

# SOCSOURCE

BACK TO SCHOOL ISSUE | SEPTEMBER 2014

*"The function of sociology, as of every science, is to reveal that which is hidden."* ~Pierre Bourdieu

## WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back! We hope you all had restful yet productive summers. Released on the first Friday of the block, SocSource is your source for news, events, people, and places related to the Colorado College Department of Sociology. We welcome and encourage contributions from students. Please share your stories, photos, popular culture critiques, sociology jokes, writing, or anything else related to sociology! Email submissions to [Steph.Olivas@ColoradoCollege.edu](mailto:Steph.Olivas@ColoradoCollege.edu).

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### New Faces!

We are excited to welcome two new professors, Vanessa Muñoz and Mateo Muñoz, and a new staff assistant, Lisa Ruth. Be sure to introduce yourself and check out the exciting new courses available this year!

### Vanessa Muñoz

Vanessa received her Ph.D. in Sociology from Brandeis University in 2014. Her research interests include Qualitative Research Methods, Medical Sociology, Sociology of Gender, Sociology of Families, and Education.

### Courses taught

Block 1: SO302 – Qualitative Research Methods

Block 3: SO112 – Gender Inequality

Block 5: SO235 – Sociology of Family

Block 8: SO290 – Sociology of the Body & Health

### Mateo Muñoz

Mateo received his Ph.D. in History of Science from Harvard University in 2014.

### Courses taught

Block 2: SO290 – Sociology of Science

Block 4: SO118 – Deviance & Social Control

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Block 7: SO290 – Social Theory from the Margins

### Lisa Ruth

Lisa is continuing her long history with Colorado College as the new Sociology Staff Assistant. She graduated from CC in 1992, and for the last 3 years, has been working at Tutt Library in Government Documents and with the Circulation Department. Prior to that, Lisa worked for several small non-profits, engaged in volunteer activities, and concentrated on raising her three daughters.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Block 1

#### The Sociological Imagination Luncheon: Ferguson

Thursday, September 11, 2014,

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Palmer 122

The Sociological Imagination Luncheon Series provides students with the opportunity to apply a sociological framework outside of the classroom. Students gather over pizza for informal, yet educated discourse about a current event or social problem. Any sociology student – declared major or otherwise – is welcome. Those who wish to participate must RSVP to Steph by the second Tuesday of the block at 4pm. Email [Steph.Olivas@ColoradoCollege.edu](mailto:Steph.Olivas@ColoradoCollege.edu) to reserve your spot!

### Sociology Block Break Programs

Not going on a backpacking vacation this block break? No problem! Following the success of last year's inaugural Sociology Department Block Break Programs, we will be continuing this new tradition starting block break 1! Stay tuned for more details about what this round of fun and inclusive local excursions will entail!

## DEADLINES THIS MONTH

**Friday, 9/12:** Teach for America Application due (Round 2)

**Friday, 9/19:** Senior Thesis Advisor Request Forms due.

**Monday, 9/29:** O'Connor Grant Applications due (Round 1).

## DEPARTMENT NEWS



### Meet the 2014-2015 Student Advisory Board

Your sociology student representation! Helen Feldman ('15), Taylor Moore ('15), and Jesús Loayza ('16) make up this year's Student Advisory Board, or SAB (pictured from left to right). The SAB is responsible for planning events, such as the *Sociological Imagination Luncheon Series*, contributing to the *SocSource*, and acting as the sociology student voice.

## STUDENT STORIES

Our students do amazing things both inside the classroom and out in the world. Learn what some of our own have been up to this summer!

**Vanessa Voller ('16)** This summer, Vanessa worked as a Program Director for an international non-profit called Amigos de las Americas (AMIGOS) in Pérez Zeledón, Costa Rica. Founded in 1965, AMIGOS facilitates summer and year-long programs for youth across the Americas to participate in grass-root community development projects and cross cultural exchange. Vanessa worked closely with an AMIGOS partner agency, Casa de la Juventud, to plan, facilitate and evaluate a six-week summer program in the Pérez Zeledón region for 45 US American high school students and about ninety Costa Rican high school students. Vanessa hopes to recruit more CC students (particularly Sociology majors!) to become more involved with AMIGOS in future years.

**Helen Feldman ('15)** Helen was the Development Intern at ECPAT-USA (End Child Prostitution and Trafficking) in Brooklyn, New York this summer. ECPAT-USA works to end child sexual exploitation through policy advocacy, work with the private sector and corporate social responsibility, and education of first responders and citizens about the commercial sexual exploitation of children in the United States. Helen was introduced to the world of nonprofit development strategy this summer, where she identified potential funding sources, wrote letters of intent to prospective grantmakers, and helped to compile grant proposals to major foundations. The experience of working in a small nonprofit in the anti-trafficking field was invaluable, and Helen is excited to continue working on the issue in Colorado Springs this year.



Left to Right: Sarah Porter Development Associate, Helen Feldman Development Intern, Carol Smolenski Executive Director, and Genna Goldsobel State Policy Coordinator.



**Tyler Green ('15)** Tyler interned for Mano a Mano in Cochabamba, Bolivia, which is an NGO focused on sustainable development via construction of medical centers, schools, and roads. Tyler worked with 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at a local school to implement a recycling program and construct a sustainable garden (lettuce, radishes, peas, tomatoes, and parsley, among other produce, were planted) in front of the school. In addition to working, Tyler found time to practice his Spanish over World Cup-related discussions and delicious food!

Photo: Tyler and some of his students showing off the new school garden to a community member.