



## Department of Sociology Notes from the Chair ~ Karen V. Hansen

### Greetings from Pearlman Hall!

2017 and the aftermath of the presidential election bring many challenges to Sociology and academia. Indeed, the ideas of the enlightenment appear to be on the table for public negotiation. With this national challenge to democratic institutions comes an elevation of our teaching mission and commitment to cogent analysis of “social facts” (remember when that seemed like a quaint term?) and social structures.



The uncertainty that grips the country has not shaken our mission. It has simply made it clearer: We are here to teach people the tools for critical analyses of institutions and social processes.

To our good fortune, a new Assistant Professor has joined the faculty this fall: Gowri Vijayakumar. She has begun teaching courses in social movements and gender and human rights. She finished her Ph.D. at the University of California at Berkeley in May, 2016 and has jumped full-throttle into life at Brandeis. Welcome, Gowri!

Throughout the election season, we hosted a variety of talks in the department. Talks illuminated the appeal of Donald Trump (Arlie Hochschild, University of California, Berkeley); explored the policing of public schools (Carla Shedd, Columbia); documented China’s newspaper publishing and the democracy movement’s pivot away from the US model (Ya-Wen Lei, Harvard); examined challenges to inequality in the educational system (Anthony Jack, Harvard); and analyzed inequality in our “tumbleweed society” (Allison Pugh, University of Virginia).

This spring we will say farewell to two retiring faculty. After 37 years at Brandeis, Peter Conrad taught his last class in December. Shula Reinharz, who has devoted the last two decades to developing the Women’s Studies Research Center, will step down from her familiar role. You are invited to join us March 4 for a “Forum on Medical Sociology: The Conrad Way,” engaging Peter’s many intellectual contributions over his career: <http://www.brandeis.edu/departments/sociology/news>. And the WSRC is hosting a semester-long series of talks in honor of Shula: <http://www.brandeis.edu/wsrc/events.html> Having just returned from the Women’s March in Washington, DC, I am acutely aware of the power of connection and collective resistance. Our human (and virtual) networks importantly create and sustain communities of ideas and inspiration and support our ability to survive hard times.

Please stay in touch and let us know what you are doing.

Warm wishes in solidarity,  
*Karen V. Hansen*



## Faculty and Staff Notes

### ~ Department of Sociology Faculty ~

**Wendy Cadge** is on research leave this year visiting with the Work and Organizations group at MIT's Sloan School. She is working on a new book about chaplains, historically and in the present, in the city of Boston and continuing a range of collaborative projects about chaplains in ports, chaplaincy training (<http://www.researchliteratechaplaincy.org/>), and the movement of spiritual care from the U.S. to Israel. She is also working on a new project about hidden sacred spaces in Boston that has allowed her to visit state prisons, mental health centers, a chapel on one of the Boston Harbor Islands and other sites (<http://www.hiddensacredspaces.org/>). Forthcoming publications include, "After the DNR: Surrogates who persist in requesting cardiopulmonary resuscitation" with Ellen M. Robinson, Angelika Zollfrank, M. Cornelia Cremens, Andrew M. Courtwright. *Hastings Center Report* and "Where are you organizationally situated? Views from here" with Soc PhD student, Rebecca Barton. *Critical Research on Religion*.

**Peter Conrad** is retiring from Brandeis after 37 years teaching in June 2017. He will continue his research and writing and work with his final three Ph.D. students. More on Peter's years at Brandeis elsewhere in the newsletter. Peter's recent publications include: "The Internet and Illness: From Private to Public Experience" with Julia Bandini and Alexandria Vasquez in *HEALTH: An interdisciplinary journal for the social study of health, illness and medicine* 20 (1) 21-32, 2016.; "Anticipatory Medicalization: Predisposition, Prediction, and the Expansion of Medical Conditions" (with Miranda Waggoner). *Journal of Predictive, Preventive and Personalized Medicine*, forthcoming; "Medicalization: The Concept." In J. Michael Ryan (ed.) *Essential Concepts in Sociology*. Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming (2017); and "Remembering Joseph R. Gusfield." *The American Sociologist* forthcoming (March 2017). He also has co-edited with Meredith Bergey (Ph.D. 2014) and two others, *Global Perspectives on ADHD: Social Dimensions of Diagnosis and Treatment in 16 Countries*, Johns Hopkins University Press, In press, April 2017). Peter received the James E. Greenley Award (2016) from the Division of Mental Health and Society of the Society for the Study of Social Problems "for distinguished contributions to the Sociology of Mental Health." He was also awarded a Norman Grant for his new research on "Boxing with Parkinson's Disease."



*After teaching his last class, Peter celebrating his 37 years at Brandeis with his TA's!*

**Gordie Fellman** attended The Peace and Justice Studies Association annual meetings at Selkirk College, Nelson, British Columbia, where he took part in four contexts in this conference. Gordie spoke at “Contradictions Common to Teaching Peace,” on a panel Teaching Peace in a Time of War. Additionally, he organized a panel, “Critiques of Peace Studies as a Scholarly and Teaching Discipline,” on which he gave the opening presentation using his critical comments on the field of peace studies. Gordie participated on a panel, “Teaching about Palestine/Israel: Critical Perspectives,” and also took part in the panel “Roundtable on Transforming Peace Studies: Part Two Methods for Change.” Through a service called Peace Voice, associated with the Peace and Justice Studies Association in which Gordie is active, he published two op eds in many small city and town newspapers. The op eds are called “Make America Masculine Again” and “Republican Candidates Have But Two Choices.” He attended the panel “Working and Playing with Psychoanalysis,” among other clinicians and academics who find psychoanalysis useful in their work and lives. Gordie specifically spoke about his graduate education, where psychoanalysis fit into it, his personal experiences as an analysand, and his uses of it in his work and teaching. Gordie also attended a meeting at Hampshire College of the recently organized Consortium for Psychoanalysis in Higher Education. Finally, he co-organized a late afternoon event called “How do we make sense of the election; where do we go from here?” along with Prof. Raj Sampath, a philosopher based at Heller, and joined in analyzing the election and its outcome for about forty minutes and then spent an hour discussing the issues with the 50 people who attended.



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**HOW DO WE MAKE SENSE OF THE ELECTION? WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**



Thursday, November 17  
5:00 pm  
Schwartz Auditorium

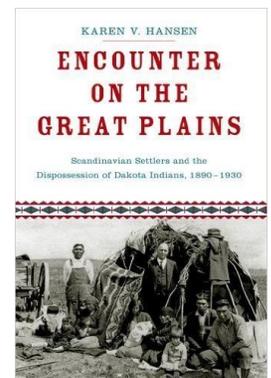
Join Raj Sampath (Heller, PAX, MA in Comparative Humanities, and South Asian Studies) and Gordie Fellman (Sociology, and PAX Chair) for a conversation and open discussion about what explains the outcome of the election, what we can learn from this, and what do we do now??

*Students, faculty, and staff are welcome!*

**Karen V. Hansen** serves as the current Chair of the Department of Sociology. While Karen was at Uppsala University in Sweden last spring as the Distinguished Chair in American Studies, she gave a variety of talks in Denmark, Sweden, and Germany. One of the more innovative was in a workshop she co-organized with Gunlög Fur: *Rethinking Histories of Immigration and Indigenous Peoples in North America--An Eye to Sources*, hosted by the Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History, and Antiquities in Stockholm.

Karen has joined several international collaborations shaped by her work, including the Scandinavian-American Encounters International Advisory Board, the Swedish-American Borderlands Research Network, and the History of Family and Kinship working group sponsored by the Danish National Archives. Her scholarship continues to explore entanglements between immigrants and Native Americans in the context of land taking on Indian reservations. A shared focus on these issues has prompted the Center for Great Plains Studies to appoint her Associate Fellow and to collaborate on a panel, *Plowing Ahead: Bringing Homesteading into the Twentieth Century* at the Western History Association meetings.

Her book *Encounter on the Great Plains*, which just came out in paperback, won the 2016 Gita Chaudhuri Book Prize from the Western Association of Women Historians. The prize honors the “best monograph about the history of women in rural environments, from any era and any place in the world.”



Just as Karen returned to Brandeis to serve as Chair, an article she published with two Brandeis alums, Ken Chih-Yan Sun and Debra Osnowitz, appeared in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, “Immigrants as Settler Colonists: Boundary Work between Dakota Indians and White Immigrant Settlers” 10.1080/01419870.2016.1213403. Representing Brandeis, Karen has joined the Board of Directors of the Consortium for Graduate Studies in Gender, Culture, Women, and Sexuality, based at MIT.

**Laura Miller** continues as Director of Graduate Studies for the Sociology Department. Over the past year, she completed her book on the leadership of the natural foods industry in the natural foods movement. The book, titled *Building Nature's Market: The Business and Politics of Natural Foods*, will be published by the University of Chicago Press in 2017. In August 2016, Miller finished her three-year term as Secretary-Treasurer of the American Sociological Association Section on Consumers and Consumption.

**Shulamit Reinharz** - This academic year, 2016-2017, is Shula's last at Brandeis. She arrived as an assistant professor in fall 1982 and is retiring on June 30, 2017 as the Jacob Potofsky Professor of Sociology. In between, she directed the Women's Studies Program (as it was called at the time) in the decade of the '90's and learned that she truly enjoyed building academic programs. In 1997, she opened the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, which now has over a million dollar annual budget, and in 2001, she opened the Women's Studies Research Center, which currently has 89 Scholars. In spring 2016, the WSRC underwent an external review. The evaluators concluded that (p. 2): "The WSRC has brought together, both in its stated mission and in fact, a quite singular synergy among research, activism and the arts. In this sense, it has captured something unique to Brandeis: to wit, intellectual work, a dedication to service and a commitment to the arts. (p. 3): "The WSRC, under the leadership of its founding director, is a distinctive place that specializes in facilitating the work of independent and non-traditional scholars, and as such, is a well-regarded place among its peers...that is an asset of Brandeis University. (p. 8): "Shula Reinharz has been a passionate and visionary founder-director of WSRC and has done an outstanding job of creating a distinctive and meaningful organization that enhances the mission of Brandeis University." (p. 8): "There is no question that the WSRC has been able to bring into its fold a significant number of very distinguished thinkers on questions that are relevant to women." This fall the HBI is undergoing its external evaluation.

This year Shula published the chapter, "Jewish Social Memory and Genocide," in Jutta Lindert, Armen T. Marsoobian and Gilad Gal (eds.), Genocide, Memory and Representation – Interdisciplinary Perspectives. Springer, in press; and Jutta Lindert and Shulamit Reinharz, "Psychopathology of children of genocide survivors: a systematic review on the impact of genocide on their children's psychopathology from five countries," International Journal of Epidemiology. Her chapter with sociology graduate student, Nicholas Monroe, "Feminist Research Methods," Cambridge Handbook of Sociology, will appear this spring.

To ease the transition into the roles of Director of the HBI and Director of the WSRC, and in partnership with the two boards, they have launched campaigns to create sufficient funds for the new directors to lead the organizations without fundraising immediately. The WSRC has a \$2 million endowment campaign and the HBI a \$1.5 non-endowment campaign. They have both reached their halfway point on schedule. For more information about both research institutes, please consult our websites: [www.brandeis.edu/hbi](http://www.brandeis.edu/hbi) and [www.brandeis.edu/wsrc](http://www.brandeis.edu/wsrc)

Aside from this work, Shula's greatest joy has been the arrival of her second grandchild, a little boy named Jago (a Cornish variation on James or Jacob) on June 20, 2016, who is joining his big sister, Amalia who is 4 1/2 years old. Among other opportunities, her upcoming retirement will give her more time to play with them.

**Chandler Rosenberger** continues as Chair of International and Global Studies. In October, his paper "With God on Their Side: The Nationalism of Contemporary Islamic Extremism," was published in an edited volume entitled *Globalisation of Nationalism: The Motive-Force Behind 21st Century Politics* (ECPR Press). Chandler has also led several new curricular initiatives at Brandeis: he designed and led a new Justice Brandeis Semester on "Emerging Powers," focused on the new influence of China and India

in world affairs, and helped redesign the master's program in Global Studies. After studying Mandarin at Brandeis for two years, Chandler is excited to get the chance to use what he's learned when he will travel to Beijing, Shanghai, and Hong Kong on a Whiting Fellowship in May 2017.

**Sara Shostak** is Chair of the Health: Science, Society, and Policy (HSSP) program and Associate Professor of Sociology. Her new book, tentatively titled Cultivating the City: Nature, Neighborhoods, and the Emergence of Urban Agriculture is under contract with Rutgers University Press, in the Nature, Society, and Culture Series. She is also the editor of the forthcoming edited volume, Food Systems and Health, which is part of the Advances in Medical Sociology series. In July 2016, she took some time off to marry her sweetheart, Matt Glaser.

Shostak continues to collaborate with community based organizations and Brandeis undergraduate students into her research on food access and food justice issues:

- In Spring 2016, with the support of a Teaching Innovations Grant, she worked with 24 HSSP capstone students on a community based research project on food, health, and community in Mattapan, MA, focused particularly on the revitalization of the Fowler Clark Epstein Farm. For more on this project, which was done in collaboration with the Urban Farming Institute of Boston and Historic Boston, Inc, see:  
<http://historicboston.org/tracing-history-through-spoken-word-brandeis-students-begin-oral-history-project-on-the-fowler-clark-epstein-farm/> and <http://historicboston.org/sustaining-community-health/>
- With support from a Provost Research Award, Shostak, Beth He (HSSP, 2016) and Norris Guscott (UMass, Boston) conducted a focus group study of the effects of community gardens in Boston and Lynn, MA. This study is a collaboration with The Food Project.
- Shostak's first community based participatory research project -- an evaluation of the Somerville Mobile Farmers' Market -- has been published in an edited volume entitled *Feeding Cities: Improving Local Food Access, Security, and Sovereignty* (ed. Christopher Bosso; Routledge Press).

**Carmen Sirianni** has been working on a book, now titled *Sustainable and Resilient Cities in American Democracy*, which examines the emergence and development of the field of sustainable cities over previous decades. It combines the analysis of institutional fields, policy design, American Political Development, social movements, civic and professional associations, and case studies of specific urban regimes within the two broader fields of American environmentalism since WWII and American urbanism, with an eye to further exploring democratic and participatory dimensions of building the field further in the face of the challenges of climate change. His essay, "Civic Innovation: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," appears in the February 2017 issue of *Perspective on Politics*. He is a faculty affiliate at the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and is serving on the screening committee of the Innovations in American Government Award at Harvard. He served as department chair in the spring of 2016, and this year chairs the undergraduate program.

**Michael Strand** has two articles forthcoming in the coming year, one entitled "Historicizing Social Inequality: A Victorian Archive for Contemporary Moral Discourse" in the *American Journal of Cultural Sociology* and another with co-author Omar Lizardo entitled "The Hysteresis Effect: Theorizing Mismatch in Action" in the *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*. He continues work on a book manuscript tentatively entitled *The Victorian Burden: Morals, Markets and the Birth of Social Justice* in addition to a few other (shorter) projects related to the theory of action and field theory. He has really enjoyed his first full year (and a half) on the Brandeis faculty and looks forward to teaching a new course in the spring about celebrity.

**Gowri Vijayakumar** graduated in May with her PhD from The University of California, Berkeley where she was the commencement speaker for sociology and managed to work bread-making, theories of reproductive labor, and Beyoncé into her speech. She continues to work on her book project, *Viral Politics*, an ethnographic study of HIV/AIDS programs and sex worker activism in India and Kenya. She presented parts of this project on a panel on the social dimensions of AIDS at the ASA Annual Meetings in August and at a panel she co-organized, on ethnographies of social movements and the state, at the ASA Development Section's annual conference in October. An article she co-authored with colleagues in New York and Bangalore appeared in a special issue of *Studies in Law, Politics, and Society* this fall. This fall, she also completed a chapter on feminist movements with a grad student colleague that will appear in the textbook *The Social Life of Gender*, published by Sage, in August 2017. She is delighted to be at Brandeis. In her first semester on the faculty, she taught a course on gender and human rights, and she is excited to teach two courses on social movements in the spring.

**Derron Wallace's** article "Reading Race in Bourdieu: Examining Black Cultural Capital among Black Caribbean Youth in South London," published in the British Sociological Association's flagship journal, *Sociology*, garnered attention from the BBC this summer. He was interviewed for his analytical interventions on race and ethnicity in Bourdieu's theoretical program. Derron continues to publish work at the intersection of race, class and gender, with forthcoming pieces in *Gender & Education*, *Culture, Society & Masculinities* and *The British Journal of Sociology of Education*. Derron's co-authored anthology, "Masculinity & Aspirations in an Era of Neoliberal Education: International Perspectives" is slated to be published by Routledge in February, 2017. Derron's socially informed teaching continues to win support at Brandeis and beyond. This year, Derron received a Provost's Teaching Innovation Grant, the Brenda Meehan Social Justice-in-Action Grant, a Schusterman Foundation Grant and a coveted Marion and Jasper Whiting Fellowship. The Whiting Fellowship will support his work with the Ministry of Education in Antigua and Barbuda next year and aid in the development of new courses in subsequent years.

### **Visiting Sociology Scholar:**

**Rafi Groszlik** is a post-doctoral visiting scholar in the Department of Sociology at Brandeis University, supervised by Laura Miller. He focuses on sociology of food, cultural globalization, consumption, environmental sociology and Israeli society. In 2016 his article "*Citizen-Consumer Revisited: The Cultural Meanings of Organic Food Consumption in Israel*" was published in *Journal of Consumer Culture*. Another article titled "*Organic Food Consumption and Global Culture in Israel*" was published in *Israeli Sociology*. He completed a book manuscript (based on his dissertation) titled: "*Organic Food in Israel: Resistance, Assimilation and Global Culture*" (in Hebrew, in press). He continued as the Chair of the "Consumption and Culture" research section of the Israeli Sociological Association (ISA). Work forthcoming in 2017 includes a chapter entitled "*Sociological Analysis of the Law for the Regulation of Organic Produce*" (in *Law and Food*, Tel-Aviv University Press, forthcoming) and a special issue on Environment and Society in Israel in *Israeli Sociology* he co-edited with two of his colleagues. He continues work on research that 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. Aside from this, he looks forward to teaching the undergraduate course on "Globalization and the Media: Israel as a Case Study" in the spring.

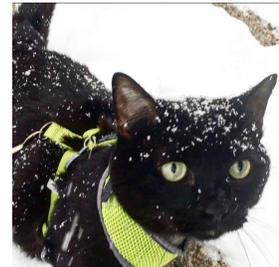




## Current Grad Student News

**Julia Bandini** (Fifth Year PhD) defended her dissertation proposal last spring and has begun her fieldwork. Her dissertation looks at end-of-life decision-making from the perspectives of critical care clinicians and family members of patients hospitalized in intensive care units.

**Becky Barton** (Second Year PhD) spent this past summer exploring the Western U.S. She visited family in Idaho, Utah, and California, and visited Utah's "Mighty 5" incredibly beautiful national parks (Zion was her favorite). Her wild west adventure concluded in Seattle, WA where she presented her work on Mormon feminists in the Sex and Gender Section of ASA. In December, 'Critical Research on Religion' published a symposium piece that she co-wrote with Wendy Cadge titled "Where are you Organizationally Situated? Views from Here." This upcoming spring/summer Becky will be working on a project with Wendy Cadge to measure the impact of multi-faith training for campus chaplains. Becky is looking forward to traveling to various university campuses on the East Coast this summer to conduct the research. Outside of school, Becky has started rock climbing and training for a 5k - her dream, a fantastical one, is to be the first sociologist on American Ninja Warrior.



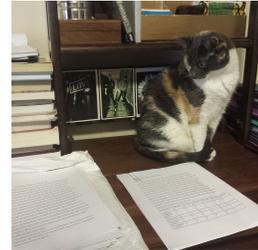
**Thomas Bertorelli** (Fourth Year PhD) student with interests in Science, Knowledge, & Technology; Health & Illness; and Culture. In March 2016, he passed his QPDs and is currently working on his dissertation proposal. In addition to having his MA thesis recently published in the journal *Health*, Thomas is currently a Visiting Research Fellow in the Program on Science, Technology, and Society (STS) at the Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government. He can frequently be seen creeping around the grad student computer lab in order to take advantage of the seltzer supply.

**Sara Chaganti** (Eighth Year PhD in Sociology and Social Policy, ABD) is thrilled to be in the final stages of her PhD, analyzing her data on job readiness training programs for low-income adults. Sara conducted participant observation and interviews at two research sites and is complementing these data with quantitative participant data from the two programs. Sara also continues to work as a part-time Research Associate at the Institute on Assets and Social Policy (IASP) at the Heller School. At IASP, she is wrapping up data collection on a 3.5-year evaluation of a statewide employment initiative for homeless families. She has released several reports from these data. She is starting work as a co-PI of a new 4-year project examining career pathways for entry-level workers in the healthcare sector. Sara presented a paper from her dissertation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting last August in Seattle on how we define employability among low-income job seekers. She also organized a panel on labor market inequalities at the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Meeting, and she chaired the SSSP Poverty, Class and Inequality division's student paper competition committee. Earlier in the year, she led a workshop on job readiness training for homeless families at the Commonwealth Workforce Coalition annual meeting in Sturbridge, MA. She is looking forward to spending the next year writing.

**Jaleh Jalili** (Sixth Year PhD) is working on her dissertation, which explores the ways in which city-level public spaces mediate social relations in metropolitan areas. Using the case of Tehran, Iran, the research

examines a number of sociological concepts through the study of public spaces, including inequality and socioeconomic class, identity and otherness, and power relations. She presented part of a chapter of her dissertation in August at the ASA conference. She is the recipient of the Mellon Dissertation Year Fellowship for the 2016-2017 academic year.

**Samantha Leonard** (Second Year PhD) continues to be excited to be at Brandeis. She is currently conducting interviews for her project on domestic violence organizations as both social movement organizations and social service projects. Sam will also be presenting at the Eastern Sociology Society conference this spring in Philadelphia. In addition, she continues to work as a research assistant for Professor Karen Hansen and her ongoing work on homesteading and land loss on Indian reservations. Along with Becky Barton, she is also one of the graduate student representatives for Women's, Gender, and Sexuality studies. Her cat Fritz continues to be an invaluable assistant for grading papers and practicing presentations.



**Kimberly Lucas** (Eighth Year PhD in Sociology and Social Policy) is in the midst of data collection for her dissertation project on family child care providers in Boston. She is also presently working as the Civic Research Director for the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics in Boston where she is leading a project on bringing Children's Savings Accounts to all Kindergartners in the city as well as identifying ways in which research/university partnerships can benefit the city and its residents. Kim is particularly interested in bringing more social science research to the city, so folks should contact her for more information if they're interested in learning more or building a partnership.

**Jake Pullis** (Second Year PhD) has gotten engaged! He and his fiancée, Corrina Lyon-Hall, live in Brighton. Jake is currently working with cohort member Ann Ward on a paper soon to be presented at the 2017 Eastern Sociological Society conference. Aside from that, Jake is seriously enjoying the experience he's getting working with the faculty as a teaching assistant.



**Catherine Tan** (Sixth Year PhD) is currently writing her dissertation and riding horses in Santiago, Chile. Her dissertation examines how advocates of the alternative biomedical and neurodiversity movements challenge mainstream attitudes and beliefs about Autism Spectrum Disorder. In addition, she continues to work (remotely) as a research associate through Tufts Medical Center on a NIMH funded project with Brandeis Sociology alumnus, Tom Mackie. In other news, Catherine recently adopted a stray German Shepard-looking puppy who wandered down from the Andes mountains. The puppy is named Pisco, after a Chilean national cocktail. Catherine will be moving Pisco to the US with her this summer.



**Ann Ward** (Second Year PhD) is currently exploring her interests in coursework. She is also working on a project with Jake Pullis that draws out the links between catastrophe swaps and environmental injustice. The two will be attending the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting in February to present their work. In her free time, Ann has been cooking up new dishes and learning to play Rugby.

*Some of our graduate students learning, celebrating, and having fun together!*



*Taking a break at "Borderlands" Conference  
at the University of Connecticut*



*Enjoying class outside on a beautiful day!*



*Gathering to watch and discuss a documentary about  
theorist Michel Foucault - popcorn included!*



## Department of Sociology ~ Tidbits

### Reflections from Professor Peter Conrad:

#### Joint Sociology-Heller Ph.D. ~ Two Decades of Success

In the early 1990s Peter Conrad and Janet Giele (sociologist at Heller School) began discussing the possibilities of a Joint Sociology-Heller Ph.D. program. In the previous decade a couple of students had cobbled together enough courses and an overlapping dissertation committee to informally designate their degrees as joint Sociology and Policy. Peter and Janet proposed the outlines of a more formal joint degree and after over a year of negotiations instituted an official joint degree. It attracted Sociology students interested in policy and Heller students attracted to an academic discipline. After a few administrative improvements, Ph.D. students in both Heller and Sociology could apply for the joint program after completing their first year in either Ph.D. program. In general, getting a joint degree required one additional year of coursework, modified comprehensive exams or portfolio, and a joint faculty dissertation committee.

Since the development of the program we have graduated 15 joint Ph.D., nearly all of whom are doing well. By Peter's count, 4 are tenured professors, 4 are tenure track professors, 2 are long-term contract faculty, 3 are employed by social research organizations (with an eye on academic jobs in the future), 1 founded and directs a community treatment center, and 1 is currently unknown. There are also 5 students currently active in the program, mostly at the dissertation stage. This program has been a real win-win for Heller and Sociology.



### Grants:

**Wendy Cadge** continues work on the Transforming Chaplaincy Project funded by The John Templeton Foundation (<http://www.researchliteratechaplaincy.org/>). She and colleagues George Fitchett, Rush University Medical Center and Trace Haythorn received a new grant from the Henry Luce Foundation, "Assessing and Reimagining Chaplaincy Education: the Case of Healthcare Chaplaincy" that will run from 2017 to 2020.

Wendy also received grant support with colleagues for new projects about chaplains in maritime and port contexts. With Helen Sampson (Cardiff University), Sophie Gillat-Ray (Cardiff University) and Graeme Smith (University of Chichester) she received a grant from the Economic and Social Research Council in the UK for a three and a half year project titled, "Religion in Multi-Ethnic Contexts: A Multidisciplinary Case Study of Global Seafaring." With Jason Zuidema of the North American Maritime Ministry Association she received a project grant for researchers from the Louisville Institute titled, "Congregation-Port Connections: Case Studies of Port Chaplaincy in the U.S. and Canada."

Wendy's work with photographer Randy Armor and architectural historian Alice Friedman (Wellesley College) was recognized by a grant from Mass Humanities (<http://www.hiddensacredspaces.org/>).

**Chandler Rosenberger** won a Whiting Fellowship to travel to China during his sabbatical this spring. Chandler is interested in better understanding the relationships among nationalism and globalization in contemporary Chinese society. He has been studying Mandarin Chinese at Brandeis for the past 18 months and looks forward to using what he has learned.

## Recent Graduates:

### Recent Sociology PhDs

#### **Brian Fair**

Dissertation Title: *“Youth Hockey in South Boston: Sport and Community in an Urban Neighborhood”*

#### **Jennifer Girouard**

Dissertation Title: *“When Law Comes to Town: Participation and Discourse in Fair Share Housing Hearings”*

### Recent Masters in Sociology

**Malaika El Hemel**

### Recent Masters in Sociology/ WGS

**Jaqueline Gonzalez**

## 2016-2017 Undergraduate Department Representatives (UDRs):

**Sharon Cai** ('18) is a junior from Brooklyn, NY majoring in Sociology and Health: Science, Society & Policy. On campus, she is a Community Advisor and currently involved with Brandeis Pluralism Alliance Steering Committee and United Against Inequities in Disease. Her studies focus on social determinants of health and illness and inequalities in healthcare. She spent summer 2016 in the “Health, Law & Justice” Justice Brandeis Summer program and studied Public Health abroad fall 2016 in Copenhagen, Denmark.



**Kimberly Montano** ('17) is a senior from Los Angeles, California and on a pre-med track. Majoring in Biology and Sociology with a minor in Chemistry, she hopes to become a surgical Physician Assistant focusing on pediatric oncology/hematology. She currently volunteers at Prospect Hill, Spectrum and is an undergrad research assistant for the Wangh Lab. Her lab project focuses on HPV linked to cervical cancer, and she is currently working on her senior thesis. Sociology of Health and Illness sparked her interest in sociology, and she's thrilled to represent two different departments at Brandeis. She hopes to be a liaison to any undergrads and especially those that are interested in Sociology while having interests in other fields.

**Allison Plotnik** ('18) is a junior from Rochester, NY majoring in Sociology and Education Studies. On campus, she is the senior copy editor and treasurer for The Brandeis Hoot, chats at admissions, and is involved with Waltham Group. Within the field of sociology, she is focused on education and inequalities in the education system. This past summer, she worked in the programming office at a Jewish summer camp in Upstate New York. She plans to study Sociology and Child Development & Diversity in Copenhagen, Denmark for the spring 2017 semester.



**Jessica Star** ('17) is a senior majoring in Sociology and Theater Arts. She is currently working on her senior thesis in the Sociology Department with hopes of pursuing a PhD in Medical Sociology next year. She is also a member of Proscenium Acapella, an Orientation Leader, and a Stage Manager/Lighting Designer for Hold thy Peace and the Undergraduate Theater Collective. This summer she will be going to Peru to teach English, and is excited to be an Undergraduate Department Representative for her second year.

## 2016-2017 Colloquia Series:

### Fall 2016

#### **Arlie Hochschild**

Emerita Professor of Sociology at UC Berkeley

*Strangers in Their Own Land: Anger and Mourning on the American Right*



#### **Carla Shedd**

Assistant Professor of Sociology and African American Studies at Columbia University

*When Protection becomes Punishment: Policing the Public (Schools) in an Unequal City*

#### **Allison Pugh**

Associate Professor of Sociology at University of Virginia

*The Tumbleweed Society*





**Ya-Wen Lei**

Assistant Professor of Sociology at Harvard University

*The Contentious Public Sphere in China: Law, Media and the Dilemma of Authoritarian Rule*

**Please refer to our website for details on our Spring Colloquia Series:**

<http://www.brandeis.edu/departments/sociology>

**In Memoriam:**



*It is with sympathy that we share the sad news of former members of our community who passed away...*

**Ruth Ice**, 87, social worker, writer, and activist passed away this past fall. She was married to Vic Walter, a Brandeis sociologist in the 60s and 70s. Ms. Ice, a longtime political activist who became a social worker in her mid-60s and ran a private practice into her early 80s, died of complications of Alzheimer's disease July 22 in Colorado, at Eagle's Nest Assisted Living. While Ice was studying at Ohio State University, she met her future husband, Vic Walter. By chance they encountered each other again a few months later while each was visiting New York City and both happened to be in the Public Library's main branch. In 1958, Ms. Ice moved to Waltham with Dr. Walter and his three children from an earlier marriage. The couple married in 1960, and the family settled in Brookline four years later. Dr. Walter, a writer who taught political science at Brandeis University and sociology at Boston University, passed away in 2003. Ms. Ice's later-in-life social work career "was a way for her to feel that she was helping people and working for social justice," her daughter Alexandra said. "She was a very strong advocate for the poor. Being Spanish-speaking, she helped a lot of the Latin American people she met in Boston." Ruth Ice is survived by her daughter Alexandra Walter of Madison, Wisconsin, and her three stepchildren Lacey McLean of Sheridan, Texas, Claudia Rush of Austin, Texas, and Ian Walter of Paige, Texas; two other daughters, Natasha Walter-Fisk and Jenia Walter, both of Fort Collins, Colo.; and three grandchildren.



**Kristine Keese**, 82, passed away peacefully on Oct. 8, 2016 at her home in Plymouth, MA. She was born in Warsaw, Poland on November 26, 1933. As a little girl, she survived incarceration in the Warsaw

Ghetto and then immigrated to the United States and settled in New York after the war with her family. For a number of years, Keese also taught in the Sociology Department at Brandeis University. While she was there, she wrote the book “Fathers Without Partners” with co-author Harry F. Keshet, published in 1981, a study of fathers and the family after marital separation. She left academic life to live and work on a fishing boat with her husband, along the coast of Florida and in Alaska, where she was an evaluator for the newly-instituted Native education program under a grant from the Office of Education. She and her husband also spent a year on the North coast of Haiti attempting to organize a fishing cooperative. At the time of her death, she was a resident of Wellfleet and Plymouth, MA and operated an organic cranberry bog together with her husband. Prior to her death, Keese published an autobiography entitled “Shadows of Survival: A Child’s Memoir of the Warsaw Ghetto”, an account of her experiences in Poland during World War II. Kristine is survived by her husband of 36 years, Robert Keese, her aunt Marysia Lubowski Winkleman, her children, Richard, Lisa and Jeffrey Rosenthal, her step-children, Eileen, Bobby and Andy Keese, and their families, including six grandchildren and step-grandchildren. She was greatly loved by her friends and family and will be missed.





## PhD Alumni

**Tobin Belzer** (PhD, 2004) works as an applied sociologist, developing research and program evaluations to support the work of nonprofit organizations and philanthropists. She is a contributing fellow at the Center for Religion and Civic Culture at the University of Southern California.

<https://crcc.usc.edu/people/tobin-belzer/> This year, Tobin was also a visiting scholar at the Taube Center for Jewish Studies at Stanford University. With her colleagues at Stanford, she recently had an article published in the journal *Contemporary Jewry*, "The Social Self: Toward the Study of Jewish Lives in the Twenty-first Century": <http://rdcu.be/mveM> She is also very proud of her evaluation report about the American Muslim Civic Leadership Institute.

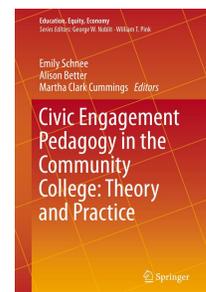
<https://crcc.usc.edu/report/10-years-of-the-american-muslim-civic-leadership-institute-evaluation-report/>

**Meredith Bergey** (PhD, 2015) is completing her second year of teaching in the Department of Sociology at the University of Virginia. In addition to teaching, she is working with undergraduate students to create a new hospital-based initiative, called Virginia Health Compass, to address social determinants of health in a pediatric clinic. Starting in the fall of 2017, Meredith is excited to be joining the Department of Sociology and Criminology at Villanova University as a tenure track Assistant Professor.

*Recent publications:*

- Bergey, Meredith R., Angela M. Filipe, Peter Conrad, and Iliana Singh (editors). *Global Perspectives on ADHD: Social Dimensions of Diagnosis and Treatment in 16 Countries*. Johns Hopkins University Press, forthcoming.
- Bergey, Meredith R., and Peter Conrad. "The Rise and Transformation of ADHD in the USA." In: Bergey, Meredith R., Angela M. Filipe, Peter Conrad, and Iliana Singh (editors). *Global Perspectives on ADHD: Social Dimensions of Diagnosis and Treatment in 16 Countries*. Johns Hopkins University Press, forthcoming.
- "The Changing Drivers of Medicalization." In Cohen, Bruce (editor). *Routledge International Handbook of Critical Mental Health*. Informa/Taylor Francis, forthcoming.
- Goldsack, Jennifer C., Meredith R. Bergey, Susan Mascioli, and Janet Cunningham. 2015. "Hourly rounding and patient falls: What factors boost success?" *Nursing* 45(2): 25-30.

**Alison Better** (PhD, 2010) has been promoted to Associate Professor at Kingsborough Community College, CUNY where she is also Sociology Area Coordinator and, as of September 2016, Co-Director of Women's and Gender Studies. She co-edited (with Emily Schnee and Martha Clark Cummings) and contributed a chapter to a new book *Civic Engagement Pedagogy in the Community College: Theory and Practice* which was published in 2016 by Springer.



**Janet Mancini Billson** (PhD, 1976), Director of Group Dimensions International (Woolwich, Maine), recently conducted several qualitative research methods workshops for the Ministry of Regional Development, Czech Republic, funded by the European Union Cohesion Fund, including: "The Foundations of Focus Group Research: A Systematic and Scientific Approach to Support Evaluation" and a "Train-the-Trainers" workshop in conducting systematic focus groups. She also gave a keynote speech for the Czech Evaluation Society's annual meeting in November, "Maximizing Credible Results from Focus Group Discussions," and chaired a panel session on "Evaluation as the Sword of Damocles – How

to Use Conclusions and Recommendations.” Billson is currently working on a new book, *Between Two Fires: Indigenous, Immigrant, and Refugee Women in the Canadian Mosaic*, and two articles: “Refugee Camps as Inherently Marginalized Settlements: Rethinking Critical Policies and Essential Outcomes” and “The Implications of Closing Dadaab Refugee Camp, Kenya.” Her most recent publication, “Group Dynamics in the College Classroom,” was published as a chapter in Jan Remmerswaal, ed., *Supervising Groups: Group Dynamics in Practice [Begeleiden van Groepen: Groeps Dynamic in Praktijk]*, Houten, Netherlands: Bohn Stafleu von Loghum (Springer) in late 2015.



**Phil Brown** (PhD, 1979) received a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) grant supplement from the NSF Science, Technology and Society Program on his existing “Perfluorinated Chemicals: The Social Discovery of a Class of Emerging Contaminants.” It supports two students each year for two years on paid 6-month co-ops. Phil is in the beginning stages of organizing a national conference on perfluorinated chemicals to be held June 14-15, 2017 at Northeastern University. This year Phil has published or has in press the following articles: Jennifer Ohayon, Rachel Morello-Frosch, Julia Brody, Phil Brown, and Elicia Cousins, “Researcher and Institutional Review Board Reflections on the Benefits and Challenges of Reporting Back Biomonitoring and Environmental Exposure Results” *Environmental Research*; Alissa Cordner, Lauren Richter, and Phil Brown, “Can chemical-class based approaches replace chemical-by-chemical strategies?: Lessons from recent FDA regulatory action on perfluorinated compounds.” *Environmental Science & Technology*; Katherine E. Boronow, Herbert P. Susmann, Krzysztof Z. Gajos, Ruthann A. Rudel, Kenneth C. Arnold, Phil Brown, Rachel Morello-Frosch, Laurie Havas, and Julia Green Brody “DERBI: A Digital Method to Help Researchers Offer “Right-to-Know” Personal Exposure Results” *Environmental Health Perspectives*; Jacob Matz, Phil Brown, and Julia Brody “Social Science-Environmental Health Collaborations: An Exciting New Direction” *New Solutions*; Carmen Milagros Vélez Vega, Phil Brown, Colleen Murphy, Abigail Figueroa, José Cordero, and Akram Alshawabkeh, “Community Engagement and Research Translation in Puerto Rico’s Northern Karst Region: The PROTECT Superfund Research Program” *New Solutions*; Monica Ramirez-Andreotta, Julia Green Brody, Nathan Lothrop, Miranda Loh, Paloma I. Beamer, and Phil Brown, “Improving Environmental Health Literacy and Justice Through Environmental Exposure Results Communication.” *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*; Laura Senier, Phil Brown, Sara Shostak, and Bridget Hanna, “The Socio-Exposome: Advancing Environmental Science in a Post-Genomic Era.” *Environmental Sociology*; Monica Ramirez-Andreotta, Julia Green Brody, Nathan Lothrop, Miranda Loh, Paloma I Beamer, and Phil Brown, “Building Informal Science Education and Environmental Health Literacy through Reporting Back Environmental Exposure Data.” *Environmental Health*; Matthew Judge, Phil Brown, Julia Brody, Ruthann Rudel, and Serena Ryan, “The Exposure Experience: Participant Responses to a Biomonitoring Study of Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA).” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*; Dvera I. Saxton, Phil Brown, Samarys Seguinot-Medina, Lorraine Eckstein, David O. Carpenter, Pamela K. Miller, and Vi Waghiyi, “Environmental Justice and the Right to Research: IRB Opposition to Chemical Biomonitoring of Breast Milk.” *Environmental Health*; and Oscar Zarate, Julia Green Brody, Phil Brown, Monica Ramirez-Andreotta, Laura Perovich, and Jacob Matz, “Balancing Benefits and Risks of Immortal Data: Participants’ Views of Open Consent in the Personal Genome Project, *Hastings Center Report*. 2016. 46:1-10.



*Phil's klezmer band  
Too Klez for Comfort  
plays at Boston  
Marathon*

*Phil Brown testifying  
(successfully) at Boston City  
Council to change fire code  
in order to decrease toxic  
flame retardants in use*



*Phil Brown and co-author Holli Levitsky  
as display of their book *Summer Haven:  
The Catskills, the Holocaust, and the Literary  
Imagination* at the Association for Jewish  
Studies conference*

**Levon Chorbajian** (PhD, 1974) is in his 47th year with the Sociology Department at UMass Lowell.

*Publications:*

- "Globalization and Neo-liberalism: Their Opponents and Their Application to Armenia" in Sven Eliaeson et al, eds., After the Soviet Empire. Leiden: Brill, 2016, pp. 273-295.
- "'They Brought It on Themselves' and It Never Happened: Denial to 1939" in Alexis Demirdjian, ed., The Armenian Genocide Legacy. Basingstoke, U.K.: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016, pp. 167-182.

*Presentations:*

- "Roily Exchanges: Newspaper Wars at the Hairenik Weekly and the Armenian Mirror-Spectator in 1951" Armenians and the Cold War Conference, University of Michigan, 2016.
- "Defense or Prosecution: Does One Side Have an Advantage?" Justice Studies Association, Albany University, 2016.

**Deborah J. Cohan** (PhD, 2005) is the assistant Professor of Sociology, University of South Carolina Beaufort. One of the more significant accomplishments this year was being chosen for *Utne Reader* as seen below. Also, it was an absolute thrill being featured on such a great radio station because of her writing for *Psychology Today* (link below).

*Book Chapters, Forthcoming (contracts signed):*

- "Violence, Rage, Creativity and the Re-birth of the Self," in *Violent States: Individual to International Creative States: Overcoming Violence*. Editors: John Adlam, James Gilligan, Tilman Kluttig, Bandy X. Lee and John L. Young. Jessica Kingsley Publishers, Forthcoming, 2017.
- "Black Women's Rage and Activism" in *Violence Against Black Bodies*, edited by Sandra Weisinger, Dwayne Mack and Elwood Watson. Routledge, Forthcoming, June 2017.

*Book Chapters in Print:*

- "Learning for a Change: Rage and the Promise of the Feminist Classroom," in *Teaching Sex and Gender in Contemporary America*, edited by Kristin Haltinner and Ryanne Pilgeram. Springer Press. May 2016.
- "The Gold Pen," essay in anthology titled, *Letting Go: Feminist and Social Justice Insights and Activism*, co-edited by Catherine Valentine and Donna King, Vanderbilt University Press 2015. *The Utne Reader* selected this chapter for reprinting and it ranked as one of their "most popular" articles on their website. <http://www.utne.com/mind-and-body/dementia-and-the-gold-pen-ze0z1604zsel.aspx>

*Peer-Reviewed Articles in Scholarly Journals:*

- "It's S'More Than All That!: Gender Benders and the Creation of Feminist Community at USCB," co-authored with Kimberly Cavanagh, Ph.D., *Feminist Teacher*, Vol. 25, No.2-3, pp-124-138. Spring 2016.

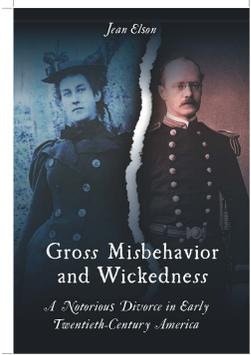
- “The Grief of a Teacher: Trauma, Dis/connection and Institutional Paradox” *The E-Journal of Public Affairs, Special Issue on Higher Education’s Role in Preventing and Responding to Gender Based Violence*, September 2015. <https://ejopa.missouristate.edu/index.php/ejournal/article/view/78/90>  
*Public Sociology on the Internet:*

- Regular writer for *Psychology Today*, <https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/social-lights>  
As a result of the success of an article she published with *Psychology Today*, she was invited for a radio interview on KGO-AM RADIO, out of San Francisco, California:  
<https://audioboom.com/boos/4912371-august-8-2016-sending-kids-to-college>
- Published Op-ed on gender and the election in *The San Francisco Chronicle*, August 3, 2016.  
<http://www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/openforum/article/Gender-matters-in-the-presidential-election-9111255.php?t=981cc13ba2958a2cf9&cmpid=fb-premium>
- Published Op-ed on the controversy in North Carolina on transgender students and restrooms. *Myrtle Beach Sun News*, May 9, 2016.  
<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article76488342.html>
- Her Sociology of the Body course was selected to be featured on the following website, Fall 2015:  
<http://www.contemplativepracticesforantioppressionpedagogy.com/blog/emodied-writing-in-a-sociology-of-the-body-class-by-dr-deborah-j-cohan>
- Invited Expert, Collaborator, and Writer for website to assist LGBTQ youth and school personnel, Fall 2015: <http://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/resources/lgbtq-student-support/>

*Poetry:*

- “The Monday After Umpqua,” poem on gun violence and mass shootings featured in BANG!, an anthology. Over 700 poems were submitted and approximately 80 are being published. Forthcoming.
- “A Rage Against/ From the Female Body,” poem featured in the anthology, *Purple Sparks: Poetry by Survivors of Sexual Assault*, Youth Sparks, January 2016.

**Jean Elson** (MA, 1996 and PhD, 2000) is Emerita in the Department of Sociology at the University of New Hampshire. She has a forthcoming new book to be released in Spring 2017 from Temple University Press, *Gross Misbehavior and Wickedness: A Notorious Divorce in Early Twentieth-Century America*.



**Mindy Fried** (PhD, 1996) has been juggling a number of exciting endeavors this year. Her new book, *Caring for Red: a Daughter’s Memoir* (Vanderbilt University Press, 2016) was released in September, and she is currently taking it on the road to speak in bookstores (e.g., Seattle, Albuquerque, Boston), at universities (e.g., Georgia State, Brandeis, Boston College), at a synagogue (in Lancaster, Pennsylvania), at a continuous care facility (Cherry Hill, New Jersey), at conferences (e.g. Easterns, Global Care Work Conference), and Book Fairs (e.g. Buffalo). Her book talk at Brandeis is on January 19, from 12:30-2 PM, sponsored by the Women’s Studies Research Center. Mindy is now the co-Executive Director of Hoopla Productions, where she co-produces arts events aimed at bringing people together across the divides of race, class, culture and immigrant status. She continues to consult to nonprofit organizations as Co-Principal of Arbor Consulting Partners ([www.arborcp.com](http://www.arborcp.com)), using evaluation research as a tool to help organizations strengthen their programming, and this is her third year teaching Evaluation Research in the Sociology Department at Boston College. In her spare time, Mindy has been playing piano, hiking and protesting the new political regime. Her daughter, Sasha, who grew up in the department, lives in DC, where she produces arts events for an awesome nonprofit, is training to be a yoga teacher, and performs with her band Sasha and the Sunday blues. Here’s Mindy’s new website: [www.mindyfried.com](http://www.mindyfried.com).



**Amanda Gengler** (PhD, 2014) Assistant Professor of Sociology at Wake Forest University, published articles based on her dissertation research with families of critically ill children in the November 2015 issue of *Symbolic Interaction*, and the Winter 2016 issue of *Contexts*. She was recently awarded a research grant from the American Sociological Association's Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline for her next project, which examines the social and emotional dynamics involved in the newly emerging field of regenerative medicine and tissue engineering. Last but certainly not least, she will soon be welcoming her first child, due to arrive in the spring of 2017.

**Mary Godwyn** (PhD, 2000) was recently promoted to full professor at Babson College.

*Book:*

2015: [Ethics and Diversity in Business Management Education: A Sociological Study with International Scope](#). Heidelberg, Germany: Springer-Verlag.

*Book chapters:*

- Forthcoming 2017: "Management Education as the Crucible for Ethical Social Change" coauthored with Suzanne Fox Buchele in *Organizational Culture, Positive Impacts and Resilience*, Karen Wendt, (Ed.) as part of the series *CSR, Sustainability, Ethics and Government*. Switzerland: Springer International Publishing. ISBN: 978-3-319-10117-0
- Forthcoming 2017: "The Banality of Good and Evil: Ethics Courses in Business Management Education," in *Dimensional Corporate Governance: An Inclusive Approach*, Capaldi, Nicholas, Idowu, Samuel O., and Schmidpeter, Rene (Eds.) Switzerland: Springer International.

*Article:*

2016: "Surviving and Thriving in Constructive Conflict: The Emotional Lives of Business Ethics Faculty and Non-Profit Human Service Workers" (coauthored with Jana Craft, PhD) in *Research in Ethical Issues in Organizations*, Volume 16, Special Issue on The Contribution of Love, and Hate, to Organizational Ethics, Michael Schwartz, Howard Harris and Debra R. Comer (eds.) ISBN: 978-1-78635-504-1 eISBN: 978-1-78635-503-4. [10.1108/S1529-209620160000016003](http://www.emeraldinsight.com/series/reio) <http://www.emeraldinsight.com/series/reio>

**Hank Greenspan** (PhD, 1985) continues to write and teach about Holocaust survivors and other survivors of genocide and political violence at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. This project is grounded in interviews with survivors that began in the 1970s and were the core of his Brandeis doctoral dissertation. Hank's approach has been to interview the same survivors multiple times--sometimes over years--rather than in the one-time "testimony" model that developed later.

Relevant books include *On Listening to Holocaust Survivors: Beyond Testimony* (1998, 2010, 2nd, expanded edition). In the early 1990s he also wrote a play, REMNANTS, which is based on his years of conversation with survivors. 2017-18 is the 25th anniversary of the first production of the piece, which was for radio on NPR. Over the past twenty years, Henry has been doing it as a one-person stage play--now in over 300 venues worldwide. REMNANTS includes 7 different voices--four women, three men. Doing that as a one-man show has been an adventure.



**Janice Irvine** (PhD, 1984) was at Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania as a Fulbright Scholar in 2016. While there, she visited the tiny Transylvanian village, Tătărești, where her grandfather and mother were born, and unexpectedly discovered many family members living there.



**Heather Jacobson** (PhD, 2006) is Associate Professor at the University of Texas at Arlington where she directs the graduate program and teaches courses on families, reproduction, and qualitative research methods. Her new book, *Labor of Love: Gestational Surrogacy and the Work of Making Babies*, the first book-length treatment of commercial gestational surrogacy in the United States, was recently published by Rutgers University Press. In April, she appeared on the NPR program, *THINK*, for an hour-long program devoted to *Labor of Love* (links to the podcast and to other information on the book can be found at [www.heatherjacobsononline.com](http://www.heatherjacobsononline.com)). She recently returned from Paris where she was invited to discuss U.S. surrogacy at the first international scientific conference on surrogacy in France (a conference that was picketed by protestors!). She co-organized a mini-conference on reproduction at the Easterns in 2016. She also published "Anonymity in Third Party Reproduction: an Old Dilemma in New Packaging?" in the *Journal of Law and Biosciences*.

**Christa Kelleher** (PhD, 2003) is in her 10<sup>th</sup> year as Research and Policy Director, Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy and 15<sup>th</sup> year as Associate Lecturer, Gender, Leadership, and Public Policy Graduate Program (formerly Program for Women in Politics and Public Policy) at the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies, UMass Boston.

**Val Leiter** (PhD, 2001) is currently working on two projects, one on the FDA's regulation of medical devices for women's health, and the other on individuals' experiences of living with autoimmune conditions. For the FDA project, she has been working with co-author Shelley White on papers, such as "Enmeshed in Controversy: Claims About the Risks of Vaginal Mesh Devices," published in *Health, Risk & Society* last year. Val is seeking people to interview on the autoimmune project, with an eye towards a future book. She is also serving as Vice President of SSSP this year.

**Donald Light** (PhD, 1970) has had a special year. He was awarded the Pellegrino Medal in Bioethics for a career of contributions, and the first Donald Light award at the ASA was made for the best contribution to applied medical sociology. An invitation to be a visiting professor at Cambridge University led to a springtime of meeting with English colleagues and giving talks at LSE, Oxford, and elsewhere. [Good Pharma, the Public Health Model of the Mario Negri Institute](#), received favorable reviews in the [Hastings Center Report](#) and in [Sociology of Health and Illness](#). Don is building on this model of uncommercialized research for better drugs, free of the biases that patients bring, at the Institute for Advanced Study. Don continues to work with Doctors Without Borders on vaccine access.

**Louise Levesque Lopman** (MA, 1975 and PhD, 1977), Professor Emerita of Sociology at Regis College, is continuing her appointment as Resident Scholar at the Brandeis Women's Studies Research Center. Her book, *El Salvador NOT For Sale! Women Maquila (Sweatshop) Workers in the Post-war Struggle for Dignity, Human Rights and Social Justice*, is under revision for an academic press. Recently, Louise moved to Northampton, MA.

**Peter Ludes** (MA, 1975 and PhD, 1983)

*Online Publications:*

- Cologne Media Lecture, December 15, 2015 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZD8xOOtmCnA>
- <http://projectcensored.org/initiative-news-enlightenment-germany-uses-censored-yearbooks-model-assessment-major-neglected-news/>
- <http://www.cicero.de/kapital/algorithmen-wir-uebernehmen-keine-haftung>

*Publications in Print:*

- "Updating Marx's Concept of Alternatives", in Christian Fuchs and Vincent Mosco, eds.: *Marx and the Political Economy of the Media*, Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2016, pp. 338-361 (previously published in *tripleC* 10(2)/2012, pp. 555-569).

- "Long-Term Power Presentation Shifts: From Key Audio-Visual Narratives to an Update of Elias's Theory on the Process of Civilisation", in: Birgit Mersmann and Hans G. Kippenberg (Eds.): *The Humanities between Global Integration and Cultural Diversity*. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2016, pp.188-210.
- "Norbert Elias' Interview für Telos: Kontexte", in: Erik Jentges (Ed.): *Das Staatsverständnis von Norbert Elias*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2016, pp. 33-35.
- "Staatenumbildungen und Habitus-Umbrüche" (State Transformations and Habitus Shifts), in: Erik Jentges (Ed.): *Das Staatsverständnis von Norbert Elias*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2016, pp. 177-196.

*Ludes - November 2016, Keynote, Cologne, Media Upheavals of National Myths:  
"National Myths and International Narratives"*



**Larry Miller** (BA, 1969 and PhD, 1980) and Maurice Stein, Professor of Sociology emeritus, published a book, *Blueprint for Counter Education* with Doubleday in 1970. Over the past couple of years there has been a spate of re-interest in this ancient tome. It was re issued, with a second volume of commentary attached, in April of 2016. There was an exhibit of the book, the posters which are the heart of the book and supporting materials at MOMA PS1 in NY in September 2015. It was included in the art and design exhibition *Hippie Modernism The Search for Utopia* at the Walker in Minneapolis and latter at Cranbrook and (upcoming) The Pacific Museum at Berkeley CA. There will be seminars on *Blueprint* at LAXART in Los Angeles and the museum at Berkeley in 2017. The three posters and the book will also be included in an exhibition entitled *Learning Laboratories: Architecture, Instructional Technologies and the Social Production of Pedagogical Space around 1970* which will be held at BAK (basis voor actuele kunst) Utrecht, The Netherlands from Dec 2, 201 to Feb 5, 2017. A conference on these themes is also being planned for February.

**Karl Pillemer** (PhD, 1985) was named the Director of the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research at Cornell University (where he is the Hazel E. Reed Professor of Human Development and Professor of Gerontology in Medicine). In true Brandeis-sociology spirit, the center seeks to promote a better marriage between science and service, fostering opportunities for faculty to conduct research in real-world settings. With over 60 staff, the center's projects tackle social problems across the life span, including interventions that address child abuse, needs of youth in residential care; teen sexual behavior; families of incarcerated people; and elder abuse and neglect, among others (<https://www.bctr.cornell.edu/>). Visitors always welcome!

**Debbie Potter** (PhD, 2007) co-authored three articles from an NIH-funded grant on healthy eating in two African-American communities in Kentucky. Her book chapter, "Acting Out at the Medico-Legal Borderland: Conduct Disorder and the Medicalization of Children's Deviant Behavior" currently is in press for the 2017 *Routledge Handbook on Deviance*. During her fall sabbatical at the University of Louisville, she drafted articles from her mental health Peer Support Specialist project that now are under review and began analyzing interview data about "whole health," from women who live with a mental health disorder (clinical depression) and a chronic physical condition (diabetes). Finally, in October she and both of her agility dogs (Dylan and Java Joe) competed in the North American Dog Agility Council (NADAC) Championships in Salt Lake City.

**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 is currently working on evaluation projects with the Michigan Department of Education, the Center for Applied Special Technology (CAST) and other non-profits. Brad has a short article, "Applied Sociologists as Program Evaluators," forthcoming in the book, *Sociologists in Action* (Sage, 2017.) When not working, Brad also continues to write and publish poetry and flash fiction. Two recent examples, "Ventriloquists on the Radio" and "Echo Park," can be read and heard at decomP Magazine: <http://www.decompmagazine.com/rosepoems.htm> He's completing the manuscript for his second collection of poems and fiction, *Momentary Turbulence* which he hopes to publish in 2017. Links to his published poetry and fiction, which appear in over 50 journals including the Los Angeles Times, The American Journal of Poetry, And Boston Literary Magazine, are at <http://bradrosepoetry.blogspot.com/>

**Marilyn Rueschemeyer** (PhD, 1978) had a number of books published including: *Professional Work and Marriage: An East-West Comparison*, St. Antony's, Oxford University, Macmillan Series London and New York: St. Martin's Press, 1981, paperback 1986, and *Soviet Emigre Artists: Life and Work in the United States and USSR* (co-authors Igor Golomshtok and Janet Kennedy). She also published as a special issue of the International Journal of Sociology titled *The Quality of Life in the German Democratic Re. public: Changes and Developments in a State Socialist Society*, (edited with Christiane Lemke) New York and London: M.E.Sharpe. And *East Germany in Comparative Perspective*, (edited and co-authored with David Childs and Thomas Baylis) London and New York: Routledge, 1989.

**Rubén G. Rumbaut** (PhD, 1978):

- Visiting Scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation in New York City for 2016-2017 where he is working on a book called "The New Second Generation in Middle Adulthood" (with Cynthia Feliciano) supported by research grants from the Russell Sage and Spencer Foundations.
- Member, Commission on Language Learning, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (final report in press). <https://www.amacad.org/content/Research/researchproject.aspx?i=21896>

*Presentations:*

- The University of California, Irvine Inaugural Conference, UCI's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Academic Symposium Series, October 2015: "Transforming Migrations: Beyond the 1965 Immigration Act." *Video of presentation starts at 15 minute mark:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pv1EL4qvA2Y&>
- At the ASA annual meetings, August 2016: "Reflections on the Obama Presidency: Impact and Potential Legacy on International Relations".
- At Harvard University and at Brookhaven (Waltham, MA), October 6 and 7, 2016: "Reflections on Immigrant America: From the Great Inclusion to the Great Expulsion".
- At the Russell Sage Foundation, October 19, 2016: "Zombie Ideas and Moral Panics: Framing Immigrants as Criminal and Cultural Threats" Published (November 2, 2016) at: <https://www.russellsage.org/zombie-ideas-and-moral-panics-framing-immigrants-criminal-and-cultural-threats>

*Rubén G. Rumbaut and his first grandchild, Zane:*



**Jill Smith** (PhD, 2014) and **Ken Chih-Yan Sun** (PhD, 2011) co-wrote a paper that has been accepted for publication in *Symbolic Interaction*. The article is called "Parenting, Uncertainty, and Expert Advice: How Privileged American Families Work With Private Counselors in their Children's College Race."

**Cheryl D. Stults** (PhD, 2009) is a research sociologist at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation Research Institute. She is currently a co-investigator for a Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) study "Creating a Patient-Centered Tool to Help Medicare Beneficiaries Choose Prescription Drug Plans" and a co-principal investigator for a Tier III PCORI pipeline to proposal project on "Fostering Successful Aging: Comparing Two Approaches to Preventive Care for Older Patients."

<http://www.pamf.org/research/studies/people/cheryl-stults>

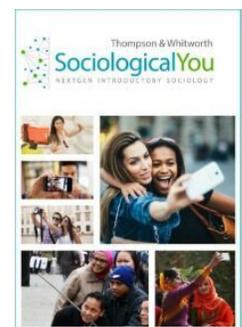
*Publications and Presentations:*

- Stults CD, McClellan S, Panattoni L, Mazza MC, Tai-Seale M. "Estimating the Human Resource Costs of Developing and Implementing Shared Medical Appointments in Primary Care." *J Ambul Care Manage*. 2016 Jan-Mar; 39(1):23-31.
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- Tai-Seale M, Elwyn G, Wilson C, Stults CD, Dillon E, Li M, Meehan A, Chuang J, Frosch DL. Enhancing shared decision making through carefully designed interventions that target patient and provider behavior. *Health Aff (Millwood)*. 2016;35(4):605-612.
- Sharing experiences and expertise: the Health Care Systems Research Network workshop on patient engagement in research. Madrid S, Tuzzio L, Stults CD, Wright LA, Napolitano G, Dillon E, Tabano H, Greene SM. *J Patient Cent Res Rev*. 2016;3:159-66. 2016 Aug 12.
- Stults, CD. Engaging Patients as Stakeholders to Foster More Open Communication with Primary Care Providers. Academy Health Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, 2015 (oral presentation).
- Stults, CD. Discussant for Joe Selby (PCORI) plenary presentation on "Translating Precision Medicine Advancements into Clinical Practice," annual meeting for Health Care Systems Research Network, Atlanta, GA, 2016. (research discussant with oral commentary)
- Stults, CD, Dillon E. "Caring for the Patient Stakeholder Partnership." Patient Engagement in Research Symposium at the annual meeting for Health Care Systems Research Network, Atlanta, GA 2016. (co-presenter)

**Angela Thompson** (PhD, 1998 and MA, 1993) coauthored an introduction to a Sociology textbook titled *SociologicalYou*, which was recently launched. The book is a NextGen comprehensive learning system based on the "read a little, do a little" approach to learning outlined in the ground breaking book *Make It Stick, The Science of Successful Learning* by McDaniel, Brown and Roediger. The 15 chapters of *SociologicalYou* are



divided into five modules: Sociological Perspective, Social Structures, Social Problems, Sociological Imagination, and Social Changes. Each chapter has learning objectives, end of module assessments, study guides and key term Quizlets to help students learn the material. Simultaneous to the debut of the book is the launch of the Instructor and Student websites. These resources offer a plethora of content designed help the instructor be the sage on the stage. To find out more information visit <http://sociologicalyou.com/>



**Miranda Waggoner** (PhD, 2011) is now Assistant Professor of Sociology at Florida State University.

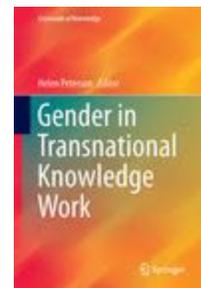
*Recent publications:*

- Waggoner, Miranda. 2015. "Cultivating the Maternal Future: Public Health and the Pre-Pregnant Self." *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 40(4): 939-962
- Waggoner, Miranda R. and Tobias Uller. 2015. "Epigenetic Determinism in Science and Society." *New Genetics and Society* 37(2): 177-195.

**Karen Werner** (PhD, 2004) has been producing audio stories and radio documentaries for the Australian Broadcast Corporation (ABC) for the past few years and has also been writing and presenting about audio ethnography at the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry. In 2016, Karen's radio documentary, "Laws of Lost and Found Objects" won the Grand Prix Marulic, an international radio feature prize. You can hear her audio stories at [www.karenwerner.net](http://www.karenwerner.net)

**Yasmin Zaidi** (PhD, 2012) is truly grateful to Brandeis and the Sociology Department as well as the Heller School of Social Policy for the environment that was both challenging and encouraging that allowed her to develop and hone her analytical and research skills. Yasmin would love to explore opportunities for collaboration and would be happy to host students who may want to do research here in Pakistan.

- Published a chapter in the edited book: Zaidi, Yasmin. Poster W. "Shifting Masculinities in the South Asian Outsourcing Industry." Chap. 7 in *Gender in Transnational Knowledge Work*, edited by Helen Peterson, 119-140. Springer International Publishing, 2017. The chapter draws on the research done for the PhD dissertation but has a different take. She is still hoping to publish the dissertation someday!
- Zaidi also worked on a research publication, the second in the series of the Status of Women in Pakistan Reports- conceptualized and authored by Yasmin with quantitative analysis by a colleague and faculty member of the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics where she teaches one course a year as visiting faculty. The publication was commissioned by UN Women Pakistan. Zaidi Y., Farooq S. et al. 2016. *Women's Economic Participation and Empowerment in Pakistan- Status Report 2016*. UN Women Pakistan. Downloadable at:



<http://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/publications/2016/05/status-report-on-womens-economic-participation-and-empowerment>

- In 2016 the Center that Yasmin founded, the Center of Gender and Policy Studies (CGaPS) received its first large grant from the UN Democracy Fund (UNDEF) for a project on political mobilization of women and setting up a network of women voters- an idea derived from the League of Women Voters in the U.S.

**Dana Zarhin** (PhD, 2013)

*Upcoming Publications:*

- Zarhin, Dana. "Researching sleep-related problems drawing on interviews with both patients and their partners: Thoughts about post-dissertation research." *SAGE Research Methods Cases*.
- Zarhin, Dana. "Delaying and seeking care for Obstructive Sleep Apnea: The role of gender, family, and morality." Accepted for publication in *Health: An Interdisciplinary Journal for the Social Study of Health, Illness and Medicine*.

*Publication Recently Printed:*

Zarhin, Dana. 2016. "Sleep as a gendered family affair: Snoring and the 'dark side' of relationships." *Qualitative Health Research* 26(14):1888–1901. DOI: 10.1177/1049732315583270.



*Zarhin's presentation at the European Society for Health and Medical Sociology (ESHMS) conference in Geneva last June*

## **BA and Masters Alumni**

**Joshua Basseches** (BA, 2012) continues to pursue his PhD in Sociology at Northwestern University. In addition to his own work on state-level climate change politics and social movements, which he presented this past year at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association and the Social Science History Association, he has recently joined two faculty members' research projects – one on state-level incarceration policy and the other on the policymaking influence of organized business in the United States. He is grateful to his undergraduate sociology professors at Brandeis for helping to launch him on this exciting path.

**Rosanna Hertz** (BA, 1975; MA and PhD from Northwestern University) was on Sabbatical Fall 2016 and enjoyed the time off from teaching at Wellesley College where she just completed another three year period as Chair of the Women's and Gender Studies Department. Presently, Rosanna is busy with research on families who conceived children using donors. She is delighted to write that she has received funding from N.S.F. (2014-2017); a fellowship at Brocher Foundation in Hermance, Switzerland (July 2016) and a visiting scholar research position at Harvard Law School in the Petrie Institute (fall 2016) all related to this research. Rosanna is looking forward to returning to teaching at Wellesley College in Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies for the spring semester 2017.

**Alice Julier** (BA, 1984) recently became the Associate Dean of the Falk School of Sustainability and the Environment. She continues as the Director of the Food Studies program and an Associate Professor and am currently working on developing the Center for Regional Agriculture, Food, and Technology, which will provide comprehensive food system assessment as well as tools and resources for communities, businesses, and nonprofits. Peter Conrad is still the most important mentor she has ever had and a mensch!

**Judith N. Lasker** (BA, 1969) and Distinguished Professor of Sociology at Lehigh University, is the author of a new book, "Hoping to Help; the Promises and Pitfalls of Global Health Volunteering", Cornell U. Press, 2016. The book examines the rapidly growing and almost totally unregulated phenomenon of short-term medical missions organized by a wide variety of sponsors: educational institutions from high schools to medical schools, religious organizations, NGOs, corporations, and a growing number of for-profit agencies. Based on surveys and interviews with sponsor organizations and host community staff in four countries, the book identifies and critiques many common practices in short term health trips and identifies the qualities of trips most likely to be effective.

Some comments from reviewers:

*"Anyone contemplating a volunteer stint is likely to be interested in Dr. Lasker's results, which amount to a sort of de facto best-practices manual."*—Abigail Zuger, M.D., *The New York Times*



*"The publication is a triumph of social analysis and commentary, which rigorously appraises and summarises the existing body of evidence on the topic. . . . overall it is a deeply compelling read that will give you plenty of food for thought, and perhaps change your plans, practice or even your life. I would wholeheartedly recommend it."*—A. E. Jones, *British Dental Journal* (August 12, 2016)

**Chris Rhomberg** (BA, 1983) is an associate professor of sociology at Fordham University in the Bronx, NY, where he teaches courses on urban sociology and community organization. His article "The Runaway Production Complex? The Film Industry as a Driver of Urban Economic Revitalization in the United States," (co-authored with Heather Gautney) appeared in the September 2015 issue of the scholarly journal *City and Community*. Chris is currently the chair of the Labor and Labor Movements section of the American Sociological Association, and he is a member of the National Writers Union/UAW Local 1981. He was a principal organizer of a highly successful sociology mini-conference on Precarious Work, held in Seattle in August 2016. The conference was co-sponsored by the Puffin Foundation, the UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, Critical Sociology/Sage Publications, the International Sociological Association-Research Committee on Labor Movements (RC 44), and the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), among other supporters. More than 100 persons attended, with over 50 scholars from 13 countries presenting their research on the structure, regulation and resistance to precarious work in the US and around the world, including a delegation of eight scholars from the China Association for Work and Labor (CAWL).

