

# SOCSOURCE

## BLOCK 2 | SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2015

### Block 2, Here We Come!

It didn't take long for this year to be officially under way. This SocSource is jam-packed with upcoming events on campus, student stories, deadlines to keep track of, and sociological news. With the Block Plan already roaring at break-neck speed, take a moment to sit down, read the SocSource, and see what's going on in the CC sociology department.

### Sociologists Socializing

We had our first-ever Sociology Department Meet and Greet in Block 1. First-years through seniors alike joined declared-majors as well as the sociologically-inclined for a lovely outdoor luncheon. Fun was had all around!



Professors Dantzler, Roberts, Giuffre, and Popkin having fun in the...shade.



Members of the Gender Inequality FYE. L to R: Hannah, Alexandra, Professor Thomas, Morgan, Katelyn, Megan, and Nadia.



The Celia's

### Mark Your Calendars

#### Sociology Student Research Methods Colloquium

Thursday, October 1, 2015

12:15-1:15 pm

Palmer Room 123

Sociology majors Jane Finocharo '16, Celia Palmer '16, Lindsay Shin '16, and Emiko Smukler '17 will be presenting their final research projects from the Block 1 Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods courses. This is a fantastic opportunity to see what your peers have been up to. Lunch will be provided for those who RSVP to [Helen.L.Feldman@coloradocollege.edu](mailto:Helen.L.Feldman@coloradocollege.edu) by Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> (include any dietary restrictions!).

#### William Powers: *New Slow City*

Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

4-6 pm

Tutt Science Lecture Hall, Room 122

William Powers, an adjunct professor at NYU, will be speaking at CC about his new book *New Slow City: Living Simply in the World's Fastest City*. The reading will be followed by a catered dinner brought to us by Mobile Meals and Colorado Springs Food Rescue. Read about the book in Vanessa Voller's '16 review on page 3.

### Thesis Corner

#### Thesis Decompression Hour!

Come discuss, vent, escape from, ask questions about all things THESIS! Every Thursday 2-3 pm in Helen's office, Palmer 129

#### GS399: Senior Thesis Research and Planning Adjunct

An adjunct for those at the beginning stages of thesis-writing. Blocks 3 and 4

## Upcoming Events on Campus

### Summer Research Symposium

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

3:30-6 pm

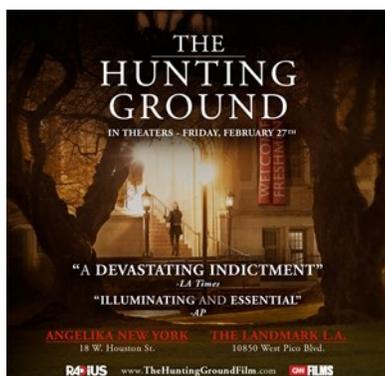
Cornerstone Main Space

The Summer Undergraduate Research Symposium is the culminating event after months of undergraduate collaborative research conducted by Colorado College students. **Madelene Travis '17** was one of the students who conducted research this past summer. Read about her experience below!

### Madelene Travis's '17 Summer Research

This past summer I worked with Professors Gail Murphy-Geiss and Deborah Smith on a research project examining the relationships of female academics who are partnered with non-academic men. The project focused on gender dynamics, particularly academic life-course complications and the ways in which femininities and masculinities are navigated in the relationship. During the summer I conducted (and transcribed) a dozen interviews with Colorado College female faculty and soon we'll sit down and begin the data analysis!

## Save the Date



### The Hunting Ground

Thursday, October 29, 2015

7-9 pm

Armstrong Theatre

From the Academy Award-nominated filmmaking team

behind *The Invisible War*, comes a startling exposé of sexual assault on U.S. campuses, institutional cover-ups and the brutal social toll on victims and their families. The film screening will be followed by a panel discussion with President Tiefenthaler, Gail Murphy-Geiss, and other campus leaders on CC's response to sexual assault on our campus.

## 3-Day Event on Capital Punishment

### Why States Kill: The History of Capital Punishment from the Medieval to the Modern

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

7-9 pm

Gaylord Hall

Paul Friedland of Cornell University's Department of History opens three days of college and community discussion on the death penalty.

### The Cost of Killing: Dimensions of Capital Punishment

Thursday, October 1, 2015

7-9 pm

Richard F. Celeste Theatre

In this lecture, George Williams, Jesuit priest and Death Row chaplain at San Quentin, will explore what the death penalty means to human beings—both those who face it and those who, as a culture and a judicial system, control it.

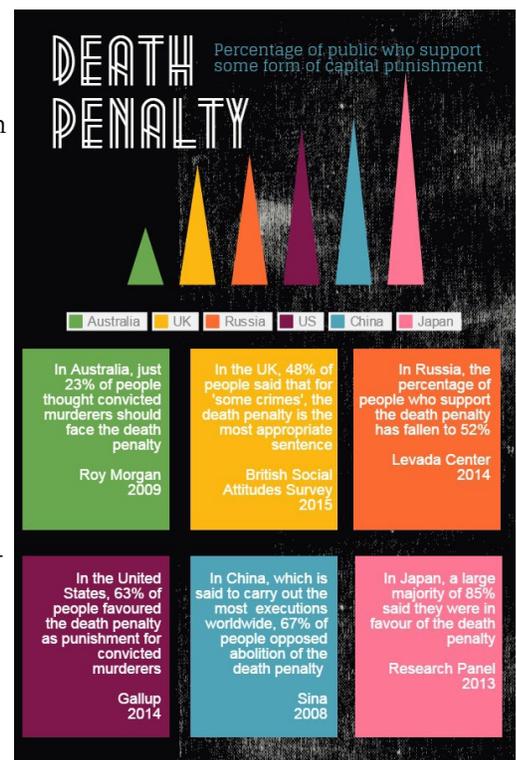
### Does Capital Punishment Make Sense? Historical and Ethical Perspectives

Friday, October 2, 2015

12 pm

Richard F. Celeste Theatre

In this discussion, historian Paul Friedland and Death Row chaplain George Williams resume their prior two evenings' wrenching topic, the death penalty, in a conversation moderated by Richard Celeste, former governor of Ohio, ambassador to India, and president of Colorado College.



## Do you need funds for research?

The Sociology Department O'Connor Grants are funds to support student research and travel as well as other innovative projects. The project must be related to the theme of social justice, broadly conceived, that is, the maldistribution of economic resources, political power, and cultural respect as well as strategies to correct these inequities. The department will fund a limited number of individual proposals of up to \$500 each during 2015-16. Proposed projects may involve thesis research, but the department is willing to fund projects for other purposes as well. For more information on how to apply for an O'Connor Grant, contact Wade Roberts at [wroberts@coloradocollege.edu](mailto:wroberts@coloradocollege.edu).

### O'Connor Grant Recipients in 2014-2015

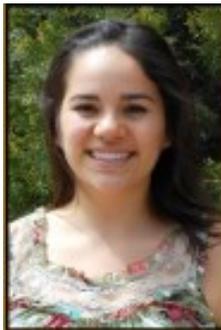
#### Rachel Maremont '15

Rachel used her O'Connor Grant award to travel to Harlingen, Texas for a block to work with an organization called ProBAR (a south Texas pro bono asylum representation project), which provides free legal representation to unaccompanied minor children who are facing deportation. The research she conducted there greatly informed her senior thesis in sociology.



#### Flor Chavez '15

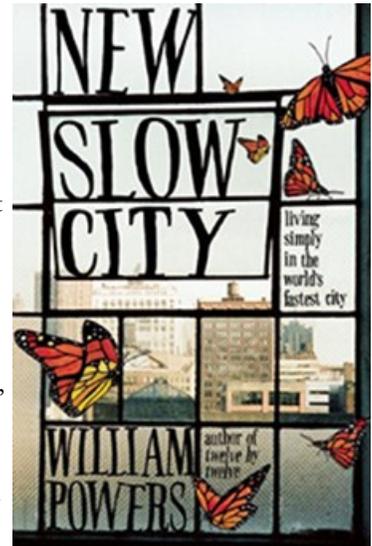
Flor was able to travel to Cardiff, Wales, with the help of the O'Connor Grant. While there, she shadowed Member of Parliament Kevin Brennan. Her time there enabled her to observe the differences in the social interactions between the MP and his constituents compared to political candidates in the United States. She was also able to participate in the political campaign and understand how multi-party democracies function.



## What We're Reading

### *New Slow City: Living Simply in the World's Fastest City* by William Powers

Burned out and exhausted after twenty-plus years of intense humanitarian aid and conservation work around the world, William (Bill) Powers spent a season living in a 12'x12' self-sustaining cabin off the grid in rural North Carolina. When his newly-wed wife, Melissa C. Draper, was offered an excellent job in New York City, Bill wondered, "Could I live a similarly minimalist, leisure-rich way in the belly of the



go-go beast — New York City?" To find out, Bill and Melissa jettisoned 80 percent of their stuff, left their 2,000-square-foot Queens townhouse, and moved into a 350-square-foot "micro apartment" in Greenwich Village. Downshifting to a 20-hour workweek, Bill explores the viability of Slow Food and Slow Money, technology fasts and urban sanctuaries, rooftop gardening and beekeeping while discovering a colorful cast of New Yorkers attempting to resist the culture of Total Work, busyness, and perpetual hurry. Bill offers an inspiring and timely tale for anyone trying to make urban (and block plan!) life more joyful, mindful, and people- and planet-friendly.

*Reviewed by Vanessa Voller*

## Deadlines

**August 1 – October 1, 2015:** Spring Study Abroad applications (rolling, first-come, first-served).

**Early October, 2015:** Latest time to take the GRE for most graduate programs (if applying in December).

**October 13, 2015 (5:00 p.m. ET):** Fulbright Scholarship application deadline.

**October 14, 2015:** Gates Cambridge Scholarship application deadline (Round 1).

