

SOCIOLOGY NEWSLETTER

Spring 2023

Message from the Chair

It has been an eventful and exciting year. The department was able to host in-person events again and it has been wonderful to see colleagues and students return to campus. This is not to mention, being able to host colleagues from across the country and around the world. This has brought a renewed energy to the department.

Students and Faculty in the department have continued to have tremendous impact on pressing social issues. Over the course of the year this can be seen through people taking on leadership roles, publishing in our discipline's top journals and regularly engaging media on issues such as housing, affordability, policing, or changing population to name but some examples.

We have also seen students and faculty recognized through research excellence awards as well as success at pursuing Social Science and Humanities Research Council grants and scholarships. We have also seen a large number of PhD defences in the department this year and have celebrated our alumni landing tenure track jobs in universities across the country as well as jobs in the federal civil service.

As we move into the summer we look forward to being able to go to conferences, travel, and meet with colleagues and friends. We hope that we get to see you and hope that you stay in touch.

New Members of the Department



We are very pleased to welcome Robert Nonomura who is joining the department as an Assistant Professor. He investigates issues of gender-based violence, sociology of morality, trauma-and-violence-informed research, and knowledge mobilization and public sociology.



Manfred Asuman was selected as an inaugural Faculty of Social Science Postdoctoral Award winner. He will study how rural communities in Ghana use participatory radio programming on indigenous language media as a means of debunking health dis/misinformation, with a particular focus on community radio stations in rural Ghana.



Erin Woolnough is the new Administrative Assistant in the department. Her duties include finance and research, website, social media and events.



Awards and Recognitions

Kate Choi was named as a [Western University Faculty Scholar](#) in recognition of her significant scholarly achievements in teaching and research.

Kate Choi and Patrick Denice won an “Editor’s Choice” award from Demographic Research for their paper [Stability and outcome of interracial cohabitation before and after transitions to marriage](#).

Kaitlynn Mendes won a ‘Discovering Excellence’ Award at the University of Leicester for her research on sexual violence and rape culture in British schools.

Anna Zajacova won an “Editor’s Choice” award from PAIN for her paper on [Beyond Black vs White: racial/ethnic disparities in chronic pain including Hispanic, Asian, Native American, and multiracial US adults](#).” The University of Buffalo offered an [overview of the study](#).



Teresa Abada



Lauren Barr



Kate Choi



Patrick Denice



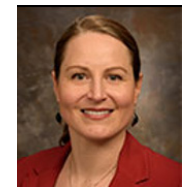
Michael Haan



Kaitlynn
Mendes



Anabel
Quan-Haase



Anna
Zajacova

Taking the Lead

Teresa Abada is the Director of the Collaborative Graduate Program in [Migration and Ethnic Relations \(MER\)](#), an interdisciplinary program for graduate students to study of migration, ethnic relations, cultural diversity, conflict, acculturation, and the integration of migrants.

Lauren Barr is the Learning Administrator at the [London Health Science Centre](#).

Kate Choi is the Director of the Centre for Research on Social Inequality, part of the [NEST group of research centres](#). The Centre for Research on Social Inequality is a community of scholars working and collaborating on research and methods that advance the scientific understanding of social inequality.

Kate Choi was named Associate Editor of [Demographic Research](#).

Patrick Denice is now Associate Editor of [Canadian Studies in Population](#).

Michael Haan is the Academic Director of [Statistics Canada Research Data Centre](#) at Western. The Research Data Centre (RDC) enables scholars at Western to access secure data from Statistics Canada for research, provides training, and assists in the dissemination of research results.

Kaitlynn Mendes has been appointed as a Scientist within the Division of Children’s Health and Therapeutics at the [Children’s Health Research Institute \(CHRI\)](#).

Anabel Quan-Haase is the [Rogers Chair in Studies in Journalism and New Information Technology](#) for the Faculty of Information and Media Studies. In this role she will examine the role of social media during the COVID-19 pandemic, with an emphasis on the informational and societal impacts of this technology.

Graduate Student Achievements

The following students completed a Masters Degree in Sociology in 2022:

Miguel Bravo (Thesis)
Victoria Borowski
Brendan Costello
Aline Da Costa
Brayden Dueck
Lindsay Finlay (Thesis)
Chelsea Heathcote
Sydney Joao

Hannah Joseph
Yuchen Li
Miranda McDonald
Laura McLauchlan
Bruna Moraes
Jessica Omorodion
Emily Orr (Thesis)
Xiao Peng

Eddy Rempel
Joanne Silva
Spiro Vassallo
Stefanie Weighell
Alyssa Jewel
Brett Zeleznik
Jing Zhao

PhD Completed



Lesley Bikos successfully defended her PhD Thesis “Act Surprised, Show Concern, Deny, Deny, Deny:” An Intersectional Analysis of Police Culture, Institutional Betrayal, and Upholding the Status Quo in Canadian Policing.”



Molly-Gloria Harper successfully defended her PhD Thesis “Introducing the social-ecological model of cyberbullying and uncovering post-secondary students’ perceptions of cyberbullying through interviews with young adults.”



Anthony Jehn successfully defended his PhD Thesis “The Links Between a Postsecondary Education and Adult Health Behaviors.”



Award Winning Graduate Students

Maria Ahmed was awarded an Ontario Graduate Scholarship.

Kamma Andersen was awarded an Ontario Graduate Scholarship.

Miguel Bernard Bravo (MA candidate) was recognized as part of Westen’s [Inspiring Minds Showcase](#).

Lyn Hoang (PhD candidate) was recognized as part of Westen’s [Inspiring Minds Showcase](#).

Shannon Mok was awarded an Ontario Graduate Scholarship.

Lisa-Lee Newell was awarded a Masters SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship.

Vesna Pajovic was awarded a a SSHRC doctoral fellowship.

Ina Palii was awarded an Ontario Graduate Scholarship.

Taylor Paul was awarded a SSHRC doctoral fellowship.

Stephen Sartor was awarded an Ontario Graduate Scholarship.

Samantha Skinner was awarded the [Emerging Scholars Grant](#) from the Canadian Research Data Centre Network.

Matthew Stackhouse was awarded an Ontario Graduate Scholarship and a SSHRC doctoral fellowship.

Kaitlin Wannamaker was awarded an Ontario Graduate Scholarship.

Graduate Student Publications

PhD student Awish Aslam and Tracey Adams published "[The workload is staggering](#)": Changing working conditions of stay-at-home mothers under COVID-19 lockdowns" in *Gender, Work, and Organization*.

PhD student Lorna Ferguson published "[We Support Harm Reduction](#)": Frame Analysis of Canadian News Media Coverage of the Opioid Crisis in the *Canadian Journal of Media Studies*.

PhD students Lorna Ferguson and Melissa Elliott led a team that published "[Examining the Connection Between Missing Persons and Victimization: An Application of Lifestyle Exposure Theory](#)" in *Crime and Delinquency*.

Michael Haan and PhD student Lindsay Finlay were part of a team that published "[Forms of Capital in the Economic Integration of Immigrants in Canada](#)" in the *Journal of International Migration and Integration*.

PhD student Sam Ghebrai and Dale Ballucci published "[The Social Construction of Age and 'Best Interests' Discourses: An Intersectional Analysis of Canadian Immigration and Refugee Policy for Children](#)" in the *Journal of Refugee Studies*.

PhD student Molly-Gloria Harper, Anabel Quan-Haase and PhD student William Hollingshead published "[Mobilizing social support: New and transferable digital skills in the era of COVID-19](#)" in *First Monday*.

PhD student William Hollingshead and Anabel Quan-Haase were part of a team that published "[Representativeness and Bias in Social Media Research: Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches to Sampling](#)" in the *SAGE Handbook of Social Media Research Methods*.

PhD students Jacek Koziarski, and Lorna Ferguson, with Laura Huey published "[Shedding Light on the Dark Figure of Police Mental Health Calls for Service](#)" in *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*.

Dale Ballucci and graduated MA student Felicia Stathakis published "[Re-Conceptualizing Success: Investigating Specialized Units Responses to the Sexual Trafficking of Female Victim-Survivors](#)" in *Feminist Criminology*.

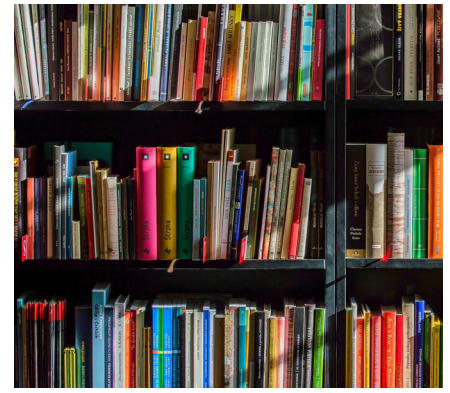
Tracey Adams and MA student Kaitlin Wannamaker published "[Professional Regulation, Profession-State Relations and the Pandemic Response: Australia, Canada, and the UK compared](#)" in *Social Science and Medicine*.



Undergraduate Student Achievements

Gold Medal Winners for highest module average were presented to the following students:

Emma Good	Honours Specialization Sociology
Jackie Tan	Honours Specialization Criminology
Mckenna Seebach	Honours Double Major Criminology
Asiyah Wazid	Honours Double Major Sociology



Recent Faculty Publications

Health and the Life Course

Tracey Adams was part of a team that published "[Regulating in the public interest: Lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)" in Healthcare Management Forum.

Tina Luu Ly, Dale Ballucci, and Michael Haan were part of a team who published the research letter "[Association of Race and Ethnicity With Prostate Cancer-Specific Mortality in Canada](#)" in JAMA Network Open.

Kate Choi and Patrick Denice published a paper in the Canadian Studies in Population, "[Socioeconomic Variation in the Relationship Between Neighbourhoods' Built Environments and the Spread of COVID-19 in Toronto, Canada](#)"

Rachel Margolis and her co-authors have their in-press article "[Bereavement & mental health: The generational consequences of a grandparent's death](#)" online in SSM – Mental Health.

Kim Shuey and Andrea Willson published "[Cumulative Disadvantage in Employment: Disability over the Life Course and Wealth Inequality in Later Life](#)" in The Oxford Handbook of the Sociology of Disability.

Anna Zajacova was part of a team that published "[Educational Differences in Life Expectancies With and Without Pain](#)" in the Journal of Gerontology: Series B.



Power and Justice

David Galnitsky published "[A Class Functionalist Theory of Race](#)" in the *Du Bois Review*.

Patrick Denice published "[Spatial Mismatch and the Share of Black, Hispanic, and White Students Enrolled in Charter Schools](#)" in *Sociology of Education*.

Laura Huey was part of a group that published "[Facebook is the Devil': Exploring Officer Perceptions of Cyber-based Harms Facing Youth in Rural and Remote Communities](#)" in the *International Journal of Rural Criminology*.

Kaitlynn Mendes published a [chapter in a French book called Gender-based violence after #MeToo](#) - Presses des Mines

Robert Nonomura co-authored a chapter entitled "[Social Inclusion Through Trauma- and Violence-Informed Research: A Focus on Survivors of Violence](#)," recently published in the *Handbook of Social Inclusion: Research Practices in Health and Social Sciences*.

Anabel Quan-Hasse published [Defining Social Media and Asking Social Media Research Questions: How Well Does the Swiss Army Knife Metaphor Apply?](#) with Charlotte Nau in the *SAGE Handbook of Social Media Research Methods*.



Social Demography and Migration

Kate Choi and Patrick Denice were part of a team that published on "[Stability and outcome of interracial cohabitation before and after transitions to marriage](#)" in *Demographic Research*.

Patrick Denice published "[Spatial Mismatch and the Share of Black, Hispanic, and White Students Enrolled in Charter Schools](#)" in *Sociology of Education*.

Michael Haan was part of a group that published "[The Mobility of Construction Workers in Canada: Insights from Administrative Data](#)" in *Applied Spatial Analysis Policy*.

Rachel Margolis was part of a group that published "[Population Aging, Demographic Metabolism, and the Rising Tide of Late Middle Age to Older Adult Loneliness Around the World](#)" in the *Population and Development Review*.

Howard Ramos and Michael Haan published "[How Canada's Data Ecosystem Offers Insights on the Options for Studying Migration in an Unprecedented Era of Information](#)" in an edited collection in *Migration Research in a Digitized World*.

Yoko Yoshida, Michael Haan and Scott Schaffer published "[Administrative data linkage in Canada: Implications for sociological research](#)" in the *Canadian Review of Sociology*.

Work and the Economy

Tracey Adams published "[What is the Public Interest in Professional Regulation? Canadian Regulatory Leaders' Views in a Context of Change](#)" in *Professions and Professionalism*.

With Wanyun Cheng, Michael Haan published "[The impacts of housing affordability on the household formation and homeownership of immigrant groups in Canada](#)" in the *Journal of Housing and the Built Environment*.

Wolfgang Lehmann published "[Conflict and contentment: Case study of the social mobility of working-class students in Canada](#)." *European Journal of Education*.

Kaitlynn Mendes and Diretnan Dikwal-Bot published "[Eight Tory Leadership candidates declare themselves feminists](#)": feminism and [political campaigns](#) in *Feminist Media Studies*.

Sean Waite was part of a team who published "[Who's Hitched? Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Heterosexual Partnering in Canada](#)" in *Canadian Studies in Population*.

Yoko Yoshida, Jonathan Amoyaw, and Rachel McLay published "[Refugee children's earnings in adulthood](#)" in *IZA World of Labor*.



Making Headlines and Driving the Agenda

Kate Choi was quoted in the Financial Times article, "[Baby bust: economic stimulus helps births rebound from pandemic](#)."

Michael Haan interviewed in "[London, Ont., region home prices have tripled over the past 25 years](#)," CBC News and on March 14 on CBC Morning

Laura Huey spoke to CBC news on [How much influence should politicians have over police?](#)

Wolfgang Lehmann – CBC Vancouver – [Being the first in your family to go to university can be challenging. This UBC club wants to help](#)

Rachel Margolis was quoted in the New York Times – [Grand-mates: Generations Sharing a Special Bond \(and Sometimes the Rent\)](#)

Kaitlynn Mendes was interviewed by The New York Times on the revival of the annual [Amber Rose SlutWalk](#).

Anabel Quan-Haase spoke with CBC Afternoon Drive about [Rogers Outage Brings Relationship With Technology Into Question](#).

Howard Ramos did an interview with Global News on polling data that shows how more [Canadians prioritize the environment and poverty more than pre-pandemic](#).

Alumni News

Alumna [Monica Hwang](#) is currently Associate Professor of Sociology at St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan.

Former Graduate student Rebecca Rayner accepted an Analyst position at Statistic Canada in the Agricultural Division.

Alumnus Yujiro Sano with Roger Antabe published "[Regular Dental Care Utilization: The Case of Immigrants in Ontario, Canada](#)" in the Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health.

MA alumnus Nathan White started a new position as Senior Research Associate at Synqrinus.

Alumna Alice Yin, MA'21, accepted a position as a Communications & Marketing Consultant with the City of Toronto. She was previously a communications assistant at FIMS and social media specialist for Western Communications.

PhD Alumna [Lesley Bikos](#) has accepted a full-time Tenure Track position at Kings University College.

Lauren Mar (MA 2021) has accepted a position as a Quantitative Data Coordinator for the Canadian Observatory on Homeless in Toronto.

PhD Alumna [Molly-Gloria Harper](#) started a position at Okanagan College.

Alumna Cavita Meetun was hired as Project Office at Statistics Canada.

PhD Alumnus [Anthony Jehn](#) started an Assistant Professor position at St. Thomas University.

Alumna Rachelle Miele published "[Tales from a Hospital Entrance Screener: An Autoethnography and Exploration of COVID-19, Risk, and Responsibility](#)" in Sage Journals

Lets stay in touch!

Please share your news and all that you
have been up to:

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