

SOCIO-PATHS

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Introducing the New Undergraduate Sociological Association!



The Undergraduate Sociological Association (USA), a forum for academic discussion and pre-professional and social opportunities, invites you to attend one of its upcoming events.

The mission of USA is to provide a place for students to network with other Sociology majors, grad students, and faculty through hosting informal talks, film screenings and special events. The USA also assists the Department of Sociology in facilitating the UCSD chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD)—the National Sociological Honors Society.

The USA is open to anyone who is interested in Sociology and pre-professional opportunities. The Association plans to meet bi-weekly during the regular quarter.

The meetings for Winter quarter are every odd week of the academic quarter on Thursdays at 5PM (location varies).

To learn more about the USA and AKD or to join the listserv, as well as Spring quarter meeting dates, please send an email to ucsdusa@gmail.com.



Spring Visiting Lecturers

Beth Jennings

SOCC 132 *Gender and Work*

Lisa Nunn

SOCB112 *Social Psychology*

Cristin McVey

SOCD187 *African Societies Through Films*

Jennifer Ridenhour-Levitt

SOCC 129 *The Family*

Rai Wilson

SOCC140 *Sociology of Law*

PLEASE NOTE: Course descriptions for all of the Spring offerings are online and also available in the Sociology main office.



HONORS PROGRAM

Applications for next years Honors Program (Fall 2007/Winter 2008) are due Friday, May 4, 2007.

Forms are available in the Sociology office, SSB 401. If you need more information on the Honors Program please see the undergraduate coordinator, Shannon Fore.

Tracking Your Sociology Major

It is highly recommended that you meet with the undergraduate coordinator, Shannon Fore, on a regular basis, to monitor your progress in the major.

The required courses for the major that will be offered in Spring 2007 are: SOCL20, SOCL60, and SOCA100.

Faculty News

Department Chair, Prof. **Richard Madsen** gave lectures about religious transformation and political development in Asia at a number of different universities in the fall and winter, including; Hong Kong University, the Chinese University of Hong Kong; Stanford, Berkeley, UCLA, Washington University and Harvard.

Prof. **Andrew Scull's** newest book, *The Insanity of Place/The Place of Insanity*, has been published by Routledge Press. He will appear in a PBS documentary on lobotomy which will broadcast in the "American Experience" series in the Fall. He also published a paper on "Brain, Law, and Culture" in the leading neurology journal, Brain.

Prof. **Bennetta Jules-Rosette** will host a book signing on Wednesday, February 28th at the UCSD bookstore, for her newest book, "*Josephine Baker in Art and Life: The Icon and the Image*". Please see page 5 for more information.

Prof. **Amy Binder** is continuing work on several projects, including papers on intelligent design in the public schools, urban redevelopment (with Professor John Skrentny), the globalization of rap (with graduate student Andrew Cheyne), and transitional housing for low-income single families. She is beginning work on a new study of undergraduates on four college campuses. Her focus in the new project is on students who feel marginalized in college, on both the left and right of the political spectrum—paying particular attention to the on and off campus organizations students rely on to find support for their ideas (eg, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Campus Progress, College Leadership Program, and so on).



"A smile is your greatest social asset"

-Zig Ziglar

Prof. **Rebecca Klatch** is presenting a paper on "Mixed-Race Men and Masculinity" at the Pacific Sociological Association in March, 2007. This is part of ongoing research on the development of masculinity in men with parents of two different races (from the categories of African-American, Caucasian, Asian or Asian-American Pacific Islander, Latino, and Native American). If you come from this background (or know someone who is from this background) and are willing to be interviewed for this study, please contact her at rklatch@ucsd.edu.

Prof. **Bud Mehan** was awarded the George and Louise Spindler Award by the Council of Anthropology and Education division of the American Anthropological Association in November 2006. The award was given for "a lifetime of contributions to impact-oriented research devoted to improving educational opportunities for underserved students."



Spring course descriptions are now available in the main office. (SSB 401)

It's a good time to plan the courses you'd like to take next year. The tentative course list for 2007-2008 is also available in the sociology main office, SSB 401. This information is updated whenever necessary with additional course offerings, cancelled courses, or instructor changes.

Both of these flyers are also available on-line at <http://sociology.ucsd.edu/undergra/undergra.htm>



SOCL60 is required prior to taking an upper division cluster A method course.



Plan now to take SOCL60 in Spring so that next year you will be ready to take the method course of your choice, whenever it is offered.



Speak Your Mind!

It is that time again! Every 7 years each department at UCSD undergoes a review of their program and curriculum to look at what is working and what can be improved upon. The Sociology Department is up for our review at the end of March and CEP (Council on Educational Policies) will be holding interviews with faculty, staff and students.

We would like to invite any interested Sociology majors to participate in the interview sessions on March 22nd and 23rd. The Council is interested in your opinion about your experience in the Sociology major, what you like about the program, and what you think can be improved upon. Your opinion counts!

Please contact Shannon Fore (ssfore@ucsd.edu) for more information.

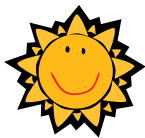


Mentor Program for Sociology Majors

Sociology graduate students have organized a mentoring program for undergraduate Sociology majors. The volunteer mentors would like to help guide undergrads with questions regarding Sociology in general, careers after UCSD, graduate school preparation and processes, etc. If you are interested in meeting with a mentor, please pick up a reference list from Sociology Student Affairs.

Are you missing a course for your Sociology major? Plan now to take a Sociology course during Summer session, 2007. Course descriptions can be found in the general catalog. **The list below is a tentative list and there may be changes.** For additional summer session scheduling information, visit the summer session web site at <http://summersession.ucsd.edu> or call the Summer Session Office at 534-5258.

Enrollment for summer session classes begins April 17, 2007.



2007 Sociology Summer Session



Session I (July 2– August 4)

SOCL 1B *The Study of Society*

Instructor: Ivan Evans

(this is a required course for Sociology majors)

SOCA 100 *Classical Sociological Theory*

Instructor: Harvey Goldman

(this is a required course for Sociology majors)

SOCB 118 *The Sociology of Gender*

Instructor: Rebecca Klatch

SOCB 145 *Violence and Society*

Instructor: Ivan Evans

SOCB 162 *Popular Culture*

Instructor: Jonathan Markovitz

SOCC 124 *Business and Society*

Instructor: Ivan Major

SOCC 129 *The Family*

Instructor: Rebecca Klatch

SOCC 153 *Urban Sociology*

Instructor: April Linton

SOCC 168T *Sociology of Technology*

Instructor: Ivan Major

SOCD 187S *The Sixties*

Instructor: Harvey Goldman

SOCD 188D *Latin America: Society and Politics*

Instructor: Leon Zamosc

Session II (August 6– September 8)

SOCL 60 *Practice of Social Research*

Instructor: Akos Rona-Tas

SOCB 172 *Films and Society*

Instructor: Akos Rona-Tas

SOCC 157 *Religion in Contemporary Society*

Instructor: Bennetta Jules-Rosette



Useful Information

Always make a “back-up” copy of your sociology papers. Turn papers in to your professor at the appointed day and hour or during the professor’s office hours. If those options are absolutely not possible, you may turn papers in at the main office (SSB401) where they can be date stamped and placed in your professor’s mailbox. It is highly recommended that you never slide them under a door; they may never be seen again.



Students should print out the confirmation page on each transaction made in the TritonLink system. Then check the confirmation to verify that the transaction that you intended to make is the transaction that was executed. This habit will allow you to correct a transaction made incorrectly in a timely manner. It will help avoid paperwork later, in addition to the possibility of being stuck in a situation that can not be corrected due to Academic Policy. Your confirmation copy may be the proof needed should an error occur.

“Success is a journey, not a destination.”
-Ben Sweetland



UCSD Express to Success Program



If you are shy, quiet, or maybe a little introverted, these programs and workshops will help you develop the confidence to speak up and express your ideas more clearly and initiate relationships with others. If you get nervous or anxious before a speech or presentation and find it almost impossible to get your points across clearly, these programs and workshops will help you develop the confidence to turn the butterflies into positive performance energy! If you wish to improve on the skills you already have, the UCSD Express to Success Programs provide an opportunity for you to enhance your understanding and application of a variety of topics related to communication and leadership.

Three skills areas that are essential for your success in college and in future endeavors are:

- >Communication and Social Skills
- >Public Speaking Skills
- >Leadership Skills

For more information, please visit <http://ets.ucsd.edu>



Departmental Paper Prize

Each year, the Department of Sociology presents an award for the best research paper written by an undergraduate student for a sociology course during the year. Papers are nominated by faculty early in the Spring quarter. The Sociology Department’s Undergraduate Program Committee selects the winner from the nominated papers. At the end of the year, the winner is presented with a \$100.00 gift certificate to the UCSD bookstore, along with an award certificate. The recipient of this years award will be announced in the Fall 2007 issue of the newsletter.



Job Tips from ASA.....

According to the ASA (American Sociological Association).....

When applying for a job, interviewers will seek to determine if applicants can easily adapt to organizational life in the private sector. In particular, this means the ability to work well with others as part of a team. Employers value graduates who have a keen understanding of impact of cultural, racial, and gender diversity in the workplace, and who comprehend the global nature of business and industry.

During your job search, Sociology graduates should stress their work and internship experience, analytical skills, oral and written communication skills, computer literacy, and knowledge of statistics and research design.



Check TritonLink for the latest information on important dates and deadlines.

Spring Quarter

- Enrollment Begins February 14, 2007
- Instruction Begins April 2, 2007
- Instruction Ends June 8, 2007
- Finals June 11—15, 2007
- Commencement June 16—18, 2007

Upcoming Holidays

- February 19, 2007 President's Day
- March 30, 2007 Cesar Chavez Day
- May 28, 2007 Memorial Day

Summer Session

- Session I, July 2-August 4
- Session II, August 6-September 8

SPECIAL STUDIES (SOCE 199)

Also referred to as an *Independent Study*, a special study course provides an opportunity to work individually on a topic of your choice under the guidance of a faculty member of your choice.

For information on how to enroll in a special study, pick up the step-by-step handout available in the main office and the 'Application for UCSD Special Studies Course Enrollment' form.

If you have additional questions regarding an Independent Study, please see Shannon Fore.



Spring break will be here soon.
March 25—April 1

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