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Department News

WHAT'S UP IN THE DEPARTMENT?

Well, it is the end of another successful academic year. And this has been an especially interesting one, with a historical presidential race that included Hillary Clinton as the first woman endorsed for candidacy and resulted in the election of Donald Trump. Sociology courses are ripe for discussing these politics, and I know our undergraduates have appreciated the space to talk about the social issues that continue to emerge on a national stage.

I am happy to report our graduate students continue to do innovative research, be published and present at conferences. Below, we detail conference presentations and research from this past year, as well as the awards our students have received from the College of Liberal Arts and the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program to support their dissertation efforts.

Our faculty have been busy, with recent books from Dr. Darren Sherkat and myself. Dr. J.-P. Reed used his sabbatical to get a jumpstart on his own book, and everyone has been writing and publishing. Our faculty had a strong showing at both the Southern Sociological Society conference, as well as the Midwest Sociological Society conference. Our own Dr. Sherkat has been nominated for SSS president! Continue reading for a list of our faculty's impressive work.

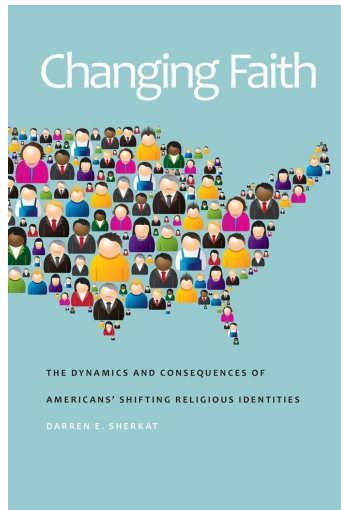
Here's to another great year from SIUC Sociology!

-Kristen Barber, Assistant Professor

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“CHANGING FAITH” BY DR. DARREN SHERKAT



“More than anywhere else in the Western world, religious attachments in America are quite flexible, with over 40 percent of U.S. citizens shifting their religious identification at least once in their lives. In *Changing Faith*, Darren E. Sherkat draws on empirical data from large-scale national studies to provide a comprehensive portrait of religious change and its consequences in the United States.

With analysis spanning across generations and ethnic groups, the volume traces the evolution of the experience of Protestantism and Catholicism in the United States, the dramatic growth of Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam, and the rise of non-identification, now the second most common religious affiliation in the country. Drawing on that wealth of data, it details the impact of religious commitments on broad arenas of American social life,

including family and sexuality, economic well-being, political commitments, and social values.

Exploring religious change among those of European heritage as well as of Eastern and Western European immigrants, African Americans, Asians, Latin Americans, and Native Americans, *Changing Faith* not only provides a comprehensive and ethnically inclusive demographic overview of the juncture between religion and ethnicity within both the private and public sphere, but also brings empirical analysis back to the sociology of religion.”

(NYU Press, <https://nyupress.org/books/9780814741276/>. May 26, 2017.)

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REVIEWS FOR “CHANGING FAITH”

“Darren Sherkat’s *Changing Faith* is an interesting and valuable... book. [...] *Changing Faith* is worth reading, debating, and teaching.”

—*American Journal of Sociology*

“Sherkat’s study undermines the popular claim that while fewer Americans have a formal religious identification, they nevertheless retain many of the trappings of religious belief and personal practice.”

—*Choice*

“*Changing Faith* is a well-written, compelling book. By illustrating the importance of demographic factors in understanding religions in the United States today, *Changing Faith* is an important book with which all sociologists of religion should be familiar.”

—*Sociology of Religion*

DR. WILLIE PEARSON, JR., SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Four undergraduate students majoring in Sociology have been awarded the Dr. Willie Pearson, Jr. Academic Excellence in Sociology scholarship for 2016-17: Luccianny Melendez-Gomez, Kaitlynn Miner, Emily Staniec, and Michael Wilson. Each recipient received \$738.54 for the Spring 2017 semester.

This award is funded by a generous gift from Dr. Willie Pearson, Jr., to promote academic excellence in the field of sociology and to benefit students pursuing studies in sociology. Dr. Pearson earned his Ph.D. at SIUC in 1981; and in 1993, he was awarded the College of Liberal Arts’ Alumni Achievement Award. He is a professor of sociology and former chair in the School of History, Technology and Society at Georgia Institute of Technology. He specializes in the sociology of science and sociology of the family and is the author or co-editor of eight books and monographs and numerous articles and chapters.

The award is open to all applicants regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, or veteran status and is chosen by a selection committee.

Congratulations to the scholarship recipients!



WHAT'S UP WITH OUR GRAD STUDENTS?

Our graduate students have been busy. Here is a brief list of some of the exciting things happening in the department:

Debaleena Ghosh:

Conference presentations—"Reevaluating Tokenism: From Gender and Race to Ethnicity and Culture in the Workplace," Joint Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society and Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Couch Stone Symposium, 2017.

"Fair is Lovely: White Ideology in the Indian Subcontinent," Joint Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society and North Central Sociology Society, 2016.

"Don't Mancriminate! Anti-feminist Backlash in the Indian Cyberspace," (with Neeraja Kolloju). Joint Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society and North Central Sociological Society, 2016.

Debaleena will also be presenting a co-authored paper, titled "Cultural Tokenism: The Effects of Gender, Race, and Ethnicity for Immigrant Women at Work," with Dr. Barber in August at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Montreal, Canada. She also has a book review forthcoming in *Gender & Society* of "Iron Dads: Managing Family, Work, and Endurance Sport Identities" by Diane Tracy Cohen.

Debadatta Chakraborty:

Conference presentation—"Home Away From Home? Community Building and Cultural Meaning-making in a Rural U.S. Indian Diaspora," Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, 2017.

Trisha Crawshaw:

Forthcoming publication—"Girls Rock the Stage and Smash the Patriarchy," ASA publication, *Contexts--Summer Issue*, highlighting her dissertation research on feminism, mentoring, and young girls.

Amanda Patrick:

Conference presentations—"The Stranger: Cultural Perceptions of Women in Higher Education," The 5th Annual WGSS Conference, SIUC, Carbondale, IL, 2017.

"Race Discrimination and Educational Achievement of Minority and Immigrant Adolescents," Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, 2017.

"The Effect of Race Discrimination on Minority Adolescents' Mental Health," Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, 2017.

Neeraja Kolloju:

Conference presentation—"Yakshi and the Other She-Spirits: The Fear of Female Sexuality in Folktales," Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, 2017.

Neeraja is also collaborating with Dr. Barber and Dr. Kelsy Kretschmer on a paper titled "Walking for Women: Men and the Gendered Politics of India's Slut Walks."

GRAD STUDENT AWARDS

Several of our graduate students have been recognized for their hard work and scholarly contributions and have received the following prestigious awards:

SIUC's Dissertation Research Assistantship Award :

Derek Lehman
(Fall 2017 & Spring 2018)

Debaleena Ghosh
(Fall 2017)

The Elizabeth Eames Women's Studies Graduate Scholarship :

Trisha Crawshaw

Marlene Rotbart Matten Academic Excellence in Health Research Award :

Ann Johnson

The 5th Annual SIU WGSS Conference Grad Student Paper Presenter Award :

Amanda Patrick

Congratulations to all our award winners and keep up the good work!

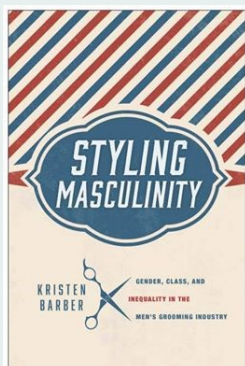
'STYLING MASCULINITY'

"The twenty-first century has seen the emergence of a new style of man: the metrosexual. Overwhelmingly straight, white, and wealthy, these impeccably coiffed urban professionals spend big money on everything from facials to pedicures, all part of a multi-billion-dollar male grooming industry. Yet as this innovative study reveals, even as the industry encourages men to invest more in their appearance, it still relies on women to do much of the work.

Styling Masculinity investigates how men's beauty salons have persuaded their clientele to regard them as masculine spaces. To answer this question, sociologist Kristen Barber goes inside Adonis and The Executive, two upscale men's salons in Southern California. Conducting detailed observations and extensive interviews with both customers and employees, she shows how female salon workers not only perform the physical labor of snipping, tweezing, waxing, and exfoliating, but also perform the emotional labor of pampering their clients and pumping up their masculine egos.

Letting salon employees tell their own stories, Barber not only documents occasions when these workers are objectified and demeaned, but also explores how their jobs allow for creativity and confer a degree of professional dignity."

<https://www.rutgersuniversitypress.org/styling-masculinity/9780813565521>



A FOCUS ON FACULTY



Our faculty have been doing some pretty amazing things this past year. Here's a snapshot of what they've been focusing on:

Dr. Kristen Barber:

"*Styling Masculinity: Gender, Class, and Inequality in the Men's Grooming Industry.*" New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2016.

Styling Masculinity was honored with an Author-Meets-Critic session at the Southern Sociological Society conference in Greenville, South Carolina, 2017.

Kretschmer, Kelsy and Barber, Kristen (2016). "Men at the March: Feminist Movement Boundaries and Men's Participation in Take Back the Night and SlutWalk." *Mobilization* 21(3): 283-300.

Barber, Kristen (2016). "Men Wanted': Heterosexual Aesthetic Labor in the Masculinization of the Hair Salon." *Gender & Society* 30(4): 618-642

Book Review: Barber, Kristen (2017). "Children of Katrina," by Alice Fothergill and Lori Peek. *American Journal of Sociology* 122(5): 1610-1612.

"Hair Care: The Gender, Class, and Race of Emotional Labor and Touching Rules in Men's Grooming." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 2016.

Dr. Jessica Crowe:

2016-2021 Collaborative Research: Upper Delta Region Biodiversity Scholarship, S-STEM Program at NSF (total awarded \$4,781,097; SIU awarded 1,600,837).

"Including Undergraduate Students in Community-Oriented Research: What Works and What Doesn't Work," Rural Sociological Society Conference, Toronto, CA, 2016.

2016-Present Co-chair of Community Rural Interest Group, Rural Sociological Society

2016-Present Co-chair of Teaching and Learning Rural Interest Group, Rural Sociological Society

2016-2017 Chair-elect of Development Committee, Rural Sociological Society

Dr. William Danaher:

Danaher, William F. (2017). "Country music and the middle class." *The American Middle Class: An Economic Encyclopedia of Progress and Poverty*. Edited by Robert Rycroft. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.

Anthony, Amanda Koontz and Danaher, William F. (2016). "Rules of the road: doing fieldwork and negotiating interactions with hesitant public figures." *Qualitative Research* (16)4: 392-410.

Danaher, William F. and Anthony, Amanda Koontz (2016). "Even Better than the Real Thing: Creating the Perfect Electric Guitar through Authentic Reproduction." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, 2017.

Presider—Paper Session: Gender in Social Movements, Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, 2017.

"Songs in the Canadian Women's Movement: A Comparison Across Three Sub-groups." With Kelsy Kretschmer (Oregon State) and Jason Eastman (Coastal Carolina), Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, 2017.

"Even Better than the Real Thing: Creating the Perfect Electric Guitar through Authentic Reproduction." With Amanda Koontz Anthony (Univ. of Central Florida), Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, 2016.

Presider—Paper Session: Negotiating Meaning Through Interaction, Southern Sociological Society, 2016.

A FOCUS ON FACULTY (CONTINUED)

Dr. J.-P. Reed

"The Bible, Religious Story-telling and Revolution: The Case of Solentiname, Nicaragua," Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, 2017.

Accepted: Co-organizer and Discussant of a conference panel at the Association for the Sociology of Religion, "Progressive and Reactionary Islamic Thinkers and Movements," Montreal, August 2017.

Dr. Darren Sherkat:

Sherkat, Darren E. (2017). "Politics, Religion, and Confidence in Science," *Politics and Religion*, 10(1), 137-160.

Sherkat, Darren E. (2016). "Intersecting Identities and Support for Same-Sex Marriage in the United States," *Social Currents*, doi: 10.1177/2329496516663221.

Sherkat, Darren E. (2016). "Sexuality and Religious Commitment Revisited: Exploring the Religious Commitments of Sexual Minorities from 1991-2014," *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 55(4), 756-769.

Book Review: Sherkat, Darren E. (2016). "Inventing American Religion: Polls, Surveys, and the Tenuous Quest for a Nation's Faith," by Robert Wuthnow. Oxford University Press. 2015. *Sociology of Religion*.

Dr. Rachel Whaley:

2017-18 will be Dr. Whaley's 7th year as the Graduate Director at SIU

Appointed as Chair of Status on Women in the Profession Committee in the Midwest Sociological Society (2017-18).

"The impact of attitudes about gender on adolescent delinquency and substance use," Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, 2017.

Organized and led a panel discussion on the status of women in profession at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, 2017.

Conditional accept:

Silva, Tony J. and Whaley, Rachel B. (Forthcoming). Bud-Sex, Dude-Sex, and Heteroflexible Men: Predicting Straight Identification among Men with Same-Sex Sexuality Using a Nationally Representative Sample. *Sociological Perspectives*.

Book chapter:

Wienke, Chris and Whaley, Rachel B. (Forthcoming 2017). "(How) Does the Proportion of Same-sex Couples in Neighborhoods Impact the Mental Health of Sexual Minority Young Adults?" in *Sexual Orientation: Perceptions, Discrimination, and Acceptance*. Nova Science Publishers.

Dr. Chris Wienke:

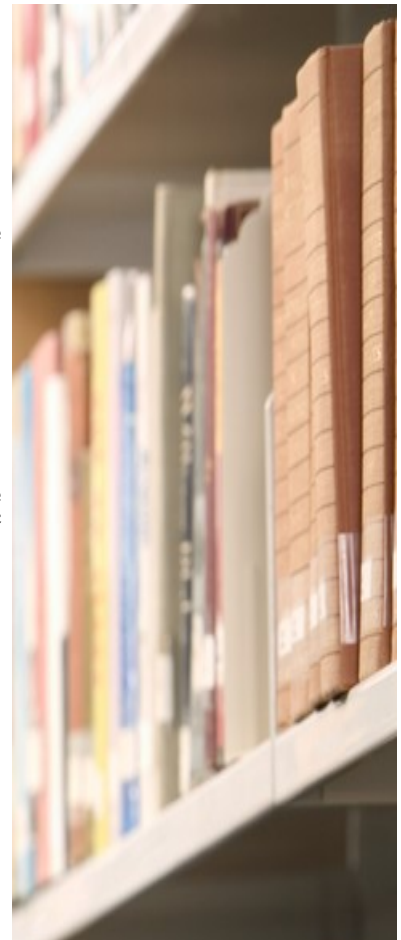
"Saying 'I do' Again and Again: An Exploration of How Serially Married and Cohabiting Men and Women Understand Their Marital and Relationship Biographies," Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, 2017.

Book chapters:

Wienke, Chris and Rachel J. Whaley. Forthcoming. "(How) Does the Proportion of Same-sex Couples in Neighborhoods Impact the Mental Health of Sexual Minority Young Adults?" in *Sexual Orientation: Perceptions, Discrimination, and Acceptance*. Nova Science Publishers.

Wienke, Chris. (2017). "Divorce" in Robert S Rycroft (ed), *The American Middle Class: An Economic Encyclopedia of Progress and Poverty*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio Press Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio Press.

Wienke, Chris and Silva, Tony (2016). "Marriage Equality: The Effects on Well-being and Relationships"



SOC CLUB NEWS:

The Undergraduate Sociology Club has had an eventful year of activities, including weekly meetings, SOC 108 tutoring, social networking, and other campus student-led activities. A great big thank-you to the SOC Club Officers for doing a fantastic job:

Jessica Liberman, President

Shantrice Burnett, Vice President

Kathryn Barbour, Comptroller

Check out their latest news on Facebook at Undergraduate Sociology Club SIUC.

SIU SOCIOLOGY

Sociology at SIU Carbondale is a small but vibrant department with outstanding faculty and engaged students. Because SIU Carbondale is ranked as a Doctoral Research Extensive University by the Carnegie Foundation, research is highly regarded and supported here. Our faculty and students work hard on their myriad research projects but still find time to enjoy the local and regional lakes, rock climbing, hiking in the Shawnee National Forest and sampling our local wines on our Shawnee Wine Trail.

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT SIU SOCIOLOGY?

The Department of Sociology sincerely appreciates the generous contributions of our alumni and other friends. We value every contribution we receive, as it supports the academic progress of our talented and hard-working students! Thank You.

We encourage you to support faculty and student research as well as our speaker series by making a secure gift online at <http://cola.siu.edu/sociology/giving/> to make your tax-exempt contribution.

SOCIOLOGY SPEAKER SERIES

The 2016/17 school year was a very busy year also for brown bag series speakers. Here is a listing of all the presenters on campus this past year:

J.-P. Reed, Associate Professor of Sociology, SIUC Sabbatical Lecture, 9/21/16: "The Bible, Religious Story-telling and Revolution: The Case of Solentiname, Nicaragua."

Barbara Risman, Professor of Sociology, University of Illinois Chicago, 10/21/16: "Marriage and Relationships: What do the Millennials Want?"

Amy McDowell, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Mississippi, 11/2/16: "Aggressive and Loving: Evangelical Masculinity and Male Bonding in Christian Hardcore Punk."

Adia Harvey Wingfield, Professor of Sociology, Washington University in St. Louis, 2/1/17: "The Post-Racial Workplace: Black Health Care Professionals in the New Economy."

Rudy Ray Seward, SIU M.A., 1969, Ph.D., 1974, and Professor Emeritus at the Department of Sociology, University of North Texas, 2/22/17: "Impact of SIUC International Exchanges of Sociology Faculty and Students Initiated in 1967: Expanding Networks and Enhancing Careers."

Elena Windsong, Lecturer, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, SIUC, 3/8/17: "Neighborhood Activities and Motherhood: Gendering the Systemic Model of Community."

Chris Wienke, Associate Professor of Sociology, SIUC, Sabbatical Lecture, 4/5/17: "Saying 'I do' Again and Again: An Exploration of How Serially Married and Cohabiting Men and Women Understand Their Marital and Relationship Biographies."

Lisa Wade, Associate Professor of Sociology, Occidental College, 4/24/17: "American Hookup: the New Culture of Sex on Campus."

Stay tuned for a listing of the speakers we can expect in the upcoming 2017/18 school year.

AND ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Congratulations to Debadatta Chakraborty on her acceptance to the doctoral program at University of Massachusetts-Amherst. We're going to miss her but wish her the best!

Dr. Crowe and family welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Nova Mae, on April 27th. Nova joins big brothers Shannon, 9, and Layne, 5, and has already attended her first faculty meeting!

Doctoral candidate Annie Johnson and her wife, Andrea, will be welcoming baby Layla in mid-August. The department recently celebrated with a baby shower, complete with giraffes and cupcakes!

