Chair’s Message

In these ‘interesting times’ it is a particular pleasure to be the chair of a department where so many of my colleagues are actively engaged in committing sociology--and social anthropology--(as our former Prime Minister put it). In addition to our usual work of teaching, research and administration, many department members have been actively engaged in spreading the word beyond the confines of the academy. These interventions have ranged from speaking with the media about current events and concerns, serving as a regular commentator on local media outlets, authoring Op Eds in local and national newspapers, visiting high school classrooms, presenting research findings of public interest to local communities, to advocating for social change more directly. A glance at the news section of our website will give you a sense of some of what they get up to.

Department members have been doing their bit for the health of our disciplines in Canada as well. Our colleagues Howard Ramos and Martha Radice are President and President-Elect of the Canadian Sociology Association and the Canadian Anthropology Society respectively. Meanwhile SOSA hosted an international conference around the theme Solidarit(i)es last May. It was a pleasure to welcome a number of alumni back to campus for this event. And you should have seen the stack of pizza boxes it left behind!

Looking forward, it is a big anniversary year for SOSA: 2018 marks Dalhousie’s bicentenary while SOSA celebrates its Golden Anniversary. Though he predates the founding of the Department 50 years ago, Samuel Prince, who held the first Chair in Sociology at Kings in the 1920s, is considered a founder. Read on for a profile of Prince, who we particularly recall this year because of his path-breaking work on disaster, arising from his experience in the devastating Halifax Explosion of 1917.

Lindsay DuBois
With relief and gratitude for an amazingly supportive collegial environment, Pauline completed her two terms as Department Chair (6 years). She is now developing several new courses including SOSA 2006 Global Migration: Transnational Lives taught for the first time in fall 2016. On the research front, since the 2015 newsletter, Pauline learned her SSHRC Insight Grant was successful so she has been busy studying the “Just-in-time immigration: Philippine translations of Canada’s immigration programme”: the Philippines being one of Canada’s top immigrant source countries. Several new journal articles are forthcoming from this project, as is an edited volume on Migration and Temporality (Palgrave Macmillan 2018/19).

PhD students Catherine Bryan and Shiva Nourpanah are both working with Pauline on this project while completing original research for their own dissertations now in the final stages of preparation (stay tuned to SOSA events in 2017). Shiva, Pauline and MA student Joy Brander also work with the NS team of On the Move: Employment Related Geographical Mobility in Canada, a SSHRC funded Partnership Grant (lead by Memorial University researchers). The NS team focuses on mobile health care professionals and para professionals, a hot topic given Canada’s aging population and debates over health care delivery models including home based care. Pauline’s two new MA students, Inge Van Buren and Rebecca Lash are tackling important current research questions on refugee resettlement in Canada and Israel respectively. A major event for the department last September was the graduation of Pauline’s student Dr. Sinziana Chira whose research on international student migrants is already highly regarded by researchers and policy makers. Congratulations Sinziana!

Also noteworthy on the theme of migration and refugee research is that Pauline and Ruben Zaiotti (Political Science) organized this year’s MacKay lecture series for the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences on the topical theme of Immigration Politics in Review.
AFUA COOPER

This past exciting year, Afua launched the interdisciplinary Black Canadian and African Diaspora minor with offerings from SOSA, History, IDS, Philosophy, French, and King’s College. She created a core course, “Introduction to African Canadian Studies,” which was completed by 65 students in the fall term. She is currently planning the 3rd Black Canadian Studies Conference (Brandon University, May 2017).

She published two book chapters on her research on 19th century Black Canada in edited collections. As chair of the blue ribbon panel investigating Lord Dalhouseie’s relationship to race and slavery, she did research at the Scottish Records Office, The National Archives (London, England), Library and Archives Canada, and the Nova Scotia Public Archives on the founder of the university and lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia.

At the same time, as chair as the Dalhousie Black Faculty and Staff Caucus, Dr. Cooper initiated and participated in the Pan African flag raising ceremony on 2 Feb. 2017, to recognize February as African Heritage Month. Furthermore, she gave several lectures and conference presentations, including the Dalhousie Feminist Seminar Series, The McGill University Seminar on Slavery and the Law, The United States’ National Parks Service plaquing ceremony of the Henry Bibb Underground Railroad Site in Kentucky, and the Entangled Black Americas symposium in Bielefeld, Germany.

LINDSAY DUBOIS

Summer 2016, Lindsay had the pleasure of going to Mar del Plata, Argentina (with her student, Justine Correia) as she winds up her SSHRC IDG, “Social policy, child poverty and everyday politics in Argentina.” Following the political changes in Latin America keeps things interesting. As a Buenos Aires taxi driver commented, “Argentina always gives you plenty to study!” She presented this ongoing work at the Society for Canadian Anthropology and the American Anthropology Association meetings, while hatching plan for a book on the subject. At home in the SOSA Department, Lindsay took up the chairship; there’s always something new to learn here too.

LAURA ERAMIAN

Dr. Eramian has been hard at work this year on final revisions to her book manuscript to be published by Berghahn Books. She also had an article accepted for publication in the Political and Legal Anthropology Review, which will appear in the Spring 2017 issue. In the fall, Dr. Eramian began a new, collaborative research project on troubled friendships among Halifax residents, and she made two media appearances to talk about the project this past summer. One of her main activities this year was her work on the Local Organizing Committee for the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) conference that was hosted at Dalhousie in May 2016. In June 2016, she presented a paper on her most recent fieldwork in Rwanda at the Canadian Sociological Association (CSA) conference. Last but certainly not least, Dr. Eramian is honoured to have been awarded the Dalhousie University Contract and Sessional Instructor Award for Excellence in Teaching for 2015-2016.

ELIZABETH FITTING

Along with her anthropology colleagues and a core group of grad students, Liz had a busy year organizing and hosting the joint meetings of the Canadian Anthropology Association and the Society for the Anthropology of North America. It was rewarding getting to know the CASCA executive better, and meeting anthropologists and others from across Canada and elsewhere. During the fall semester, Liz had a wonderful time talking and hiking with anthropologists at the Seeds, Soils and Politics Workshop, funded by the Wenner Gren Foundation and UCSC and held in a beautiful location outside of Santa Cruz (September 7-14). She was also a discussant for a panel on GMOs in Latin America at the American Anthropological Association meetings held in Minneapolis and a presenter at the Canadian Association for Food Studies conference at the University of Toronto, Scarborough.

In 2016, Liz co-published a piece on the growing opposition to seed laws in Colombia with fellow anthropologist Laura Gutiérrez Escobar in the Journal of Agrarian Change. She also had a chapter published in an edited book called Latin@s’ Presence in the Food Industry published in the Food and Foodways series by University of Arkansas Press.

KAREN FOSTER

At the tail-end of 2015, Dr. Foster spied on the anthropologists at the AAA meetings in Denver and made some amazing new research connections, which have thus far culminated in a forthcoming (in press) special issue of the Journal of Political Ecology. In 2016, Karen zipped across our province and to the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations’s conference in Toronto to present the results of her survey of contract academic staff in Nova Scotia. Her third book, Productivity and Prosperity, finally hit the press in October 2016. The highlight of her year, however, was bringing baby Lucy Katherine Foster into the world on April 17th, 2016. Thankfully, she hung on way past her due date of April 6th (i.e., the last day of winter term classes) and allowed Dr. Foster to finish inputting grades before making her appearance. It’s been a rewarding 10 months of social reproduction, but she is ready to return to her other job.

Alice and Lucy help Dr. Foster ‘reproduce the social’
LIESL GAMBD

Dr. Gambold has been enjoying an active teaching and research schedule. In her continuing role as the SOSA Undergraduate Education Coordinator, she noticed that while many students arrive at Dalhousie with some knowledge of Sociology, very few know what Anthropology is. So, Dr. Gambold gave some talks at local High Schools called “What is Anthropology?” to spread the word. Students were receptive and engaged in lively discussions around the ever-present question, “What is the difference between Anthropology and Sociology?” Dr. Gambold also presented papers at three conferences: the CASCA conference, which the SDSA Anthropologists hosted at Dalhousie; the European Community Studies Association conference, and; the “Our Future is Aging” conference, hosted by the Nova Scotia Centre on Aging. Building on her Jean Monnet European Union Centre of Excellence funded research, Liesl also partnered with colleague Jacqueline Gahagan (School of Health and Human Performance) to give two talks at the Northwood Community Center on “Healthy Aging, Policy and Housing” focusing on LGBTQ populations. Finally, Dr. Gambold turned her attention to failure. Through her advising work she had noticed more and more students struggling with feelings of inadequacy or not measuring up. In February 2017 she organized a public forum titled “Fail Forward” where FASS faculty (including SOSA’s Dr. Chris Murphy) and a Dalhousie Tigers coach talked about their experiences with failure and how they persevered. Students, members of the public and faculty shared their experiences and many left feeling a little more comfortable with the randomness and challenges life presents to us all.

JEAN-SÉBASTIEN GUY

In 2016 Dr. Guy translated the manuscript he wrote on the distinction metric/nonmetric from French to English. The manuscript was submitted to Palgrave Macmillan. Jean-Sébastien is currently revising it in order to resubmit. In addition, he has published an article entitled “Beyond Global Modernity, Global Consciousness and Global Governmentality: The Symmetrical Anthropology of Globalization” in the European Journal of Social Theory. Another article of his, entitled “Functional Systems as Metric Forms and Institutions as Non-metric Forms: A Neo-Luhmannian Approach”, will be published in the next issue of the Journal of Interdisciplinary Economics. He has written a chapter on Niklas Luhmann for Palgrave Macmillan’s upcoming Handbook on Relational Sociology. Jean-Sébastien presented papers at the Canadian Sociological Association’s Congress (Calgary, June 3), at the Atlantic School of Business’s Conference (Halifax, October 22) at Acadia University’s Social and Political Thought Symposium (Wolfville, November 4) and in Dalhousie’s French Department (Halifax, November 23).

CHRISTOPHER HELLAND

Recently Dr. Helland presented a paper on “Never Alone,” a video game developed by the Inupiat community in Northern Alaska (in partnership with a large US gaming company) to communicate the myths, legends, language, and beliefs of their elders to their own younger generation. Chris has received funding through the University of Helsinki to interview game designers in Japan to continue this new research focus on the religious and cultural aspects associated with video games. He is also a senior editor for the new journal Gameenvironments and a member an international team of researchers examining this activity. Helland has also been invited to the University of Colorado Center for Media, Religion, and Culture through funding from the Henry Luce Foundation to participate in a three-year project exploring the impact of the digital on religious beliefs, practices, scholarship, and popular understandings of religion.

As part of his ongoing research on the impact of the Internet on the diaspora Tibetan religious traditions, Dr. Helland conducted an in-depth interview with the Prime Minister of the Tibetan Government in exile, Mr Lobsang Sangay, and will present a paper on this research at the upcoming South and Southeast Asia Association for the Study of Culture and Religion in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Helland continues to spend a lot of his free time surfing and was recently featured in McLean’s Magazine “hidden talent series” of the University rankings issue as an avid surfer!

DIANA (DEE) LEWIS

Diana (Dee) continues to work towards completion of her PhD thesis Tilnuo’l’ti’k - Weji-sqalia’timk - How We Will Be Mi’kmaq On Our Land: Working together with Pictou Landing First Nation to redefine a Healthy Community. Diana is Principal Investigator on three CIHR grants awarded over the past year ($2,061,689) and Co-Investigator on two CIHR grants ($72,222). She has co-authored two journal articles (Progress in Community Health Partnerships) and co-authored a book chapter in Place, Health & Diversity: A Canadian Perspective, in the Geographies of Health series for Ashgate Press. She presented at several conferences including CASCA & SANA 2016, at Dalhousie University in May and the Royal Geographical Society Annual International Conference in London, UK in September, and has been an invited speaker to several events across Canada.

Dee coordinates Dalhousie’s new Indigenous Studies Program, which has grown from a Minor, to now being able to offer a Certificate in Indigenous Studies, and a Mi’kmaq language course starting in the fall of 2017. A cornerstone of the program is the Elders-in-Residence Program available to all students.

Dr. Helland interviews Lobsang Sangay
FIONA MARTIN

Over the last year, Fiona has published a book chapter on the meaning and practice of harm reduction in the context of specialist maternity care for substance dependent pregnant women. She has also continued working on a three-year NSHRF-funded research project on pregnant women's access to and experiences of methadone maintenance treatment, for which she is the PI. She presented the first wave of findings from this study at the British Sociological Association's annual Medical Sociology conference in Birmingham, England in September 2016 and at the Canadian Society for the Sociology of Health’s biannual conference in Ottawa in June 2016. In addition, she has commenced work with scholars from Scotland, Ireland, England, the U.S. and Australia on an international, cross-cultural study titled “Governing parental drug use.” Fiona is organizing two sessions organized around the theme of “problematicizing policy” at this year’s Canadian Sociological Association conference, where she will present a paper on complexity and ambiguity in Canadian drug treatment policy. In addition, she is speaking as part of a symposium, “Public Health and Harm Reduction: Current Challenges and Future Needs,” at the Canadian Public Health Association’s annual conference this June in Halifax.

BRIAN NOBLE

In August Dr. Noble saw the release and public launch of his book Articulating Dinosaurs: A Political Anthropology, now receiving much scholarly and public attention. His guest-edited special theme section for Anthropologia came out early 2016, “Consent, Collaboration, Treaty: Toward Anti-Colonial Praxis in Indigenous-Settler Research Relations” (Contributors: M. Asch, E. Feltes, S. Pictou, J. Smith, B. Noble). Dr. Noble contributed to / organized multiple symposia and conferences on research on Indigenous Territorial Authority, Treaties and decolonization, and Earth consciousness. (AAA, CASCA, Law & Society, Determining Access). He helped organize the 2016 Dalhouse-hosted CASCA meetings, including the Plenary “Acting on and through Indigenous-Settler Solidarities” and contributing in other sessions. He co-drafted University Academic Freedom policy proposals via Senate committee, supported Post Doc Jeremy Schmidt’s winning the SSRHC Impact award, and advanced applied research projects on the Boas Papers Project (German Translation, Introductory Anthropology teaching, and edited volumes related to Decolonizing relations with Indigenous Peoples.

ROBIN OAKLEY

R. Oakley’s AAA paper for Mobilities of Wellbeing, Suffering and Misfortune: Knowledge Beyond Evidence and Causal-ity (A. Sigfrid Grosneth, Lillehammer; J. Skinner, Roehampton) is included in a forthcoming volume of the panel papers. She co-authored with C. Fournier a chapter in Complementary Medicine: Cultural Practices, Social Transformations and Global Change, Palgrave MacMillan, contributed a chapter for MC Behera (Jharkhand) and co-authored a paper with GRK Reddy for the Indian Council of Social Research. She published three book reviews in American Ethnologist and two in Itinerario: International Journal on the History of European Expansion and Global Interaction (Cambridge), with a double review forthcoming for Itinerario and one for Critique of Anthropology. Oakley is developing an edited volume from her Health in Toxic Contexts panel at CASCA. She organized a City Tour, hand-drawn brochure/map to accompany her narration, on historic landmarks targeted by local decolonization movements such as Cornwallis’ statue. She offers her distance course, Aging Cross Culturally summer 2017.

MARThA RADICE

In 2015-16, Dr. Martha Radice took her first sabbatical. She spent the first half writing an article on conviviality, a book chapter on public art, and finishing the book that wraps up her SSHRC-funded research-creation project with Kim Morgan and Solomon Nagler of NSCAD University. Urban Encounters: Art and the Public, co-edited with Dr. Alexandra Boudreau-Fournier (U Victoria) is in press and will be out this May, published by McGill-Queen's University Press in their Culture of Cities series.

Dr. Radice then took off to start new research in New Orleans as visiting associate professor in Louisiana State University’s Department of Geography and Anthropology. Arriving at the start of carnival season, she began ethnographic fieldwork studying how members of the ‘new wave’ of carnival krewes (clubs) do carnival and Mardi Gras. In December, Dr. Radice was awarded a Fellowship from the Jazz & Heritage Foundation of New Orleans – the city’s biggest cultural institution – to continue this research, and returned over winter study break to continue participant observation with several parading krewes.

Much reinvigorated by her new fieldwork, back in the classroom, Dr. Radice is loving supervising this year’s talented Honours cohort and teaching classes that tie in closely with her research: ‘Thinking through the public and the private’ and ‘Living in cities’.

HOWARD RAMOS

During the course of 2016, Dr Ramos engaged in a number of wide ranging and different activities. In July he became president of the Canadian Sociological Association and at the same time assumed the position of Associate Dean of Research in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. He also published four articles, on tourism, political sociology, and neighbourhood change in Halifax. Many of these articles were published with his students and colleagues.
In early 2017, he also published The Equity Myth with Frances Henry, Enakshi Dua, Carl James, Audrey Kobayashi, Peter Li and Malinda Smith. The book looks at race and equity in Canadian universities. With others at Dalhousie and across Canada and Germany he worked on building a coalition of researchers to engage issues of refugee children and youth. In addition, with a team of graduate researchers and colleagues, he continues to work on his SSHRC insight grant on perceptions of neighbourhood change in Atlantic Canadian cities and with colleagues on another grant looking at state funding of advocacy organizations. He also regularly commented in media on a number of social issues including immigration, provincial and municipal politics, to name a few.

**MARGARET ROBINSON**

Dr. Robinson joined the department in July. Since then she has developed six Indigenous Studies courses, including Indigenous Women and the State, Indigenous Representation in Film, and Indigenous Research Methods. This year she authored “Two-Spirit And Bisexual People” (Journal of Bisexuality), two books chapters, and co-authored six articles, including “Alcohol Use and Risky Drinking Among Canadian Adults Living in Ontario” (Journal of Religion and Health), and “Prevalence and Mental Health Correlates of Cannabis Use” (Journal of Bisexuality). She leads two CIHR-funded studies, one of cultural interventions for Indigenous youth, and one on Indigenous research funding in Canada. In 2017 she will lead a study of spirituality among Indigenous people living with HIV. She will continue as Co-Investigator on a study of Bisexual women’s experiences of microaggressions and microaffirmations, partnering with Dr. Corey Flanders at Mount Holyoke, Massachusetts, and on a CIHR grant to reducing stress among Indigenous women, led by Dalhousie alumna Dr. Anita Benoit.

**JENNIFER SILCOX**

Since joining Dalhousie’s Sociology and Social Anthropology faculty in August, Dr. Silcox has published an article in the Criminal Justice Policy Review and presented her current research on intersectionality and media representations of youth crime at the American Society of Criminology in New Orleans. Her favourite moment of the conference was when she was able to meet and snap a photo with her academic idol, feminist criminologist, Meda Chesney-Lind. She remains excited to continue working on her research regarding media representations of youth in trouble with the law through local, regional, and international collaboration, as well as bringing this knowledge to her students in her criminology and law courses.

**EMMA WHELAN**

Dr. Whelan continued work on her research on hand hygiene campaigns as a response to anxieties about infectious diseases. She is currently revising an article based on this research for resubmission; it analyses coverage of hand hygiene in Canadian newspapers. In May, she presented a paper about the historical gendering of responsibility for hand hygiene, from the recent medical literature to early twentieth century soap advertising campaigns. The paper was presented at the Canadian Society for the Sociology of Health (CSSH) meetings in Ottawa, along with fellow SOSA peeps Dr. Fiona Martin, Lisa Redgrift, and Meghan Gosse. SOSA Represent! Emma is now collaborating with former SOSA Killam Postdoctoral Fellow Dr. Ariane Hanemaayer on an analysis of shared decision-making as a response to evidence-based medicine and patient-centred care; and with Bea Waterfield on an article based on Bea’s Honours research, on social class and access to accommodations for learning disabilities among university students. Bea was a member of the outstanding SOSA Honours cohort of 2015-16; supervising that cohort’s fascinating research was the highlight of Emma’s academic year.

**YOKO YOSHIDA**

In 2016-17, Dr. Yoshida has been on a sabbatical. Taking advantage of her first sabbatical, she has been quite active in promoting her research on immigration and immigrants’ integration locally, nationally and internationally. Her collaborative work with colleagues at Dalhousie, Saint Mary’s, and the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia, which focused on immigrants integration and retention, has led to multiple presentations at venues including the Pathways to Prosperity’s (P2P) regional workshop in St. John’s, NL (October 2016) and the New Brunswick Multicultural Council’s Annual Provincial Symposium (November 2016). She has also organized a number of sessions to showcase these local analyses at P2P’s National conference in Ottawa (December 2016), and at the International Metropolis Conference in Nagoya, Japan (October 2016). In addition to these conference activities, she started working with Statistics Canada’s administrative data on immigrants to Canada with a particular focus on analysis of retention and integration of immigrants and refugees. She is working on these issues with colleagues in Germany and Japan to compare Canadian trends to other countries. As such, she is having a busy and productive and exciting sabbatical visiting cities across Canada, Germany, and Japan!
Graduate Student Updates

BRIAN CAMPBELL
PhD, Sociology

Brian Campbell spent most of the past year completing two drafts of his doctoral dissertation, while also teaching Special Topics: Culture and Consumption. In May, he presented a paper at CASCA in Halifax, while also working as a Volunteer Supervisor and organizing the event’s student poster presentation competition. In November, he appeared as a guest on CBC’s Mainstreet to discuss concert ticket scalping related to Gord Downie and Jeff Lemire’s Secret Path concert in Halifax.

JUSTINE CORREIA
MA, Social Anthropology

Justine spent this past summer conducting fieldwork in Argentina for her MA thesis which will contribute to Dr. DuBois’ research on the workings of the country’s national child-protection social program. After spending the fall transcribing, translating, and analyzing at home in BC, she is now back in Halifax and deep in the mess of the thesis writing process. Justine has plans to co-author a paper with Dr. DuBois for the CASCA conference in May.

JASON ELLSWORTH
PhD, Social Anthropology

This year in addition to writing comprehensive exams, Jason worked as a Co-organizer, Webmaster & Volunteer Coordinator for the joint 2016 CASCA & SANA Solidarit(i)és Conference and as a Sessional Lecturer in both the Religious Studies and Sociology & Anthropology departments at UPEI. His recent publications include an academic bulletin article, a book review in Studies in Religion, and five contributions to three edited forthcoming volumes (including Fabricating Identities and Religion in Five Minutes both with Equinox Publishing). Jason presented conference papers on his ongoing research on Buddhism in Atlantic Canada at the Ways of Knowing Conference at Harvard University, the American Academy of Religion Conference in Atlanta Georgia, the Buddhism in the Global Eye: Beyond East and West Conference at UBC, and at a double panel he organized for the Solidarit(i)és Conference hosted at Dalhousie. He also received a Graduate Research Grant from the Canadian Religion and Diversity Project.

EMILY FRASER
MA, Social Anthropology

Although she now works a full-time job, Emily has continued writing her thesis. She gave a poster presentation at CASCA in Halifax and was on a panel called “Geographies of Craft and Making” at the Canadian Association of Geographers annual conference (also in Halifax). Emily also helped Dr. Radice out with small tasks for her forthcoming book with Alexandrine Boudreault-Fournier called Urban Encounters: Art and the Public.

MEGAN GOSSE
PhD, Sociology

In 2016 Megan won a 3-year Joseph Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship. She presented research from her master’s thesis in May in Ottawa at the Canadian Society for the Sociology of Health conference, and presented research from the Neighbourhood Change project in June in Halifax for the Canadian Association of Geographers conference. Lastly, she co-authored (with Drs. Ramos and Radice, among others) a paper entitled “What Affects Perceptions of Neighbourhood Change?” in Canadian Geographer, 60(40), 530-540.

KATIE MACLEOD
PhD, Social Anthropology

Katie is currently conducting fieldwork in Pomquet, NS. She had three chapters published in the book Indigenous Business in Canada: Principles and Practices (2016), while her article “The Unsaid of the Grand D’Érangement: An Analysis of Outsider and Regional Interpretations of Acadian History,” was published in The Graduate History Review.

KATHLEEN MCMABBB
MA, Sociology

Kathleen is working with Dr. Ramos on an RDC contract, with plans to submit to a journal. Their research examines how political and civic engagement varies with location. She will present her Master’s research at the Canadian Sociological Association’s annual meetings in May. Her research examines which voices are included or excluded from the formation of environmental policy at the federal level.

TAMEERA MOHAMED
MA, Sociology

“Though I have truly enjoyed the endless scheduling and rescheduling that gathering my focus group data has required, I am happy to be moving on to analysis and writing in the coming months. I also have a few upcoming conference presentations through my RA work, and spend much of my “spare” time training my new(ish) dog, Koda, who can now hold a “stay” for five minutes while I dance around the house throwing pieces of chicken everywhere – yay!”

STEF PEEL
MA, Social Anthropology

Still in the first year of the program, Stef has focused on coursework and the completion of the area essays. Now she is moving on to finishing off her research proposals, and getting ready to conduct her fieldwork in Zimbabwe this coming fall. Stef’s project looks at the use of self-testing HIV kits and their role in linking people to biomedical care.

LISA REDGRIFT
PhD, Sociology

In 2016 Lisa successfully completed her third and final comprehensive examination, which focused on disability and identity. She presented a paper titled: Blogging Infertility: A Gendered Health Experience at the fifth biennial Canadian Society for the Sociology of Health conference at the University of Ottawa. This research paper applied illness narrative typologies to how women chronicled (or blogged) their infertility experiences. She is currently developing her thesis proposal which will utilize a feminist phenomenological method to explore women’s experiences with reproductive health issues.

ROWEN SHIER
MA, Social Anthropology

Rowen is currently working towards her MA thesis proposal. Her research focuses on the impact of Bill C-36, the Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act, on Atlantic Canadian sex workers. By conducting a critical discourse analysis of Bill C-36, her research will focus on what fundamental assumptions underlie Bill C-36 and what effects these assumptions have on Atlantic Canadian sex workers.
KIRSTIE SMITH  
MA, Sociology
Kristie is working for Dr. Ramos as an RA in the ARDC on the General Social Survey cycle 27 examining Atlantic Canadians’ attitudes. She is currently writing up the findings from that to publish with Dr. Ramos, while also “plugging along” writing her thesis.

MAX STICK  
MA, Sociology
Max has been accepted to Concordia and McMaster for a PhD. He has one paper in review and is working on another, both with peer-reviewed journals. He is working as RA on Dr. Ramos’s State Funding project, delivered a talk at the SOSA 3 Minute Thesis event, and will present his research at the CSA.

JONATHAN THOMPSON  
MA, Sociology
In October of 2016 Jonathan completed his research with a new religious movement in Halifax. Since then he has been busy writing his thesis, which he aims to have completed by April in order to graduate in June. In between thesis writing he has been busy applying to PhD programs across Canada. He looks forward to continuing his research on religious beliefs at the doctoral level.

INGE VAN BUREN  
MA, Social Anthropology
Inge van Buren is currently working towards her MA thesis proposal and plans to plans to complete her data collection phase in the summer. Her research will focus on the experiences of private sponsors of Syrian refugees. In particular, she is interested in examining what motivations, expectations and experiences characterize the Nova Scotian sponsorship experience.

Reflecting on Solidarit(i)és 2016
By Jason Ellsworth
As a graduate student closely involved with the organization of Solidarit(i)és 2016, I can safely say that my appreciation for the time and effort that others put into the conferences I attend has greatly increased. From pulling together funds & resources, organizing panels & programs, stuffing registration bags, ordering food & music, to balancing budgets and so much more, there is a tremendous amount of work being carried out to run a successful international conference of this size. There were many moments when things behind the curtain took some creative thinking to adjust, and yet it was in those moments that many volunteers stepped up to keep things running smoothly. A conference such as this truly would have never been such an incredible success without the solidarity of so many people from within our very department, both faculty and students working together.

The benefits from all this work to the students in our department to listen, learn, and interact with a broad range of anthropologists from all over North America is uncalculatable. And yet, after reflecting on this further, perhaps we all gained something more - it was a chance for us the students to work with our faculty and two great associations (CASCA & SANA), to learn skills that we often cannot receive in the classroom - fostering the professional competencies that will hopefully someday help us become part of collegial departments such as ours.

CASCA in Review
In May 2016, SOSA played host to the Canadian Anthropology Society conference. It featured 18 Canadian-based and international invited speakers, workshop contributors, and 13 community members, who were funded by a successful Connections Grant. Invited panels and workshops showcased theoretical and methodological work on how anthropologists and others engage questions of social and political solidarity, under the overarching conference theme of Solidarit(i)és.

In total, 270 participants from Canadian institutions, 18 from other countries (including 5 from Mexico, 5 from the UK, 2 from Germany and 1 from Lebanon, Sweden, Argentina, Brazil, France, Spain, Norway and the Netherlands). Among the participants, were 119 students/postdoctoral fellows or unwaged professionals, and 13 undergraduate students. The conference was a success in large part thanks to the help of 16 student volunteers.
Samuel Henry Prince (1886-1960)

By Paul Armstrong (PhD candidate, Sociology)

The first chair in sociology in Halifax was established at King's College in 1924, at that point just recently affiliated with Dalhousie University on an adjacent campus.

Samuel Henry Prince, the chair’s first occupant, was born on a rural homestead a few miles outside of St. John, N.B. to a staunch Loyalist family. Given to “an evangelical simplicity and a fervent relationship with God” (Hatfield, 1990: 37), Prince decided early on to go into the Anglican ministry and, in 1904, entered Wycliffe Theological College in Toronto, graduating with a B.A. with honours in philosophy in 1908, and an M.A. with honours in psychology in 1909.

In June, 1910, he was ordained as a priest and moved to Halifax to take up tasks as a curate at St. Paul’s Church, an evangelical parish in the downtown area. Although Prince served as curate there for nine years, he appears to have been drawn to study social science by his experience with two large-scale disasters: he participated on one of the boats involved in searching for and recovering bodies from the sinking of the Titanic in 1912 and, a few years later in 1917, he was involved in aiding and ministering to parishioners and residents affected by the Halifax Explosion. Shortly after that second event, in 1919, Prince left for New York and took up graduate studies at Columbia University. At that time, Franklin Giddings’ reputation still ran very high, and Prince did his doctorate in sociology under Giddings, completing it in 1920. After his graduation, he taught at Columbia part-time until he took the new chair in sociology at Kings, where he remained teaching for thirty years.

Prince, however, was motivated by quite different ambitions than Giddings, and they were practical rather than theoretical, and ethical rather than positive. This can be seen already in his dissertation. Much influenced by the Halifax Explosion, he used that catastrophe as his subject matter and, in doing so, inaugurated a new field of study, now known as the ‘sociology of disaster’. In his dissertation, Catastrophe and Social Change, Prince embraced the style of grand theory which Giddings admired, and argued in his thesis that (a) catastrophes loosen social bonds, (b) lead to social change, and (c) can be progressive with organized leadership.

Dynes and Quarantelli argue that Prince was not really committed to this grand theorizing, but that his empirical focus was on emergent organization:

His major focus was on an emergent system to distribute disaster relief to the “victims” of the explosion. That system emerged some sixty hours after the explosion … Prince, in his later chapters, talks about changes within the community that were evident in 1919 and in the early 1920s, but none of these relate to ways the emergent relief system became institutionalized within the community (Dynes and Quarantelli, 1994: 64).

It is true that there is a gap between the rhetorical interest in social change and the practical analysis of emergent organization, but Prince's interest was wider than Dynes and Quarantelli allow. I suggest that he was, rather, concerned essentially about social organization, whether it was, in the case of the Halifax Explosion, a matter of emergency relief or whether it was, as it was later, a matter of long-term housing for the needy. It is not that Prince was atheoretical, but that he was interested in getting traction on how to make a difference.

The research program on social organization which Prince conducted was, therefore, not an academic one. The social organizing and activism for which he is so well-known was, for him, a laboratory for developing his understanding of how to organize 'social change', and he did so far beyond the 'emergent organization' of disaster relief. His first significant paper after his dissertation was the 1932 report on Housing in Halifax. Written in the style of Charles Booth and Seebohm Rowntree, this report led to the setting up of the N.S. Housing Commission, and Prince was appointed to the Board, and subsequently as its Chairman, where he served for many years. He went on to serve as Chairman of the National Committee on Housing, Vice President of the Canadian Conference on Social Work, governor of the Canadian Welfare Council and of the Canadian Mental Health Association, executive officer of the Canadian Correctional Association, and Chairman of the N.S. Diocesan Council of Social Service. Of more than passing note was his organizing role in the creation of the Maritime School of Social Work, where he served as its first director from 1946 to 1949.

Prince might, in the end, have been prepared to talk in terms of ‘scientific sociology’, but if so it concerned the organization of institutions that were devoted to the welfare of ordinary people. Prince died in 1960, and a memorial window in St. Paul’s is dedicated, appropriately, “To the Glory of God and in Grateful Memory of Samuel Henry Prince, Priest, 1886-1960".
Honours Student Presentations

Presented at the SOSA honours symposium on April 8, 2016

T.V. and PlayStation and iPads, oh my! Parental perceptions of children’s screen time – Taylor Smith

How Students with Learning Disabilities Access Accommodations: The Impacts of Socioeconomic Status – Beatrice Waterfield

Express Entry or Exit? International Students’ Post Graduate Settlement Plans – Inge van Buren

Food Acculturation of International Students in Halifax – Betty Chukwu

Debating Dangers Associated with Youth Sexuality – Theresa Riley

Indigenous-Settler Relations: Contemporary Settler Perceptions in Burnt Church – Phoebe Creaghan

Connecting Anonymously: How Recovery is Represented Online – Danielle Comeau


Married to the Military: Employment Prospects for Civilian Female Spouses – Hannah Vigneault

The Impact of Income: Class and the Social Experiences of University Students – Anna Jonas

“Oh he’s gay!” The Perception of Gay Men of their Portrayal in Television and Film – Shannon Wall

Risk and responsibility: parental perception of helicopter parenting – Jennifer Peruniak

Alumni Updates

CHANTELLE FALCONER (BA SOAN Honours 2005, MA SOAN 2007) is a post-doctoral fellow at Western Washington University and is conducting fieldwork for a collaborative ethnographic project titled “A Political Ecology of Value: A Cohort-Based Ethnography of the Environmental Turn in Nicaraguan Urban Social Policy.” She has been teaching at SMU and is an anthropology PhD candidate at the University of Toronto. She will defend her dissertation this August, and has a forthcoming publication in JLACA.

CATHY FOURNIER (MA SOAN, 2013) is now a PhD student in the Interdisciplinary program, continuing to work with Robin Oakley. She received a 3-year SSHRC Joseph Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship and the Dalhousie University Presidents Award, and has two book chapters and one journal article published or accepted in 2016.

MATT HOWE (BA SOAN Honours, 2015) is now a Research Assistant Manager with the Bermuda Tourism Authority and credits Dr. Yoshida’s famous stats course and Dr. Radice’s honours supervision with helping him get the job.

Following graduation, BRIANNE MEIKLE (BA SOAN Honours, 2015) took up a 6-month internship in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, working as a Communications and Public Relations Officer at the Women’s Legal Aid Centre. Prior to graduating, she worked as a research assistant with the Resilience Research Centre. She credits the interviewing and transcribing skills she developed in Dr. Eramian’s Qualitative Research course with her success in both ventures.

After completing his SOSA honours, DAVID ROY (BA Soc Honours, 2003) did a university exchange with the University of Hull, in England, and then taught elementary E.S.L. in Kunsan, Suwon, and Seoul, South Korea, and Luo Dong and Taipei, Taiwan. After earning his Bachelor of Education from the University of Maine at Presque Isle, he began working as a Canadian Social Studies and English Language Arts high school teacher in Dhaka, Bangladesh, taught such courses as “Global Issues” and “Entrepreneurship” in Nova Lima, Brazil, and recently accepted a teaching post in Zhenghou, China. David is enjoying his career immensely and credits the knowledge and skills acquired through SOSA with helping him find and excel in this fulfilling line of work.

MA students’ proposal presentations

Presented Friday April 1, 2016

Insidious trauma?: Exploring feminist understandings of sexual violence and its impacts -- Tameera Mohamed

Nova Scotia’s Prison Population: The Value, Connection, and Influence of Family -- Leah Crowell

Searching for Spirits: The Development and Maintenance of Psychic Beliefs in a Spiritualist New Religious Movement -- Jonathon Thompson

Inclusive Masculinity? Unraveling Contemporary Masculinity in Sport--Max Stick

Family and Argentine Social Policy Intertwined -- Justine Correia
Afua Cooper attracted widespread media attention when she launched the Black and African Diaspora Studies Minor in Fall 2016, and in 2015 (just after the last SOSA Newsletter) won the Burnley Allan (“Rocky”) Jones Human Rights Award for 2015. Afua has also given interviews on CTV National on Black Canadian history, have been featured on Historica Canada’s “My Canada” video series, and was one of the architects of the Royal Ontario Museum’s Apology to the Black Canadian Community for its treatment of the African Canadian community, with regards to the “Into the Heart of Africa Exhibit.” As if this wasn’t enough, she also received several recognitions and awards. These include “The Canadian Trailblazer Award” from Historica Canada, and the SSHRC spotlight on its funded researchers.| SOSA honours student Emma Cruddas was featured in Dal News for her work coordinating winter clothing donations to refugee students as Chair of the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) Dalhousie | Laura Eramian’s research on friendship was splashed across CBC news and LocalXPress in July | In July, Karen Foster's report on seniors' housing and transportation needs in Queens County made the local news and helped a non-profit seniors' group win a pilot project for a transportation program | Liesl Gambold was interviewed for the ‘rethinking longevity’ website, a content program developed by The Economist in partnership with Swiss Life insurance, about why European seniors relocate later in life | In November 2016, Christopher Helland was interviewed and photographed by Maclean’s magazine for their ‘Hidden Talents’ series | Fiona Martin was interviewed by CBC Radio’s Information Morning about the history of pink and blue marketing for children's toys and clothes in the runup to Christmas, 2016 | In January 2016, Chatelaine Magazine named SOSA MA student Tameera Mohamed one of their top 30 women of 2015 | For a series about how cool cities of the Maritimes are, Radio-Canada interviewed Martha Radice about Halifax’s degree of cool (in French) | PhD student Daniel Salas was interviewed by Dal News in December 2015 about his Killam research and experience in Halifax | A January 2017 Dal News item put the spotlight on SOSA honours student Joy Shand’s anti-poverty activism and the influence Dr. Foster’s Good Jobs, Bad Jobs course had on her trajectory.

Feature: There Really is an “Anthropology of Dinosaurs”

The life and times of dinosaurs – at once scientifically-known and the most publicly understood of animals in Euro-modern cultural life – are the anthropological and ethnographic focus of Dr. Brian Noble’s recently published monograph Articulating Dinosaurs: A Political Anthropology. Dr. Noble has just returned from the 2016 American Anthropological Association meetings in Minneapolis where he presented on the two central dinosaur figures in his volume, Tyrannosaurus rex and Maiasaura peeblesorum. His paper worked through how to apply American Pragmatist thought in considering how paleontological and public praxes come together in the fashioning of these two decidedly gendered dinosaur kinds. These paleo-creatures have played into profound political actions, including the insidious advancement of early 20th c. scientific racism and Eugenics, and the transformative workings of second wave feminist praxes. Ultimately, Noble shows how Dinosaurs as natural beings carry with them the labour and imagining of all those who come together to make these creatures publicly and scientifically palpable, and how they even hold out hope for enacting alternate world-making possibilities. Articulating Dinosaurs is published by University of Toronto Press, and for those who wish to follow, Dr. Noble tweets regularly on the topic via @ArticulateDinos.

Congratulations to some of our newest alumni, pictured below at the post-Spring convocation ‘Strawberry Social’
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