Find out more about the students who completed their Sociology degree in Fall 2015. We are very proud of their hard work and dedication!

Check out the conferences that our students attended last semester and learn what they presented.

Learn about what faculty are doing in the Sociology Department.

We have such talented students! Stories in this section recognize our undergraduate and graduate students!

Where are they now? Learn about the recent activities of our impressive alumni in their academic, non-profit, and private sector careers.

Learn how you can make a direct impact on the UNT Sociology Department through your contribution.

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This newsletter is published two times annually, during the fall and spring/summer semesters.
31 Students Earn Sociology Degrees at Fall Graduation

At the Fall 2015 graduation in December, a total of 32 students walked with a degree in Sociology, including 5 Masters and 27 Bachelors.

Masters graduates include:

Suheyl Gurbuz, M.S.
Cassie Erin Hudson, M.S.
Shanae S. Jefferies, M.S.
Filza Satti, M.S.
Ethan Cole Wells, M.S.

Bachelor of Arts and Science graduates include:

Rachel Armstrong
Allison Bradley
Sean Chaney
John Chakour
Gregory Chimera
Maria Diaz
Courtney Epperson
Melanie Gorski
Lauren Maffey
Paola Molina
Shalamaine Miller
Russell Martina
Haley Myers
Andrea Omogah
Veronica Payton
Patrick Quang
Rubab Raza
Joshua Smith

Jimmysha Spenser
Rebekah Stevens
Rida Shigri
Robert Schnetz
Charles Tucker
Shelby Williams
Katanya Washington
Carolyn Maradiaga
Casey Murry
Nichola Driver presented at the Arkansas Sociology and Anthropology Association on October 30th in Russelville, Arkansas. The title of the paper she presented was “Acculturation, neighborhoods, and pregnancy norms among Hispanic Teens.” The purpose of the study is to better explain the relationship between culture, place, and long-term sexual health adding to the literature on immigrant adolescent health. The paper is also her dissertation work for her PhD!

Giselle Greendige attended a presented a research paper in October at the Mid–South Sociological Association (MSSA) conference in Lafayette, Louisiana. The title of her paper was “The Process of Adapting to American Higher Education.” Her mentor was Dr. Lawson. The purpose of the study is to explore the process of Caribbean students adapting to an institution of higher education in the United States.

Shanae Jefferies attended the Black Doctoral Network Conference in Atlanta, GA. The title of her presentation was “Applying While___: Necessity of Name Change for Employment in America”. The conferences had several sessions and Shanae presented in the ”Race in the Work Place: Contemporary and Historical Perspectives”. Her paper discussed the need for minorities to change their name in order to avoid discrimination adding to the literature on name alteration trends.
Other Recent Presentations & Publications


Faculty of the Sociology Department

Dr. Cynthia Cready, Professor

Cynthia Cready will be serving as the external program evaluator on a $196K five year training grant recently awarded by the U.S. Department of Education’s Rehabilitation Services Administration to Dr. Denise Catalano (Project Director) and Dr. Jessica Brooks (Co-Project Director) in UNT’s Department of Disability and Addiction for its rehabilitation counseling program.

Dr. Susan Eve, Professor & Graduate Advisor

This semester Susan Eve began her duties as the Graduate Advisor. New student are continually being accepted to the program including two students for the Spring 2016 semester. So far, 9 students have been accepted for Fall 2016, including 3 of whom were accepted for fall 2015, but decided to opt for fall 2016 enrollment. A recruitment event is planned for March in which accepted student will be invited to overview the program, have a meal with faculty, view posters of current graduate students research and tour campus. Past events were successful in admitted students enrolling and Dr. Eve hope to make this upcoming Recruitment Event just as successful.

Dr. Dale Yeatts, Professor

Dale Yeatts is thankful for all the support he has received from the Department, the PACs, and CAS deans office during his medical leave. He is happy to report that the lymphoma cancer is still in remission and is keeping close tabs on his health.
PhD student Giselle Greenidge (photo above) was chosen to represent UNT at the National Association for Graduate Students (NAGPS) 29th Annual Conference from October 29th to November 1st at the University of South California, Los Angeles, California. NAGPS, is a national organization that represents the interests of graduate students in public and private universities at the local, state, and regional levels. In addition to developing leadership skills students are able to network with other graduate students from across the US. This year there were over 165 participants. Students learn about the best practices among other graduate students organizations and how to amplify students’ voices to policy makers.

Sociology Capstone Projects Selected for Publication in The Eagle Feather

Three recent students’ capstone projects have been selected to be published by the Eagelfeather. The projects included: Health Care or Health Scare? The Inadequate Health Care at Veterans Hospitals, by Michelle Coco, The Consequences of Coming Out: Comparing the Difficulties Faced by Gay Women and Men, by Deborah Fessenden, and Pillars of Society? How Religion May Propagate Male Rape Myths, by Mark Hackman.
Undergraduate students named as CAS Ambassadors

In the fall of 2015 Two UNT Sociology students, Leslie Davila, working toward her BS in Sociology and Integrative studies and Ian Ambrose, working toward his BA in Sociology, were named Student Ambassadors for the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS). CAS Ambassadors are the undergraduate student representatives from each department in the College of Arts and Science at the University of North Texas. The Ambassadors work with the college and the departments to give an undergraduate student’s perspective on various subjects including but not limited to, work load, courses, student activities and organizations, and campus life.

Department helps fund travel for students to present research at professional conferences

The Department of Sociology and the College of Arts and Sciences provided support to graduate students in order to help graduate students presenting at professional conferences. Students who qualify for this support must be in good academic standing. In the Fall of 2015 three students from the sociology department received these awards. Maria Erini Papadouka in order to attend the American Society of Criminology in Washington D.C.; Giselle C.M. Greenridge, in order to attend the Mid-South Sociological association meeting in Lafayette, LA; and Shanae Jefferies in order to attend the Black Doctoral Network Conference in Atlanta, GA.
ATTENTION ALUMNI:

Now, share your success stories on our website! You might see yours in a future issue of The Eagle’s Eye.

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UNT Sociology Alumni Dr. Leslie Stanley-Stevens selected as one of twelve 2014-2015 Regents Professors

Dr. Leslie Stanley–Stevens, Professor of Sociology at Tarleton State University, was selected as one of 12 Faculty members from across Texas A&M University system as a 2014-2015 Regents Professor. Dr. Stanley-Stevens received her Doctorate in Sociology from the University of North Texas. While at UNT Dr. Stanley–Stevens was mentored under Dale Yeatts and also worked closely with Dr. Seward. She graduated with her PhD in 1994 and then went on to work at Tarleton University. 'Regents Professor' is the highest award that can be given to a professor at Tarleton University. The nominees are selected by the Board of Regents due to excellence and contribution to education and research. Dr. Stanley-Stevens has published many articles, book chapters, news articles, and magazine articles. She has served as principal, co-principal, or advisor in multiple grant-funded research activities and participated in many scholarly presentations. Her work as a professor has also given her much recognition for both the university and for students.

Information regarding Dr. Leslie Stanley–Stevens retrieved from Letter of Recognition (Photo and Resource Credit: Leslie Stanley-Stevens)
There are many ways to support the UNT Sociology department. Financial contributions are most welcome, but we also appreciate our alumni who give their time to speak to our current students and new graduates by providing advice about careers in specific areas.

The Department of Sociology appreciates your financial support. Every dollar contributed to the department has a direct impact on our students. Your gift helps support critical opportunities for students, including scholarships, lectures, travel support, and any number of educational events that augment the classroom experience. For more information about additional ways you can help, please contact Dan Rodeheaver, Chair of the Department, or Fonda Gaynier, Administrative Coordinator, at (940) 565-2296. Read more about Sociology scholarships in the Departmental News section of this newsletter. To donate now, click the icon below.

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