

SOCSOURCE

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Welcome Back!

We hope you all had relaxing, yet productive summers. Released on the first Friday of the block, SocSource is your source for all sociological news, events, people, and places at Colorado College and beyond. Each issue will feature our current students, faculty, and alumni, as well as upcoming campus events, deadlines, and department news. The SocSource is a platform for stories, photos, popular culture critiques, sociology jokes, or anything else you (our students and faculty) would like to contribute! Please email submissions to Helen.L.Feldman@coloradocollege.edu, or stop by my office if you have any suggestions or ideas. Welcome back, gang!

DEPARTMENT NEWS

New and Returning Faces!

We are excited to welcome (and welcome back) three people to the department: **Prentiss Dantzler**, a Riley Scholar and Visiting Assistant Professor, **Eric Popkin**, Associate Professor, and **Jan Thomas**, Visiting Professor.

Jan Thomas

Jan Thomas received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Colorado-Boulder. Jan was last on the CC campus in 2011-2012 when she taught several courses in the sociology department. Her specialty lies in health and gender issues, and her research interests include gender, inequality, health, and social movements. She lives in Manitou Springs with her Bernese Mountain dog, Sasha, who also spends many afternoons with her in the office (she is an excellent "therapist" for anyone missing their dog). Jan is a fan of musicals, New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc, and almost anything Swedish (except Surströmming - really stinky fish!).



Courses taught

Block 1: SO112/FG112—Gender Inequality

Block 2: SO290—Advanced Topics: Global Women's Health

Block 4: SO228—Social Theory

Block 7: SO100—Thinking Sociologically

Don't miss these great classes! Keep your eyes out for more details soon.

SO116: Global Inequality with Eric Popkin
OFFERED 3rd and 4th Block!

SO228: Social Theory with Jan Thomas
OFFERED 4th Block!!

SO257: Globalization and Immigration on the U.S.-Mexican Border with Eric Popkin
OFFERED 7th Block!

Prentiss Dantzler

Prentiss Dantzler hails from Philadelphia, and comes to us from New Jersey. He is a Doctoral Candidate in the Department of Public Policy & Administration at Rutgers University-Camden, completing a Ph.D. in Public Affairs with a concentration in Community Development. His dissertation is titled, "Temporary Housing or Permanent Communities? The Determinants of Tenure Among Public Housing Residents." Other research explores sociopolitical issues around urban politics, regional planning, and neighborhood change. Outside of work, you can catch Prentiss at a spoken word event or a hip hop dance battle.



Courses taught

Block 3: SO190/FG206/ES200—Topics: Inequality: Intersections of Race, Class, and Gender and Sexuality

Block 6: SO290—Advanced Topics: Community Development

Eric Popkin

Eric Popkin returns full-time to the Sociology Department after a brief hiatus away as the Dean of Summer Programs. He received his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California-Los Angeles. His research in the last few years has focused on Central American transnational migration. His courses often include a community-based learning component, and include topics in the sociology of international development, globalization, international migration, Latin-American studies, and urban sociology. Eric has co-taught the Global Sustainable Development Internship Program with Wade Roberts since 2013. In these classes students have traveled to Bolivia, Nicaragua, India, and Uganda in experiential learning courses to examine community-based international development work.



Courses taught

Block 3: SO116—Global Inequality

Block 4: SO116—Global Inequality

Block 7: SO257—Globalization and Immigration on the U.S.-Mexican Border

Block 8: SO451—Senior Seminar: The Wire

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visiting Writers Series: Kathy Giuffre, Jane Hilberry, and Jessy Randall
 Tuesday, September 8th, 2015
 7pm, Gaylord Hall

Join us for a reading and reception celebrating the release of our very own Kathy Giuffre's novel *The Drunken Spelunker's Guide to Plato*, as well as the forthcoming poetry collections *There Was an Old Woman* by Jessy Randall and *Still the Animals Enter* by Jane Hilberry.

1st Annual Sociology Department Meet and Greet
 Thursday, September 10th, 2015
 12:15 pm, East Patio, Tutt Library

Please join us for the 1st annual Sociology Department Meet and Greet! This event is open to faculty, declared majors, and students in the sociology FYE's. Come schmooze, laugh, and nosh with friends old and new, all over a delicious lunch. RSVP to Helen.L.Feldman@coloradocollege.edu to make sure you get food!



MEET THE STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

Your sociology student representation! Jesús Loayza '16, Celia Palmer '16, and Madelene Travis '17, make up this year's Student Advisory Board, or SAB. The SAB is responsible for planning events, such as the Sociological Imagination Luncheon Series, contributing to the *SocSource*, and acting as the sociology student voice. Let them know if there is anything you'd like to see the department doing!



WHAT WE'RE READING

Modern Romance by Aziz Ansari



In this romantic tell-all, Aziz Ansari delves into the world of modern dating with his unique comical brand. A collaboration with sociologist Eric Klinenberg from NYU, *Modern Romance* fuses qualitative interviews and quantitative analysis to shed light on some of our generation's most pending questions (e.g. How long should I wait to text back?, What do my Tinder profile pics really say about me?, Is it a "Netflix and chill" kind of night?, What flavor ice cream am I really?). The two do not limit themselves to subreddits and focus groups in the U.S., but also go the extra 9,000 miles and travel to India, France, Argentina, and Japan to see what shape dating has taken abroad. Aziz shows how being funny and smart can be super sexy. A weekend read for sure, this 250 page magnum opus goes where no comedian/sociologist duo have ever gone before.

Reviewed by Jesús Loayza

STUDENT SUMMER STORIES

McKenna Asakawa



McKenna's interest in carpentry led her to two wonderful internships in Washington state this summer. The first was with Nelson Treehouse and Supply, a company that builds treehouses. Her second internship was with a nonprofit called Sawhorse Revolution that leads after-school and summer programs for diverse youth, wherein they learn carpentry alongside professional builders and volunteers. Sawhorse collaborates with and builds for other nonprofits, public organizations, and homeless communities in Seattle.

Katie Lerer

This summer Katie had the opportunity to intern at the George Allen Courthouse in Dallas, TX with the Honorable Judge Emily Tobolowsky. This internship allowed her to use her sociological background to better understand the logic involved in case strategy and jury selection. She continued her summer with a second internship in the Criminal Enforcement Unit at the EPA Region 6 headquarters in Dallas, TX.



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