Welcome to the Sociology and Anthropology newsletter. Here we update you on activities that occurred during the 2018-19 academic year and provide a bit of information about upcoming lectures and other events. Our faculty and students continue to publish, present research, and engage in exceptional teaching. We hope you enjoy this inside look at our department.

Our outstanding faculty were the recipients of a number of awards and honors. Professor Amy Speier received the COLA Outstanding Teaching Award for Tenured Faculty and Professor Ashley Lemke received the same award for untenured faculty. Professor Heather Jacobson received the COLA Outstanding Research Award for her most recent book. The College of Liberal Arts and the University continue to support the research of faculty in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Dr. Ritu Khanduri received a College of Liberal Arts Endowment for Faculty Research and Creative Activity award, a McDowell Center Supplemental Faculty Research grant, and a Faculty Development Leave.

Several faculty continue to run Centers around campus. Professor Jason Shelton continues as director for the Center for African American Studies. Professors Christian Zlolniski and David Arditi serve as directors of the Center for Mexican American Studies and the Center for Theory, respectively.

Our students did important work during the 2018-19 academic year. Many rewarding learning opportunities were available, including study abroad and field school opportunities in South Africa and at the Way Ranch in San Marcos, Texas. Our students also received numerous awards and scholarships. Sociology students Juan Prado and Brittany Baucom each received the Blaine T. and Jean W. Williams Endowed Scholarship in Sociology. Ben and Trudy Termini Fellowships were awarded to Tyler Huffman, Michael Rivera, Jessica Smith and Lauren Williams. Tatiana Rivera and Cole Baggett received Dean’s Travel Awards to attend scholarly meetings to present their research. Lambda Alpha and Alpha Kappa Delta, the Anthropology and Sociology honor societies, respectively, inducted eleven new students. Finally, twenty-five undergraduate Sociology and Anthropology majors and seven Sociology graduate students completed their degrees – congratulations! As you move forward, we invite you to keep us up to date on your lives!

Dr. Erin Koch, Associate Professor, spoke about health inequalities in the Republic of Georgia. Her talk for the Termini Lecture was both well attended and well received. The Center for Theory also conducted a colloquium series, including a presentation by Professor Robert Young on “Perceiving the Moral and the Immoral.”

I would also like to thank all of those who made contributions to support the department and our students – especially Drs. Ben and Trudy Termini, Blaine Williams and Elaine Davenport, Paul and Suzanne Baldon and Dr. Raymond Eve.

I invite you to read about these and other accomplishments in the pages that follow. I hope that your semester is off to a great start! We are looking forward to another great year.

Beth Anne Shelton, Ph.D.

Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Professor Karl M. Petruso will be retiring from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology after 29 years of devoted service to the University of Texas at Arlington faculty, staff, and students. Professor Petruso is a classical archaeologist specializing in the eastern Mediterranean (Greece, Crete, the Cycladic Islands, Anatolia, and Cyprus), focusing primarily on the Stone and Bronze Ages. He has participated in and directed archaeological excavations in Greece, Egypt and Portugal on sites dating from the Upper Paleolithic to the Byzantine periods (ca. 20,000 BCE-7th century CE). In the early 1990s he co-directed with the Academy of Sciences of Albania, the first American archaeological project ever permitted in that country.

His research and publications focus primarily on the economics (specifically trade) of the prehistoric Minoan and Mycenaean civilizations, ca. 1900-1000 BCE. Dr. Petruso’s fieldwork has received fellowship support from the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, the University of London, and the Fulbright Commission, as well as grant funding from both the federal government and private foundations. At UTA Dr. Petruso taught numerous courses in the archaeology of Europe, Egypt, and the Near East at the graduate and undergraduate levels. He created a travel-intensive study abroad program for the Honors College which he directed frequently in several countries in Europe from 2002 to 2018.

Dr. Petruso held several administrative positions during his tenure at UTA, including Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts (1990-95) and Associate Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies (1995-2000). He served as Dean of the Honors College from 2008 to 2016 before returning to the Anthropology Program to teach full time. In the Fall of 2018, the Karl M. Petruso Scholarship for Honors Fieldwork in the Liberal Arts was established. This award is designed to support undergraduate research that enables Honors students in a Liberal Arts discipline to spend several weeks away from campus, typically during the summer. Dr. Petruso recently received the Lifetime Service Award from the Great Plains Honors Council (a six-state regional unit of the National Collegiate Honors Council) for his leadership and contributions to honors education. We thank Professor Petruso for his many years of dedicated service to the university and his students, and we wish him a relaxing and happy retirement.
HEATHER JACOBSON, Professor of Sociology, has been awarded the CoLA Outstanding Research Award primarily for her book on surrogacy, Labor of Love: Gestational Surrogacy and the Work of Making Babies (Rutgers University Press, 2016). The book focuses on commercial gestational surrogacy in the United States, examining the experiences of surrogates as they negotiate the terrains of work and family in the new reproductive marketplace. Dr. Jacobson is Director of Graduate Studies for the Sociology program. She is a family sociologist who works primarily at the intersection of inequality and family formation. Professor Jacobson earned a BA in History and a BFA in Drama from Carnegie Mellon University in 1993. She earned an MPhil in Women’s Studies from the University of Dublin, Trinity College (1995) and an M.A. (2001) and Ph.D. (2006) in Sociology from Brandeis University.

RITU KHANDURI, Associate Professor of Anthropology, received a College of Liberal Arts Endowment for Faculty Research and Creative Activity award, a McDowell Center Supplemental Faculty Research Grant and Faculty Development Leave. Dr. Ritu Gairola Khanduri researches on media, material culture and science in the context of India and the Indian diaspora. She is the author of Caricaturing Culture in India: Cartoons and History in the Modern World by Cambridge University Press. As part of her public engagement, she contributed two essays to the blog Fifteeneightyfour and one to the Diplomat.

ASHLEY LEMKE, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, along with passing her third year review without reservation, has received the 2019 CoLA Outstanding Teaching Award for Tenure-Track Faculty. In addition, the College of Liberal Arts, through the Endowment for Faculty Research, has awarded Ashley Lemke the CoLA Dean’s Accolade Endowment Award (and the student she will mentor receives a stipend as well). This endowment will aid in the cost to reproduce images for her manuscript, The Architecture of Hunting: The Built Environmental of Hunter-Gatherers and its Impact on Mobility, Property, Leadership, and Labor.

Dr. Lemke has also been awarded a UTA Cares award from the UTA Central Library to create a free online version of the text for Introduction to Archaeology.

Ashley Lemke is an assistant professor in the department of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Texas at Arlington. Her primary research interests include the anthropology of hunting and archaeology of hunter-gatherers, specifically prehistoric subsistence and diversity of foraging strategies. These research questions have led her to work in North America and Europe on both terrestrial and underwater archaeological projects from the Lower Paleolithic to 19th-century Nunamiut archaeological sites in the high arctic. As a prehistoric underwater archaeologist, Lemke’s current research seeks to understand the social and economic organization of caribou hunters 9,000 years ago through the systematic survey and excavation of ancient hunting sites submerged beneath the Great Lakes.

Lemke is also active in archaeological research in Texas. Lemke serves on the Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology (ACUA) Board of Directors. Covering nearly 3/4 of the Earth’s surface, water is the source of all life on our planet. Beneath the surface of our oceans, lakes, rivers, and wetlands lies a physical record of humankind preserved in prehistoric and historic shorelines, shipwrecks, inundated cities, harbors, and other traces of our past. The ACUA serves as an international advisory body on issues relating to underwater archaeology, conservation, and submerged cultural resources management. It is working to educate scholars, governments, sport divers, and the general public about underwater archaeology and the preservation of underwater resources.
AMY SPEIER, Associate Professor of Anthropology, received the CoLA Teaching Award for Tenured Faculty. Dr. Speier is a medical anthropologist specializing in reproductive health, globalization and medical tourism. In August 2016, her book *Fertility Holidays: IVF Tourism and the Reproduction of Whiteness* was released by New York University Press. This research is based on a multi-sited, multi-year ethnographic project with North Americans who travel to the Czech Republic for assisted reproductive technologies. In the book, she traces North American fertility journeys to the Czech Republic, examining the multiple motivations that compel people to travel halfway across the globe in their quest for parenthood. Dr. Speier's current research is an examination of couples from all over the world who are traveling to North America seeking fertility treatment. She is currently recruiting international intended parents, seeking to unravel the myriad ways that they navigate the complex reproductive industry of North America's "baby business."

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**Julie Adkins, Anthropology**

Dr. Adkins continues to teach sections of Introduction to Anthropology each year, along with a rotation of various upper-division classes – this fall semester, Anthropology of Religion. In the spring of 2020 she will return to teaching Introduction to Anthropology, and a section of Cultural Diversity and Identity. Apart from UTA, Julie Adkins continues to preach most Sundays in various small Presbyterian churches in north Texas, and to sing professionally with St. Matthew’s Episcopal Cathedral Choral Artists. Julie Adkins is pictured above with her 1967 Buick LeSabre, who goes by the name of Zeke.

**David Arditi, Sociology**

Dr. David Arditi has a passion for music. While his research centers on the Sociology of Music, music takes up much of his spare time as well. Dr. Arditi is a drummer who gigged for over a decade. His research allows him to merge his non-academic interests with his research. For instance, Dr. Arditi had the opportunity to do some ethnographic field work at the Kaaboo Festival in Arlington. This allowed him to both experience music and research it. Over the summer, he completed writing a book about some of this ethnographic work entitled *The Ideology of Getting Signed*. Dr. Arditi continues to work on MusicDetour: The DFW Local Music Archive. The archive continues to grow with over 50 bands archived. Please contact Dr. Arditi if you would like to contribute music or re-sources to the archive, we are always looking for music by our students and alumni. Dr. Arditi continues to grow the Center for Theory. Finally, he is Editor of *FAST CAPITALISM*.

**Krystal Beamon, Sociology**

Krystal Beamon received her Bachelors, Masters, and Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University. She joined UTA in the fall of 2008 after a three year tenure-track position at The University of Oklahoma. She was awarded tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor in Sociology in 2015 from the University of Texas Arlington. Her primary areas of scholarship are Race and Ethnicity, Sociology of Sport, and Inequality. Her book *The Enduring Color Line in U.S. Athletics* is among the top 10 best sellers in that genre. She is a recipient of the prestigious Regents Outstanding Teaching Award. Dr. Beamon received the 2017 Rising Star Award from her alma mater, Oklahoma State University for her outstanding accomplishments since graduation. She is teaching Introduction to Sociology, Inequalities in Public Education, and a graduate course, Sociology of Sport, this fall.

**Kelly Bergstrand, Sociology**

Dr. Kelly Bergstrand continues her research into disasters, as well as mechanisms underlying why people are willing to take action for social and environmental causes. This August, she presented her research on how differences in aggrieved groups affect people’s interest in participating in activism at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. She also published an article earlier this year looking at the cases that lead to activism against acts of care. Dr. Bergstrand teaches courses on environmental sociology, social statistics, and research methods. Over the summer, she enjoyed hanging out on the Texas coast and hiking in Arkansas with her family.

**Naomi Cleghorn, Anthropology**

This summer, Dr. Cleghorn continued archaeological excavations at Knysna, on the southern coast of South Africa, where she is studying the impact of sea level change on early coastal foragers who lived...
between 50,000 and 18,000 years ago. Over the past six years, more than 50 researchers and students from UTA and around the world, and a professional excavation team based in South Africa, have contributed to the project. Over the course of the six-week field season at a site overlooking the Indian Ocean, Dr. Cleghorn and her team excavated and recorded more than 25,000 new finds. These stone tools, sea shells, animal bones, ostrich eggshells, and traces of mineral pigments (likely used to produce decoration) were found in and around astonishingly well-preserved ancient hearths (campfires), and can tell us about diet, climate, and the social behaviors of ancient humans. This research is part of the H.O.M.E.R. (Human Origins Migrations and Evolution Research) Project, funded through a major multi-year grant from the Hyde Family Foundation. The purpose of H.O.M.E.R. is to develop a community of archaeological field projects that share data collection standards and systems, and train students in multi-site contexts. Student (graduate and undergraduate) training and research is an integral part of the Knysna project. Currently this research facilitates three dissertation projects (including two by UTA alums). This year, 12 students representing Yale, Purdue, Emory, U. of Michigan, Arizona State U., UT Austin, U. of Wollongong (Australia), Nelson Mandela U. (South Africa), and including UTA alum, Hannah Keller (2014), contributed to the project, and were fully funded through the generosity of the Hyde grant. Past funders include the L.S.B. Leakey Foundation, the John Templeton Foundation, the National Science Foundation, UTA, and private donors.

M. Faye Hanson-Evans, Sociology

Faye Hanson-Evans is an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology where she teaches courses on the sociology of poverty, gender, social problems, and more. Faye earned her MA and BA in Sociology from UT Arlington and is both a McNair Scholar and Honors College alum. Her specializations include the sociology of poverty, political sociology, and quantitative data analysis. In 2017, Faye was named UT Arlington’s College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Teacher in Distance Education. In 2018, Faye served as faculty advisor to assist her students to establish a new UTA student organization chapter - Project Downtown - a national 501(c) (3) that works specifically with the homeless populations of Arlington and Fort Worth. Most recently, Faye was named an I.D.E.A.S. Faculty Fellow for her outstanding course development and teaching practices – both online and in the classroom. Faye is also fun mom to Dolly and Barkley - her two Saint Bernard’s - and regularly finds herself unwittingly accessorized with slobber and dog hair.

Heather Jacobson, Sociology

Heather Jacobson is a family sociologist and reproductive scholar. She directs the MA in Sociology program and would love to talk with prospective students. Also, if you are an alum of the program, please be in touch with her (jacobson@uta.edu) to update your contact information! This past year, Heather published, “A Limited Market: The Infertility Industry’s Recruitment of Gay Men as Surrogacy Clients” in Reproductive Biomedicine & Society Online. She gave invited talks on her research at Southern Methodist University, the Forum Transregionale Studien in Berlin, the NYU Paris Center in Paris, and in the Tap Talks series organized by UTA science students at local Arlington breweries. She was invited to share her understandings of contemporary surrogacy with the Center for Reproductive Rights (NYC) and the Center for Genetics and Society (Oakland, CA). She presented her new research on embryo cryopreservation at the Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) and the Alliance for the Study of Adoption and Culture (ASAC). Outside of work, Heather enjoys traveling with her family and sampling new foods. This past summer, they traveled to Kyoto, Japan where they ate their way through all the noodles and seafood.

Dorothy Kalanzi, Sociology

Dr. Kalanzi’s research on HIV/AIDS and climate change in Africa is ongoing. She is currently teaching five courses including Medical Sociology, Social Inequality, and three sections of Introduction to Sociology. In spring 2018 she taught Medical Sociology, Social Inequality, and two sections of Introduction to Sociology. She will be teaching similar courses in spring 2020. Dr. Kalanzi also teaches Medical Sociology and Social Inequality during the summer.

Ritu Khanduri, Anthropology

Dr. Ritu Gairola Khanduri researches on media, material culture and science in the context of India and the Indian diaspora. She is the author of Caricaturing Culture in India: Cartoons and History in the Modern World published by Cambridge
University Press. She is currently pursuing projects on Gandhi and developing new research on India's visual culture. Dr. Khanduri enjoys seeing her students' course work presented in seminars and appearing in publications. She is passionate about teaching South Asia, India, Gandhi, visual culture and public engagement with cultural anthropology. Her life is ruled by two adorable cats, Lou and Leepoosing. She enjoys running, traveling, twitter, vegetarian cuisine, cooking for family and friends, music and films.

**Robert Kunovich, Sociology**

Dr. Kunovich is currently teaching three courses: Social Aspects of Risk (SOCI 3348), Social Statistics (SOCI 3352), and Graduate Social Statistics (SOCI 5304). In the spring, he will be teaching Social Research (SOCI 5304). In the fall, he will be teaching Introduction to Archaeology, a new class, Archaeology in Practice, and a summer archaeology field school. Archaeology field schools are important for students who want to go into archaeology as a career after graduation. Many students from the last three field schools have been hired by Cultural Resource Management Companies and/or are enrolled in graduate schools around the country. Dr. Lemke took 12 students to live and work at Way Ranch, an archaeological site in San Marcos, Texas. In addition to running the Archaeological field school, Dr. Lemke went to Michigan for a few months to do underwater archaeological research in the Great Lakes. Dr. Lemke edited a book which was published this year by University Press of Colorado. She also received a grant from UTA to create an open access textbook from the Introduction to Archaeology class. She received two awards from UTA recognizing her teaching, the Outstanding Teaching Award for Tenure-Track Faculty, and the Dean's Accolade Endowment Award from the College of Liberal Arts.

Professor Kunovich enjoys watching The Walking Dead and other zombie-related TV shows and movies, playing music, and kayak fishing. One highlight of the past summer was a twenty-mile canoe adventure on the Brazos River with his son (pictured). He enjoyed a trip to Rockport’s Gulf coast beach with his daughter and trip to visit family in Richmond and Quantico, Virginia.

**Ashley Lemke, Anthropology**

Dr. Lemke is starting her fourth year in the Anthropology Department at UTA. She is an archaeologist who specializes in underwater archaeology. Last year she taught Introduction to Archaeology, a new class, Archaeology in Practice, and a summer archaeology field school. Archaeology field schools are important for students who want to go into archaeology as a career after graduation. Many students from the last three field schools have been hired by Cultural Resource Management Companies and/or are enrolled in graduate schools around the country. Dr. Lemke took 12 students to live and work at Way Ranch, an archaeological site in San Marcos, Texas. In addition to running the Archaeological field school, Dr. Lemke went to Michigan for a few months to do underwater archaeological research in the Great Lakes. Dr. Lemke edited a book which was published this year by University Press of Colorado. She also received a grant from UTA to create an open access textbook from the Introduction to Archaeology class. She received two awards from UTA recognizing her teaching, the Outstanding Teaching Award for Tenure-Track Faculty, and the Dean's Accolade Endowment Award from the College of Liberal Arts.

**Isabel Montemayor, Anthropology**

Dr. Isabel Montemayor is currently working on her manuscript tentatively titled "Healing Bodies across Borders" which investigates the transnational health seeking strategies of mixed status Mexican immigrants and their families living in Michoacan and Michigan. During the summer of 2019 she conducted fieldwork in rural Michoacan with return migrants and Mexican nationals regarding their experiences with Seguro Popular. In spring of 2019 she presented her paper "Unconventional Health Care Roles in Times of Health Crisis in Rural Mexico" at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon and her paper titled "The Rural Disadvantage of Popular Insurance: Navigating Mexico's 'Universal' Health Care Plan" at the Latin American Studies Association Conference in Boston, Massachusetts.

**Karl Petruso, Anthropology**

In his final three semesters of teaching, Dr. Petruso offered three new upper-level courses: Archaeology of Europe (a survey from prehistory to early medieval); Rise of Civilization (which examined the first "pristine" complex societies in the Old and New Worlds); and Archaeology of Exploration, Travel and Trade (considering such topics as the archaeological evidence for and impacts of early migration, wheel and sail technology, domestication of the horse and camel, tracks and roads, and economic relationships among early polities). His critique of quantitative approaches to historical
metrology as practiced by scholars today is scheduled to appear in October. It is a cautionary tale, challenging a popular recent argument for a Bronze Age analogue to modern globalization. Included in the article is the script of Ned Beatty’s *tour de force* tirade from Paddy Chayefsky’s film, *Network* (1976), a black comedy that presciently anticipated the political accommodations of corporate excesses & unintended social consequences that have accompanied globalization in our era.

**Josephine Ryan, Anthropology**

Dr. Josephine (Joci) Ryan is a cultural anthropologist with interests including food and culture, gender and sexuality, human rights, public health, and medical anthropology. This fall she is teaching Contemporary African Cultures and Comparative Family and Kinship Systems. She served as the Graduate Advisor for the Anthropology Program from 2009-2015. She is active in the refugee resettlement community and works with non-profit organizations seeking to fast-track living wage employment for newcomers. She also works in the area of human rights education and has traveled with students to locations in Africa, Europe, and Central America. This December she will be assisting the SMU Embrey Human Rights Program's Poland Holocaust Education trip for the third time.

**Beth Anne Shelton, Sociology**

Beth Anne Shelton earned her Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of Texas at Austin. She studies gendered patterns of time use in the home, in the paid labor force and in volunteer work. Most of her research addresses the relationship between work and family, focusing on how the inner workings of the home impact individuals’ labor force activities as well as how the constraints of work impact families, including children, mothers and fathers. She and Rebecca Deen have a chapter titled “From Civic Mindedness to Electoral Politics: Citizen Advisory Committees and the Decision to Run for School Board” being published this spring in Good Reasons to Run: Women as Political Candidates (edited by Shames, Bernhard, Teele, and Holman and published by Temple University Press. She and Deen also continue their work on women’s paths to civic engagement, public service and elected office. She teaches courses on family, work and the intersection of the two. For leisure she plays tennis, runs and travels when possible. This past spring she spent time in Santa Fe, enjoying the coffee, books and art.

**Jason E. Shelton, Sociology**

Jason E. Shelton’s primary research interests concern the Sociology of Religion, as well as the intersections of race, class, and political/social attitudes in the Post-Civil Rights Era. His articles have appeared in *Social Science Quarterly, Du Bois Review, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Sociological Perspectives, Journal of African American Studies, American Behavioral Scientist* and other respected publications. New York University Press published his first book, *Blacks and Whites in Christian America: How Racial Discrimination Shapes Religious Convictions*, which won the distinguished book award, sponsored by the Southern Conference on African American Studies and was recognized by the American Sociological Association's section on the Sociology of Religion. Dr. Shelton has been interviewed by major media outlets for news stories relevant to his research such as the *Chicago Tribune, USA Today, the British Broadcasting Company* (BBC), *Houston Chronicle*, and network television affiliates in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. In 2019 Dr. Shelton was invited to give a distinguished lecture at a major research university, submitted an article on spirituality for publication, and continued writing his second book, which tracks changes across African American life over the last 50 years with respect to religion, political views, marriage and family. In his spare time, Dr. Shelton enjoys hanging out at the beach, playing golf, and going to old school Hip Hop concerts!

**Shelley Smith, Anthropology**

Over the past year, Professor Smith continued her ongoing research project exploring the presentation of human evolution materials in museums. This summer, with generous support from UTA’s McDowell Center, she returned to the National Museum of Natural History (Smithsonian) to scan an abundance of documents provided by Richard (Rick) Potts, the Director of the Human Origins Program, for an in-depth case study of the development of the museum’s David H. Koch Hall of Human Origins. Shortly before catching the plane to return to DFW, she experienced the opening day festivities for the new Deep Time Fossil Hall (June 8, 2019). In August, she visited the Witte Museum in San Antonio as an adjunct to this project, principally to view the *Body Adventure* exhibit (with a cool anatomy table). She completed her interviews with museum curators this year as well, including one with the new paleoanthropology curator at the Perot Museum of Nature and Science, Dr. Becca Peixotto. She looks forward to the Perot’s *Origins* exhibit this fall.

**Amy Speier, Anthropology**

Dr. Amy Speier is a medical anthropologist specializing in cross-border reproductive health, globalization and medical tourism. Her book, *Fertility Holidays: IVF Tourism and the Reproduction of Whiteness*, was released August 2016. This book
traces North American fertility journeys to the Czech Republic examining the multiple motivations that compel them to travel halfway across the globe in their quest for parenthood. Dr. Speier has been conducting fieldwork that is examining reproductive travel to North America for assisted reproductive technologies. This type of fertility travel is much more complex and varied, given the vastly unregulated “baby business” in the United States. This past summer, Dr. Speier interviewed several families in Europe that had been created via surrogacy in the United States. Dr. Speier teaches courses in Research Methods and Medical Anthropology. She has been working on her current research for three and a half years and she is currently teaching Global Cultures and Food and Culture. She looks forward to teaching Anthropology of Tourism in the spring.

Robert Young, Sociology
Professor Young teaches in the areas Of Social Psychology, Deviance and Research Methods. His scholarly interests lie within the domains of symbolic interactionism, cognitive sociology and social psychology. His most recent research has dealt with such topics as social interaction processes, the roles of emotion and cognition in human action, and human-animal relationships. Currently, his research and writing focuses on the cognitive, social-interactional and cultural processes of personal moral systems. His article “Exploring Empathy, Compassion Fatigue, and Burnout among Feral Cat Caregivers” was recently published in the online edition of the journal Society and Animals. His article “Perceiving the Moral in the Social: Toward an Integrative Theory of Moral Perception” is currently under editorial review. Dr. Young loves teaching and being a part of a thriving department with great colleagues, adores his family, and is somewhat fanatical about jazz!

Christian Zlolniski, Associate Professor of Anthropology & Director, Center for Mexican American Studies (CMAS)
Christian Zlolniski is a social anthropologist interested in work, labor, and economic globalization with a regional focus on Mexico and the U.S.-Mexico borderlands. He published the book Made in Baja: The Lives of Farmworkers and Growers behind Mexico’s Transnational Agricultural Boom (University of California Press 2019). The book examines the ecological, social, and human consequences of growing water-intense fresh produce in the arid region of the San Quintín Valley, including the struggles for labor, civic, and political rights by the local population. He was appointed new editor of the journal Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos published by UC Press, starting in January 2020. To follow the dictum “Mens sana in corpore sano,” he returned to play tennis after many years (with less than mediocre results…).

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Center for Mexican American Studies
2019 Distinguished Speaker Series
Co-sponsored with the Department of Sociology & Anthropology

Dr. Clara E. Rodriguez, Professor of Sociology, Fordham University, New York was the distinguished speaker in April 2019. The topic of discussion was “From Latinx in Hollywood to US TV Abroad.” Dr. Rodriguez is the recipient of numerous research and teaching awards, including the American Sociological Association’s Award for Distinguished Contributions to Research in the Field of Latina/o Studies. She has written over 60 articles on Latinos in the United States and has served as a consultant to a number of television shows and documentaries. Dr. Rodriguez was selected as one of the “100 Most Influential Hispanics in the nation” by Hispanic Business in 2007.
The University of Texas Arlington’s (UTA) Center for Theory has continued to grow in the last year. As listed in our mission statement, the goal of the Center for Theory aims to “facilitate the research and teaching of a growing number of faculty and graduate students interested in contemporary social and cultural theories,” and in the last year, the Center for Theory has managed to assist research and teaching of social theory. We are excited to be opening the Ben Agger Theory Library soon. The library houses theory books and books by Center-affiliated faculty. It will be a site for studying and meeting to discuss theory. During the 2018-19 academic year, the Center for Theory hosted its annual Colloquium Series, which included seven presenters from various universities. We published a book entitled The Dialectic of Digital Culture, co-edited by David Arditi and Jennifer Miller, which also featured essays by Amy Speier and Timothy Morris. If any alumni are interested in donating in any way to the Center for Theory’s initiatives, please contact David Arditi (darditi@uta.edu).

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Anthropology Field Schools 2019

South Africa

Associate Professor of Anthropology Dr. Naomi Cleghorn led a team of UTA students and other researchers to Knysna, South Africa. Funding was supported by grants from the Hyde Family Foundation, L.S.B. Leakey Foundation, the John Templeton Foundation, UTA and private donors.

Dr. Naomi Cleghorn and her team excavating at Knysna, South Africa

San Marcos, Texas

UTA Associate Professor Dr. Ashley Lemke taught a summer 2019 field school at Way Ranch in San Marcos, Texas. Students were able to live and work at a 6000-10,000 year old prehistoric archaeological site and participate in a real archaeological excavation.

Elliott Jones and Chris Romo  
Summer Field School  
Natalie Bauman
Sociology & Anthropology Students

Celebration of Achievement Ceremony

The Annual Department of Sociology and Anthropology Awards Ceremony was held May 2, 2019. The guest speaker was Dr. Christian Crowder who received a BA in Anthropology from UTA and Ph.D. from Baylor University, Department of Anthropology, Forensic Science and Archaeology. Dr. Christian Crowder is employed with the UT Southwestern Medical Center in the Department of Pathology. His research is in bone histomorphometry, pediatric skeletal trauma, and skeletal biology.

Graduating Anthropology Seniors were Luci Barnard, Lindsey Boyle, Peyton Carroll, Jennie Heath, Verkayla Laster, Joshua Lindquist, Meredith Morrow, Madison Roberts, Kelsey Rodriguez, Alex Smith, and Alondra Smith.

Graduating Sociology Seniors were Brianna Brooks, Anika Faruque, Joseph Gibbs, Lorena Granado, Rashad Harrison, Michael McCullough, Patrick Milligan, Ka’Vondra Newton-Rhodes, Taylor Pavey, Sona Pokharel, Teresita Reyes, Jasmine Tranquilino, and Charles Vogel. "Summa cum Laude (s), Magna Cum Laude (M), Cum Laude (C).

Graduating Sociology Master’s Students were Noah Amb, Nathan Cole Baggett, Angela Barajas, Curtis Brown, Jacob Garza, Alicia Hooper and Dianne Reaux.

Anthropology Honor Roll Recipients who maintained a GPA of 3.2 or higher within the major and 3.0 and higher overall were Kristyna Dyson, Alex Garcia, Luis Guereca, Hannah Johnson, Abigail Key, Ciara Mason, Aimee Moran, Samuel Mosher, Jenna Nguyen, Michael Rivera, Thomas Schloeman, Ashley Stephens, Claire Sweet, Baonhu Tran, Rachel Welbes, Lauren Williams, and Louren Words.

Sociology Honor Roll Recipients who maintained a GPA of 3.2 or higher within the major and 3.0 Dr. and higher overall were Brittany Baucom, Michael Burns, Ashley Fleming, Rahim Haghiri, Briley Littlejohn, Peter Nguyen, and Kaylee Smith.

Anthropology Scholars who maintained a GPA of 3.2 or higher within the major and 3.0 or higher overall and have completed more than 12 hours of coursework in the major were Luci Barnard, Emily Berke, Destiny Burnett, Peyton Carroll, Austin Champine, Clay Evon, Julie Ford, Eunice Guevara, Jennie Heath, Tyler Huffman, Justin Jones, Paulene Kolota, Verkayla Laster, Joshua Lindquist, Paola Puentes, Madison Roberts, Alondra Smith, Jessica Smith, and Stephanie Vazquez.

Sociology Scholars who maintained a GPA of 3.2 or higher within the major and 3.0 or higher overall and have completed more than 12 hours of coursework in the major were Juan Prado, Ryan Roland, Destiny Rosario, Tanner Strawbridge, Erik Van Bloeme, Michelle Villegas, Charles Vogel, Sydney Williamson, and Paige Witherspoon. Asterisk indicates GPA of 3.5 and above.

The Ben and Trudy Termini Anthropology Fellowship was awarded to Tyler Huffman, Michael Rivera, Jessica Smith and Lauren Williams.

The Blaine T. and Jean W. Williams Endowed Scholarship recipients were Brittany Baucom and Juan Prado.

acCOLAdes (College of Liberal Arts Scholars) were Michael Burns, Austin Champine, Joshua Lindquist, Dorian Moore, Paola Puentes, Tatiana Rivera, Madison Roberts, Tanner Strawbridge, Michelle Villegas, and Paige Witherspoon.

College of Liberal Arts Dean’s Travel Award was presented to Nathan Cole Baggett and Tatiana Rivera.

Sociology and Anthropology Student Ambassadors are Destiny Burnett, Paola Puentes, Alanis Ramos-Berrios, Jessica Smith and Jennifer Wellman.

Lambda Alpha Inductees were Lindsey Boyle, Justin Jones, Joshua Lindquist, and Paola Puentes.

Lambda Alpha Graduates were Luci Barnard, Lindsey Boyle, Verkayla Laster, and Joshua Lindquist.

Alpha Kappa Delta Inductees were Nathan Cole Baggett, Iris Garcia, Ana Mariscal, Sydney Scott, Tanner Strawbridge and Alexandria Strawn.

MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM Ciara Mason majoring in Anthropology at UTA was a McNair Scholar this summer 2019. Dr. Shelley Smith was her faculty Mentor. In August 2019 she presented a paper, “Social Dynamics of a Captive Western Lowland Gorilla (Gorilla gorilla) Harem.” She was also mentored by Ms. Nancy Scott (Field Advisor-Dallas Zoo).
Sociology Masters Theses

NOAH AMBS  – fall 2018
Committee Chair: Dr. Beth Anne Shelton
Title: Understanding Masculinity and Gender

NATHAN COLE BAGGETT – spring 2019
Committee Chair: Dr. Robert Kunovich
Title: Balancing the Theoretical Tool Kit: A Quantitative Examination of Social Mobility and Culture

ANGELA BARAJAS – fall 2018
Committee Chair: Dr. David Arditi
Title: Pros and Cons: Anime Conventions and Cosplayers

CURTIS BROWN – spring 2019
Committee Chair: Dr. Jason Shelton
Title: The Dimensions of Prison Abolition

JACOB GARZA - fall 2018
Committee Chair: Dr. Beth Anne Shelton
Title: Understanding Pregnancy: A Multidimensional Approach

ALICIA HOOPER – spring 2019
Committee Chair: Dr. Beth Anne Shelton
Title: Working With The Homeless: A Sociological Perspective

DIANNE REAUX – fall 2018
Committee Chair: Dr. Kelly Bergstrand
Title: Disasters: The Frequency and the Fury. Has Disaster Literature Kept Pace With the Changing Nature of Disasters?

Alumni: Where Their Degrees have taken them

ALLEN, MYRIAH received her BA in Anthropology (2016), BA in Criminology and Criminal Justice (2016), and BS in Geoscience (2019) from UTA. She received her Masters in Forensic Anthropology from the University of Montana, Missoula (Spring 2019).

BEY, MOLLY graduate of UTA in Anthropology (2013). Completed a MS in Applied Medical Anthropology and Masters in Public Health. She worked for the FAO of the UN for her thesis work in Sierra Leone and worked researching public health emergencies with funding from Welcome Trust with Institut Pasteur. She is now a researcher at Children’s Health System of Texas in Dallas.

CARROLL, PEYTON graduated from UTA with a BA in Anthropology in 2019. She has been accepted into the Masters program at Cambridge University (U.K.).

CRAIKER, KRYSTAL graduated in 2012 with a degree in Anthropology. She is an author, author educator, and freelance writer. Her first book was released in 2017, and the sequel comes out this October.

DOLENZ, STEPHANIE received her BA in Anthropology in 2018 from UTA and is a graduate student at Durham University (U.K.) and was recently awarded a Ustinov College Scholarship.

HOLLMULLER, LeANN, Graduated from UTA with BA in Anthropology. She completed her MS in Health & Wellness from the American College of Healthcare Sciences with a focus on pediatric nutrition.

KELLER, HANNAH received her BA in Anthropology (2014) from UTA. She completed a Masters program at the University of Colorado, Denver and has begun a Ph.D program at Yale.

KENNEDY, JAMAICA received her BA and Masters (2015) from UTA in Sociology. She is presently an adjunct professor of Sociology at TCU.
LAMB, ERIC graduated in 2016 with a BA in Anthropology. In 2018 he was accepted into the MD program at CMU (Caribbean Medical University). In 2019 he started an online MPH program through Walden University.

MULLEN, COLLEEN has a BA from UTA in Anthropology and is working as a case filer at the Carrollton Police Department. In December she will have a graduate certificate in forensic death investigation from the University of Florida.

OVERFIELD, ZACHARY graduated from UTA in 2013 with a Master’s in Anthropology. He is currently working as the Cultural Resources Team Lead (Lead Archaeologist)/Project Manager for SWCA Environmental Consultants’ San Antonio office.

PENA, LILLY graduated from UTA with a BA in Anthropology and is an Exhibits Technician at the Perot Museum of Nature and Science.

PHILLIPS, LORI received a BA in Anthropology (2013) and is completing her MA/Ph.D program at Washington State University.

ROBERTS, MADISON graduated from UTA with a BA in Anthropology. She will be attending Pace University’s law school in White Plains, New York studying environmental law. After finishing her J.D., Madison plans to apply to Ph.D programs for anthropology. She hopefully will be presenting an archaeology poster at the SAA meeting in April.

SHELTON, CHRISTOPHER received his masters in Anthropology in 2015. He is an archaeologist with SWCA based in Austin.

SMITH, TONYA BURKETT received her BA in Anthropology in 2013 at UTA with minors in Psychology and Classical studies. She and her husband opened a Direct Primary Care cash based medical practice in 2016. She is the Office Administrator and bookkeeper.

SZROT, LUKAS received his BA in Philosophy (2013) and MA in Sociology (2015) from UTA. He obtained a Ph.D from the University of Kansas in 2019. He has been accepted as an Assistant Professor of Sociology from Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minnesota.

TAYLOR, ERIN received her BA (2015) and MA (2018) in Sociology from UTA. She is an adjunct Sociology Professor at Tarrant Community College.

TOMLINSON, DAWNDI graduated with BA in Anthropology in 2012 and received a Doctorate of Chiropractic from Parker University.

WATSON, SARA received a BA from UTA in Anthropology (2016) and MA from UC Davis (2018). She completed her qualifying exams in 2019 and is ABD for her Ph.D. She was awarded a NSF GRFP in 2017 which has been funding her research and a NSF GROW grant to conduct experimental work in Australia that she completed in July.

WAY, PHYLICIA graduated in 2017 from UTA in Anthropology. She’s working as an archaeological field technician for SWCA Environmental Consultants.

FINALS WEEK: Did you know that just the smell of coffee can stimulate your brain? Need that caffeine to power through finals? Join us during finals week at the end of each semester. We'll be here for you - in University Hall 430 & 432 to help YOU get through finals week! We serve coffee and snacks, have study spots, supplies, and more! Hosted by the Department of Sociology & Anthropology. More than 100 students stopped by the office this past spring 2019.
Lambda Alpha (The Anthropological Honor Society Alpha Chapter of Texas)

Lambda Alpha is a dynamic national collegiate organization which nurtures and rewards undergraduate and graduate students’ excellence in Anthropology. This year in addition to assisting with the Termini Lecture and Brown Bag series, we will be focusing on developing professional and scholarly skills such as networking and research. We will be attending conferences and lectures throughout the year. This year will also see the introduction of social hours, events designed to give members an opportunity to discuss anthropological topics and career paths 2018. **Dr. Amy Speier** is Faculty Advisor.

Anthropology Club

The Anthropology Club kicked off with a great start this year. Our plans include museum visits, distinguished brown bag lecturers, exciting events like flint knapping, and helping with the annual goat roast hosted by Dr. Naomi Cleghorn. We are looking forward to continuing with social events like our cultural lunches at local venues. We seek to promote increased awareness of local and national events in anthropology while encouraging fun activities for our student body. For more information on the Anthro Club you may go to [http://mavorgs.collegiatelink.net/organization/anthropologyclub](http://mavorgs.collegiatelink.net/organization/anthropologyclub). Anthropology Club officers are Michael A. Rivera, President, Ciara Mason, Vice President, Beatrice Lozano, Secretary, Marcie Woolery, Treasurer, Erin Kielty, Vice-Treasurer, and Miranda Berry-Kopriva, Historian. **Dr. Ashley Lemke** is Faculty Advisor.

Sociology Student Association (SSA)

The Sociology Student Association (SSA) is an officially recognized, student-led organization at the University of Texas Arlington. The purpose of SSA is to demonstrate the practical and theoretical aspects of Sociology in ways beneficial to its undergraduate and graduate students and the surrounding Arlington community. Membership is not limited to sociology majors. SSA activities include career development events, educational activities, community involvement, and social events. Each semester’s activities are determined by the student members. SSA officers are Tanner Strawbridge, President, Ian Jara, Vice-President, Jessica Salis, Treasurer, Jennifer Wellman, Secretary, Desiree Alvarez, Director of Professional Development, Maggie Rodriguez, Social Media Director, and Maria Molina, Social Activity Chair. Faculty advisor is **Dr. Kelly Bergstrand**.

Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD)

The Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) Sociological Honor Society Omicron Chapter of Texas welcomed new sociology scholars from UTA to its ranks during the 2018-2019 year. **Dr. Kelly Bergstrand**, Faculty Advisor and Chapter Representative for AKD, inducted new initiates at last year’s ceremony co-sponsored with the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and Lambda Alpha. The ceremony also honored UTA’s own Sociology Scholars and Sociology Honor Roll students with a reception and banquet afterward. AKD assists with funding for students interested in attending or presenting at professional conventions. To stay informed of the latest national AKD news, join the Facebook group: Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society, and for more information on the Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society of Sociology you can go to: [http://alphakappadeltainternational.com](http://alphakappadeltainternational.com).

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**COLA WELCOME BACK DAY** to UTA fall 2019 was fun for all. New and continuing students enjoyed fun games and handouts from departments around the UTA campus. The event was open to all Faculty, Staff and Students. They had games, snacks, prizes, CoLA promotional items, and KONA ICE! UTA Radio was also on hand, broadcasting live from the central lawn. At the Department of Sociology and Anthropology table you could submit your name and email to win a tin bucket filled with UTA souvenirs. The prize went to Claudia Martinez, a Finance major.
WE RECOGNIZE SIX STUDENT SCHOLARS

**Blaine T. and Jean W. Williams Endowed Scholarship in Sociology**

The Blaine T. and Jean W. Williams Endowed Scholarship in Sociology was awarded to **Brittany Baucom** and **Juan Prado**

The Blaine T. and Jean W. Williams Endowed Scholarship in Sociology was presented at the department’s Celebration of Achievement Ceremony in the spring of 2019 to Brittany Baucom and Juan Prado. The Endowed Scholarship in Sociology was established by their son, Blaine Williams and his wife, Elaine Davenport. Blaine T. Williams, Sr. and his wife, Jean Wood Williams were pioneers in the Dallas-Fort Worth Sociology and Social Work community. The scholarship is awarded annually to a junior or senior majoring in Sociology at the University of Texas Arlington.

**The Ben and Trudy Termini Anthropology Fellowship**

The Ben and Trudy Termini Anthropology Fellowship was awarded to **Tyler Huffman, Michael Rivera, Jessica Smith, and Lauren Williams**

Dr’s Ben and Trudy Termini established their medical practices in Arlington in 1975 and retired in 2003. They were always interested in Anthropology and audited a course at UT Arlington. They eventually began sponsoring an endowed lecture series which has attracted many world renowned speakers. This year’s speaker was Dr. Erin Koch, Associate Professor in Anthropology at the University of Kentucky. She specializes in ethnographic studies of science, technology, medicine, and the state. This year a sponsored Termini Fellowship was awarded to four deserving Anthropology students.
The Ben and Trudy Termini Distinguished Anthropologist Lecture for 2019 welcomed Dr. Erin Koch, Associate Professor in Anthropology at the University of California at Santa Cruz. Dr. Koch received her Ph.D. from the New School for Social Research in 2005. She specializes in ethnographic studies of science, technology, medicine, and the state.

Dr. Koch has investigated responses to tuberculosis in Georgia following the collapse of the Soviet Union, focusing on the implementation of a global WHO-based protocol for TB control. Her research investigated how Georgian service providers navigate changes in what counts as “expert knowledge,” and the actual versus expected results of a so-called technical solution for disease management that is at once cultural, political, and biological. In her book based on this project, *Free Market Tuberculosis: Managing Epidemics in post-Soviet Georgia*, she examines cultural, (micro)biological, and political aspects of TB control in Georgia. She considers how contemporary global health standards for TB control multiply and reproduce the very disease they are designed to combat. *Free Market Tuberculosis* provides important and novel anthropological insights about infectious disease, human-microbe relationships, global health paradigms and interventions, and postsocialism. The book received the 2011 annual Norman L. and Roselea J. Goldberg Prize for the best project in the area of medicine (Vanderbilt University Press) and the 2014 Davis Center Book Prize in Political and Social Studies for an outstanding monograph on Russia, Eurasia, or Eastern Europe in anthropology, political science, sociology or geography (awarded by ASEEES).

In Georgia, Dr. Koch has also studied health effects of displacement among populations forced to fell their homes during civil war. She investigated the clinical, state and NGO administrative aspects of health needs assessment and service distribution. Her research continues to address how global health and humanitarian interventions produce moral claims about displacement and health to organize institutions. Efforts that try to bring relief also add distress to displaced populations.

Dr. Rick Potts, Director of the Human Origins Program at the National Museum of Natural History (Smithsonian Institution), is the 2020 Termini Distinguished Anthropologist Lecturer. The evening lecture will take place on Thursday, April 2. Watch for more details!

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