



DEPARTMENT NEWS

FALL 2022

A Message from the Department Chair

Dr. Heather Jacobson



Welcome to our 2022/2023 Sociology and Anthropology newsletter! Since our last newsletter, our department has accomplished amazing things. I invite you to look through the following pages to read about the diverse publications, awards, and presentations of our faculty. You'll be given a little glimpse into our department members' hobbies and interests and well as learn about our sociology and anthropology students' award-winning work as they persisted through the challenges of returning to fully in-person to complete

their degrees. This is a big year of transitions at UTA Sociology and Anthropology. We welcome two new members: Dr. Alma Garza, whose work in the Sociology of Education adds new research to our department's portfolio and exciting new courses to our curriculum; and Ms. Shelby Coen, our new Senior Office Assistant. We also prepare to say goodbye to three long-time department members: Dr. Robert Young, Ms. LaDorna McGee, and Mr. Mark Graves. You can learn about our new members and reminisce with those leaving in this newsletter edition. I am grateful for the supportive community of our department and look forward to continuing to celebrate everyone's vibrant work. Please reach out with news to share, follow us on our social media, and check out our website! I hope this new academic year is a wonderful one for us all.

Warmly,

Heather Jacobson, Ph.D.

Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

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DAVID ARDITI, *Sociology*

In 2021-2022, Dr. David Arditì gave a keynote address at the Over-the-Top Television conference in Seoul, South Korea along with 5 invited talks about his recent books. Dr. Arditì secured \$75,000 in funding for the Center for Theory to expand the operations of the Ben Agger Theory Library. But what he is most excited about is his forthcoming book *Digital Feudalism: Creators, Consumption, Credit, and Capitalism* to be released in Spring 2023.

KRYSTAL BEAMON, *Sociology*

Dr. Krystal Beamon received her Bachelors, Masters, and PhD from Oklahoma State University. She joined UTA in fall 2008 after a three year tenure-track position at the University of Oklahoma. She was awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor in 2015. Her primary areas of scholarship are Race & Ethnicity, Sociology of Sport, and Inequality. Her book *The Enduring Color Line in US Athletics* is among the top 10 bestsellers in that genre. Dr. Beamon is also a recipient of the prestigious Regents Outstanding Teaching Award. She currently teaches Introduction to Sociology and Inequalities in Public Education, and will teach Social Problems and Introduction to Sociology in the spring.

KELLY BERGSTRAND, *Sociology*



Dr. Kelly Bergstrand continues her research into the mechanisms underlying why or why not people are willing to take action for social and environmental causes. This August, she presented at the annual American Sociological Association on a coauthored project looking at school boards and political ambition in Texas. She was also a coauthor on a book chapter looking at the character of “hero” in political and public narratives. This summer, Dr. Bergstrand adopted a kitten and spent time traveling to the Oregon coast, roller skating with her kids, and playing badminton.

NAOMI CLEGHORN, *Anthropology*

Dr. Cleghorn studies the impact of sea level change on early foraging

societies of the southern coast of South Africa. Over the past 7 years, more than 50 researchers and students from UTA and around the world, and a professional excavation team based in South Africa, have contributed to the project. Dr. Cleghorn traveled to South Africa this summer to continue her research. She has enjoyed being able to once again teach her Osteology and Zooarchaeology students in the lab.

ALMA GARZA, *Sociology*

Alma joined the UTA Department of Sociology & Anthropology this fall. In addition to teaching Social Research, she introduced a new course titled *Race, Latinos and the American Narrative*, where students explore the role that culture and institutions play in shaping narratives of the Latino community. As a sociologist of education, she examines issues at the intersection of race and ethnicity, social class, and culture to understand students’ academic opportunities and cultural orientations. She presented a paper focused on first-generation, Hispanic students titled the “DisEmpowering Curriculum” at the 2022 Southern Sociological Society in April. She also presented a paper assessing the relationship between parent networks and student resources titled “Firm or Fragile” at the Midwest Sociology of Education Association and the UTA Center for Theory this fall. Alma’s

semester has been a fun-packed one, as she strives to explore all that DFW has to offer!

M. FAYE HANSON-EVANS, *Sociology*

Faye Hanson-Evans is an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology & Anthropology where she teaches courses on the sociology of poverty, gender, social problems, and more. Faye earned her MA and BA in Sociology from UTA and is both a McNair Scholar and Honors College alumna. Her specializations include the sociology of poverty, political sociology, and quantitative data analysis. In 2017, Faye was named UTA's College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Teacher in Distance Education. Most recently, Faye was named an I.D.E.A.S Faculty Fellow for her outstanding course development and teaching practices - both online and in the classroom. Faye is also fur mom to Dolly and Barkley - her two Saint Bernards - and regularly finds herself unwittingly accessorized with slobber and dog hair.



HEATHER JACOBSON, *Sociology*



Heather Jacobson is a family sociologist and reproductive scholar. Since the last newsletter, Heather published “Reprowebs: A Conceptual Approach to Elasticity and Change in the Global Assisted Reproduction Industry” with Anika König in *BioSocieties*; “The ART Clock: Temporal Limits to Assisted Reproduction” in *Reproductive Biomedicine & Society Online*; and “Inequalities in (Trans)national Surrogacy: A Call for Examining Complex Lived Realities with an Intersectional Lens” in the *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* with Virginie Rozée. Heather has been working with colleagues Anika König (Freie Universität Berlin) and Anindita Majumdar (Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad) on a project, funded by the Volkswagen Foundation, on the impact of the

Covid-19 global pandemic on the surrogacy industry in the U.S., Germany, and India. Their work was presented at the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, last February. Heather’s work with Anika König on “reprowebs” was presented at Tampere University, in Finland, in June. She continues her research on embryo creation and disposition and presented on this ongoing project at the Eastern Sociological Society’s annual meeting last year. Heather was interviewed and her work on gay men using surrogacy to expand their families was featured by Yuri Hibino, Kanazawa University in Japan, for a study regarding ART and surrogacy around the world.

DOROTHY KALANZI, *Sociology*



Dr. Kalanzi's research on HIV/AIDS and climate change in Africa is ongoing. Dr. Kalanzi teaches Medical Sociology, Social Inequality, and three sections of Introduction to Sociology.

RITU KHANDURI, *Anthropology*



Dr. Ritu Khanduri researches on media, material culture and science in the context of India and the Indian diaspora. She is the author of *Caricaturing Culture in India: Cartoons & History in the Modern World*. She is currently pursuing projects on Gandhi and developing new research on India's visual culture. Dr. Khanduri is passionate about teaching subjects like South Asia, India, Gandhi, and cultural anthropology. Her life is ruled by two adorable cats, Lou and Leepoosing. She enjoys running, traveling, Twitter, vegetarian cuisine, cooking for family and friends, music, and films.

ROBERT KUNOVICH, *Sociology*

Bob Kunovich teaches courses in statistics, research methods, work, and risk. He is currently working on

several projects that focus on the public understand of science. In one project, for example, he is exploring the connections between complex work and science attitudes. The results suggest that work complexity increases interest in and knowledge of science, even after controlling for the use of scientific methods in the job. In future research he plans to focus on uncertainty. In particular, he would like to examine and compare the ways that scientists and pseudo scientists portray uncertainty in making statements of fact.



Dr. Kunovich enjoys playing the guitar, swimming, gardening, camping, kayaking, and fishing. This past summer, he enjoyed a week-long mountain biking trip to the New River Gorge (West Virginia), camping off the grid in the Ouachita mountains (Oklahoma), and kayak fishing on the Whitefish Lakes chain (Minnesota).

ASHLEY LEMKE, *Anthropology*

Last year Dr. Ashley Lemke taught Introduction to Archaeology, Anthropology of Hunting, and Underwater Archaeology to students across UTA. She also taught a summer class: an archaeology field school where 14 students lived and worked together at Way Ranch, an archaeological site in Central Texas. Dr. Lemke's book was published last year! *The Architecture of Hunting* was published by Texas A&M University Press and includes underwater archaeology in the Great Lakes and examines how hunter-gatherers (peoples who did not use agriculture) invested in their landscape by building elaborate hunting traps. Dr. Lemke was honored to be awarded the 2022 Outstanding Research Achievement or Creative Accomplishment Award from the University of Texas at Arlington.



KATRINA NUNCIO, *Anthropology*

Katrina Nuncio is a UTA alumna who received her BA in Anthropology in 2006 and her MA in Anthropology in 2011. Katrina is part of the North Texas Anthropological Society (NTAS), and the state group, Texas Archeological Society (TAS), in 2006. She has been actively involved with these two groups pursuing prehistoric and historic Texas archeology. Mrs. Nuncio began teaching at Tarrant County College in 2012 and now teaches anthropology courses at both TCC and UTA.



JOSEPHINE RYAN, *Anthropology*

Dr. Josephine (Joci) Ryan is a cultural anthropologist with interests including food and culture, gender and sexuality, human rights, public health, and medical anthropology. She is active in the refugee resettlement community and

works with nonprofit organizations seeking to fast-track living wage employment for refugees. She also works in the area of human rights education and has traveled with students to locations in Africa, Europe, and Central America.

BETH ANNE SHELTON, *Sociology*



Beth Anne Shelton continues research on gender and political ambition, most recently focusing on the politicization of school boards and the impact on school board trustees. Determining who is motivated to continue in politics by the contentious political climate and who is discouraged is an issue she is focused on at the moment, especially examining whether conflicts in the political arena affect women and men differently. She is also busy working on a new course (for her) (Work, Occupations and Career Development) that is part of the new BS in Applied Sociology. This course will help sociology students prepare to enter the job market, and

get jobs immediately upon graduation. In her free time, she is exploring mountain biking on easy trails and continues to try to improve her tennis game.

JASON SHELTON, *Sociology*



Dr. Jason E Shelton's primary research interests concern the Sociology of Religion, as well as the intersections of race, class, and political/social attitudes in the Post-Civil Rights Era. His articles have appeared in *Social Science Quarterly*, *Du Bois Review*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Journal of African American Studies*, *American Behavioral Scientist* and other respected publications. He was promoted to full professor on September 1, 2022 and has served as Director of the Center for African American Studies since 2017. He also currently serves as the Chair of the Arlington Unity Council.

SHELLEY SMITH, *Anthropology*



This summer, Professor Smith took her first-ever trip to the Cornhusker State to visit the University of Nebraska State Museum. In August and November, she presented invited lectures at TAMU/Baylor in Dallas and at UTA for the Dallas Paleontological Society. At the Texas Association of Biological Anthropologists' annual November meeting in Austin, she presented "Simulating the stochastic: An argument for a museum-based computer interactive that includes all four evolutionary forces." An article on the same topic is in progress. In the spring of 2023, Professor Smith looks forward to teaching Evolutionary Medicine in person all semester long (unlike the last time, in spring 2020) and to implementing a new-and-improved version of ANTH 2307, which is now officially a core natural science course. Students can look forward to more labs and activities!

AMY SPEIER, *Anthropology*



Dr. Amy Speier, medical anthropologist of reproductive travel, has been working on her book manuscript, tentatively entitled "Fertile Industries." The book has been a long time in the making, and her thinking has radically shifted in interesting ways. Dr. Speier is very happy to be fully back to face-to-face instruction, where she intends to build community in the classroom and foster engagement amongst students. She is looking forward to returning to the American Anthropological Association's annual meetings this November, which will be held in Seattle.

ROBERT YOUNG, *Sociology*

Bob Young has taught in the areas of social psychology, small group processes, and research methods since 1991. Most of his research has

focused on social interaction processes, human and animal relationships, and the development of a theory of moral perception. His article "Toward an Integrative Model of Moral-value Perception" appeared in the September 2021 issue of the *Journal for the Study of Social Behavior*. Dr. Young loves teaching, researching and writing about individuals in the social world, and being part of a thriving department with great colleagues. He adores his family and is somewhat fanatical about jazz. Dr. Young will retire December 31, 2022.

CHRISTIAN ZLOLNISKI, *Anthropology*

Christian Zlolski is a social anthropologist interested in work and labor migration issues in the Mexico-U.S. border. This year he published the essay "Space-time compression: the workplace regime of transnational capitalist agriculture in northern Mexico" in *The Routledge Handbook of the Anthropology of Labor*. He is also the editor of the journal *Mexican Studies/ Estudios Mexicanos* (UC Press). In spring 2022, he was awarded the COLA Distinguished Record of Research or Creative Activity. In the summer, he stepped down as Director of the Center for Mexican Studies (CMAS) after eight years in the post and looks forward to continuing serving both his home department and CMAS.

NEWS FROM THE CENTER FOR THEORY

The Center for Theory's big initiative of the past year has been to expand the Ben Agger Theory Library. The Ben Agger Theory Library provides a space to build scholarly community among faculty and graduate students. We recently received \$65,000 from the UT System through the Library, Equipment, Repair and Rehabilitation (LERR) bond and are in the process of moving to a new space (University Hall 203). First, the library acts as a hub of student success. The library provides access to books in CoLA graduate classes free of charge. This creates more opportunity for students to succeed by reducing costs. Students have access to the growing general collection to do research, too. Furthermore, it provides a meeting space for students to gather with each other and faculty to build support networks in the arduous process to graduation. Second, the general collection and space permit research that strengthens the culture of innovation across campus. We have a diverse and growing range of texts that allow scholars in the humanistic and social sciences and arts to conduct research. This is important for scholarly feedback that can help get publications in top ranking journals. Finally, the Center for Theory brings people together as a community of scholars across disciplines. The library space encourages cross-disciplinary discourse that grows community and facilitates meeting space for faculty working groups and reading groups.



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SAN MARCOS, TX

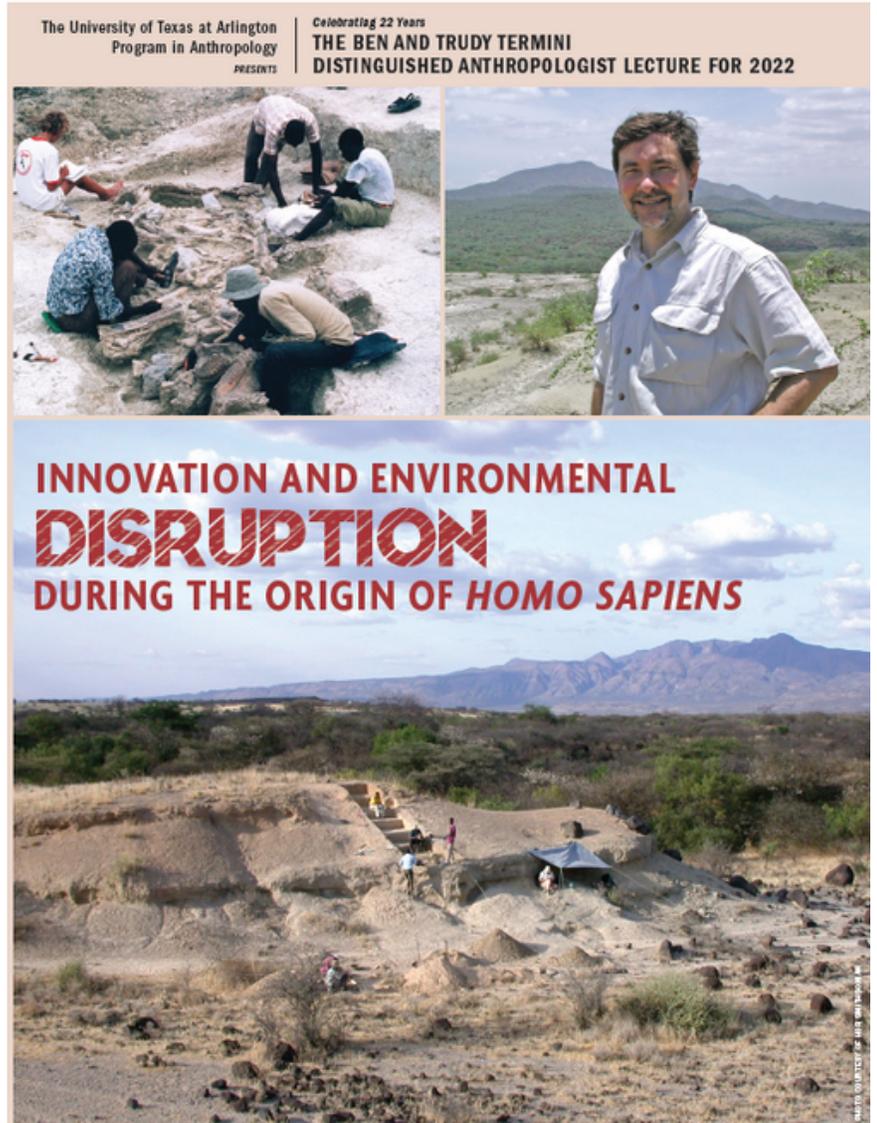
The Summer Field School is a program taught by Professor Ashley Lemke at Way Ranch in San Marcos, TX. Way Ranch is a privately owned 450-acre property located on a prehistoric archaeological site. Students attending the Field School lived and worked on the ranch for 14 days while they participated in a real archaeological excavation. This year, 14 students accompanied Dr. Lemke to the ranch.



INNOVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL DISRUPTION DURING THE ORIGIN OF HOMO SAPIENS

Presented by Dr. Richard Potts of the Smithsonian Institution

Dr. Richard Potts, Paleoanthropologist and Founder and Director of the Human Origins program at the Smithsonian Institution, presented his lecture "*Innovation and Environmental Disruption During the Origin of Homo Sapiens*" on April 7th. In partnership with the National Museums of Kenya, Potts leads ongoing excavations at the Olorgesailie and Homa Peninsula field sites in Kenya. After receiving his PhD in biological anthropology at Harvard University in 1982, he taught at Yale before joining the Smithsonian in 1985. Potts' research investigates Earth's environmental dynamics and how human evolutionary adaptations have developed over time. His ideas about the influence of environmental instability on human evolution have stimulated new studies in Earth sciences, paleontology, and computational biology. He is the curator of the Smithsonian's Hall of Human Origins and of the exhibit "Exploring Human Origins," which has traveled across the U.S. since 2015. Rick is author of the exhibit companion book *What Does It Mean To Be Human?*





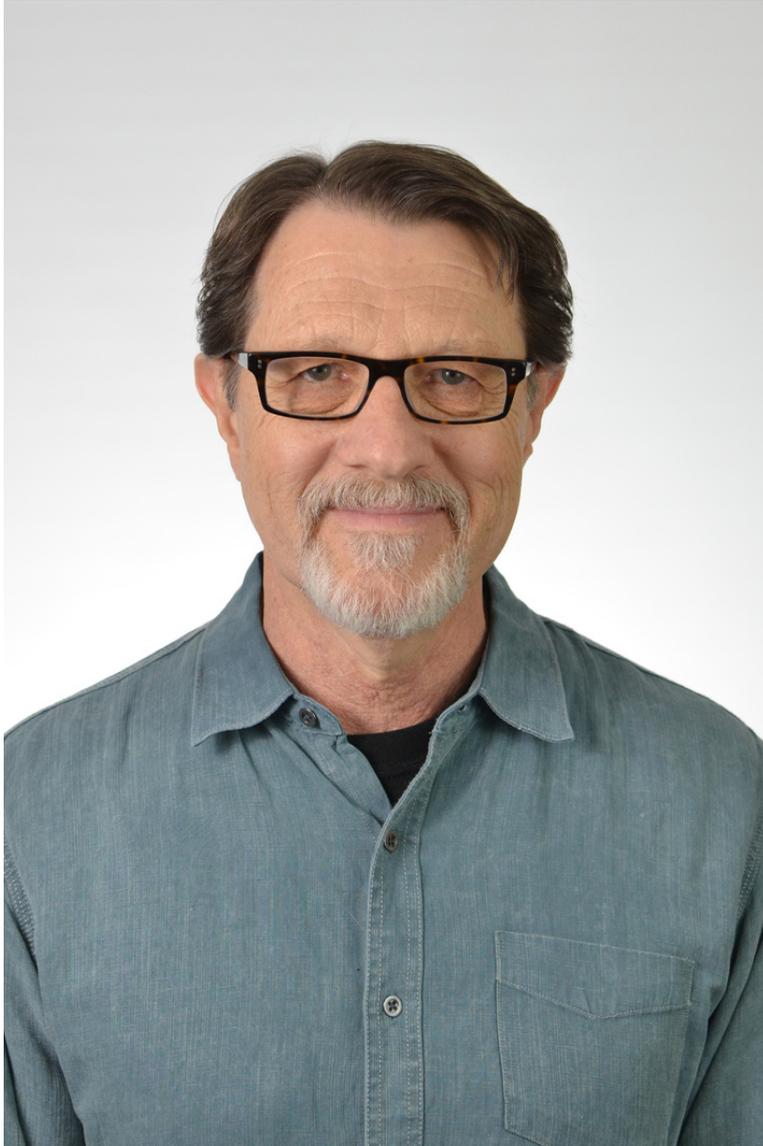
NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN

Applied Sociology

The Department began a new degree plan in the fall of 2022: a Bachelor of Science in Applied Sociology. The B.S. aims to provide students with marketable skills that will allow them to begin their careers after graduation. Students are trained in the different methods used in data collection, data management, and data analysis. These skills are ones that employers are seeking in today's labor market. We're excited to offer this new degree that will address and provide for students training for a growing number of jobs in data analysis, HR management, and market research in the local DFW area and nationwide. If you'd like to learn more about the B.S., please reach out to the department!



DR. ROBERT YOUNG



Dr. Bob Young received his PhD from The University of Michigan in 1982 and began his 31-year career with The University of Texas at Arlington in 1991. He was promoted to full Professor in 1999 and served as Chair from 2000 - 2008.

Bob has been a mentor to many students over the years and is beloved by students, faculty, and staff alike. He will officially retire as of December 31, 2022 and looks forward to spending more time with his wife and children. He will be very missed by us all!

What will you miss most about your time here at UTA?

The people, especially my faculty colleagues and support staff in our department.

What words of wisdom or sage advice would you offer to the department, your colleagues, and/or students?

No words of wisdom or advice that could be considered sagacious. However, I do hope that the members of the faculty and support staff will remain collegial, supportive, considerate, and respectful of each other.

If those things happen, the department will continue to excel. For students, I would encourage them to not let outside distractions and short-term goals interfere with their pursuit of knowledge, understanding and intellectual growth. This is what their university education must be about, if they are to succeed in life and contribute to the betterment of the worlds they share with others.

What are your plans for and what are you most looking forward to in your retirement?

Seeing my children and their families more; taking over a larger share of home duties so Carol can continue her active academic career; having more time to indulge my music and art interests; exercising more; learning how to take short and efficient naps; just seeing what comes next!

LADORNA MCGEE

Ms. LaDorna McGee began her undergraduate studies at The University of Texas at Arlington in 1988 and in 2006 received her Sociology MA. She started her career with the University around 1994 and as of December 31, 2022 will be officially retired.

She has worked in a few departments over the years including the Department of Communication and the Office of Information Technology, but has most enjoyed her role as Academic Advisor with the Department of Sociology & Anthropology. LaDorna played an integral role in our department and will be thoroughly missed!

What will you miss most about your time here at UTA?

I will miss helping students plan their path to graduation.

Share a funny story related to your time here.

The time a student announced in class "I may be stoned but I'm not stupid" along with other colorful statements that aren't suited for this newsletter.

What words of wisdom or sage advice would you offer to the department, your colleagues, and/or students?

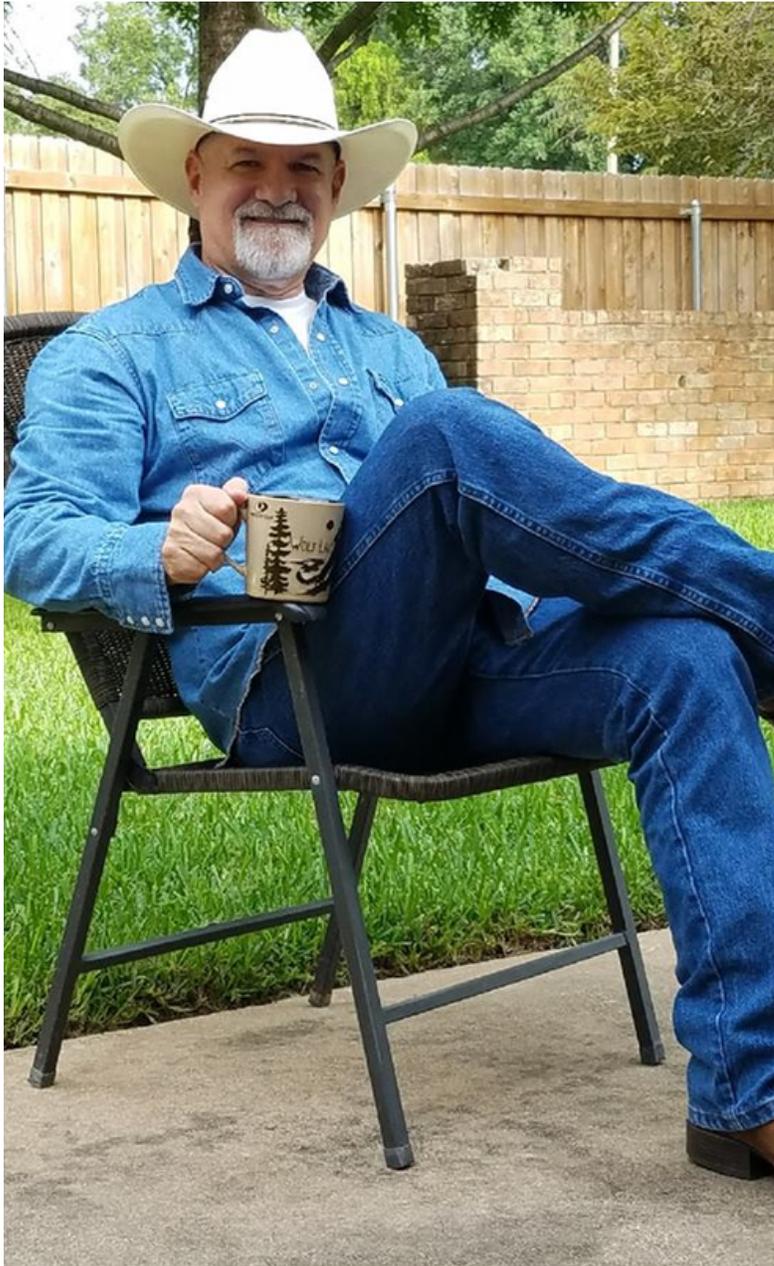
Plan ahead.

What are your plans for and what are you most looking forward to in your retirement?

Being off-grid.



MARK GRAVES



Mr. Mark Graves has served as the Department's Administrative Assistant II since March 2010. Prior to his employment with UTA, Mark served in the United States Air Force for 30 years and retired as a Master Sergeant in 2007. He and his wife Cindy have worked for the University a combined total of almost 50 years. Mark will be officially retired as of December 31, 2022. We will really miss you, Mark!

What will you miss most about your time here at UTA?

The people and friendships I've made along the way, inside our department and across campus.

Share a funny story related to your time here.

April Fools Day (year unknown, maybe 2012 or 13), when all of us hid in the breakroom, locked the office door and turned out the lights just before Shelley arrived. She was a bit shocked to find everything locked up.

What words of wisdom or sage advice would you offer to the department, your colleagues, and/or students?

Always keep learning and looking for ways to improve yourself.

What are your plans for and what are you most looking forward to in your retirement?

Travel and sleeping until the crack of noon. I'm going to miss each of you.

This semester we welcomed Dr. Alma Garza to the department.

What hobbies or downtime activity do you enjoy?

My favorite downtime activity is cooking, which is why I try to cook regularly. Being able to chop away on my cutting board, while occasionally sipping on a margarita or glass of Cabernet, may just capture a perfect evening.

After your PhD program at Irvine, you completed a post-doc at Purdue. What research project(s) did you work on there?

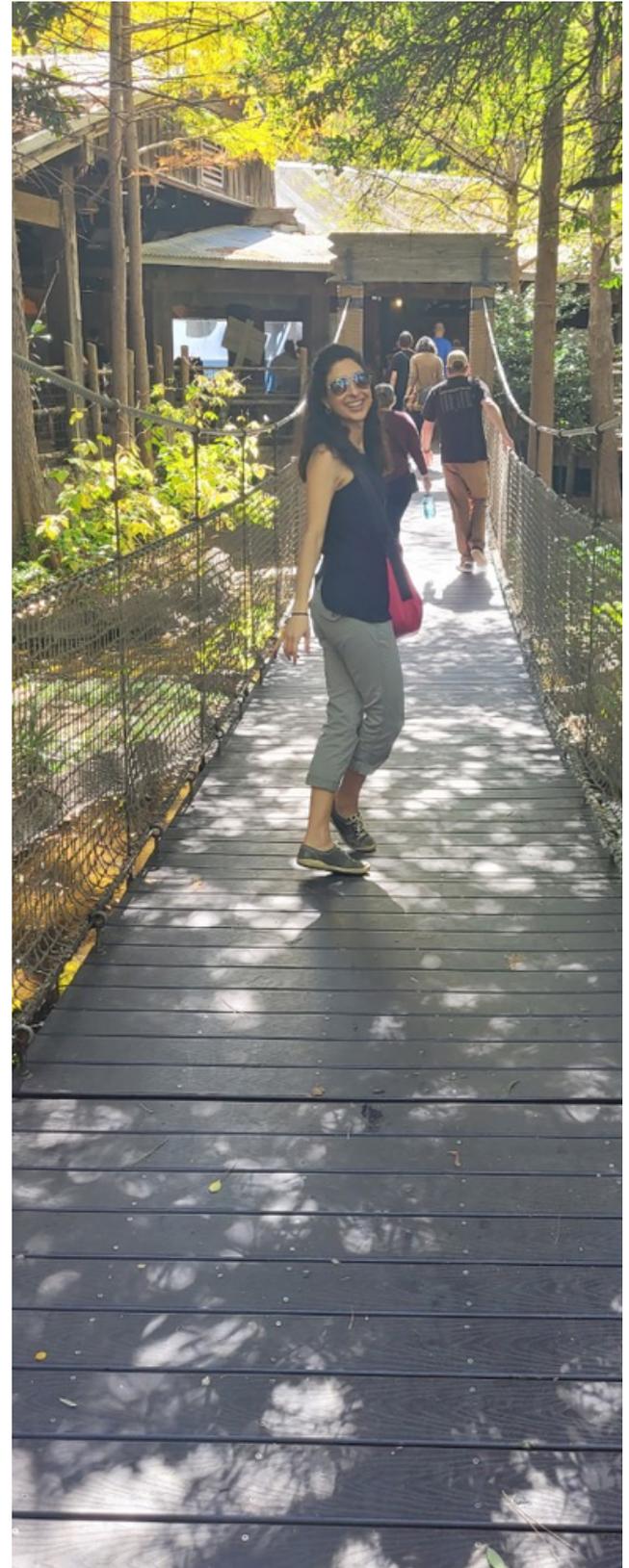
My time at Purdue was extremely rewarding. In collaboration with an exceptional team of researchers, we examined how differentially resourced parents engaged children in school during the Covid-19 pandemic. We conducted about 100 interviews with parents of elementary-aged children and surveyed thousands of parents across a number of elementary schools. This project is ongoing and has allowed us to better understand sources of educational inequality during moments of disruption.

Please share with us a bit about your current research projects.

There's a variety of projects in different stages of the research pipeline. However, at present, most of my writing is devoted to two: The first project examines how instructional practices vary across schools with contrasting demographic compositions and how these practices shape the learning experiences of Hispanic, working-class college students. I develop the argument that similar social identities are subject to divergent forms of marginalization and opportunity based on how an individual is situated with school. The second project, however, examines how parents mobilize or channel resources to sustain their children's academic and socioemotional engagement during the pandemic-induced remote learning period. We further the idea that flexibility functions as a resource attribute, which impacts the extent to which resources can be mobilized.

What aspect of working at UT Arlington are you most excited about?

There are actually two. I try to cultivate a close-knit classroom community, so I always look forward to learning about the diversity of student experiences in my classroom. I've had a highly rewarding first semester and am excited about my future classes. It's also extremely motivating to work alongside energetic and supportive colleagues. This environment is what makes writing, research and teaching fun. I guess you could say I'm excited about the people at UTA!





In January 2022 we welcomed Miss Shelby Coen to the department. Shelby took over as Senior Office Assistant when Patricia Woodward retired December 2021. Shelby is an Arlington native who received her Bachelor of Arts in Communication Technology from UTA in 2016.

Are you a dog person? A cat person? Both? Neither? What's your favorite animal?

I grew up with cats and like them a lot, but dogs will always have a special place in my heart. I have a 7 year old Pyrenees mix named Benny that I'm crazy about.

It's fall and as you may now be aware, chili is a huge thing here in Texas, so we must ask: beans or no beans?

I don't mind a little beans in my chili.

What hobbies or downtime activity do you enjoy?

I enjoy gardening and taking care of houseplants, video games, learning new things, and spending time with my dog. I hope to have my own herb garden someday and look forward to adding more plants to my desk.

Where did you go to school? What was your favorite subject?

I went to Arlington High School and UT Arlington. My favorite subject was probably German. I took 4 years in high school and 2 in college. I had two wonderful German teachers in high school (who I'm still Facebook friends with to this day) and a great German professor in college. I still enjoy visiting the German Christmas Market (Christkindl) they have every year outside Globe Life Field.

What do you enjoy most about your position thus far?

I guess what I've enjoyed most so far is designing flyers, posters, invitations, this newsletter, etc for the department. I've really enjoyed my time here so far and don't plan on going anywhere for a while. My least favorite thing is probably expense reports.

The holidays are coming up and we want to know which camp are you in: real Christmas tree or a reusable?

I'll take a reusable tree over a real tree any day.



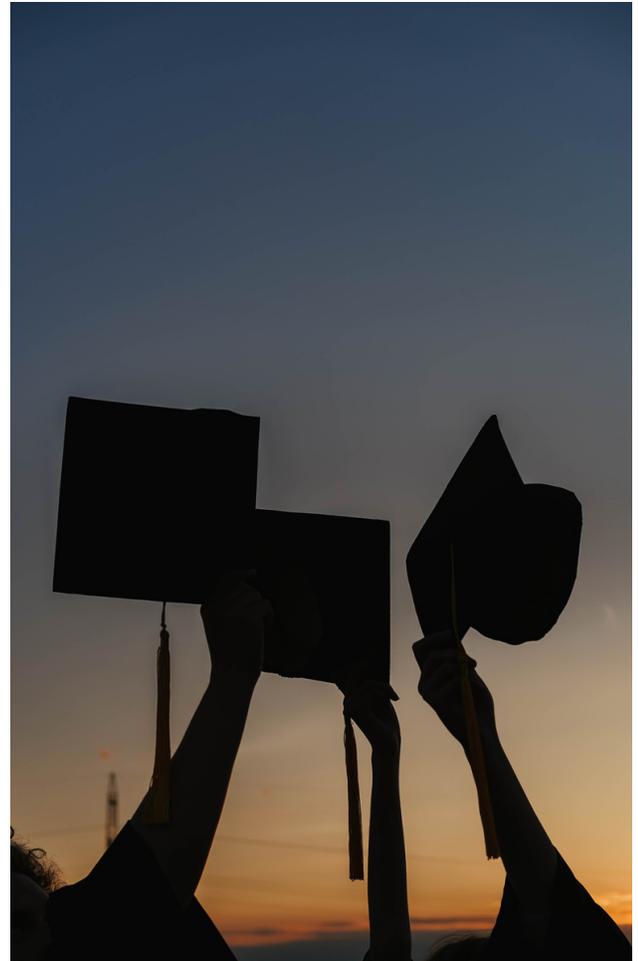
2022 GRADUATING SENIORS

SOCIOLOGY BA

Joseph Blankenship
Hannah Caldwell
Lesly Camero
Matthew Carothers
Rodrico Cass
Amanda Chara
Delia Crisantos
Sakiiah Franklin
Daniel Lewis
Marissa Mata
Lilian Mwashu
Ashley Rodriguez
Evelyn Sanchez
Garrett Woodall
Mayeli Contreras
Diantie Duffie
Maribel Gonzalez
Joanna Ruiz
Desere Shirinian
Blanca Antolin
Melody Foreman

ANTHROPOLOGY BA

Jacqueline Daniels
Whisper Garrett
Maya Govindarajan
Kristin Kaosa
Sean Kielty
Susana Lozano
Abdisalam Mohamud
Henry Nguyen
Chavely Nicolas
Megan Rodriguez
Kristie Shaffer-Townsley
Shehan Soysa
Brooke Anderson
Matthew Collins
Dominique Fleming
Ashlei Jones
Madison Sala
Keelie Waikel
Sergio Hernandez



SOCIOLOGY M.A.

Kyle Aaron
Jennifer Wellman
Erica Favor
Ana Mariscal
Desiree Alvarez



SCHOLARS

Awarded to students who maintained a 3.2 GPA or higher within the major and a 3.0 GPA or higher overall, and have also completed more than 12 hours of coursework in the major.

SOCIOLOGY

Joseph Blankenship
Amanda Chara
Mayeli Contreras
Christopher Ha
Emily Rahal
Keyla Ramos
Kusum Regmi
Ashley Rodriguez
Joanna Ruiz
Evelyn Sanchez
Alyssa Vaughan
Garrett Woodall

ANTHROPOLOGY

Kelsey Deweese
Rosa Hatfield
Michelle Hoskins
Kristin Kaosa
Susana Lozano
Robert Prichard
Megan Rodriguez
Kristie Shaffer-Townsley
Ashley Stephens
Jonathan Villanueva
Declan Williams

HONOR ROLL

Awarded to students who maintained a GPA of 3.2 or higher within the major and a GPA of 3.0 or higher overall

SOCIOLOGY

Diante Duffie
Elizabeth Ferrucci
India James
Javon Levi
Gabriela Reynoso
Mariah Richardson
Nylah Ross
Ishani Sathianathan
Kay Stanford

ANTHROPOLOGY

Ewan Edwards
Lauren Hiler
Ashlei Jones
Melanie Jones

DEAN'S LIST

Piper Buchell
Kelsey Deweese
Whisper Garrett
Chelsea Goldsmith
Anjali Himali
Susana Lozano
Maria Mills
Robert Prichard
Megan Rodriguez
Victoria Satterwhite
Kristie Shaffer-Townsley

Baonhu Tran
Treasure Willege
Joseph Blankenship
Amanda Chara
Mayeli Contreras
Dominic Lamanna
Alicia Leon Luna
Brianna Moreno
Gabrielle Rancier
Kusum Regmi
Joanna Ruiz

Evelyn Sanchez
Ishani Sathianathan
Gabriela Reynoso
Mariah Richardson
Kay Stanford
Garrett Woodall



acCOLAdes (COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS SCHOLARS)

Amanda Chara
Kelsee Deweese
Michelle Hoskins
Andrea Jenkins
Kristin Kaosa
Kusum Regmi
Kristie Shaffer-Townsley
Kay Stanford
Lauren Vanpool
Deb Vickery
Declan Williams
Garrett Woodall

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA INDUCTEES

Evelyn Sanchez
Delia Crisantos
Erica Favor
Andrea Jenkins

LAMBDA ALPHA INDUCTEES

Megan Rodriguez
Deb Vickery

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The **Ben and Trudy Termini Anthropology Fellowship** was awarded to Brooke Anderson and Deb Vickery.

The **Blaine T. and Jean W. Williams Endowed Scholarship** was awarded to Blanca Antolin and Diante Duffie.



Congratulations

on your

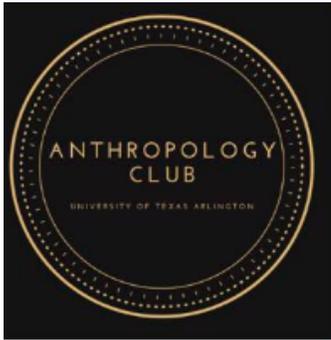
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS!





SOCIOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Sociology Student Association (SSA) is an officially recognized, student-led organization at the University of Texas Arlington. The purpose of SSA is to demonstrate the practical and theoretical aspects of Sociology in ways beneficial to its undergraduate and graduate students and the surrounding Arlington community. Membership is not limited to sociology majors. SSA activities include career development events, educational activities, community involvement, and social events. Each semester's activities are determined by the student members. SSA President is Andrea Jenkins, Vice President is Mariah Richardson, and Treasurer is Nalleli Pena. Faculty advisors are Drs. Beth Anne Shelton and Alma Garza.



ANTHROPOLOGY CLUB

Anthropology Club kicked off with a great start this year. Many of our planned activities include museum visits, distinguished brown bag lectures, and cultural lunches at local venues. This coming year we seek to promote increased awareness of local and national events in anthropology while encouraging fun activities for our student body. Anthropology Club President is Alejandra Bolivar, Vice President is Declan Williams, and Treasurer is Sydney Lowenthal. Faculty advisor is Dr. Ashley Lemke.



Where can a degree in Sociology or Anthropology take you? Here's what some of our alumni have been up to since their graduation. Email us your alumni update at sociology@uta.edu or anthropology@uta.edu!



DR. LUKAS SZROT,
Sociology

Lukas Szrot graduated from UTA in 2015 and went on to receive a PhD in Sociology. He is now an assistant professor at Bemidji State University teaching courses in social movements and change, statistics/quantitative methods, sociology of education, religion and politics, and sociology of work.

ADAM KRAJEWSKI,
Anthropology

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