

SOCIOLOGY

Fall 2008

2008 Fall Classes

SOC 1033-01 The Sociological Imagination: An Introduction to Sociology TTH 9:30—10:45 a.m. CH 123 Basic principles, concepts, theories, and research techniques. Topics include society and social change, social institutions, culture, and self-society relationships. Block II Dr. Blocker x2802 jean-blocker@utulsa.edu.

SOC 2123-01 Crime, Justice, and Social Order MW 2:00-3:15 p.m. CH 122 Comparative study of law, justice, and social order; models of crime and justice and the role of law in modern society. Dr. Kinsey.

SOC 2133-01 Inequality in American Society TTH 9:30-10:45 a.m. CH 122 Cross listed with WS 2133. This course focuses on patterns of inequality in American society, both past and present. We will examine how and why different groups—people of different races, ethnicities, social classes, genders, and sexualities—have unequal access to society's "goods": decent education, jobs, income, control over their lives, others' respect. We will study how people's lives are shaped by social structures such as the legal system, the economy, the work place, and the family, as well as by ideologies about individualism, race, class, gender, and sexuality. We will also look at how groups and individuals sometimes resist those structures and ideologies. Block II; Women's Studies Certificate; African American Studies Certificate. Dr. Chase x2800 susan-chase@utulsa.edu

SOC 3063-01 Sociology of Education TTH 11:00-12:15 p.m. CH 256 Cross listed with WS 3063. History of education in the U.S.; nature and purposes of education; laws and policies affecting education; reproduction of and challenges to social inequalities in education; curricular issues; contemporary controversies. Particular attention to the ways that race, class, and gender shape the schooling that different groups of students receive. Prerequisite: Soc 1033 or 2133, or Educ 2104, or permission of instructor. Dr. Chase x2800 susan-chase@utulsa.edu.

SOC 3143-01 Environmental Sociology TTH 11:00-12:15 p.m. CH 254 The relationships between social and cultural systems and biophysical environments. Examines evidence on which environmental crisis debates are based, theories of environmental destruction, historical and contemporary environmental movements, and predictions about ecosystem futures. Dr. Blocker x2802 jean-blocker@utulsa.edu

SOC 3973-01 Special Topics: Constructing Social Problems TTH 2:00-3:15 p.m. CH 253 Prerequisite: Soc 1033 Dr. Blocker x2802 jean-blocker@utulsa.edu.

SOC 4123-01 Qualitative Methods of Sociological Research TTH 2:00-3:15 p.m. CH 252 Techniques of gathering, recording, and analyzing qualitative data. Emphasis on unstructured field observations, intensive interviewing, organized field notes, and generating theory through analysis. Prerequisite: Soc 1033 or permission of instructor. Dr. Chase x2800 susan-chase@utulsa.edu.

SOC 4193-01 Sociological Theory MW 2:00-3:15 p.m. CH 255 An examination of the core ideas of sociology, including their inter-connections and central applications. Prerequisite: Soc 1033 or permission of instructor. Dr. Foley x2050 lara-foley@utulsa.edu.

SOC 4973 Senior Project MWF 10:00-10:50 a.m. CH 253 Prerequisite: Soc 1033 Dr. Foley x2050 lara-foley@utulsa.edu.

Professor Ron Jepperson will be on sabbatical fall 2008.



Please send news and updates to
Lara Foley at lara-foley@utulsa.edu.



Congratulations!

Dr. Jean Blocker was named a TU Kendall Professor. This honor recognizes her commitment to supporting students and faculty.

Hannah Aitken, Amy Ellman and Emily Maack were awarded student research grants for their community research projects.

Molly Hubbert received the annual Commitment to Sociology Award.

Kate MacLeod (07) was the 2007 recipient of the Marcy Lawless Service Award.



Alumni News!

Jessie Finch (07) is working at Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Tulsa.

Misti Sterling (07) was recently hired as a probation and parole officer with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

Amanda Peevy (07) is working at the Parent and Child Center in Tulsa.

Kate MacLeod (07) will be teaching in Thailand this summer.

Jed Falkowski (06) has been accepted to the graduate program in psychology at West Texas A&M University.



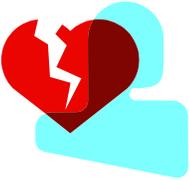
Events and Lectures



Tuesday, April 1, 8:40-9:00, ACAC Formal Lounge, Kathryn McDonald will present her research in TU's annual student research colloquium. The title of her paper is "Case Study of Bilingual Mexican-American Family: Construction of Self."



Monday, April 14—Sociology majors are invited to attend a luncheon hosted by Williams Company. This will be a great opportunity to network and to learn more about career opportunities in the corporate world. Please contact Lara Foley lara-foley@utulsa.edu for more information or to sign up for this event.



Monday, April 21 at noon—As part of the College of Arts and Sciences' Kendall Conversations Series, Professor Lara Foley will talk about her work with the Tulsa Institute of Trauma, Abuse and Neglect, including research opportunities for undergraduate students.



Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m.—Professor Ron Jepperson will give a lecture titled "Demystifying Globalization." This lecture will be held at the Language House (#1418). Other lectures in this series include:
 March 13—Business in China with Professor Mike Troilo
 March 27—Russia with Professor Art Rasher
 April 10—Germany with Professor Jay Geller
 April 17—Mexico with Professor Andrew Wood



Monday, May 5—Annual End of the Year Reception. All sociology majors and alumni are invited to attend a dinner in the Sharp Chapel Atrium starting at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Tina Henley at tina-henley@utulsa.edu or 631-2279.

Sociology Faculty, Brief Bios

Jean Blocker, Associate Professor

Dr. Blocker teaches courses in social movements, environmental sociology, poverty, urban sociology and introductory sociology. Her scholarly work on environmental values and on social movements has been published in mainstream sociology journals (*Social Forces*, *Social Science Quarterly*) as well as in specialized journals (*Journal for the Social Scientific Study of Religion*, *Environment and Behavior*, *Youth and Society*). Research projects funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Corps of Engineers, and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation have been used in policy making for electricity rate structures, community/environmental impacts of transportation routes, and floodplain management. Her current research concentrates on environmental values in a global context, using data from 25 nations.

Susan E. Chase, Associate Professor

Dr. Chase received her education at Dickinson College, Edinburgh University, and York University (Toronto). She teaches courses on socialization, family, education, work, inequality, and qualitative research methods. Her first book, *Ambiguous Empowerment: The Work Narratives of Women School Superintendents*, analyzes how highly successful women in a male and white-dominated occupation narrate their professional accomplishments and their experiences of discrimination. Her second book, *Mothers and Children: Feminist Analyses and Personal Narratives*, synthesizes thirty years of social science theory and research about mothers, mothering, and motherhood. She is currently studying diversity issues in higher education, focusing on how students talk and listen to those whose backgrounds differ from their own. Professor Chase's other commitments include serving on the Committee on Professional Ethics of the American Sociological Association.

Lara Foley, Chair and Associate Professor

Dr. Foley received a BA in psychology from the University of Georgia in 1994, an MA in sociology from Georgia State University in 1996 and a Ph.D. in sociology and graduate certificate in women's studies from the University of Florida in 2001. She teaches courses in sociology of medicine and sociology of crime. She has published articles in *Sociology of Health and Illness*, *Symbolic Interaction*, *Sociological Quarterly*, and *Violence Against Women*, and co-authored book titled *Gendering Bodies*, published by Rowman and Littlefield Press. Her current research focuses on the social organization of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) programs around the country. Professor Foley is on the advisory boards for the women's and gender studies certificate and is the chair of the African American studies certificate at TU. She also serves on the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women, the action board of Planned Parenthood of Eastern Oklahoma and is on the speaker's bureau of Domestic Violence Intervention Services/Call Rape. Her CV can be found on-line at <http://www.personal.utulsa.edu/lara-foley>.

Ron Jepperson, Associate Professor

Dr. Jepperson received his education in the social sciences at Stanford, the London School of Economics, and Yale. His scholarly work concentrates on long-term institutional and cultural changes in societies, on belief systems, and on basic theoretical and methodological issues regarding the practice of social science. Jepperson teaches a wide range of courses in these areas as well as various courses on statistics, research methods, and critical thinking. He has taught at the University of Washington and Stanford as well as TU. He has also worked in applied research, consulting, and administrative positions for Recht Hausrath & Assocs. (Urban Planning & Economics), the Graduate School of Business at Stanford, the Program in Urban Studies at Stanford, the Stanford Program in Intl Legal Studies, the Institution for Social & Policy Studies at Yale, and Q2 Consulting in Tulsa, where he has worked on a wide range of social and public policy issues.

Student Information

Alexander Student Health Center • student medical concerns • physician referrals	Jan Grabow	631-2241
Career Services • deciding upon a major • job/career choices • graduate school information • internship opportunities • full-time/part-time/summer employment • resume assistance	Mike Mills	631-2549
Center for Student Academic Support • monitoring of students at risk • individual academic counseling • tutoring • liaison between students and faculty/university personnel • campus contact for student with disabilities	Dr. Jane Corso	631-2315
Counseling and Psychological Services • psychological counseling • assesment • consultation for concerns such as stress-related anxiety, depression and interpersonal concerns • common concerns for students include: anxiety, anger, alcohol/drug abuse, depression, eating concerns, sleep difficulties, stress management, etc.	Dr. Tom Brian	631-2200
Housing and Dining • issues with roommate • campus housing questions • gold card usage	Melissa France	631-2516
Office of Student Affairs • student conduct matters • complaints of sexual assault and or harrasment • social, cultural and educational programs	Yolanda Taylor	631-2327
Recreational Sports • stress relief • group activities • intramural participation	Mary Wafer-Johnston	631-2675
Student Financial Services • potential grade problem (loss of scholarship or federal eligibility) • course load drops below full-time status • student is withdrawing during the middle of the semester • financial difficulties	Vicki Hendrickson	631-2526
Support Labs • Computer Lab , McFarlin Library, 631-2341 • Foreign Language Lab , OH 200, 631-2808 • Math Lab , KEP M6, 631-2193, McFarlin Library, 631-3800 • Writing Center , ZH 366, 631-3131		
Collegiate Advising Offices • Arts & Sciences , Advisor: Jane Thomas, CH 119, 631-2815 • Business Administration , Advisors: Sheila Givens, Rick Arrington, BAH 218, 631-2214/2216 • Engineering & Natural Sciences , Advisors: Elizabeth Enochs, Joyce Smith, KEP M205, 631-2223/2224		

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