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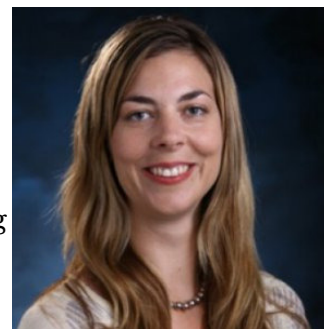
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Students and Faculty:

Congrats on finishing another amazing year at LMU! As we all scramble to prepare for the end of the semester, I want to take a brief moment to highlight some of the exciting happenings in our department.



First and foremost, a big congratulations to our seniors who are graduating! They will move on to amazing new jobs and opportunities. Some of our majors will be going on to law school, medical school, or graduate school, while others have taken positions in government agencies, think tanks, research firms, and the private sector. Congrats to all!

Second, the Sociology Major is growing and our students are interested in a wide range of sociological topics covering gender and sexuality, social movements, health, immigration, race and ethnicity, law, criminal justice, and more! The Sociology faculty are looking forward to working with our students throughout the year so please contact faculty if you are interested in their courses and research. In the fall we will also be starting a new health and society minor led by Dr. Rachel Washburn- so please be on the lookout for those courses.

Third, all majors should keep their eyes open for events and news from the Sociological Society. The best way to keep up with Soc Society to touch base with Dr. Anna Muraco, the faculty director of the Soc. Society at amuraco@lmu.edu. We would love to hear from our students and have them be an active part of the department.

Join us in congratulating Dr. Rachel Washburn for 10 years of service to LMU and Dr. Jim Faught for 45 years of service to the LMU community. Our strength as a sociology department comes from our amazing students and faculty. We are looking forward to great summer and an exciting and productive fall.

- Professor Sager

NEW FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



DR. RAVARIS MOORE

Dr. Ravaris Moore earned his B.A. at Morehouse College with a double major in Mathematics and Economics. He completed his doctoral studies in Sociology, as well as M.A. degrees in Sociology and Economics at UCLA. Prior to matriculating at UCLA, he contributed to several national evaluations as a Research Programmer at Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. in the areas of education, health, and child and family well-being. Professor Moore is a quantitative sociologist with training in the fields of Social Stratification and Social Demography. His work employs quantitative methods with large scale microdata to explore questions of inequality at the intersection of race and ethnicity, education, and health. His present research studies the effects of gun-violence exposure on the educational outcomes of students attending California public schools. His work with co-authors studies heterogeneous effects of parental divorce on the educational attainment of children.

DR. MOORE IN THE NEWS...

TIME

Why Divorce May Hurt Wealthier Kids' Education the Most, According to a New Study



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BY BELINDA LUSCOMBE MARCH 28, 2019

It has long been known that children whose parents split up have lower educational prospects than those whose parents stay together. But a new UCLA study found that divorce does not affect all children equally. Somewhat counterintuitively, the study suggests that divorce shortens the academic

FUN FACT

Dr. Moore enjoys working on cars!

FUN FACT

Dr. Moore has a first degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do!

FUN FACT

Dr. Moore played high school baseball!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



ALEXANDRA MEEK

Recipient of 2019
Sociology Service Award

Why Sociology?

I've known that I wanted to be an attorney since I was about 10. Earlier in high school I got it in my head that you had to major in Political Science to go to law school, but my History professor told me I could major in anything I wanted and go to law school, so I started looking into other majors. I wasn't sure what sociology was, so I researched it a little. I've always found people fascinating and it seemed really interesting so I applied as a sociology major. After I was accepted to LMU, I went for an admitted students weekend, and got to meet Dr. Muraco. She was so amazing and intelligent that I was convinced I needed to go to LMU and study Sociology, and 4 years later here I am!

Q: Tell us about your experience serving as Co-editor of the Sociological Eye

I started working on the Sociological Eye last year when Dr. Sager and Dr. Burns reached out to me about it. I had done some TA work before, and some writing trainings with the ARC to work as a Writing Advisor, so it seemed like a great way to use those skills. I also got to do the cover art for the 2018 issue, painting is one of my hobbies but I don't get to do it as much as I'd like because I get busy with school. Most of all I love getting to read all the submissions, especially because a lot of them are outside my personal areas of research and interest, so its really interesting to read what my classmates are working on. My co-editors, Kees Wilcox and Emma Dunn, have been wonderful to work with as well.

There are some excellent papers on a wide variety of topics in this year's issue, though several of them focus on gender structure. I believe a lot of submissions spoke about gender since it has been such a relevant social issue, especially within the past few years and in the current political environment. I am so excited for the 2019 issue to get published, working on the Sociological Eye has been an incredibly rewarding experience, and I highly encourage anyone interested to submit to the 2020 issue, or to ask about getting involved.

Q: What are you hoping to do after graduating from LMU?

After graduation I plan to take a gap year or two to work, and then attend law school. The way law and social structure influence each other fascinates me, and I can't wait to see where I end up next!

FUN FACT

Alex is
really good
at roller
skating!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**KIRA
JATOFT**

**Recipient of 2019
Sociology Service Award**

Why Sociology?

I stumbled into Sociology. I was originally set on becoming a Liberal Arts major and pursuing a teaching degree but ultimately decided I did not want to take random classes, I wanted a specific major. My advisor at the time suggested Sociology and I seriously have not looked back. Prior to actually deciding to declare Sociology as my major, I took a Sociology-based class for my First Year Seminar and fell in love with the qualitative side of research. I can honestly say it was truly the best decision of my life. I am incredibly blessed and proud of the progress, experience, and countless opportunities Sociology provided me.

Q: Tell us about your experience as past President of the Sociological Society. You also worked as a research assistant with Dr. Muraco for several years, tell us about your research project and any valuable skills you learned.

Being President of Sociology Society has definitely been a highlight of my undergraduate career. I was able to grow as a leader in regards to working with both faculty and students. I handled an executive board where I was able to work in various departments like programming, marketing and planning for various event we held throughout the semester. Funny enough, this leadership role was consistently brought up in all my graduate school interviews because they were curious as to what it entailed. I am really sad to leave my position but unbelievably excited to watch it continue to grow!

Q: You worked as a research assistant with Dr. Muraco for several years, tell us about your research project and any valuable skills you learned.

I have also been Dr. Muraco's Research Assistant for my entire undergraduate career. It has made a huge difference in my academic career. Dr. Muraco has helped mold me into who I am today, I have been lucky enough to present at the symposium for the past three years in different subjects that I am passionate about. I was able to bring that passion to my current internship, Simpson Scarborough, where I continue utilizing the skills I learned in both my qualitative and quantitative Sociology classes to form different brand strategies and tactics for higher education institutions. I have worked with various data (LGBTQ & older Latinx communities) which have helped me shape my sociological lens. I thank the Sociology department for essentially making me who I am today with every skill I gained. Everything I learned during my time at LMU is completely transferable and has helped me essentially get into my dream graduate programs.

Q: What are you hoping to do after graduating from LMU?

I am planning on going to graduate school for a Master's in Higher Education Administration and Student Affairs. I have a good problem! I got into all of my graduate schools and it is now a matter of choosing what programs best fits myself and my future career goals. I am heavily considering USC, Georgetown and Seattle University to continue my studies. I would love to be Director of Student Affairs in order to work with as many students as possible and testing the waters in every department. In the future, I could see myself going for my doctorate because I enjoy the research side and consider myself a life-long learner.

FUN FACT

Kira finally achieved her dream of working at a panda shelter in China during Spring Break!

DEPARTMENT EVENTS

THE KAVANAUGH HEARINGS: SOCIAL & LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

October 9, 2018

2:30pm-3:30pm
Marymount Center, University Hall
(3rd Floor Northeast Corner)

Featuring:
Jessica Levinson, Loyola Law School
Richard Fox, Political Science
Sina Kramer, Women and Gender Studies

Sponsored by the Sociology Department
Panelists will discuss the K...

SOCIOLOGY SOCIETY Alumni Night: Career Panel

Join us for a night of valuable career insight for your future job endeavors!

MARCH 20, 2019
6:30 PM - FREE FOOD PROVIDED
SOCIOLOGY VILLAGE

Sociology Society is inviting alums from different fields (law school, higher ed, etc.) to answer YOUR questions!

LATINO LOS ANGELES: YOUTH ACTIVISM IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MOVEMENT

COMMUNITIES FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT

SoCal Program
Director, Milton
Hernandez Nimatuj

Communities for a Better Environment is one of the preeminent environmental justice organizations in the nation, with a mission to build people's power in California's communities of color and low-income communities.

Milton Hernandez Nimatuj was born in Guatemala, and raised in Southeast Los Angeles County. He started organizing with CBE's youth program at the age of 16, and was recently nominated for the KCET Local Heroes Award for his commitment to social and environmental justice issues.

TRUTH BE TOLD: RACIAL POLITICS, SELF-CARE, AND THE REAL NATIONAL EMERGENCIES WITH ROSA CLEMENTE

Rosa Alicia Clemente is an organizer, political commentator and independent journalist. An Afro Puerto Rican born and raised in the Bronx, NY she has dedicated her life to organizing, scholarship and activism. Rosa is one of her generation's leading scholars on the issues of Afro-Latinx identity and was the first ever Afro-Latina woman to run for Vice President of the United States in 2008 on the Green Party ticket.

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FRIDAY,
MARCH 23
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JOIN THE SOCIOLOGY SOCIETY END OF THE YEAR PIZZA BASH SOCIOLOGY VILLAGE, UHALL 4TH FLOOR

THURS. 4/25 FROM 7:30-9PM

RSVP by 4/24
<http://bit.ly/SOCPizza>



Día de Los Muertos is an annual Mexican celebration that takes place at the end of October and November 1st and 2nd each year in Mexico. Families gather to honor and remember deceased loved ones with ofrendas or offerings (see image).

JOIN US FOR THE NEXT DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION!

Please Contact: Dr. Sylvia Zamora at sylvia.zamora@lmu.edu

LMU UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Laina Washington

**"Underrepresented Students'
Experiences of Racial
Microaggressions at
a Private, Catholic University"**



Kira Jatoft

**"Study of
Older Latino
Immigrants"**

**Ken Cavanaugh
& Col Cavanaugh**

**"Queer Failure and
"Successful Aging"**



**JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING ALL SOCIOLOGY STUDENTS
WHO PRESENTED AT THIS YEAR'S SYMPOSIUM!**

THE SOCIOLOGICAL EYE



The Sociological Eye is an academic journal published by the Sociology Department and focusing on the scholarly work produced

by the LMU undergraduates. Any paper or research is eligible for consideration, as long as the subject matter is sociological in nature. All submissions should be sent to the Sociological Eye at soceyelm@gmail.com

In addition to this being an exciting opportunity to publish your research and academic work, the "Best Student Paper" award recipient will be selected from the papers accepted for publication, and recipient of this award will receive a cash prize of \$100 and a plaque at the spring Alpha Kappa Delta induction ceremony in April 2019. We look forward to receiving your submissions!

Congratulations to our 2019 Winners!

"Best Paper Award"

Kyle Friedler

"Experience in the University
Comparing Women in Liberal Arts
and STEM"

Honorable Mention

Samantha Kim
"Hwarang Men"

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

THE SOCIOLOGY SOCIETY

The Sociology Society is a student group composed of sociology majors and minors that sponsors regular gatherings for LMU students. The Sociology Society is open to all sociology majors and minors. The Sociology Society hosts several events, including a Welcome Back taco dinner, Career Night, an annual event for students to hear from a panel of recent sociology alumni about their job experiences after graduation, and an end of the year pizza bash!

If you would like more information about the Sociology Society and its events, please contact:

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SOCIOLOGY OF AGING CLASS VISITS URUGUAY!



As part of the BCLA Global Immersion program, Dr. Anna Muraco's Sociology of Aging class visited Uruguay during LMU's 2019 Spring Break. The course, which is cross-listed with International Relations through Political Science, focuses on the social contexts of aging and the ways that policies and interpersonal relationships affect the aging process.

During our immersion trip, we spent four days with faculty from the Universidad Católica del Uruguay (UCU) learning about how demographics, national policies, and special programs shape experiences of older adults in Uruguay. Staying true to our interdisciplinary roots, one of the lectures from Professor Facundo Ponce de Leon, Professor of Philosophy at UCU connected Hannah Arendt's conceptualization of power and authority to the social exclusion of older adults in Uruguay as well as in other nations. The class also visited two nursing homes and the Plan Ibirapitá, which distributes digital tablets to retirees and trains them to use technology for leisure (according to the workshop instructors, the most commonly visited site by seniors is YouTube) and to stay connected to family. The class also engaged in cultural excursions to the old town in Montevideo, the Uruguayan capital, and to UNESCO Heritage site, Colonia del Sacramento, which is one of the oldest cities in Uruguay.



One of the highlights of our trip was a Candóbmé workshop at the Museo del Carnaval where students learned the rhythmic practice and performed a very short parade. Candóbmé is a style of drumming and dance that was brought to Uruguay through the slave trade that has been integrated into the culture, particularly during the 40-day-long Carnaval, which is the longest celebration in South America. Keep an eye out for the course to be offered again in the future!

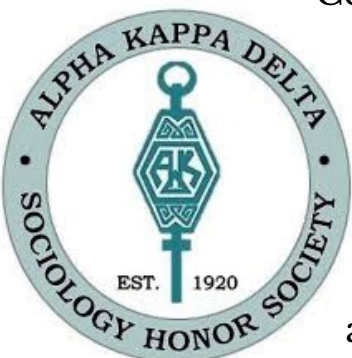
ALPHA KAPPA DELTA INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY HONORS SOCIETY



The Department of Sociology has an active chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociological Honor Society, which was founded in 1920. Its stated purpose is to promote interest in the study of sociology, research of social problems, and other social and intellectual activities leading to the improvement of the human condition.

Each spring the Department recognizes those students who meet the academic requirements for membership in Alpha Kappa Delta. Over the years we have had a number of distinguished guest speakers for the occasion, including Dr. Laurence Bobo (a '79 LMU sociology graduate who has recently been appointed Director of the Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity at Stanford University) and Judge Frederick Lower former Dean of the Loyola School of Law). The evening is a special recognition of the dedication and accomplishments of our students and the support of their families.

Please Contact Dr. Rebecca Sager for more info!



FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

IN THE NEWS, MEDIA, & PUBLIC TALKS

The Social Scientist Petition to the Trump Administration that started with the LMU Sociology Department Statement was published in the Boston Globe, April 22, 2017, to coincide with the global March for Science.

Nadia Kim spoke on “‘We’re the New Citizenship’: LA’s 1st- & 2nd-Generation Asian and Latinx Activists on Politics as Embodied and Emotional” at the Asian American/Asian Research Institute, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY, October 19, 2018.

Nadia Kim spoke on “Conducting Research in the Community: Politics, Complexity, and Self-Reflexivity,” at the Swearer Center for Public Service, Brown University, September 27, 2018.

Nadia Kim was interviewed by NYLON Magazine for its article, “The Meaning behind The Black Panther’s Massive Success in Asia” <http://bit.ly/2G8lAzv> March 20, 2018.

Nadia Kim wrote “She Doesn’t Negotiate with North Korea: Angry Korean Lady Explains” a blog post for Racism Review, January 27, 2018, <http://www.racismreview.com/blog/author/nadia/>

Nadia Kim was a guest on the TV program The Morning Dose to discuss the refugee crisis and how it related to a social media controversy involving anti-refugee nativist racism in Italy, Magic Johnson, and Samuel L Jackson on August 22, 2017.

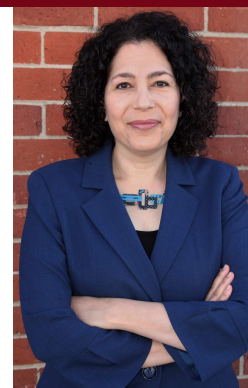
Nadia Kim was interviewed about the 25th anniversary of the LA unrest by Take Two with A. Martinez on SoCal Public Radio (89.3 KPCC), Friday, April 28, 2017.

Nadia Kim compared survey data on attitudes among LA’s racial groups around the 1992 LA “riots” and now. Published April 20, 2017 in Forecast LA, a news magazine for politicians and academics from the Leavey Center.

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INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Anti-Human Trafficking is the #TopicoftheMonth selected by International Sociology's editorial team the month of October. On this topic, enjoy #FreeAccess all October to Stephanie Limoncelli's 2017 paper "The Global Development of Contemporary Anti-Human Trafficking Advocacy"



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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE POSITIONS

Nadia Kim was the Editorial Board Member of Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (founding editorial board member of this ASA journal, rotated off in 2017) and Race, Gender, and Class Journal (rotated off in 2016)

Stephanie Limoncelli was elected as Chair of the Global Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (2015-2017)

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PUBLICATIONS

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FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

BOOK REVIEWS & ENDORSEMENTS

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Washburn, R. 2017. Invited Review of Cordner, Alissa. "Toxic Safety: Flame Retardants, Chemical Controversies, and Environmental Health." New York: Columbia University Press. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* (published online November 21, 2016)

Zamora, S. *Words of Passage: National Belonging and the Imagined Lives of Mexican Migrants* by Hilary Parsons Dick. University of Texas Press. In *Contemporary Sociology* (forthcoming)

HONORS & AWARDS

Nadia Kim was selected by LMU Women's Basketball team as their honorary coach in recognition of teaching excellence (2017).

Ravaris Moore was awarded the First Annual Robert Mare Symposium Graduate Student Lecture and Award for "Differential Effects of School Shootings on Schools" at the California Center for Population Research, UCLA, June 2018.

Ravaris Moore was a Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute for Child Health and Human Development Research Trainee, CCPR at UCLA (2017-2018).

Anna Muraco was awarded The Daum Mid-Career Fellowship in Spring 2017. Created from a legacy received from Harry M. Daum, Class of 1938, the Daum Professorship is given annually to a tenured professor in the Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts with full rank who has exhibited a record of excellence in teaching and advising, scholarship or creative work, service and leadership to the department, college and university.



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