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DEPARTMENT NEWS

2013 O'Connor Lecture features CC Sociology Alum

The Annual Daniel Patrick O'Connor Memorial Lecture in Social Justice exists to promote the principles of scholarship, research, and volunteerism in the service for social justice. This year's O'Connor lecture features Roberto Gonzales, PhD, of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, who will present "Lives in Limbo: Undocumented Young Adults and the Conflicting Experiences of Belonging and Illegality." A Colorado College alum, Dr. Gonzales administered the West Coast Undocumented Young Adults Research Project, collecting in-depth histories of hundreds of undocumented young people in California and Washington. To date, this is the "biggest and most systematic effort to understand these young people and their untenable circumstances." Dr. Gonzales continues to study the effects of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and the policy's widened access for undocumented young people in education, work, civic presence, and mental well-being. More information about Dr. Gonzales can be found on page 2!

PIFP Season is Upon Us!

The Public Interest Fellowship Program (PIFP) is gearing up for another year of placing driven, enthusiastic, and talented Colorado College students in non-profits around the state for summer or yearlong paid fellowships. This year, CC is excited to be partnering with a host of organizations: many former partnerships and some new. The stipend for yearlong fellows will be \$23,000 plus medical insurance, and the stipend for summer fellows will be \$3500. The application deadline is January 29 and there will be three information sessions in the upcoming months (see upcoming events). Please email Jeff.Livesay@ColoradoCollege.edu or Lani.Hinkle@ColoradoCollege.edu for more information.

Sociological Imagination Holiday Potluck!

This block, the Sociological Imagination Discussion will take the form of a festive winter potluck on Monday, December 16th from 7pm-9pm in the Sociology Suite. This potluck will double as the Sociological Imagination Discussion for the block, so come prepared to discuss the topic at hand: Deconstructing the Holidays. This is a potluck event, and all attendees must bring at least one food or drink item. RSVP by Friday, December 6th to Elizabeth.K.Michaels@ColoradoCollege.edu. Please notify Eli of what food item you will be bringing at this time.

Drew Foster '08 Receives ASA Best Paper Award

The American Sociological Association (ASA) Sociology of the Body and Embodiment section has awarded Drew Foster (CC Sociology Alum, 2008) with its 2013 Graduate Student Paper Award for his paper "Aspirational Habitus, Embodiment, and Sport: Explaining Cross-Class Participation in Aikido." Drew is currently completing his PhD in Sociology from the University of Michigan. Congratulations Drew!

UPCOMING EVENTS

2013 O'CONNOR LECTURE

Roberto Gonzales:

"Lives in Limbo: Undocumented Young Adults and the Conflicting Experiences of Belonging and Illegality."

Wednesday, December 11th, 7:00 p.m.

Richard F. Celeste Theatre,

Cornerstone Arts Center, Colorado College

Free and Open to the Public

Public Interest Fellowship Program Information Sessions (3 dates)

Thursday, December 5th at 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11th at 12:15 p.m.

Thursday, January 23rd at 12:15 p.m.

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Sociological Imagination First-Year Edition: Continuing the Conversation

Thursday, December 12, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sociology Seminar Room (Palmer 131F)

First-Year Students Only

No prior Sociology experience required

RSVP Mandatory by Tuesday, Dec 10th

Sociological Imagination Holiday Potluck: Deconstructing the Holidays

Monday, December 16, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sociology Suite (Palmer 131)

RSVP Mandatory by Wednesday, Dec 11th

Tell Eli what food item you will bring!

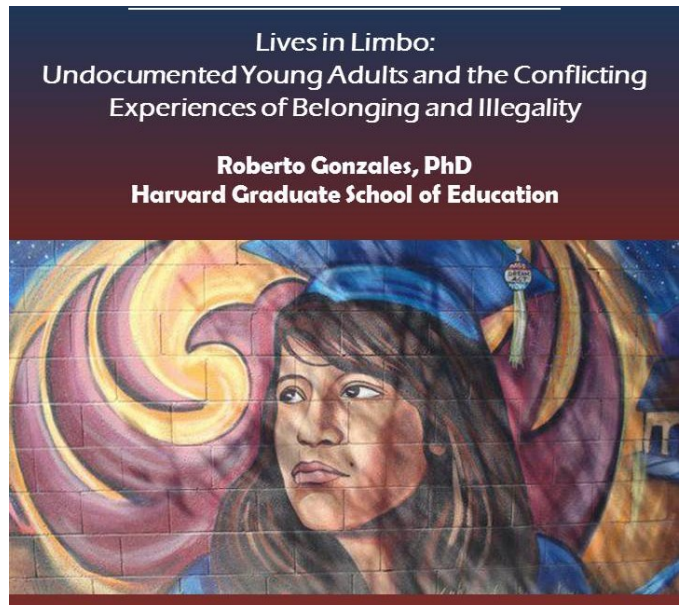


Sociology Department Offers Unique Block Break Excursions

Following block 3, the Sociology Department offered a series of excursions around Colorado Springs to showcase local attractions and cultural events, and provide fun, free, and unique programming or any students staying on campus for the break. On Thursday, students visited the Fine Arts Center to see the "Reflections of the Past in Contemporary Native American Art" exhibit and enjoyed local ice cream from Josh & Johns. On Friday, students took a bus to the local mountain town of Manitou Springs where they explored local shops and galleries before warming up with a delicious lunch at Adam's Mountain Café. On Saturday, students visited the IvyWild School, which held a Winter Farmer's Market. Students perused the seasonal produce and local goods, explored the IvyWild School Community Spaces, and enjoyed delicious treats from the Old School Bakery (photo at left). Over 40 students enjoyed the events over the course of three days, all of whom expressed enthusiasm about this inaugural program. The department plans to offer similar excursions following blocks 5 and 7.

A big thank you to the Dean of Students for making these events possible!

FEATURED PERSON: Roberto Gonzales, PhD



Roberto Gonzales will be presenting the 2013 O'Connor lecture on December 11th in the Richard F. Celeste Theatre in the Cornerstone Arts Center.

Roberto is a qualitative sociologist whose research focuses on the ways in which legal and educational institutions shape the everyday experiences of poor, minority, and immigrant youth along the life course. He is recognized as one of the nation's leading experts on undocumented immigrant youth and young adults. Over the last decade he has been engaged in critical inquiry regarding what happens to undocumented immigrant children as they make transitions to adolescence and young adulthood. Since 2003 his West Coast Undocumented Young Adults Research Project — in Los Angeles and Seattle — has collected in-depth qualitative data on the adolescent and adult experiences of undocumented young adults who have lived in the U.S. since childhood. This research has helped scholars, policymakers, and educators gain a better understanding of their educational trajectories, how they come of age, and how a segment of these young people engages in civic and political activity.

He is currently engaged in two projects aimed at better understanding the effects of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program: the National UnDACAmented Research Project, a longitudinal study to assess the effects of widened access among undocumented immigrant young adults; and a companion study to assess DACA implementation in schools and community based organizations. He is also carrying out a comparative study of immigrant youth in the U.S. and the UK. His work is being supported by MacArthur, Irvine, and Heising-Simons Foundations. Gonzales serves on the editorial board of Social Problems and the City of Chicago Office of New Americans Advisory Board. In addition to top social science journals, his work has been featured in the New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, TIME, Wall Street Journal, U.S. News and World Report, The Chronicle of Higher Education, CNN, and NPR. He is currently completing a book manuscript based on his 10 year study of undocumented young adults in Los Angeles.

Prior to his faculty position at Harvard, Gonzales was on faculty at the University of Chicago and the University of Washington. He received a B.A. from Colorado College, an M.A. at the University of Chicago, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology from the University of California - Irvine.