Welcome to Sociology

Brandon Jackson
Associate Professor
Dr. Jackson’s research employs ethnographic methods to examine emotion cultures and social support among black men. This work has won awards from the Association of Black Sociologists and the Society for the Study of Social Problems, and has appeared in the ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, Sociological Inquiry, Symbolic Interaction, and the DuBois Review. He is currently completing a book manuscript tentatively titled “Brotherhood University: Friendships among Black Men in College,” (under contract with Rutgers University Press). Born and raised in Texas, he received his B.A. in sociology from Southern Methodist University, and his Ph.D. from Florida State University. Specialization: Social Inequality: Class, Gender, Race/Ethnicity, and Sexuality.

Joshua Doyle
Assistant Professor
I am a sociologist who studies how culture influences decision-making. Currently my research focuses on social trust as a predictor of cooperative behaviors and support for environmental protections. I use a mixture of experimental methods and statistical analysis of observational data in my research. Specialization: Social Psychology, Culture and Action, Environmental Problems, Social Trust, Cooperation

Post doctorial Research Associate
Alma Garza
Dr. Garza recently completed her PhD in Sociology at the University of California, Irvine, her dissertation “Treading Borders: How College and Community Cultures Shape the Upwardly Mobile Experiences of Mexican-Origin Students”.

A New Name, A New Vision
Center on Religion and Chinese Society is broadening their mission and expanding the focus to religion in the “Global East,” including societies in East Asia and the East Asian diaspora. To reflect this expanded vision, we have changed our name to the Center on Religion and the Global East (CRGE).
PUBLICATIONS


MEDIA COVERAGE OF WFDS PROJECT

Futurity: https://www.futurity.org/favorite-kid-parents-2343872/ (this story also headlined Futurity’s May 8 newsletter)
Live interview: Utah Public

FACULTY AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Shawn Bauldry was selected as the recipient of the Southern Sociological Society’s Junior Scholar Award for 2020.

Ken Ferraro and Patti Thomas received support from the National Institute on Aging for their 3-year research project entitled: “Childhood Misfortune and Adult Health among Black, White, and Hispanic Americans.

Trenton D. Mize was awarded the Burkhart Faculty Fellowship for his work entitled: “Attenuating the Commitment Penalty: How Organizational Policies and Workplace Culture Affect Perceptions of Workers Who Take Parental Leave.”

GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

Reilly Kate Kincaid was selected as the recipient of the 2020 College of Liberal Arts Distinguished Master’s Thesis Award, for her work titled, “Partner-Child Relationship Satisfaction and Marital Satisfaction: Do Impressions Spill Over?”

Reilly Kate Kincaid received the Center for Families’ Family Research Award for her Analytic Project.

Reilly Kate Kincaid received the Graduate Student Investigator Award from ASA’s Social Psychology Section for a survey experiment developed in Trent Mize’s Experimental Methods course entitled: “Status Beliefs at the Intersection of Age and Gender.”

Ellen Rochford was the recipient of the Graduate School Excellence in Teaching Award.

Congratulations to Summer 2020 Graduates!

Monica Farrelly, PhD & Jared Wright, PhD

Job Placement

Dr. Rebecca Boylan, Dr. Renzulli’s former Postdoc
Rebecca accepted the position of Social Science Research Associate V in the Population Research Center at the University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Monica Farrelly, Summer 2020
Monica accepted a Post Doc position at the Institute of Social Research and the Survey Research Center at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Jared Wright, Summer 2020
Jared accepted an instructor of Sociology position at TED University in Ankara, Turkey this Fall.