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Faculty

- Amy Blackstone, Professor,
- Steven Barkan, Interim Chair and Professor
- Kyriacos Markides Professor
- Karyn Sporer, Assistant Professor

Adjunct Instructors

- Patrick Downey
- Glenn Eichel
- Edith Elwood
- Mary Okin

Staff

- Laurie Cartier Administrative Specialist
- Dani McDougal, Work Study and Newsletter Coordinator

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Social Facts

Newsletter of the University of Maine
 Department of Sociology

Spring 2018

From the 2018 Interim Chair Steve Barkan

The Sociology Department is again delighted to bring you our annual newsletter. As usual, this year's newsletter highlights the many accomplishments of our caring faculty and wonderful students.

The Department was excited this year to hire a new faculty member, Amber Tierney, who is now finishing her first year as an assistant professor at Hartwick College after receiving her Ph.D. in sociology from the University of California, Irvine. Professor Tierney will join us in September 2018, and we are looking

forward to having her here!

In today's world, the discipline of sociology remains as vital as ever and perhaps even more important than ever. We hear regularly in the news about issues related to racial/ethnic, social class, gender, and other inequalities, and we hear regularly about problems in social institutions such as the family, education, and medicine.

Sociology has much to offer for the understanding of these and so many other issues facing today's

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Student News

UMaine Student Symposium April 2018

Samantha Saucier '18 stands with her presentation on her Honors thesis "Behind Closed Doors: Unpacking College Students' Complex Relationships with Pornography Consumption" for the UMaine Student Symposium.



Professor Steve Barkan stands with Julianna Ferguson '18 at the UMaine Student Symposium in April 2018. Julianna presented on her research "The Relationship Between Juvenile Alcohol Abuse, Depression, and Vio-

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Alumni News

Nicole Golden-Bouchard: Nicole graduated from the University of Maine in 2013, and received her Juris Doctor (JD) from the University of California at Berkeley in 2016. She now works at Pine Tree Legal as a staff attorney.

After graduating from UMaine in 1994, **Chris Clegg** received his masters in Sociology. He is now the president and senior analyst for Portland Marketing Analytics.

Michelle Gayne '03 is now an Academic Advisor & Records Specialist, UMaine College of Liberal Arts & Sciences.

Abbie Strout, a graduate of the class of 2009, now works at the Mabel Wadsworth Center as the director of education and community engagement.

Capt. Richard Clukey, who graduated in 1979, is now the jail administrator for the Penobscot County Sheriff's office.

Ellen Sherwood Stevens '10 is now working as a Senior Administrative Assistant in the Department of Sociology at Yale University she says, "It is great to be around higher education again and to be part of the Sociology Department."

Harold "Trey" Stewart III '16 is now serving as a Maine State Representative out of his home town of Presque Isle. Trey was UMaine Student Government President and the sociology department's top student in 2016.

Victor Liu '15 recently spent time at the Marconi International Institute studying art in Italy. He is working on a book about his experiences there.

Michael Rocque '05, who is now an assistant professor at Bates College, recently took on the position of faculty liaison for the Bates football team.

SOC 499, the Capstone class for the sociology major, held a career panel that featured local sociology department alumni. Photo left: Nicole Golden '13 and Abbie Strout '09. Photo below: Nicole Golden '13, Chris Clegg '94, Capt Richard Clukey '79, and Michelle Gayne '03. Photos courtesy Dani McDougal



We'd love to hear your Alumni News!

You can complete our Alumni Contact Form on our website at www.umaine.edu/sociology/alumni or email us at laurie.cartier@maine.edu

Student News

Marcia Smargon Kornetsky Sociology Prize: Samantha Saucier

The 2018 recipient of the Marcia Smargon Kornetsky Sociology Prize is Samantha Saucier. Sam is from Saco, Maine and has spent the past four years at the University of Maine. Sam is a double major in Sociology and Women and Gender Studies, with a minor in Spanish, and is also in the Honors College. She recently completed her Honors thesis, "Behind Closed Doors: Unpacking College Students' Complex Relationships with Pornography Consumption." Sam is graduating with High Honors as the top graduating senior in Sociology, she has been inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Kappa Delta, and is the recipient of the CLAS Senior Recognition Award. She was very involved on campus, becoming the co-founder and co-director of the Women's Resource Center, and President of the Student Alliance for Sexual Health. In the fall, Sam will be continuing her education in Falmer, England at the University of Sussex, pursuing a Masters in Gender Studies.



The Marcia Smargon Kornetsky Sociology Prize Fund was established in the University of Maine Foundation in 2008 for the benefit of the University of Maine, with a gift from Conan Kornetsky, Ph.D., a member of the class of 1948 and their two children, David and Lisa, in loving memory of his wife of 58 years, Marcia Smargon Kornetsky, who was a member of the class of 1948. Mrs. Kornetsky graduated from the University of Maine with a degree in sociology. She subsequently was awarded a MSW from the Boston University School of Social Work and enjoyed a rewarding career in social work with a special emphasis on children. She was a second generation student at the University of Maine. Her father, Isaac Smargonsky, was a 1919 graduate of the University.

Baseball: Caleb Kerbs

"My experience as a student-athlete at the University of Maine has given me an opportunity to grow as an individual. It is amazing to be able to look back at my earlier years on the team and reflect on some of the most joyful times with my teammates. Not only have I been able to travel across the United States and play against some of the top competitors in my sport, but I also have acquired a skill set that will stick with me for the rest of my life. I have learned how to lead, be both responsible and disciplined, and finally the importance of passion. If you are passionate in what you do and believe in yourself this is what ultimately will lead to your success in the field and in the classroom. This is valuable for me not only as an athlete, but also as an individual who is prepared to move on after athletics and be successful in other areas of life." Caleb Kerbs

Sociology Majors are Athletes Too!



Student Athletes pictured above: Brooke Stacy, Women's Ice Hockey; Caleb Kerbs, Baseball, Brandon Vicens, Baseball & Football; A.J. Dawson, Football; Darius Hart, Football. Julianna Ferguson (not shown), Softball. Photo courtesy Dani McDougal

Student News

Sociology Department Awards

Marcia Smargon Kornetsky Sociology

Prize:

Samantha Saucier

Top Graduating Seniors (3.9 Sociology GPA or above):

Meaghan Delcourt, Allison DellaMattera, Julianna Ferguson, Samantha Saucier

Service Excellence Award:

Danielle McDougal, Katarina Monahan

CLAS Senior Recognition Award:

Samantha Saucier



Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society

The UMaine Chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta is proud to announce that the following students have been awarded membership in AKD by meeting the criteria of a minimum 3.5 grade point average in sociology and a minimum 3.3 grade point average overall (induction date in parentheses):

Seniors: **Meaghan Delcourt** (F16), **Allison DellaMattera** (F16), **Julianna Ferguson** (F16), **Natalie Hamalainen** (Sp18), **Caleb Kerbs** (Sp18), **Danielle McDougal** (Sp18), **Olivia Pennington** (Sp18), **Sarah Rettig** (Sp18), **Samantha Saucier** (F16)

Juniors/Non-graduating seniors: **James "Jack" Brown VI** (Sp18), **Emma Elz Hammond** (Sp18), **Sarah Oakley** (Sp18)

Congratulations to all our inductees!

American Sociological Association

The 2018 American Sociological Association (ASA) Department Prize went to: **James "Jack" Brown '19, Emma Elz Hammond '19, and Danielle McDougal '18**. Each student receives a membership in ASA and accompanying journals. Students who are nominated for the ASA Honors Program receive this award.

Emma Elz Hammond has been accepted into the ASA Honors Program and will be attending the ASA annual conference in Philadelphia in August 2018. We look forward to reporting her experience in next year's newsletter.

Phi Beta Kappa 2017

The 2018 recipients of Phi Beta Kappa are **Emma Elz Hammond '19, Jonah Paris '19, Danielle McDougal '18, and Sarah Oakley '19**. Previously inducted are: **Meaghan Delcourt '18, Allison DellaMattera '18, Julianna Ferguson '18, Samantha Saucier '18**.

Membership in Phi Beta Kappa, the most prestigious undergraduate honorary society in the United States, requires a minimum GPA of 3.5 for seniors and 3.7 for juniors and includes a math requirement in a liberal arts education, as well as a foreign language requirement of 2 years of college level or 3 years of high school level in the same foreign language. It's not easy to meet all these qualifications and we congratulate our recipients for achieving this honor!

Congratulations to all our graduates!

Student News

Alli DellaMattera—Honors Thesis

Over the past year I have been a part of creating the “Attachment Theory Workshop and Self-Paced Refresher Training.” The goal of this training is to increase attachment between caregivers and trauma-impacted children in Sierra Leone. While working on this project I realized it would be perfect to develop into my Honors thesis. In my thesis I look at both psychological and sociological views of attachment. To better understand programs to improve attachment, I reviewed evidence-based practices that have been used to increase attachment within traumatized populations. In particular, I reviewed past programs that have been shown to increase child-to-caregiver attachment.

Being a part of a project that has the potential to change the lives of children and their caregivers is very rewarding. The process of writing a thesis was challenging, however, I feel proud of the work I have done. I am excited to see the impacts of the “Attachment Theory Workshop and Self-Paced Refresher Training” in Sierra Leone, and possibly in other cultures which have experienced trauma.

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lence”. Also presenting at the Symposium was Meaghan Delcourt ‘18, a sociology double major. She presented on her research “Stress-Mediated Physiological Reactivity Among Individuals with a History of Nonsuicidal Self-Injury.”

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world. Accordingly, our students graduate with the knowledge and skills they will need not only for their careers but also to make the world a better place. As a long-time sociologist, I hope our students will heed the words of nineteenth-century education reformer Horace Mann, who told his students, “Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity.” The Sociology faculty wish our students well, and look forward to the victories they will be winning for humanity in the years ahead.

Steven E. Barkan
Interim Chair

Dean’s Lists

Spring 2017:

Ian Anderson, Justine Bouthot, James Brown, Jessica Carignan, Arron Chase, Heather Cross, Meaghan Delcourt, Allison DellaMattera, Julianna Ferguson, Kathryn Gottlieb, Natalie Hamalainen, Ashley Karr, Dyandrea Labonte, Hannah Ladd, Grace Livingston, Christopher McGrath, Haleigh Moran, Sarah Oakley, Katrina Ogden, Jonah Paris, Olivia Pennington, Sarah Rettig, Anna Ritland, Eli Saville, Allison Soucy, Brooke Stacey, Samantha Saucier.

Fall 2017:

Jack Brown, Meaghan Delcourt, Allison DellaMattera, Emma Elz Hammond, Julianna Ferguson, Darian Goggin, Natalie Hamalainen, Caleb Kerbs, Anna King, Lauren Lang, Natalie LaRosa, Lydia Lavoie, Gregory Mattson, Dani McDougal, Sarah Oakley, Jonah Paris, Olivia Pennington, Samantha Saucier, Sarah Rettig, Brooke Stacey, Jessica Sweeney, Zoe Swett, Delaney Woodward

Faculty Highlights

Steven Barkan

Publications

Steven E. Barkan. 2018. *Law and Society: An Introduction, 2e*. New York: Routledge.

Steven Vago and Steven E. Barkan. 2018. *Law and Society, 11th ed*. New York: Routledge.

Steven E. Barkan. 2017. *Sociology: Exploring and Changing the Social World*, version 2.0. Boston: FlatWorld.

Steven E. Barkan and Michael Rocque. 2018. “Socioeconomic Status and Racism as Fundamental Causes of Street Criminality.” *Critical Criminology*

Steven E. Barkan. 2018. “Measuring Perceived Discrimination: Potential Problems in Asking about ‘Discrimination.’” *Sociological Inquiry*88:245-253.

Service

I also finished up my second term as Region I representative on Alpha Kappa Delta, and am serving my first year of a two-year term as past president of the Textbook and

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Student News

ASA Honors Program 2017

Allison DellaMattera, Julianna Ferguson, and Samantha Saucier were nominated and accepted into the American Sociological Association's Honors Program which took place at the ASA Annual Meeting in Montreal in August 2017.

Allison had this to say: "It was a great experience and I am grateful I could attend. I was able to share my research on problem drinking among young adults and get feedback from other students who have completed their own research. I got to hear about research done by many other undergraduates from all over the country. It was encouraging to see the diversity of topics other undergraduates have researched. I gained so much knowledge on the field of sociology and what career options I may have in the future. It was also very helpful to get advice on graduate school. It was inspiring to see the support and excitement within my field."

Julianna's experience was similar: "My experience was both rewarding and memorable in so many ways. First, it was eye opening for me to travel by myself to another country and navigate around the streets of Montreal. The city itself was full of diversity and vibrant culture. There were so many intelligent and passionate sociologists, professors, and other professionals related to the social sciences present. I felt so honored to be a part of this vast community of champions in the field of sociology. I became instantly inspired with the pure happiness and appreciation that all of these members exhibited. I especially enjoyed sitting in on the small room panel sessions. There were so many fascinating guest speakers who shared new and exciting research. My favorite session had to do with the Challenges and Consequences of Imprisonment around the World. I also attended other sessions that definitely took me out of my comfort zone. This was essential because I was able to feel challenged and become interested in

new topics surrounding culture, inequalities, and social inclusion across the world. I strongly believe that my leadership and networking skills have greatly improved as a result of this experience. Witnessing so many other people have such enormous passions and goals about equality, activism, and education inspired me to use my sociological background to embrace both my professional and personal callings and kick start my future."

Samantha let us know that she also had a wonderful experience.



The Alumni Dinner at the American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, was held at the LeWestin Restaurant in Montreal August 11-15, 2017. In attendance were (from front left around table): Yuka (Kawahito '05) Doherty who is now an instructor and PhD Candidate at the University of New Mexico; Jason Houle '05, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Dartmouth; Dawn Norris '05, Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin La Crosse; Professor Kyriacos Markides; Sam Saucier '18, ASA Honors Student; Alli DellaMattera '18, ASA Honors Student; Julianna Ferguson '18, ASA Honors Student; Professor Steve Barkan; Guest; Heather McLaughlin '06, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Oklahoma State University.

Faculty News

Faculty Highlights con't

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Academic Authors Association.

Amy Blackstone Publications

Blackstone, Amy. Forthcoming. "Childless and Childfree," in *Macmillan Encyclopedia of Intimate and Family Relationships: An Interdisciplinary Approach*, edited by James J. Ponzetti. Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan Reference USA.

Blackstone, Amy. Forthcoming. "Am I less of a woman because I don't have kids?" Gender Resistance and Reification Among the Childfree," in *The Truth about M(O)therhood* edited by Julie Rodgers and Helene Cummins. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press.

Blackstone, Amy, Heather McLaughlin, and Christopher Uggen. 2018. "Workplace Sexual Harassment" In "State of the Union: The Poverty and Inequality Report," ed. Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality, special issue, *Pathways Magazine*.

McLaughlin, Heather, Christopher Uggen, and Amy Blackstone. 2017. "The Economic and Career Effects of Sexual Harassment on Working Women." *Gender & Society* 31: 333-358.

Presentations

April 2018, "She's my little buddy": *Childfree Women's Roles in Social Reproduction*, Amy Blackstone, Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA

April 2018, *The Media and #MeToo*, University of Maine

March 2018, *Workplace Sexual Harassment*, Amy Blackstone, Heather McLaughlin, and Christopher Uggen, State of the Union, The Stanford Center on Poverty & Inequality, Stanford, CA

November 2017, *#MeToo: A Panel Discussion*, University of Maine

October 2017, Panel facilitator and discussant for *NotMoms from Around the World*, NotMom Summit, Cleveland, OH

Media

Professor Blackstone was quoted in the media over 30 times this year, on topics ranging from workplace harassment to childfree adults, in sources including TIME, USA Today, NBC News, Yahoo, and others.

Kyriacos Markides

Research and Publications

"The Healing Spirituality of Eastern Orthodoxy: A Personal Journey of Discovery," *Religions* (June, 2017) pp. 1-14. (Peer reviewed)--not included in previous year's report.

My latest book has just been submitted for publication and I have two previous books that are being published in Romanian and Serbian.

Service

Lecture presentation at the 42st Conference of the International Institute of Integral Human Sciences (IIHS) Montreal, August 11-17, 2017.

Lecture at Solonion Bookshop and Cultural Center, Nicosia Cyprus, June, 2017

Lecture at New York Open Center, December 8, 2017.

Radio Interview OCN station (Florida based) and placed online: <http://myocn.net/on-the-impact-of-visiting-the-holy-mountain/> (interview conducted January 24, 2018).

Green Attica Conference, June 5-8 ---invited participant by the Patriarch of Constantinople in a multicultural conference of scientists, academics and religious leaders from diverse backgrounds to discuss environmental issues as they relate to the Aegean Sea---on a boat!

Karyn Sporer

Research

First, I was awarded a UMaine Summer Faculty Research Award for the work I am doing on countering violent extremism. Below is a simplified abstract: *This research project examines Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) sympathizers' tweets before, during, and after an ISIL-led or ISIL-inspired mass casualty event to identify discourses of justifications for violence. Findings from this work will offer insight on how individuals construct moral narratives that both condone and advocate for the use of extreme violence against civilians outside a war zone.*

Second, I am excited to present my research on family violence at the *International Conference on Social Stress Research* in Athens, Greece in June 2018. The paper to be presented addresses to what strategies family members of violent children with

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Faculty News

Amy Blackstone joins Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center



Mary Cathcart (r) and Amy Blackstone (l), co-directors of the Maine NEW Leadership Program, join Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center Distinguished Maine Policy Fellow Eliza Townsend (center), Executive Director of the Maine Women's Lobby. Photo by Zhen Zhang

Professor Blackstone joined the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center this year. She continues as a member of the Sociology Department as well but in her new role she is involved in helping to coordinate two programs: Maine NEW Leadership (NEWL) and the Distinguished Maine Policy Fellows. NEWL is a 6-day nonpartisan residential program held on campus for undergraduate students interested in women's roles as civic and/or political leaders and interested in leadership roles themselves. Each June, NEWL welcomes 28 students from colleges and universities across the state who participate in communications and networking workshops, visit the State House and meet legislators,

and hear from academic experts and civic leaders on topics including diversity and policy making. As part of her role directing NEW Leadership, Professor Blackstone also teaches a course on Women & Leadership. The Distinguished Maine Policy Fellows program brings four state policy leaders to UMaine each year to spend a one-day residency on campus, meeting with students, faculty, and staff to learn about the work we do on campus and provide an opportunity for the campus community to learn from our state's policy leaders.

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mental illness attribute their ability to persevere and survive an otherwise stressful life.

Grants

UMaine Summer Faculty Research Awards.
Award Amount: \$8,000.

Bangor Savings Bank/Lyndon Paul LoRusso Memorial Faculty Development Award, Office of Academic Affairs, University of Maine.
Funded amount: \$1,350.

Peer-Review Articles

Strout, Kelley, Fayeza S. Ahmed, Karyn Sporer, E. P. Howard, E. Arruda, and Kristen Cappa. What are older adults' wellness priorities? (Forthcoming). A qualitative analysis of personal goals within multiple domains of wellness. *Healthy Aging Research*.

Sporer, Karyn, and Dana L. Radatz. (2017). Mothers of violent children with mental illness: How they perceive *barriers* to effective help. *Journal of Family Violence*, 32(7),

683- 697. doi: 10.1007/s10896-017-9935-2

Book Chapters

Ligon, Gina S., Karyn Sporer, and Douglas C. Derrick. (2017). "Violent Innovation: Creativity in the Domain of Terrorism." In J. C. Kaufman, V. P. Glaveanu, & J. Baer (Eds.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Creativity Across Domains*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

Presentations

Karyn Sporer, "#JeSuisParis?: An appeal to hypocrisy and the rationalization of mass casualty violence." To be presented at the University of Maine, Department of Communication and Journalism Research Colloquium, March 26, 2018.

Sporer, Karyn & Gina Ligon, "Justifications for Violence: How Jihadist Sympathizers Rationalize Terrorism and Mass Murder." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA, November 15 - 18, 2017.



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UMaine Sociology Welcomes Amber Tierney, PhD

The Department of Sociology is very pleased to announce that in Fall 2018 we will welcome new faculty member, Amber Tierney, PhD.

Amber is coming to us from Hartwick College, a liberal arts institution located in upstate New York. Amber recently completed her dissertation in September 2017 to receive her PhD in Sociology from the University of California, Irvine. She also holds Master's degrees in Political Science (University of California, Riverside) and Public Policy (California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo).



Amber will be teaching Intro to Sociology (SOC 101) and Crime and Criminal Justice (SOC 214) in the Fall 2018.

Amber's main research interests are in the areas of social & criminal justice, (cr)immigration, social movements, race/ethnicity, citizenship, media, and public policy. Amber has been committed to work that connects theory to justice in academia and the nonprofit and technology sectors. Her work has been published in *Mobilization*, *Research in Social Movements*, *Conflict, and Change*, *Sociology Compass*, and in edited volumes, such as *Players and Arenas: The Interactive Dynamics of Protest* and in *The Oxford Handbook of U.S. Social Policy*.

As a native Northern Californian, Amber has fallen in love with the beautiful Maine landscape and unique opportunities afforded by UMaine. Amber is enthusiastic to learn more about the community and to continue to cultivate a civically engaged pedagogy, scholarship, and community service in this new frontier.

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