80 Undergraduate and 18 Graduate Students to “Walk” in December

Ong and Trent Ryan. Ms. Ong's thesis was titled: “The Structural Determinants of Justice Perceptions toward Income Inequality in the U.S.” (Dr. Rodeheaver). Mr. Ryan's thesis was titled: “Slogans and Opposition Political Culture: Online Discourse in Iran's Green Movement” (Dr. Ignatow).


UNT/TWU Sociology Federation Party

On Friday, October 26, over 100 sociology graduate students, faculty, and guests from UNT and TWU turned out for the first federated-sponsored social event in several years. Guests were treated to dinner and enjoyed hours of conversation at the Crystal Ballroom, located near the TWU campus. Special thanks to Rick Woolfolk and Roger Cox of Raymond James Financial Services.
In October, on the 18th anniversary of his first trip to Israel, Dr. David Williamson taught sociological theory to a new cohort of students in our Master’s Program at Neve Yerushalayim in Jerusalem. Since its inception in 1994, the program has expanded to include both women and men, and now has more than 150 graduates, most of whom have completed additional training in Neve Yerushalayim’s Family Institute and are employed as family counselors. In addition to the annual fall class in theory taught by Dr. Williamson, Dr. Rudy Seward teaches Research Methods and, in the spring, Dr. Cynthia Cready teaches social statistics. Each summer Dr. Williamson also teaches a two-week intensive course on Social and Cultural Foundations of Human Behavior. Because the students who are attracted to this program are interested in counseling, our greatest challenge has been to help them appreciate the valuable perspectives available to them by broadening their understanding of the multi-dimensional social factors that contribute to human behavior and interaction. Over the years many of our former students who are now professional counselors have contacted us to express their appreciation for the tools we helped them acquire.

Dr. Ingman traveled to Mexico this Fall. His focus this time was on building a sustainable neighborhood in rural Guadalajara. Partners involved in this project include local community members, SuBire, UNT, FWOP and local green companies. This Fall Colegio Union Mexico – CUM in Los Molinos opened. Some 600 students from working class community now have access high quality education at very reasonable cost, some $80 per month. With a strong focus on environmental and sustainability education they are being prepared for lead Mexico forward. FWOP and the University of North Texas will partner up in building a unique more sustainable neighborhood around the school. While in Mexico, Dr. Ingman also focused on building a sustainable neighborhood in Santa Rosa in rural Guadalajara. This working farm is also an educational site for students from two urban schools to learn about environmental and agriculture issues.
“How to Choose a Dissertation Topic?” Federated UNT-TWU Workshop for Doctoral Students

On October 12, 2012, the UNT-TWU Federated Program offered doctoral students a free workshop on “How to Choose a Dissertation Topic?” The workshop included a panel of UNT and TWU faculty and advanced doctoral students, who shared insights from their experiences, and answered questions from the approximately 40 Federated students who were in attendance. Representing the UNT Sociology Department on the panel were Dr. Joseph Comeau, Dr. Gabriel Ignatow, and Dr. James Swan.

Congratulations to Dr. Seward for having been designated as Professor Emeritus of Sociology!

Recently, Dr. Rudy Seward was designated Professor Emeritus of Sociology. Last March, Dr. Seward was also honored at the Club Level at Apogee Stadium for 38 years of service to UNT and the Department of Sociology. Dr. Seward has prepared and taught more than 15 different courses during his 38 years at UNT. His outstanding support and pedagogical efforts were recognized with the College of Public Affairs and Community Service’s Outstanding Faculty/Staff 2005-2006 Award. Dr. Seward served as Associate Department Chair from 1992 to 2009. He has also been very active, taking leadership positions in various sociology associations.

The Southwestern Social Science Association’s 93rd annual meeting will be held in New Orleans, March 27-30, 2013.

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The 108th ASA annual meeting will be held in New York City, August 10-13, 2013.

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- Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Fellowship
- Seward Scholarship

For more information: [http://pacs.unt.edu/soci/content/scholarships](http://pacs.unt.edu/soci/content/scholarships)

Also, check out the Department's bulletin board for more scholarship opportunities.

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**Featured Scholarship: Elizabeth Esterchild**

The Elizabeth Esterchild Scholarship is available to both undergraduate and graduate students in the Department of Sociology at UNT (Denton). The scholarship honors Dr. Elizabeth Esterchild who retired from the University in 2007. In the academic year of 1987-1988, Dr. Esterchild was named the first (and only) Regents Professor of Sociology at UNT. She also holds the title of Professor Emeritus in the Department of Sociology.

To read more about the Elizabeth Esterchild Scholarship, visit:


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**Recent Faculty and Student Publications:**


Moore, Ami R. (Forthcoming) *The American dream through the eyes of Black African immigrants in Texas*—A book length manuscript looking at the experiences of achieving the American Dream by Black African-born Americans in Texas. Published by University Press of America.

Moore, Ami. (Forthcoming). Beliefs and correlates of knowledge of cancer risk factors among people in Lome, Togo (West Africa). *International Journal of Health Promotion and Education*


To see other publications by UNT sociologists, go to [http://pacs.unt.edu/soci/](http://pacs.unt.edu/soci/)
Faculty and Students Participate at the 140th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association

Reza Amini, a Ph.D. student, gave a poster presentation at the 140th Annual Meeting and Exposition of American Public Health Association (APHA) in San Francisco in October. The title of his presentation was “Body Mass Index (BMI) by ethnicity and immigration status in US residents over 50.” Dr. Amini collaborated on this project with Dr. James Swan, Professor of Applied Gerontology in the Department of Sociology at UNT.


Sign-up for “The Teaching Excellence Seminar”

The Teaching Excellence Seminar will be held on January 10, 2013. This seminar will have multiple workshops and opportunities to talk to other TA’s and TF’s from many departments. Attendance is mandatory for all new teaching assistants and teaching fellows who have not attended before. All new adjunct faculty, tenure track faculty, and lecturers are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Teaching Excellence Seminar is sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the Toulouse Graduate School, and the Center for Learning Enhancement, Assessment and Redesign (CLEAR).

To register, go to: https://clear.unt.edu/go/train/description/UTES.html

Alumni Spotlight: Where Are They Now?

Devon Romig received her Bachelor of Arts degree and Master of Science degree in Sociology from the University of North Texas. Since her graduation she has had the opportunity to apply her background in Sociology to her work in several different fields. In 2006, she worked as a Staff Assistance at the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. Later that year, she entered law school at the University of Baltimore. During the summers of 2007 and 2008, she returned to the EAC as a Law Clerk. Early 2009, she served as a Student Attorney at the Office of the Public Defender, Juvenile Division in Baltimore City. She graduated from law school and passed the Maryland State Bar Exam in 2009. Currently, she works as an Associate General Counsel at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency where she focuses on legal matters pertaining to the Freedom of Information Act, the Privacy Act, and the Agency’s Ethics Program.