



Sociology Matters

VOLUME 3, ISSUE 2

FEBRUARY 28, 2013

*Winter 2012
Graduates*

*Cameron Bennett-
Hatten

Kyler Barton*

The grass is turning green, the days are getting longer, and fall registration is about to begin. It's been a busy

semester in the Department of Sociology, and there's much more to come in the following months. Look inside to

see what's been happening, what's new, and what is ahead.

Spring Forward

CSCR Work Study Research Positions for Summer and 2013-2014 Academic Year

CSCR work study students work closely with the CSCR director to manage the day to day functioning of the Center and work on new and existing research in the Center. The successful candidates will be responsible, self-motivated Sociology majors; have strong organizational and communication skills; be able to work independently with little supervision as well as be a team leader in working with other research assistants; communicate with faculty, students, staff, and local and regional community members; have experience with Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint; and act as an ambassa-

dor for the Center. Knowledge of social research methods—specifically survey research and SPSS—is desirable.

Research duties include: quantitative and qualitative data analysis, survey development, literature searches, report generation, and presentation of data.



Clerical duties include: some filing, occasionally answering the phone, inventory, checking out equipment for faculty and students and updating and distributing promotional materials.

Pay rate is \$7.25 per hour; 10-12 hours per week with flexible scheduling.

Students applying for the **summer position** must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours at RU and be work study eligible.

Students applying for the **2013-2014 academic year position** must be enrolled fulltime and work-study eligible.

Famous Sociology Majors:

Rev. Jesse Jackson

Saul Alinsky

Ronald Reagan

Alonzo Mourning

Sen. Barbara Mikulski

Rep. Maxine Waters

Bobby Taylor

Joe Theismann

Ahmad Rashad

Cardinal Theodore McCarrick

Jennifer Davis, a 2006 RU Sociology graduate, earned her PhD in Sociology from Texas A&M in December 2012 and recently accepted an offer from James Madison University as an Assistant Professor.



December 2012 RU Sociology graduate, Cameron Bennett-Hattan (left), recently earned a position with EndTheWarOnDrugs.org as a researcher.

Matt Reed, a 2012 RU Sociology graduate, is employed by Franklin County Department of Social Services as a Social in Foster Care Prevention (FCP) and Child Protective Service.



Jess Chandler (right), a 2012 RU Sociology graduate, joined New River Valley Community Services as a Therapeutic Day Treatment Counselor based at Radford City's Belle Heth Elementary in November.

Congratulations Alums!

National Publication

Dr. Mekolichick and Michael Gibbs, co-author RU Sociology alum, have a new publication out in CUR Quarterly, the journal of Council on Undergraduate Research. In the article, "Understanding College Generational Status in the

Undergraduate Research Mentored Relationship," the pair examine the impact of



college generational status on expectations and perceptions of students participating in a mentored undergraduate research experience that resulted in a regional disciplinary presentation.

Partnerships Forum

Want to learn more about community involvement? Consider attending **Building Productive Partnerships Across Both Sides of the Fence: A Forum on University-Community Partnering**. Join us for a day of sharing models, best practices, and lessons learned in negotiating successful university-community relationships along with keynote speaker Dr. Tal Stanley, a New River Valley native, professor, and community activist. For more information, please visit www.radford.edu/cscr

Club News

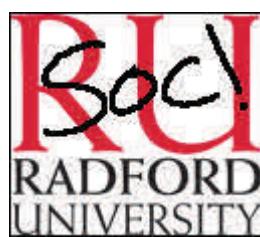
Last semester the club helped cosponsor several events, including Dan Savage's appearance on campus and the Spirit Day Rally. As for the spring semester, we are working with multiple organizations to bring several speakers to campus who will be discussing sociologically related topics. One author in particular, Polly Atwell, will be coming to campus during Women's History Month to speak about topics related to her book *Wild Girls*. Important information will be frequently posted in 2nd floor Russell on the bulletin board over the water fountain. Check in on what we are up to there, or like us on Facebook.

Mark Your Calendars!

Here are some important dates to keep track of:

- 3/9-3/17 Spring Break
- 4/1 Registration for Fall semester begins
- 4/16-4/18 RU Undergraduate Research Forum
- 4/24 Sociology Honors Ceremony
- 5/3 Last day of classes
- 5/6-5/9 Spring exams
- 5/5 Spring commencement

Like Us!



We're on Facebook! Come check out the department at [Radford University Sociology](#) for department news and announcements

here, as well as recaps of recent events. For Sociology Club news, check out the page of the [Radford University Sociology Club](#).

