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*A newsletter from the
Department of Sociology*

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Writing a CV

By Dr. David Hartmann

As I neglected to write a column for this edition of *The Socializer*, there will be a guest lecturer. The rules on inviting such guests are, as far as I know, not written down anywhere but the principles seem clear: invite someone who is more entertaining than you and who has more to say. But, always with an eye toward preserving one's job, make sure they will not be able to step in for you regularly. So I give you the wise and eloquent Polish poet Wislawa Szymborska.

Writing A Curriculum Vita - Wislawa Szymborska

(Translated from Polish by Grażyna Drabik and Austin Flint)

What must you do?

*You must submit an application
and enclose a Curriculum Vitae.*

*Regardless of how long your life is,
the Curriculum Vitae should be short.*

*Be concise, select facts.
Change landscapes into addresses
and vague memories into fixed dates.*

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Writing a CV (cont.)

Of all your loves, mention only the marital, and of the children, only those who were born.

It's more important who knows you than whom you know.

Travels—only if abroad.

Affiliations—to what, not why.

Awards—but not for what.

Write as if you never talked with yourself, as if you looked at yourself from afar.

Omit dogs, cats, and birds, mementos, friends, dreams.

State price rather than value, title rather than content.

Shoe size, not where one is going, the one you are supposed to be.

Enclose a photo with one ear showing.

What counts is its shape, not what it hears.

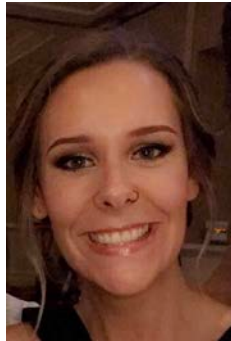
What does it hear? The clatter of machinery that shreds paper.

I hope you smile when you read this. I do not think Szyborska meant to be cruel, but rather to wink at us as we recognize our mutual circumstance. The forms of writing and of presentation, the CV among them, are the boxes within which we package and display our selves. It is a game to be sure, the rules construct and constrain the play, but that does not deny that it is a game within which real substance and value are at stake. So where does that leave us? To paraphrase Mark Twain, "You may (sometimes) have to play the game, but you can at least have the decency to blush."

Meet Our 2018-2019 Graduate Cohort



Marina Geider. I graduated from Western last spring (2018) with a degree in criminal justice and I'm here (again) pursuing an MA in sociology, with an emphasis in criminology. I hope to make a difference in the criminal justice system through my education, and educating others. I wanted to go on to grad school because of the encouragement I received from Dr. Carlson, someone I aspire to be like in my future careers. I am currently a teaching assistant for both Dr. Ashlyn Kuersten, who I had the pleasure of working with last semester, and Dr. Paul Ciccantell.



Sydney Gillispie. I am a new sociology master's student. I'm from northern Illinois originally and did my undergraduate degree at Eastern Illinois University. At EIU, I majored in sociology and minored in criminology and psychology. I decided to do a masters in sociology because I enjoy the discipline in that it's incredibly versatile to your interests! My research interests are within health and the environment, and how they contribute to inequality.



Danielle Page Snow. I did my undergrad in Sociology and Gender and Women's Studies at Western Michigan University. I am currently a Master's student. My research interests are mainly focused in the realm of sexual violence prevention work, though I am becoming more and more interested in the response side of things (mostly healing). I am currently a grad assistant for Health Promotion and Education as the sexual assault prevention education coordinator. What this means is I run both FIRE! Sexual Assault Peer Educators and FIRE Place Resource and Support Center. I am also a (very) part-time teaching assistant for Dr. Angie Moe. I mostly help with the Family Violence course, but I have also been helping out with the Child Abuse course.

Meet Our 2018-2019 Graduate Cohort (cont.)

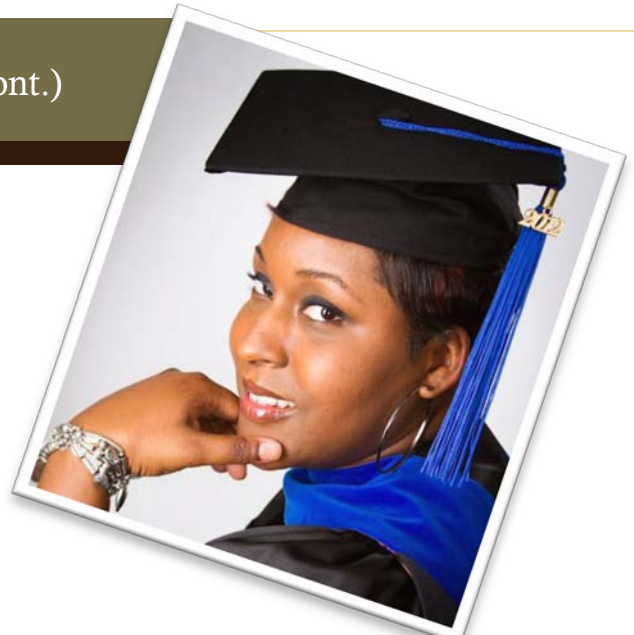
Terra Brix. I got my Degrees from Indiana University and Purdue University. I majored in: Philosophy and Women's Studies. I got certificates in: Medical Ethics and International Studies. I got minors in: Sociology and Religious Studies. My research interest/s are: Language, Oppression, Minorities, Extremist Groups, and Terrorism. I have periodic mutism and am hard of hearing (going deaf). I play Dungeons and Dragons. I also am presently studying several languages for my own interest or need (German, Spanish, ASL, Hindi Sanskrit, Navajo, Klingon, Esperanto, Ba Kom, Scottish Gaelic, Irish Gaelic, and Welsh). Finally, I know an extreme amount about the 90's television series Sliders. (Also, my last name is pronounced 'bree'.)



Lori DeVries

I got my BA at Grove City College (2007) and my M.A. at Western Michigan University (2010). My undergrad majors were Sociology and Spanish and my Master's was in Sociology. My research interests are "Well...everything!" but right now my focus is on Religion and Gender. I am married and have two children, ages 3 and 5.

My name is **Anthony Helms** and I recently joined the doctoral program this fall. I earned my BA and MA at WMU in anthropology with an undergraduate minor in comparative religion. I also work at WMU as the director of academic advising in the Lee Honors College and teach part-time in the Institute for Intercultural and Anthropological Studies (IIAS). My research interests include the study of religion, masculinity, and education as well as nonhuman primate behavior and conservation. The Helms family is fortunate to call Kalamazoo our home (for me it is by way of the Carolinas) and my wife (also WMU alum), our two boys, and I stay active in the community coaching/playing youth sports, volunteering in classrooms, and spending as much time outside as our schedule permits.



Fernando Ospina is a PhD student and Thurgood Marshall Fellow. He has Master's degrees in Conflict Resolution and Counseling Psychology from the University of Denver. His BA is in Philosophy from the University of Florida. He currently serves as Co-Executive Director of Eliminating Racism & Creating/Celebrating Equity (ERACCE), community faculty and Homer Stryker MD School of Medicine, Kalamazoo statewide representative for the Truth Racial Healing and Transformation initiative. He has research interests in medical sociology and the sociology of science.

Deanna Hughes. I did my undergraduate work at Western and graduated in 2015. I graduated with my bachelors in English and Communications. My research interests right now are in urban sociology, social psychology, and I really like deviance right now and the Durkheimian school of thought. I'm also somewhat interested in social networks and the sociology of religion.

Abigail Lewandowski. I graduated with my bachelor's degree from Ferris State University, Big Rapids MI. My major was Sociology and my minors were Criminal Justice and Spanish. My research interests are Race and Ethnicity.

Emma Tosh. Graduated in 2014 from Grand Valley State University with a major in sociology and a minor in African American Studies. Her research interests include: intersectionality, mental health, violence and neoliberalism. This semester I have had the exciting opportunity of helping Dr. Lyon-Callo with some of his upcoming research. Getting to be involved in research has been so rewarding, and I am really enjoying my first semester here in the WMU Soc department!

The other member of the 2017-2018 co-hort is **Christopher Smith**, PhD student.



Alumni News

We love to hear from our alumni!

Jackie Doyon-Martin PhD 2012

Dr. Doyon-Martin was awarded the "Pew Teaching Excellence Award" by the Faculty Teaching and Learning Center at GVSU in February, 2018.

In addition, Pakky Gerkin ('06 – SOC program at WMU) and I recently published an article together. We just recently were notified it was finally published, though it came out in fall of 2017.

Gerkin, P. and Doyon-Martin, J. (2017). Maintaining the Failure of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration: State-Corporate Crime through Tolerance and Permission. *State Crime Journal*, 6 (2), 241 –264.



Blake McCullough, BS 2016

I am currently a police officer in the city of Detroit, assigned to the tactical response unit.

I'm still serving in the Michigan army national guard as an aviation operations specialist with the rank of sergeant. I have been doing that for almost 10 years. I also volunteer time to go out and speak to multiple young groups that work with troubled youth.

I miss WMU, but I'm forever a Bronco!



Kelsey Dovico

Alumnus Kelsey Dovico (Social psychology, 2015) is the first Fulbright recipient from the Department of Sociology. Dovico began her first month of year-long Fulbright English Teaching Assistant position in September, 2018, in Madrid, Spain. Unlike other Fulbright ETAs around the globe, Dovico has a special placement working for a non-profit organization, Fundacion Secretariado Gitano (FSG). FSG is a government-sponsored resource center for the Gitano (Roma) community, offering programs ranging from academic tutoring, vocational training, services for victims of discrimination and ethnic-gendered violence, assistance fulfilling basic needs, cultural promotion, and advocacy campaigns.

Outside of the academic support program, Dovico contributes to the planning and implementation of various educational and community projects at FSG. Most recently, Dovico attended a nation-wide reunion of Gitano/a students and educational leaders focused on building personal aptitudes for a university career.



Kelsey is in front, holding the sign.

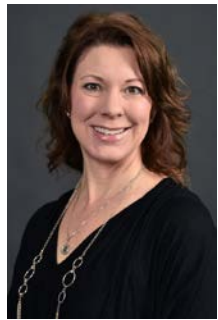
"We chose [Dovico] for this placement specifically because of [her] experience working with refugees, a similarly marginalized population," remarked a Fulbright Commission employee, referring to Dovico's involvement in Dr. Gu's ongoing ethnography of the Burmese refugee community in Southwest Michigan. During her college years at WMU, Dovico worked as Dr. Gu's TA for Social Psychology and RA for her research project on Burmese refugees in Battle Creek. "Kelsey's work for my research project is stellar. She is intelligent, personable, and full of energy. I am extremely proud of her for receiving this special Fulbright grant and placement in Spain," said Dr. Gu.

Dovico was also an Alpha Kappa Delta honor student and a member of the American Sociological Association Honors Program (the first student from the Department of Sociology at WMU to receive this national honor).

Dovico is the only WMU alumnus awarded a Fulbright grant for the 2018-2019 cycle. She hopes to encourage interest in the Fulbright program through her blog hosted by WMU Study Abroad. See <https://wmustudentsabroad.wordpress.com/2018/09/14/i-am-sweaty-i-am-excited-and-nervous-but-im-okay/>

*Please send us an email and let us know what you are doing now!
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Faculty News



Dr. Angela Moe

Dr. Moe and Sunny the Therapy Dog presented to 150 members of KARSF (Kalamazoo County Association of Retired School Personnel) Tuesday, Oct. 2. Their talk, entitled "Sunny the Therapy Dog and the Human on His Leash", addressed the ways in which therapy animals can assist struggling students.



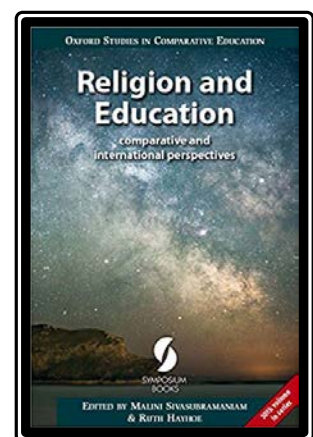
Professors Lisovskaya and Karpov at the statue of Auguste Comte, a founding father of sociology near Sorbonne University in Paris, where they discussed a collaborative project with French colleagues.



Dr. Angie Moe was one of twelve local experts selected to participate in the TEDxKalamazoo 2018 event, Thursday, September 13. Her talk was entitled "The Human-Animal Bond: Learning from the Past, Looking toward the Future" and, of course, Sunny the Therapy Dog joined her on stage! You can view them here (skip ahead to the 15 min mark): <http://tedxkalamazoo2018.com/>

Dr. Elena Lisovskaya

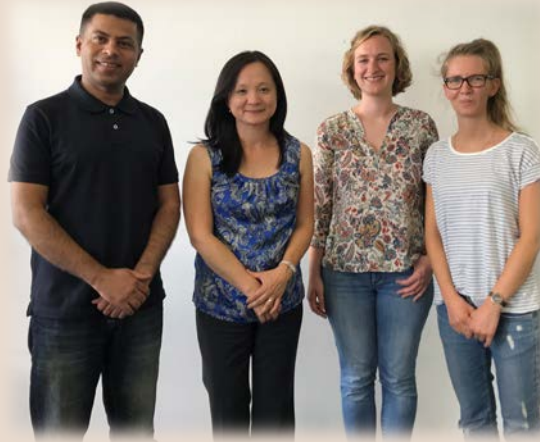
(2017). Religion's uneasy return to the Russia school: A case of contested desecularization 'from above.' In M. Sivasubramaniam & R. Hayhoe (Eds.). Religion and education: Comparative and international perspectives. Oxford: Symposium Books, pp. 311-333.



Faculty News Continued...

Dr. Chien-Juh Gu

Dr. Gu taught a doctoral seminar, "Immigration and Gender: Theory, Methods, and Analysis," at the Graduate School in History and Sociology at Bielefeld University in Germany in June. Here is a photo of Dr. Gu with some students:



Dr. Gu gave a book talk at the "Global Migration as the New Social Question" colloquium series, hosted by the Sociology of Transnationalization, Development and Migration at Bielefeld University in Germany in June.

Dr. Gu's new book, *The Resilient Self: Gender, Immigration, and Taiwanese Americans* (Rutgers University Press, 2017), was featured by the International Sociological Association Research Committee 32 at the 2018 ISA World Congress as a recent publication that makes significant contributions to sociology with a focus on women. She gave a book talk at the ISA in Toronto, Canada in July.

Dr. Gu presented a paper, "Gendered Immigration, Work, and Self: A Life-History Study of Taiwanese American Women," at the American Sociological Association annual conference in Philadelphia in August.

Dr. Gu presented a paper, "Legal until Criminalized: Burmese Refugees' Substance Abuse and Its Impact on Integration," at a mini-conference, "Liminality Legal Asians: Consciousness Raising, Political (Re) Articulations of Belonging in the United States," at Brown University in September.

Graduate Student News

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