



SOC SOURCE

Block 3 | October-November 2016

Department News

“Globalization and Immigration” Class Volunteers at Family Detention Center in Texas

In Block 2, students from Eric Popkin’s “Globalization and Immigration on the US-Mexican Border” course travelled to southern Texas. They spent the majority of this trip volunteering with the CARA Pro-Bono Legal Project at the South Texas Family Residential Center in Dilley, Texas. The center detains women and children who have fled extreme gang and domestic violence in El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala, and are seeking asylum in the United States. The students helped the women at the detention center prepare for their credible fear interviews – the first step in the process of obtaining asylum.



Additionally, the class spent several days at the border in McAllen, Texas, where they saw the border fence, worked with local organizations that help undocumented immigrants and unaccompanied minors, and met with Border Patrol. After returning to CC, the class met with Rocio Rodarte, U.S. Senator Michael Bennet’s Washington legislative aide on immigration, to brief her about their experience.

Professor Dantzler to chair research panel, deliver keynote address

This block, Professor Dantzler will be chairing a research panel called “Changing Places, Changing Outcomes: The Links Between Mixed-Income Housing, Neighborhood Change, and Opportunity.” The panel is for the Association of Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) in Washington, D.C.

Additionally, Professor Dantzler will be delivering the keynote address at the Mid-Atlantic Association of College and University Housing Officers (MACUHO). His lecture is titled: “The Intersections of Diversity and Privilege: Creating Safe but Uncomfortable Communities.” He will also be facilitating a professional development workshop at MACUHO entitled: “Designing Social Change: Rethinking Programming Around Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality.”

Dr. Ramaswami Balasubramaniam on careers in nonprofit sector: “At best we can facilitate, at worst we can play God”



Dr. Ramaswami Balasubramaniam (Balu) delivered a lecture on Wednesday, October 26th, about careers in the nonprofit sector and public health. Balu is the founder of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement, a major nonprofit in India. He discussed the ethics of nonprofit work. CC students worked with Balu in India over the summer. Balu and professor Eric Popkin are also working together on a potential course about the nonprofit sector. The lecture was co-sponsored by GlobeMed and the Sociology department.

Upcoming Events

***Incarceration Nation* exhibit**

October 27-December 13

IDEA Space and Coburn Gallery

Incarceration Nation examines various aspects of the prison system in the United States. Exhibition themes include solitary confinement, the juvenile justice system, gender expression among prison populations, and internal systems of currency and exchange. October 27 at 5:30—artist talks by Michelle Handelman and Jesse Krimes; October 28 at 4:30—opening reception in Cornerstone.

The Sociology Advisory Board will be organizing a visit to the exhibit and a discussion afterward—keep an eye out for more information coming soon!

Rocky Mountain Women’s Film Festival

November 11-13

CC hosts the incredible Rocky Mountain Women’s Film Festival every year, bringing in talented artists from all over the world to engage with our community and students. Tickets are FREE for CC students and faculty—available now at the Worner Desk! See the display in the sociology hallway for a film schedule and a list of films highlighted specifically for the sociology department.

Don’t miss these great courses!

SO322: Symbolic Interactionism—Block 5 with Vanessa Muñoz

This course will examine the theoretical tradition of symbolic interactionism and its accompanying methods (field work or ethnography). It will focus on the scientific study of everyday life and the individual actors and interactions that comprise daily life. Students will conduct their own ethnographic field research, and will also read and assess contemporary ethnographic works and the public responses to these works. Email vmunoz@coloradocollege.edu for more information!

SO451: Senior Seminar—Block 8 with Vanessa Muñoz

This year’s senior seminar will be an examination of four institutions: the family/reproduction, immigration, prisons, and education. For each institution we will engage with a short story or non-fiction writing, and watch a documentary and a combination of shows/films. There will be ample time for group discussion from a sociological perspective. *NOTE: This course is only for graduating seniors.*

What We’re Watching

Looking for something sociologically relevant for your next movie night? Check out these documentaries!

13th



13th, a Netflix documentary by Ava DuVernay, refers to the 13th amendment to the constitution, which permits slavery as punishment for a crime. The story progresses from this amendment to mass criminalization and the rise of the prison industry in the United States.

Class Divide



A look at NYC’s gentrification and growing inequality in a microcosm, *Class Divide* explores two distinct worlds that share the same Chelsea intersection – 10th Avenue and 26th Street. On one side of the avenue, the Chelsea-Elliott Houses have provided low-income public housing to residents for decades. Their neighbor across the avenue since 2012 is Avenues: The World School, a costly private school. What happens when kids from both of these worlds attempt to cross the divide?