Department of Sociology

ANNUAL REPORT

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Sociology is a thriving department within the Faculty of Arts. It comprises a solid team of well-established and emerging scholars who pursue rigorous empirical research with a strong foundation in social theory, which focuses particularly on three core areas: comparative political sociology and development, diversity and inequalities, and population and health. Over the five past years, we recruited six exceptional young scholars who conduct cutting-edge research in areas such as data science, network analysis, and relational ethnography. Two of them joined our Department in August 2016: Jan Doering who is a specialist in the areas of race and ethnicity, political sociology and urban sociology, and Jennifer Alarie who studies international immigration through cultural and comparative public policy lenses. In January 2016, Steven Rytina retired from teaching and service duties but is still active conducting research. On a sad note, Lucia Benaquisto, a very highly valued colleague, teacher and researcher, passed away on 23 June 2016.

As a sign of excellence in our research, one third of the faculty currently hold prestigious endowed chairs. Faculty members continued to distinguish themselves throughout the year. John Hall received the Prix du Québec Léon-Gérin and the Innis-Gérin Medal awarded by the Royal Society of Canada. Barry Eidlin received the Outstanding Article Award from the American Sociological Association Section on Marxist Sociology. Faculty members were also successful in securing grants as principal investigators from major external agencies. Sarah Brauner-Otto received funding from the National Institute of Child and Human Development (NICHD), Amélie Quesnel-Vallée and Poulami Roychowdhury received funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), and Amélie Quesnel-Vallée, Poulami Roychowdhury and Thomas Soehl obtained funding from the Fonds de recherche du Québec (FRQ).

Members of the Department were very productive. Faculty members published 32 articles that appeared in highly regarded peer-reviewed journals, 7 book chapters, and several other publications. They gave 27 invited talks and 28 conference presentations in different venues outside of McGill. Thanks to the dedicated work of Morton Weinfeld and John Hall, in March 2016 the Department held a one-day symposium on Suspect Minorities, which brought together internationally leading speakers and attracted a large number of participants.

In addition to the programs offered to its own students, the Department is responsible for the M.A. and Ph.D. option in Population Dynamics offered to students from Economics and Epidemiology, and for the Minor Concentration in Canadian Ethnic and Racial Studies. Department members are also closely involved in academic programs offered in International Development Studies (IDS), Women’s Studies (WMST), and Industrial Relations. Adding to this broader contribution to the University’s teaching, Jason Carmichael was the program director of the Minor in Social Entrepreneurship. Both our graduate and undergraduate students have been successful in securing grants and awards. Of particular note, Milaine Alarie received from our Department the inaugural Everett C. Hughes Research Award and Alina Geampana the inaugural Lucia Benaquisto Teaching Award. Our trainees have been very active in disseminating their work though publications and conferences, as shown in the following pages.

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A. HONOURS, AWARDS, AND PRIZES

John Hall received the Prix du Québec Léon-Gérin for his career-long achievement in social sciences and the Innis-Gérin Medal awarded by the Royal Society of Canada for his distinguished and sustained contribution to the literature of the social sciences.
**Barry Eidlin** received the Outstanding Article Award from the American Sociological Association Section on Marxist Sociology for his paper “Class vs. Special Interest: Labor, Power, and Politics in the U.S. and Canada, 1911-2011” published in *Politics & Society*.

**Connie Di Giuseppe**, Manager of Student Affairs, was the recipient of the 2016 Faculty of Arts Award of Excellence for Administrative and Support Staff.

**B. HIRES**

The Department filled two tenure track Assistant Professor positions, one in Qualitative Research Methods, which is occupied by **Jan Doering**, the other in Diversity and Inequalities, for which **Jennifer Elrick** was hired. Both new hires joined the Department in August 2016.

**C. SELECTED PUBLICATIONS** (see Appendix A, Section 1)\(^a\)

Members of the Department have published in a diversity of Canadian and international prestigious journals and publishing houses. Here is a short list testifying to this diversity.


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\(^a\) Names of faculty members are in bold and those of trainees are underlined.


D. SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES (see Appendix A, Section 2)

Members of the Department have given over 60 conference presentations, keynote addresses and invited lectures during 2016. They participated in panels, workshops and conferences held in Europe (in Austria, France, England, Ireland, Italy and Scotland), in Australia, Israel and Taiwan, as well as in many cities across the U.S. and Canada. Here are a few selected presentations.


Shor, Eran. “A Global Study of Counter-terrorist Legislation: Causes and Consequences.” Institute of Strategic and International Affairs ISIA, National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan (invited talk).


Weinfeld, Morton. “Diasporas, Dual Loyalties, and suspect Minorities: The Jewish Case.” University of Melbourne, Australia (invited talk).

E. EXTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED (as PI) IN 2016 (see Appendix A, Section 3)


All faculty members hold ongoing research grants either as PI or Co-Investigators.

F. INSTITUTIONAL AND DISCIPLINARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Editorial positions: Faculty members provided editorial support for the following journals: Advances in Life Course Research; American Journal of Sociology; Archives of Sexual Behavior; British Journal of Sociology; Cahiers québécois de démographie; Canadian Jewish Studies; Canadian Review of
Sociology; Canadian Studies in Population; Cogent Social Sciences; Gender, Equal Opportunities, Research; Health and Reform Observer; Journal of Criminology; Journal of Marriage and Family; Nationalities Papers; Nations and Nationalism; Recherches sociographiques; Revue d'épidémiologie et de santé publique ; Revue française de sociologie; Studies in Conflict and Terrorism; Studies in Family Planning; Terrorism and Political Violence; Women’s Studies International Forum.

They also peer-reviewed manuscripts for nearly 40 additional journals and university presses.


They also served on various granting agency committees (SSHRC, CIHR, FRQS, FRQSC, CIAS, Consortium national de formation en santé; Agence nationale de la recherche-France; International Review Panel; NORFACE) and governmental entities and task forces (e.g., National Statistics Council, Centre d’études sur la pauvreté et l’exclusion), in addition to numerous committees at McGill.

**G. TEACHING AND LEARNING – UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS**

We made substantial changes to our Ph.D. and Master’s programs that became fully operational in 2015-2016. In 2016, 46 students were enrolled in our graduate programs (5 in the Population Dynamics option and 3 in the Gender and Women Studies option), and 665 in our undergraduate programs (Major, Minor and Honours). Five students received their Ph.D. degree during the course of the year, eight completed their M.A. degree, and 144 graduated from our bachelor’s programs (67 Minor, 71 Major, and 6 Honours).

Over half of our graduate students hold fellowships or awards (Appendix B, Section 3). In 2016, Ph.D. student Ina Filkobski received a prestigious Vanier fellowship from SSHRC, Elise Karagueuzian received an FRQSC Doctoral award, and Alessandro Drago and Dana Wray were awarded an SSHRC Masters scholarship. In addition, Amélie Groleau received a SSRHC Postdoctoral fellowship. Of particular note, Milaine Alarie was the recipient of our Department inaugural Everett C. Hughes Research Award and Alina Geampana the recipient of the inaugural Lucia Benaquisto Teaching Award. Our trainees have also been very active in disseminating their work though publications and conferences, as shown in the following pages. Our postdoctoral and graduate students have published in highly respected peer-review journals (e.g., Social Science Research, Demographic Research, Social Science & Medicine, Canadian Review of Sociology) or in other venues (Appendix B, Section 1). Finally, they gave over 60 presentations in a wide array of national (ACFAS; Canadian Population Society; Canadian Sociological Association, Canadian Economic Association) and international (American Sociological Association, Population Association of America, Social Science History Association, International Sociology Association, American Society for Bioethics and Humanities) conferences and venues (Section 2).

The success of our undergraduate students is also worth noticing. For instance, Maria Rizzuto and Emeline Janigian were the recipients of the 2016 Arts Research Internship Awards (ARIA). Two students received an award for the quality of their papers: Renée Michele Mittelstaedt received the Mathias Bielski Prize and Audrey Jane Carleton received the Howard E. Roseborough Prize. Molly Susannah Mayer and Nicole Amber Sawin were awarded the David N. Solomon Prize for highest overall academic standing in Sociology courses. Our undergraduate students published a stimulating issue of the Verstehen, McGill’s Undergraduate Sociology Journal, and, of those who applied, many have been admitted to very good – sometimes first rate – graduate schools.
APPENDIX A

FACULTY MEMBERS’ REPORTS

Section 1: Publications

**Peer-reviewed Journal Publications**


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*Names of faculty members are in bold and those of trainees are underlined.*


**Book Chapters**


**Other Publications (book reviews, government reports etc.)**


Section 2: Presentations

Invited lectures, seminars and conference presentations (outside McGill University)

Clark, Shelley


Doering, Jan


Hall, John


Lange, Matthew


Le Bourdais, Céline.

Quesnel-Vallée, Amélie


Roychowdhury, Poulami

- Invited speaker, “Moving the Criminal Justice System: When do Women Make Gains on Violence?” Department of Sociology, University of Toronto. March 2016

Shor, Eran


Smith, Michael


Vang, Zoua


Weinfeld, Morton

- Invited speaker, “Diasporas, Dual Loyalties, and suspect Minorities: The Jewish Case.” Sociology Department, University of Melbourne, Australia. September 2016
- Invited speaker, “Diasporas, dual Loyalties, and suspect Minorities; the Jewish Case.” Department of Sociology and Social Policy, Sydney University, Australia. September 2016.

Other talk and conference presentations, including poster presentations (outside McGill)

Carmichael, Jason

Clark, Shelley


Das, Aniruddha


Eidlin, Barry


Lange, Matthew


Le Bourdais, Celine


Quesnel-Vallée, Amélie


Roychowdhury, Poulami


Shor, Eran


Soehl, Thomas


Vang, Zoua


Weiner, Elaine

Talk and conference presentations at McGill University

Eidlin, Barry

Lange, Matthew

Le Bourdais, Celine

Roychowdhury, Poulami

Shor, Eran

Vang, Zoua
- “Minority Aging in Canada: Encounters with Everyday Discrimination and the Relative Importance of Race and Age.” Interdisciplinary Network on Discrimination and Inclusion, Faculty of Law, McGill University. April 2016.

Weiner, Elaine
- “Managing Methodological Challenges.” SOCI 601: Qualitative Research Methods 2, Department of Sociology. October 2016.

Weinfeld, Morton
- “Immigration and Diversity in Canada: Myths and Realities: part of Food for Thought Series.” Macdonald College, McGill University. October 26, 2016.
Section 3: Grants

Brauner-Otto, Sarah


Carmichael, Jason

- **Arts Research Internship Award** (ARIA). McGill University Faculty of Arts. Matching grant for undergraduate research assistant - Undergraduate Student RA: Mario Rizzuto. 2016.

Clark, Shelley


Das, Aniruddha

- **McGill University, Paper presentation grant.** “Start-up grant for new faculty.” 2011-2016. (P.I.).

Hall, John A.


Lange, Matthew

Le Bourdais, Céline


Quesnel-Vallée, Amélie

  - **Canadian Institutes for Health Research** (CIHR - Operating grant). “A Comparative Evaluation of Canada's Regulation of Two-Tier Care and the Relationship to Wait Times.” 2016. (Coll.)
  - **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council** (SSHRC). “Canadian Poverty Study,” 2015-2016. (Co-I.)

Roychowdhury, Poulami

Shor, Eran

- **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC – Internal Development Grant).** “A Large-sale Study on the Sources of Gender Inequality in News Coverage.” 2015-2017. (P.I.).

Smith, Michael

- **Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).** “Pathways to socio-economic and civic-political inclusion of ethnic minorities in Britain and Canada: The influence of family capital.” 2016-2019. (Co-I.)

Soehl, Thomas Georg

- **France Canada Research Fund (FCRF).** “Social Politics: The role of family and home-country attachments for the decisions of immigrants to acquire host-country citizenship in France and Canada.” 2015-2017. (P.I.).

Vang, Zoua

- **McGill University, Internal Social Sciences and Humanities Emerging Scholars Accelerator Awards.** “The Impact of Medical Evacuation on Sociocultural Isolation and Social Support: The Case of Inuit and Cree Women with Medically High Risk Pregnancies in Quebec.” 2016-2017. (P.I.).

Weiner, Elaine

Weinfeld, Morton

- McGill University, Canadian Ethnic Studies Chair. 2016-2021. (P.I.)
APPENDIX B
Postdoctoral Fellows’ and Graduate Students’ Reports

Section 1: Publications

Peer-reviewed Journal Publications

Postdoctoral fellows:


Graduate Students:


\(^{c}\) This article received the Editor's Choice Award.
\(^{d}\) Also available as NBER Working Paper No. 21591, National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, MA.


**Book Chapters**

Postdoctoral fellows


**Other Publications (book reviews, government reports etc.)**

Postdoctoral fellows


Graduate Students:


Section 2: Presentations

Invited lectures, seminars and conference presentations (outside McGill University)

Postdoctoral fellows:

Boulet, Maude


Graduate Students:

Dernier, Nicole

- Invited speaker, “Destinations Canada, the United States and Russia: Economic Incorporation of Recent Immigrants.” Centro de Estudios Demograficos, Urbanos y Amientales, El Colegio de Mexico, Mexico City.

Kalyta, Angela

- Invited presenter, “Three’s A Crowd: the tripartite political economic dynamics behind the development of the Bangladesh Accord and Alliance.” Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute (SPERI), University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK. July 2016.

Plante, Charles

**Other talk and conference and poster presentations (outside McGill University)**

Postdoctoral fellows:

**Boulet, Maude**


**Fostik, Ana Laura**


**Groleau, Amélie**

- Conference Presentation, "L’usage d’Internet à des fins de recrutement dans une enquête sociologique qualitative: questions de méthode et réflexions a posteriori." Conférence Enjeux méthodologiques de la recherche sur les usages d’Internet et des technologies numériques, 84th Congress of ACFAS. Montréal, Quebec. May 2016.

**Pugliese, Maude**

Graduate Students:

Alarie, Milaine


Amasyali, Emre


Blank-Gomel, R.,


Chang, Yvonne


Cotton, Cassandra


Daviddi, Rebecca


Dernier, Nicole


Falconer, James

Geampana, Alina

He, Qiaoling

Jensen, Jason O.

Kalyta, Angela
• Informal presentation, “Findings from fieldwork: Labor activism and transnational actors in Bangladesh,” arranged by Friedrich Ebert Foundation for members of local and transnational unions/NGOs operating in BD, in Dhaka Bangladesh. June 2016.
Miner, Skye


Plante, Charles


Waite, Sean


Zhou, Luyang

Talks and conference presentations at McGill University

Graduate Students:

Alarie, Milaine

Amasyali, Emre

Nairn, Stephanie A.
- Guest lecture, “Women’s Mental Health.” Sociology 310. McGill University, Montreal, Quebec.
- Guest lecture, “Peer Support.” Sociology 310. McGill University, Montreal, Quebec.
- Demonstration, “The Groove.” Students in Mind Mental Health Conference. McGill University, Montreal, Quebec.

Seida, Kimberly

Shaw, Candice
- Guest lecturer, “The Importance of Research Networking.” SOCI 625, McGill University.

Waite, Sean
Section 3: Research Grants/Scholarships

Postdoctoral fellows:

Boulet, Maude

Groleau, Amélie
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC - Postdoctoral Fellowship). “Prevalence and duration of over-qualification in Quebec and Canada: Evidence from the National Graduate Survey.” 2016-2018.

Pugliese, Maude

Graduate Students:

Blank-Gomel, R.,
- McGill University, Arts Graduate Student Award. 2016.

Daviddi, Rebecca
- Graduate Excellence Fellowship, Department of Sociology, McGill University. 2016.
- Differential fee waiver, Department of Sociology, McGill University. 2016-2017.

Drago, Alessandro

Filkobski, Ina

Geampana, Alina
- Arts Graduate Student Conference Travel Award, McGill University. 2016.

He, Qiaoling

Henderson, Madeleine

Kalyta, Angela
- Arts Graduate Student Travel Award, McGill University. 2016.

Karagueuzian, Elise
Mazar, Alissa
- Union Gaming Analytics Scholar. Grant awarded by the International Gaming Institute to attend The 16th International Conference on Gambling & Risk Taking. 2016.

Miner, Skye
- European Union Centre of Excellence Fieldwork Award, Université de Montreal and McGill University. 2016

Nairn, Stephanie A.
- AllerGEN, Nce. Travel Award(s). 2016.

Pereira, Colby
- Esterina and Gaetano Liberatore Fellowship (McGill University)
- Graduate Excellence Award (McGill University)

Shaw, Candice
- McGill University’s Oswald Hall Dissertation Fellowship. 2016.

Waite, Sean

Wray, Dana

Zhou, Luyang
- McGill Arts Graduate Travel Awards for archival work, Hoover Institution at Stanford University. 2016.
Section 4: Other Activities and Honours

Postdoctoral Fellows:

Groleau, Amélie
- French editor, Canadian Journal of Higher Education.
- Involved in creating a Working Groupon young sociologists (GT18, Être et devenir sociologue), Association internationale des sociologues de langue française (AISLF).

Pugliese, Maude

Graduate Students

Alarie, Milaine
- 2016 Graduate Student Teaching Award.
- 2016 Department of Sociology Inaugural Everett C. Hughes Research Award

Amasyali, Emre
- VP Internal, McGill Graduate Student Sociological Association
- Best Doctoral Paper Award for the Nationalism/Migration category, Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) Conference, Columbia University, New York.

Drago, Alessandro
- The Everett C. Hughes Medal for Sociology and Anthropology: awarded to the most outstanding sociology and anthropology student at Concordia University.

Geampana, Alina
- 2016 Department of Sociology Inaugural Lucia Benaquisto Teaching Award

He, Qiaoling
- Council Member of the Institute of Entertainment Law Research in Beijing.

Jensen, Jason O
- Reviewed an article for the American Journal of Sociology.

Mazar, Alissa

Miner, Skye
- President of the McGill Graduate Student Sociological Association.

Seida, Kimberly
- AGSEM Departmental Delegate.

Waite, Sean
• Yahoo News Finance, Article. “Wage gap exists for LGBTQ Canadians, and current research doesn’t tell the full story.” June 8, 2016.