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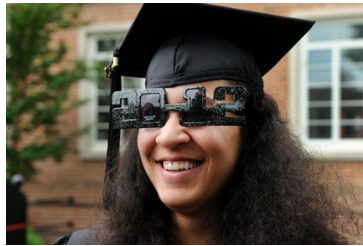
Happy Fall, Everybody!

Welcome back, students! We're already off to a busy semester, with mid-terms just around the corner. (Yikes!) As you start

to think ahead about courses to take next spring, please take a look at the course information flyer that accompanies

this newsletter. We have lots of exciting classes being offered next semester; we hope to see you there!

Many Congratulations!



Congratulations to our May and December 2012 graduates! It has been another big year for the department, seeing off so many promising students as they head out into the "real world." It is always sad to see our seniors go, but we are excited about the future that awaits them. We also have congratulations to extend to a wonderful group of students who were

recognized for their achievements in the April, 2012 Honors and Awards Ceremony. The following students were recognized for their excellence in a va-



riety of ways: Mary Dickerson, Amy DuPont, Michael Gibbs, Whitney Harrison, Sha-

nell Herbert, Shylah Jones, Josh Judd, Stephen Lesiv, Shannon McGrath, Chafi McNeeley, Caroline Musumarra, Claire Paulette, Matt Propst, Cubby Rash, Michelle Reda, Matt Reed, Elly Schulte, Josh Shultz, and Isabel Wu. We also congratulated Professor Smith on her acceptance into



UVA's doctoral program in sociology, where she now has her doctoral work underway.



**Famous
Sociology
Majors:**

- Saul Alinsky*
- Arne Duncan*
- Rev. Jesse Jackson*
- Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.*
- Cardinal Theodore McCarrick*
- Alonzo Mourning*
- Michelle Obama*
- Ronald Reagan*
- Ahmad Rashad*
- Joe Theisman*
- Rep. Maxine Waters*
- Robin Williams*

Community Connections



Beginning in May 2012, Dr. LaLone began working as an applied Museum Planning Consultant for the New River Historical Society's Wilderness Road Regional Museum in Newbern, Virginia. This linkage with the museum will allow us to offer a great mini-project for the Spring 2012 SOCY 486, "Engaging the Community" class, and the potential for possible internships. In this class, students will learn the most effective community-based approaches, methods, and career skills for successfully partnering with community groups to carry out applied research in community development, social services, health care, education, environmental action, and heritage preservation. The course is being offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:00-3:15.

Dr. LaLone is also involved in the New River Heritage Coalition, a coalition of 14 heritage museums in the New River Valley. She's keeping her eye out for possible internships in many of these museums too, so contact Dr. LaLone if you'd like her to help you explore possibilities for internships in museum settings.

Amazing Internships!



The 2012-2013 "My Amazing Internship" series is already underway. These presentations by sociology students about their internship experiences are a great way to find out about internship possibilities and how internships

can help you bridge the gap between the major and the community and work force. The first speaker in the series was Jeremy Mobley, who talked about his internship with Hall Community Services, a Roanoke-based provider of mental health support and mentoring services. Next up is Mary Dickerson's presentation on her work in Dr. Wagner's Floyd County High School Place Based Education program. The Oral His-

tory Project focused on World War II Veterans. Her presentation is on October 17th at 12:00 in Bonnie 249/250.



Looking to the Future

The department's Center for Social and Cultural Research's annual graduate school and career preparation panels are just around the corner. Both panels include RU sociology alumni. In "Voices of Experience", the alumni will help students connect their sociology major to the marketplace, both through shared sto-

ries and practical advice. This panel will be held on **Thursday, October 11th, from 2:00-4:00 in the Bonnie 249/250**. Refreshments will be provided.

On **Thursday, October 18th from 2:00-4:00**, panelists in the "Navigating Graduate School" will cover the graduate school experi-

ence, "from application to graduation." This panel will also be held in the Bonnie 249/250, and refreshments will be provided.

No matter what stage you are in of your studies at RU and in the major, please join us so that you can get some good tips for success as you move forward.

Out of the Classroom

Along with coauthor **Mr. Paul Walker Clarke, Dr. Corroto** published, "Public and Private Urban Space: A Primer on Demarcations, Transitions, Juxtapositions, and Conflict" in *Teaching Resources and Instructional Support* (TRAILS). Dr. Corroto also had her essay, "Opting Out of Architecture," posted on the *Australian Parlour: Women, Equity, Architecture*. In addition, **Dr. Corroto's** qualitative research coauthored with Ron Berger, Jennifer Flad, and Richard Quinney, "Navigating the Terrain in Diagnosis and Treatment: The Patient's View of Medical Decision Making," is scheduled for publication in the December issue of *Studies in Symbolic Interaction*.

Dr. Corroto was elected as a three-year representative to the American Sociological Association's (ASA) section on Teach and Learning. She will represent four-year universities. In August at the ASA national conference in Denver, Dr. Corroto taught a workshop for sociologists on, "Using Humor in Classroom: Sarcasm, Irony, and Parody." While in Denver, she also mentored graduate students and new faculty with Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) on interview strategies and curriculum vitae writing.

At the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry held at the University of Illinois and at the Midwest Sociological Society in Minneapolis, **Dr. Corroto** presented her research on how architects conceptualize the body. Her paper was titled, "The Architecture of Compliance." She also presented "Barbie's Dream House: The Architecture of a Missing Feminist Revolution," at the Gender, Bodies, and Technology Conference in Roanoke.

On September 23-24th **Dr. Mekolichick** facilitated a Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) workshop funded by the National Science Foundation titled *Value, Impact, and Best Practices: Maximizing REU SBE Potential* in Arlington, VA. Dr. Mekolichick spoke about her research with alumni Michael Gibbs on mentoring first-generation college students in undergraduate research experiences as well as facilitating a workshop on conducting community-based research and developing local research centers.

Dr. LaLone has a new publication out in the *Journal of Applied Social Science (JASS)*, the journal of the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology. In the article, "Neighbors Helping Neighbors: An Examination of the Social Capital Mobilization Process for Community Resilience to Environmental Disasters, Dr. LaLone examines the mobilization process and types of labor and supply resources rapidly generated through community-level social networks in the first weeks of disaster response and recovery.

Along with **Dr. Lyman, Dr. Corroto** ate dessert and entertained disaffected ASA staff at a reception honoring the Carla B. Howery award winners while at ASA in Denver.

Congratulations, Shylah!



Sociology senior Shylah Jones won a \$100 third prize in the Scholar-Citizen Scholarship Contest in the multimedia category for her video short titled, “Live, Learn, Love, Teach.” The award was announced in an April 24 email to the RU community: “The Quality Enhancement Launch Team expresses its sincere appreciation to the RU Foundation for supporting the contest by providing the scholarship funds; to all of the students who, by submitting essays or videos, demonstrated their interest in the Scholar-Citizen initiative; and to the faculty who encouraged and mentored those students.” Jones was advised by Dr. Melinda Wagner.

Club News

The Radford University Sociology Club is gearing up for another great year. They have already had two meetings this semester, and their next one is coming up at 5:30 on Wednesday, October 22nd, in Heth 022. To keep up with club events, check them out on Facebook (Radford University Sociology Club).

Mark Your Calendars!

Spring and majors/minors advising has begun! Dr. Seyfrit has a sign-up sheet for appointments next to her office door, RU 226A.

- 11/5 Spring registration begins
- 11/17-11/25 Thanksgiving break
- 12/7 Last day of classes
- 12/10-12/13 Final exams

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ology Club news, check out the page of the [Radford University Sociology Club](#).

