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# Social Facts

## Newsletter of the University of Maine Department of Sociology

Spring 2015

### From the Chair



Greetings from UMaine Sociology! It is a pleasure to bring you our news from the 2014-15 year. As you will see in the following pages, the activities of our students and faculty reflect the spirit of public sociology and our commitment to quality of life for all. Projects in the department

focus on understanding and improving the quality of life in Maine and beyond.

I invite you to keep in touch with us through our department's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/UMaineSociology?fref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/UMaineSociology?fref=ts)) and webpage ([umaine.edu/sociology/](http://umaine.edu/sociology/)). We'd love to hear about you, our alumni and friends. Please drop us a line or stop in at Fernald Hall if you find yourself on campus!

*Amy Blackstone, Department Chair*

### Student Highlights—ASA Honors Program and More

Two of our sociology majors, Abigail "Abby" Linn '15 and Linda Fogg '14 were accepted into the American Sociological Association's Honors program and went to San Francisco for the ASA Annual Meeting in August 2014. Here's more about the experience:

"Being a part of the ASA Honors Program this past summer in San Francisco was a great opportunity to delve into a better understanding of the world of sociology and the tremendous impacts pronounced sociologists have made in the field. As an honors student participating in the program, I was able sit in on numerous panels and discussions on topics that I found interesting and pertinent to my future career, I was able to interact with other undergraduate students and prominent sociologists at the conferences receptions, and I was given the opportunity to discuss my own work and hear input from

the other undergraduate honors students at a roundtable session. All the undergraduate students were also given the opportunity to meet with professors and graduate students from numerous colleges to discuss their graduate degree programs in sociology which provided networking prospects and knowledge of which programs would fit best with the direction one wanted to take their future careers. Along with the overwhelming opportunities provided by the honors program, we also had time to explore San Francisco. The undergraduates were taken on a tour of Alcatraz and an afternoon to explore more of the city where a trip to the Ghirardelli Chocolate Factory was a must. Overall the ASA Honors Program provided tremendous opportunities and learning experiences that gave me a better understanding and more confidence in the field of sociology."

*Abigail "Abby" Linn '15*

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## Student Award Winners

### Sociology Department Awards

#### Marcia Smargon Kornetsky Sociology Prize:

Mary "Molly" Hunt

#### Top Graduating Seniors:

Molly Hunt, Abigail Linn, and Autumn Murtagh

#### Service Excellence Awards:

Abigail Linn and Ashlyn Boyle

#### CLAS Senior Recognition Award:

Molly Hunt

#### CUGR Fellowship:

Ashlyn Boyle

### American Sociological Association

Two students were awarded the American Sociological Association (ASA) Department Prize for 2015: **Autumn Murtagh '15** and **Mikaela Gustafsson '16**. Each student receives a membership in ASA and accompanying journals.

Both Mikaela and Autumn have accepted their nomination to participate in the ASA Honors Program and will be attending the ASA annual conference in Chicago in August 2015. (See article on Page 1 re this year's recipients.)

### Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society

This year the AKD members who were inducted as juniors last year were active in revitalizing the sociology club as a wonderful resource for all sociology majors and minors. The UMaine Chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, Alpha of Maine, is proud to announce that the following students have met the criteria of a minimum 3.5 grade point average in sociology and a minimum 3.3 grade point average overall: Seniors: **Brittney Chase** and **Autumn Murtagh** and Juniors: **Mikaela Gustafsson**, **Sarah Mullis**, and **Emma Richford**.

### Phi Beta Kappa

2015 Recipients of Phi Beta Kappa: **Sarah Mullis '16** and **Harold "Trey" Stewart III '16**

### Dean's Lists

#### Spring 2014

Samuel Balzano, Meghan Blackford, Justine Bouthot, Shannon Brenner, Aaron Chase, Brittney Chase, Carly Cosgrove, Linda Fogg, Benjamin Hanson, Peter Herskovitz, Molly Hunt, Abigail Linn Michael Lucas, Lana McHugh, Sarah Mullis, Autumn Murtagh, Christopher Nystrom, Katrina Ogden, Elleena Petersen, Allison Thompson, Brian Woodbury

#### Fall 2014

Justine Bouthot, Aaron Chase, Brittney Chase, Abigail Elwell, Mikaela Gustafsson, Molly Hunt, Abigail Linn, Michael Lucas, Haleigh Moran, Sarah Mullis, Autumn Murtagh, Katrina Ogden, Emma Richford, Samantha Saucier, Trey Stewart, Allison Thompson

**Congratulations  
to all our graduates!**

### The Kornetsky Prize

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, Orono, 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 also 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 MSSW 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. The 2015 recipient of the Marcia Smargon Kornetsky Sociology Prize is **Mary "Molly" Hunt '15**. (See article on page 10)

## Alumni and Sociology Club News

### The Sociology Club



Sociology Club VP Kendall Croteau (left) and friend Theresa Therriault joined a group from the UMaine Business School Club at the annual Hike for the Homeless on April 11, 2015. Kendall reports that “individuals, families, and organiza-

tions came out to support The Bangor Homeless Shelter, as we walked around 3 1/2 miles along the Bangor Waterfront. The conditions were slightly windy, but the energy and spirit of the community coming together overpowered the gusts! There were several starting points (including Hermon and Brewer) and at our destination was a band, food, a bounce house and face-painting! We had a great time!”

The 2014-15 Sociology Club officers were Abby Linn, President; Kendall Croteau, Vice President; Carter Hathaway, Secretary; and Emily Yenco, Treasurer. The club regularly held movie nights with discussions, once inviting Professor Markides to join them for the discussion. As has become the tradition, the group gathered at Fernald Hall for the annual Maine Day festivities and worked to clean up outside and plant flowers.

Incoming sociology club president Kendall Croteau and outgoing president Abby Linn at the annual Maine Day cleanup around Fernald Hall on April 29, 2015.



### Alumni News

**Chelsea Hoskins '09**, is working at a charity in Maine. She has posted on her LinkedIn page: “As a graduate of the field of Sociology I have a passion for inclusion and equality. I believe in changing the lives of others by empowering individuals through knowledge, support, and positivity.”

**Michael Rocque '05**, Chad Posick, Steven E. Barkan, and Raymond Paternoster. 2015. “Marriage and County-Level Crime Rates: A Research Note.” *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 52:130-145.

**Michael Rocque '05** has an Op Ed in the Bangor Daily News. *The Invisible Racism: What critics of the Ferguson protests are missing*. December 2014.

**Michael Rocque '05**, Assistant Professor at Bates College, is quoted in the online Daily Dot article “Why are almost all active shooters men?” November 2014:

**Jason Houle '05**, Assistant Professor at Dartmouth College, is quoted in a Huffington Post Article on a photographic essay on debt and people in their 20s. November 2014:

Sage Oliver Stacey was born on October 18, 2014 to **Jennifer Moulton Stacey '12**.

**Michael Rocque '05** is welcomed to Bates College as a new assistant professor, September 2015

UMaine Online News has an article *Recognizing Sexual Harassment* about the work of **Professor Amy Blackstone** and **Jason Houle '05** August 2014. (See below)

**Dawn Norris '05** has 2 updates: 1) She has signed a contract with Rutgers University Press for her book tentatively titled *Job Loss, Identity, and Mental Health*. 2) She was nominated for a teaching excellence award at University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. July 2014

**Professor Amy Blackstone** and **Jason Houle '05** have an article in *Sociological Spectrum: Volume 34, Issue 4, 2014* – “I Didn’t Recognize It as a Bad Experience until I was Much Older”: Age, Experience, and Workers’ Perceptions of Sexual Harassment. Jason is an assistant professor of sociology at Dartmouth. July 2014

UMaine sociology alum **Linda Fogg '14** and our administrative specialist Laurie Cartier were in the news in a story on the Charlie Howard Memorial

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## Faculty News

### Kyriacos Markides

We are pleased to announce that Professor Markides has been inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi International Honor Society.

#### Articles

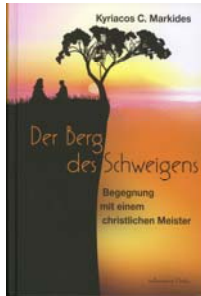
"A Pilgrimage to the Heart of Christian Spirituality."  
Mind Body Spirit No. 36 (Winter 2013-2014).

#### Books

The Mountain of Silence . January 2015 by Aquamarin Verlag Publisher, Germany.

#### Book Reviews

The Journal of Transpersonal Psychology. Vol. 46, no. 1, Fall 2014. Jonathan Sacks, *The Great Partnership: Science, Religion, and the Search for Meaning*. New York: Chocken Books 2011.



#### Presentations

Lecture at Thoukidides Institute, "The Values of Greek Cypriots and their Behavioral Consequences." Nicosia, Cyprus June 7, 2014 (on internet).

International Institute of Integral Human Sciences (IIHS). Montreal yearly conference, Aug. 1-5, 2014.

Sivananda Yoga Retreat, Vin Morin , Canada, August 6-7, 2014.

Keynote speaker, Antiochian Village, Yearly conference of Orthodox Institute, Ligonier PA. Oct.30- Nov.2, 2014.

Old Professor Bookshop, Belfast, Maine, Nov. 8, 2014.

Greek Orthodox Church, Webster, MA Nov. 21-22, 2014.

Orthodox Church of America (OCA) Dec. 13-14, Randolph NJ December 13-14, 2014.

Sivananda Yoga Ashram, Paradise Island, Bahamas (a series of four lectures) December 22-30, 2014.

#### Radio Interviews

One hour interview with Podcast radio host Evan Brand (Internet radio program). Interview posted on line. September 29 , 2014 at 6 pm.

#### Other Activities

External evaluator for the promotion to tenure for sociologist Dr. Constantine Kotsiopoulos, Theology School, University of Salonika, Greece (Fall 2014).

Sabbatical: Spring 2015.

### Kim Huisman

#### Publications:

Huisman, Kimberly A. and Elizabeth Joy '13. 2014. The Cultural Contradictions of Motherhood Revisited: Continuities and Changes. In *Intensive Mothering: The Cultural Contradictions of Motherhood*, edited by Linda Ennis. Toronto, Canada: Demeter Press.

#### Presentations

"Examining the Challenges, Successes, and Outcomes of the Mother-Daughter Project." Making Mother Visible: (Re)Writing the Narrative of Contemporary Mothers." Museum of Motherhood. New York City. March 7, 2014.

#### Awards

University of Maine. Appointed to serve as a Research Faculty Fellow for the Center for Undergraduate Research. 2-year term.

### Steve Barkan

#### Awards

Steven E. Barkan. 2015. *Criminology: A Sociological Understanding*, 6e. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall. Awarded the 2006 "Texty" Textbook Excellence Award for Humanities/Social Sciences from the Text and Academic Authors Association.

#### Books

Steven E. Barkan. Under contract. *Race, Crime, and Criminal Justice: The Continuing American Dilemma*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Steven E. Barkan. Under contract. *Juvenile Delinquency: Prevention and Control*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.



Professor Barkan speaks at the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine during a Maine Chapter of the Scholars Strategy Network Event on March 17, 2015. Keynote speaker, visiting scholar Joe Soss, looks on.

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Steven E. Barkan. Under contract. *Crime Prevention: Programs, Policies, and Practices*.

Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications

Steven E. Barkan. Under contract. *Health, Medicine, and Society: An Introduction to Medical Sociology*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.

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### Journal Articles

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Steven E. Barkan. 2014. "Gender and Abortion Attitudes: Religiosity as a Suppressor Variable." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 78:940-950.

### Amy Blackstone

**We are pleased to announce that Amy Blackstone has attained the rank of Professor. Congratulations on this achievement!**

2015-, *Cooperating Faculty Member*. Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, University of Maine.  
2014-Present, Director, ADVANCE Rising Tide Center, University of Maine.

### Articles:

Blackstone, Amy and Amy Greenleaf '13. 2015. "Childfree Families." In *Families as They Really Are, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition*, edited by Barbara Risman and Virginia Rutter. New York: Norton.  
Blackstone, Amy. 2014. "childless... or childfree?" *Contexts*. Fall issue: 68-70.

### Presentations

March 2015, *Confronting Faculty Incivility and Mobbing*, Susan Gardner and Amy Blackstone, Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA  
February 2015, *Feminist Reflections: A Space for Feminist Public Sociology*, panel participant, Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Meeting, Washington, DC  
November 2014, Gardner, Susan and Amy Blackstone. "If You Deserve it You Should Do it": *Faculty Agency in Applying for Promotion to Professor*, American Association of Higher Education, Washington, DC

### Selected Media

Reproductive Left interview on childfree choice, WERU Radio, Blue Hill, Maine, March 3, 2015  
"How couples can start their own Christmas tradition, no kids required," *Chicago Tribune*, December 1, 2014



### Professor Blackstone and her husband Lance were interviewed for a story on childfree on the Joy Sutton Show July 13, 2014.

Interviewed for story on childfree on *The Joy Sutton Show*, Roanoke, Virginia, July 13, 2014  
Interview with WZON on women and confidence, Bangor, Maine, June 5, 2014  
"Childfree by Choice," Interview with *Married With Luggage* Podcast, Episode #61  
"Women's confidence problem? It's so much more" *Bangor Daily News*, June 11, 2014

### Ann Leffler

Leffler, Ann. "Cop and Gown?," *Academe* (May/June 2015)  
Leffler, Ann. "Comparative Gender Stratification," *Trails* (May 2015)

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in Bangor July 2014. Linda spoke about restorative justice, a topic she became expert in as a result of the internship she completed with Belfast Restorative Justice in the Spring 2014.  
Some of our students from the class of 2014 are working as case managers for service organizations: **Mark Brunton**, **Linda Fogg**, and **Emily Puleio**; and **Elleena Peterson** is teaching preschoolers!

We would love to hear your news so we can post it on our website and in our next newsletter—be in touch at [www.umaine.edu/sociology/alumni](http://www.umaine.edu/sociology/alumni) and fill out the information form you will find there.

## Student News

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Mikaela Gustafsson '16 and Autumn Murtagh '15 are this year's ASA Honors Students. They will be attending the ASA Annual Meeting in Chicago in August 2015. Your generous donations to our gift fund make it possible for us to help them attend. Be looking for more on their experiences in our next issue!

### Sarah Mullis '16 is All Heart!

Sarah Mullis '16 is Trip Planner for Operation HEARTS. She tells us that "Operation HEARTS is a medically based community service club here at UMaine. Each semester we volunteer at three different places throughout the State of Maine. We do things like playing bingo at nursing homes and we throw a Halloween party at Acadia children's hospital every year. Throughout the year we fundraise to go on a week-long service trip at the end of the spring semester where we volunteer at a different medically based facility each day. This year I am planning the trip, and we are going to Baltimore, where we will make a meal at the Ronald McDonald house, work at a food pantry that aids people who are critically ill, volunteer at a clinic for people without insurance. As well as other similar activities."

### Sociology Major to be Next Student Government President



"I chose to double major in sociology because I wanted to be able to focus on real-world issues facing my generation today. The Sociology Department at UMaine has been incredibly beneficial because it has provided me with incredible insight on some of the most critical issues facing our society that often go overlooked. I have been able to utilize many of the concepts I have learned through studying sociology in my role as Vice President of Student Government, and will be sure to continue this trend next year as I ascend to the office of President."

*Harold "Trey" Stewart '16*



This is the sociology department graphic developed by UMaine Marketing using our new department slogan recently adopted at a department visioning retreat.



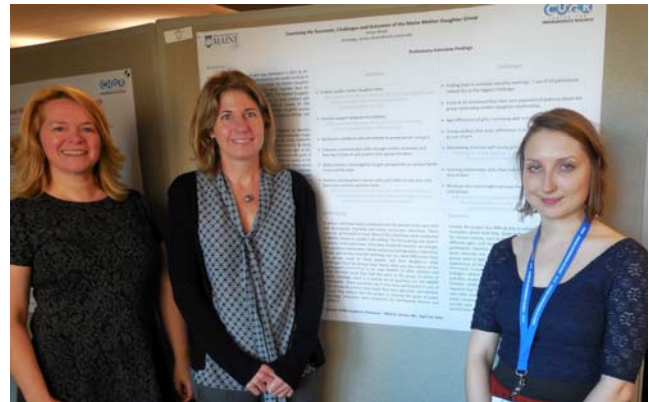
American Sociological Association Honors students, Linda Fogg '14 and Abigail Linn '15 do a little sight seeing during their trip to San Francisco for the ASA Annual Meeting in August 2014.

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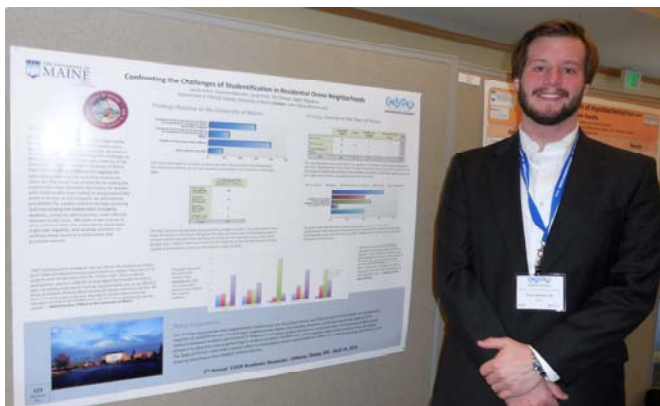
2015 CUGR Showcase:

Three sociology majors participated with posters at the Center for Undergraduate Research showcase this year. Posters included Ashlyn Boyle '15, "Examining the Successes, Challenges, and Outcomes of the Maine Mother-Daughter Group"; Autumn Murtagh '15, "Male Susceptibility and Alcohol Abuse"; and Trey Stewart '16, "Confronting the Challenges of Studentification in Residential Orono Neighborhoods." Trey and his team from his double major of Political Science won 3rd place for their poster.

Congratulations to all the participants!



Professors Blackstone and Huisman with Ashlyn Boyle '15 and her poster, "Examining the Successes, Challenges and Outcomes of the Maine Mother-Daughter Group. Ashlyn's work was supported by a CUGR Fellowship.

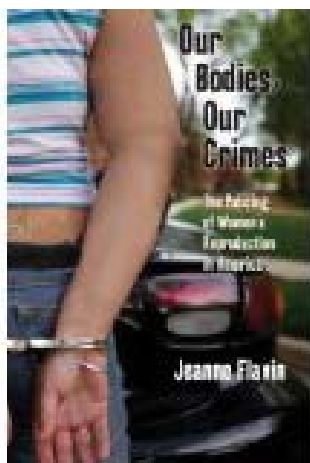


Harold "Trey" Stewart with his poster "Confronting the Challenges of Studentification in Residential Orono Neighborhoods." The data gathered for this poster will be used by the City of Orono as it strives to better neighborhood relations.



Autumn Murtagh '15 with her poster "Male Susceptibility and Alcohol Abuse. Autumn's poster was developed from the work she did in Professor Barkan's SOC 390 Methods class.

Visiting Speaker Jeanne Flavin comes to UMaine



UMaine was one of the lucky recipients of a grant from Sociologists for Women in Society to bring Jeanne Flavin, the 2013 recipient of the SWS Feminist Activism Award to UMaine. Dr. Flavin is a Professor of Sociology at Fordham University whose scholarship examines gender, crime, and reproductive justice. She is author of the award-winning *Our Bodies, Our Crimes: Policing Women's Reproduction in America* (NYU, 2009), co-editor of *Race, Gender, and Punishment: From Colonialism to the War on Terror* (Rutgers, 2007), and author of more than two dozen other scholarly publications. She accepted a Fulbright research award in 2009 to study gender, family, and crime in South Africa.

While at UMaine, October 16-17, 2014, Professor Flavin gave talks for sociology and honors students, the sociology faculty, and she spoke for a very receptive crowd at the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center on the topic "Punishing Pregnant Women who use Drugs: Defying Science, the Law, and Common Sense." It was a great treat to have Professor Flavin with us.

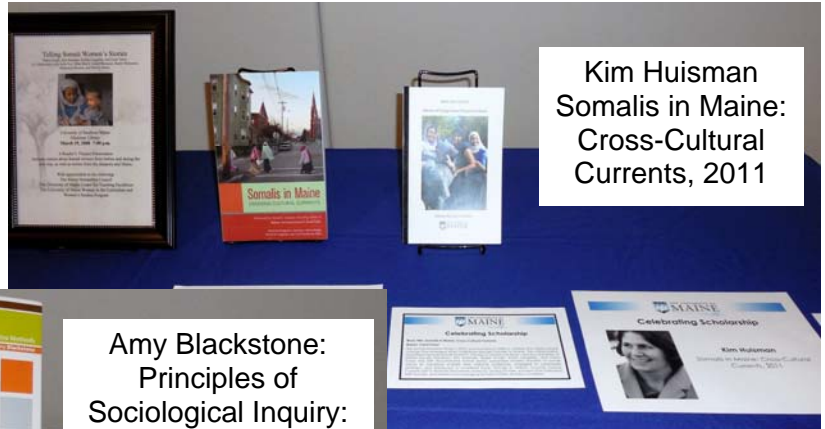


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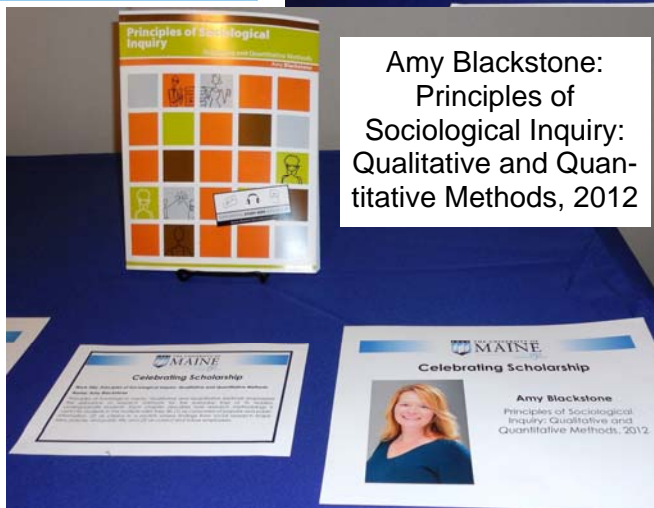
Sociology Faculty Honored at the First Annual UMaine *Celebrating Scholarship* Event

The research and creative achievement of University of Maine faculty members was highlighted at the *Celebrating Scholarship* event, held on April 21 at the Collins Center for the Arts. This event was part of UMaine's 150th anniversary celebration and featured exhibits highlighting UMaine faculty scholarship since 2011, including research, books, and visual and performing arts. Here are some photos of the displays of work by our sociology professors that were honored at the event.

**Congratulations to our faculty on their accomplishments!**



Kim Huisman  
Somalis in Maine: Cross-Cultural Currents, 2011



Amy Blackstone:  
Principles of Sociological Inquiry: Qualitative and Quantitative Methods, 2012

Kyriacos Markides (below): Inner River: A Pilgrimage to the Heart of Christian Spirituality, 2012



Steve Barkan (above): Myths and Realities of Crime and Justice: What Every American Should Know, 2014; Social Problems: Continuity and Change, 2014; Sociology: Exploring and Changing the Social World, 2013; Fundamentals of Criminal Justice, 2011



Faculty News



Chair Amy Blackstone has attended events all over campus and the US. At left (on the left), in the Skybox with the UMaine Faculty Fellows attending a Black Bears hockey game



Above: (left) in Washington DC with others on the Board of *Feminist Reflections*, a shared blog, February 2015

Right: (center) with other *Disrupting the Culture of Silence* contributors at the Southern Sociological Society's Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA, March 2015



Markides' Sabbatical 2015

Professor Markides is using his sabbatical leave in Cyprus during the Spring 2015 semester to work on a book related to the theme of the secularization of Western culture. It is a theme that is widely accepted among the cultural elite in Europe and America, that is, that modernity irreversibly paves the way towards, as Max Weber put it, the "disenchantment of the world." It simply means that as rationality and science advance, religious beliefs recede. Since the nineteen sixties, however, the opposite view has been emerging in the work of a minority of leading scholars in the sociology of religion and related disciplines. They have argued that the modern world is not becoming more secular but more religiously pluralistic, more radically diversified. In addition, some of them went further

and claimed that modern science, far from being "the enemy of religion," has in fact created conditions for the support of a higher form of religiosity that integrates the best of religion with the best insights of modern science. That in fact we are moving towards a world that may witness the termination of the warfare between religion and science that has been going on since the time of the Enlightenment. Professor Markides is a proponent of the latter hypothesis. Using qualitative methods, he explores these ideas through, among other things, the analysis of relevant historical developments of the last seventy or so years and through personal, autobiographical experiences and vignettes that will make the work accessible to the general reader. Once published it will be Professor Markides's tenth book.

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## 2015 Marcia Smargon Kornetsky Prize



This year's Marcia Smargon Kornetsky Sociology Prize winner is Mary "Molly" Hunt '15. With an impressive record of a sociology GPA of 3.97 and a cumulative GPA of 3.955, Molly is a standout in sociology and at the university more generally. A member of the Honors College, Molly has been inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the most prestigious national honor society, UMaine's All Maine Women, and Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honor society. In 2013, she was selected to participate in the Maine NEW Leadership Summer Institute. In that same year, the sociology faculty, wholly impressed by Molly's intellectual curiosity, academic accomplishments, and leadership potential, nominated Molly for participation in the American Sociological Association's Honors Program.

Molly is becoming a researcher in her own right; her creative and independent honors thesis is a carefully crafted piece on how religion impacts stigma consciousness among childfree women and men. She served as a research assistant on Professor Huisman's Maine Mother-Daughter Project where she assisted with data collection by conducting interviews and helped organize the Project's community events. Supported by a CLAS Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Fellowship, Molly also worked under Professor Steve Barkan's direction to examine the relationship among young women between sexual orientation and alcohol abuse using data from the National Longitudinal Survey of Adolescent Health. Molly presented the results from her work with Professor Barkan at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society as well as the UMaine Center for Undergraduate Research Showcase.

In addition to her academic accomplishments, Molly has been involved in two campus singing groups, Renaissance and University Singers, since her first year on campus, and was also involved in the campus Symphonic Band her first two years. This year, she is Co-Music Director of Renaissance. She has served as a teaching assistant and/or research assistant for faculty in three academic units: the Honors College and the Departments of Psychology and of Sociology. That Molly is in such high demand for her teaching and research assistance speaks mightily to her intelligence and personal qualities. Congratulations to Molly on this achievement!



Professor Blackstone and Molly Hunt '15 discussing Molly's Honors Thesis.

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