

# Sociology Matters

Radford University

Department of Sociology



Alexis Johnson at Fall 2022 Commencement in the Dedmon Center

## Greetings from the Chair

Spring has sprung! I hope that you all have had a great semester, and that the year will go down as a good one for you. It has been really great to see the student and class projects going on in our sociology classes this semester, really through the whole year. This semester, I am working with our student interns, whose internships range anywhere from youth services at New River Valley Community Services to a hospice facility, and from a law office to the Women's Resource Center. Watching these seniors put together and use the skills they've developed in their other sociology classes has been nothing short of impressive. Our majors are amazing! As we get closer to that hectic time when projects and papers are due and final exams are distributed, all seemingly at the same time, make sure that you allow for time to rest, relax, or even just breathe a little. Happy spring, everyone!

Dr. Beth Lyman

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## SOCIOLOGY COURSES OFFERED FALL 2023

### Required Courses:

SOCY 110 Introduction to Sociology  
 SOCY 250 Social Inequality  
 SOCY 360 Sociological Theory  
 SOCY 365 Society and the Individual  
 SOCY 380 Introduction to Social  
 Research Methods  
 SOCY 497 Senior Seminar

### Elective Courses:

AAST 200 African American Studies  
 AAST 400 Situating the African  
 American Experience in the NRV  
 SOCY 121 Understanding Cultures  
 SOCY 210 Social Problems  
 SOCY 213 Social Issues and Healthcare  
 Delivery  
 SOCY 326 Men and Women in Society  
 SOCY 331 Race and Ethnic Relations  
 SOCY 341 Sociology of Health and  
 Medicine

SOCY 430 Social Movements  
 SOCY 444 Juvenile Delinquency

### Applied/Practical Experience

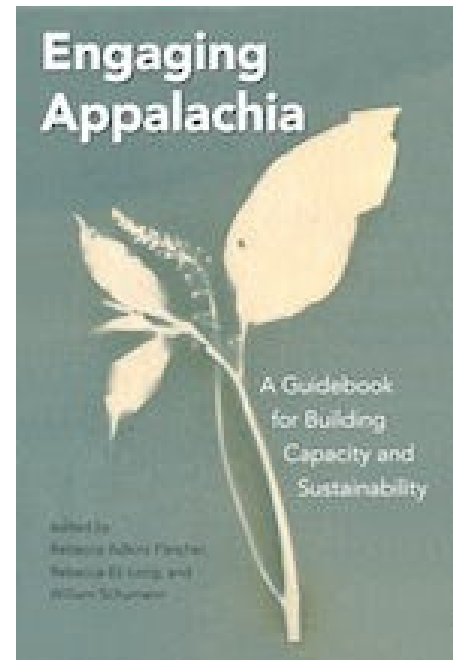
### Requirement:

# Publishing News

## **Sociology and Appalachian Studies alumnae, faculty, and community partners publish chapters:**

Alumnae Mary Dickerson, Kasey Campbell, and Caroline Leggett co-authored chapters with faculty Melinda Bollar Wagner and Theresa Burriss in the book, *Engaging Appalachia: A Guidebook for Building Capacity and Sustainability*, edited by Rebecca Adkins Fletcher, Rebecca-Eli Long, and William Schumann, published by University Press of Kentucky in March 2023.

Their chapters are "Roots with Wings: Oral history project in Floyd County, Virginia" by Mary Dickerson, Barry Hollandsworth, Kathleen Ingoldsby, Angela Myers, Catherine Pauley, and Melinda Bollar Wagner, and "Town and Gown Collaborations in Southwest Virginia Post-Coal Communities Clinch River Valley Initiative and Radford University economic diversification efforts" by Theresa L. Burriss, Kasey Campbell, and Caroline Leggett.



## **"Praise for the Book" from the University Press of Kentucky website:**

An indispensable guidebook for those wishing to pursue community-university partnerships to build capacity and sustainability. With case studies covering diverse topics such as forestry, economic development, oral history, and substance abuse, authors from states throughout the Appalachian region offer practical advice on place-based research and collaboration engaging students as action-oriented citizens. They make the case that local universities, faculty, and students have much to offer in finding solutions to the challenges in Appalachia.

--Susan E. Keefe, editor of Participatory Development in Appalachia

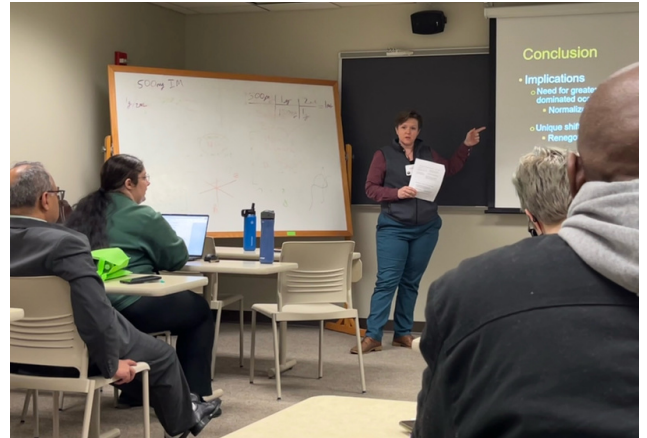
# Congratulations 2023 Grads!

**Michaela Baker**  
**Jamar Banks**  
**Aly Carneal**  
**Deon Colton-Bell**  
**Sarah Dispanet**  
**Berneice Douglas**  
**Maia Grove**

**Taylor Hill**  
**Amberly Lagedrost**  
**Jenna Mitchell**  
**Devante Mosely**  
**Ruth Payne**  
**Britney White**

# Sociology On the Road

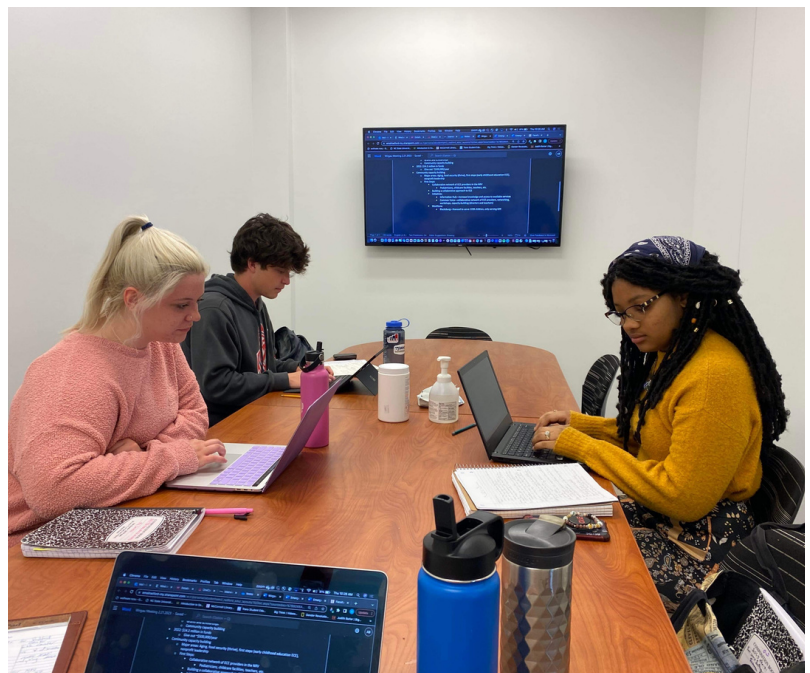
Right: Dr. Bodenhamer and Dr. Pollick from Philosophy and Religious Studies presented their work, "Masculinity, Religiosity, Vulnerability: Explaining Experiences of Black Lung Disease in Central Appalachia" at the 46th Annual Appalachian Studies Association Conference in Athens, Ohio.



Right: Nursing Professor Judy Jenks, M.S.N., D.N.P., FNP-BC, Sociology Instructor Amanda Burroughs, and Dr. Paul Thomas of Philosophy and Religious Studies enjoy the Drag and Burlesque Show at the Southeast Ohio History Center in Athens, a fun event hosted by the Appalachian Studies Association Conference to fundraise for the Ohio University LGBT Center Student Emergency Fund.



Students in Dr. Bodenhamer's class, SOCY 486: Real World Sociology Applied Research Principles (right) are hard at work on their applied research project, Exploring First Steps: Early Childhood Development in the New River Valley of Virginia. This research project is being conducted with a local nonprofit organization, The Community Foundation of the New River Valley for Dr. Jess Wirgau, a CSCR Board member. The project aims to help improve access to childcare in the NRV.



# Gaming With Professors

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SOCIOLOGY, AND PHILOSOPHY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

## GAMING WITH PROFESSORS



WED, MARCH 22, 5:00-7:00 PM  
ESPORTS CENTER, COOK HALL

**FREE GAMES FREE PIZZA**  
LEARN ABOUT FALL 2023 COURSES



# Sociology Advising News

## Pre-registration advising for Fall 2023 is under way

Registration for Fall 2023 classes begins Monday, April 3. Plan now for pre-registration advising with Dr. Page to decide on courses for this fall, think about upcoming semesters and target a graduation date. Choose to meet f2f or by Zoom. Plan for your advising meeting by reviewing your Degree Works, the new Fall 2023 Sociology courses flyer, and the university-wide schedule for upcoming classes. Then email Dr. Page ([erpage@radford.edu](mailto:erpage@radford.edu)) to schedule your appointment.

If you are thinking about doing an Internship next year, start planning now and get in touch with Dr. Lyman ([elyman@radford.edu](mailto:elyman@radford.edu)) to discuss possibilities.

For more advising information and links, visit the Department of Sociology Advising webpage: <https://www.radford.edu/content/chbs/home/sociology/about/SociologyAdvising.html>

### Notes:

- Graduating in Fall 2023? You should have your online graduation application completed, or do so soon.
- Considering a course withdrawal? Be aware of the Friday, March 31 withdrawal deadline, and inform Dr. Page of your withdrawal intentions, or questions.

## Looking for minors?

Check out the Department of Sociology's new **African American Studies Minor**

- 21 credits total
- 9 credits in African American Studies
- 12 credits from two lengthy menus, including many SOCY classes that will cross-credit with the SOCY major
- <https://www.radford.edu/content/chbs/home/sociology/about/AfricanAmericanStudiesMinor.html>

Looking for your E in REAL? Consider the **Social Justice Minor**

- 18 credits total
- 9 required credits including SOCY 250 Social Inequality and SOWK 220 Introduction to Social Justice
- 9 more elective credits from two lengthy menus
- Overall, two SOCY courses will cross-credit with the SOCY major
- [https://catalog.radford.edu/preview\\_program.php?catoid=53&poid=7155](https://catalog.radford.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=53&poid=7155)

# Spring 2024 Internship Opportunity

## Work with cultural anthropologist Dr. Wagner

Would you like to be a valuable member of a team of dedicated professionals who volunteer their time and expertise for a local non-profit story center and museum? We are artists, authors, local historians, archivists, teachers, librarians, photographers, genealogists, and musicians. We are natives and newcomers to Floyd County, Virginia. We have much to offer in experiences for you -- museum curating, archiving, interviewing, transcribing, researching people and places, writing catalog records, contributing to a website.



But we also want to learn from you. Could you help us reach out to younger audiences? Could you crystallize efforts to conduct and record interviews with virtual technology? Could you develop ways of including more of our community in oral history gathering and the archiving work that follows the gathering? Could you help us write how-to manuals? Could you offer advice on the amount and content of on-line messages to our constituency? Could you keep us organized? Check out <https://oldchurchgallery.org/> to see more of how we work toward our goals: We Remember, We Collect, We Protect.

This internship (SOCY 499) is a designated Citizen Leader (CL) class. Gas money might be available. You are not required to participate in the Citizen Leader Graduation Distinction Program, but if you do decide to become a Citizen Leader, this course will count toward that distinction. "Students earn the Citizen Leader Distinction after completing course work, attending events, engaging in civic/community activities, having an immersive experience and disseminating their Citizen Leader journey the semester they graduate." (<https://www.radford.edu/content/citizen-leader/home.html>)

If you are interested in an internship opportunity (SOCY 499), contact Drs. Lyman and Page.

# Sociology Notes



- Maia Grove has been named 2023 Sociology Dean's Scholar.
- Dr. Bodenhamer (right) was awarded a \$2,000 VIVA Adopt Grant to implement and create open educational resources for her SOCY 210 Social Problems course. OER materials have been popularized in recent years as they help alleviate some of the costs of higher education by providing free or low-cost materials to students.
- Dr. Wisecup (left) has been promoted to Professor of Sociology. Dr. Bodenhamer has been promoted to Associate Professor and awarded tenure. Congratulations!



# Radford University in 1985

## A Time Capsule

Throughout the history of Radford University, there were many different student groups. Did you know about some of these cool clubs and organizations that existed at Radford decades ago? Check out some of these unique organizations that were on campus in 1985!

- At top right, the Plays and Shows Committee
- Middle: the Black History Committee
- Bottom: the Student Organization of Medical Technology



Photos by Mike Chandler

