism and Islamic radicalism at the Montreal conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (the paper will be included in a volume on nationalism and globalization coming out from ECPR in 2016). In November Chandler gave a paper to the International Studies Association on what Tocqueville's ideas reveal about modern Chinese and Indian politics.



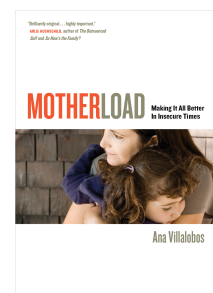
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**Sara Shostak** continues as Chair of the Health: Science, Society & Policy Program (HSSP). While she continues her work on genetics (Shostak and Beckfield 2015; Timmermans and Shostak 2015), Sara Shostak is now happily immersed in multiple projects that examine aspects of health in cities. In collaboration with Groundwork Somerville, she conducted an evaluation of the Somerville mobile farmers' market (Shostak, et al. under review). In partnership with The Food Project, she is working on a study of the multiple effects of community gardening programs. Working with the Urban Farming Institute of Boston - and 25 students in this year's HSSP capstone class - she will be conducting oral history interviews focused on food, health, and community in Mattapan; this work will be used in a public history project as part of the revitalization of the historic Fowler Clark Epstein Farm. Shostak is the editor of the next volume of *Advances in Medical Sociology*, which will focus on food systems and health. She has also begun to write her next book, an ethnography of urban agriculture in seven Massachusetts cities.

**Carmen Sirianni** has mainly been working on his book project this past year, *Greening Democracy: Civic Association and Institutional Field in American Environmentalism, 1945-2015*. He continues as a Faculty Affiliate, Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. He also served on the Awards Committee of Innovations in American Government at the Kennedy School, which annually bestows what are widely considered the “Emmy” awards in American government and civic innovation. Through the Open Society Foundations, he consulted on the U.N Sustainable Development Goal on Inclusive, Participatory, and Collaborative Governance, which was adopted by the General Assembly this fall. Carmen gave several talks at conferences on nonprofit organizations in the environmental field at ARNOVA in Chicago, Indiana University’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs, and the National Science Foundation-funded National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC), University of Maryland -- the latter as a writing partnership with the leading African-American river restoration project in the D.C. area for a forthcoming book chapter. From his historical work, he presented “Reclaiming Thomas Jefferson and Jane Addams for Collaborative Governance Today,” at the University of Virginia’s Institute for Environmental Negotiation, at Morven: the Presidential Precinct.

**Michael Strand’s** article “Beyond World Images: Belief as Embodied Action in the World” with co-author Omar Lizardo was published this summer in *Sociological Theory*. Work forthcoming in 2016 includes an article in *Theory and Society* entitled “The Genesis and Structure of Moral Universalism: Social Justice in Victorian Britain, 1834-1901” and an article in the *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour* entitled “Causality in American Sociology: An Empirical Assessment and Critique” co-authored with three colleagues from his grad school days. He’s also providing an entry on “Justice” for the sociology edition of the *Oxford Bibliographies*. He continues work on a book manuscript tentatively entitled *The Victorian Burden: Morals, Markets and the Birth of Social Justice* in which he traces the historical formation of a moral field of beliefs and practices that shape the creation of social justice. Aside from this, he is enjoying his first year on the faculty at Brandeis, particularly teaching his undergraduate course on “Morality and Market Society,” and looks forward to teaching the graduate students critical theory in the spring.

**Ana Villalobos** has been enjoying the post-release state of her book *Motherload: Making it All Better in Insecure Times*, published late in 2014 by University of California Press. In it, she argues that intensive motherhood is a response to societal insecurity, and her data reveal how putting high expectations on the mother-child relationship to create security actually destabilizes families. Her article “Compensatory Connection: Mothers’ Own Stakes in an Intensive Mother-Child Relationship,” based on the same research, has appeared in the November 2015 issue of the *Journal of Family Issues*. Ana is currently on a research leave pursuing a new line of research exploring how teenagers present themselves in social media, digital photography, and in the college application process. She calls these two-dimensional self-presentations variants of the “packaged self,” and is interviewing teens in order to learn



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how the process of two-dimensional self-packaging affects not only how they present themselves, but also, as she is finding, 1) how they live their lives in order to be able to present themselves in these platforms, and 2) how the ability to look back over their final “products” reinforces what may initially have been a crafted, distanced version of themselves but then weaves into young people’s narrative understanding of their lives, affecting their evolving sense of self. Given her new work on identities, she was an invited speaker at the Radcliffe Institute Invited Seminar on Collective Social Identities at Harvard University in March 2015. She was also a proud advisor to her undergraduate research assistant, Kelsey Segaloff, who presented their work entitled, “Death on Facebook: How Social Media is Affecting Final Farewells” at the ESS in New York in February 2015.

**Derron Wallace** is enjoying the first year of his assistant professorship in the Education program and the Sociology department. He spent much of the fall presenting research from his book manuscript-in-progress at Middlebury College, Columbia University, Rutgers University, the University of Bristol, Babson College and Wheaton College. He also continued ethnographic fieldwork in London and New York City and completed the second phase of his longitudinal study of ethnicity and disability in Rwanda. For his research and teaching, Derron received the 2015 Distinguished Dissertation Award from the American Educational Research Association, a Social Justice-in-Action grant from the Social Justice & Social Policy program at Brandeis, and a 2016 Provost's Teaching Innovation grant. He recently co-authored an article in *Culture, Society & Masculinities* and published an essay in the anthology, *Bourdieu: The Next Generation* published by Routledge and the British Sociological Association. With book chapters and articles from his presentations forthcoming, Derron is currently co-editing a book under contract with Routledge on the construction of masculinity and educational aspirations in an age of neoliberalism.

### Visiting Sociology Scholar

**Rafi Groszlik** is currently a post-doc visiting scholar in the Department of Sociology at Brandeis University, supervised by Laura Miller. He earned his PhD from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel. Rafi focuses on sociology of food, cultural globalization, consumption, environmental sociology and Israeli culture. His dissertation deals with the field of organic food in Israel. He is founder and Chair of “Consumption and Culture”- research network of the Israeli Sociological Association (ISA). In 2016 his article “Citizen-Consumer Revisited: The Cultural Meanings of Organic Food Consumption in Israel” will be published in *Journal of Consumer Culture*. Another article titled “Organic Food Consumption and Global Culture in Israel” will be published in *Israeli Sociology*. He completed a book manuscript (based on his dissertation) titled: “Organic Food, Alternative Eating and Global Culture in Israel” (forthcoming, Resling Publishing Press, in Hebrew). He is currently involved in three research projects. The first takes a close look at the Israeli version of the popular global television program MasterChef and investigates the intersection between food, media, emotions and neoliberal subjectivity. In his second project, he examines the social aspects related to the new popularity of veganism in Israel, as it emerges from mass media and new social media. In addition, he is currently co-editing a special issue dealing with environment and society in *Israeli Sociology*.

### Staff Notes

**Cheryl Hansen**, aka Cheri, is in her second year as the department administrator and just completed her tenth year at Brandeis. She manages the busy Sociology office. Cheri enjoys working with the students and faculty in Pearlman Hall. She and Lauren make a great team as they work together on several department projects. When the weather is warmer and the days are longer, Cheri rides her bike to and from work.

**Lauren Jordahl** has been working at Brandeis University for just over a year and continues to love being part of the Brandeis community. Lauren is responsible for supporting Sociology graduate admissions, the Peace, Conflict, and Coexistence Studies program, and the Social Justice and Social Policy program. Lauren wears many hats and

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is also responsible for grants management, budgets, as well as creating and designing this newsletter. Off campus, Lauren serves on several different boards and is also a bit of an exercise nut!

### Current Graduate Student News

**Julia Bandini** (Fourth Year PhD Sociology) received a graduate student fellowship from the ASA to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> US-UK Medical Sociology Conference in Reykjavik, Iceland in June 2015. Publications this year include: "The Medicalization of Bereavement: (Ab)normal Grief in the DSM-5" in *Death Studies* (2015) and "Assessing Learning in a Sociology Department: What Do Students Say That They Learn?" in *Assessment and Evaluation in Higher Education* (2015) with Prof. Sara Shostak, Prof. David Cunningham, and Prof. Wendy Cadge.

**Becky Barton** (First Year PhD Sociology) is very excited to be at Brandeis. She is also working on her joint MA in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. Her scholarly interests include religion, gender, and sexuality. She moved to Massachusetts with her partner, Taylor, and her two cats, Frank and Bean, from Connecticut where she lived for 6 years; she is originally from California. After living in the forest of "the quiet corner" of Connecticut, she is very excited to be living in the city, though she misses the trees. When she is not busy with school (and when is that?) she enjoys reading, skateboarding, hiking, playing board games, and travelling.



**Rachel Bernstein** (Sixth Year PhD Sociology & NEJS, ABD) is in the middle of data collection for her dissertation titled "On the Market: A Study of Millennial Jewish Young Adult Seeking Identity." Her dissertation investigates the cultural and ethnic identity work of Jewish individuals in emerging adulthood. Through participant observation and interviews with Jewish young adults involved in cultural Jewish organization in Boston, Rachel's dissertation focuses in particular on the cultural, ethnic, and social aspects of Jewishness that emerging adults may find more attractive. She recently presented on her initial interviews at the Sociology of Religion conference in August in a paper titled "New-ish Jewish Adults: the Religio-cultural Identity Work of Jewish Emerging Adults." Rachel's previous research on the religious work in Jewish families will be published in a chapter co-authored with Sylvia Barack Fishman titled "Judaism as the 'Third Shift' Jewish Families Negotiating Work, Family, and Religious Lives" in the volume *Love, Marriage, and Jewish Families: Paradoxes of a Social Revolution* published by Brandeis University Press in December 2015.

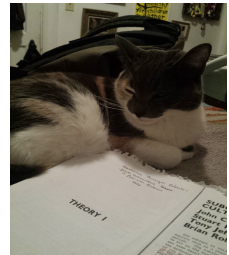
**Sara Chaganti** (Seventh Year PhD Sociology & Social Policy) co-authored two articles published this fall, "Home for now: A mixed-methods evaluation of a short-term housing support program for homeless families" with Tatjana Meschede in *Evaluation and Program Planning*, and "Employment Change among Hurricane Katrina Evacuees: Impacts of Race and Place" with Jasmine Waddell in *The Journal of Public Management and Social Policy*. She also released two research and policy briefs as part of her continuing program evaluation work at the Institute on Assets and Social Policy at Heller; the most recent was "Job Readiness Training for Homeless Families: Preparing for Work to Achieve Housing Stability" with Tatjana Meschede and Giselle Routhier. In August she presented the paper "Manufacturing the Ideal Worker: Job Readiness Training for Low-Income Adults" at the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Meeting in Chicago, and has continued with her active involvement in the SSSP Poverty, Class and Inequality section. Sara is currently busy collecting data for her dissertation on job readiness training, and looking forward to teaching a course on the sociology of work at Brandeis in the spring.

**Margaret Clendenen** (Fifth Year PhD Sociology) defended her dissertation proposal in November. Her dissertation will examine how same-sex marriage activists invoke religion as they work to change religious and cultural understandings of same-sex marriage. In addition, a paper from her research on congressional chaplaincy with Wendy Cadge and Laura Olson (a political scientist at Clemson University) was published by the Journal of

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Church and State. She presented another paper from this project at the Association for the Sociology of Religion in August. Finally, Margaret will team teach Sociology of Religion with Prof. Wendy Cadge this spring.

**Samantha Leonard** (First Year PhD in Sociology and Joint M.A. in Women's & Gender Studies) is most recently from Putney, VT. She received her B.A. in Anthropology and Sociology, with a minor in Hispanic Studies, from Vassar College in 2011. Her interests include gender, sociology of culture, violence/trauma, and social movements. Sam is thrilled to be at Brandeis and she has thoroughly enjoyed sharing all of her coursework readings and paper drafts with her cat, Fritz.

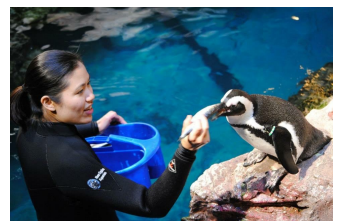


**Kim Lucas** (Seventh Year PhD Sociology & Social Policy) received a summer fellowship this past summer at the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics in the City of Boston. Kim is continuing this work into 2016 as their first Research Fellow. Additionally, Kim was selected as a 2015-2016 Tobin Project Fellow. She'll be discussing and workshopping her work with other graduate students from throughout the northeast over the course of this school year.

**Rachel Madsen** (Third Year PhD Sociology and Social Policy) has been working on some new and continuing projects this past year. She has continued her work with a former professor (Steve Kroll-Smith, UNC Greensboro) on a project that explores racial, ethnic, and class inequalities related to response and recovery following two historic U.S. disasters. From January through August 2015, Rachel worked with researchers and firefighters from the National Fire Protection Association to study wildfire mitigation, response practices, and community risk reduction in wildland-urban interfaces around the country. She has also continued research on sustainable cities and communities with Prof. Carmen Sirianni, which will be built upon in a collaborative research project with Alex Vasquez (4th Year PhD Sociology). Recently, Rachel began preliminary dissertation research on sustainability planning in western Massachusetts.

**Nicholas Monroe** (Third Year PhD Sociology) has declared areas of focus in Race and Ethnicity, Comparative Historical Sociology, and Culture. Fall semester last year, Nick created the syllabus and taught a research methods and writing course for Brandeis first year students. He enjoyed the opportunity to lead a class of his own and to work with an impressive cohort of Brandeis first years. His experience teaching that course further solidified his desire to work as a professor in higher education once he finishes his work here at Brandeis. This past May, Nick had his first publication sent to press as he had spent the better part of the 2014-15 school year working and co-authoring with Shula Reinharz to complete a chapter for the Cambridge Handbook of Sociology. This chapter describes and explains recent areas of focus in feminist methodology and research. While it is great to be a part of something that got published, Nick was even more excited to have had the chance to work with Shula and to gain valuable exposure to a wide body of feminist research. Additionally, Nick has been engaged in an ongoing project involving his interest in racial microaggressions. He has taken the opportunity in his courses to explore and test potential research designs for a more substantial and long-term project. Thus far he has conducted nearly a dozen interviews with people about the topic and will continue to conduct observations this semester as well. Nick is also continuing to work with Prof. Wendy Cadge, Prof. David Cunningham, and PhD candidate Thomas Bertorelli on a paper regarding policing in and around South Boston High and Charlestown High during the desegregation efforts in the 1970s.

**Catherine Tan** (Fifth Year PhD Sociology) is working on her dissertation research, interviewing participants and observing at various sites around the country. In addition, she is working as a research associate at Tufts Medical Center on a NIMH project with alumnus, Tom Mackie. Outside of sociology, Catherine volunteers with the New England Aquarium twice a month and just started taking horseback riding lessons!





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*Some of our PhD students celebrating and having fun!*



*WELCOME BACK to Brandeis celebratory dinner*



*Llama outing!*



*1<sup>st</sup> year PhDs enjoying game night!*



*Medical Sociology Conference in Iceland!*





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## Department of Sociology ~ Grants

The research of some faculty and graduate students continues to be made possible by grants they are awarded within Brandeis as well as through external organizations and foundations. Some current grant funded projects include:

### **Brandeis Grants**

- 2016-2017 Senior Faculty Research Leave ~ awarded to **Wendy Cadge** for spring 2017. The book project she will focus on during her leave is titled *God Around the Edges?* and asks who chaplains are and what scholars can learn about how people make sense of suffering by analyzing their daily work. Wendy will focus on chaplains who work with the police, fire fighters, members of the military, and prisoners and are frequently in contexts of danger, peril and security. She uses the term theodicy, as Max Weber did, to describe the analytic frames – whether religious or more secular – through which chaplains and the individuals with whom they work make sense of suffering and imbue it with meaning (Weber 1922; Weber 1946). Chaplains, whom religious studies scholar Winnifred Sullivan calls “secular priests” or “ministers without portfolios,” are in unique social positions to see and to shape how individuals respond to suffering as they encounter people from a range of religious and spiritual backgrounds, including those with no religious affiliations, in a range of circumstances outside of traditional religious settings (Sullivan 2014). Through in-depth interviews with chaplains and participant observation with chaplains and the people with whom they work in fire departments, police departments, military settings and prisons, Wendy offers an empirically rich analysis of suffering and the moral frameworks people use to make sense of it.
- **Karen Hansen** received a Provost Research Grant last year, along with an LTS Information Literacy Grant, a Norman Fund grant, and a Mandel Center grant for team teaching (the LTS and the Mandel grants were with Abigail Cooper in History).
- Provost Research Award: In Spring 2015, **Sara Shostak** received a Provost Research Award for her project "Developing Metrics for Urban Agriculture in MA." Her initial work on this project focuses on developing measures of urban agriculture's "impact" from the ground-up, that is, from the perspective of urban gardeners and farmers.
- Teaching Innovations Grant and Norman Funds: In Spring 2016, **Sara Shostak** will be teaching a section of the HSSP Capstone Course, with generous support from a Teaching Innovations Grant and the Norman Fund. The funding from these grants supports the oral histories that the class will be doing on food, community, and health in Mattapan; this "public history" project will be used to facilitate community engagement as part of the revitalization of the Fowler Clark Epstein Farm. Additionally, under the auspices of the Teaching Innovations Grant, Shostak will be developing and evaluating community based research as a form of pedagogy.
- PhD candidate **Catherine Tan** was recently awarded the Berkowitz Award, which will be used for her fieldwork in Chicago to support her dissertation research. She is very honored to be selected and looks forward to her observation trip.

### **External Grants**

- **Wendy Cadge** ~ The *Transforming Chaplaincy: Promoting Research Literacy for Improved Patient Outcomes* project will better equip healthcare chaplains to use research to guide, evaluate, and advocate for the spiritual care they provide. Funded by two grants totaling \$4.5M over four years from The John Templeton Foundation,

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the project seeks to close the gap between healthcare chaplains' current limited research literacy and the importance of evidence-based care for all members of the health care team. It is co-led by Wendy Cadge, PhD, professor of sociology and chair of the Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program at Brandeis University and George Fitchett, DMin, PhD, professor and director of research in the Department of Religion, Health and Human Values at Rush University Medical Center and. The project has a three-part training plan to advance knowledge about religion and health in health care organizations and among the public. The focus will be on research literacy for chaplains, the ability to understand and discuss research on religion, spirituality and health and apply it to chaplaincy practice.

- **Karen V. Hansen** was awarded a Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Studies, Uppsala University, Sweden, 2015-16. Karen is spending the spring 2016 semester in Sweden teaching and doing research.
- Through a four-year \$450,000 grant from the Ruderman Family Foundation (<http://www.rudermanfoundation.org>), Brandeis has launched the Ruderman Social Justice in Disability Scholars program, which will prepare undergraduates to become leaders in disability research, advocacy and service provision. Over the course of the grant period, 15 Brandeis seniors will be selected to be Scholars. In addition to providing scholarship support, the program will develop new courses focused on disability and inclusion, create internships at organizations that support people with disabilities and their families, and fund student research projects conducted under the direction of Brandeis faculty. Susan L. Parish, the Nancy Lurie Marks Professor of Disability Policy and director of the Lurie Institute for Disability Policy, and **Sara Shostak**, associate professor of sociology and HSSP chair, oversee the implementation of the Ruderman program
- **Sara Shostak** and collaborators continue their work on a \$2 million grant awarded from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS). Sara, along with principal investigator Ruth Ottman, professor of epidemiology at Columbia University, and other collaborators continue work on this grant to learn more about the following questions: *If you carried a gene that increased your risk of having an epileptic seizure, would you want to know? Do perceptions of stigma and discrimination against people with epilepsy affect interest in genetic testing for the disease?* Shostak says that her commitment to this research is also focused on trying to ensure that both the process of offering genetic counseling and testing, and the guidelines that different professional groups develop to guide genetic counseling and testing for epilepsy, are informed by the perspectives of people who are affected.



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### Recent Sociology PhDs

**Meredith Bergey** (Sociology & Social Policy)

Dissertation: *"The Rise of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Coaching: The Social Meanings and Policy Implications of a New Approach for Managing ADHD"*

Currently Full-Time Lecturer, University of Virginia

**Rebekah Zincavage** (Sociology & Social Policy)

Dissertation: *"My Sibling's Keeper: Mental Illness, Family Dynamics, and Responsibility Among Adult Siblings"*

Currently Associate Research Scientist, New England Research Institutes, Watertown, MA

**Emily Sigalow** (Sociology)

Dissertation: *"The JUBUs: The Encounter between Judaism and Buddhism in America"*

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Brandeis University

**Caitlin Slodden** (Sociology)

Dissertation: *"Living and Dying with Colorectal Cancer: The Experience and Management of a Mortal Disease"*

Currently Part-Time Faculty/Lecturer, Tufts University



**Casey Clevenger** (Sociology)

Dissertation: *"Women with Hearts as Wide as the World: Gender, Race, and Inequality in Women's Transnational Religious Organizations"*

Currently Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Religion and Society, University of Notre Dame

**Diana Schor** (Sociology & Social Policy)

Dissertation: *"The Hampton Way: Collaborative Governance and Youth Civic Engagement in an American City"*  
(Dissertation defended in August 2015; expected graduation February 2016)

Currently Assistant Professor in Sociology and Social Work at Gordon College in Wenham, MA

Her current course load includes three classes: social movements, community development and sustainability, and research methods. Diana's second dissertation, Maia Schor, is now a happy 1st grader who is a budding environmentalist, loves books, and still believes in fairies.

### Recent Masters in Sociology

Talia Abrahams - Currently Academic Advisor, Simmons College

### Recent Masters in Sociology/WGS

Stephanie Bonvissuto - Currently PhD candidate, Stony Brook University

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*It is with sympathy that we share the sad news of former PhD alums who passed away...*

**Carroll Julian Bourg** was born on November 22, 1928 in Thibodaux, LA, and died on April 12, 2015 in Nashville, TN. Carroll was a Fisk Professor, Former Jesuit, and Peacemaker. Carroll gravitated toward what he called in his 1967 PhD dissertation "sociology as participation." A voracious and tireless reader, he enjoyed knowing about the world and was curious about what others were doing. When a stroke in the late 1990s partially impaired his vision, he developed an enthusiasm for film. "There are always new things to learn," he would say, even in the last weeks of his life, "there are many ways to go in the world." He always found delight in the little things; he thought the black raspberry ice cream on Cape Cod was "pretty good," and that the sunrise and the birds in the backyard were "marvelous." He is survived by his wife, Karen (Fernezees); sons, Julian and Jonathan; daughter, Kristen, and her husband, Steve; grandchildren, Sarah, Evan, and Will; and sisters, Mary Frances, Terry, and Kathy.

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**Daniel Aaron Foss** 1940-2014. Daniel A. Foss, American-Canadian sociologist, died at age 74 in Montreal, Canada on August 20, 2014 of complications from heart valve surgery. Foss is considered by many to have been one of the most brilliant and creative minds of his generation. He graduated the Bronx High School of Science, Cornell University (Phi Beta Kappa), and received his PhD from Brandeis University in 1969. While Daniel was an assistant professor at Rutgers-Newark, he met Ralph Larkin, and they collaborated doing research and analyzed social movements in historical and comparative context. Daniel was a shrewd observer of contemporary social phenomena; the thrust of his research and writing in his later life was a synthesis encompassing the wider scope of social history rather than only the sociological. Daniel Foss is survived by his partner, Marsha Chuk, and his daughter Emily.

**Fatema Mernissi** 1940-2015. Fatema Mernissi passed away on November 30, 2015. She was a feminist sociologist who earned her PhD from Brandeis in 1974. Her doctorate dissertation was the basis for her book, *Beyond the Veil Male-Female Dynamics in a Muslim Society*. Fatima Mernissi became known for her significant contributions in the literary field through which she focused on reconciling traditional Islam with progressive feminism. She was a campaigner for women's rights and gained international attention for her work on Islam and women. Mernissi was a professor of Sociology at the Mohammed V University in Rabat, Morocco where she taught methodology, family sociology and psychosociology. Mernissi's work examines the impact of Islamic sexual ideology – the belief that a woman would 'wreak havoc' on male-dominated society if left uncontrolled – on the construction of gender and the organization of domestic and political life in Muslim society today. Fatema Mernissi published more than fifteen books. Mernissi also undertook various roles including significant research for UNESCO, ILO, and the U.N. Population Fund as well as for Moroccan authorities.

### New Courses in the Sociology Department



#### **SOC 120A      Technology and Society**

Professor: Edward Hackett

*Technologies are neither good nor bad, but are shaped by human interests and values, and shape us in return. Why and how does this happen, and how can we create the future we want? Usually offered every year.*

#### **SOC 137A      Gender and the Life Course**

Professor: Keridwen Luis

*Explores how individual development across the life course is shaped by gender and the interconnecting influences of historical period, social and cultural context, life stage, and the generational cohort into which a person is born. Usually offered every second year.*

#### **SOC 138A      Sociology of Race, Gender, and Class**

Professor: Derron Wallace

*Examines gender as an individual and institutional factor that organizes societies. Uses a variety of media to analyze how gender and race (re)create forms of domination and subordination in labor markets, family structures, realms of cultural presentation (e.g., media), and social movements. Usually offered every third year.*



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### **SOC 146B      Nationalism and Globalization**

Professor: Chandler Rosenberger

*In an age of globalization, why does nationalism thrive? Are globalization and nationalism rivals, strangers or possibly partners? Students will trace the emergence of nationalism while also examining globalization's impact on societies such as the United States, Russia, China, and India. Usually offered every second year.*

### **SOC 151B      Morality and Market Society**

Professor: Michael Strand

*Is the economy moral? Is it just, fair, or equitable? Is it even vulnerable to moral judgements? Living in a capitalist society, these questions become very important. This course examines them by introducing students to sociological ways of understanding the economy and morality. Usually offered every second year.*

### **SOC 216A      Migration, Dislocation & Dispossession in North American History**

Professor: Karen Hansen

*Prerequisite for undergraduates: A course on immigration. Explores migration, displacement of Native Americans and Civil War refugees within North America. It examines contests over land, movements of people, patterns of settlement, senses of home, the meanings of dispossession, and debates over empire and citizenship. Special one-time offering, fall 2015.*

### **SOC 225B      Environmental Sociology, Politics, and Policy (Graduate Seminar)**

Professor: Carmen Sirianni

*Examines an array of social movements, civic and nonprofit organizations, professional and trade associations, and institutional and policy subfields within environmentalism, especially but not exclusively within the United States. We examine perspectives from sociology and related disciplines. Usually offered every third year.*

### **PAX 160A      Stopping War: Analyzing Anti-War Movements**

Professor: Sam Diener

*Examines the history and effectiveness of peace and anti-war movements, with a focus primarily on critically assessing the philosophies and activism of anti-war organizations in the U.S. We'll practice skills utilized by peace practitioners, and conclude with analysis about the future of peace movements. Usually offered every second year.*



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### 2015-2016 Undergraduate Departmental Representatives

*The Undergraduate Departmental Representatives (UDR) program was first established by the Student Senate in the early to mid-1990s, and reestablished in the fall of 1998 by the Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences at the suggestion of faculty & undergraduate participants of "Creating a Welcoming Campus Environment" meetings. The program is designed to open avenues of communication between undergraduate majors & departmental faculty.*

#### **Aja Antoine '17**

Aja Antoine is a junior at Brandeis University majoring in Sociology and African and Afro-American Studies. Her honors include the Dean's List at Brandeis, a Jerome A. Schiff Fellowship for her engagement in collaborative research on cross-regional educational equity campaigns with Brandeis Professor David Cunningham. In 2014, she participated in the Justice Brandeis Semester program, *Civil Rights and Educational Equity in the US*, traveling and studying with students from Brandeis and Jackson State University to examine the legacies of school desegregation in Boston and Jackson, Mississippi. Her principle interests include a passion for using research as a tool for social change and activism, with a focus on women in the Civil Rights Movement, education, equality and restorative justice. Aja is also an Eli J. Segal Fellow and will be interning at the New England office of the international nonprofit Facing History and Ourselves this summer.



#### **Fallon Rosen '16**

Fallon Rosen is a senior sociology major from New York City. Aside from her passion for Sociology, Fallon was an events coordinator for J-street at Brandeis, and is a Tour Guide and a senior interviewer for Admissions. Last summer, she interned for Ralph Lauren in their Marketing Department. Fallon also has experience as an intern for a news desk in NYC.

#### **Jessica Star '17**

Jessica Star is a junior majoring in Sociology and Theater, and minoring in Hispanic Studies. She is currently a member of Proscenium Acapella, an Orientation Leader, and a Stage Manager/Lighting Designer for Hold thy Peace and the Undergraduate Theater Collective. She is very interested in pursuing non-violent activism as a profession, and is super excited to be joining the Sociology Undergraduate Resource team. This summer she will be working as a World of Work scholar at AVODAH, a national non-profit working towards diminishing poverty and creating social change.



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## 2015-2016 Colloquia Series

**September 17, 2015**

**Rowena He**, Lecturer, Department of Government, Harvard University  
*"Tianamen Exiles: Voices of the Struggle for Democracy in China"*



**October 15, 2015**

**Helle Porsdam**, Professor of American Studies at the University of Copenhagen  
*"Cultural Rights: The New Human Rights Frontier?"*

**February 11, 2016**

**Rafi Groszlik**, Post-Doc Visiting Scholar in the Brandeis Sociology Department  
*"Cooking Your 'Self': Emotions, Identities and Collective Boundaries in Contemporary Israeli Culinary Culture"*



**March 10, 2016**

**Peter L. Berger**, University Professor of Sociology, Emeritus, at Boston University and the founder and Senior Research Fellow of the Institute on Culture, Religion, and World Affairs  
*"Two Pluralisms: Toward a New Paradigm for Modernity and Religion"*

**April 14, 2016**

**Iddo Tavory**, Assistant Professor of Sociology at New York University  
*"Summoned: Identification and Religious Life in a Jewish Neighborhood"*



## PhD Alumni

**Alison Better** (PhD, 2010), Assistant Professor and Area Coordinator of Sociology at Kingsborough Community College, CUNY, was elected to the Council for the ASA Section on Teaching and Learning. Her article (with Brandy Simula, Emory University) "How and for whom does gender matter? Rethinking the concept of sexual orientation" was published in *Sexualities* in September 2015.

**Janet Mancini Billson** (PhD, 1976) published "Group Dynamics in the College Classroom" (in Dutch), a chapter in Jan Remmerswaal, ed., *Supervising Groups: Group Dynamics in Practice [Begeleiden van Groepen: Groeps Dynamic in Praktijk]*. Houten, Netherlands: Bohn Stafleu van Loghum (Springer), 2015. She continues to serve as Director of Group Dimensions International, completing in 2015 two major evaluations of programs to bring minority students into the STEM fields: "The Research Scholars Initiative: Evaluation of the Pilot Program," Harvard University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences" and "Evaluation of the Summer Research Early Identification Program—Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics," The Leadership Alliance, Brown University. Her new book, *Between Two Fires: Indigeneous, Immigrant, and Refugee Women in Canada* involves participatory research in ten Canadian communities. She is also writing articles on UNHCR policies regarding refugee camps.

**Phil Brown** (PhD, 1979) has built his new Social Science Environmental Health Research Institute (SSEHRI) at Northeastern University, which in a short three years now numbers 22 people, including 13 PhD students, 2 MA students, 1 MPH student, 5 faculty, and 1 postdoc. Two of SSEHRI postdocs from last year got tenure-track jobs, with one delaying a year to take an AAAS Fellowship at EPA, and another postdoc remains as a Research Associate. Phil is part of Northeastern University's Superfund Research Program, funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, which studies environmental contaminants' effect on preterm birth in Puerto Rico and technologies to remediate contamination, and the large program grant was renewed in April 2014 for 5 more years. He is part of a new Children's Environmental Health Center (just funded for 5 years by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and EPA) that will follow children born to the mothers in the Superfund Research Program, looking at a wide range of exposures and outcomes. Phil recently received a National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences T32 Training Grant in "Transdisciplinary Training at the Intersection of Environmental Health and Social Science" that supports 6 graduate students and 4 postdocs over 5 years. In another collaborative training program, he is part of a team that recently received National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences funding for "Research Opportunities for Undergraduates: Training in Environmental Health Sciences (ROUTES)," aimed at underrepresented students of color. Phil received a grant from the NSF Science, Technology and Society Program on "Perfluorinated Chemicals: The Social Discovery of a Class of Emerging Contaminants." With a conference grant from NIEHS, Phil organized a May, 2015 conference on "Social Science-Environmental Health Interdisciplinary Collaborations" which attracted approximately 100 people from around the US and overseas. A special issue of the journal *New Solutions* is in progress from that conference. Phil began his 4 year term this year on the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Advisory Council.

**Bob Emerson** (PhD, 1968) published *Everyday Troubles: The Micro-Politics of Interpersonal Conflict* (University of Chicago Press) in March of this year. The book pursues concerns that he first developed working on his dissertation research at Brandeis in the 1960s. He also gave a talk on the book in the fall at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y in New York.



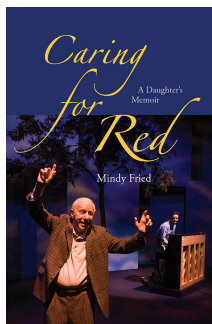


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**Betina Freidin** (PhD, 2008) published the book *Proyectos profesionales alternativos* (2014, Imago Mundi publishers) based on her research with 42 female and male doctors who practice unconventional medicines in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She has also co-authored the articles: "Choosing Ayurveda as a healthcare practice in Argentina" (*Current Sociology*, Monograph 2, edited by J. Gabe, K. Harley and M. Calnan, September 2015) and "Reflexiones sobre la conceptualización y la medición del acceso a los servicios de salud en Argentina: el caso de la Encuesta Nacional de Factores de Riesgo 2009" (*Salud Colectiva*, forthcoming).



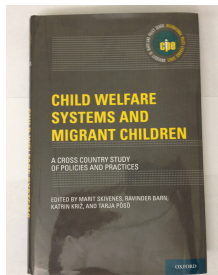
**Mindy Fried** (PhD, 1996) is going into her 15<sup>th</sup> year as Co-Principal of Arbor Consulting Partners ([www.arborcp.com](http://www.arborcp.com)). Among her clients are 826, a national creative writing nonprofit focused on youth, cofounded by author Dave Eggers; and the Boston Plan for Excellence, which runs several Boston Public Schools, as well as a Masters-degree teacher-training program. This past year, Mindy has also been producing music and arts-based events, including Jamaica Plain Porchfest, PorchfestFEST at the Lawn on D, and a major arts-based event in Dorchester, sponsored by The Boston Foundation. She is a member of the Leadership Council of Boston Creates, a Boston cultural planning process, initiated by Mayor Walsh. Mindy's forthcoming book, *Caring for Red: A Daughter's Memoir*, will be published by Vanderbilt University Press (July, 2016). It's based on her experience caring for her father, Manny Fried, in his final year of life, and is an ethnography set in an assisted living facility. The book incorporates the impact of her father's experience with the House Un-American Activities Committee on their family's life. Mindy's daughter, Sasha, who was practically raised in the Brandeis Sociology Department (!) is working at the National Theatre in Washington, DC and contemplating a return to school to study Sociology.



**Mary Godwyn** (PhD, 2000) is a Visiting Professor this academic year (2015-16) at Manhattan College School of Business in the Management and Marketing department. Publications this year:

- 2015. *Ethics and Diversity in Business Management Education: A Sociological Study with International Scope*. Heidelberg, Germany: Springer-Verlag.
- 2015. "It Can be Done! Organizational Interventions that Can Reduce the Influence of Gender Prejudice on Perceptions, Performance, and Aspirations" (coauthored with Nan S. Langowitz) in UN PRME (Principles for Responsible Management Education) book series *Gender Equality as a Challenge for Business and Management Education*, Maureen Kilgour, Kathryn Haynes, and Patricia Flynn. (Eds.) Sheffield, UK: Greenleaf Publishing, Ltd.

**Katrin "Kati" Križ** (PhD, 2003) is Associate Professor of Sociology and chair of the Sociology department at Emmanuel College in Boston. She also reviews and supervises Ph.D. dissertations at the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance in the Netherlands. In 2015, she published a co-edited book entitled *Child Welfare Systems and Migrant Children* (Oxford University Press) and two articles: one with Elspeth Slayter, Ph.D. from the Heller School, entitled, "'A lot of my families are scared and won't reach out': Fear factors and their effects on child protection practice with undocumented immigrant families," published by the *Journal of Public Child Welfare*; and another article with Dr. Marit Skivenes, University of Bergen, Norway, entitled "Child welfare workers' perceptions of children's participation: a comparative study of England, Norway and the United States (California)," published in *Child and Family Social Work*. Kati is currently planning her next book, also co-authored with Dr. Skivenes, tentatively entitled *Vulnerable Children and Child Welfare Systems: England, Norway and the United States*.





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**Valerie Leiter** (PhD, 2001) published "A Bricolage of Urban Sidewalks: Observing Locations of Inequality" in Ronald Berger and Laura Lorenz (eds.) *Disability and Qualitative Inquiry: Methods for Rethinking an Ableist World*. Burlington, VT: Ashgate Publishers. She also coauthored an article, "Enmeshed in Controversy: Claims About the Risks of Vaginal Mesh Devices." *Health, Risk & Society* 17: 64-80, with Michelle K. (Shelley) White. She and Shelley are continuing their project on the FDA's regulation of vaginal mesh devices, and this year Val is Vice President-elect of SSSP. Her daughters Esther and Evelyn (once wee ones at Lemberg) are now sophomores at Brookline High School.

**Thomas Mackie** (PhD, 2014) has accepted a tenure track Assistant Professor position in the Department of Health Systems and Policy at the School of Public Health, with a joint faculty appointment at the Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, at Rutgers University. He is thrilled to be at Rutgers and to have the opportunity to work with such exceptional faculty.

**Frances Portnoy** (PhD, 1974) retired as Professor of Nursing and Gerontology at U Mass Boston in 2000, and continued to teach in the Gerontology Program for several more years. Now a resident at Orchard Cove, the Hebrew Senior Life CCRC in Canton Massachusetts, she continues to write and serve as editor of the Orchard Cove magazine, the Gazebo.

**Debbie Potter** (PhD, 2007) was promoted this fall to Associate Professor and awarded tenure at the University of Louisville where she teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses in medical sociology, social policy, and research methods. She was elected to serve on SSSP's Committee on Committees (2015-2018). During this past year, she had two articles published online in *Qualitative Health Research*: a sole-authored article, "Situated Motives of Lay Participants in Community Collaboratives for Children's Mental Health" DOI: 10.1177/1049732315570127) and a lead-authored collaborative publication, "Healthicization and Lay Knowledge about Eating Practices in Two African American Communities" (DOI: 10.1177/1049732315606683). She currently is writing manuscripts using data from her "laughter club" project and working on a book chapter looking at Conduct Disorder as a stigmatized disorder. Finally, she and her rescue border collie Dylan qualified and competed in the North American Dog Agility Club's (NADAC) champs.

**Brad Rose** (PhD, 1994) continues in his role as an applied sociologist at Brad Rose Consulting, Inc., a program evaluation and organization development consulting firm founded in 1996, based in Wellesley, Massachusetts. ([www.bradroseconsulting.com](http://www.bradroseconsulting.com)). Brad, a nominee for a Pushcart Prize in fiction, recently published *Pink X-Ray*, (Big Table Publishing, 2015) a book of poetry and flash fiction, which is available at Amazon.com and <http://pinkx-ray.com>. Links to his other publications can be found at <http://bradrosepoetry.blogspot.com/>. Brad's daughter, Hannah, who is a student of Comparative Literature at Columbia University, is studying this year at Oxford University. His wife, Linda Weinreb, who specializes in medical care for homeless and underserved populations, serves as Vice Chair of Family and Community Medicine at UMASS Medical School, in Worcester, Massachusetts.

**Rubén G. Rumbaut** (PhD, 1978):

*Honors:*

- Elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- Named Distinguished Professor of Sociology, University of California, Irvine

*Publications:*

- M. Kathleen Dingeman-Cerda and Rubén G. Rumbaut, "Unwelcome Returns: The Alienation of the New American Diaspora in Salvadoran Society." Pp. 227-251 in Daniel Kanstroom and M. Brinton Lykes, eds., *The New Deportations Delirium: Interdisciplinary Responses*. New York: NYU Press, 2015.

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- Walter A. Ewing, Daniel E. Martínez and Rubén G. Rumbaut. The Criminalization of Immigration in the United States. American Immigration Council, July 2015, at: [http://immigrationpolicy.org/sites/default/files/docs/the\\_criminalization\\_of\\_immigration\\_in\\_the\\_united\\_states\\_final.pdf](http://immigrationpolicy.org/sites/default/files/docs/the_criminalization_of_immigration_in_the_united_states_final.pdf)
- Rubén G. Rumbaut, "Assimilation of Immigrants." Pp. 81-87 in James D. Wright (editor-in-chief), International Encyclopedia of the Social & Behavioral Sciences, 2nd edition, Vol. 2. Oxford, U.K.: Elsevier, 2015. At: [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=2595896](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2595896)
- Rubén G. Rumbaut, "Using NCES Surveys to Understand the Experiences of Immigrant-Origin Students." National Academy of Education, 2015, at: [http://www.naeducation.org/cs/groups/naedsite/documents/webpage/naed\\_160704.pdf](http://www.naeducation.org/cs/groups/naedsite/documents/webpage/naed_160704.pdf)

### *Presentations:*

- Rubén G. Rumbaut, "Reflections on Immigrant America: From the Great Inclusion to the Great Expulsion." Irene Flecknoe Ross Lecture, University of California, Los Angeles, May 22, 2015.
- Rubén G. Rumbaut, "Latinos and the Change of a Nation." Keynote Address to the annual meetings of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Denver, April 2015.
- Rubén G. Rumbaut, "The New Second Generation: Integration, Mobility and Inequality." Presented to the Frontiers of Immigration International Conference, University of California, Davis, January 2015.

**Janine (Berkowitz) Schipper** (PhD, 1992) - Recent publication: Schipper, Janine. 2015. "Letting Go and Getting Real: Buddhist Perspectives into Addressing Environmental Crisis," in Donna King and Kay Valentine (eds.) *Letting Go: Feminist and Social Justice Insights and Activism*. Vanderbilt University Press.

**Bob Smith** (PhD, 1992) and his wife Ellen Holtzman, attended the 750th Anniversary birthday celebrations of his alma mater Merton College, Oxford. The attached photo was taken at Merton Chapel, during the celebrations. A wonderful time was had by all!



**Jill M. Smith** (PhD, 2014) is a Lecturer in Sociology at Tufts University for the 2015-16 academic year. Her article, co-written with **Brandeis PhD alum Ken Chih-Yan Sun**, "Family Mediator: Privileged American Families and Independent Academic Consultants They Employed," has been accepted for publication in the *Sociological Forum*.

**T.L. Taylor** (PhD, 2000) was promoted (July 2015) to Full Professor of Comparative Media Studies at MIT.

**Becky Thompson** (PhD, 1991) was thrilled to celebrate the publication of *Survivors on the Yoga Mat: Stories for Those Healing from Trauma*, and then travel nationally and internationally on a book tour. In the spring, she traveled to Greece ostensibly to work with an elder Yogini, Angela Farmer, on a writing project only to see, on her first day there, a contingent of Syrian university students who had almost died crossing from Turkey to Greece in turbulent waters. After that, she and her friends met rafts each day; whole families from Syria, Afghanistan, Palestine, Iraq, Somalia and other countries, fleeing for their lives. She has been blown away by the refugees' courage and tenacity. Her years at Brandeis introduced her to histories of survivors. Another generation is now "making a way out of no way" in outrageous circumstances. Becky came back in July shaken and moved. Since then, she finished a new manuscript, *Toward a Pedagogy of Tenderness*, that includes a chapter about the extraordinary teaching of Professor Maury Stein, in his decades of teaching "Birth and Death." Maury is now 89 and one of the closest people in Becky's life. This spring and fall, Becky got to spend some time with her friend Angela Davis, another Brandeis alum, whose brilliant speeches and principled living continues to inspire so many of us. Currently, Becky is teaching a new group of students at Simmons College (and they are teaching her!) and she continues to teach "Yoga for Everybody" classes at the Dorchester YMCA.

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**Dana Zarhin** (PhD, 2013) had the following papers published this year:

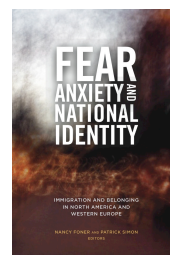
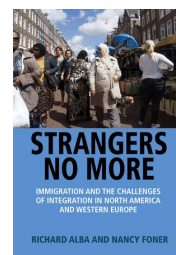
- Zarhin, Dana. 2015. "Contesting medicalisation, doubting the diagnosis: Israeli patients' ambivalence towards the diagnosis of Obstructive Sleep Apnoea." *Sociology of Health & Illness* 37(5): 715-730. DOI: 10.1111/1467-9566.12229
- Zarhin, Dana. "Sleep as a gendered family affair: Snoring and the 'dark side' of relationships." *Qualitative Health Research*. DOI: 10.1177/1049732315583270



### **BA and Masters Alumni**

**Josh Basseches** (BA, 2012) is now in his second year of the Sociology Ph.D. program at Northwestern University. His research focuses on the politics of legislation to combat climate change, which has been enacted predominantly in U.S. statehouses, not the U.S. Congress. He therefore studies the sociological processes of state-level public policy development, and the roles of state legislators, executive branch administrators, social movements, and a range of other interest groups.

**Nancy Foner** (BA, 1966), Distinguished Professor of Sociology, Hunter College and CUNY Graduate Center, recently published two books: *Strangers No More: Immigration and the Challenges of Integration in North America and Western Europe* (coauthored with Richard Alba, Princeton University Press, 2015) and *Fear, Anxiety, and National Identity: Immigration and Belonging in North America and Western Europe* (coedited with Patrick Simon, Russell Sage Foundation, 2015). In 2014-15 she was president of the Eastern Sociological Society.



**Samuel Heilman** (BA - Sociology honors, 1968) served as a Fulbright Senior Specialist in Poland last Spring, based at the University of Wroclaw, and also at Jagellonian University Krakow and Warsaw University. He gave a series of lectures in South Africa in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban last summer. He is co-author of the forthcoming *New History of Hasidism* (Princeton) and *Who Will Lead Us: Succession in Contemporary Hasidism* (California).

**Jonathan White** (BA, 1990 and PhD from Boston College) continues in his position as Director of the Bentley Service-Learning Center, which sends 1,000 students into the Greater Waltham community each year for 25+ hour commitments through courses run by over 100 faculty across disciplines. Jonathan was also recently named Chair of the US Board of Directors for Free the Children ([www.freethechildren.com](http://www.freethechildren.com)), the world's largest organization of youth helping youth.



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