Student Research and Award Day (SRAD) is the Department of Sociology’s annual celebration of student research and academic excellence. SRAD features poster presentations, an awards ceremony recognizing student excellence and achievements, and the induction of students into the Alpha Kappa Delta Honorary Society.
ABOUT THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Today’s Keynoter is a Wayne State alumnus Dr. Waverly Duck. He earned his PhD in Sociology at Wayne State in 2004. Professor Waverly Duck is an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Pittsburgh, having previously held post-doctoral positions at the University of Pennsylvania and Yale University. He is widely regarded as an expert on poverty, race/gender relations, community order, and the drug trade.

His ethnography of a small Northeastern city, *Precarious Living: The Orderliness of African-American Poverty*, will be published by the University of Chicago Press. His areas of interest include Urban Ethnography, Qualitative Methods, Interaction, Ethnomethodology, Cultural Sociology and Inequality (with a particular focus on Race, Class, Gender and Age). His research interests focus primarily on inequality using ethnographic methods to study the orderliness of recognizable situated practices concerning gender, race, age and class. The focus is on the observable and locally recognized interactional practices used to make order and sense of daily interactions, which also play a role in reproducing inequality. As he says, “this approach leads to a deeper understanding of the cultural, political and economic processes of inequality and serves as a crucial counterpoint to macro-level analyses of social inequality. Local interaction orders turn out to be significant in their own right. The dual emphasis on a local and situated approach to inequality and an ethnographic method grounds the connection between essential micro and macro issues is the cornerstone of my research.”
PROGRAM

WELCOME...................................................... Dr. Janet R. Hankin
  Chair and Graduate Director, Department of Sociology

PROVOST GREETING:......................... Dr. Margaret E. Winters
  Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

ASSOCIATE DEAN GREETING: .................. Dr. Donald P. Haase
  Senior Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

FRANK HARTUNG MEMORIAL AWARD
Presenter, Louise Hartung................................. Rola Bazzi-Gates

MARY CAY SENGSTOCK DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP
Presenter, Dr. David Sengstock ......................... Joseph J. Byle

LUCILLE MAKAROV MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Presenter, Dr. Martin Wunsch............................. Jason Smith

AARON IRVING GESELIS MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
Presenter, Barbara and Steven Kohler ..................... Lynda Hall

SHIRLEY FALCONER SLAYMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Presenter, Dr. Janet R. Hankin......................... Sandra Lee King

UNDERGRADUATE AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
Presenter, Dr. Zachary W. Brewster..................... Sahar Faraj

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT SCHOLARSHIPS
AND RUMBLE FELLOWSHIP AWARDS.................. Dr. Janet R. Hankin
POSTER AWARD PRESENTATION............. Dr. Zachary W. Brewster

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA INDUCTEES............... Dr. David M. Merolla

KEYNOTER INTRODUCTION....................... Dr. Janet R. Hankin

KEYNOTE SPEAKER.................................. Dr. Waverly Duck

   Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh

   “An Ethnographic Portrait of Drug Dealing and Policing
   In a Small Black Town”

CLOSING REMARKS................................. Dr. Janet R. Hankin

SocGSO INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS ............... Megan Petersen
Frank E. Hartung was a professor in the Department of Sociology for twenty-six years, promoting a sociological approach to crime and deviance. He was a great proponent of the notion that crime was a freely chosen behavioral pattern, not the result of psychological abnormalities. A prolific author, he published *Crime, Law, and Society* with Wayne State University Press and many articles on a variety of topics. “Frank’s writings were not only scholarly explications, they were also delivered in a witty and incisive style which delighted those who agreed with him and infuriated his opponents,” wrote fellow Professor Mary Cay Sengstock.

In 1985, after his death, his family, colleagues, and students established the *Frank E. Hartung Memorial Award* to recognize Sociology students who wrote outstanding papers, theses, or dissertations in memory of Professor Hartung.

In view of the fact that sociologists must be keenly sensitive to the diversity of groups and cultures in modern society, this scholarship was endowed by Dr. Mary Cay Sengstock, a former faculty member in the Department of Sociology, to provide assistance to students who contribute to the knowledge and promotion of social and cultural diversity. Dr. Sengstock funded this scholarship anonymously for four years before her death in May 2014, and it has now been renamed in her legacy.
Lucille Makarov who expressed at age 84 that she remained deeply grateful to the Wayne State University Department of Sociology for her B.A. degree in 1953, which had enabled her to have a 30-year career at General Motors as a research librarian. This scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, to encourage continued progress, and to provide assistance to students in financing their education in the Department of Sociology.

Mr. Aaron Irving Geselis grew up in Detroit, attended its public schools and graduated in 1952 from Wayne University with a B.A. degree in Sociology. He was a man very interested in how society functioned and in what way he could help it function better. After proudly serving in the U.S. Navy, he helped operate the family business, Capitol Cut Rate Department Store in Highland Park. His way of life, his gentleness, his complete lack of any bias or intolerance, made all who came in contact with him a better human being. His life was tragically cut short by cancer at the young age of 32. His family established this scholarship in memory of “Arnie” in the hope that this scholarship will help impact the life of the recipient and motivate him or her to uphold Aaron’s values by continuing to improve the community in which they live and work.
Shirley Falconer Slayman enjoyed her life to the fullest. She was an individual, wife, mother, grandmother, social worker and student enriched by Wayne State University. The purpose of this scholarship is to fulfill her wish to enable others to be equally enriched.

Her husband, William Slayman, established the Shirley Falconer Slayman Memorial Scholarship for Sociology students in her memory in 1993 to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide economic assistance to female students majoring or co-majoring in Sociology at Wayne State University.

This award recognizes undergraduate students who demonstrate academic excellence in Sociology. Candidates for this award are sociology majors at Wayne State University whose undergraduate records exemplify exceptional academic achievement. Candidates also demonstrate some level of involvement in research-based activities, community engagement, and/or non-profit work related to our discipline.
1. Aboulhassan, Salam - “Perpetuating the Status Quo of Arab Women?: A Content Analysis of the Arab American News”

2. Aoun, Aya - “The Relationship Between Worship Attendance and Racial Attitudes”

3. Aref, Omar - “The Relationship Between Ethnicity and Cigarette Use”

4. Ashley, Susan

5. Bazzi, Zeinab - “Should the Government Reduce the Income Gap Between the Rich and the Poor”

6. Bell, Charles - “Neighborhood Demographics, Educational Profile, Health Outcomes: Social Security & Policy Implications for Census Tract 5322”


9. Bridges, Deanna


11. Crabb, Christopher - “Impact of Income on Inequality Attitudes: Should Government Reduce Income Inequality”
12. Davis, Sonya - “Parental Educational Success of African American Student”

13. Dietrich, David

14. Elum, Brianna Lakeisha-Renee

15. Francis-Brown, Ta'Shara

16. George, Jenae


18. Greco, Eftiola - “A Study of the Association Between Religiosity and Political Affiliation”

19. Herrick, Tiffany - “Level of Education and Attitudes on Nation’s Spending on Education”

20. Jones, Brittany - “Urban Health and the McNichols Neighborhood”

21. Langdon, Ashley - “The Relationship Between Parents' Socioeconomic Status and Childhood Obesity”

22. Levitt, Amanda - “Redefining Gender: A Contextual Analysis of Fat Femininity, Visibility and Shame”


24. Lozon, Roy - “Race, Gender & Views on Affirmative Action”

25. McCormmock, Latoya - “The Relationship Between Immigration Status and Mental Health”

26. Mitchell, Lee

27. Monroe, Kyle
28. **Mooney, Heather** - “High Heels Serve Gender & Sex on a Pedestal”

29. **Niazi, Umair** - “Neighborhood in Northwest Detroit”

30. **Niazi, Umair** - “Disparities Among Races in Dental Care”

31. **Noor, Seratun** – “Legalization of Marijuana: The Connection Between Age Group and the Support for Legalization”

32. **Nzoma, Ruby** - “7 Mile Evergreen, Detroit, MI”

33. **Pritchett, Erika** - “Redford Township: The Face of America”

34. **Roy, Indrakshi** - “Midtown Detroit”

35. **Sabin, Felicia** - “Sexual Assaults on College Campuses”

36. **Scott, Lauren C.** - “ Unsung African American Women Leaders During the Civil Rights Movement”

37. **Seed, Lucia** - “Satisfaction After Visiting The Doctor's Office”

38. **Smith, Te'Asia**

39. **Tankasala, Mrunalini** - “Racial Attitudes Toward Interracial Marriages”

40. **Whitmore, Troy** - “The Relationship Between Age and Social Media Usage”

41. **Williams, Ellise** - “Race to Mental Health”
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Thomas C. Rumble Fellowship

The Thomas C. Rumble Fellowship aims to optimize PhD students' performance by providing support for and establishing expected outcomes at each stage of their training process. Allocations to departments, schools and colleges have been determined based primarily on PhD productivity.

2015-2016 Thomas C. Rumble Fellowship Recipients
Alison Jendry
Anabel L.M. Stoeckle
Kaleema P. Sumareh

2015-2016 Graduate Teaching Assistants
Amanda Draft
Jennifer N. Haskin
Jenny L. Lendrum
Amanda F. Levitt
Heather Mooney
Michael L. Sabbagh
Dennis M. Savard
DEGREES BESTOWED
(August 2014 thru May 2015)

Doctorate of Philosophy in Sociology

**Jackson, William Charles** – "The Circle of Courage: Childhood Socialization in the 21st Century"
Advisor: David M. Merolla

**Nazaretian, Zavin J.** – “Social Status, Opportunity and Repeat Victimization: The Unequal Distribution of Safety”
Advisor: David M. Merolla

Masters of Arts in Sociology

**Blair, Richard C.** – “Recipe for Disaster? An Exploration of Work-Family Spillover Conversations in Food Memoirs”
Advisor: Heather E. Dillaway

**Jackson, Sterling** – “Race/Ethnicity and Youth Perception of School Safety.”
Advisor: R. Khari Brown

**Little, Nicole** - "Student's Perception of School Counseling: Does Race Matter?"
Advisor: Heather E. Dillaway

**Miller-Bellor, Christina** – “Attitudes toward Breastfeeding: A Content Analysis of Responses to Public Breastfeeding on Internet News Stories.”
Advisor: Heather E. Dillaway

**Poskovic, Amra** – “Barriers to Health Care Among Latino and Asian American Immigrants in United States”
Advisor: Janet R. Hankin
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

Suzanne Alhowrami
Natalie F. Ammoun
Dany Antoon
Aya Aoun
Omar Aref
Aldreka Marchell Barnett
Zeinab Bazzi
Deanna Bridges
Jimmy Carter Sr.
Katrina Alberta Chaney
Gracelyn Irene Christmon
Mara Marlinka Davis
Seretta Lauren Davis
Sonya Davis
David Dietrich*
Melissa Eichbauer
Brianna Elum
Tewonia Lee Evans
Crystle Marie Fuller
Joan J. Garley
Jenae George
Fariha Ghazi*
Stephanie R. Gonzalez
Timothy J Gore
Eftiola Greco
Linda Elia-Houbba
Shekia Antoinette Johnson
Jacquelyn M. Keroles
Muhammad Nour Khatib
Egla Kishta***
Ashley Langdon
Cassandra Lewis
Roy Lozon
John Joseph Lynch, II
Lovie Ann Marshall

*Sociology Honors
**Magna Cum Laude
***Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa Honoree
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology (continued)

David L. Mastin
Lashonte Riochelle Mitchell
Kyle Monroe
Juan Munoz
Umair Niazi
Seratun Noor
Sh’Vaughn La’Niece Nunley
Deborah Outlaw
Marvin E. Peters**
Sheree Leatrice Plain
Cole N. Prophet
Antonina R. Rish
Dalia Sabbagh
Felicia Sabin
LaQuisha Mayrene Saunders
Lucia Seed
Tacarra Shelton
David Smith, III
Mrunalini Tankasala*
Burchell Wallace
Maria A. Welch
Ellise Williams
Jazmine Niyae Williams**
Gerald Williams-Taylor
Troy Whitmore
Anetria M. Wright
Fernanda Zamora

*Sociology Honors
**Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa Honoree
Other Student Achievements, 2014-2015

Dissertation Proposal Defenses
Rola Bazzi-Gates
Sheyltia Cocroft
Stacey Coleman
Anthony Iafrate
Takisha Lashore
Rajia Rashed
Rondrell Taylor

PhD Candidates
Abdulaziz Fahad Alkaltham
Saad Alzeer
Joseph J. Byle
Amanda Draft
Gregory Hicks
Sandra Lee King
Jenny Lendrum
Dennis M. Savard
Anabel Stoeckle
Kaleema P. Sumareh

2015 Graduate School Exhibition Participants

Savard, Dennis M. – "The Gender Gap in Violent Victimization: The Role of Public Locales" (Third Place Award Recipient)

Stoeckle, L.M. Anabel – 'Wombs for Rent': Implications of Surrogacy for the Reconceptualization of Labor and Body” (First Place Award Recipient)

Sumareh, Kaleema Annie – "Collective Human Agency and Social Movement Activism: Exploring Activists' Framing of Welfare Rights as Human Rights"
2015 Master’s Showcase Participants

Aboulhassan, Salam – “Shifting Perspectives on Domestic Violence? Perceptions of 2nd Generation Arab American Women on Domestic Violence,” Oral Presentation

Gersky, Kathleen – “Growing Individuals and Communities Through Community Gardens,” Poster Presentation (Third Place Award Recipient)

Levitt, Amanda – “Trolled in the Digital Age: The Framing of Fat Bodies on Social Media,” Oral Presentation (Second Place Award Recipient)

Miller-Bellor, Christina – “Attitudes Toward Public Breastfeeding: A Content Analysis of Responses on Internet News Stories,” Poster Presentation

Other Graduate Student/Alumni Awards & Grants

Bell, Charles – 2015 Graduate Scholar Award for the 22nd International Conference on Learning.

Levitt, Amanda – Social Media Activist, Founder and Blogger of fatbodypolitics.com has been covered in New York Times and The Detroit Free Press.
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS


Bell, Charles – (In Press) *Detroit Change Starts at Wayne State University*. *The Griot*


Sumareh, Kaleema – (2014, October) *Ending the Neighborhood-to-Prison Pipeline through Restorative Practices in Community and Economic Development*. Presented at Wayne State University Humanities Center Fall Symposium, Detroit, MI.
Brewster, Z.W., & Levitt, A. (2014, October) *At the Intersection of Food and Fat: Exploring the Link Between Obesity and Customers’ Experiences in Full-service Restaurants.* Presented at the Michigan Sociological Association Conference, Muskegon, MI.

Hankin, J.R., Charbonneau, D. & King, Sandra L. (2014, October) *Delays and Debacles: Framing of the Affordable Care Act in Newspaper Headlines.* Presented part of the Humanities Center Brown Bag Colloquium Series, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI.


**Alpha Kappa Delta Inductees**

Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honorary society was founded by Dr. E.S. Bogardus in 1920 in the Sociology Department of the University of Southern California. The name, Alpha Kappa Delta, represents the first three letters of three Greek words: *anthropon* (mankind), *katamanthanein* (to investigate thoroughly or to conduct research) and *diakonesein* (for the purpose of service). The name, freely interpreted, signifies social research for the purpose of service.

We are proud to add the following outstanding students to the more than 110,000 AKD members worldwide.

- **William Anthony Carrington**
- **Stacey Ellen Coleman**
- **Brigit Dyer**
- **Christian E. Genesky**
- **Kathleen Marie Gersky**
- **Anthony Vincenzo Iafrate**
- **Jenny Lendrum**
- **Willie Edmund Pleasant**
- **Michael Lee Sabbagh**
- **Dennis Michael Savard**
- **Jason Parker Smith**
- **Eboni Nakita Turnbow**
- **Robin West Smith**

*SocGSO Student Organization Officers for 2015-2016*

- Charles Bell
- Kaleema Sumareh
- Michael Sabbagh
- Anabel Stoeckle
In Memoriam: Dr. Mary Cay Sengstock (1936-2014)

Dr. Mary Cay Sengstock was a beloved and active member of the Wayne State University sociology department for 48 years, beginning in 1966 until the day she died. She earned her M.A. at the University of Michigan and her PhD at Washington University–St. Louis. She was an applied sociologist, certified social worker, and clinical sociologist.

Mary Cay is well known for her research on Chaldean Americans, multiculturalism, diversity, and elder abuse/neglect identification and intervention. She was a two-time winner of the Wayne State Board of Governors’ Faculty Recognition Award, recipient of the Lester F. Award from the Sociological Practice Association, the Marvin Olsen Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan Sociological Association, and the Cultural Award from the Chaldean Federation of America in recognition of her continuous support and dedication to the Chaldean Community. She was a public sociologist, presenting numerous lectures on elder abuse, diversity, and the Chaldean community to professional as well as lay audiences.

Mary Cay loved to teach and her devotion to students was impressive. She received the Excellence in Teaching Award from the Wayne State’s College of Liberal Arts in 1999 and served as Director of Graduate Studies in Sociology for 12 years. Mary Cay supervised 16 Ph.D. dissertations and 25 M.A. essays and theses, and on her deathbed wrote comments for a student who successfully defended his dissertation on the day she died.

Mary Cay was committed to helping non-traditional students succeed in graduate programs, especially women and those from under-represented racial and ethnic groups. Her strong record of advising minority graduate students is partially responsible for the fact that our department is one of the leading producers of minority Ph.D. students outside of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities.
Mary Cay served Wayne State University in many other capacities, including chairing both the Departments of Sociology and Criminal Justice and mentoring junior faculty. She was Grievance Coordinator for the American Association of University Professors-American Federation of Teachers for 17 years during turbulent times, and served tirelessly on the Academic Senate, including four years as President, for 41 years. At the national level she was a board member of the Commission on Applied Sociology and the Sociological Practice Association. She served as Secretary-Treasurer for the Sociological Practice Section of the ASA.

Mary Cay will be remembered for her sustained efforts to mentor women and minority group members. Not only did she produce significant research in the area of diversity and elder abuse, but she applied her knowledge and made a difference in the university community as well as the community at large.