



30TH ANNUAL
UNDERGRADUATE AND
GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH
SYMPOSIUM

**TRANSFORMATIONS,
TRANSGRESSIONS,
AND THEORY**

MARCH 23, 2018
McBryde 655

PROGRAM

*Denotes Undergraduate Presenter

8:30-8:55 **BREAKFAST**

8:55-9:00 **OPENING REMARKS**

Symposium Coordinators: Sadie Giles, Megan Nanney, and Talitha Rose

9:00-9:50 **LAW AND CRIME**

Presider: Whitney Hayes

"Measuring and Reinforcing Police and Offender Stereotypes through Film"-
Jason Callahan

"Have You Seen Her?-" Michelle Corinaldi*

"The Law and LGBTQ rights in India"- Anamika Raj

10:00-11:00 **THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Presider: Hans Momplaisir

"Place Making, Community Building, and Resistance: An Ethnographic Case
Study of American Indian Centers"- Melissa Faircloth

"'Not Measuring Up': Toxic Masculinity and the Internalization of Traits in
College-Age Men"- Maria Scaptura

"How Do We Talk About 'the Talking About' Sex and Violence?"- Whitney Hayes

"Making Room for Gendered Possibilities: Trans/Feminism and Admissions
Policies at Women's Colleges"- Megan Nanney

11:10-12:10 **RACIAL IDENTIFICATION AND FAMILIES**

Presider: Jason Callahan

"Does Religiosity Moderate the Impact of Racial Discrimination on Subjective
Well-being for African Americans and Afro-Caribbeans?"- Hans Momplaisir

"Choosing MENA: Complications and Implications of Adopting the New Racial
Classification for Arab-Americans"- Inaash Islam

"'I'm Far From Lazy': How Low-Income Black Single Mothers Discipline
Themselves into Being Good Neoliberal Subjects"- Jennifer Turner

"Americans' Perceptions of the United States"- Gargie Nagarkar*

12:15-1:00 **LUNCH**

1:00-1:50

CRIMINOLOGY

Presider: Joong Won "James" Kim

"Man vs. Machine: Legitimacy, Algorithm Aversion, and Racial Discrimination in the Judicial System"- Leanna Ireland

"Hate Managers and Where They Target: An Analysis of Hate Crime as Hate Group Self-Help"- Jonathan Lloyd

"Rhetoric and Debate: Gun Control in the U.S."- Lisa Yost

2:00-3:00

SPACE, PLACE, AND BOUNDARIES

Presider: Lisa Yost

"Social Boundary Construction by Asserted Inbreeding: An Historical Case from Northern Appalachia"- Steve Gerus

"Accumulation by Spatial Reconfiguration: Revisiting Harvey's Tripartite Division of Space"- Lipon Mondal

"Race, Gender, and Sexuality Representation in Contemporary Video Game Narratives"- Cory Haines

"Social Identity in Writing Communities"- Philip Ray

3:10-4:00

HEALTH

Presider: Leanna Ireland

"Social Differences in Internet Health Information-Seeking"- J. Slade Lellock

"Raft Crisis Hotline: The Need for more Adequate Mental Health Care Access"- Ainsley Patrick*

"Under the Ageist Microscope: The Biomedicalization of Successful Aging"- Sadie Giles and Jessica Herling

4:10-5:00

RACIAL REPRESENTATION

Presider: Jessica Herling

"The Rise of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery in South Korea: An Examination of the Modern South Korean Ontology"-Joong Won "James" Kim

"Fatherlessness and the Black Male College Experience"- Dakota Driscoll*

"Redefining What it Means to be #YourAverageMuslim Woman: A Theoretical Approach to Muslim Feminist Digital Activism" - Inaash Islam

THE PRESENTERS

JASON CALLAHAN

Jason is a third year PhD student concentrating in the area of crime and deviance. His primary research focus is the effects of popular media on the criminal justice system. He also researches school violence and police culture

MICHELLE CORINALDI

Michelle is a sophomore majoring in sociology with minors in leadership and social change, diversity and community engagement, and professional technical writing. Her research interests include minority representation, and legal policies impacting marginalized communities.

DAKOTA DRISCOLL

Dakota is a sophomore majoring in Sociology and Public and Urban Affairs, with concentrations in Social Inequality and Public Policy. Her research interests lie in community development and crime and deviance.

MELISSA FAIRCLOTH

Melissa Faircloth is a third year doctoral student in the Department of Sociology. Her dissertation focuses on place making among Indigenous students in the academy. She is also interested in Indigeneity and environmental justice.

STEVE GERUS

BA in Anthropology from Allegheny College, MS in Anthropology from Penn State. He is a retired union electrician, certified underground mine electrician, and is President/owner of Bell Electric until April 1 st , 2018.

SADIE GILES

Sadie is a first-year PhD student in the Department of Sociology at Virginia Tech, and is also earning a certificate in Gerontology. Her research focuses on aging, health, and medical sociology, and is particularly interested the medicalization of aging bodies.

CORY HAINES

Cory Haines is a Masters student in sociology. He is currently researching video games and how race, gender, and sexuality are represented.

WHITNEY HAYES

Whitney Hayes is a first year master's student concentrating in Human Sexualities Studies. Her research interests center around the social psychology framework and currently examine attitudes on sexuality and gender and their effects on sexual assault.

JESSICA HERLING

Jessica is a 2nd year PhD student and WGS concentrator. Her dissertation will focus on medical education and inclusion of transgender health. Her research interests also include the biomedicalization of cellular aging as well as gender and media.

LEANNA IRELAND

Leanna is a second-year PhD student. Her research focuses on technologies of social control, including algorithms in the criminal justice system.

INAASH ISLAM

Inaash is a first year PhD student studying race, gender and culture. Her research involves studying the Muslim experience in the west, focusing specifically on their experiences of racialization and development of a racial identity.

JOONG WON "JAMES" KIM

As a second-year PhD student in the Department of Sociology at Virginia Tech, James' research interest lies at the intersection of race/ethnicity, gender, immigration, and identities. Overall, his research is greatly influenced by his perspective as a 1.5 generation immigrant. In addition to serving as a graduate research associate for the Laboratory for the Study of Youth Inequality Justice, James also serves as a webmaster for the YIJ Virtual Laboratory.

J. SLADE LELLOCK

J. Slade Lellock is a PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology at Virginia Tech. His research interests include culture, digital sociology, consumption, taste, and qualitative methodologies. His work generally focuses social and symbolic boundaries, cultural status hierarchies, and inequality. His dissertation research will explore the social factors involved in the status elevation of craft beer in the United States with a particular focus on the emergence of critical discourses surrounding craft beer consumption.

JONATHAN LLOYD

Jon is a second year Master's Student with intentions of going into the PhD program. His thesis focuses on how hate group presence on and offline affects the locations where hate crimes occur.

HANS MOMPLAISIR

Hans is a PhD candidate in Sociology. His dissertation focuses on social psychology, families, religion, and racial formation of Afro-Caribbeans.

LIPON MONDAL

Lipon is a third year Ph.D. student in Sociology. His dissertation focuses on urban land grabs, internal displacement, and structural dispossession. His research interests include neoliberal space, urban violence, sociological theories, and urban poverty.

GARGIE NAGARKAR

Gargie is a fourth year Sociology student with a concentration in Women and Gender Studies. Her interests include understanding the obstacles women face around the world that prevent them from getting an education and how to encourage communities to keep their girls in school.

MEGAN "MAGGIE" NANNEY

Megan is a third year PhD student and WGS concentrator. Her research focuses on diversity and inclusion initiatives in gendered spaces. Her dissertation focuses on trans admissions policies and trans/feminism at women's colleges. She also researches gender dynamics in craft beer culture.

AINSLEY PATRICK

Ainsley is a second-year undergraduate with majors in Psychology, Sociology, and Criminology and minors in Leadership and Social Change and Peace Studies and Violence Prevention. She has interests in mental health access disparities and the causes of criminal deviance.

ANAMIKA RAJ

Anamika is first year Masters student in Sociology. She is interested in gender studies especially in the domain of gender-based crime. Her dissertation focuses on domestic violence in India.

PHILIP RAY

Philip is a first year PhD student and holds a Masters of Social Work. His research interests include media communities and social identity. He is interested in exploring group identity in writing communities.

TALITHA ROSE

Talitha is a third year PhD student. Her dissertation explores women's use of digital media in the rise of craftivism. Her other research interests include women in film production and feminist violence in film.

MARIA SCAPTURA

Maria is a first year Master's student in the department of Sociology. Her research interests include feminism, gender identity, and masculinity.

JENNIFER TURNER

Jennifer Turner is a PhD candidate in Sociology concentrating in Women's and Gender studies. Her research interests are race, gender, and work, and social reproduction. Her dissertation focuses on how low-income Black single mothers interpret motherhood and mothering.

LISA YOST

Lisa is a third year PhD student. Her dissertation focuses on the rhetoric of pro and anti-gun control advocates. Other research interests include social media and violence, gender and class inequalities in criminal justice, and environmental inequality.

ABOUT

THE SYMPOSIUM

Thirty years ago, Dr. Carol A. Bailey established the Department of Sociology Undergraduate and Graduate Student Research Symposium to help students gain experience presenting research. Since that first year, the conference has greatly evolved into a departmental tradition where many students have participated and honed their presentation skills. This symposium provides a supportive and enriching environment where students can share their research with colleagues and engage with each other's work.

CAROL A. BAILEY PAPER AWARD

Created in 2017, the Carol A. Bailey Undergraduate and Graduate Student Paper Award recognizes outstanding research papers by undergraduate and graduate students in the Department of Sociology at Virginia Tech. One annual award each may be given every year for the best undergraduate paper and best graduate paper submitted on any topic within the purview of scholarship housed within the Department of Sociology.

THE DEPARTMENT

Our department is recognized for excellence in research, teaching, and community outreach. We specialize in sociology and criminology with concentrations in Africana Studies, American Indian Studies, Women's and Gender Studies, and Peace Studies. We also offer eight minors so that any student can broaden their perspective and explore society in a new way. Our graduates find that looking at the world in a new way equips them to succeed in further study and diverse workplaces in fields like health care, social services, government, and more. We are additionally home to three centers and labs including the Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention, Race & Policy Research Center, and the Laboratory for the Study of Youth Inequality and Justice.

Our M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in sociology have optional concentrations in Africana studies and Women's and Gender Studies, giving you the opportunity to pursue the issues that mean the most to you. Our graduate students work with a large, interdisciplinary faculty who have expertise in sociology, anthropology, ethnic studies, English, history, foreign languages, and African Diaspora studies. We emphasize research and help students make the most of their time by encouraging experiential learning through our centers and interdisciplinary courses of study.



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