



# Department of Sociology



2018 Sociology  
Graduation and  
Award Celebration

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April 19, 2018

6 – 8:30 PM

Student Center Ballroom

# Introduction

*The Sociology Graduation and Award Ceremony is our annual celebration of academic excellence and achievements of our undergraduate and graduate students, and an expression of appreciation of our faculty and staff.*

*This event includes the presentation of scholarships and awards, recognition of our graduating seniors, and the induction of students into the Alpha Kappa Delta Honorary Society.*

*The sociology department extends a very special thanks to our donors, whose generosity and commitment to academic excellence plays a foundational role in the success of our students and our program.*

*We also thank Dr. Keith Whitfield, Provost, Dr. Wayne Raskind, Dean College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Ambika Mathur, Dean of the Graduate School, for their continuing support of our programs.*

WELCOME:

Dr. Jeffrey Kentor

Chair, Department of Sociology

GREETINGS:

Dr. Wayne M. Raskind

Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF UNDERGRADUATE  
AWARDS

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA INDUCTEES

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATING SENIORS

CLOSING REMARKS:

Dr. Jeffrey Kentor

# Awards and Scholarships

## *Professor Frank E. and Rosemary K. Hartung Memorial Endowed Award in Sociology*

### **Jenny Lendrum, Recipient**

Presented by Louise Hartung

Frank E. Hartung was a professor in the Department of Sociology for twenty-six years and actively promoted a sociological approach to crime and deviance. Hartung was a proponent of the notion that crime was a freely chosen behavioral pattern, not the result of psychological abnormalities. As a prolific author, he published *Crime, Law, and Society* with Wayne State University Press and numerous articles on varying topics. "Frank's writings were not only scholarly explications, they were also delivered in a witty and incisive style which delighted those who agreed with him and infuriated his opponents," wrote fellow Professor Mary Cay Sengstock. In 1985 after Frank's passing his family, colleagues, and students established the Professor Frank E. and Rosemary K. Hartung Memorial Endowed Award in memory. The scholarship stands today with the purpose of recognizing Sociology students who write outstanding papers, theses, or dissertations.

## *Mary Cay Sengstock Diversity Scholarship*

### **Allison Jendry-James, Recipient**

Presented by Dr. Heather Dillaway

Sociologists must be keenly sensitive to the diversity of groups and cultures in modern society, and behind that fact lies the cornerstone of the Mary Cay Sengstock scholarship. This Scholarship was endowed by former Sociology faculty member Dr. Mary Cay Sengstock to provide assistance to students who contribute to the knowledge and promotion of social and cultural diversity. Dr. Sengstock funded this scholarship anonymously for four years before her death in May 2014, and the scholarship has since been renamed in her legacy.

## *Outstanding Master's Thesis Award*

### **Whitney Hunt, Recipient**

Presented by Dr. David Merolla

Given an increasingly competitive academic and non-academic job market, the Department of Sociology has created the Outstanding Master's Thesis Award. This annual award is designed to encourage the production of Master's theses at or near the level of a publishable academic paper.

## *Graduate Award for Excellence in Teaching*

### **Anabel Stoeckle, Recipient**

Presented by Dr. Krista Brumley

This award is in memory of Kaleema Sumareh, who was a doctoral student in the Department of Sociology at Wayne State University from 2012 to 2016. Dr. Sumareh was passionate about promoting social justice and instilling the sociological imagination in the classroom and beyond. Her research on social activism in Detroit reflected her commitment to public sociology. This award is in honor of her legacy as a teacher, scholar, mentor, and poet. The award provides recognition for graduate students who have made outstanding contributions to teaching.

## *Shirley Falconer Slayman Memorial Award*

### **Jennifer Anton, Recipient**

Presented by Dr. Michelle Jacobs

Shirley Falconer Slayman enjoyed her life to the fullest. She was an individual, wife, mother, grandmother, social worker and student enriched by Wayne State University. The purpose of this scholarship is to fulfill her wish to enable others to be equally enriched. Her husband, William Slayman, established the Shirley Falconer Slayman Memorial Scholarship for Sociology students in her memory in 1993 to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide economic assistance to female students majoring or co-majoring in Sociology at Wayne State University.

## *Aaron Irving Geselis Memorial Endowed Scholarship*

### **Leah Lynch, Recipient**

Presented by: Barbara & Steven Kohler

Mr. Aaron Irving Geselis grew up in Detroit, attended the city's public schools and graduated in 1952 from Wayne University with a B.A. degree in Sociology. Geselis was a man interested in the way that society functions and finding ways to improve upon that functionality. After proudly serving in the U.S. Navy, he helped operate the family business, Capitol Cut Rate Department Store in Highland Park. His way of life, his gentleness, his complete lack of any bias or intolerance, made all who came in contact with him a better human being. His life was tragically cut short by cancer at the young age of 32. His family established this scholarship in memory of "Arnie" in the hope that this scholarship will help impact the life of the recipient and motivate him or her to uphold Aaron's values by continuing to improve the community in which they live and work.

## *Lucille Makarov Memorial Scholarship*

**Diana Morales, Recipient**

Presented by Dr. Janet Hankin

At age 84 Lucille Makarov expressed that she remained deeply grateful to the Wayne State University Department of Sociology for her B.A. degree in 1953. Equipped with a mind full of knowledge and her Wayne State degree, Lucille Makarov was able to obtain a career at General Motors as a research librarian, where she would stay for thirty years. The Lucille Makarov scholarship fund is established to recognize 30-year scholastic achievement, to encourage continued progress, and to provide assistance to students in financing their education in the Department of Sociology.

## *Sociology Alumni Award*

**Jason Smith, Recipient**

Presented by Dr. David Merolla

This annual \$1,000 scholarship is made possible by a generous gift from an anonymous alumni couple from our department who feel passionate about the value of their sociology education.

## *Undergraduate Award for Academic Excellence*

### **Mohammed Turfe & Juan Gonzalez-Martinez, Recipients**

Presented by Dr. Lauren Duquette-Rury

This award recognizes undergraduate students who demonstrate academic excellence in Sociology. Candidates for this award are sociology majors at Wayne State University whose undergraduate records exemplify exceptional academic achievement. Candidates also demonstrate some level of involvement in research-based activities, community engagement, and/or non-profit work related to our discipline.



# Alpha Kappa Delta Inductees <sup>Page 9</sup>

Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honorary society was founded by Dr. E.S. Bogardus in 1920 in the Sociology Department of the University of Southern California. The name, Alpha Kappa Delta, represents the first three letters of three Greek words: Anthropon (mankind), Katamanthanein (to investigate thoroughly or to conduct research) and Diakonesein (for the purpose of service). The name, freely interpreted, signifies social research for the purpose of service.

We are proud to add the following students to the more than 110,000 AKD members worldwide.

Presented by Dr. Michelle Jacobs and Dr. David Merolla

Kristen

Cunningham

Nabintou Doumbia

Juan Jose Gonzalez-

Martinez

Anna Lacroix

Leah Lynch

Diana Morales

Jillianne Quennell

Rajia Rashed

Megan St. George

Aubrionne Strong

Leigha Thomas

Mohammed Turfe

Michelle Booth-Foster

Kimberly Brown

Adonyah Cabine

Toni Chakur

Wanda Charara

Erin Cilluffo

Kimberly Dabney

Phillice Davis

Shanique Grant

Stacy Korotkin

Waynedeflor Miller

Mia Murphy

Denzel Newson

Latoya Rice

Maria Spearman

Matthew Szubelak

Dwa'Neva Taylor

Kesiena Wanogho

Kailah Weatherspoon

Venessa Zverotic

Abu Alghali

Kevin Brown

Latoyia Carter

Marie Dreaver

Caroline Heyka

Jessica Kamp

Erin Macy

Janet Mayo

Lee Mitchell

Shameka Norfolk

Gerald Nowak

Mieshell Oliver

Uma Palaniappan

Jayana Prince

Jason Smith

Patricia Alfaro

Hussain Atieh

Cheyenne Brown

Annee Chang

Kristen Cunningham

Dalondra Dixon

Hafsa Farah

Paola Kaciqi

Brian Kniffin

Zahra Makki

Leanne Mayes

Erin McEachern

Kellee Norfleet-Cann

Aubrionne Strong-Wrack

Sherita Whitmon

Ajaron Williams

Karen Layer

Shadellaca Redman

Vallon Turner

Autumn Johnson

Taylor Dill-Reese

Mohammed Turfe

Marc Tyler

Kyle Kent

Diana Morales

Kela Robinson

Christopher Cross

LaTina Lyle

## **Staff**

Michelle Matthews, Administrative Assistant I

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Stacie Moser, Academic Advisor III

## **Faculty**

Jeffrey Kentor, Chair

Zachary Brewster

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Krista Brumley

Heather Dillaway

Lauren Duquette-Rury

David Fassenfest

Heidi Gottfried

Janet Hankin

Michelle Jacobs

David Merolla

Shirin Montazer

Patricia Morton

Sarah Swider

Nicole Trujillo-Pagan

Salam Aboulhassan

Allison Jendry-James

Amanda Levitt

Erin Baker-Giese

Michael Sabbagh

Abberley Sorg

Lindsay Toman

Randall Wyatt

*Thank you!*

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