SOAN Courses Offered Spring, 2020

110.1  Introductory Sociology  
Yalcinkaya, MWF, 10:00-10:50
110.2  Introductory Sociology  
Yalcinkaya, MWF, 11:00-11:50
110.3  Introductory Sociology  
Yalcinkaya, MWF, 2:10-3:00
111.1  Cultural Anthropology  
Trask, TR, 10:00-11:50
111.2  Cultural Anthropology  
Trask, TR, 1:10-2:00
242  Self and Society  
Durst, MW, 2:10-3:50
279  Methods of Social Research  
Hildebrand, TR, 10:00-11:50
294  Societies and Cultures of the Middle East  
Yalcinkaya, MWF, 1:10-2:00
347  Health, Illness, Death & Disability  
Hildebrand, TR, 1:10-2:30
349  Gender in Contemporary Society  
Hildebrand, TR, 2:30-4:00
352  Urban Society  
Durst, MWF, 1:10-2:00
358  Society, Politics and Social Movements  
Dean, TR, 1:10-2:30
359  Social Inequality  
Dean, TR, 10:30-11:50
499  Seminar in Applied Sociology & Anthropology  
Durst, W, 5:00-8:30

There was an EXCELLENT turnout for the SOAN Fall Social held Friday Sept 27th!!! Paul introduced Leigh Ann Emmons (new department secretary) and Vanessa Hildebrand (new faculty member). JD introduced our guest - Dr. Brent Stoffle ’91, who shared how his OWU experience and SOAN degree influenced his career in applied anthropology (currently a Social Scientist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Marine Fisheries Service). He encouraged all interested students to contact him for information and assistance with future opportunities.

Upcoming Events

Social Mobility and Social Democracy in Denmark
Tuesday, Oct 15th at 12:00-1:00 in Corns 316
Denmark has one of the highest rates of mobility in the world, prompting people to say, “If you want the American Dream, then go to Denmark.” Come learn more about Denmark’s model of social democracy, from the view of OWU students, staff, and faculty who traveled there on a theory-to-practice grant in May.

Hough Awards Presentation
Friday, Oct 25th at Noon - 1PM in Elliott 101
This competitive SOAN award funds applied experiences with the “under-privileged class.” Last year’s winners Dylan Hays ’20 and Megan Dalton ‘20 will share their experiences.
The department of Sociology/Anthropology and the office of Community Service Learning are excited to bring together campus and community with our Social Justice Calendar (search “Social Justice Calendar” on owu.edu). By helping communicate events led by faculty, staff, students, civic leaders, local residents, and organizations, we hope to promote deeper engagement and activism in all forms of life. If you are organizing or know of an event that helps to build community, address social justice issues, or promote service and activism, please email us at socialjustice@owu.edu.

GLCA Students of Color Leadership Conference 2019

**Still I Rise: Dreams of Our Ancestors**

We all come from somewhere and somebody.

We are all on a journey to somewhere, to become somebody.

But sometimes we fail to remember and understand where we came from and who had to work hard in order to get us all to a more tolerable, aware, and accepting society.

This year’s theme revolves around the appreciation and gratitude we have for our ancestors who made it possible for us to thrive in the modern day world!

The annual Students of Color Leadership Conference (SOCLC) is hosted by a different GLCA school each year to provide students of color with the opportunity to encourage academic success; strengthen their skills of leadership and cultural awareness; develop effective activism skills; and network with their peers from similar institutions, backgrounds and experiences.

Visit the Conference home page (https://www.owu.edu/about/offices-services-directory/office-of-multicultural-student-affairs/glca-2019/) for information on the schedule, hotels, parking, and registration. Registration Cost: Free including all meals (Breakfast included in nightly rate with recommended hotels).

FACULTY UPDATES:

**RETIREMENTS - Elliott will never be the same!**

Dr. Ted Cohen retired at the end of the spring semester, bringing to an end thirty-five years of good things.

Dr. Mary Howard retired at the end of spring semester after beginning her career as an OWU faculty in 1985. Her plans are to continue learning about Guatemala's environment, history and culture while enjoying the company of her family.

**NEW CHAIR - Dr. Paul Dean!**

As the new chair of the SOAN department, Dr. Dean (far right) is excited to work with the SOAN Student Board, creating greater community within the department and helping students learn more about opportunities with the major. He is Co-Director of the Social Justice major, now in its third year.

In May, Dr. Dean travelled with Brad Pulcini and 3 students to Denmark. Everyone who participated in the trip was a first-gen student or graduate. The group researched social mobility in Denmark. See our announcement in this newsletter about our presentation on October 15th.

Over his sabbatical in Spring 2019, Dr. Dean began collecting data for his new research project, focusing on first generation college graduates.
FACULTY UPDATES (continued)

He completed 33 in-depth interviews with first-gen graduates in professional occupations. Dr. Dean is interested in examining cultural capital among first-gen students and career pathways that help first-gen grad students give back to working-class communities. On a second book project, he is continuing to revise his globalization textbooks.

Dr. John “JD” Durst is busy with plans for Spring semester:

- SOAN 352, Urban Society, is to visit several cities where the class will observe the variation in urban life in the post-industrial Midwest.
- SOAN 242, Self and Society, students will focus on issues of identity and Inequality.
- SOAN 499, Senior Seminar, format will change from previous years but will still include visiting and having class at the Ohio Reformatory for Women during the last 8 weeks of the semester.

JD’s research continues on Appalachian Migration as well as issues of placement of mentally ill offenders. He is the contact person for the Urban Life Center in Chicago, where this Fall, OWU has 2 students. He is also co-coordinator (along with Dr. Dean) of our new and growing Social Justice major.

On a personal note - JD is celebrating 23 years of marriage to wife Stacey, and 16 years of being Tanner’s Dad. Parenting a 16 yr old young male has confirmed to him - “what goes around comes around”!

Dr. Alper Yağcınkaya continues to work on projects that combine his research and teaching interests.

In the summer of 2019, Yağcınkaya attended two conferences on science and religion, he published a chapter on debates on science and Islam in Turkey, and has an article in press on the same topic.

In the fall semester, he is teaching an Honors Seminar entitled Science, Religion and Society: A Cross-Cultural Exploration. He is also currently developing a research project in which he will interview young religious people about their views on the relations between religion and science.

Dr Yağcınkaya also went on a scouting trip to Istanbul, Turkey in the summer. He is excited to offer his course SOAN 294 Societies and Cultures of the Middle East as a travel learning course in Spring 2020. The optional travel component will be a 10-day trip to Istanbul in May.

INTRODUCING NEW TEAM MEMBER!

Dr. Vanessa Hildebrand is happily settling into Ohio Wesleyan life and academics. She is teaching Introduction to Cultural Anthropology and The Family this semester. Next semester she will be teaching Gender, Medical Anthropology, and Research Methods. A book on research methods in medical ethics was just released with a chapter that Dr. Hildebrand wrote with a colleague. The chapter is simply called “Ethnography.”

Dr. Hildebrand wishes to thank everyone for the very warm welcome that she has received in the last month and encourages students to introduce themselves to her as members of the SOAN community.

Delaware Mural Project

Ohio Wesleyan’s Erin Fletcher, director of the Ross Art Museum, wanted to install public murals to integrate art more visibly into the community. Erin and artist Brent Cook, desired the creative process to be the emphasis and the relationships forged to be the lasting masterpiece. Cook’s design (integrated concepts of community shared by workshop participants) intended to celebrate “the people of this place now...giving them a voice and sharing the great things they do.” The exhibition, “Making the Delaware Mural Project,” is on display through Dec. 12 in the Beeghly Library’s Gallery 2001. The murals may be viewed at Andrews House (39 W. Winter St) and the Second Ward Community Center (50A Ross St). A 3rd mural is planned for the Common Ground Free Store (193 E. Central Ave). (Info credit - Cole Hatcher, OWU. Photo credit - Joshua Keeran, The Gazette)
GRADUATE WITH UNIVERSITY HONORS:

For details and deadlines: https://www.owu.edu/academics/honors-program/

DEADLINE: 11/8/2019 for seniors!

Service Learning Class: In the Spring semester, Dr. Dean's Social Inequality class will be built around a semester-long service learning project. If you are interested in engaging with the Delaware community, exploring careers in non-profit work, and getting hands on experience, consider enrolling in SOAN 359!

Emily Fitton Prize Paper Award:

This award is granted to the student who completes the most outstanding research paper in a sociology/anthropology course.

- Subject - sociological/anthropological issue
- Must be from a 2019 spring or fall SOAN course
- Submitted to the SOAN secretary anonymously
- Award & cash prize presented at the SOAN End-of-Year Picnic.

DEADLINE: End of February 2020

Hough Award:

This award is granted to a student who uses it to secure "practical acquaintance with the underprivileged class." This award is normally given to pay expenses for work completed during the following summer.

The recipient makes a presentation the fall semester following completion of the project.

Submit a brief proposal stating what you intend to accomplish; when, where, how, and other details; and how much funding is needed.

DEADLINE: End of March 2020

EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES:

Theory-to-Practice Grant Program:

Three opportunities to submit for funding: October 15, January 17, and March 6.

See www.owu.edu/tpg for more information.

Contact: Darrell Albon at tpgrants@owu.edu.

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Term Dates: Spring 2020: January 03 - April 24
Summer 2020: June 03 - July 29

Further details of these and other SOAN Awards/Prizes at:  http://sociology.owu.edu/awards/awards.htm