

# Providence College Department of Sociology and Anthropology



# The Sociology Reporter

## Message from the Chair

Hello! We had a busy fall and spring semester, and have been working hard this summer preparing for the new academic year. We are very excited to welcome our new students, and can't wait to see what this semester has to offer. Finally, thank you to all our students, faculty, and staff - keep up the good work!

— **Dr. Eve Veliz-Moran**  
*Department Chair*



# 2023-2024 SPEAKER SERIES



## Dr. Monica Liu, “Seeking Western Men: Email-Order Brides Under China’s Global Rise.”

October 2023

Dr. Liu’s lecture was centered around her 2022 book, *Seeking Western Men: Email Order Brides Under China’s Global Rise*. Dr. Liu’s study looks at China’s email-order bride industry through stories of Chinese women who contradict existing ideas of what this international dating and marriage process looks like - Chinese women who are primarily middle-aged, divorced, and proactively seeking Western men.



## Conrad Jacober, “Southern Bankers and the Rise of Too-Big-to-Fail Banks.”

March 2024

Jacober’s research examines the origins of financialization since the 1950s, focusing on the rise of household indebtedness and the political project of American bankers to circumvent and overturn the New Deal financial order. Exploring the archives of postwar American bankers, Jacober tracks the struggle between banks to shape the future of American finance; commercial banks’ technological and organizational innovations; and the consolidation of finance’s political and infrastructural power.



## Dr. Casey Stockstill, “False Starts: The Segregated Lives of Preschoolers.”

April 2024

Dr. Stockstill is a race scholar and microsociologist. In her research, she uses ethnography, interviews, surveys, and experiments to investigate how micro-level interactions relate to institutional and structural inequalities. Dr. Stockstill’s research on preschool segregation has been supported by the National Science Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the Institute for Citizens & Scholars, and the Russell Sage Foundation.

## TRIP TO TIJUANA

This past April, Dr. Kara Cebulko travelled down to Tijuana, Mexico with a group of PC students as part of their Global Border Crossings course. Dr. Cebulko partners with Esperanza International for portions of the trip, an organization that works with local residents and volunteers to build new homes and empower communities. The trip is a fantastic opportunity for students to see the Mexico-U.S. border and the communities that live there.



Interested in travelling to Tijuana yourself? Check out the Center for Global Education website for more information about future trips!

# STUDENTS PRESENT AT ESS 2024 CONFERENCE

In March, four Sociology students attended the 2024 Eastern Sociological Society Conference in Washington, D.C. The students, accompanied by Dr. Brandon Martinez, presented the research from their Senior Capstone projects. Congratulations to Kyle Treacy, Gianna Borgos, Abby Levasseur, and Lilah Mahan!

Kyle Treacy '24, "Perceptions of Racial Inequality and Tolerance to Police Force"

Gianna Borgos '24, "How Parents' Substance Use Affects Their Children's Social Interactions and Awareness"

Abby Levasseur '24, "Satisfaction and Support for Working Mothers Before and After the COVID-10 Pandemic"

Lilah Mahan '24, "There goes the Neighborhood: The Disintegration of Social Trust as a Result of Neighborhood Disruption."



# DONATIONS FOR DORCAS



Students in Dr. Veliz-Moran's SOC 440: The Latinx Experience in the United States course ran a successful fundraiser for the Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island at the end of the spring semester in May. Dr. Veliz-Moran includes the fundraiser as part of the curriculum for the course, which focuses on topics and issues within the Latinx community in the United States, covering the American education and economic systems, concepts of "race" and assimilation, and much more.



Dorcas International works towards cultivating and supporting the immigrant and refugee communities in Rhode Island, providing adult education, language learning, job training, citizenship and immigration legal services, refugee resettlement, and more.

# DINNERS and AWARDS and GRADUATION...OH MY!



The end of the spring semester is always a very busy time of year, filled with awards dinners, final presentations, receptions, and graduation! In April, we were very excited to celebrate the induction of the newest members of the Providence College chapter of the Alpha Kappa Delta Honors Society: Rachel Medeiros '25, Lillie Hamilton '25, Haley Coghlin '25, Elizabeth Sutera '25, Elizabeth Hien '25, Emma Lindsay '25, Lilah Mahan '24, and Sarah Leavitt '24. Seniors who were inducted last spring also received their honor cords for graduation. In addition to AKD Induction, the Student Recognition Dinner also honored the recipients of the Sociology Senior Awards;

**Departmental Citizen Award**

Madison Conley  
Nahyr Morales Lugo

**Student Research Award**

Jezel Tracey

**Student Activist Award**

Kyle Treacy  
Olivia Salamone  
Sarah Leavitt

**Outstanding Senior Minor**

Colby Brown

**Highest in Concentration**

Abigail Turano  
Madison Conley



This year, Dr. Charlotte Roberts was our speaker for the Recognition Dinner, sharing her presentation "*Lifeline, Liability, Livability: Land Commodification at Different Stages of Urban Growth.*"

Congratulations to our 2024 Sociology & Anthropology seniors! We are so proud of all the hard work they did over the past four years, and we can't wait to see what they do next!



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