



SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY NEWSLETTER



Fall 2024



Message from the Chair

Welcome back to Sociology and Criminology for another exciting academic year! Whether you are returning to campus or joining us for the first time, we are thrilled to have you as part of our vibrant and dynamic community.

Our department faculty, staff, and students continue to strive to make an influential impact at the institutional level, within the community and in research. I am truly privileged to write the Head's Message for SaC's inaugural edition of our newsletter!

Over the previous year, the department has undertaken some changes with hiring three tenure-track faculty members who have joined our vibrant team. We have also done some renovations within our space by repainting our hallways, replacing outdated signage, and adding a wide-screen television to provide welcoming and up-to-date information for our students, faculty, and visitors. We have also renovated our student spaces, our main conference room, and added a smart screen for hybrid meetings, presentations, and international teleconferencing. Excitingly, we have reinvigorated our undergraduate student society (called CrimSoc Connect), too.

The state of our department is increasingly leading-edge, and as we embark on the new year, SaC will continue advancing safe spaces where academic innovation, collaboration, critical discussion, and research thrive as campus leaders on equity, diversity, inclusion, and decolonization!

To all our students, both new and returning, I am confident that you will succeed in your journeys of academic discovery and growth alongside our renowned and compassionate faculty and staff. Together, we will ensure that the 2024-25 academic year is filled with remarkable achievements, unique experiences, and most of all, friendship, mutual respect, and comradery.

Dr. John Deukmedjian

Department Head and Chair

New Members of the Department

We are very pleased to welcome our new faculty members!



Dr. Carlo Charles joined the department as an Assistant Professor. Carlo specializes in the sociology of international migration, sexualities, social and economic inequality, and race and ethnicity. Over the past year, he has presented research at several conferences, including the Canadian Sociological Association, the American Sociological Association, the Haitian Studies Association, and the American Studies Association, among others.



Dr. Camisha Sibblis joined the department as an Assistant Professor. She is currently the Director of the Black Scholars Institute (BSI), and a Registered Social Worker. She specializes in systemic oppression, anti-Black racism, Criminal Justice, the sociology of education, mental health, and neo-coloniality.



Dr. Wesley Tourangeau has also joined the department as an Assistant Professor. His work connects green criminology and critical criminology with socio-ecological sustainability and systems thinking. This includes researching systems of regulation, discourse, and practice that influence interactions between humans, non-human animals, and the natural environment. His work is published in journals such as Critical Criminology, Geoforum, and the Canadian Journal of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Department of Sociology & Criminology Retiree(s)



In 2023 Dr. Gerald Craddock retired after a illustrious career within Sociology. His focus and expertise was in institutional responses to child abuse.



Faculty Promotions

Congratulations to our faculty who have achieved a milestone in their academic career this year.

Dr. Renu Sharma-Persaud was promoted to Sessional Lecturer (III)

Dr. Francisca Omorodion was promoted to Full Professor

Dr. Cheran Rudhramoorthy was promoted to Full Professor



Dr. Renu
Sharma-Persaud



Dr. Francisca
Omorodion



Dr. Cheran
Rudhramoorthy

Research Spotlight: Sabbatical in France

Dr. Ronjon Paul Datta, Associate Professor and Graduate Faculty member specializing in social theory, spent his half-sabbatical (January 2024 to June 2024) as Chercheur Invité at the Centre Émile Durkheim and the Faculté de Sociologie at the Université de Bordeaux, France.



Photo: Dr. Datta outside Émile and Melanie Durkheim's first home in Bordeaux, France. (current address: 9 Boulevard Franklin Roosevelt; originally, 179 Boulevard de Talence).

Dr. Datta was conducting research for his book on Durkheim, and for a chapter on Durkheim, Foucault, and exclusion for a contemporary collection being edited by Drs. Paul Carls and Marcel Fournier.

Bordeaux was the context for Durkheim's most productive and innovative period, 1887-1902. Dr. Datta conducted research on this milieu to provide a contemporary humanistic view on the emergence of modern French sociology during this very dynamic, contradictory, and volatile period of the French Third Republic.

Dr. Datta benefited significantly from immersion in the contemporary French sociology scene, and especially from regular collegial discussions with senior faculty members at Bordeaux, especially Matthieu Béra and Ronan Hervouet. Of his sojourn, he reports that it was "the best decision I've made as an academic since becoming a professor. It changed my understanding of the history and development of French society and its political culture."

Faculty Awards and Recognitions

Dr. Carlo Charles won the CSA Outstanding Sociology Graduate Student for his PhD program at McMaster University: <https://www.csa-scs.ca/outstanding-graduating-sociology-student-award>

Dr. Carlo Charles won the Best Doctoral Thesis Award at the Université des Antilles and received a contract to publish part of his thesis as a manga by the National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) Foundation in France.

Dr. Ronjon Paul Datta and Dr. Reza Nakhaie – Canadian Review of Sociology Journal Best Article Award 2023 (June 8, 2023) <https://mailchi.mp/csa-scs/2023-award-announcement-06082023>

Dr. Francisca Omorodion: FAHSS Research/Creative Activity Excellence Award (May 16, 2024).

Dr. Renu Sharma-Persaud won a 2023 Employee Recognition Award – the Impact Award for Innovation (March 6, 2024).

Faculty Spotlight: World Health Organization (WHO) and Ethics

During her sabbatical (2022-23), Dr. Suzanne McMurphy was a consultant to the World Health Organization's Science Division, working with the Secretariat to the Research Ethics Committee as part of an international team preparing and managing research ethics review files. During the two years she worked with WHO, she initiated and managed a weekly on-line drop-in centre for research ethics for WHO staff and researchers.



This past term (Winter 2024), Dr. McMurphy worked with researchers in Ireland to develop a set of on-line modules for training on research ethics for researchers and ethics committee members. She is currently working with the team from Ireland on enhancing these modules as resources for the scholarship of research ethics.

Spotlight: Faculty Publications

Dr. Carlo Charles published a research report on “The well-being of LGBTQA+ in Ontario (June 2024)

<https://www.francoqueer.ca/accueil>

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dx8o25gM1ID_yg0UUIf05wCwzJlXsar5/view.

Rudhramoorthy, Cheran and Aiken, Sharryn. Theatre of Genocide and Creative Solidarities in Genocide Today. Edited by Ezat Mossallenijad. Zagros Editions and Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture (CCVT). 2023. Pp 239-251.

Arts and Culture:

Play "Kap o Mond," co-written by Dr. Carlo Charles and fellow playwright Alice Carré. Produced in Martinique, France (January 2024) and Guadeloupe (May 2024)

<https://moukden-theatre.com/kap-o-mond/>

Making a Difference

Dr. Carlo Charles was re-appointed by the Toronto City Council to the Toronto Francophone Affairs Committee in November 2023 for a three-year tenure until 2026. Toronto: <https://secure.toronto.ca/pa/decisionBody/682.do>.

Dr. Carlo Charles was a Visiting Scholar at the Digital Intimacy, Gender and Sexuality Lab at Concordia University (May-June 2024), he gave a public lecture on my ongoing research on Queer Transnational Space.

Dr. Ronjon Paul Datta was elected to the Canadian Sociological Association Executive, as Chair of the Policy, Ethics and Professional Concerns Subcommittee.

Dr. Natalie Delia became the first Department Head of Interdisciplinary & Critical Studies (laCS) (July 2023).

Dr. Amy Fitzgerald became the VPRI Internal Research Chair at the University of Windsor (July 2023).

Dr. Cheran Rudhramoorthy was a Panelist at Harvard University at the Department of English for the launch of the book Out of Sri Lanka (November 3, 2023, Barker Center, Harvard University) and readings from the book.

Dr. Camisha Sibblis is the first Director of the University of Windsor's Black Scholars Institute.



Research Spotlight: Faces of Racism



Dr. Jane Ku and Dr. Francisca Omorodion are undertaking a SSHRC-funded three-year multi-disciplinary project to explore and document the racialized experience of African, Caribbean, and Black (ACB) women in the Windsor Essex community.

The ACB community experiences inequality in many aspects of social life because of the systemic racism, such as education, immigration, criminal justice, labor market, economic income, etc. The project will develop a comprehensive examination of systemic racism in Windsor Essex, with the guidance of feminist intersectionality and critical race theory. The outcomes include developing strategies for ACB women to challenge racism, nurture the capacity of community organizations to address gendered racism, and contribute to the promotion of anti-racist knowledge and legal frameworks.

The project engages seven researchers across disciplines (with five additional research appointments to students and two community researchers), four ACB community-based organizations and two legal services.



Graduate Student Achievements in 2023-24

The following students completed a Course Based Masters Degree in Sociology or Criminology

Andrew Chapados (Sociology)	Natalia Kasprowicz (Criminology)
Jasmine Chio (Criminology)	Patrick Masse (Criminology)
Lauren Edwards (Criminology)	Trinity Myers (Sociology)
Mohammadreza Fallahshahroudi (Criminology)	Seyedalireza Seyedmohseni (Sociology)
Kuukua Hanson (Sociology)	Muhammad Farooq Wajid (Criminology)
Grace Hyatt (Criminology)	Merry Wass (Sociology)
Daksh Jain (Criminology)	

The following students completed a Thesis Based Masters Degree in Sociology or Criminology

Rebecca Croucher (Criminology) "The Eye at Your Door: The Responsibilized Citizen-Consumer in the Expanding Surveillant Assemblage."

Addison Kornel (Criminology) "Housing from a Social Harm Perspective."

Alex Painter (Criminology) "Painting the 'Essential' Green Activist: Critical Interrogations of Responses to Environmental Activism."

Lauren Sharpley (Sociology) "Total Pit Bull Shit: Anomie and Breed Specific Legislation in Windsor, Ontario."

Natalie Weir (Criminology) "The Neoliberal Implementation of Housing First Principles and Chronic Homelessness in Women."

PhD Sociology - Social Justice Completed

Ayesha Akram successfully defended her PhD Dissertation *Politics of Resistance: On Muslim Women Advancing a Collective Critical Faith-Based Epistemic*

Renee Gorzelle successfully defended her PhD Dissertation *Politically Speaking: Participation of Indigenous Women in Canada and the Importance of Intersectionality and Indigenous Resurgence*

Sankajaya Nanayakkara successfully defended her PhD Dissertation *The Sinhala Nationalist Imagination: Jathika Chinthanaya*

Galina Scolnic successfully defended her PhD Dissertation *Secularism versus Awkwardness in Public Spaces: An Online Ethnography with Muslims in Windsor, Ontario*

Award Winning Graduate Students

Tichana Adam, PhD - Best Graduate Student Paper Award (Conference at Guelph)

Ayesha Akram, PhD - Outstanding Graduating Student Awards (Canadian Sociological Association)

Ayesha Akram, PhD - HRG Doctoral Fellowship and Student Leadership Award for EDI in Research (July 2024)

Andrew Chapados, PhD - Ontario Graduate Scholarship (2023-24)

Alexander Painter, MA - Outstanding Graduating Student Awards (Canadian Sociological Association)

Diwen Shi, PhD - HRG Doctoral Fellowship



Photo by Dr. Ronjon Paul Datta



Undergraduate Student Awards and Achievements

Outstanding Graduating Student Awards (Canadian Sociological Association)

- Yasmeena Haidar Ahmed (Honours BA Honours Sociology)

LEAD awards (Leadership Engagement, Application and Discover)

- Vivian Azouz – Silver Medallion (Honours Criminology)
- Favour Ememanka - Silver Medallion (Honours Sociology)
- Jillian Goyeau - Gold Medallion (Honours Sociology)
- Max Jia - Bronze Medallion (Honours Criminology and Political Science)
- Karolina Kogut- Bronze Medallion (Honours Criminology)
- Nenwa Shamoun- Silver Medallion (Honours Criminology)

Spotlight on our Student Publications

PhD student Andrew Chapados had his article “Canada warns LGBTQ+ travellers about the U.S., but those seeking refuge here aren’t always welcome” in The Conversation.

[Canada warns LGBTQ+ travellers about the U.S., but those seeking refuge here aren’t always welcomed \(theconversation.com\)](https://theconversation.com/canada-warns-lgbtq-travellers-about-the-u-s-but-those-seeking-refuge-here-arent-always-welcomed)

PhD student Samantha Wauthier-Paspuleti published “From Whom the Bell Tolls: An Analysis of a Space both Sacred and Profane” in the The Canadian Graduate Journal of Sociology and Criminology.

<https://openjournals.uwaterloo.ca/index.php/cgjsc/article/view/4951>

PhD student Samantha Wauthier-Paspuleti published “Returning’ to Forget-Me-Not Valley: A Critical Exploration of the Social Dimensions of Gender, Sexuality, and the Family in two E-rated Closed Circuit Video Games. To Be Decided: Graduate Journal, Acadia University, Department of Social and Political Thought. <https://tbd-journal.com/vol-9-resistance>

Graduate Events

Lunchtime Talk Series

Our Lunchtime talk series has started back up for our graduate students. This year 2024-2025 we will have guest and faculty speakers planned, which will be announced through our graduate student Brightspace page and email. Last year’s lunchtime talk was on February 14, 2024, at noon with Dr. Carlo Charles, with a talk on “Positionality and Reflexivity in Research with Black Communities.”

UWindsor at CSA Congress May 29 – June 2 2023

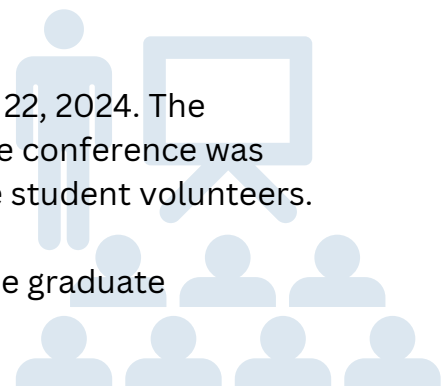
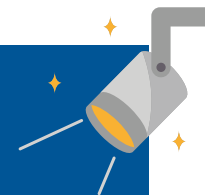
The CSA Conference was held May 29 – June 2, 2023 as part of the Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences Congress in partnership with York University, Keele and Glendon Campuses in Toronto, Ontario.

The Sociology and Criminology department had a great presence during the 2013 CSA Congress. Our faculty members had organized panels during the event and had multiple students present papers during this conference.

Grad Student Conference

We had our annual departmental graduate conference on March 22, 2024. The conference was hybrid with online streaming and on campus. The conference was organized by our graduate student representatives and graduate student volunteers.

Here are our student’s amazing topics and presentations from the graduate conference!



March 22, 2024 Graduate Student Conference Papers

Panel 1: Intersection of Gender and Visibility

- Diwen Shi (PhD) - Reading and Writing Fan Fiction: Chinese Women's Self-Expression under the Post-Socialist Gender Regime.
- Vanessa Bumanlag (MA) - The Targeted Denigration and Surveillancing of Motherhood: Criminalizing and Surveillancing the Uterus: A Critical Analysis of Abortion Regulation and Policies During the Emergence of the Female Offender.
- Yifei Wang (MA) - Transforming Views on Racial Stereotypes Among East Asian Students: A Sociological Inquiry.

Panel 2: Sociological Process and Movements

- Samantha Wauthier-Paspuleti (PhD) - A Master and his Work: An Exploration of the Verbal and Visual During the Process of Art Production.
- Seyed Alireza Seyed Mohseni (Undergraduate) - The Emergence of Donald J. Trump: A Dialectical analysis.
- Alex Painter (MA) - Greening Hegemonic Scholarship: Legitimizing Ordinary Knowledges with Environmental Humility.

Panel 3: Digital Sociologies and Methodologies

- Katelyn Couto (Undergraduate) - The Impact of Mobile Phones on Interpersonal Connections in Contemporary Society
- Tarran Maharaj (PhD) - Decolonizing Academia Through Food Pedagogy

Panel 4: Staying Alive: Surviving and Dying

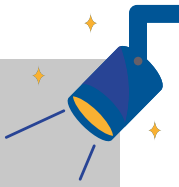
- Hermanpreet Singh (PhD) - "Well, they were going to die anyways" Problematizing the 'Banality' of the Old Age and Aging during the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond.
- James Lannigan (PhD University of Toronto) - Surviving the pandemic: Independent coffee operational strategies and the impact of COVID-19.
- Cai Kellier (MA) - Everybody Gets a Shot: Care, Coercion, and Covid: An Althusserian and Foucauldian Approach.

Panel 5: Racialized Bodies and Border

- Gabrielle Mundaka-Riquelme (PhD) - The Myth of Chilean Exceptionalism.
- Mariah Brooks (MA) - All Things Considered: A Collaborative Critical Autoethnography of Emerging Racialized Scholars.
- Tanvi Gera (MA) - Bridging Borders, Building health: Unraveling the Tapestry of Race, Immigration, and Public Health Disparities in Canada.

Panel 6: Rights and Wrongs

- Andrew Chapados (PhD) - Are the Parents Alright? "Parental Rights" of 2SLGBTQIA+ Children.
- Brooke Dupuis (undergraduate) - The Influence of Parental Incarceration on Childhood Wellbeing.
- Zahra Fahimi (MA) - Addressing the Link Between Urban Unemployment and Rising Crime Rates.



Student Spotlight: Working Hard and Making it Happen

Samantha Ashlyn Wauthier-Paspuleti (PhD student) has been keeping busy on and off campus during the 2023-24 academic year.

Besides publishing two academic articles, being a guest lecturer on campus, and presenting at three academic conferences, she also worked during the summer on a research contract for Museum Windsor as a Student Museum Researcher.

She was published in the University of Waterloo's Canadian Graduate Journal of Sociology and Criminology, with her article titled, "From Whom the Bell Tolls: An Analysis of a Space both Sacred and Profane" in September of 2023, and Acadia University's To Be Decided: Journal of Interdisciplinary Theory graduate journal, with her article titled, "'Returning' to Forget-Me-Not Valley: A Critical Exploration of the Social Dimensions of Gender, Sexuality, and the Family in two E-rated Closed Circuit Video Games" in August of 2024.

During the Winter 2024 semester, Samantha gave a guest lecture titled "Researching Gender" at the University of Windsor for undergraduate students enrolled in the Women in Canadian Society course.

Samantha presented at three academic conferences: Carlton University's English Graduate Students Society Conference 2023: Community/Solitude: The Poetics and Praxis of Life in Transition (May 5, 2023), where she published a paper titled, "Cast Out of Motherhood: A Case Study of Premature Birth, an Empty Womb, and COVID-19", the University of Windsor's SaC department Student Conference (March 22, 2024) where she presented a paper titled, "A Master and His Work: A Sociological Exploration of the Verbal and Visual During the Process of Art Production" and Wilfrid Laurier University's 12th Annual Justice, Crime, and Deviance: Graduate Research and Networking Conference (April 5, 2024) where she presented a paper titled, "Rifles, Levers, and Electricity: A Canadian's Perspective on the Role of the Juridical Executioner in a Contemporary American Context."

Samantha accepted a summer contract as a Student Museum Researcher for the City of Windsor. During this contract she conducted museum tours at the Francois Baby House, attended the South Western Ontario Heritage Council Meeting, and conducted archival research for the purpose of preserving local Indigenous histories.

Social events

It is incredible how quickly an entire year can go by; we are embarking on a new school term; 2024-2025 is gearing up to be incredible!

This past year we participated in the campus-wide trick or trail event, hosted a cookies and cocoa day, launched the sale of personalized hoodies, and hosted a hotdog lunch for donations as a fundraiser for our yearly Adopt-a-Family program with Windsor Children's Aid Society.

For 2024-25 we have many fun events planned, including participating in the campus-wide trick or trail event on October 31, selling personalized hoodies, a bake sale to raise money for charity and more. Keep an eye on your email to get more details on our department's undergrad and graduate planned events.

Undergraduate Student Association: CrimSoc Connect

CrimSoc Connect is the go-to undergraduate association for sociology and criminology students looking to network, learn, and have fun. Past and upcoming activities include guest speakers, study nights, and fun get togethers.

Follow us on Instagram @crimsocconnect. Keep an eye out for updated information about upcoming position openings, events, and more!

Membership details can be found in the bio of the Instagram account.





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