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Find out more about the students who completed their Sociology degree in Fall 2016. We are very proud of their hard work and dedication!

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Learn about what faculty are doing in the Sociology Department.

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At the Fall 2016 graduation in December, a total of 26 students walked with a degree in Sociology, including 2 PhD, 1 Masters and 23 Bachelor students.

Ph.D. and Masters:

Diptee Neupane, Ph.D. “Determinants of Women’s Autonomy in Nepal”

Antoinette Denise Parham, Ph.D. “Drought: Construction of a Social Problem”

Emirhan Demirhan, M.S. “The Social Psychology of Social Media Reactions to Terrorism”

Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelors of Science:

Clarence James Alvina
Ian Pollock Brock
Amanda Sylvia Devoto
Dominique Renee King
Eleanor Knutson
Lyonna Anaya Mora
David Charles Root
Angela marie Whitfield
Kisten Shamendran Chetty
Brett Michael Knapp
Marcos Adrian Rodriguez
Constance Lashawn Woodson

Ja’corey Denzale Anderson
Chastyna Sharee Brown
Jacqueline Mary McGinn Hynes
Tyroniece Alexis King
Emily Elizabeth Leggett
Eleonore Muriel S. Petalura
Ginger Vuryl Watson
Tessa Rhea Bishop
Amanda Jean Hartz
Jasmine Rodriguez
Bralin Jarel Taylor
Faculty and Students Represent UNT at Conferences across the U.S. and around the World

Dr. Cynthia Cready presented her work as a part of the Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities Brown Bag Lunch Series at the Singapore University of Technology and Design. She presented “Environment and Subjective Well-being of Rural Chinese Elderly: A Multivariate Analysis” co-authored with Dale E. Yeatts, Xiaomei Pei, Yuying Shen, and Hao Luo.

Dr. Ami Moore and Cassie Hudson presented work at the American Public Health Association Meeting in Denver CO. They presented “All sources are not equal: Trusting sources of information on quality of physician care.” Dr. Ami Moore also presented “Correlates of intentional weight loss among Americans: Independent and joints associations” co-authored with Jesmin Syeda and A. Okulicz-Kozaryn.

Drs. Dan Rodeheaver, Jim Williams, and Eddie Lynton presented their paper titled “Intimate Partner Homicide in Texas Counties: A Social Disorganization Approach” at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Denver, CO on March 30, 2016.


Drs. Seward and Rush presented their work at the Third International Sociological Association’s Forum of Sociology at the University of Vienna in Vienna Austria. They presented “Paternity and Parental Leave for Fathers to Promote Greater Domestic Work and Care Equality: A Global View.”
Recent Publications and Presentations


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Moore, Ami R. & Cassie Hudson. 2016. All sources are not equal: Trusting sources of information on quality of physician care. Presented at the American Public Health Association Meeting, Denver, CO.


Seckin, Gul and Dale E. Yeatts. 2016. “Blending Gerontology & Technology: Assessment of Online Health Information Literacy in a National Sample of Older Adults and Implications for Health Education and Interventions.” Association for Gerontology in Higher Education. Long Beach, CA.

Dr. Helen Potts named Graduate Advisor

Spring semester 2017 Helen Potts starts her duties as the Interim Graduate Advisor and Associate Chair. New students are continually being accepted to the program including one student for the Spring 2016 semester and one student for the Summer 2017 semester. So far, 7 students have been accepted for Fall 2017. A recruitment event is planned for the first weekend in March in which accepted students 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. Potts hope to make this upcoming Recruitment Event just as successful.

A Fond Farewell

The Sociology Department would like wish the faculty who have retired or moved to a different department a fond farewell. Dr. Susan Eve retired from the UNT faculty Fall 2016. Dr. Susan Eve served as the Graduate Student Advisor for the last semesters of her work in the department. Dr. Williamson retired Fall 2016, Dr. War-del retired Summer 2016, Dr. Lawson retired Spring 2016, and Dr. Nichole Dash moved to the Department of Emergency Management and Disaster Research.

(Photos: Top: Sociology Faculty & Bottom right: Dr. Eve and Dr. Seward, credits: Dr. Thompson; Middle right: Dr. Helen Potts, credit Dr. Potts)
Subject Librarian available to help students and faculty alike

Subject librarians can be a resource for both students and instructors. The subject librarian for the Sociology department is **Lilly Ramin**. Lilly Ramin can help students and faculty like find resources for papers, research, and publications. The subject librarians can also help put books on reserve for classes and give special lectures or presentations in classes to give research tips or how to utilize resources such as RefWorks. Lilly Ramin is available to sociology Faculty, Staff, and Students via appointment by email which can be found on her page on the University Library’s site for UNT.

Student Dissertation and Thesis Research

**Suheyl Gurbuz** has defended his proposal for his dissertation titled: “Suicidality among Turkish Adolescents: Comparing and Durkheim’s and Tarde’s Perspectives”

**Alexandria Bush** is working on the proposal for her dissertation with the working title: “Breastfeeding around the World: A Global Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Exclusive Breastfeeding” Alexandria would like to the historical, social, and political conditions that are associated with breastfeeding.


**Stacy Ford** is working on the proposal for her dissertation with the working title: “Why not us? An exploration of the Reasons African American Women are Unmarried at Higher Rates than Women of Other Races.”
Dr. Rodney Bales: Sociology Department Remembers

By: Dr. Nichole Dash

Dr. Rodney A. Bales, graduated from the University of North Texas in 2013 with his PhD in Sociology, under the oversight of his major professor, Dr. Nicole Dash and committee members, Dr. Dan Rodeheaver, Dr. Brenda McCoy and Dr. Jonathan Tomhave. Rodney’s passion for social justice particularly in Native American communities resulted in his dissertation titled, “American Indian Worldviews, Risk Perceptions and Disaster Planning: An Exploratory Study.”

Upon completion of his PhD, Dr. Bales joined the Sociology faculty at Texas Wesleyan University. Rodney’s passion for his work can be summed up best, by Rodney himself. The below is a description of his interests edited from his faculty webpage at Texas Wesleyan:

"Dr. Bales uses qualitative and quantitative research skills to promote social justice across a variety of communities by applying research findings in ways that communities being researched can fully participate in any capacity that brings a sense of empowerment to the community. Additionally, Dr. Bales is interested in bringing his interest in social justice to the classroom in ways that students feel invested, not only in one particular course, but in issues that impact their lives outside the limitations of the classroom. In these efforts, Dr. Bales continually pushes students to participate in research projects right here in the Texas Wesleyan community, which serves as a natural laboratory for social science research.”

Rodney was known for his friendliness and inclusiveness both in and out of the classroom. He will be missed by not only his family, friends and students, but also by the community as a whole.
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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