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*Sociology - the study of the development, structure, and functioning of human society.*

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2023 - 2024 EDITION

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**SOCIOLOGY**

AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY



# THE RENZULLI REPORT

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Stone Hall has been the Sociology Department home for many years – the only home to the department most of us reading this letter ever knew. It had some quirks – sinks in the offices, odd shapes, and adjoining rooms. But the halls of Stone Hall are where great sociology was theorized, studied, and taught for many years. This year brings a new era to the Department of Sociology. Faculty packed and purged, cleaned and organized, for our move to Beering Hall. Though moving always

brings challenges, it was fun to examine old papers, flip through books we had not opened in a while, and reminisce. It also brings an air of excitement. As you can see in later pages, Beering Hall will provide the department with collaborative spaces, meeting areas, and room for growth. Come visit us!

This year we also brought back our colloquium series with amazing speakers and social gatherings afterward. The committee (Frost, Doyle, Wedow, Frame) put together an amazing schedule of speakers, see page 8 for the list. We are looking forward to keeping this tradition of intellectual committee alive and well next year, too.

Finally, as you read these pages you will notice that Sociology has made some incredible hires who will serve us in many ways, from the American Bar Foundation Director – Mark Suchman, to the director of the new Sociogenomics initiative – Erin Dunn, we are expanding our portfolio and bridging sociological frontiers.

As we move out of Stone Hall, I am excited about Sociology's next giant leaps.

**Dr. Linda Renzulli,  
Department Head**

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Linda A. Renzulli".

# OUT WITH THE OLD



Originally called the Home Economics Administrative Building when it was completed in 1957, Stone Hall was renamed to Winthrop E. Stone Hall in November 1976. Named after former Purdue President, Dr. Winthrop E. Stone, the renaming honors him for the work he did to help establish and strengthen Purdue University.

# IN WITH THE NEW



## BEERING HALL



# *IN WITH THE NEW*

## **Jim & Anna Davidson Conference Room**



# NEW TO PURDUE **SOCIOLOGY** 2023-2024

## UNIVERSITY MOVEABLE DREAM HIRE



### MARK SUCHMAN, PHD

Professor Suchman comes to us from Brown University, where he was a Professor of Sociology and Law. He is currently writing a book on the role of law firms in Silicon Valley, and he is midway through a multi-year project on the organizational, professional, and legal challenges surrounding new information technologies in health care. He has also written on organizational legitimacy, inter-organizational disputing practices, on "internalization" of law within corporate bureaucracies, and social science approaches to

the study of contracts. Suchman has studied law and entrepreneurship in Silicon Valley, business disputing practices, and patient privacy in the American healthcare system.

His research has been supported by major grant-giving organizations, including the National Science Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the American Sociological Association, among others. His work has been featured in a number of scholarly journals, including the *Academy of Management Review*, the *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*, and *Law & Social Inquiry*. Suchman has a long history of engagement with the ABF. He completed a Doctoral Fellowship at the ABF in his early career, advised the Board of Directors Research Committee from 2013 to 2016, and has served on the External Research Review Committee (the Wheeler Committee) since 2017. Dr. Suchman is currently serving as the Executive Director of the American Bar Foundation.

Upon completion of his tenure as ABF Director, Suchman will join us on campus as a Professor of Sociology in Fall 2028.

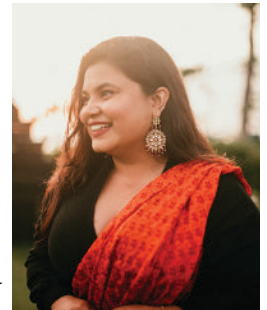
# 2023-2024 *GRADUATE STUDENTS*

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**SEAN BOYLAN**

MA - Northern Arizona University



**SHAGUN SETHI**

MA - Columbia University



**PIRITMWA SHEMU**

MS - Universiti Putra, Malaysia



**JIAN SU**

MA - Columbia University



**JUWEN WANG**

BA - National Taiwan University

## *POST-DOCS*

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**SARANYA ARIRANGAN, PHD**

SRM Institute of Science & Technology, India

Faculty: Robbee Wedow



**BROOKE MCKENNA, PHD**

Emory University

Faculty: Erin Dunn



**RAFAEL GEURGAS ZAVARIZZ, PHD**

University of Campinas, Brazil

Faculty: Felix Tropf



**ZAHRA PAYLAKHI, PHD**

Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran

Faculty: Robbee Wedow

# ***SOCIOLOGY*** PROMOTION

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## **DR. SHAWN BAULDRY**

Shawn was promoted to Full Professor on July 1, 2024.

After serving as Director of Graduate Studies since 2018, Shawn will conclude his tenure in this position beginning Summer 2024.



Shawn joined Purdue in 2016 as an Assistant Professor, and after quickly being promoted to Associate in 2018, he took on the role

as DGS. Since coming to Purdue, he has been an Affiliate Faculty of the Purdue Policy Research Institute, CALC, and since 2019, a Core Faculty Member of AMAP. We are so grateful to Shawn for his devoted leadership and continued departmental contributions. Thank you, Shawn!



# ***NEW POSITIONS IN SOCIOLOGY***

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## **DR. MARK PAWSON**

Beginning Fall 2024, Mark will serve as a lecturer for our department. Mark will teach SOC 100, SOC 324, & SOC 383 this fall. We know Mark will continue to be an invaluable asset to our department in his new role.



## **DR. PATRICIA THOMAS**

Beginning Fall 2024, Patricia Thomas will serve as the Director of Graduate Studies for Purdue Sociology. We are so excited for the enthusiasm, dedication, and mentorship, Patricia will bring to this role.



# CAMPUS *CONNECTIVITY*

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## THE PURDUE INNOVATION HUB

**Dr. Lindsay Hamm** has been appointed as the inaugural AI Fellow for the Purdue University Innovation Hub.

## SOCIOLOGY *COLLOQUIUM*

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### INVITED SPEAKERS

Sep 29, 2023 - **Dr. David Melamed** Professor of Sociology, The Ohio State University

Oct 20, 2023 - **Dr. Samuel Stabler** Doctoral Lecturer of Sociology, Hunter College

Nov 17, 2023 - **Dr. Andrew Whitehead** Associate Professor of Sociology, IUPUI

Jan 26, 2024 - **Dr. Penny Edgell** Professor of Sociology, The University of Minnesota

March 29, 2024 - **Dr. Jeremy Freese** Professor of Sociology, Stanford University

April 12, 2024 - **Dr. Sade Lindsay** Assistant Professor of Sociology, Cornell University





# ***FACULTY AWARDS, GRANTS, & ACHIEVEMENTS***

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**DR. ALINA ARSENIIEV-KOEHLER** won the 2023 Best Publication Award for the American Sociological Association on the section of Sociology of Mental Health for her paper with colleague, Rachel Best, entitled "The Stigma of Diseases: Unequal Burden, Uneven Decline".

**DR. RACHEL EINWOHNER** 2023 Charles Tilly Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award from the section of Collective Behavior and Social Movements for her book, "Hope and Honor; Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust" for ASA.

**DR. KENNETH FERRARO** 2023 Distinguished Career Contribution to Gerontology Award for the Gerontological Association of America.

**DR. JACQUI FROST** received the 2023-2024 Daryl Evans Teaching Award for the Department of Sociology.

**DR. DAVID PETERSON** received a grant from the Sloan Foundation for \$101,651 for his research project: The History of Early Efforts by DARPA and NIST to make Science Visible and Measurable.

**DR. LINDA RENZULLI** was appointed to the Sociological Research Association.

**DR. CHRISTIE SENNOTT** College of Liberal Art's 2024 Excellence in Discovery and Creative Endeavors (EIDCE) award recipient.

**DR. ROBIN STRYKER** received the 2023-2024 Graduate Mentor/Teaching Award for the Department of Sociology.

**DR. PATRICIA THOMAS** was awarded the Kenneth T. Kofmehl Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award for CLA 2023-2024.

**DR. FENGGANG YANG** 2023 OVERPR/CLA Book Excellence Award for his book (working title), "The Rise of Christianity in Modernizing China" with Oxford University Press.

# 2023-2024 PHD **GRADUATES**

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**CHARISSA MIKOSKI, PHD** - Fall 2023

Dissertation: "Does the Religious Composition of Cities and Counties Influence Individuals' Attitudes About Racial Inequality?"

**MADISON SAUERTEIG-ROLSTON, PHD** - Summer 2024

Dissertation: "Life Course Context of Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Disability"

**CATHERINE STEPNIAK, PHD** - Spring 2024

Dissertation: "Balancing Health and Caregiving: Adult Children's Health Problems Impact on Caregiving"

**CALLIE ZABORENKO, PHD** - Spring 2024

Dissertation: "The Social & Health Consequences of Adverse Childhood Experiences on Adulthood"

## MASTERS DEGREES **AWARDED** 2023-2024

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**FALLON CARUTH**

**RANRAN HE**

**COREY RESWEBER**

**MANTAS GRIGOROVICIOUS**

**SIGRID REN**

**DESTINY OGLE**

**CHRISTOPHER KAUFMANN**

**JOHNNY GAO**

**JUWEN WANG**



# GRADUATE 2023-2024 **AWARDS**

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**FALLON CARUTH** - Outstanding Graduate Student Paper "Navigating Motherhood: A Comparative Study of Women's Childbearing Desires by Race and Education"

**BING HAN** - Lois K. Cohen Graduate Education Endowment for Global Health for Global Health in Sociology & Walter Hirsch Graduate Student Dissertation Award

**MALLORY BELL & OLIVIA NEFF** - Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Honorable Mention "Income, Race, and HbA1c: Persistent Racial Health Disparities among Individuals with Type 1 Diabetes"

**OLIVIA NEFF** - Robert L. Eichhorn Fellowship in Medical Sociology & Lois K. Cohen Graduate Education Endowment for Global Health for Global Health in Sociology

**MADISON SAUERTEIG-ROLSTON** - Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher

# UNDERGRADUATE 2024 **AWARD**

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**LINDSEY MACDONALD** - Outstanding Senior in Sociology

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**A note to our 2024 Seniors:** Thank you for all your hard work and dedication during your time with Purdue Sociology. As you celebrate this achievement with your loved ones, know that your future is bright and full of endless possibilities. Congratulations on your graduation, and may your journey ahead be filled with success, fulfillment, and happiness. We are always here for you, so please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Boiler Up & Hail Purdue!

# LOOKING AHEAD TO 2024-2025



## SHIRO FURUYA

Currently a PhD candidate in Sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Shiro Furuya is affiliated in the Center for Demography and Ecology and the Center for Demography of Health and Aging. Prior to his graduate studies, he was a software developer at Fujitsu Ltd. specializing in the health care industry. His research interests include social demography, health, aging, the life course, and families around the globe. His research uncovers processes that generate inequalities. Guided by theories in the social sciences, his works revolve around addressing causal and selective processes. Empirically, most of his work draws on the counterfactual framework to disentangle causality and selection. He also integrates insights from statistical genetics to leverage

interdisciplinary synergies for social research. Furuya will serve as a Post-Doctoral Researcher at Harvard University before coming to Purdue Sociology as an Assistant Professor beginning Fall 2026.

## MACKIE O'HARA-ALI, PHD

Dr. Mackie Clare O'Hara-Ali is a paleoanthropologist and dental anthropologist focused on understanding the evolution, ontogeny, and variability of primate and hominin dental enamel. She publishes and is known professionally as Dr Mackie C. O'Hara. Mackie completed her Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (2014), followed by her Master of Arts (2016) and Doctor of Philosophy (2021) in Anthropology at The Ohio State University. For her MA, she investigated seasonal perturbations that are purported to cause repetitive and cyclical enamel defects in primates from Sumatra and Borneo. The topic of her doctoral studies was understanding the relationship between enamel thickness and shape in response to hard-object feeding in both extant primates and fossil hominins. Dr. O'Hara-Ali will join us at Purdue University in the Sociology Department, working with the Dunn Lab, as an Assistant Research Professor beginning Fall 2024.



# LOOKING AHEAD TO 2024-2025

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## CAITLIN KEARNEY

Caitlin Kearney is a PhD Candidate in Education Policy at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Her research uses sociological theories of organizations to study mid-level policy actors and policies aimed at producing equitable outcomes. She is a mixed-methods researcher currently working on projects related to instructional coaching and student wellness. Caitlin will join us as a Post-doctoral Researcher beginning Fall 2024.

Faculty: Linda Renzulli

# STAFF UPDATES 2024-2025

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## MARIA SCOTT

After two years as our Administrative Assistant, Maria Scott will be moving to Ann Arbor, MI, as she enters a new stage of her life. We are so grateful for all her departmental contributions over the last two years. We will miss you dearly & please come visit!



## ALEXIA (AJ) MUNCIE

Please join us in welcoming our new Administrative Assistant, Alexia (AJ) Muncie. We are ecstatic to have her join our team and look forward to integrating her into our department starting July 1, 2024. Welcome to Purdue Sociology, AJ!

# LOOKING AHEAD TO 2024-2025

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## UNIVERSITY MOVEABLE DREAM HIRE

### ERIN C. DUNN, SCD, MPH

An expert epidemiologist whose research on genetics, epigenetics, childhood adversity, and baby teeth has earned her the moniker “The Science Tooth Fairy” is the most recent recruiting success in the Moveable Dream Hire program. Erin C. Dunn, ScD, MPH, will leave Harvard and the Massachusetts General Hospital to join Purdue’s Department of Sociology as Professor, directing a new university-wide interdisciplinary center focused on sociogenomics. The center’s goals are ambitious: to bring the genomics revolution to the social sciences and deepen the inclusion of social science research in genetic studies. Dr. Dunn is uniquely positioned to develop the sociogenomics center. Dunn is a social and psychiatric epidemiologist with expertise in genetics and epigenetics.



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Her research lab, the Dunn Lab, uses interdisciplinary approaches to better understand the social and biological factors that influence risk for depression among women, children, and adolescents. She has built national and international research collaborations that have helped to define the biological and psychosocial impact of early adversity on mental health. Dunn led several genetic association studies and gene-environment interaction studies that were the first of their kind, including publishing some of the first genome-wide association studies of depression risk in non-European ancestry populations and the first genome-wide environment interaction study of depression. Dunn is also known for her pioneering work studying children’s baby teeth, using the structure of early tooth development as a novel biomarker of children’s stress and adversity exposure linked to psychiatric outcomes. Dunn’s research group encourages parents to donate their children’s baby teeth to science to contribute to their growing data sets.

Beginning Summer 2024, the Dunn Lab will officially be at Purdue University. For more information about the Dunn Lab, visit their website!

# GIVING TO SOCIOLOGY

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**GIVING LINK HERE**



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