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BLOCK 3 | OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2018



In Case You Missed It... Highlights from Blocks 1-2

UChicago Professor Forrest Stuart Dazzles at Department's O'Connor Lecture Day



Forrest Stuart talkin' sociology with students over lunch.

The soc department was excited to host professor and ethnographer Forrest Stuart as the 2018 O'Connor guest lecturer last block! A sociologist by trade, Stuart shared his work in LA's Skid Row and Chicago's South Side, and encouraged students to immerse themselves into the people and communities surrounding the issues they're passionate about. Find his book *Down, Out, and Under Arrest* at Tutt if you're interested in learning more!

A Different Kind of Change: Students Engage with Grassroots Resistance in Oaxaca, Mexico (Emma Gonzalez '18)

During block 2, students traveled with Prof. Eric Popkin to Oaxaca, Mexico as part of the Development and Grassroots Resistance in Latin America course. They examined the emergence of grassroots resistance and autonomy by visiting with local artists, organizations, and communities advocating for alternatives to neoliberal development. Students visited indigenous communities and learned about their efforts to preserve culture and land through autonomous governance structures, community-based education, and community radio as resistance to privatization and extractive foreign mining companies. This course translated prevalent sociological theory into reality and challenged dominant political and economic ideology by exploring the lived experience of people in Oaxaca.

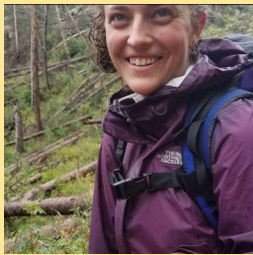


ALUMNI SEANCE:

WISDOM FROM THE GHOSTS OF MAJORS PAST

Emma Brachtenbach '17

Job/Location: I am waiting tables at Good Karma while studying to become a middle or high school English teacher. I'm living in Manitou Springs and going to school at UCCS.



How Soc Relates: Both my current job and my future job relate to sociology. While waiting tables I'm super aware of how performative the whole encounter with customers is. I do love the game I get to play with how quickly I'm required to figure my customers out in regards to who they are and potentially who they expect me to be for the 30 minutes they are sitting at my table. As a future teacher I am feeling acutely aware of how intersecting identities interact in the education system. I often find myself thinking about how I will best serve my students.

Advice for the Youth: My advice for you all is to keep doing the good work, give yourself time to not think about social theory, and love the folks you're around deeply; sociology has a place in all fields.

Katie Lerer '17

Job/Location: I am a Legal Assistant at Frederick, Perales, Allmon & Rockwell, a small public interest environmental law firm in Austin, TX.



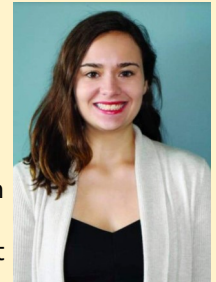
How Soc Relates: My study in sociology is what prompted me to look for work in public interest law - My thesis focused on a community group in Thornton, CO that was fighting against fracking wells near their homes and schools. Our client base here in Austin is extremely similar - we represent community groups who are fighting against landfills, natural gas developments, groundwater grabs, etc. Sociology allows me to better understand the dynamics at play in each case, and stay grounded and logical in each argument.

Advice for the Youth: My study in sociology has also always reminded me how important it is to be involved in local politics, stay grounded, and work with communities that are frequently overpowered by industry and state agencies whose goals often support the state economically and restrain community participation.

Jane Finocharo '16

Job/Location: Research Assistant at Child Trends in Bethesda, MD

How Soc Relates: Child Trends researches issues, policies, and programs that affect children. My program area specifically researches teen pregnancy prevention programs, reproductive health services, and parent education programs. I do a mix of quantitative and qualitative research, so I've gotten to use my Stata skills, write sections of qualitative briefs, and work on lit reviews.



Advice for the Youth: Don't feel like you need to have your career/education figured out by a certain point! I felt a lot of pressure to go to grad school or be on a set career path within a couple of years of graduating, but I'm glad I decided to get some more work experience since I'm still not sure what I want to do long-term. Grad school will still be there in two or four or ten years.

Jesus Loayza '16

Job/Location: Organizing Fellow for Toward Justice in Denver, CO

How Soc Relates: My organization is a nonprofit law firm that focuses on wage theft legal issues and other workplace injustices. We try and take on the cases that will set precedent in our court system so that these injustices aren't repeated. I try and connect workers to legal resources that can help them and find ways to pressure the institutions that are tasked with combating wage theft to keep improve their processes. I think that my soc degree made me conscious of the fact that the working people that come through our doors are experiencing the effects of capitalistic greed and racism, that their situation is not an isolated incident, and that they exist within a system that currently allows for these continual exploitations to come about with little accountability to the offending employers.



Advice for the Youth: Try and manage your energy, not time. There are only so many hours in the day, and only so much energy that you have to do the things and see the people you love. Make time for each and don't overcommit. Say no to more things and you will see that your schedule will open up to the things that actually fulfill you.



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