

# Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Health Administration and Policy

## Fall 2019 Newsletter

### WELCOME FROM OUR CHAIR



The Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Health Administration and Policy has had another exciting year. What makes our department a model for interdisciplinary collaboration and cooperation are the faculty and staff. We welcomed three new full-time tenure-track faculty members: Dr. Aubrey Jackson and Dr. Brian Soller, both of whom are Sociologists with a focus on Criminology. Additionally, Dr. Camee Maddox-Wingfield successfully transitioned from a fellowship to tenure-track faculty position in Anthropology. We continue to build our world-class faculty with the promotion and award of tenure to Associate Professor, Dr. Loren Henderson. For the first time, the department has appointed a Professor of the Practice, Dr. Sally Scott, the Director of the new Master's Program in Community Leadership.

The successes of our faculty are too numerous to mention, but highlights include Dr. Dena Smith's new book *Medicine Over Mind* and the publication of 14 peer-reviewed journal articles by our faculty, some of which included graduate student co-authors. Faculty continue to receive awards and grants for their outstanding scholarship. Five faculty members received internal awards such as the Hrabowski Innovation Award (Dr. Yamashita), UMBC Strategic Awards for Research Transitions (Dr. Chard and Dr. Mair), and Summer Faculty Research Fellowships (Drs. Chapin, Schumacher, and Smith).

The Center for Aging Studies continues to expand the breadth of faculty research grants and sponsors. For example, Dr. Brian Soller's research is funded to examine the effectiveness of research mentors working with underrepresented minority faculty members and is funded by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences. Dr. Jennifer Callaghan-Koru recently received an award of \$10.3 million from the Health Resources and Services Administration to study the effectiveness of maternal health program interventions in Maryland. Dr. Yamashita's grant funding comes from the U.S. Department of Education and focuses on lifelong learning, skill proficiencies, and employment of middle-aged and older adults in the U.S. and selected countries. We also continue to receive substantial research support from the National Institute on Aging. For example, Dr. Laura Girling, who received her Ph.D. from the UMBC/UMB Doctoral Program in Gerontology, has two NIA awards, one examining the experiences of older adults living alone and suffering from the early stages of dementia and the other to conduct an auxiliary bioethics project focusing on barriers to research inclusion of live-alone persons with dementia. We also are pleased that Dr. Girling agreed to serve as the Acting Director of the Center, and she will participate in a departmental ad-hoc committee that is engaging in a visioning process regarding the Center's next five years.

This past year, we were successful in recruiting two new staff members to our outstanding team: Emily Byrne, Coordinator for the Master's in Applied Sociology and Jennifer Kelly, the department's accountant. In acknowledgment of Cathy McDonnell's expanding role, she was promoted this past summer to Department Manager. As the department plans for the future, Debbie Sanford's role as the Coordinator of Advising will provide leadership in student retention and progression to graduation, a major focus of the university, our college, and department.

The support and success of our students is core to our mission. The scope of student achievements comprises much of this newsletter, but special congratulations go to Samiksha Manjani (SOCY), Spring 2019 Valedictorian and Jessica Linus (HAPP) Fulbright Research Recipient. Students mentored by our faculty made presentations at URCAD and URA. I also honor our alumni for all their accomplishments and especially Kelsey Krach (ANTH), Michael Burgos (SOCY MA), Kyle Edwards (SOCY MA), Yamini Narayan (HAPP).



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**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO OUR SPRING 2019  
SOCIOLOGY  
GRADUATES!**

Eskedar Abebe  
Thomas Austin-Braxton  
Jessica Colvin  
Paula Elizabeth Cruz  
Laura Huang\*  
Maya June  
Anna Lettieri\*  
Rayana Lynn  
Samiksha Manjani\*  
David Oriala  
Allia Scruggs\*  
Antoinette Seesz  
Jenna Stupey  
Sanjana Taskar  
Maria De los Angeles Taylor  
Keller Trotman\*  
Yohanna Yohannes

**MASTER'S IN APPLIED  
SOCIOLOGY**

Kortney Marshall\*  
Emily Melluso\*  
Roberto Millar\*  
Yelizaveta Shats\*

**POST-  
BACCALAUREATE  
CERTIFICATE  
IN THE NON-PROFIT  
SECTOR**

Roberto Millar

*\* student has achieved a 3.5+ GPA*

**WELCOME NEW SOCIOLOGY FACULTY!**



Dr. Aubrey Jackson Soller received her PhD from The Ohio State University in 2013 and was an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of New Mexico from 2013-2019. Her scholarship centers on how power and gender inequality shape laws as well as individuals' experiences with crime, health, and risk behaviors across urban contexts, and their consequences for women and girls. Her work expands on commonly used theories in criminology and sociology to rethink neighborhood influences on crime, health, and risk behaviors. She has published in several top journals, including *Criminology*, *The Journal of Marriage and Family*, and *The American Journal of Sociology*. Dr. Jackson has previously taught undergraduate and graduate courses in crime, public policy, and the criminal justice system; the sociology of law; the politics of crime and punishment; and political sociology.

**SOCY 397:  
SOCIOLOGY OF LAW**

TU TH | 1:00-2:15 PM  
LECTURE | 3 UNITS  
DR. AUBREY JACKSON

Dr. Brian Soller received his PhD from The Ohio State University in 2013 and was an assistant professor of Sociology at the University of New Mexico from 2013-2019. He has taught courses on criminology and research methods and statistics at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Dr. Soller's research primarily focuses on understanding how social networks and neighborhoods impact health and well-being in adolescence and throughout the life course. He is also currently employing social network analysis to identify ways to improve health care of uranium miners in rural areas and to enhance mentorship among underrepresented minority medical school faculty members. His research is currently supported by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS). His publications have appeared in *The Journal of Health and Social Behavior* and *The American Journal of Sociology*, *Criminology*, and *Social Science Research*.



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**SOCY  
397.02  
CRIME AND  
NETWORKS**

M W | 1:00-2:15 PM  
LECTURE | 3 UNITS  
WITH DR. BRIAN SOLLER

## FACULTY AWARDED GRANTS



The University of Maryland, Baltimore County is a partner on a new grant to improve the quality of maternal health care across the state of Maryland. The 5-year, \$10.3 million award from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, will fund the creation of the Maryland Maternal Health Innovation Program. Johns Hopkins University will lead the team which includes the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland Patient Safety Center, in addition to the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

The Maryland Maternal Health Innovation Program will implement several statewide initiatives with an overall goal to eliminate preventable maternal deaths and severe pregnancy complications in Maryland. To improve the quality of maternal health care, the program will work to strengthen hospital-based quality improvement efforts and train providers on early recognition of warning signs for severe complications and reduction of implicit bias. In addition, the project will develop a perinatal telemedicine program to quickly connect experts in obstetric specialties with community and rural hospitals throughout the state. To address disparities in maternal health, the program will partner with home-visiting programs across the state to increase women's knowledge and access to care for maternal complications. The project will also develop a state-wide dashboard to better disseminate maternal health statistics and improve evidence-based decision making. The work will be coordinated through the establishment of the Maryland Maternal Health Task Force whose members will include officials from state governments and agencies, as well as professional organizations, providers, payers, patient-advocacy groups, and community organizations.

Dr. Jennifer Callaghan-Koru and Dr. Gunes Koru are the lead investigators from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Dr. Callaghan-Koru, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Health Administration and Policy, is a public health researcher whose work leverages implementation science to improve healthcare and outcomes for mothers and children. She previously received funding from the National Institutes of Health to study factors that determine successful implementation of evidence-based practices in obstetric care. Dr. Koru is a Professor in the Department of Information Systems, who conducts interdisciplinary and applied research at the intersection of health services and informatics, including health-information privacy, home healthcare, and health-data quality. He previously received funding from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and the Maryland Department of Health.

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### EFFECTIVENESS OF INNOVATIVE RESEARCH MENTOR INTERVENTIONS AMONG UNDERREPRESENTED MINORITY FACULTY IN THE SOUTHWEST

Dr. Brian Soller is co-investigator on the following grant: *Effectiveness of Innovative Research Mentor Interventions among Underrepresented Minority Faculty in the Southwest*. National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS). Role: Co-I. PI: Dr. Akshay Sood (University of New Mexico).

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## NIH GRANTS

### FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE THE IMPLEMENTATION AND EFFECTIVENESS OF A PATIENT SAFETY BUNDLE TO REDUCE LOW-RISK CESAREAN DELIVERIES.

Dr. Jennifer Callaghan-Koru received grant funding from the National Institutes of Health, more specifically the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development.

### AGING AT HOME WITH DEMENTIA: BIOETHICAL IMPLICATIONS FOR INCLUSION

Nearly 48 million individuals worldwide have dementia with projections estimating as many as 75 million may be afflicted by 2050. Although approximations vary, a substantial portion of those affected live in the community alone, accounting for up to one-third of cases. Despite these trends, available information about live-alone persons with dementia and their caregivers is limited. Funded by the National Institute on Aging (NIA), Dr. Laura Girling and colleagues are conducting an ambitious dyadic protocol, titled *Aging at Home Alone with Alzheimer's and Related Dementias*, exploring the life experiences and home environment of 120 community dwelling live-alone persons with dementia. Data will provide significant insights into the complex and important issues of how networks are created, extended, and manipulated to accommodate shifting needs, and the environment's role in aging at home alone with neurocognitive decline.

Building on her current research, Dr. Girling and Co-Investigators (Dr. Kate de Medeiros, Miami University; Dr. Nancy Berlinger, Hastings Center) have received additional NIA funding to conduct an auxiliary bioethics project focusing on barriers to research inclusion of live-alone persons with dementia. Their protocol will include ancillary interviews with five domains of gatekeepers and a new scoping study method to propose ethically sound ways for the research community to support inclusion of people living alone with dementia.

## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

### MARINA ADLER

Panelist: “Wall Stories: A Discussion About Barriers and How to Overcome Them,” hosted by the Center for Democracy and Civic Life, in partnership with MLLI, Division of Student Affairs & co-sponsored by POLI SCI, Hillel, Mosaic Center, and Global Studies. November 11, 2019; 5:30 p.m.; Skylight Lounge.

### JENNIFER CALLAGHAN-KORU

Delivered an invited national webinar for the Alliance for Innovation in Maternal Health on implementation strategies for improving maternal health care.

### BAMBI CHAPIN

Presented a guest lecture at Bucknell University hosted by the Anthropology Department entitled: “The Promise of Family-centered Ethnography and the Problem of Confidentiality: Long-term Psychological Anthropology in Sri Lanka,” and gave two book talks in 2 classes.

Presenting this fall as part of the plenary session at the Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial with Christine El Ouardani (California State University, Long Beach): “Examining attachment during childhood in Sri Lanka and Morocco: Towards more general, inclusive, and ethical theory” as well as serving as a discussant for the session Children and Caretakers.

### LOREN HENDERSON

Nominated for the Community Change Agent Award by the Lambda Kappa Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

### CAMEE MADDOX-WINGFIELD

Presented a guest lecture at Bucknell University hosted by the Griot Center on April 1, 2019 entitled: “Rhythm and Restoration: A Discussion of Dance and Spiritual Healing in Contemporary Martinique.”

### FRED L. PINCUS (*Emeritus*)

November 21, 2019 4 p.m. AOK Library. Reading from his memoir to be published summer 2020: “Confessions from a Radical Sociologist.”

### BRIAN SOLLER

Joined the editorial board of *Social Science Research*.

### BRANDY WALLACE

Will serve as one of three UMBC representatives at the Coalition of Urban Serving Universities Social Determinants of Health Innovation meeting at the end of September in Ohio.

Will continue her role as BSS representative on the GSA membership committee.

Has been invited by the provost to serve on the Executive Committee on the Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement of Underrepresented Minority Faculty.

### JENNIFER CALLAGHAN-KORU and KATIE BIRGER

Presented research at the teaching and learning symposium:

“Approaches to Obtaining Student Feedback on Competency Achievement in the Health Administration and Policy Program” (Jennifer Callaghan-Koru and Katie, Birger on behalf of the HAPP Committee).

To support a program effort to review and map the competencies of the Health Administration and Policy Program (HAPP), we sought students’ perspectives of what competencies they developed through the HAPP coursework in two ways. First, we administered a web-based exit interview which asked graduating students to rate, according to a 1-to-5 scale, how prepared they are to perform 17 health sciences skills and 10 professional skills (with 1 being “not at all prepared” and 5 “very prepared”). Eighty students in three cohorts have completed the survey. Only three competencies received an average rating below 4 out of 5. Second, we held a focus group discussion with students that included a pile sort activity to better understand students’ perspectives on which of the HAPP core courses addressed each competency. We are incorporating this student feedback as we complete the competency mapping and address curriculum overlaps and gaps.

## FACULTY AWARDS

### BAMBI CHAPIN

Summer Faculty Research Fellowship through CAHSS/CS3 for research on her new project in Sri Lanka (SU2019): “Change and Continuity in Sinhala Families in Central Sri Lanka”

### LOREN HENDERSON

Hanes Walton, Jr. Award for Quantitative Methods Training

### DENA SMITH

Summer Faculty Research Fellowship through CAHSS/CS3 for research on her new project (SU 2019): “Psychoanalytic Residue? Psychodynamic Principles in Psychiatric Treatment”

### TAKASHI YAMASHITA

Fall 2018 Hrabowski Innovation Award



## FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

### JENNIFER CALLAGHAN-KORU

Rosado, Carina, et al. "Effect of Birth Preparedness on Institutional Delivery in Semi-urban Ethiopia: a Cross-Sectional Study." *Annals of Global Health*, Ubiquity Press, 21 Mar. 2019, <https://annalsofglobalhealth.org/articles/10.5334/aogh.920/>.

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### SARAH CHARD

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### LAURA GIRLING

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### CHRISTINE MAIR

Mair, Christine A. "Alternatives to Aging Alone?: 'Kinlessness' and the Importance of Friends Across European Contexts." *The Journals of Gerontology: Series B, Volume 74, Issue 8, November 2019*, pages 1416-1428.

### BRIAN SOLLER

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### JAMIE TREVITT

Scharf, B., Bissell, R., Trevitt, J., & Jenkins, J. (2019). Diagnosis Prevalence and Comorbidity in a Population of Mobile Integrated Community Health Care Patients. *Prehospital and Disaster Medicine*, 34(1), 46-55. doi:10.1017/S1049023X18001140

### TAKASHI YAMASHITA

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Yamashita, T., Cummins, P., Millar, R., Sahoo, Shalini, Smith, T. (2019) "Associations between motivation to learn, basic skills, and adult education and training participation among older adults in the USA," *International Journal of Lifelong Education*, 38(5); 538-552, DOI: 10.1080/02601370.2019.1666927

Yamashita, Takashi. "Making Sense of Health Information." *Public Health Post*, 25 Jan. 2019, <https://www.publichealthpost.org/research/literacy-and-numeracy-matter-to-health-literacy/>.

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MEDICINE  
OVER  
MIND

Mental Health  
Practice in the  
Biomedical Era

Dena T. Smith

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO DR. DENA SMITH!**

Rutgers University Press  
September 2019

## ADJUNCT FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Rachel Crane and Paul Coakley for being recognized at the Faculty and Staff Appreciation nights held by the women's volleyball and soccer teams this fall. Thank you for your dedication to our students!



*Women's volleyball player, Niki Khoshatefeh with SOCY 101 instructor, Rachel Crane.*



*Women's soccer player, Nikki Saad, with long-time HAPP instructor, Paul Coakley.*

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

### WELCOME NEW STAFF

#### EMILY BYRNE GRADUATE PROGRAM COORDINATOR



Emily Byrne joined the SAHAP department as our Graduate Program Coordinator in March of 2019. She will be coordinating the Applied Sociology Master's Program, and the Graduate Certificates in the Nonprofit Sector and Social Dimensions of Health. Prior to coming to UMBC, Emily worked at the Baltimore VA Medical Center as an Exercise Physiologist and Study Coordinator. Emily earned her bachelor's degree in Exercise Science from Towson University in 2012.

Outside of working in SAHAP, Emily enjoys traveling, baking, and reading.

### FALL 2019 JOB WELL DONE GROUP PROJECT AWARD

Nominated by Andrea Kalfoglou, our team was awarded HR's Fall 2019 Job Well Done Group Project Award.

#### ***"Project Recruitment"***

Current ANTH and HAPP majors sent personalized congratulations postcards to newly admitted freshmen.



*Cathy McDonnell, Amy Barnes, Melissa Cox, & Katie Birger*

## WORLD TRAVEL



*Dr. Christine Mair  
Forbidden City Imperial Palace, Beijing, China; Summer 2019*

During her spring sabbatical, Dr. Christine Mair traveled to three continents and 10 countries to meet with researchers across the globe and presented her work on non-traditional family forms, social support, and aging populations. In the coming year, Dr. Mair will be constructing a grant application with these international collaborators to analyze the needs of aging populations across 30 countries.



*Dr. Bambi Chapin with researchers: Sri Lanka; Summer 2019*

### CHANGE AND CONTINUITY IN SINHALA FAMILIES IN CENTRAL SRI LANKA

During the summer of 2019, Dr. Bambi L. Chapin, spent two months in Sri Lanka conducting close observations and interviews in the homes of six women in Sri Lanka who participated from her ethnographic study two decades previously. She also followed up with other participants in her earlier research. The data collected will allow Dr. Chapin to analyze how family life, parenting, and women's experiences have changed and continued in patterned ways since 1999. While there, Dr. Chapin also met with Sri Lankan researchers to lay the ground work for future collaborations. The CAHSS Summer Faculty Research Fellowship through the Center for Social Science Research, supplemented by the CAHSS Dean's Research Fund, supported the travel for this project, research stipends for participating families, and research assistance.

 A graphic for the Winter Session Sociology course catalog. It features a background image of a graduate in a cap and gown. The text includes:
 

- WINTER SESSION**
- JANUARY 2 - 24**
- Sociology**
- SOCY 101**  
Basic Concepts in Sociology (3)
- SOCY 201**  
Social Problems in American Society (3)
- SOCY 353**  
Marriage and the Family (3)
- SOCY 355**  
Sociology of Gender (3)
- SOCY 374**  
Drugs and Alcohol in Society (3)
- GRIT going** catch up. get ahead.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPRING 2019 ANTHROPOLOGY GRADUATES!

- Mae Crew
- Amy Cruz\*
- Jacob Estes
- Stefan Gehrman
- Sarafina Harper
- Madeline Lilienthal
- Theodore Owens
- Darius Sias
- Katherine Sims\*

*\* student has achieved a 3.5+ GPA*

## 2018-2019 SAHAP STUDENT AWARDS

### Outstanding Students

Anna Lettieri (*Sociology*)

Mae Crew (*Anthropology*)

Inaya Wahid (*HLAPP*)

### The David and Jeannette Lewis Memorial Scholarship Award

#### *Sociology*

Phil Wood

Jessica Colvin

#### *Anthropology*

Katherine Sims

Amy Cruz

### Health Administration and Policy Program

#### Council of Majors' Book Scholarship

Alexis Bartelloni

Aesha Patel

#### Barbara E. Burkman Scholarship

Sophia Sakellariou

#### Gill Award

Fariha Khalid

#### Mary Stuart Internship Excellence Award

Rhajni Gooden



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPRING 2019 HEALTH ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY GRADUATES!

Jaskeerat Ahluwalia	America Lucero*
Fatima Amjahad	Samaha Maghari*
Alexis Bartelloni*	Katherine Magtanong
Jenna Baverman*	Sapna Mathur*
Kaleb Berhanu	Ryan Mogol
Amy Bers	Rhody Mulu*
David Bowen*	Ezinwa Nwakama*
Evan Carder	Aesha Patel*
Rabbia Choudary	Saleaha Pirzada
Colleen Corrigan	Madyson Popalis*
Madhavi Desai	Naseem Redmond
Emily Doan	Austin Rozario
Leah-Marcela Domino*	Rabia Saher*
Sarah Elkhoga	Hadyah Salehi
Samad Fakhar	Kiran Sandhu*
Kimberly Fleury	Ciara Saunders*
Luwam Gebreyesus	Jessica Shelton
Rhajni Gooden	Raza Shirazie
Lauryn Hankerson	Aakriti Shrestha
Sara Khan	Simrat Singh*
Amy Kim	Rachel Sullivan
Jacqueline Kim*	Miju Sultana
Cambria King	Vyoma Thakor
Kavita Kumar	Raissa Toure
Kelly Lajoie	Ariel Westbrook
Taleah Langley	Cassandra Willie
Jessica Linus*	Ning Zou*

\* student has achieved a 3.5+ GPA

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SAHAP MAJORS

### Distinctive Undergraduate Experience Research (DUER)

Funds undergraduate research

### Lewis Award

Supports undergraduate Sociology and Anthropology outstanding academic achievement

### Health Administration and Policy Council of Majors Book Scholarship

Provides funding for HAPP students for semester expenses

### Barbara E. Burkman Scholarship

Provides funding for HAPP students for semester expenses

### Gill Award

Awarded bi-annually to graduate students based on service to the program and GPA

### Outstanding Student Award

Selected by faculty based on service to the major and GPA

### Mary Stuart Internship Excellence Award

Awarded in spring and fall (summer graduates are eligible) semesters for excellence in the HAPP internship. Based on preceptor evaluations, faculty input, and final project.

**More information about department scholarships can be found on our website: [sahap.umbc.edu](http://sahap.umbc.edu)**



## ALUMNI NEWS



*Kelsey Krach, Anthropology 2014,  
recipient of the 2019 Rising Star Award*

Kelsey Krach currently works for Fearless, a UMBC-alumni founded digital services firm. After graduating from UMBC, Kelsey earned a Master's Degree in visual and digital media from IE Business School in Spain. Her foundation in anthropology allows her "to look at critical problems that people and cultures and societies interact with, and critically think about what it means to approach those problems."

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SUMMER 2019 GRADUATES!

### SOCIOLOGY

Robin Hutchins  
Ruth Temesgen

### ANTHROPOLOGY

Isaiah Gooley

### HAPP

Hassanatou Cecile Bah  
Amanda Bogart\*  
Joyce Effa-Boateng  
Biniam Ghirmai  
Tori Ketner\*  
Mah Noor  
Emeka Ozokwelu

*\* student has achieved a 3.5+ GPA*

### LIA ADAMS (SOCY MA 2017)

As a Social Science Research Analyst with the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) Lia reviews and analyzes potential Medicaid financial management issues. She works on the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) program which was instituted to help hospitals that serve large numbers of Medicaid and low-income patients. The DSH team recently worked on finalizing a rule (federal regulation) to implement statutorily required DSH allotment reductions. Lia relies heavily on the research and analytical skills that she learned in the Applied Sociology Master's Program to carry out her day-to-day responsibilities. When recommending a path forward to resolve an issue, she conducts an analysis of the information gathered to make an informed decision while ensuring it is in accordance with national policy. She is a member of the employee engagement team that aims to impact staff's morale, comradery, and professional development.

### MICHAEL BURGOS (SOCY MA 2017)

Last spring Michael was nominated by the University of South Carolina for the NACADA Outstanding New Advisor Award and was selected as one of 10 certificate of merit award winners in this category. He is a First-Year Academic Advisor for the College of Education at the University of South Carolina.

### KYLE EDWARDS (SOCY MA 2013)

Alum & Sociology adjunct instructor, Kyle Edwards, was awarded the Washington DC Office of Cable, Television, Film, Media and Entertainment Filmmaker of the Month award for July 2019 for his film "68."

Mr. Edwards has recently been accepted into the Spring 2020 cohort for the Institute for Documentary Filmmaking at George Washington University, which is a 6-month graduate certificate program, commencing in January.

### JOCELYN IHRIG (SOCY MA 2017)

As a Health Insurance Specialist with the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS), Jocelyn reviews state proposals submitted to CMS, provides technical assistance to State Medicaid Agencies, and makes provider payment policy recommendations regarding the payment methodologies and financing associated with fee-for-service institutional and non-institutional medical services in order to ensure compliance with Federal statutes and regulations in the Medicaid program. She has participated in collaborative work groups and review teams regarding access to care in the Medicaid program, durable medical equipment payment limit implementation, provider payment reassignment regulation, innovative maternal-infant health delivery and payment models, newly added coverage for substance use disorders/opioid treatment within the Medicaid program, and Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Demonstration application review team. She is a member of the employee engagement team that aims to impact staff's morale, comradery, and professional development.

### ALICE JEAN MCLELLAN (SOCY MA 2013)

Bank of America Senior Vice President; Global Corporate Health and Safety Manager for US/Canada/Latin America Regions.

**YAMINI NARAYAN (HAPP 2018)** As a HAPP student, Yamini was very active in both co-curricular and external internships. She interned with the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, The Urban Institute, and The Hilltop Institute studying various aspects of health policy. Yamini is currently working as a Research Fellow in the Yale Law School, studying state-level data related to firearm fatalities. She plans to complete her Master's of Public Health at the Yale School of Public Health in 2020.

## SAHAP STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

### HEALTH ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY COUNCIL OF MAJORS (HAPP COM)

HAPP COM connects students within the major through networking opportunities and meetings. HAPP COM members can expect to see volunteer opportunities, social events, contests, and alumni panels throughout this year. HAPP COM was one sponsor of the *Applying to Graduate School* forum on October 23, 2019 - a panel discussion on applying to graduate school in the social sciences.

#### 2019-2020 Executive Board

President: Leah Ramnarine  
Vice President: Inaya Wahid  
Treasurer: Yong Jiang  
Secretary: Eddie Okojie  
Public Relations: Mannat Singh  
Faculty Sponsor: Ms. Katie Birger

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*Ahlyssa Kondash, Leah Ramnarine, Sangeetha Noble, Jennah Khajeed, Favour Obasiolu  
Fall 2019 MG20 Summit Team  
AMWHO*

### AMERICAN MOCK WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (AMWHO)

The American Mock World Health Organization or Model-WHO is a conference simulation of the World Health Assembly, the annual global health policymaking forum of the World Health Organization (WHO). As chapter members of the national organization, students of UMBC come together twice a month to discuss current pressing health issues. Every 2nd Monday of the month, we hold our General Body Meetings where we discuss current topics such as refugee and migrant health, maternity healthcare, and much more! Every 4th Monday of the month, we invite professors from different educational backgrounds to speak to our student body about their experiences and research studies. These meetings titled "Snack & Learn" are a great opportunity for us to learn about potential career options in the future while learning how our area of study can impact the world around us. So far, we have had Dr. Callaghan-Koru and Professor Birger from the HAPP Department speak to us about their career achievements. We plan to prepare our students for the annual AMWHO conference taking place at UNC-Chapel Hill from April 2-5, 2020 during the Spring Semester!

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### ANTHROPOLOGY CLUB

The Anthropology Club is a student organization dedicated to the education surrounding anthropology by promoting cultural relativism, an anthropological term celebrating diversity and mutual respect of differences. The Anthropology Club aims to strengthen relationships within the community by bringing together people of different backgrounds through campus gatherings, workshops, and guest speakers. The Club also aims to support students in the study of anthropology at UMBC, both within the major and across campus.

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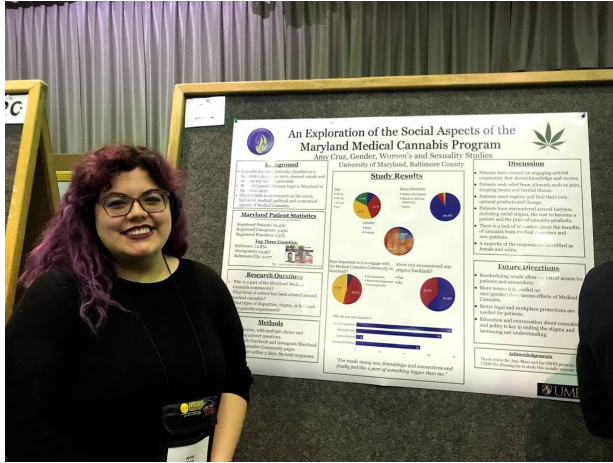
myUMBC Groups: <https://my3.my.umbc.edu/groups/anthropologyclub>

**UNDERGRAD RESEARCH  
& CREATIVE ACHIEVEMENT DAY  
(URCAD) APRIL 2019**

**Amy Cruz (ANTH/GWST 19)**

mentor: Amy Bhatt

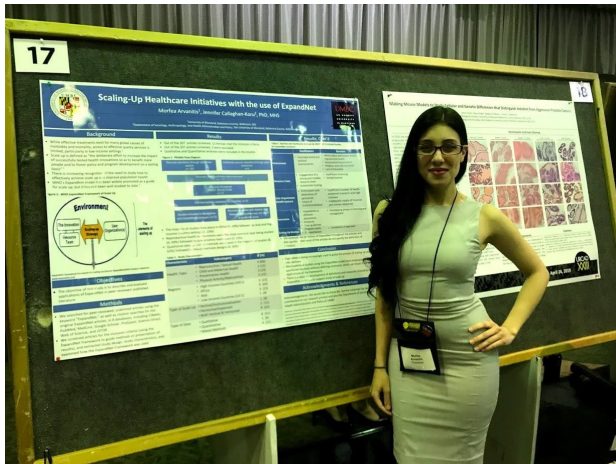
*An Exploration of the Social Aspects of the Maryland Medical Cannabis Program*



**Morfea Arvanitis (HAPP 19)**

mentor: Jennifer Callaghan-Koru

*A Systematic Review of Use of the ExpandNet Framework to Study Scale Up of Evidence-Based Health Interventions*



**Mae Crew (ANTH 19)**

mentor: Bambi Chapin

*A Case Study of the Cultural Framing of Mental Illness in the U.S.*



**FALL 2019  
ANTICIPATING GRADUATES**

**SOCIOLOGY**

*(Undergraduates)*

- Jorge Benavides
- Isabel Bridges
- Almira Claro
- Bex Dennis
- Eze Enwereuzor
- Kenya James
- Dakota Jones
- Victoria Klockenga\*
- Tiffany Ly\*
- Teresa Moore
- Mitchell Moravec
- Rachel Oddoye
- Robert Ruppolt
- Aranya Sen\*
- Nick Shoemaker
- Michelle Tinsley

**APPLIED  
SOCIOLOGY  
MASTER'S  
STUDENTS**

- Deedee Montiel\*
- Delaney Painter\*
- Daniel Sangria\*
- Lindsey Titus\*

**POST-  
BACCALAUREATE  
CERTIFICATE  
IN THE NON-  
PROFIT SECTOR**

- Deedee Montiel
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- Lindsey Titus

*\* student has achieved a 3.5+ GPA*

**ANTHROPOLOGY**

- Adam Corder
- Bex Dennis
- Zachary Nicholas
- Abraham Sadat
- Jasmine Smith

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ADMINISTRATION  
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- Ravi Bhatt
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- Ronak Desai
- Erin Echols\*
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HAPP 100: Survey of the U.S. Health Care System  
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Courses

15  
Credits

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and co-sponsored by the Doctoral Program in Gerontology  
and the Center for Social Science Scholarship

## HEALTH AND INEQUALITY LECTURE

# DEBORAH CARR

### *Golden Years? Social Inequalities in Later Life*



Deborah Carr, Ph.D., Boston University

There are millions of people over 65 who struggle with poverty, chronic illness, unsafe housing, social isolation, and mistreatment by their caretakers. Carr examines the complex ways that socioeconomic status, race, and gender shape nearly every aspect of older adults' lives. By focusing on an often-invisible group of vulnerable elders, *Golden Years?* reveals that disadvantages accumulate across the life course and profoundly undermine the well-being of millions of older adults.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

**4 P.M.**

**AOK LIBRARY GALLERY**

**BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR SALE AND SIGNING**

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**

UMBC, 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore MD, 21250

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**Samiksha Manjani**  
Spring 2019 Valedictorian  
Sociology & Political Science double major



**Jessica Linus**  
Fulbright Research Recipient  
Faculty mentor: Dr. Jamie Trevitt

### 2019-2020 URA Scholars



**Zachary Nicholas**  
(ANTH)  
*Deciphering Cultural Roles  
and Social Pressure on Par-  
ents of Children with Special  
Needs*  
Dr. Bambi Chapin



**Faith Davis & Joshua Slaughter (HAPP)**  
*The Incidence of Pursuing Healthcare After Receiving Health  
Screening in Baltimore City*  
Ms. Katie Birger



**Keisha Hale**  
Applied Sociology student and Graduate Assistant

**Keisha Hale**, was honored in September at The Children's Law Center's "Helping Children Soar" annual benefit at the Kennedy Center. Keisha was recognized for dedicating her personal and professional journey to helping other foster children achieve positive outcomes. Once a client of the Children's Law Center herself, Keisha worked with the organization during the Fall 2018 semester while taking our nonprofit course (SOCY 681) with Dr. J. Kevin Eckert.

Keisha's journey is summarized in this touching video animation produced by the Children's Law Center.

<https://vimeo.com/361391173/122c796d87>

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February 28, 2019  
Health & Inequality Lecture  
Dr. Uptal Sandesara: *Sex Selective Abortion in India*  
AOK Library Gallery

April 29, 2019  
Fulbright Scholarship Information Session  
PUP 204

### FALL 2019 EVENTS

August 26, 2019  
Graduate Student Orientation  
PUP 204

September 4, 2019  
Welcome Week Open House  
Public Policy Building Atrium

October 4, 2019  
Dena Smith's Book Signing and Reading: *Medicine Over Mind*  
AOK Library Gallery

October 23, 2019  
Applying to Graduate School Forum  
PUP 204

October 9th & November 4th  
Online Open House  
Graduate Programs in Applied Sociology

November 21, 2019  
Professor Emeritus Fred Pincus  
*Confessions of a Radical Sociologist*  
AOK Library Gallery

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### SPRING 2020

Health & Inequality Lecture  
Deborah Carr: *Golden Years? Social Inequalities in Later Life*  
Wednesday, February 26, 2020  
AOK Library Gallery

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