## Florida Atlantic University
### Academic Program Review
#### Self-Study Report

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A. MISSION AND PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

Mission statement: The faculty of the FAU Department of Sociology are committed to sociology as a critical scholarly endeavor in the service of humanity. The department aims to introduce as many students as possible to the power of “the sociological imagination” and to prepare students to be thoughtful, active and effective participants in shaping the world in the 21st century. On both the Davie and Boca Raton campuses, the sociology major cultivates an integrated perspective on society that stresses the connection between the social, economic, political, and personal aspects of life as well as between the local and the global. Faculty are committed to offering challenging courses, inviting students to become participants in and contributors to contemporary debates and developments in the discipline, and creating a thriving intellectual community. In addition to the instructional mission of the department, the faculty are committed to contributing to the development of the field of sociology through their research. That research complements and underpins the department’s pedagogical mission.

Department’s purpose in the context of the BOG and FAU mission and strategic plans:

- The Department of Sociology makes robust contributions to the broader mission and strategic plan of FAU. The department provides high-quality education and co-curricular opportunities in sociology to students in the university’s Intellectual Foundations Program. It offers the BA in Sociology on two campuses as well as offering a broad range of upper-division courses that invite the enrollment of students from outside the major. Additionally, the department offers a BA Honors Program, an MA in Sociology and contributes to the Ph.D. in Comparative Studies.

- Through courses offered, student-faculty research collaborations, and faculty publications, the Department of Sociology contributes to the Healthy Aging Pillar and the Community Engagement, Global Perspectives, South Florida Culture, and Undergraduate Research and Inquiry platforms. Additionally, the department serves a large number of first generation and students of color which contributes to the Diversity platform.

- The Department of Sociology contributes to all six goals of FAU’s 2015-2025 Strategic Plan: Boldness, Synergy, Place, Quality, Brand, and Strategy. The Department contributes to the goal of **Boldness** through the strategic actions and initiative of “academic support structure for timely student graduation” by developing eLearning courses, evaluating and updating curricula with evidence-based practices, and providing substantial summer semester offerings. The department contributes to the goal of **Synergy** by prioritizing hiring in the pillar area of Healthy Aging. The department contributes to the goal of **Place** by supporting faculty and student research on South Florida. The department contributes to the goal of **Quality** through the continual monitoring and improvement of assessment tools and strategies. The department contributes to the goal of **Brand** through its faculty’s nationally recognized publications and grants. The department contributes to the goal of **Strategy** by making efforts to maintain alumni relations and encourage a lifelong commitment to the university across the full range of support (financial, political, and social).
B. RESPONSES TO THE MOST RECENT PROGRAM REVIEW

In 2013, the department went through a comprehensive review. The reviewers offered a broad range of thoughtful recommendations as to how the department could move towards its goals and improve its programs. Twenty-three concrete recommendations were offered.

1. Prepare a mission statement.
2. Create a more enriched learning experience for sociology majors.
3. Teach SYA4400 (Quantitative Methods) on a regular basis.
4. Consider restructuring major around skills rather than substantive areas.
5. Align learning outcomes with the structure of the undergraduate major.
6. Strengthen academic advising.
7. Collect job placement data.
8. Reduce required hours to 30 for MA program.
9. Develop student learning outcomes for each option in the graduate program and individualized plans of study to achieve them.
10. Require social statistics course of all MA students.
11. Develop dual-level enrollment courses.
12. Consider offering an accelerated BA/MA.
13. Develop and teach a pro-seminar course for graduate students.
14. Restructure the graduate teaching assistant program into a training program.
15. Increase graduate stipends.
16. Create a more equitable workload between Boca and Davie campuses.
17. Allocate a faculty line for a new hire with expertise in quantitative methods and statistics.
18. If no additional lines are forthcoming, prioritize expansion goals and cut back on successful course offerings to accommodate change.
19. Identify additional large classroom spaces for sociology instruction.
20. Provide a computer lab to foster the development of student quantitative and qualitative analysis skills.
21. Provide the Department with assistance in updating, maintaining, and expanding its web presence.
22. Provide more funding to support research of faculty and graduate students.
23. Create two advisory committees (one undergraduate and one graduate) and appoint faculty members to chair each.

Out of these 23 recommendations, we have fully implemented some of them, made significant progress on others, and made minimal or no progress on the few remaining. Note that one of the recommendations (#18) urged us to slow the pace of change and limit our departmental aspirations unless the department was permitted to add lines. The reviewers concluded that, for a small faculty, we were taking on too much. We have heeded that advice in part and, as you will
see, have paced ourselves as we worked through their recommendations and our own aspirations. Nevertheless, we continue to be ambitious for our program.

**Recommendations fully implemented:**

1. We now have a department mission statement (#1). The statement was developed through faculty discussion and meetings; it states our consensus about the kind of programs that we offer our students. It is tightly connected to the kinds of research that we do and the kind of hires that we have made and will continue to make.
2. We have restructured our curriculum around skills rather than substantive areas (#4).
3. We have developed and taught a proseminar for graduate students (#13). (See appended syllabus in **Appendix A**.) We teach this every Fall term. It is required of all graduate teaching assistants and is recommended for all students in the program.
4. We have allocated a faculty line for a new hire with expertise in quantitative methods and statistics (#17). In AY 2017-2018, we hired three new tenure-track faculty. Two of these had expertise in quantitative methods and statistics. We have since lost one of the two; we are currently searching for a new hire with expertise in quantitative methods and statistics. We are committed to developing a stronger program in quantitative methods at both the undergraduate and graduate level, complementing our already-strong programs in qualitative and comparative/historical methodologies.
5. We have provided a computer lab for our graduate students to foster the development of student quantitative and qualitative analysis skills (#20). With a tech fee grant, we were able to buy 15 new computers and install data analysis software on each. Undergraduate students engaged in collaborative research with faculty also have access to Sociology’s computer lab.
6. We have established two advisory committees (one undergraduate and one graduate) and have appointed chairs of each (#23).
7. The reviewers recommended that we identify additional large classroom spaces for sociology instruction (#19). Two changes have made this less pressing. (a) We have developed more large on-line classes, thereby lessening pressure on the limited number of large classrooms available on the Boca campus. (b) The University has moved away from the large-class model and is encouraging smaller classes with more possibility for skills development. For both of these reasons, then, we no longer struggle with access to large classroom spaces.

**Recommendations on which we have made significant progress:**

1. We have created a more enriched learning experience for our sociology majors (#2).
   a. We have established an honors program as of AY 2018-2019. We currently have only a few students who have elected to enter the sociology BA honors program; two are working on thesis projects at this time and should complete them by their upcoming Spring 2020 graduation. Over the next few years, we expect the honors program to grow in scope. See **Appendix B** for the description, requirements, and application procedures for the Honors BA program.
b. We routinely encourage our students to seek opportunities to present/publish their sociological research projects. Because of this increased emphasis on sociological research and writing in our courses, for example, several of our undergraduate students submitted their work to the university’s journal for undergraduate research. Our faculty have supported two undergraduate students on Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships, heightening the preparation of each for subsequent graduate work.

c. We have implemented curricular changes that have enriched the learning experience for our sociology majors. The department has been engaged in a couple of major curricular enhancement projects: the Undergraduate Research Initiative and the Writing Enhanced Curriculum. These initiatives have profoundly changed our approach to teaching our BA students. We have our students write more, formulate their own original sociological research questions, and dissect the elements of sociological research articles. We have designed a new curriculum that will require all of our students to complete full sociological research projects. More of our students are already doing various forms of qualitative and quantitative research in some of their courses; soon all will graduate with basic competence in sociological research skills.

2. We have made progress on the recommendation to routinely teach SYA 4400 Quantitative methods (#3) but our progress has been slowed by staffing challenges.

Last fall, after hiring a new faculty member with expertise in quantitative methods, we brought the course back into our scheduling rotation. We offered it in Fall 2018 and had scheduled it to be taught again in Fall 2019. The new hire who taught this course struggled greatly with the disparity between a smaller number of students who were able to grasp the material and a larger number of students who did less well and slowed the pace of the course. We strategized and decided to require permission of instructor for the course so that the professor would be able to assess the readiness of individual students. As only a small number of BA students likely would be prepared to succeed in the Quantitative Methods course in the near term, our strategy was to offer a dual-enrollment (BA and MA) quantitative research methods course until we built up a critical mass of prepared BA students for a BA-only course.

When the faculty member who was developing the course decided to leave FAU at the end of spring 2019, though, we put the course on hold. We will offer it again in Fall 2020 and will continue to strategize about how to bring our under-prepared students up to the point at which they can succeed in a quantitative methods course.

3. We have made progress on the recommendation to align learning outcomes with the structure of the undergraduate major (#5). As we have proceeded as a department through our Writing Enhanced Curriculum (WEC) process, we have developed a set of six student learning outcomes that will be embedded in the curriculum. See Appendix C for the list of student learning outcomes linked to our WEC process. We have also devoted a significant amount of departmental meeting time to deliberating on how best to structure our curriculum so that students begin developing skills in
their very first courses in the major and conclude the program having achieved competence on all six learning outcomes. (See the BA curriculum change proposal in Appendix D; we are awaiting discussion with the program reviewers before we submit it to our university’s curriculum committees for approval.)

4. We have implemented one of the two recommendations (#9) about the graduate program and are working on the second.

We now have individualized plans of study developed for each graduate student and based on our seminars’ schedules across multiple years. In developing the plans of study, we were aided considerably by software developed by the University and made available to the graduate programs.

We are working on the second recommendation. It recommended distinct student learning outcomes for the two tracks in the MA program. As we had an extended period of time in which all students chose the Generalist options, we had been working with a single set of learning outcomes that were developed for it. As we have had a few students choose the Specialist option recently, though, we are working on SLO’s that distinguish between the two tracks.

5. Require social statistics for all graduate students (#10). With the addition of another quantitative methods specialist next year, we should be able to implement this. Rather than focusing on statistics, however, we envision a more practically oriented data analysis course that gets students working with data sets to answer sociological research questions earlier than would be possible in a conventional statistics course.

6. The reviewers suggested that we focus on website development (#21) and we have worked on improving our department website. We have updated faculty profiles and added graduate student profiles as well as listing alumni who have left our program to pursue a broad array of careers. We have added a news and events section, in which we post information regarding our sociological research workshop series, faculty publications, graduate student conference presentations, and undergraduate award winners. We have added a new page that lists the various cross-cutting research specializations of our faculty and another page that lists and provides further info about recent faculty publications. We have well-developed sections on both the BA and MA programs.

The major limitation of our efforts to this point is in the design of the web pages. Although we have hired a small amount of outside assistance for website development, these efforts were limited. We would still like to enhance the appearance and functionality of the site.

7. The reviewers recommended that the department be provided with more funding to support research of faculty and graduate students (#22). The funding to support faculty research and conference travel has remained largely steady at around $1800/year. This year the amount was increased to $2400, although it is likely that this is a one-time increase.
We have been pleased that the university provides newly hired faculty with a start-up package of $10,000 to support their research, in addition to the annual funding provided to all faculty. In one case, we were able to double the amount of the startup package for a faculty member who needed to purchase access to a data set essential to his research.

We have also negotiated the redirection of some limited endowment funding to support research-related travel by graduate students, and this has permitted many of them to present papers at national and regional conferences.

8. The reviewers suggested that we strengthen academic advising for our undergraduates (#6). We have responded by moving advising into the College’s advising office. In that office, skilled professional advisors are available to advise students on both the major and their other requirements for the degree. Professional advisors are available on both of the campuses on which the degrees are offered. Both the chair and the program assistant are frequently in touch with the advisors who work with Sociology majors; one of us is always available to answer any question that might come up.

9. The reviewers recommended that we create a more equitable workload between Boca and Davie campuses (#17). They noted that faculty on the Boca Raton campus appeared to be carrying a heavier load (in both undergraduate and graduate education) than those on the Davie campus.

The faculty understand that there are structural challenges created by the very different nature of the two campuses, and they also agree that the department has to work inside a number of constraints. Most notably, those constraints are that there is a smaller pool of students on the Davie campus and there are no graduate students on the Davie campus.

We have continued to work on the challenge of creating as many opportunities as possible for our graduate students (housed on the Boca campus) to interact with and potentially work with the Davie faculty. We note that the Davie faculty have been very active in the graduate program and that their continued involvement (in seminars, in mentoring, as thesis advisors) is essential to the MA program’s continued success. We acknowledge, though, that the lack of opportunity for daily, informal interaction between graduate students and Davie faculty is a challenge that has to be constantly considered.

In the most recent years, Davie faculty have contributed significantly to the department by serving on college standing committees (e.g., Promotion & Tenure, Non-Tenure Track Promotion, and the Committee for Research and Creative Activity). At this particular point in time, Davie faculty make up 50% of our tenured faculty (excluding the chair in terms of overall numbers, but including the chair given the recent sabbaticals of our Boca-based associate professors).

In recent year, we have looked at ways to equalize class size across campuses.
As we developed our new curriculum, we have kept this challenge in mind. We anticipate that some of our changes in curriculum (discussed elsewhere in this document) will permit the Boca faculty to have 4000-level courses that are comparable in size to those at Davie and that, therefore, will permit them to offer the same kinds of intensive teaching (e.g., multiple drafts of papers, more writing, more presentations) that the Davie faculty have developed and routinely offer. We accept, though, that 3000-level courses will necessarily differ in size between the two campuses because there are many fewer students at the Davie campus. Therefore, Boca faculty may need more GTA assistance to make their 3000-level course workload comparable to that of the Davie faculty.

Recommendations under consideration for future implementation:

1. Dual enrollment BA/MA courses (#11): We were planning on offering Quantitative Methods as a dual enrollment course but the unexpected departure of the faculty member scheduled to teach the course altered these plans. We will consider this again. Our Honors’ BA program offers students the option of taking graduate-level courses as a way to meet requirements for enhanced coursework. We continue to consider broader uses of dual enrollment courses. This would benefit both graduate and undergraduate students, in different ways.

2. Development of an accelerated BA/MA program (#12). We have made no progress on this and are not sure that there would be a demand for it.

3. Reduce MA required credits to 30 (#8). This is still under discussion.

4. Collect job placement data (#7). The department has made limited progress in gathering information about employment and further education of our students, but mostly this has been limited to graduate students. See Appendix E, a spreadsheet that tracks the job and Ph.D. program placement of our recent MA graduates.

The university has tracked undergraduates’ employment outcomes through its data-gathering in response to required metrics developed by the State University System. These data show that between 46 and 57% of our graduates are employed full-time after graduation and that another 17-21% of our graduates are continuing their education (see Appendix F). Related data on salaries after graduation show that, as is common in the liberal arts, students just out of college make in the mid-30’s (see Appendix G).

5. The reviewers recommended that we consider restructuring the graduate teaching assistant program into a training program (#14). In the period of time following the recommendation, we did not have a curriculum that would have made it possible to identify the skills related to particular assignments except at the most general level. Indeed, we did and do have a practice of assigning students to GTA work that is increasingly challenging; our second-year students get more responsibility for more complex tasks, and we do ensure that they are able to describe their work in terms broad enough to be useful in a functional c.v
The department does embrace the underlying principle of this recommendation, though, and will continue to develop systems for training, mentoring, and assigning GTA’s that will enable them to develop skills that are documentable, demonstrably useful, and progressively more complex.

We anticipate that the redesigned BA curriculum and the core skills identified in our Writing Enhanced Curriculum will create more opportunities for GTA’s to develop their skills while assisting in an upper-division class. The new curriculum should make it possible to set up assignments that offer progressively greater challenges and responsibilities to students as they more through the program and should create the kind of developmental approach implicit in this recommendation.

**Recommendations dependent on changes in University policy**

1. The reviewers recommended that graduate stipends be increased (#15). Although we all agree that they are far below those offered by similar programs, the stipends have remained at their 2013 levels: $8000 for two terms, minus about $1000 for required fees. One small change, though, makes FAU a bit more competitive: the University is moving towards offering health insurance as part of assistantships, although students will have to pay part of the cost.

We believe that our low stipends substantially diminish our ability to recruit the best-prepared graduate students in our applicant pool and to increase that pool. We know that students cannot live on the stipends and so, unless they have substantial family support, they have to hold paid employment even though the terms of their assistantships required that they agree to be full-time students. This directly impacts their ability to do as well as they could in the program and in their GTA work: they spent time in outside employment that they should be able to devote to their graduate work.

C. INSTRUCTION.

**Baccalaureate Program**

**Goals for student learning: SLOs and BA program assessment.** For the past several years, our student learning outcomes have been heavily focused on sociological research skills. Until the past few years, however, our assessment of our students’ achievement of SLOs was based on the required methods course that all majors took. For a variety of reasons, however, this course was inadequate as a basis for assessing the range of research skills listed under our SLOs.

Beginning around 2015 when our department was engaged in curricular enhancements linked to the university’s undergraduate research initiative, we broadened the set of courses we used as a basis for annual program assessment to include each of the courses that were included in the department-level curriculum grant. This was a more effective method, but unevenness in implementation across sections of the relevant courses made this a problematic strategy.
In the most recent academic year, we shifted away from using particular courses such as theory and methods as a basis for our annual assessment. Instead, we used a set of substantive courses and/or methods courses that included an original research paper assignment. This was more effective, although we found disparities in how different faculty conceived of an original research paper assignment to such an extent that only some of the courses provided a useful basis for assessing all of our SLOs. We are actively working on aligning our understanding of what constitutes an original research paper assignment and therefore expect to have more useful data in future assessment cycles. See Appendix H for the most recent results of our BA assessment process.

As the department faculty have been engaged for the past several years in a Writing Enhanced Curriculum (WEC) project, we have collectively identified a set of six SLOs (with several sub-SLOS of each). When we conduct assessment at the end of this academic year, we will be evaluating student achievement of our WEC outcomes. These overlap nicely with the SLOs of our Undergraduate Research Initiative as well as our broader goals for student learning in our major.

We have improved our assessment process by identifying the stage of the program in which our students are at the point of a particular round of assessment. After all, we cannot know much about how our program is affecting student learning if we do not have some baseline to determine what students knew and the skills they had developed prior to entering our program. We are also routinely collecting course assignments and student work from all of our upper division courses so that we will be able to track back to a baseline of student performance at their earliest point in the program.

In the past couple of years, we have generated more faculty interest in the process of assessment as a means of improving our program and charting student progress on SLOs. For many years, assessment was viewed by most faculty as a bureaucratic necessity not worthy of significant attention. By connecting it to our curricular enhancement initiatives and our commitment to building student capabilities as they progress through our program, we have most all of our faculty participating thoughtfully in either BA or MA assessment.

**Use of assessment results for program improvement:** Our students typically fall short of our targets for achievement of SLOs. Although we take this information seriously and strive to increase the proportion of students who develop competence and/or proficiency on SLOS to 100%, we have to this point not figured out a way to systematically intervene to ensure that all students achieve competency on our SLOs. Our curriculum revision proposal, which we have been working on for several years now, will represent our best effort.

**Lower-level prerequisites:** Until now, we have not had any lower-level prerequisite courses. Our current curriculum change proposal, however, will introduce a lower-level prerequisite course for taking the required theory and methods courses. Establishing SYG 1000 as a prerequisite for the required theory and methods courses is in compliance with State-approved prerequisites.
Admissions criteria: Any student who is admitted to Florida Atlantic University may declare sociology as a major. We have no admissions criteria apart from the admissions standards of the university.

Number of sociology majors: The Sociology major is strong and steady at both the BA and MA levels.

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Source: Student Data Course File
Note: For Annual Headcounts, each student is counted once whether enrolled in summer, fall, or spring.
Students enrolled in more than one term during the year are included in the level of their latest term.

Enrollment. Sociology’s enrollments are strong and steady as a consequence of (a) a large major and (b) significant numbers of students from outside the major who take our classes and (c) our large class sizes on the Boca campus.

A look at the data from the Department Dashboard Indicators (Appendix X) on the department as a whole shows the size and stability of our enrollment.

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The upward trend is clear at the Boca campus for the upper division. Our lower-division enrollments have been affected by changes in the University’s core curriculum.
We have seen some decline in enrollment at our Davie campus for two main reasons. First, there has been an increased emphasis in response to an increased emphasis on having students declare their majors when they transfer and staying in those majors whenever possible. Second, there have been substantial changes in the majors available at that campus; as a consequence of those changes, Sociology lost a significant source of out-of-the-major enrollment.

Average class size: There is strong demand for Sociology courses and our large classes fill up. Our classes are larger, on average, than the average class in the College and the University.
Faculty/student ratio: Because of our large class sizes, our faculty/student ratio differs significantly from College and University ratios.

D 1 B Annualized Student FTE Produced Per FACULTY Instructional Person-Year (Student Faculty Ratio)

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Source: Instruction and Research File and Student Data Course File
Includes Instructional Person-Years from Tenured, Tenure-earning and Non-tenure-earning faculty only
Annualized FTE (C 1) produced for each person-year devoted to instruction (B 1 department total).

Curriculum: Sociology is in the process of transitioning to a new curriculum. (See the attached curriculum change proposal in Appendix D.) With our soon-to-be-replaced
horizontal curriculum, it is possible for students to complete the courses in the major within two semesters. This is not typical but it is possible. The current curriculum requires 10 upper division courses in no particular order. With only 30 required upper division credits and no restrictions on what our majors take as their out-of-major electives, our major can be completed and still leave room for our students to complete some second majors without exceeding the required 120 credits to graduate.

Our proposed new curriculum will move away from this completely horizontal approach so that we can do more work on students’ skill development. With the implementation of our proposed curriculum revision, though, it will not be as easy to complete the program in such a short period of time. The tradeoff is that this curriculum will do more to develop students’ skills. We went through multiple possible structures as we sought to ensure a curriculum that would facilitate student skill development but would not create bottlenecks or difficulties completing the major within a reasonable amount of time.

Appendix D fully describes the structure of the curriculum we envision. While we consider it a marked improvement over the relatively unstructured program we currently have, it is not our ideal curriculum. We would have liked to have a four-stage curriculum like that at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. We would have liked to fully implement American Sociological Association recommendations. We have had to recognize that the institutional constraints at our university make more verticality than what we propose to introduce impractical.

**Internships, practicums, study abroad, field experiences:** Our majors are encouraged to pursue internships through the university’s career center. They may earn credit for these or do them for no credit while still having them appear on their transcript. Our college has a dedicated career center liaison who is available to attend classes on short notice to provide information about internship opportunities to our students. This past spring, the Sociology Student Association (SSA) organized a faculty-student-employer event that facilitated interaction between our students and representatives of agencies that had the potential for internship placement.

The University’s International Programs office facilitates study abroad programs for our students. They assist students in identifying appropriate study abroad possibilities and coordinate with the department chair for approval of credits in Sociology courses for our majors, minors, and other students who may elect to take sociology courses as part of their study abroad program.

**Pedagogy/Pedagogical innovations:** Our department’s participation in two major curricular initiatives – the Undergraduate Research Initiative and the Writing Enhanced Curriculum – has facilitated a broad shift in our pedagogy to a more student-centered approach focused on student development of research, writing, and analytical skills. We began this shift several years ago and have continued moving forward consistently to date. Funded by our Writing Enhanced Curriculum grant, we brought two experts on sociological pedagogy to campus for day-long faculty workshops. Since 2013, we have shifted our orientation to pedagogy from thinking of it as a largely individual faculty enterprise to
treated it as a departmental project requiring shared commitments and practices. By the time we have fully implemented our curricular revision (in Fall 2020 or Spring 2021), we will have established shared learning objectives for our requires theory and methods courses. We have already established and implemented a department policy regarding the amount and kind of writing required in all upper-division courses.

In another pedagogical innovation, the department has significantly increased its eLearning offerings, utilizing the training and course development assistance provided by our University’s Center for E-learning. We began a decade or so ago with offering a few online courses per academic year. We now have developed a broader array of courses that make it possible for students to complete an online minor in sociology and to select sociology as their area of concentration in the Interdisciplinary Social Science degree program. We are considering the possibility of creating a fully online BA program in Sociology.

**Scope of institutional contributions to programs outside of Sociology:** The department offers three lower division Intellectual Foundation Program courses: SYG 1000 Sociological Perspectives, SYG 2010 Social Problems, and SYP 2450 Global Society. SYG 1000 and SYP 2450 draw the greatest numbers of students. SYG 2010 draws far fewer students due to its subordinate status among the options for the Social and Behavioral Science section of the IFP. We offer numerous large sections of Sociological Perspectives each semester (as one of the primary options in the Social and Behavioral Science section of the IFP) and several large sections of Global Society (one of the most popular course offerings in the Global Citizenship section of the IFP). We have one instructor for each of these three courses who takes responsibility for assessment of these courses relative to IFP learning objectives.

In addition to the general IFP, Sociology also contributes to the (undergraduate Honors Program) and to the University’s initiative in partnership with Navitas for recruiting and retaining international students.

Sociology also contributes to a broad range of certificate programs, with particularly strong offerings at both the undergraduate and graduate level in Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies in addition to Peace Studies, Ethnic Studies, and Global Studies.

**Student profile, including student diversity and demographics:** Sociology majors are diverse. They are more likely to be female than male. They are relatively equally split between white and minority (Black, Hispanic) ethnicities.
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The unduplicated headcount is based on student's most current enrollment status.
**Advising procedures:** Sociology majors are advised by the professional advisors in the Student Academic Services offices on the Boca Raton and Davie campus. This office has been advised by our department to send students directly to the department if they have questions regarding choice of major and/or employment possibilities for sociology majors and if they are interested in pursuing graduate study in sociology or collaborative research with faculty and graduate students.

**Retention rates:** At FAU, these are the 2nd year retention/persistence rates of students with a Grade Point Average (GPA) above 2.0. FL SUS Metric #5. Sociology has above-average retention rates.
Graduation rates: At FAU, these are the 6th year graduation rates for full-time and part-time First-Time-In-College (FTIC) students. FL SUS Metric #4. Sociology has above-average graduation rates.

Student recruitment: Our recruitment of sociology majors occurs largely through our IFP course offerings and through our wide array of upper division sociology courses that appeal to non-majors. A positive experience in one sociology course often leads to a choice to select sociology as a minor; more positive experiences as they take more sociology courses often leads to a choice to selection sociology as a major. Few students at FAU, or likely at any college or university, begin their college careers with the intention of majoring in Sociology. Nevertheless, we have a lot of sociology majors: once they find the discipline, many realize that it is the major that they have been seeking.

The department also does some formal recruiting at college and university recruitment events for FTIC students and “open house” events for prospective students.

Graduate Program: the MA program in Sociology.

Admissions criteria: We currently adhere to 6 criteria for MA student admissions:
1. Students must complete a bachelor’s degree.
2. Students must complete and score competitively on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). GRE scores over five years old are not accepted.
3. Students must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average for the last 60 credits of undergraduate work leading to their bachelor’s degree.
4. Students must submit directly to the Department of Sociology:
   a. Statement of Purpose (500 to 1000 words in length, outlining their goals and interests in subject areas within sociology)
b. A sample of their writing (e.g. a paper from an undergraduate course).

5. Sociology majors at FAU should submit the names of two sociology faculty members as their references. All other students must obtain two letters of recommendation and have them sent by the recommenders directly to the Department of Sociology.

6. Applicants who apply after March 1 (for Fall admission) or after November 1 (for Spring admission) may be admitted to the graduate program but may be too late to be considered for an assistantship award.

**Enrollment information:** Since the fall semester of 2013, our enrollment in the MA program has been relatively consistent. We typically maintain 16 full-time students with graduate teaching assistantships (GTAs). Since the spring semester of 2018, we have been able to expand this number of full-time GTAs when drawing upon additional financing from e-learning courses, although this funding is strictly allocated on a semester by semester basis. In addition to full-time MA students, we occasionally admit part-time students. Since the fall semester of 2013, the number of part-time students has ranged from 0 to 9. Below is a chart of our enrollment by semester from the fall of 2013 to the spring of 2020.

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Source: Student Data Course File
Note: For Annual Headcounts, each student is counted once whether enrolled in summer, fall or spring. Students enrolled in more than one term during the year are included in the level of their latest term.
Average class size and faculty/student ratio: Beginning in the fall semester of 2016, we have increased the number of graduate seminars offered to reduce the strain on faculty who often faced seminars as large as 25 students. Between the fall of 2013 and spring of 2016, we offered four seminars per semester. The average of number of full-time graduate students during this time was 14.5 and the average number of part-time students during this time was 3.8. Since full-time students were taking 3 seminars per semester and part-time students were taking 1 seminar per semester, our faculty ratio during these years was roughly 1/11.5. When considering that we frequently have at least one non-sociology MA student (from other FAU graduate programs) in our graduate seminars, our faculty/student ratio during this period averaged about 1/12.

Since then, we have offered six graduate seminars each fall semester and five seminars each spring semester. The average of number of full-time graduate students is now 16.3 and the average number of part-time students is now 6.1. And given that the number of additional non-sociology MA students in our graduate seminars still hovers at around one per seminar, our faculty/student ratio is now 1/11.

Curriculum: The MA degree is typically completed within two years. Most of our graduate students hold GTA positions and are thereby constrained to complete their coursework within this two-year period. Unsatisfactory grades (anything below a B) in a seminar will usually result in revocation of the GTA position. It is only in such cases that our students exceed two years in completing their degrees; in some cases, students who have earned failing grades are able to make up the coursework and still graduate on time. Typically, it is only part-time graduate students and students who have earned failing grades and who take significantly longer to complete the degree or do not complete the degree at all.

Internships, field experiences: We do not offer these options as we do not have the staffing to manage them or a curriculum that can support them.

Scope of institutional contributions: The seminars in the MA program routinely contribute to the MA in Women’s, Gender and Sexuality studies and to the Ph.D. in Comparative Studies.
**Student profile:** As of the latest data available for AY 2017-2018, the graduate students in our MA program are disproportionately female (17 women – 9 men). The racial composition of our graduate program is nearly evenly split between White (not of Hispanic Origin) and all other categories (including Asian or Pacific Islander, Black (not of Hispanic origin), and Hispanic). 14 of our graduate students in 2017-2018 were White, 6 were Hispanic, 5 were Black, and 1 was Asian. The men in our program are disproportionately racial minorities, with 3 White, 2 Black, two Hispanic, and 1 Asian or Pacific Islander. Over the past three years, we have provided graduate assistantships to 20, 18, and 17 students.

**Advising procedures:** The graduate director handles basic advising of students with respect to their plans of study. Students interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in Sociology or who wish to write a thesis or do some other significant research project are typically referred to one or more faculty members with expertise in their areas of interest, if they do not find them independently.

**Placement rates/employment profile:** We do not have full or complete data tracking the employment profiles of our MA student alumni. However, over the past five years we have worked hard to stay in touch with graduates and to find out what they are doing – even if it means combing through Facebook to contact them through a message. We have compiled a spreadsheet of that tracks our graduates – current employment, doctoral and other graduate programs entered since graduating from FAU, and as much contact information as we can garner. Our graduate student sociology association (GSSA) has created FAU sociology Facebook and Instagram pages that have facilitated outreach. And we have created and distributed our first Sociology Department newsletter that contains updated information and selected bios of MA alumni. Regarding those MA alumni who have gone on to pursue a doctoral degree in sociology or a related field, we have been particularly good at retaining current placement information. Since the spring semester of 2013, we have graduated 56 MA students. Of these 56, 13 students have applied to doctoral sociology programs and each of them has been accepted with funding.

**Student recruitment:** Our graduate stipends are $8000 over two terms, less the approximately $1000 in required fees. Because our stipends are so low and so uncompetitive, most of our MA students are local and have majored or minored in the BA Sociology program at FAU. We do draw a handful of students from other universities within the state system and, even more occasionally, some students who come here from other colleges and universities in the nation. We participate in the graduate recruitment events organized by the university and college and believe that this has some positive effect on graduate enrollment. Additionally, we routinely evaluate the students in our upper division courses and invite those we consider promising to apply to our graduate program. In-class presentations about the MA program have also proved effective. Most FAU students do not know about the possibility of funding their program of study through an assistantship; often this information combined with encouraging words from faculty increases the flow of graduate students into our program.
D. FACULTY

**Departmental administrative structure:** The Department of Sociology is administered by a department chair who is assisted by one program assistant. The department chair is appointed by and works under the supervision of the Dean of the College of Arts and Letters. The chair position is a full-time 12-month position, with a teaching load of 2-3 courses per year. The department also has a graduate director who receives a one-course release and is on a regular 9-month faculty contract.

**Faculty profile:** The Department of Sociology consists of 10 tenure-track faculty (with a typical course load of 5 courses per academic year) and 5 full-time instructors (with a course load of 8 courses per year.) In addition to the 10 tenure-track faculty, the Department has two open tenure-track faculty lines for which we are currently searching. Two visiting instructors (teaching a 4-4 load) are filling these lines this academic year without an expectation of having their contracts renewed beyond this year. In addition, we have one additional tenure-track faculty line being held by a semi-retired faculty member who is in phased retirement. This line will remain unfilled for at least four more years beyond this one (even if he chooses not to accept the one-semester half-salary teaching offer each year it is offered). In all, we have a total of 13 tenure-track faculty lines in the department. If our searches are successful, we will have 12 tenure-track faculty in place by AY 2020-2021.

Currently, we have only one fully promoted professor in the department (the chair), four associate professors, and five untenured assistant professors. By 2020-2021, we should have five associate professors and six assistant professors. As we try to limit the service responsibilities of untenured faculty in the department, the few tenured faculty in the department have assumed very heavy service responsibilities in recent years. (In each of the past three years, we have had one associate professor on full-year sabbatical, leaving the lion’s share of the departmental work to be performed by the chair and two associate professors.)

We have largely weathered this storm by this point, as we have a highly productive and committed group of assistant professors who have stepped up to contribute significantly. They have proven that they can maintain a high level of research productivity despite greater contributions to department work than is typical in the College, and they have done this departmental work because they want to be fully involved in shaping the future of their department. One assistant professor has applied for tenure and promotion this year and has already stepped up into a leadership role with respect to our BA curricular revision and Writing Enhanced Curriculum project. Two others are currently in their fourth years, having last year sailed through third year review, and have already contributed significantly to department work and the ambitious set of projects the department has undertaken. In only a couple of years, our department will be much more balanced in terms of rank. Two or three of our associate professors should be fully promoted by that time, and three of our assistant professors will have been promoted to the associate rank. Even now, with the majority of the department being untenured assistant professors, we have done more over the past few years to advance the collective good of the department than had been accomplished during any
comparable period in the department’s history. In many ways, Sociology has never been more energetic, more committed, and more united.

One issue that we struggle with, though, is that we currently have a lack of diversity among our tenure-track faculty. Our tenure-track faculty consists of six white men and four white women. At the rank of instructor, we have greater diversity: one Latinx and one Black woman, two white men, and one white woman. In terms of nationality and regional origins, we have slightly more diversity with one TT faculty from Iran, one second-generation Columbian immigrant, one instructor from Puerto Rico, and another instructor from Jamaica. With much diversity in our current applicant pools for both of our tenure-track searches, we are hopeful that our searches will result in a more diverse faculty.

Four of our five full-time instructional faculty teach our department’s lower division courses that are part of the Intellectual Foundations Program at FAU. Our fifth instructor teaches on the Davie campus, where no lower division courses are offered, and so teaches exclusively upper division courses. Some relatively recent changes to the structure of the university’s Intellectual Foundations Program has resulted in less demand for lower division course offerings, and so our full-time instructors on the Boca Raton campus are fairly evenly split between offering upper division and lower division courses.

The following summarizes the areas of specialization of our current tenure-track faculty:

1. Social theory: Araghi, Branaman, Hough, Koppelman, Lewin, Seeley
2. Qualitative methods: Backstrom, Harvey, Koppelman, Lewin, Seeley, Widener
3. Comparative-Historical Methods: Araghi, Hough, Koppelman
5. Gender: Araghi, Backstrom, Branaman, Harvey, Koppelman, Seeley
7. Social psychology/microsociology: Backstrom, Branaman, Seeley
8. Cities, communities, urban: Harvey, Koppelman, Widener
11. Health and medicine: McConnell, Widener
12. Political sociology: Harvey, Lewin
13. Work and organizations: Lewin, Seeley
14. Mental health: Branaman, McConnell
15. Culture: Backstrom, Lewin
16. Quantitative methods: McConnell

**Faculty teaching load:** The standard teaching load for tenure-track faculty is 3-2. Assistant professors are offered one-course releases two times prior to promotion and tenure: once in their first or second year and again in their fourth or fifth year. The graduate director is released from one course per academic year. The standard teaching load for full-time instructors is 4-4.
Summary of faculty scholarship and research productivity, including grants and publications: The department’s research productivity has increased dramatically in recent years. In addition to the high level of productivity of our assistant professors, three of our associate professors are working on major book projects.

In response to encouragement of our dean’s office, our faculty have become much more active in applying for external grants and fellowships to support their research. Phil Hough was a recent recipient of the prestigious ACLS fellowship that provided half of his salary, thus allowing him to take a full-year sabbatical to support his research. Laura Backstrom has been awarded the FAU Division of Research Junior Faculty Mentoring Award, supporting her with a course release to work closely with faculty in another college who have experience with writing and obtaining large grants. They will soon be submitting a grant proposal for funding of at least $250,000, as required by the fellowship program. In the past couple of months alone, four of our faculty have submitted grant proposals. Thinking about and applying for external funding to support research is entirely new in our department; our untenured faculty have heeded the call from the dean’s office to identify and submit grant proposals. The DDIs indicate that seven external research grant proposals from Sociology were submitted, a number far exceeding the zero in each of the three preceding years.

Strategic planning for hires: This year, we have two searches underway, one for a race specialist and the other for quantitative methods. In response to our last program review, we prioritized a hire in quantitative methods two years ago and successfully hired two faculty who are well-trained in quantitative research methods. The one who was specifically hired as a quantitative methods specialist left our department after his first year; the other, a specialist in the areas of health, mental health, and aging, remains with us. We have decided this year to prioritize quantitative methods again to replace the assistant professor who left after one year. Our choice to search for a specialist in the area of race was a response, in part, to the college’s cluster hire focusing on African diasporas in the Americas. It was also, however, an area that we agreed was important to build further in our department. Many of our full-time instructors specialize in the area of race, along with one tenure-track faculty who teaches courses on race in addition to other areas. Even if we are currently able to meet the student demand for teaching in this area with our current faculty, we agreed as a faculty that we would benefit from having another tenure-track faculty who did research in the area of race.

We do not anticipate that we will have the opportunity to hire more faculty in the next few years. Four years from now, we presume that we will be able to hire a new assistant professor to replace our phased retiree. We will be in a better position to decide areas to prioritize after we have had a few years to digest our recent influx of new faculty.

If we were to have the opportunity to make additional tenure-track hires in the near future, we might choose to prioritize some important but relatively underrepresented areas in our department and/or adopt some variant of a cluster approach. For example, we recently hired in the area of “healthy aging” because it was an area of priority for the university as a whole. With one faculty member doing work in this area but much interest in teaching and research in this area among our students and the wider South Florida community, we believe that
building this area would strengthen our department, increase opportunities for research collaboration in the department and university, and present opportunities to engage the community.

A second area we might prioritize, in response to the university’s development of its newest pillar in data science and artificial intelligence, is a sociologist who focuses on the societal implications of technological development and/or a specialist in big data analysis. Increasingly, quantitatively oriented sociologists are being trained in big data analysis during graduate school. Quantitative data analysis is clearly underrepresented in our department, but even the qualitative and comparative historical methodologists among us are excited about the possibilities of mining big data for understanding the world. Artificial intelligence is an emergent area in sociology that has potential to become an exciting new subfield; it would serve the department well to be able to offer courses in new technologies to its majors and this kind of course would also draw many students from across the university.

These two possibilities for future hiring, should we get the opportunity to hire new tenure-track professors in the next several years, are merely possibilities. With the current university administration, it has seemed that new faculty lines are available only when they contribute centrally to university pillars. It is for this reason that I mention the two university pillars as areas of possible development in our department. Ultimately, however, choices regarding prioritizing in hiring will be a product of careful deliberation among our faculty over the next few years as we move forward with our research agendas and curricular design projects.

We spend a lot of time building a clear vision of what we want for every position that we are permitted to fill. Our next searches will be no exception to this practice so, of course, our hiring will be guided by what comes out of faculty deliberations.

D. RESEARCH

**Research productivity of faculty.** The Department of Sociology has seen a steady and sizable increase in research productivity among the faculty. As the table below shows, our peer reviewed publications have increased from only four in 2015-2016, to eleven in 2016-2017, and up to fifteen in 2017-2018. Although DDIs for 2018-2019 have not yet been published, I have reviewed current faculty CVs and counted 19 peer-reviewed publications in addition to one book. With a total of 20 peer reviewed publications in 2018-2019, Sociology faculty have published 500% more than they did in 2015-2016. This increase can mostly be attributed to the increased proportion of our faculty who are ambitious and energetic assistant professors and the decreased proportion of faculty nearing retirement who had decreased their research productivity in recent years. The productivity of the junior faculty, who outnumber the rest of the faculty, has contributed to a department culture of scholarly engagement. We anticipate, within the next couple of years, that we will see three major book projects completed by three of our Associate Professors following full-year sabbaticals taken by all three in 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020. In addition to the peer-reviewed publications, our tenure-track faculty have been very active in making presentations at
professional meetings or conferences, with as many as 26 presentations being given in 2016-2017.

| Grant Proposals: | In response to the college’s and university’s emphasis on seeking external research funding, the Sociology department now, for the first time, has faculty submitting research grant proposals. As the DDIs show, we have gone from zero in each of the three preceding years to having seven grant applications being submitted for review. In the past month or so, several more grant applications have been submitted for review. |
| Interdisciplinary Research: | One of our faculty was awarded a Junior Faculty Mentoring Award from the FAU Division of Research. This is enabling her to work with two faculty, one in Social Work and the other in Criminology & Criminal Justice, to prepare a major grant proposal (of at least $250,000) to support a collaborative research project. At least one other of our faculty members is engaged in talks with faculty in other colleges who do work connected to the university’s Healthy Aging pillar. With one of our college’s associate deans working so diligently to support the writing of grant proposals and making connections between faculty across the university for possible collaborative research, Sociology faculty will likely increase participation in interdisciplinary research. |

**E. SERVICE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.**

As the data below demonstrate, our faculty do a lot of service to the profession, college and university, and to the department. A few of our tenure-track faculty have made forays into community service projects but have not reported having done any community service work in recent years.

As a consequence of our very small number of tenure-track faculty and the demand for them to serve on college standing committees, faculty search committees in the department, and task-oriented departmental sub-committees, our faculty dedicate most of their service time to institutional service. Most of our faculty do significant professional service as well, organizing conference panels, reviewing manuscripts for disciplinary journals, reviewing book proposals,
serving as editors or book review editors of disciplinary journals.

In recent years, an extraordinary amount of time has been dedicated by our faculty to serving on search committees to hire new junior faculty. While most faculty are highly motivated to do this work, faculty searches are one of the most time-consuming service responsibilities. In the past three years alone, we have hired five new tenure-track faculty and are in the process of hiring two more. Until this year, faculty searches were done by “committees of the whole.” All of our faculty were fully involved in all searches. As we have been able to develop a strong shared understanding of our hiring goals and procedures through the searches we have done as a whole faculty to date, this year we were able to divide our efforts such that every faculty member in the department is serving on one of two faculty search committees.

The department’s curricular enhancement projects – the Undergraduate Research Initiative and the Writing Enhanced Curriculum – have also required a significant amount of faculty time devoted to curricular enhancement. This work is ongoing and involves all of our faculty.

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Source: College Dean’s Offices

F. Other Program Goals. We have no other program goals, as we do not have issues of program accreditation, etc.

G. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT SUPPORT ACHIEVEMENT OF PROGRAM GOALS.

1. High level of productivity of our tenure-track faculty. The wave of retirements followed by hiring of new assistant professors has invigorated the department significantly. Our faculty are highly productive in each of the three major dimensions of their jobs: teaching, research, and service.

2. Shared commitment to the collective good. All of our tenure-track faculty are enthusiastically on board with the major curricular revision we are in the process of completing. All are committed to becoming more effective teachers, defined in terms of student achievement of learning goals rather than student ratings of their professors. We have shared scholarly interests and envision collaborative research projects involving multiple faculty, graduate students, and/or strong undergraduate students.
3. The faculty of the department share a commitment to respecting the theoretical, substantive, and methodological diversity of contemporary sociology. As a consequence of this, we are able to offer our students courses in a broad array of sociological fields and taught from a variety of different perspectives despite our small faculty. We value all levels of sociological analysis: macro, meso, and micro. We have a healthy respect for the value of all of the varied methodological approaches sociologists use and, because of our methodological diversity, we are a department where our sociological research questions can drive our choice of methodology (in collaboration with specialists in particular methodologies) rather than having a more singular methodological orientation that limits the kinds of sociological research questions we might ask.

4. We get along. This is a department in which we can disagree with one another over departmental matters and disciplinary futures while continuing to be able to forge a strong, shared curriculum and support one another through the rigors and vicissitudes of sociological research.

H. WEAKNESSES AND THREATS THAT IMPEDE PROGRAM PROGRESS.

1. We have only a small number of tenure-track faculty to do the core work of developing the department. We currently have 10 tenure-track faculty (including the chair) across two campuses, 8 in Boca and 2 in Davie. If our two faculty searches are successful this year, we will number 12 tenure-track faculty by next fall. Although the five full-time instructors enable us to meet the demand for our upper and lower division undergraduate courses, the small number of tenure-track faculty makes it very difficult for us to do the significant amount of department work we must do and are trying to do given our ambitions for program improvement and contribution to multiple departmental and college programs (BA, MA, Social Science track of Comparative Studies Ph.D., data science BA and MA, Honors’ BA program). At the same time, all our faculty have ambitious research agendas and are working towards promotion.

2. We have uncompetitive graduate student teaching assistantships, making it difficult for us to recruit the best possible quality of graduate students to serve as GTA’s. With 16 lines allocated to Sociology by the college for graduate teaching assistantships, and with the ability to support as many as an additional five with support from the university’s center for e-learning, we have a sizable number of graduate teaching assistants available to support our high enrollment courses. Unfortunately, however, only about half of those who accept our offers of assistantship turn out to be sufficiently skilled to be able to assist with complex rubric-based grading and providing helpful written feedback to students in our large upper-division courses. As we expand our large 3000-level offerings, we may have to scale back our enrollment caps if we do not have sufficient capable students to do the work. The $8000 annual stipend for grad students is insufficient to attract stronger students into our program. It also has the unfortunate consequence of many of our graduate students working other jobs in addition to their assistantship work, limiting the
time they spend on coursework and/or assistantship work.

3. We find bimodal student preparation and commitment at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. There is a big gap between the most and the least prepared students. We are committed to working effectively with all of our students, from the very weakest to the strongest. This is a difficult balance to maintain at times. For the stronger students, the presence of average and weak students sometimes has a negative effect on the effort they put into coursework when they realize that they may be able to earn top grades as a result of grading curves with minimal effort. We have developed an honors BA program to enhance the learning experience of our best students, but so far only a few have elected to participate in the program. Some portion of all of our students maintain outside work schedules and have family responsibilities that often interfere with their class attendance and limit the time they spend on coursework outside of the classroom. For students to improve their skills, they need to spend time outside of class reading course material and completing any essay or research assignments. As faculty, we would hope that our students would spend at least 2 hours outside of class for every one hour in class. Most of our students do not commit this amount of time. We struggle with how best to respond to this reality.

I. RESOURCE ANALYSIS

1. **Unreliable funding to meet demand for our courses, especially for our majors:** Our budget is limited but the demand for our courses is extensive. Classes fill up rapidly and our majors often struggle to get the classes that they want on the Boca Raton campuses. We have a small allocation for adjuncts but, in recent years, full-year half-pay sabbaticals and open tenure-track lines have allowed us to hire visiting instructors who have taught eight courses per year. This has reduced the enrollment pressure we have felt on the Boca Raton campus. Once we fill these tenure-track lines, however, the number of courses we will be able to offer will decline. At that point, we likely will return to struggling to meet enrollment demand on the Boca Raton campus and to ensuring that our majors get the classes that they need when they are able to take them. Sociology is very popular with non-majors and non-majors flood into our courses. Unfortunately, that popularity means that our own majors often struggle to get the schedules that they want.

2. **Barely enough expense money to meet our copying costs:** Our department budget, apart from faculty lines and adjunct funding, is very meager. We are not an expensive department to run, and so mostly we manage to stay within our annual budget and have some dollars left over at the end of the year to spend on supplies or other one-time purchases to meet faculty needs. Almost any significant purchases or any shift in expenses, though, are enough to put us in the red. For example, we currently operate a copy machine that was provided to us when we moved into our new building almost a decade ago. This allows us to meet faculty and graduate student needs for photocopying and printing without dedicating a large part of our expense budget to paying the copy center. The machine is old, however, and increasingly fails. We have applied for a tech fee grant to support the purchase of a new copy machine for our department. If we don’t
get the grant, we would be unable to buy a new machine. Without our own copy machine, we would have to devote a much larger portion of our annual budget to copying expenses. A comparison of copying expenses for the Boca Raton and Davie campus illustrates the magnitude of the potential problem. The Boca Raton campus copying count for the year was 10 times that of the Davie campus. Interestingly, however, the overall cost for copying on the Boca Raton campus was $200 less than it was on the Davie campus (as a consequence of their not having a department-owned machine.) Without owning our own machine, our copying costs would likely increase to about $12,000/year and would leave only $2000 for everything else. Since we must maintain phones, at the very least, we would not be able to get by on our current budget.

3. **Barely enough staffing to handle the work of the department:** We have only one program assistant for the department. We would benefit greatly from having even some additional part-time secretarial assistance. The program assistant has to handle all of the record-keeping and accounting of the department – generating contracts, handling the details of hiring, tracking expenses, handling Foundation accounts, etc. Especially at the beginning and end of the terms, she is often swamped by handling her responsibilities for department operations and trying to respond to the needs of students who come to the office to ask questions. Responding to the flood of student phone calls is a constant struggle in the context of everything else that has to be done. For example, every syllabus has to be reviewed to be sure that it complies with university policy; every problematic syllabus has to be returned to the faculty member for revision and with a rapid turnaround that sometimes requires multiple requests. Because Sociology has so many big classes, we have to run our own operation for students to take makeup tests; the Testing Center refuses to accept more than a few makeup test requests and, with such large classes, we often exceed what the Testing Center permits. The program assistant has to manage all of that. The 17 or so graduate students come to her with all of their questions about how to get things done: how to fill out requests for the testing center, how to operate the copier to print a collated test, how to put in a ticket to deal with a malfunctioning computer. New faculty, especially, need help with the basics of functioning in the University context – finding buildings, understanding how different systems work. Our revolving door of adjuncts and visiting instructors means that someone new is always in need of help – and that help takes time, and time is scarce.

**J. FUTURE DIRECTIONS**

**Anticipated changes relevant to future directions:** We can anticipate a number of changes that will provide opportunities for and challenges to the department.

We anticipate an increased emphasis across the university in having departments integrate faculty research and curricular initiatives into the defined pillars and platforms in the Strategic Plan.

We anticipate an increased University-level emphasis on linking new or replacement positions to funded research produced in a department. This will be a challenge for our
department, as many of our faculty work from theoretical perspectives or with methodologies that are not easily connected to fundable research questions.

We anticipate a University-level initiative of moving towards an increasingly formative approach to the evaluation of faculty. We would welcome a move away from a piecework approach but recognize that this will require that we revise our annual evaluation criteria and reconsider how they fold into promotion and tenure reviews.

We anticipate a continued University emphasis on developing on-line courses and degree programs, responding to the scarcity of space on the Boca campus and to student demand.

We anticipate a set of challenges as a consequence of University-level policies responding to State University System-level pressures for timely graduation. It is likely that students’ ability to easily change majors will decrease. As few students declare a sociology major in their first year, this could lead to a decline in the number of majors drawn from FTIC (“first time in college,” or those who begin at FAU as freshmen) and an increase in the proportion of our majors who are community college transfer. It also could easily lead to an overall decrease in number of majors.

Questions for the review team: We welcome your general insights but would ask you to consider a small set of questions relevant to challenges that we have identified and frequently discuss.

1. We would welcome advice on our WEC-linked Student Learning Outcomes for the BA Sociology major, and our current proposal for revision of our BA curriculum. See Appendices C and D.

2. What strategies would you suggest for working effectively with the two very different types of students who populate our upper-division classrooms? What strategies could we consider for dealing with the bi-modal distribution of (a) level of academic preparation and (b) life circumstances that shape the amount of time available for coursework? Some of our students are traditional college students who live on campus, in off-campus apartments, or with families that support their education by providing room and board with little expectation for the student’s contribution to family expenses or family work. Many other students are non-traditional college students who have families of their own or significant responsibilities for caring for members of their family of origin, have lengthier commutes with more uncertain transportation, and often must work full-time jobs while also struggling to attend the university full-time or close to full-time.

3. What strategies would you suggest for how our MA program can respond effectively to the needs of the different types of students who populate it? In our MA program, we also have a have a bi-modal distribution of students similar to that in our BA program. Many of our students are well-prepared to succeed in the MA program, but others came into college with poor preparation and have struggled for the duration of their undergraduate work. Some of our students have mastered English as a second or even third language, an impressive accomplishment that also often means that they struggle with graduate-level seminar
assignments. We want all of our MA students to succeed in the program, but we struggle with how to deal with the uneven level of preparedness in each cohort.

The problem is exacerbated by many students finding it necessary to hold paid employment while also holding a graduate teaching assistantship. Even though a condition of receiving an assistantship is to forego other employment, we are aware that many of our graduate assistants are working other jobs in addition to their full-time graduate program and 20-hour teaching assistantship. Some students can rely on support from parents or partners; others need to support themselves in entirely and some have to contribute to or support a family. This means that our students vary significantly in the time that they have to devote to their MA and GTA work.

Do you have any suggestions about what can be done to help us to better serve the full range of our MA students?

4. What are the best curricular practices for a stand-alone MA program like ours? How much structure do you recommend we have in our MA program curriculum? Should we offer less variety of substantive courses and a more structured, hierarchical curriculum (with more training in research methods, for example)? What are the emerging models that could guide us in our deliberations about curriculum?

5. What are emerging in Sociology as best practices for evaluating effectiveness of teaching? The current provost is advising departments to move away from heavy reliance on quantitative SPOT (Student Perception of Teaching) scores to a more holistic approach to teaching evaluation that focuses on the effectiveness of teaching. Our current annual evaluation criteria and promotion and tenure criteria (see Appendices J and K) identify a set of expectations that our faculty must fulfill in their teaching to avoid a rating of “needs improvement” or below. We have not yet, however, developed effective means of measuring faculty’s fulfillment of these basic expectations. We offer a list of additional instructional activities in which faculty may be engaged, and we set a minimum standard that each faculty member does at least three of these. While more easily measurable, this standard does not distinguish between the relative effort and value of the various additional instructional activities. Do you have any suggestions as to what we should be considering?

6. We are being encouraged to become more involved in the university’s pillars (i.e., a set of topics that are expected to become signature foci of the institution). Appendix L provides more information on these topics. What advice would you have for us about trying to connect to these?
Florida Atlantic University  
Department of Sociology  
Fall 2017  
Proseminar for Graduate Students  

Meetings: Wednesdays, Noon-12:50pm in Culture and Society Building (CU) 249  
Instructor: Dr. Laura Backstrom  
Office: Culture and Society Building (CU) 259  
Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 11am-1pm and by appointment  
Phone: (561) 297-3270  
E-Mail: lbackstrom@fau.edu  

Description  
This is a professional development seminar series that focuses on socialization into the discipline, learning department culture, and preparation for a successful graduate experience and career. Class meetings will primarily consist of discussion.  

Learning Objectives  
The learning objectives for the course are as follows:  
- learn about current faculty research to identify potential advisors and committee members  
- understand program requirements, procedures and timelines to remain in good standing  
- recognize informal cultures in the department and the discipline  
- provide a safe space to ask ANY questions you have  
- examine your personal strengths in helping to decide an academic or an applied career pathway;  
- prepare a professional portfolio that will be useful in applying for PhD program or for employment in other sectors  

Requirements  
The Professional Portfolio will include your Curriculum vitae or Resume, list of four professional references, sample of your writing, and a cover letter or letter of interest. Students who are pursuing the academic track will be required to prepare a curriculum vitae (CV) while those interested in the applied route will be required to write a resume. The length and components of the CV and resume will vary according to your expertise and career goals.  

Course Schedule  
August 23 Overview of Graduate Program (with Phil and Ann)  
- Choosing Classes  
- MA Thesis Options  

Discussion Topics: Expectations about graduate-level work. How to transition from undergraduate to graduate-level work. Timeline for completing graduate school? Tips for reading/writing in graduate seminars, time management
August 30  Creating A Good Department Culture
Discussion Topics: Respectful communication, class discussion, emotional management, mental health services, handling stress, anxiety, criticism and rejection

September 6  Applied or Academic Route?
Discussion Topics: What kind of job do you want? What types of work do you find most rewarding? What kind of career path can you carve out?

*Guidance on writing a personal statement or cover letter, CV or resume

September 13  Sociology as a Discipline
Discussion Topics: What does it mean to be a professional sociologist? How is the discipline organized? What do most sociologists study? Pros and cons of academic vs. applied sociology careers

September 20  Constructing a Professional Portfolio
Discussion Topics: Peer Review of Personal Statements/Cover Letter, and CV or Resumes Discussion and Peer Review

September 27  Community Engagement and Activism
Discussion Topics: GSSA, campus groups, internships, volunteer opportunities

October 4  Completing a Thesis
Discussion Topics: How and when to begin with your thesis. Working alone with focus and consistency. Conducting library research. Writing for the Social Sciences, and forming writing groups. Things to consider for IRB and Grant Proposals.

October 11  What can you do with a Sociology MA?
Discussion Topics: Panel of former MA students (?)

October 18  Open Discussion.
Discussion Topics: How is the semester going? Questions/concerns. Mid-semester reflection/goal setting

October 25:  Being A Good Teacher/TA at FAU
Panel of Instructional Faculty (?)
Discussion Topics: Maintaining professional relationships with faculty and undergraduates, suspected plagiarism. When should you talk to your advisor or department chair? How can you avoid conflicts of interest or perceptions of favoritism toward your students? How do you manage relationships in a professional and responsible manner?
November 1: Conference Presentations
Discussion Topics: How to apply, professional organizations and memberships, tips for effective presentations, presenting at FAU, writing abstracts.

November 8: The Publication Process
Discussion Topics: How does academic publishing work? How does the review process operate?

November 15: Applying to PhD Programs
Discussion Topics: Should you get a PhD? What are the requirements? Where should you apply?

November 28: Semester Wrap Up/Open Discussion
Appendix B
HONORS PROGRAM IN SOCIOLOGY

Through writing and research intensive coursework and participation in an original research project, Sociology Honors students will have firsthand experience with all aspects of the research process including working collaboratively with fellow students and faculty, writing and revising a journal article length piece, and presenting findings in a professional setting.

Requirements:

Students successfully complete nine credits of honors coursework (three credits of research methods, six credits in a substantive area of sociology) and a capstone thesis.

Coursework:

Three Credits of Research Methods (select one of the following):
1. Graduate level methods course (Research Methods, Qualitative Methods, or Quantitative Methods)
2. Undergraduate methods course with an Honors compact (3 credits).

Six Credits in a Substantive Area (select two of the following):
1. Graduate seminar in the area of research interest of the student.
2. Research Intensive 4000-level sociology course or 4000-sociology course with an honors compact.
3. A 1-3 credit Directed Independent Study (DIS) or Directed Independent Research (DIR) with a faculty member.

Capstone Experience (select one of the following):
1. Independent Thesis
2. Thesis with a Collaborative Research Team

Admission Requirements:

1. A minimum overall GPA of 3.5
2. A minimum overall sociology GPA of 3.7
3. Minimum of 12 credits in sociology completed

4. Complete an application (link below)

Benefits to Students:

- Gain research skills required for graduate school and careers.
- Improve writing skills
- Increased interaction with faculty members in the sociology department
- Completion of undergraduate degree with honors distinction (Honors recognition with cord at graduation)

Application:

Download and fill out this application. Send to Dr. Laura Backstrom, Director of the Honors Program via email (lbackstrom@fau.edu) or deliver to the sociology department in the Culture and Society Building (CU) Room 253.
Appendix C
WRITING ABILITIES FOR SOCIOLOGY MAJORS

With which writing abilities should students in this major graduate?

The faculty survey and discussion produced the following 6 core writing abilities with which all majors should graduate.

1. **Critical reading**
   - a. identifying/understanding the basic anatomy of sociological texts (research question, methods, findings, and implications)
   - b. accurately summarizing the work of others
   - c. distinguishing between different types of written sources (scholarly versus journalistic, etc.)
   - d. explaining the contributions and shortcomings of sociological studies

2. **Coherent and cogent argumentation**
   - a. clear writing that is logically organized and grammatically correct
   - b. development of logically coherent and well-integrated narratives including thesis statements, statements of the organization of the paper, presentation of evidence, analysis, and implications
   - c. synthesizing various sources to develop one’s own position
   - d. developing persuasive arguments using data and disciplinary discourse

3. **Analyzing empirical data/evidence**
   - a. distinguishing between types of empirical data and their uses (quantitative/qualitative)
   - b. understanding methods of data collection
   - c. accurately describing and interpreting data
   - d. organizing/coding data into categories
   - e. making appropriate comparisons
   - f. using data to measure variables/variation and uncover themes
   - g. drawing accurate conclusions from data
   - h. recognizing the limitations of data

4. **Understanding and applying theory/conceptual frameworks**
   - a. identifying core assumptions of theories
   - b. accurately interpreting theoretical arguments
   - c. clearly defining theoretical concepts
   - d. using theory to develop sociological research questions
   - e. identifying and proposing theses/causal arguments
   - f. Operationalizing concepts with data

5. **Evaluating sociological work**
   - a. Identifying logical/systematic links between evidence and arguments
   - b. distinguishing analysis from advocacy
c. identifying the strengths and weaknesses (limitations) of sociological arguments/studies

d. Identifying the implications of a particular study for the broader field

6. Reflexivity
   a. Understanding one’s own position/standpoint in systems of social relations
Appendix D
To: DFSCAL Undergraduate Programs Committee

From: Ann Branaman, Professor and Chair of Sociology

Date: December 2, 2019

Re: BA Sociology Curriculum Change Proposal

In an effort to create some modest verticality in our curriculum so as to allow student progression in the development of sociological research and writing skills, the faculty in the Department of Sociology have devised the following plan for revision of our BA curriculum. This proposed curriculum change is comprehensive, superseding all prior requirements for the major in Sociology.

1. We propose to move SYA 4010 Sociological Theory and SYA 4300 Sociological Analysis: Survey of Research Methods to the 3000-level. Both courses will remain requirements for Sociology majors. The prerequisite for these courses will be SYG 1000, SYD 3792, or SYO 3530.

2. We propose to move several of our courses, listed below, from 4000 to 3000-level. With respect to content, these course will remain similar to what they were when delivered at the 4000-level. The purpose of moving many of our courses to the 3000-level is so that we may be able to heighten the rigor of the 4000-level courses by requiring students in 4000-level courses to conduct research and write sociological research papers. There will be no prerequisites for our 3000-level courses (apart from the required SYA 3010 and SYA 3300 classes). The 3000-level courses will be aimed not only at engaging students in the content of the substantive areas in sociology, but the 3000-level courses will work on building sociological analysis and writing skills to prepare them for the research-oriented 4000-level courses.

3. We propose adding SYA 3010 and SYA 3300 as prerequisites for our 4000-level courses. These will include:

   - SYA 4310 Qualitative Research Methods
   - SYA 4300 Sociological Analysis: Quantitative Research Methods
   - SYA 4930 Special Topics
   - SYP 4063 Social Construction of Sexuality
   - SYP 4453 Global Social Change
   - SYP 4464 Sociology of Climate and Disaster
   - SYP 4610 Cultural Sociology

Sociology majors will be required to take at least two 4000-level courses to fulfill the requirements of the major.
In sum, effective Spring 2021, the new requirements for the Sociology major will be as follows:

1. SYA 3010 Sociological Theory (3 credits)
2. SYA 3400 Sociological Analysis: Survey of Methods (3 credits)
3. Six 3000-level electives in Sociology (18 credits)
4. Two 4000-level courses (6 credits) (SYA 3010 and SYA 3400 are formal prerequisites for enrollment in 4000-level courses)

Additional 4000-level courses may be substituted for 3000-level elective courses.

The total number of credits for the major will remain 30.

**Comprehensive list of courses changes:**

SYA 4310 Qualitative Research Methods – change prerequisites
SYA 4400 Sociological Analysis: Quantitative Research Methods – change prerequisites
SYA 4930 Special Topics – change prerequisites
SYP 4610 Cultural Sociology – change prerequisites
SYP 4063 Social Construction of Sexuality – change prerequisites
SYP 4453 Global Social Change – change prerequisites
SYP 4464 Sociology of Climate and Disaster – change prerequisites
SYP 4610 Cultural Sociology – change prerequisites
SYP 4451 Globalization and U.S. Cities to SYP 3454 Globalization and Cities (add title and description change)
SYA 4010 Sociological Theory to SYA 3010 – change prerequisites
SYA 4120 Contemporary Social Theory to SYA 3120
SYA 4300 Sociological Analysis: Survey of Methods to SYA 3300
SYD 4510 Environmental Sociology to SYD 3510
SYD 4602 Urban Community to SYD 3600
SYA 4930 Sociology of Film to
SYD 4702 Race in Global Context to SYD 3701
SYD 4804 Sociology of the Body to SYD 3804
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SYO 4534 Poverty & Society to SYO 3534
SYO 4370 Gender and Work to SYO 3370
SYO 4377 Labor and Globalization to SYO 3371
SYO 4410 Sociology of Mental Health to SYO 3410
SYO 4448 Animals & Society to SYO 3442
SYP 4014 Sociology of Happiness to SYP 3011
SYP 4112 Microsociology to SYP 3112
SYP 4304 Social Movements to SYP 3302
SYP 4420 Sociology of Consumption to SYP 3420
SYP 4454 Globalization and Social Movements to SYP 3454
SYP 4530 Adolescence & Delinquency to SYP 3530
SYP 4714 Sociology of Youth to SYP 3712
SYP 4774 Youth Subcultures to SYP 3772
SYA 4150 Social Conflict to SYA 3150

New course proposal
SYA 3930 Special Topics. Our current special topics course, SYA 4930, will be used for research courses in areas of faculty expertise. SYA 3930 will be necessary to accommodate new course development at the 3000-level.

SYA 3905 Directed Independent Study. Our 4000-level directed independent study course will require the completion of a full-scale research project equivalent to that required in all 4000-level courses.

List of courses to be terminated:
SYD 4812 Women, wealth, and power
SYD 4815 Sociology of Fashion
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Appendix H
Outcome 1

Content Knowledge (Research Skills): Students will demonstrate knowledge of the procedures involved in sociological research (such as idea generation, literature review, data collection and reporting) by applying data collection strategies and/or analytic methodologies to sociological research projects.

Content Knowledge (Technical Skills): Students will demonstrate technical skills related to sociological analysis such as use of statistical packages, historical/comparative methods of analysis, content analysis, interviewing skills, or equivalents.

Implementing Strategy
All students in the Sociology BA program must take at least one course in Sociological research methods. Many of our students have taken 4000-level courses, in addition to the required methods course, in which they produce a research paper (involving all steps in the sociological research process). We will collect all papers from required methods courses as well as from courses that assign full research papers. We will exclude from analysis papers written by non-majors. Of the papers submitted by our majors during AY 2018-2019, we will distinguish between papers written by students with 15 or more credits in Sociology (prior to the term in which the work was produced) and those who have less than 15 credits in Sociology prior to the time of the course.

Assessment Method
We have or will be collecting final term papers from Qualitative Research methods (spring 19), Social Movements (Fall 18), Environmental Sociology (Spring 19), and Gender and Work (Spring 19). We will select from these downloaded papers those papers that were written by sociology majors and will divide the papers into those written by students with less than 15 credits in sociology and those with more than 15 credits in sociology (prior to Spring 19 for work collected in spring 19 and prior to Fall 18 for work collected in the fall 18 term. Our departmental BA assessment committee will meet for norming of our evaluations of student work; we will then work independently in evaluating student work (with at least 2 faculty reviewing each student paper); we will then collate our data and meet to discuss the implications of our findings.

Criterion for Success
We have only recently begun to ask students to complete full-scale sociological research projects (involving a literature review, formulation of a research question, data collection, and data analysis). This is challenging to many of our students. We do not expect that 100% of our majors will achieve competence on this SLO at this stage in our program's development. Our criterion for success is, for students with less than 15 credits in sociology prior to the term in which the work was produced, is 75% of our students would demonstrate (at least)
competence and that 10% would demonstrate excellence. For students with more than 15 credits in Sociology prior to the term in which the work was produced, our criterion for success is that 100% will demonstrate at least competence and 30% will demonstrate excellence.

Results

Final term papers were collected from each of the following 4000-level courses: Qualitative Research Methods (Spring 19), Social Movements (Fall 18), Environmental Sociology (Spring 19), and Gender and Work (Spring 19). We reviewed the transcripts of all students in each of these courses to determine: 1) if the student was a sociology major; and 2) if the student had or had not completed 15 credits in Sociology prior to the term in which the work was produced. We reviewed only those papers written by sociology majors.

The total number of sociology majors whose work was reviewed was:

Environmental Sociology, 12 majors with less than 15 credits in Sociology and 3 majors with 15 or more credits in Sociology.

Gender and Work: 6 majors with less than 15 credits in Sociology and 18 majors with 15 or more credits in Sociology.

Qualitative Methods: 15 majors with less than 15 credits in Sociology and 10 majors with 15 or more credits in Sociology.

Social Movements: 7 majors with less than 15 credits in Sociology and 6 majors with 15 credits or more in Sociology.

In all, 40 majors with less than 15 credits in Sociology and 37 with more than 15 credits in Sociology.

Our BA assessment committee rated the student's demonstrated content knowledge (as defined above) on a 3-point scale. 1 is excellent; 2 is competent; and 3) below satisfactory.

Of the majors with less than 15 credits in Sociology prior to the term in which the work was produced,

7 (20%) were rated as excellent

19 (52%) were rated as competent

11 (28%) were rated as below satisfactory.

Of the majors with 15 or more credits in Sociology prior to the term in which the work was produced,
21 (58%) were rated as excellent

12  (33%) were rated as competent

3 (8%) were rated as below satisfactory

Relative to our targets:

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72 % of students with less than 15 credits in Sociology were rated as either excellent or competent, falling three percentage points short of our target.

20% of students with less than 15 credits in Sociology were rated as excellent, exceeding our target by ten percentage points.

92% of students with 15 or more credits in Sociology were rated as either excellent or competent, falling eight percentage points short of our target.

58% of students with 15 or more credits in Sociology were rated as excellent, exceeding our target by 28 percentage points.
Outcome 2

Critical Thinking (Analytical and Practical Skills)

Students will demonstrate the ability to conduct library, field, or data archive based research on a sociological topic that demonstrates critical analysis that appropriately uses and interprets the results of qualitative and/or quantitative research methods. Students will be assessed on their research, technical, and analytical skills as indicated in appropriate sections of their research

Implementing Strategy: All students in the Sociology BA program must take at least one course in Sociological research methods. Many of our students have taken 4000-level courses, in addition to the required methods course, in which they produce a research paper (involving all steps in the sociological research process). We will collect all papers from required methods courses as well as from courses that assign full research papers. We will exclude from analysis papers written by non-majors. Of the papers submitted by our majors, we will distinguish between papers written by students with 15 or more credits in Sociology (prior to Spring 19) and those who have less than 15 credits in Sociology prior to Spring 19.

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Criterion for Success: Our criterion for success is that 70% of our students with less than 15 credits in Sociology (prior to the term from which written work was collected) will demonstrate at least competence in critical thinking. Our criterion for success for those students who have more than 15 credits in Sociology prior to the term from which the written work was collected is that 100% will demonstrate competence while at least 20% will demonstrate excellence.

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In all, 40 majors with less than 15 credits in Sociology and 37 with more than 15 credits in Sociology.

Our BA assessment committee rated the student's demonstrated critical thinking (as defined above) on a 3-point scale. 1 is excellent; 2 is competent; and 3) below satisfactory.

Of the majors with less than 15 credits in Sociology prior to the term in which the work was produced,

7 were rated as excellent (19%)’ 16 were rated as competent (43%)’ 14 were rated as below satisfactory(38%)

Of the majors with 15 or more credits in Sociology prior to the term in which the work was produced,

22 were rated as excellent (61%)

13 were rated as competent (36%)

1 was rated as below satisfactory.(3%)

Relative to our targets:

Our criterion for success is that 70% of our students with less than 15 credits in Sociology (prior to the term from which written work was collected) will demonstrate at least competence in critical thinking. Our criterion for success for those students who have more than 15 credits in Sociology prior to the term from which the written work was collected is that 100% will demonstrate competence while at least 20% will demonstrate excellence.

62% of students with less than 15 credits in Sociology were rated as competent or excellent, 8 points short of our target.

97% of students with 15 or more credits in Sociology were rated as competent or excellent, 3 percentage points short of our target.

61% were rated as exceptional, exceeding our target by 41 percentage points.
Outcome 3: Communication

Communication: Students will communicate in a manner that is clear, focused, and organized.

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Our BA assessment committee rated the student's demonstrated competence in written communication (as defined above) on a 3-point scale. 1 is excellent; 2 is competent; and 3) below satisfactory.

Of the majors with less than 15 credits in Sociology prior to the term in which the work was produced,

13 were rated as excellent  (35%)

19 were rated as competent (51%)

5 were rated as below satisfactory. (14%)

Of the majors with 15 or more credits in Sociology prior to the term in which the work was produced,

26 were rated as excellent (72%)
9 were rated as competent (25%)

1 was rated as below satisfactory. (3%)

For students with less than 15 credits in sociology: Our target is for 70% of our students to be rated as at least competent and 10% of our students to be rated as excellent. We met both targets, exceeding the first target by 16 percentage points and the second one by 25 percentage points.

For students with more than 15 credits in sociology: Our target is for 100% to be rated as at least competent and for 30% to be rated as excellent. We fell short of our 100% target due to one student being evaluated as below satisfactory. We exceeded the 30% excellence target by 42%.

Program Improvement

We continue to move forward with our department's WEC (Writing Enhanced Curriculum) project. The data suggest that our efforts are producing positive results, with a 20 percentage point difference in competence and a 38 percentage point difference in excellence between students with less than 15 credits in Sociology and students with 15 or more credits in Sociology.

By Fall 2020, we will have implemented a significant change to our BA curricular requirements. Among our goals for this change is to provide students with opportunities to develop sociological research and writing skills prior to taking 4000-level courses. All 4000-level courses will be essentially "capstone" courses in which students complete a sociological research project that will require them to demonstrate competence in the six WEC criteria our department has established over the past several years.

Our assessment criteria for 2019-2020 will be the 6 SLOs of our department’s WEC plan.
Appendix I
2017-2018 Program Review
Sociology

I Instruction
A Assessment goals and outcomes for each degree program (reported separately)
B Input Data

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Person-year= 1 person working full time for one year
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'Other Course Types' includes DIS, Thesis/Dissertation Research, Individual Performance Instruction, Internships, etc.

Sections taught by tenured, tenure-earning and non-tenure-earning faculty are counted as 'faculty-taught'
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Source: Student Data Course File

Note: For Annual Headcounts, each student is counted once whether enrolled in summer, fall or spring.

Students enrolled in more than one term during the year are included in the level of their latest term.
### Productivity Data

#### C 1 Annualized State-Fundable FTE Produced By Level

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Source: Student Data Course File
Based On State-Fundable Credit Hours
Note: Grad I and Grad II groups will sum to Graduate Total; Classroom and Thesis-Dissertation will sum to Graduate Total.
### C 2 Annualized State-Fundable FTE Produced In/Out Of Department or College
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Source: Student Data Course File

Note: Degrees awarded with multiple majors may result in fractional degree totals for some groups.

A degree awarded with a single major contributes 1 degree, a double major contributes $1/2$ degree in each major, and a triple major contributes $1/3$ degree in each major to the degree totals.
### Efficiency Data

**D 1 B Annualized Student FTE Produced Per FACULTY Instructional Person-Year (Student Faculty Ratio)**

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Source: Instruction and Research File and Student Data Course File

Includes Instructional Person-Years from Tenured, Tenure-earning and Non-tenure-earning faculty only

Annualized FTE (C 1) produced for each person-year devoted to instruction (B 1 department total).
D 2 Degrees Awarded Per FACULTY Instructional Person Year
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Effectiveness Data

E1 Rating Instructor's Overall Teaching Effectiveness (item 6) from Student Perception of Teaching (SPOT) Sociology

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Source: Student Perception of Teaching Results, Summer 2017 to Spring 2018
II. Research, Creative & Scholarly Activities
A Assessment Goals and Outcomes for Research (reported separately)
B 1 Faculty Person Years and FTE Devoted to Research
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'Other personnel paid on faculty pay plan' includes Scholar/Scientist/Engineer (all ranks), Research Assoc, Assoc In, Asst In, Postdoctoral Assoc

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C 1-9 Research/Scholarly Productivity
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Sources: College Dean's Office and Division of Research (Grant Proposals Submitted)

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A Assessment Goals and Outcomes for Service (reported separately)
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Faculty committee memberships and faculty serving as editors or referees (Section III B 1-3) per tenured and tenure earning faculty member (Section I B 1)
Appendix J
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Department of Sociology
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Procedures and Criteria for Annual Evaluation

(Approved by Provost – April 2011)

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We recognize that an annual evaluation is a limited cross-section of an academic career and that, therefore, promotion and tenure criteria necessarily address a broader set of issues. Faculty are urged to regularly review the department’s promotion and tenure criteria. Annual evaluations are an important part of promotion and tenure decision but are not all that is considered.

Evaluation of Instruction

The department recognized that instruction incorporates a broad range of activities along with teaching. Both quantitative and qualitative data will be used for evaluating faculty members’ instructional accomplishments and to assess overall performance in this area of the assignment. The three sections below outline the sets of activities the department will consider in the evaluation of instruction. The minimal data used to evaluate instruction: SPOT scores, syllabi, and grade distributions.

A. The basic elements of instructional work are in assigned classes, and its quality is assessed through an evaluation of based:

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  - The evaluation committee will look at modal and average SPOT scores across all of the items. The committee will consider faculty analyses of the SPOT results, particularly as they concern outliers.

B. The evaluation of instruction will include a significant dimension of peer evaluation, as the faculty on the departmental evaluation committee also will consider:
• Syllabi
  o rigor, intellectual content
  o appropriateness of assignments
  o clarity of course objectives
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  o effectiveness
  o appropriateness to level/kind of class
• Methods for evaluation of student learning
  o Appropriateness to level/kind of class
  o Impact on students’ skills
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C. In addition to classroom teaching, there are a variety of ways in which the department’s instructional mission can be advanced by individual faculty. As appropriate to assignment and accomplishments, faculty may provide evidence of work such as:
  • serving on or chairing thesis or dissertation committees
  • advising students about the graduate and undergraduate major
  • writing letters of recommendation for students applying to graduate and other outside programs
  • developing and revising courses
  • developing and revising curricula
  • participating in workshops/programs to improve and develop instruction
  • participating in the design and implementation of assessment practices
  • serving on college and university committees on curricular and instructional issues
  • providing summative or evaluative peer evaluations of classroom teaching
    o working with colleagues to assist them in improving their instruction
    o providing instructional mentorship for graduate teaching assistants
  • working on recruitment and retention of majors
  • organizing and/or participating in co-curricular events sponsored by the department
  • serving as faculty advisor to student clubs
  • contributing to College and University recruitment and retention initiatives
  • nominations for and receipt of teaching awards

Expectations of instructional accomplishments vary according to the rank of the faculty member.

Untenured faculty are expected to focus on developing their classroom teaching; the department expects the newly-hired faculty member to use his or her first few years at FAU to develop both a teaching repertoire and sufficient familiarity with FAU students’ characteristics to be able to design effective classes.

As faculty members acquire more teaching experience, the department expects them to expand their instructional roles: for instance, by mentoring students, serving on M.A. and Ph.D. committees, involvement in co-curricular activities, serving on curricular committees, or supporting junior faculty in their instructional development.
Exceptional:
- For untenured faculty: very positive student feedback through the SPOT instrument; well-designed syllabi; methods for student evaluation that simultaneously challenge and provide opportunity for the development of significant critical thinking skills. Evidence that the faculty member has been able to design and deliver challenging classes that significantly improve students’ skills.
- For tenured faculty: all of the above in addition to several items from section C that are of documentable significance to the quality of what we offer to our students in the Department of Sociology.
- Note: For a rating of exceptional, SPOT scores should be 2.0 or better.

A note on the SPOT instrument: Principal components analysis of the SPOT scores has identified three significant underlying dimensions in responses (IEA analysis, February 2009). Each of these components is tapped by a different pattern of questions. Therefore, the department will review responses on all questions on the SPOT instrument in order to interpret student ratings of the faculty member.

The department review committee will request additional data on SPOT scores from IEA (e.g., scattergrams) as necessary and useful.

Outstanding:
- For the untenured: positive student feedback; well-designed syllabi; methods for student evaluation that simultaneously challenge and provide opportunity for the development of significant critical thinking skills. Evidence that the faculty member has been able to design and deliver challenging classes that significantly improve students’ skills.
- For the tenured: all of the above in addition to several items from section C that are of documentable significance to the quality of what we offer to our students in the Department of Sociology.
- Note: For a rating of outstanding, SPOT scores should be 2.5 or better.

Good:
- For the untenured: student feedback that is above (i.e., worse than) 2.5; syllabi that include all of the required elements; methods for student evaluation that are appropriate to the level and kind of class. Evidence of time and energy devoted to the challenges of becoming an effective classroom teacher at FAU.
- For the tenured: all of the above in addition to several items from section C that are of documentable significance to the quality of what we offer to our students in the Department of Sociology.
• NB: “average” student feedback requires modal SPOT scores in the third category and average SPOT scores (w/ appropriate comparison in terms of course level, campus, etc.)

Needs improvement:
• Negative feedback from students across a broad range of indicators in the SPOT; no compelling evidence in the material submitted for peer evaluation as to why this negative feedback should be discounted as a definitive indicator of problems.
• Note: a faculty member can earn this rating for only a single year. A second year of similarly problematic performance produces a rating of unsatisfactory.
• A persistent pattern of canceled classes and unexplained absences could result in an below satisfactory evaluation of instruction.

Unsatisfactory:
• A second consecutive year of problematic performance in instruction.

Evaluation of Research

The department is most interested in faculty demonstrating a research trajectory of scholarly growth in which, for example, conference papers eventually turn to publications; data gathered is eventually analyzed and presented in academic outlets; and scholarship demonstrates a connected body of knowledge. This pattern is the essence of a scholarly career, and these criteria – as well as the department’s promotion and tenure criteria – are organized around it.

Untenured faculty should focus particularly on standards for research productivity as measured by publication. They should be sure to review the department’s promotion and tenure criteria annually, as they prepare their annual reports, and attend carefully to feedback in the annual appraisal of progress towards tenure. An appropriate level of peer-reviewed publication is essential to a favorable tenure review.

Tenured faculty are expected to maintain an ongoing and consistent pattern of publication but, as a consequence of the more varied assignments and commitments of tenured faculty, are more able to plan for a periodic hiatus in publication as they devote time to extensive data collection and the preparation and publication of sociological articles and books.

The department includes but is not limited to the following as indicators of research productivity:

- publication of scholarly work in peer-reviewed journals
- publication of scholarly books
- publication of edited collections
- publication of chapters in edited scholarly books
- submission of competitive external grants
- awards of competitive external grants
- presentation of papers at professional meetings
- publication of book reviews
- reports and similar analyses for governmental or nongovernmental agencies
- data collection
demonstrable work in progress towards a book or academic article
publication of editorials and articles in important non-academic print media
originating in sociological scholarship
disseminating sociological scholarship to external audiences

**Exceptional:**

Peer-reviewed publication such as journal article, book chapter, book, edited book with
significant editorial chapter

AND

Two items from the “outstanding” category

OR

Two peer reviewed publications

Books will result in an evaluation of exceptional for two consecutive years.

**Outstanding:** at least two of the following:

- Presentation of a paper at a disciplinarily significant meeting
- Submission or receipt of competitive external grant
- Submitting written work for peer review (e.g., to a journal, editorial board)
- Book review
- Significant work in progress
- Publication of editorial or article in important non-academic print media

This rating normally will be awarded only for two consecutive years in the absence of substantial progress towards or accomplishment of publication. The department recognizes that there often is a significant lag between submission and a formal response to a submission, so substantial progress can be documented as submission of written work for review by a journal or editorial panel.

**Good:**

Work in progress

This rating normally will be awarded only for two consecutive years.

**Needs improvement:**

As specified above, the rating of “good” for work in progress will be awarded only for two consecutive years. In the third year, the faculty member should report a minimum level of professional activity (conference presentation, book review) or be able to provide a compelling explanation of why the work in progress should continue to be credited as meeting the minimal requirements of the research assignment. In the absence of either of these, the faculty member
will receive a rating of “needs improvement.”

**Unsatisfactory**

A rating of “unsatisfactory” will be given in the absence of progress towards research goals as indicated on the performance improvement plan.

Note on co-authorship: Many sociological subfields have significant traditions of co-authorship. In the case of publication co-authored by a faculty member, a distinction will be made between situations in which all work was equally shared among coauthors, in which case the faculty member will receive full credit for the publication, and situations in which there were junior and senior authors who made unequal contributions to the work, in which case the faculty member will receive a proportionate share of the credit for the publication.

**Evaluation of Service**

The department values service and encourages department members to consider service an important role as a faculty member. We encourage and support faculty in service at various levels of the university; in professional and associational service; and service to the community.

We acknowledge that some kinds of activities can legitimately be considered as contributing to both the instructional and scholarly work of the faculty member and to that person’s service, and we suggest that the faculty member consult the chair about how to most accurately report this kind of work.

The type and extent of service shifts during the academic career, and the department’s rating system explicitly recognizes that shift. For faculty in their first few years in the department, a rating of excellent may be earned by regular and consistent attendance at department meetings, thoughtful contributions to departmental discussions, consistent service on department subcommittees, and attendance at departmental functions (e.g., colloquia); after the third year is completed, the untenured faculty member may be assigned a somewhat increased set of service responsibilities but will still be able to earn a high rating in service for a lesser contribution than is required of a tenured faculty member. After the third year review, the department welcomes some professional service from its untenured members as well as expanded institutional service. However, the department recognizes that, just as it takes time to develop a teaching repertoire and the skills to teach effectively at FAU, it also takes time to learn the department, college and university. Although we recognize that new faculty members may be interested in engaging in a wide variety of service work, the department’s evaluation is focused on departmental service and perhaps some limited disciplinary service. The department’s policy encourages untenured faculty to focus primarily on building a strong record in instruction and research.

After tenure, faculty service expectations increase in both breadth and depth. Faculty members should become more involved in service to department, campus, college and university. This can be through participation in special projects, accepting functional responsibility (e.g., director of undergraduate studies) or through the committee system. They are also encouraged to involve themselves in leadership positions in professional associations and/or become involved in major professional initiatives such as planning conferences.
Service through public sociology may also be assigned. Public sociology seeks to bring the work of sociologists into public engagement outside the academy or university setting, through involvement in local community but also participation, dissemination of scholarship, and organizing programs and colloquia at national and international venues.

All service assignments will have some basic level of institutional service but, after tenure, the department acknowledges that faculty careers will have different mixes of institutional, disciplinary and public service. In all cases, evaluation will be on the basis of assigned service. Faculty should be sure to consult with the chair prior to accepting significant service work that might require a substantial reallocation of the focus of their service assignment.

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- For tenured faculty: significant, sustained and effective contributions to the betterment of the institution or discipline; thoughtful, collegial and constructive participation in departmental, college, university, or discipline development; significant responsibility for/leadership of one or more major functions or projects for the department, college, university or in professional organizations or in the public realm

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**Needs improvement:** failing to meet the requirements of attendance at and conscientious participation in departmental decision-making; failure to fulfill the terms of the basic assignment to institutional projects/committees

Unsatisfactory: Continued failure to fulfill service assignments after receiving a “needs improvement” rating during the prior academic year.
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Exceptional requires a rating of “exceptional” in at least two of the major areas of the assignments and a rating of at least “outstanding” in the third area.

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Good:
• For the untenured: student feedback that is at or below the university’s average score for this type of class; syllabi that include all of the required elements; methods for student evaluation that are appropriate to the level and kind of class. Evidence of time and energy devoted to the challenges of becoming an effective classroom teacher at FAU.
• For the tenured: all of the above in addition to several items from section C that are of documentable significance to the quality of what we offer to our students in the Department of Sociology.
• NB: “average” student feedback requires modal SPOT scores in the third category and average SPOT scores (w/ appropriate comparison in terms of course level, campus, etc.)

Needs improvement:
• Negative feedback from students across a broad range of indicators in the SPOT; no compelling evidence in the material submitted for peer evaluation as to why this negative feedback should be discounted as a definitive indicator of problems.
• Note: a faculty member can earn this rating for only a single year. A second year of similarly problematic performance produces a rating of unsatisfactory.
• A persistent pattern of canceled classes and unexplained absences could result in an below satisfactory evaluation of instruction.

Unsatisfactory:
• A second consecutive year of problematic performance in instruction.

Evaluation of Research

The department is most interested in faculty demonstrating a research trajectory of scholarly growth in which, for example, conference papers eventually turn to publications; data gathered is eventually analyzed and presented in academic outlets; and scholarship demonstrates a connected body of knowledge. This pattern is the essence of a scholarly career, and these criteria – as well as the department’s promotion and tenure criteria – are organized around it.

Untenured faculty should focus particularly on standards for research productivity as measured by publication. They should be sure to review the department’s promotion and tenure criteria annually, as they prepare their annual reports, and attend carefully to feedback in the annual appraisal of progress towards tenure. An appropriate level of peer-reviewed publication is essential to a favorable tenure review.

Tenured faculty are expected to maintain an ongoing and consistent pattern of publication but, as a consequence of the more varied assignments and commitments of tenured faculty, are more able to plan for a periodic hiatus in publication as they devote time to extensive data collection and the preparation and publication of sociological articles and books.

The department includes but is not limited to the following as indicators of research productivity:

- publication of scholarly work in peer-reviewed journals
- publication of scholarly books
- publication of edited collections
- publication of chapters in edited scholarly books
- submission of competitive external grants
- awards of competitive external grants
- presentation of papers at professional meetings
- publication of book reviews
- reports and similar analyses for governmental or nongovernmental agencies
- data collection
demonstrable work in progress towards a book or academic article
publication of editorials and articles in important non-academic print media
originating in sociological scholarship
disseminating sociological scholarship to external audiences

**Exceptional:**

Peer-reviewed publication such as journal article, book chapter, book, edited book with significant editorial chapter

Books will result in an evaluation of exceptional for two consecutive years.

**Outstanding:** at least two of the following:

Presentation of a paper at a disciplinarily significant meeting
submission or receipt of competitive external grant
submitting written work for peer review (e.g., to a journal, editorial board)
book review
significant work in progress
publication of editorial or article in important non-academic print media

This rating normally will be awarded only for two consecutive years in the absence of substantial progress towards or accomplishment of publication. The department recognizes that there often is a significant lag between submission and a formal response to a submission, so substantial progress can be documented as submission of written work for review by a journal or editorial panel.

**Good:**

Work in progress

This rating normally will be awarded only for two consecutive years.

**Needs improvement:**

As specified above, the rating of “good” for work in progress will be awarded only for two consecutive years. In the third year, the faculty member should report a minimum level of professional activity (conference presentation, book review) or be able to provide a compelling explanation of why the work in progress should continue to be credited as meeting the minimal requirements of the research assignment. In the absence of either of these, the faculty member will receive a rating of “needs improvement.”

**Unsatisfactory**

A rating of “unsatisfactory” will be given in the absence of progress towards research goals as indicated on the performance improvement plan.
Note on co-authorship: Many sociological subfields have significant traditions of co-authorship. In the case of publication co-authored by a faculty member, a distinction will be made between situations in which all work was equally shared among coauthors, in which case the faculty member will receive full credit for the publication, and situations in which there were junior and senior authors who made unequal contributions to the work, in which case the faculty member will receive a proportionate share of the credit for the publication.

**Evaluation of Service**

The department values service and encourages department members to consider service an important role as a faculty member. We encourage and support faculty in service at various levels of the university; in professional and associational service; and service to the community.

We acknowledge that some kinds of activities can legitimately be considered as contributing to both the instructional and scholarly work of the faculty member and to that person’s service, and we suggest that the faculty member consult the chair about how to most accurately report this kind of work.

The type and extent of service shifts during the academic career, and the department’s rating system explicitly recognizes that shift. For faculty in their first few years in the department, a rating of excellent may be earned by regular and consistent attendance at department meetings, thoughtful contributions to departmental discussions, consistent service on department subcommittees, and attendance at departmental functions (e.g., colloquia); after the third year is completed, the untenured faculty member may be assigned a somewhat increased set of service responsibilities but will still be able to earn a high rating in service for a lesser contribution than is required of a tenured faculty member. After the third year review, the department welcomes some professional service from its untenured members as well as expanded institutional service. However, the department recognizes that, just as it takes time to develop a teaching repertoire and the skills to teach effectively at FAU, it also takes time to learn the department, college and university. Although we recognize that new faculty members may be interested in engaging in a wide variety of service work, the department’s evaluation is focused on departmental service and perhaps some limited disciplinary service. The department’s policy encourages untenured faculty to focus primarily on building a strong record in instruction and research.

After tenure, faculty service expectations increase in both breadth and depth. Faculty members should become more involved in service to department, campus, college and university. This can be through participation in special projects, accepting functional responsibility (e.g., director of undergraduate studies) or through the committee system. They are also encouraged to involve themselves in leadership positions in professional associations and/or become involved in major professional initiatives such as planning conferences.

Service through public sociology may also be assigned. Public sociology seeks to bring the work of sociologists into public engagement outside the academy or university setting, through involvement in local community but also participation, dissemination of scholarship, and organizing programs and colloquia at national and international venues.

All service assignments will have some basic level of institutional service but, after tenure, the department acknowledges that faculty careers will have different mixes of institutional,
disciplinary and public service. In all cases, evaluation will be on the basis of assigned service. Faculty should be sure to consult with the chair prior to accepting significant service work that might require a substantial reallocation of the focus of their service assignment.

Service includes but is not limited to: service on departmental, college, and university committees, councils, and senates; service in an appointed capacity within the department (e.g., graduate director); leadership in or work on an institutional initiative; service on professional or associational committees; professional representation of an association or university; elected or appointed positions in disciplinary organizations; organizing meetings, symposia, conferences, workshops, panels; serving as a reviewer for promotion/tenure applications; serving as a reviewer for journals or granting agencies; participation in public media as a sociological expert; providing sociological expertise to local, state, and national government boards, agencies, and commissions; public sociology.

**Exceptional:**
- For untenured faculty: conscientious, thoughtful participation in departmental meetings and assigned projects; major contribution to some significant departmental or disciplinary project/function
- For tenured faculty: significant, sustained and effective contributions to the betterment of the institution or discipline; thoughtful, collegial and constructive participation in departmental, college, university, or discipline development; significant responsibility for/leadership of one or more major functions or projects for the department, college, university or in professional organizations or in the public realm

**Outstanding:**
- For untenured faculty: conscientious, thoughtful participation in departmental meetings and assigned projects
- For tenured faculty: significant, sustained and effective contributions to the betterment of the institution or discipline; thoughtful, collegial and constructive participation in departmental, college, university, or discipline development; major contribution to some significant departmental or disciplinary project/function

**Good:**
- For untenured faculty: regular attendance at faculty meetings
- For tenured faculty: regular attendance at faculty meeting; fulfilling the terms of the basic assignment to institutional projects/committees

**Needs improvement:** failing to meet the requirements of attendance at and conscientious participation in departmental decision-making; failure to fulfill the terms of the basic assignment to institutional projects/committees

**Unsatisfactory:** Continued failure to fulfill service assignments after receiving a “needs improvement” rating during the prior academic year.

**Evaluation Scale for Overall Performance**

**Exceptional** requires a rating of “exceptional” in at least two of the major areas of the assignments and a rating of at least “outstanding” in the third area.
Outstanding requires a rating of “outstanding” in two of the major areas of the assignment and at least a rating of good in the third area.

Good is determined by ratings of “good” in all assigned areas.

Needs improvement is determined by ratings of “needs improvement” in one area of the assignment.

Unsatisfactory is determined by ratings of “needs improvement” in two or more areas of the assignment or by failing to attain an overall rating of “good” after one year following the receipt of a “needs improvement” overall rating.
Appendix K
Department of Sociology  
Promotion and Tenure Procedures and Criteria  
Approved by Department of Sociology on 12/1/2017  

The Department of Sociology adopts the following criteria for candidates seeking promotion and/or tenure. These criteria are in addition to and are intended to be consistent with existing promotion and tenure guidelines at the college and university level; they should also be fully consistent with all provisions of the current BOT/UFF Collective Bargaining Agreement.

All tenured and tenure-track faculty have similar teaching assignments.

Below is a summary of activities and materials in the three central areas of faculty assignment that may be considered for promotion:

A. Instructional activities, which include but are not limited to:
   - classroom teaching
   - serving on or chairing thesis or dissertation committees
   - advising students about the graduate and undergraduate major
   - developing and/or revising courses
   - developing and/or revising curricula
   - participating in the design and implementation of assessment practices
   - serving on college and university committees concerned with curricular and instructional issues
   - developing co-curricular opportunities for students
   - developing and implementing assessment plans for instruction
   - undergraduate research curricular instruction
   - community-engaged curricular instruction
   - publishing in a teaching journal
   - presenting at a teaching workshop/panel

B. Scholarly activities, which include but are not limited to:
   - publication of scholarly work in peer-reviewed journals
   - publication of scholarly books
   - publication of edited collections
   - editing of professional journals, including special issues
   - publication of chapters in edited scholarly books
   - publication of editorials and articles in important non-academic print media
   - disseminating sociological scholarship to non-academic/public audiences
   - reports and similar policy-related analyses for governmental or nongovernmental agencies
   - submission of competitive external grants
   - awards of competitive external grants
   - presentation of papers at professional meetings
   - publication of book reviews
collaboration with undergraduate and graduate students on research projects, co-authoring and/or presenting at academic conferences community-based research

C. Service to university, profession and society, which includes but is not limited to:

assigned departmental responsibilities
assigned departmental, college and university committee responsibilities
assigned responsibilities for departmental or college activities (e.g., coordination of colloquia)
assigned projects in the community that draw upon sociological expertise
holding office in or working on significant projects within professional associations
reviewing articles for scholarly journals
reviewing scholarly books for publishers
organizing conferences, workshops, and/or chairing conference panels
participation in undergraduate research initiatives
service to professional journals

Procedures: Tenured members of the Department vote on tenure decisions. Professors vote on promotion to the rank of Professor. Professors and Associate Professors vote on promotion to the rank of Associate Professor.

- Application for tenure and/or promotion is made by the candidate through the Chair.

- For all candidates for promotion, the Chair solicits letters from at least five external reviewers. In the case of candidates for promotion to Associate Professor and/or tenure, the majority, preferably all, of the external reviewers should be accomplished full professors in the candidate's field. These external reviewers should be full-time faculty members at Ph.D. granting universities or highly regarded four-year colleges. In exceptional cases the Chair may also invite letters from referees who are tenured Associate Professors, if their credentials and publications confirm a high level of distinction. In the case of candidates for promotion to Professor, all external reviewers must be accomplished Professors at Ph.D. granting universities or highly regarded four year colleges.

- The Chair should consult the Department P&T committee to determine a list of external reviewers of the candidate's dossier. The candidate may provide names that s/he thinks are appropriate, revealing any relationship that s/he may have to these proposed reviewers in order to avoid any conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest. A candidate's co-authors/collaborators, mentors, dissertation advisors, or others with an interest in the candidate’s success should not be invited to serve as external reviewers.

- Candidates are responsible for familiarity with the requirements of the promotion/tenure portfolio, as described in the documents on the Provost's page of the FAU website. They should also review the two-part statement of the College Promotion
and Tenure Committee that is posted on the College website. The candidate prepares all
documents as stipulated in the University's tenure and promotion guidelines. The
candidate is responsible for ensuring that the portfolio conforms to College and
University requirements, although she or he is urged to consult with colleagues
(especially, the Chair and those who have served on the College Promotion and Tenure
Committee) during the process of preparing the portfolio.
• The Chair makes the files available for review by the Department faculty eligible to vote.

• The Chair calls an ad hoc meeting to discuss each application. Only faculty eligible to vote may attend. After full review and discussion with reference to the appropriate and approved criteria, faculty attending the meeting will vote by confidential ballot. Eligible faculty who cannot attend this meeting but who (a) have read the portfolio and (b) can participate in the meeting in real time through a long-distance server may file an absentee vote.

Faculty who are eligible to participate in deliberations but who elect not to participate should write a letter to the Chair explaining the reason for their absence. Abstentions are discouraged except in extraordinary cases (e.g., deliberations on a spouse or partner).

• The Department's representative on the College Promotion and Tenure Committee (or a member of the Department's Faculty Evaluation Committee) writes a consensus memorandum that reports the votes taken at the meeting and, insofar as it can be ascertained from the discussion, the reasoning behind those votes. The memorandum should consider the candidate's teaching, research, and service in light of the departmental criteria for promotion and tenure.

• Following receipt of the faculty memorandum, the Chair writes a memorandum that indicates his or her recommendation about the candidate's promotion and tenure. The memorandum should include an analysis of the candidate's teaching, research, and service in relationship to the department's criteria for promotion and tenure. It should report the result of the faculty vote.

Criteria for Promotion to Associate Professor

Faculty paths to promotion will differ, but all will require achievement in teaching, research, and service during the untenured period that meets or exceeds the department’s standards. While the department expects a pattern of "exceptional" or "outstanding" overall ranking in annual evaluations during the untenured period, it is important to recognize that annual evaluations do not aggregate to the promotion evaluation as they isolate a single year's accomplishment. The promotion review in respect to teaching considers the pattern of instructional activity across five years; in respect to research, the culmination of scholarly work in publication; and in respect to service, how the department has been improved through the faculty member's service work.

Teaching: All candidates for tenure and promotion to Associate Professor in the Sociology Department will document that they have met the department’s standards for instructional quality by including:
• a table, as described in the University's portfolio requirements showing SPOT scores for all classes taught since tenure-line appointment

• two or more letters of peer evaluation, dating back no further than two years, written by tenured colleagues who have observed the candidate's teaching

• documentation of advisement on graduate theses and/or dissertations, separating in-progress from completed theses and stating whether the advisement was as a committee member or as a director

• copies of representative syllabi for classes taught since tenure-line appointment

• any other material that the candidate believes is relevant to his or her case

Achievement in instructional activities, by the point of application for promotion to Associate Professor, is established primarily through of a record of well-designed classes and seminars that are effective, engaging, and appropriately challenging.

Promotion to Associate Professor is contingent upon evidence that the candidate meets or exceeds the department's standards for instruction. Relevant evidence of instructional accomplishment should show that the candidate: develops and delivers courses that can serve as the foundation for a strong sociological education; selects readings and assignments that challenge students appropriately; designs courses that provide students with opportunities to improve their skills; has clear and reasonable expectations for students' performance; provides useful and timely feedback about student performance; is available to assist students to improve the quality of their skills and performance; selects course material that is appropriate to the level and the substance of the course; evaluates students with an appropriate degree of rigor. Involvement in community-based curricular work and/or undergraduate research curricular work is not required but will be regarded favorably as significant instructional accomplishments.

The Department has a long tradition of instructional excellence, and it expects untenured faculty to show a trajectory that will bring them to that standard.

Research: The department recognizes that sociological scholarship takes a variety of forms and employs multiple methodologies. Faculty are encouraged to follow the path of scholarly development that is best suited to their research pursuits. Journal publications, books, and book chapters are all outlets in which substantial sociological scholarship appears, and faculty are expected to have their research appear in one or all of these. Some faculty will publish exclusively in journals. Others will place their work in edited collections or will focus on publishing books. Each pattern of publications will be reviewed on its own merits. The issue of significance is the quality and the originality of the work and its significance to the discipline or across disciplines. Quality can be assessed in many ways, but the most important way is through the judgment of peers in the discipline, an essential element necessary for promotion. Evidence of peer-review should be demonstrated for the publication of books, journal articles, and book chapters.
Citation indices, book reviews, awards, and other measures provide post-publication evidence of disciplinary reception of published work.

Given the plurality of scholarly forms and methods in sociology, it is not easy to specify a priori ranking of publication venues. The department recognizes that there is a loose prestige hierarchy of scholarly journals, with a core of older journals that have larger circulations. However, circulation is an imperfect indicator of quality. New subfields continually emerge in sociology, and these subfields' journals necessarily have smaller circulations than those of the older subfields. The department wishes to encourage its faculty to contribute to the discipline's development through their involvement in new areas of inquiry and, therefore, acknowledges the value of publication in specialty and subfield journals. Candidates for promotion are encouraged to include adequate information in their portfolios for the evaluation of the significance of the venues of their journal articles.

The department acknowledges that there are a core set of publishers that have been mainstays in the discipline, and that these can be relied upon to have a strong peer review process for both acceptance and final publication. Nevertheless, newer presses seem to dominate some of the emerging subfields. In evaluating the significance of a manuscript's acceptance for publication, the department will evaluate the review process for acceptance.

In summary, the quality of publications will be evaluated on the basis of multiple forms of evidence of the work's significance such as:

- peer review prior to publication
- peer reviews and citations that follow publication
  - the evaluations provided by the external reviewers of the promotion portfolio
  - impact on the discipline
  - the evaluations provided by the members of the department during the review
In order to meet the standards for promotion to Associate Professor, the candidate must have a record of independent and original intellectual accomplishment. New ideas, analysis, and data drive disciplinary development, and the department's standards for promotion require that the candidate make significant contributions to the development of the discipline. Untenured faculty may engage in either collaborative or single-authored work or both. In collaborative work they must demonstrate a clear record of the contributions of all authors. The appropriate balance between single- and co-authored work cannot be specified in advance, as it will be dictated by the research questions and methods and preference of scholarly practices.

There are a variety of concrete patterns of accomplishments that meet the department's standards in scholarship. A candidate who regularly publishes in highly ranked and well-regarded general or specialty journals has one pattern of accomplishment that meets the department's standards in scholarship. Departmental standards can also be met with a significant book publication or a book manuscript (published by or in production by a well-regarded press with a strong review system) that is complemented by journal articles and/or book chapters. A record of edited volumes and book chapters in edited collections could also meet department standards, provided that the work was reviewed by disciplinary peers and attained the necessary level of disciplinary significance.

The Department will take as evidence of significant research/creative activity books and/or articles that have been completed but are still in press when candidates can document the successful completion and acceptance of the manuscript. Forthcoming books are (like articles accepted for publication but still forthcoming) considered a legitimate element in a candidate's application for promotion and tenure. All scholarly work that is "forthcoming" must be documented by the publisher. In the case of a journal article, the candidate must include a letter from the journal editor that unequivocally states the anticipated publication. In the case of a scholarly book, the candidate must provide a letter from the press stating that the book is in production. The department may insist that the candidate provide the galleys for manuscript. The Department will take as evidence of professional activity works under contract but still to be completed, but they do not carry the weight of publications that are in print or in press. Conference presentations or talks given in colloquia and other venues, grants, submission of grant applications, serving on an editorial board, planning and organizing conferences or conference panels, community-based research, and collaborative research projects with FAU undergraduate and graduate students are all demonstrations of scholarly activity. The Department expects candidates for promotion and tenure to have solid plans for further long-range project(s) in their field.

In general, the department and the discipline values evidence of a body of high quality scholarship that contributes to a specific field of research regardless of peer-reviewed outlet. A distinctive scholarly profile is primarily ascertained by a record of publication but also assessed by the evaluations provided by the external reviewers, the candidate's discussion in the self-evaluation and evidence of a growing scholarly reputation as, for
example, in invitations to organize panels, serve as a discussant, write reviews, deliver talks and addresses, and edit collections.

Promotion to Associate Professor would minimally include any of the following:
- A significant book publication
- 4 peer-reviewed publications in scholarly journals (book chapters in scholarly books comparable in quality to articles published in refereed national and international journals may be substituted for journal articles)
- An alternative pattern of scholarship comparable to the above

**Service:** It is the department's policy that service activities, especially in the first few years of appointment, will focus largely or exclusively on departmental service. This would include the full range of departmental deliberations (general faculty meetings, department committees) and organizing events or colloquia. In the last years of the tenure earning years, the service assignment will expand outward towards the campus and/or discipline, and towards public and community endeavors that are consistent with the faculty member's disciplinary trajectories.

Excellence in service activities, by the point of application for promotion to Associate Professor, is established primarily through a record of conscientious, effective and consistent work that contributes to the department, college, university, community and/or discipline.

**Tenure**

It is the University's policy that tenure be awarded only to those who qualify for promotion to Associate Professor. The first consideration in tenure for an assistant professor, then, is whether the candidate has the record of accomplishment that qualifies him or her for promotion to the rank of Associate Professor.

In addition to the record of accomplishment required for promotion to Associate Professor, the awarding of tenure is based upon the judgment that the person will have a lifelong commitment to scholarship and teaching at the University level and to meeting the needs of the department, College and University. Tenure is the most significant commitment that the university can make to a faculty member. The awarding of tenure is not a simple summing of annual evaluations. Tenure is recommended when the university's academic community agrees that the faculty member is committed to the missions of the university and will make significant contributions to them across his or her career. It is a decision that must involve a thorough scrutiny of every aspect of the candidate's career. In all cases, the guiding question is a simple one: "Will the university be made better and stronger by its relationship with this professor over the remainder of her or his academic career?"

The candidate must demonstrate ability in and commitment to instructional activities. The untenured assistant professor seeking tenure needs to demonstrate that she or he has made a successful transition from student to teacher. The candidate needs to demonstrate the ability and motivation to develop new course material and effectively impart it to students. The candidate needs to show that his or her professional identity has developed to include the role of teacher.
The candidate must demonstrate a successful transition to independent scholarship. The untenured assistant professor seeking tenure needs to demonstrate that he or she has made a successful transition from graduate student to mature and independent scholar by developing a significant and coherent research program. The candidate needs to demonstrate that he or she is capable of developing projects and bringing them to successful conclusion through peer-reviewed publication. The candidate needs to demonstrate active engagement in his or her areas of the discipline, demonstrating commitment that is likely to continue for the length of an academic career.

The candidate must demonstrate commitment to and effectiveness in collegial service. Although service typically is a modest part of the assignment of Assistant Professors, the record of a candidate for tenure should provide evidence of his or her potential for productive service to the institution and, in some colleges or departments/schools, profession and community.

**Criteria for Promotion to Professor**

Promotion to the rank of Professor requires that, in the years since promotion to Associate Professor, the candidate's research profile has attained the appropriate level of distinction as a scholar within the discipline. The faculty member should be recognized as a key contributor to sociological scholarship. At the University, the candidate should have broadened his or her instructional work to include increased mentorship of students, greater involvement in curricular development, and significant contributions to enhancing the quality of what is available to our students both inside and outside the classroom. Additionally, the candidate should have developed a broader profile of sustained and effective service contributions to institution, discipline and/or community. The University expects that its faculty at the rank of Associate Professor and Professor accept significant responsibility for the institution's functioning and development, and promotion to Professor generally requires a sustained level of conscientious and valuable institutional work. While some faculty at the rank of Associate Professor will focus their service work on University, others will complement their University service work through assigned service to the discipline or community. The balance between institutional and external work will vary according to assignments but, in all cases, it must be documented and of appropriately high quality.

Promotion to Professor is awarded based on the candidate's accomplishments during the entire career, but particularly on accomplishments since promotion to Associate Professor. Favorable annual evaluations are a necessary but not sufficient requirement for promotion to Professor. In addition to generally favorable annual evaluations, the successful candidate must show the pattern and quality of professional development appropriate to a mature member of the professoriate.

The department recognizes that faculty at the rank of Associate Professor may have differentiated assignments, and will base all evaluation of candidates for Professor on assignments,

**Instruction: Increasing breadth.** The Department anticipates that Associate
Professors will continue to develop their instructional portfolio during their years in this rank. A successful applicant for promotion to Professor will be able to provide evidence of a broadening range of instructional contributions as well as the continuing high quality of instructional work that merits recognition by promotion to Professor.

The Department will evaluate the candidate's teaching effectiveness using the same assessments as it employs for promotion to Associate Professor (see section III above).

In addition, the successful candidate must demonstrate that he has moved to a new level of accomplishment in his instructional role. This can be demonstrated by some or all of the following, although this list should be taken as illustrative rather than exhaustive:

- An on-going and effective commitment to enhancing instructional quality and effectiveness in the classroom
- Broadening instructional activities by developing new courses, revising old courses, taking part in program development, and maintaining continuous mentoring of undergraduate and graduate students.
- Increased involvement in the graduate program, through recruitment, mentoring, advising, and curricular development
- Conscientious involvement in designing and implementing assessment plans
- Contributions to co-curricular opportunities for students
- Contributions to the instructional development of untenured faculty, instructors and graduate teaching assistants
- Involvement in formal programs of pedagogical investigation or training
- Undergraduate and graduate research curricular instruction
- Community-engaged curricular instruction
- Publishing in a teaching journal
- Presenting at a teaching workshop/panel

**Evaluation of Research: increasing recognition in the discipline.** Successful candidate for promotion to Professor will have published significant additional peer-reviewed scholarly work since their promotion to Associate Professor. They will have established themselves as original scholars who have identified key questions in one or more sociological fields and who have earned the approbation of their peers through their research on those questions.
The department’s approach to the evaluation of research is holistic and the quality of scholarship is more important than any fixed quantity of publication. The methodology and scope of the scholarly project will dictate the pattern of appropriate publication. Some research projects lend themselves to extensive publication in peer-reviewed journals and chapters in edited collections; others are prefer the publication of a scholarly book, complemented by a set of preliminary work published in journals or as chapters. In all cases, the Department will look for a substantial body of work that has made a noticeable contribution to the discipline.

Successful candidates for promotion to Professor will have achieved national and/or
international recognition. Evidence of such recognition might include (among other possibilities): invitations to speak at universities and/or conferences in the US or abroad; service as a reviewer for significant nationally and/or internationally distributed journals and books; service as a reviewer for grant applications; invitations to organize panels at significant disciplinary conferences. The foregoing are all indicators of the sociologist's standing in the discipline, and they are indicators of scholarship that is respected and admired. The most important indicators of disciplinary recognition, of course, come from peer-reviewed publications and peer reviews of publications.

**Evaluation of Service: increasingly broad and effective contributions.** Successful candidates for promotion will have demonstrated a consistent record of service activities of demonstrable value to the department, college, university, the discipline, and/or community. Typically, the service assignment and expectation expands considerably during the period as an Associate Professor. The Department looks to its tenured faculty for responsible and diligent completion of assigned responsibilities, leadership in departmental initiatives and activities, effective and conscientious representation on College and University committees, and a collegial approach to the betterment of the institution. The Department relies upon its tenured faculty to accept their fair share of institutional service responsibilities and to seek out opportunities for particular distinction in service that suit his or her interests and abilities.

After promotion to Associate Professor, some faculty will develop significant service commitments external to the University. As appropriate to the individual faculty member's career trajectory, faculty may become more active in disciplinary associations after tenure; through this form of service, faculty often can blend their scholarly and service activities. Finally, when assigned, sociology faculty may be active in the application of their sociological expertise to community issues; such work also may blend scholarly and service work successfully.
Appendix L

A Strategic Plan for the Race to Excellence

2015-2025

Approved by the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees on March 24, 2015. Amended on October 2, 2018.
The Setting for the Race to Excellence

Florida Atlantic University is a dynamic, national public research university with campuses and sites strategically located along a corridor of more than 100 miles of coastline between America’s Everglades and the Atlantic Ocean.

Already, it is recognized as a university of first choice for

- excellence in undergraduate education and the student experience,
- comprehensive graduate education,
- visionary and globally relevant research; and
- transformative engagement with its global communities.

With one of the nation’s most diverse student bodies, Florida Atlantic offers over 170 degree programs to more than 30,000 students. The University is now 50 years old, and this plan will guide its strategic growth for the next 10 years.

The Aspiration

Florida Atlantic will pursue, with unbridled ambition, the intention of becoming the country’s fastest-improving public research university.

The institution developed this plan to attract many collaborators for the mutual benefit of Florida Atlantic and its external constituents. The plan captures the direction that the University can follow to nationally differentiate itself.

- We will recruit and retain the highest talent in faculty, staff and students.
- Our programs will develop in focal areas, known as Pillars and Platforms.
- We will concentrate on very strategic capital facilities projects.
- The organizational efficiency of the university will be greatly enhanced.
- Most importantly we will “budget to the plan” not “plan to the budget.”

The Planning Process

This current plan builds upon past success, maintaining the mission and vision of the University. In particular, the 2012 plan, Making Waves: Celebrating and Cultivating Discovery, Diversity, and Distinction, focused the University on developing a culture of student success and excellence in research and inquiry. The goals and strategies in this document continue the spirit of the previous plan.

Additionally, key strategies for improvement must address the State University System of Florida’s Board of Governors performance metrics. A renewal of the
strategic planning process needed to take place in order to incorporate evolving expectations.

Moving forward, the institution developed the 2025 plan with substantial input from the faculty and stakeholders of Florida Atlantic University.

- From March through June 2014, listening sessions with internal and external constituencies revealed much about what stakeholders expected from the University.

- From July through September 2014, the President and Vice Presidents held administrative retreats to determine strengths, weaknesses and opportunities to improve the institution and set benchmarks for success.

- In early September, a draft outline for the plan was shared with the University’s Board of Trustees.

- From September through January 2015, the President and Provost—along with other administrators—met personally for approximately 2-3 hours each with all 60 academic departments and student-related units. Each of the six FAU campuses was visited to determine the specific niche that distinguished that campus from the others. The primary purpose of these visits was to have direct, unfiltered messages and thoughtful dialog about current conditions at FAU as well as to hear and incorporate into the plan the aspirations and concerns of faculty, students, stakeholders and administrators.

- In the coming months, a clearly defined list of institutional performance metrics, attached to the end of this document, will enable the University to operationalize this plan.

**Mission Statement**

Florida Atlantic University is a multi-campus public research university that pursues excellence in its missions of research, scholarship, creative activity, teaching, and active engagement with its communities.

**Vision**

Florida Atlantic University aspires to be recognized as a university known for excellent and accessible undergraduate and graduate education, distinguished for the quality of its programs across multiple campuses and classified as a very high research institution that is internationally acclaimed for its contributions to creativity and research as well as its collaborations with regional partners.
Values

Florida Atlantic University values:

- Excellence - in teaching, research and public service
- Accountability - taking responsibility for actions and being outcome-based
- Teamwork - seeking collaborative strategies to solve problems
- Integrity - telling the truth and delivering on our commitments
- Playing to win - and helping others win
- Innovation - striving for creative solutions and continuous improvement
- Student success - wholly committing ourselves to our students’ futures
- Safety - providing a secure campus environment
- Shared governance - making decisions through collaborative processes
- Professionalism - performing our responsibilities with an ethical behavior
- Customer service - exceeding the expectations of our clientele
- Respect - treating people the way we want to be treated
- Engagement – collaborating with community to benefit all stakeholders

Goals

Limited in number, but broad in scope and impact, attainment of these goals will ensure Florida Atlantic University’s future as a public research university that creates value for all of its institutional stakeholders. To that end, it will be the entire institution’s strategic priority to build the following six characteristics upon Pillars and Platforms that will define our Vision:

**Boldness**  
A uniquely competitive and globalized student body

Build a geographically-diverse population of students who excel in focused academic areas and engage in enriching activities that drive them to timely graduation and successful futures.

**Synergy**  
Prominent teams of researchers and scholars

Invest in focused pillars and platforms—connecting the most talented faculty, staff and students to expand on the robust culture of nationally respected research and inquiry.

**Place**  
Deep engagement with South Florida’s global communities

Partner with a diverse set of local stakeholders and enhance the physical spaces to build upon the unique cultural, demographic and environmental characteristics of each campus community – striving for leadership in developing the South Florida culture and economy.
Quality  Continuously-assessed and evolving best practices

Design a resilient, lean organization—based on best logistical practices—that identifies economies of scale and incorporates new technologies to promote institutional development.

Brand  National reputation for excellence

Communicate the incredible stories of the University to an increasingly eGlobal audience, so that key internal stakeholders can link with external constituency groups.

Strategy  Wise and innovative allocation of resources

“Budget to the plan” and pursue new revenue streams in order to make FAU self-reliant and thriving in the midst of competitive public and private funding opportunities.

Pillars and Platforms

These areas of focus will guide institutional goals and strategic actions.

_Pillars_ define institutional programs focused on creating knowledge that benefits society.

| Healthy Aging                                      | • Health and wellness                      |
|                                                  | • Geriatrics and aging in place            |
|                                                  | • Drug discovery                           |
|                                                  | • Health policy, health equity, and health economics |
|                                                  | • Stem cell research and regenerative medicine |

| Neuroscience                                      | • Dementia and Alzheimer's disease        |
|                                                  | • Psychiatric illnesses and mental health |
|                                                  | • Spinal cord injuries, eye disease, and cognition |
|                                                  | • Communication disorders                  |

| Ocean Science and Engineering / Environmental Sciences | • Health of the Everglades and the Atlantic Ocean, including river basins |
|                                                       | • Harnessing energy from the environment |
|                                                       | • Technologies that contribute to national security |

| Sensing and Smart Systems                         | • Sensor technology that can measure changes in the health of people or environments, and which advance automation |
**Platforms** represent scholarly activities that apply to and support all **Pillars.**

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| Leadership, Innovation and Entrepreneurship | • Engage faculty, staff and students in professional development of leadership skills  
• Identify intellectual property, license IP and promote a culture of startup companies for faculty and students. |
| Peace, Justice, and Human Rights | • Develop programs that share best practices and promote tolerance and understanding of diverse cultures. |
| South Florida Culture | • The region as an international hub for the arts and the humanities |
| Undergraduate Research and Inquiry | • Distinction through discovery and research experiences that promote scholarship and graduation |

**Boldness**  
*A uniquely competitive and globalized student body*

In the next decade, FAU aims to position itself as a globalized, forward-thinking institution that caters to high-ability students. An organizational culture of achievement—through timely academic progression and distinction through discovery—will thrust FAU towards national recognition.

**Strategic actions and initiatives**

Develop and implement a comprehensive enrollment management strategy  
• Increase enrollment in Board of Governors’ areas of strategic emphasis  
• Expand the traditional student catchment region beyond South Florida  
• Build non-resident diversity to 15% of the student population
Recruit and retain nationally competitive students
- Select strategic target markets for student recruitment
- Improve admission standards through high quality selectivity
- Increase the number of National Merit Scholar Finalists and Semifinalists
- Include faculty in strategic and international recruitment efforts

Become the national model for diversity of the student body
- Ensure continual inclusion as a Hispanic Serving Institution
- Pursue diversity in all academic disciplines, leveraging proximity to Latin America and the Caribbean to internationalize enrollments

Provide competitive financial support for students
- Offer market-based stipends and benefits for graduate students
- Offer scholarships to recruit outstanding students based on merit or need

Develop an academic support structure for timely student graduation
- Improve undergraduate student retention and graduation rates
- Promote timely graduation for full-time graduate students
- Develop advanced advising strategies to assist students in course selection, career development, “Flight Plans,” and accepting personal accountability for success
- Elevate the use of eLearning to supplement classroom education
- Evaluate and update curricula to be aligned with evidence-based practices, as established by learning sciences
- Expand summer semester offerings
- Assist faculty to develop innovative instructional methodologies and designs across the curriculum
- Optimize academic scheduling
- Engage all students in traditional collegiate experience, such as on-campus activities and leadership development opportunities

Develop athletic programs that achieve success in Conference USA and beyond.
- Recruit and retain student-athletes, coaches, and staff who mirror institutional values and contribute to the achievement of FAU’s mission
- Evaluate and refine student support programs for student-athletes
- Implement revenue-generation plans to provide resources for excellence
- Ensure an effective NCAA compliance education program which properly communicates with student-athletes, coaches, staff, and FAU constituents
- Enhance athletic facilities and resources to attract the best student-athletes and to build a national following for Florida Atlantic Athletics

Expand opportunities for undergraduate students to participate in discovery-based learning.
- Create meaningful living-learning communities on or near campus
• Invest significantly in on-campus internships
• Provide meaningful employment on campus to provide work experience and relieve financial burden for students

Promote student scholarship
• Help nominate students and obtain increased national awards for students (Truman, Goldwater, etc.)
• Increase student participation in national meetings
• Increase students publishing in peer-reviewed journals

Promote excellence in educational experiences throughout all stages of life
• Continue to develop public PK-12 laboratory schools as national models
• Expand lifelong learning offerings throughout the service region

Elevate the levels of student success beyond graduation
• Achieve high numbers of students employed in well-paying jobs after graduation
• Achieve high placement levels in graduate, post-graduate, and post-professional educational, training, and research programs, particularly with prestigious institutions

**Synergy**
*Prominent teams of researchers and scholars*

FAU already possesses unique and active research programs, and the institution will invest in focused *Pillars and Platforms* to enhance interdisciplinary teams. By connecting the most talented faculty, staff, and students, the University will expand upon a robust culture of globally-respected research and inquiry.

**Strategic actions and initiatives**

Improve compensation plans
• Develop competitive compensation plans for faculty members, staff members and graduate students
• Incentivize extraordinary achievement with bonuses

Recruit and retain outstanding faculty and graduate students
• Recruit endowed chairs and increase national academy membership to 3
• Hire or retain strong interdisciplinary leaders for *Pillars and Platforms*
• Add a minimum of 25 new faculty each year in *Pillars*
• Cluster-hire interdisciplinary teams in *Pillars*
• Develop strategies to identify and recruit outstanding graduate students
Implement a "customer service" approach to supporting faculty scholarship
- Create a “one-stop-shop” for sponsored programs: proposal development; legal; pre- and post-awards
- Assist faculty with development of research compliance documents
- Assist faculty with identifying and protecting intellectual property
- Develop service functions in core facilities

Develop a capacity to promote economic development
- Develop an Office of Economic Development to partner with private sector entities interested in FAU’s research and development efforts, as well as workforce development
- Identify opportunities for development on joint-use capital assets
- Leverage relationships with the FAU Research Park to promote development of start-up corporations that mutually benefit the private sector and the University

Grow the research enterprise
- Increase annual extramural research expenditures to $100M
- Ensure mentoring strategies for faculty
- Build key partnerships with other universities/institutes/centers
- Allocate research space by institutional priority and research productivity
- Create multi-user facilities with cutting-edge equipment
- Define the focus of the College of Medicine and its community-based academic and research activities, according to established Pillars
- Promote international faculty research opportunities

Place

Deep engagement with South Florida’s global communities

The University will deeply engage the South Florida region by aligning programs with the unique cultural, demographic and environmental characteristics of each of the campus communities. As a national institution, FAU will build on its sense of place to enhance its physical spaces and develop competitive facilities. Accordingly, the University will expand upon both its “outreach” and “in-reach” efforts by building partnerships that benefit all engaged parties.

Strategic actions and initiatives

Institutionalize a culture of collaborative and experiential engagement with community partners that recognizes and values the dynamic and reciprocal exchange of knowledge, ideas, and resources to identify community concerns, build consensus, implement resolution and evaluate success.
• Create and maintain an infrastructure that will encourage and support faculty, staff, and student engagement with the community through community-based research, volunteerism, and service initiatives
• Achieve the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teachings' classification as a community engaged institution by 2020
• Build and grow creative programs that teach pre-collegiate youth critical thinking and leadership skills that prepare them for success in college, stimulate innovation and entrepreneurial skills, and support workforce and economic development in FAU's regional and global communities
• Establish a responsive program and outcome delivery system that provides support to faculty and staff in the delivery of public service and pre-collegiate programs
• Establish an award/reward system that celebrates faculty, staff, and student participation in exemplary and sustained community activities that build partnerships and advance the institution and community
• Complement academic learning by preparing collegiate and pre-collegiate students for success in life through employability skills and life skills developed by involvement in public service, while integrating these experiences into the curriculum

Develop or update a new Master Plan for each campus and site that provides a framework to guide the decisions on where to locate the university's research, teaching, residential, athletic, and recreational priorities and programs
• Integrate the following into a comprehensive plan: programmatic needs, exterior architecture, branding, landscaping, utility planning, roadways, parking, security, technology, and building conditions
• Conduct a space survey to determine current utilization and how physical resources should be used to best support student life, academics, and scholarship providing for university growth by campus locations
• Build and renovate buildings and exterior spaces based on strategic priorities—identifying those project priorities in the annual Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and strategically using private and Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) dollars according to the following ranking of need: 1- life safety, 2 - maintenance and repairs, 3 - lab and instructional needs, and 4 - aesthetic improvements
• Maintain the University's green-space and other exterior spaces that promote a campus experience that is safe and aesthetically appealing
• Develop an institution-wide safety and security plan to enhance campus environments and enrich the academic experience
• Enhance technology infrastructure to promote research and education
• Partner with the private sector to expand the university's academic mission and student life

Build out the capabilities of FAU's branch campuses
Promote national recognition of Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute
Craft an internationally recognized STE(A)M Honors college on the Jupiter campus and collaborate with key partners to build global research capacity in life sciences alongside comprehensive educational offerings
Promote ocean engineering research and training at Dania Beach
Promote and develop the academic mission of the Davie and downtown Fort Lauderdale campuses

Partner with host communities to redevelop areas directly adjacent to campuses
Focus growth on pedestrian-friendly experiences for residential students

Quality
Continuously-assessed and evolving best practices

The ten-year objective is to constantly improve organizational effectiveness through the use of best practices in supply-chain and logistics management. FAU will advance itself as a resilient, lean organization that identifies economies of scale and incorporates new technologies to promote institutional growth and decision making.

Strategic actions and initiatives

Identify current and future campus leaders to engage in professional development opportunities

Leverage the technical expertise of staff members and encourage staff participation in operational improvements

Centralize areas to promote efficiency and effectiveness in
- Student engagement
- Facilities management
- Institutional advancement
- Information technology
- Communications

Develop assessment tools
- Track progress toward broad goals using sophisticated Dashboards
- Develop assessment tools across all programs and units
- Benchmark each part of the plan and document progress
- Implement a comprehensive post-tenure review policy, in consultation with a faculty committee, to document sustained performance of assigned duties, to acknowledge achievements, and to hold faculty members accountable for high performance standards.
Brand

National reputation for excellence

Florida Atlantic University in 2025 will be a strong brand. The University will develop a preeminent internet presence and implement comprehensive global marketing by linking key internal and external constituency groups.

Strategic actions and initiatives

Formulate an eGlobal marketing plan that aggressively seeks recognition for accomplishments of faculty, staff and students.

Develop “brand centers” on all campuses that promote engagement with surrounding communities and clearly communicate the strategic strengths of the institution and its stakeholders.

Create an innovative branding and community outreach program that tells the Florida Atlantic story and engages FAU with the local community.

Build partnerships with internationally recognized academic brands.

Develop an Athletics brand that clearly communicates with a national audience.

Strategy

Wise and innovative allocation of resources

The University will “budget to the plan” by allocating resources in a manner that falls in line with the Mission and Vision of the University, as well as this document and its Pillars and Platforms. Moving forward, FAU will pursue new, diversified revenue streams in order to make itself a thriving and self-reliant organization in the midst of competitive public and private funding opportunities.

Strategic actions and initiatives

Develop external funding framework to permanently sustain Pillars and Platforms.

Identify diversified revenue opportunities
- Explore a ten-year capital campaign
- Request additional state support to underpin our continued improvement to the State’s performance metrics and metrics of this Strategic Plan (see addendum A: FAU 100).
- Enhance the donor base
• Develop premier donor stewardship experiences  
• Embrace legacy donors  
• Grow alumni participation and giving rates  
• Engage faculty and staff in efforts to learn about and promote fundraising  
• Build the institutional endowment  
• Strengthen the relationship between FAU Foundation and the University  
• Centralize the management of the development staff  
• Compete aggressively for state performance funds  
• Develop very strategic legislative budget requests  
• Strengthen state and federal relations  
• Increase departmental generated revenue  
• Increase research expenditures  
• Increase athletic and academic event ticket sales  
• Increase “market-rate” programs across the University  
• Increase out-of-state and international enrollment  
• Increase revenue from distance education  
• Structure summer as a comprehensive semester  
• Develop appropriate research indirect costs collection policies  
• Sell real estate assets no longer needed  
• Eliminate low enrollment programs according to guidance from Board of Governors’ academic coordination workgroup  
• Adjust faculty workloads to appropriately reflect productivity in the areas of teaching, research, and service  

Explore divestment opportunities  
• Reduce personnel costs in non-strategic areas  
• Improve competitive bid process  
• Work with private sector to build housing as needed near campuses  
• Explore selective retirement programs  
• Reduce ‘transaction costs’  
• Streamline administrative procedures  
• Create student internships where appropriate instead of full-time staff  

Assessment and Sustainability

This plan becomes the primary annual evaluation tool for the President, each Vice President, and their direct reports. In order to ensure the University’s competitiveness in the national race to excellence, the plan will be systematically implemented with a sense of urgency. Annually, the institution will review the following performance indicators, along with progress towards specific targets.

The resulting plan will use Specific, Measurable, Assignable, Realistic, and Time-related (SMART) metrics, as defined below:
- Specific – targeted areas for improvement
- Measurable – quantifiable progress
- Assignable – identifiable leadership
- Realistic – results are achievable
- Time-related – deadlines for progress

At the institutional level (see following pages):
- State and national standardized metrics will aid in the assessment of the University’s holistic advancement towards national recognition.
- Use Florida Atlantic’s ranking in US News and World Report as an external verification of our elevation of performance and brand recognition (see addendum A: FAU 100).

At the operational level:
- Individuals responsible for implementation will identify, collect, verify, analyze, and archive the data to assess their progress.

This plan must remain flexible in its approach to strategic actions and initiatives, so that Florida Atlantic is able to react to changes in the external and internal environments. Likewise, the concept of Pillars and Platforms can continuously evolve to meet institutional priorities. Interdisciplinary programs and activities will be included in the Pillars and Platforms as they rise to prominence at the University. The faculty, staff, and students will then have the opportunity to develop new and existing programs into institutional Pillars and Platforms.

### Institutional Performance Metrics

**State University System of Florida - Board of Governors (BOG) Metrics**

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<td>$27,690</td>
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### US News and World Report (US News)

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<td>Percent of Faculty Who Hold Full-Time Appointments</td>
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<td>90% or equivalent classification&lt;br&gt;(Pending)</td>
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<td>15) Academic Progress Rate (2nd Fall Retention with GPA&gt;=2)</td>
<td>90%</td>
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<td>16) Bachelor’s Degrees in Programs of Strategic Emphasis (Categories Include: STEM, Health, Education, Global, and Gap Analysis)</td>
<td>45,000 (50%)</td>
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<td>17) Bachelor’s Degrees in STEM &amp; Health (Percent of Bachelor’s Total)</td>
<td>30,000 (35%)</td>
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<td>18) Graduate Degrees in Programs of Strategic Emphasis (Categories Include: STEM, Health, Education, Global, and Gap Analysis) PBF: ALL (except NCF)</td>
<td>18,200 (60%) (after 2012-13 revision)</td>
<td>63% – 2025 target (Race to Excellence, 2015-2025)</td>
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<td>19) Graduate Degrees in STEM &amp; Health (Percent of Graduate Total)</td>
<td>15,200 (50%) (after 2012-13 revision)</td>
<td>45% – 2021 target (FAU Accountability Plan, 2018)</td>
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<td>20) Faculty Membership in National Academies</td>
<td>75 (based on 2011)</td>
<td>6 – 2025 target (Race to Excellence, 2015-2025)</td>
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<td>21) Faculty Awards PBF: FSU, UF</td>
<td>75 (based on 2011 data)</td>
<td>4 – Fall 2019 target (FAU Accountability Plan, 2018)</td>
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<td>22) Percent of Undergraduate Seniors Assisting in Faculty Research --- or --- Percent of Undergraduates Engaged in Research PBF: NCF</td>
<td>TO BE DETERMINED Board staff will work to develop a standard definition for this metric across the System.</td>
<td>TBD</td>
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<td>23) Total R&amp;D Expenditures PBF: UF</td>
<td>$2.29B (based on 2012-13)</td>
<td>$200M – 2025 target (Race to Excellence, 2015-2025)</td>
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<td>24) Percent of R&amp;D Expenditures funded from External Sources PBF: FAMU</td>
<td>71% (based on 2011-12)</td>
<td>63% – 2021 target (FAU Accountability Plan, 2018)</td>
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<td>25) Number of Patents Awarded Annually</td>
<td>410 (based on 2013)</td>
<td>4 – 2021 target (FAU Accountability Plan, 2018)</td>
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<td>26) Number of Licenses and Options Executed Annually</td>
<td>270 (based on 2011-12)</td>
<td>26 – 2020 target (FAU Accountability Plan, 2018)</td>
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<td>27) Number of Start-Up Companies Created</td>
<td>40</td>
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<td>28) Number of Universities with the Carnegie Foundation’s Community Engagement Classification</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>FAU will apply to receive the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teachings’ “Community Engaged” Classification in Spring 2019. Designation will be announced in January 2020. <em>(Race to Excellence, 2015-2025)</em></td>
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<td>29) Percentage of Baccalaureate Graduates Continuing Education or Employed PBF: ALL</td>
<td>90%</td>
<td>83% – 2025 target <em>(Race to Excellence, 2015-2025)</em></td>
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# Alignment of Priorities

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<td><strong>Teaching &amp; Learning</strong></td>
<td>Strengthen Quality &amp; Reputation of Academic Programs and Universities</td>
<td>Increase Degree Productivity and Program Efficiency</td>
<td>Increase the Number of Degrees Awarded within Programs of Strategic Emphasis</td>
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<td><strong>Scholarship, Research &amp; Innovation</strong></td>
<td>Strengthen Quality &amp; Reputation of Scholarship, Research, and Innovation</td>
<td>Increase Research Activity and Attract More External Funding</td>
<td>Increase Commercialization Activity</td>
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<td><strong>Community &amp; Business Engagement</strong></td>
<td>Strengthen Quality &amp; Recognition of Commitment to Community and Business Engagement</td>
<td>Increase Community and Business Engagement</td>
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<td><strong>Boldness</strong></td>
<td>“Recruit and retain nationally competitive students” (p. 6) – and “become the national model for diversity of the student body” (p. 7)</td>
<td>“Develop an academic support structure for timely student graduation” (p. 7)</td>
<td>“Increase enrollment in Board of Governors’ areas of strategic emphasis” (p. 6)</td>
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<td><strong>Synergy</strong></td>
<td>“Recruit and retain outstanding faculty and graduate students” (p. 8)</td>
<td>“Invest in focused Pillars and Platforms to enhance interdisciplinary teams” (p. 8) – and “grow the research enterprise” (p. 9)</td>
<td>“Develop a capacity to promote economic development” (p. 9)</td>
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<td><strong>Place</strong></td>
<td>“Institutionalize a culture of collaborative and experiential engagement with community partners” (p. 9)</td>
<td>“Create and maintain an infrastructure that will encourage and support faculty, staff, and student engagement with the community” (p. 9)</td>
<td>“Support workforce and economic development in FAU’s regional and global communities” (p. 10)</td>
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Appendix M
A. Teaching and other instructional activities

1. Classes taught in 2018, including spring, summer and fall:

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<th>Semester</th>
<th>Course number</th>
<th>Course Title</th>
<th>Credit Hrs</th>
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<th>Names of GTAs</th>
<th>SPOT # of Resp</th>
<th>Overall SPOT Rating (Mean)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Spring 2018</td>
<td>SYA4110/42528</td>
<td>Sociological Theory</td>
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<td>Seminar: State, Economy &amp; Society</td>
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<td>Summer 2018</td>
<td>SYA4010/60331</td>
<td>Sociology of Food</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>46</td>
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<td>Summer 2018</td>
<td>SYG 4244/60856</td>
<td>Gender and Society</td>
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<td>Fall 2018</td>
<td>SYA 4120/15164</td>
<td>Contemporary Social Theory</td>
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<td>Seminar: Critical Perspectives in Social Theory</td>
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<td>Sociology in Film</td>
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Provide SPOT score on items designated by your dept. If your dept. has no specification, include SPOT — item 6
2. Other instructional activities, as appropriate:

a. **Supervision of Directed Independent Study** and other independent course work for Summer and Fall only. (list, semester, course number, student name, and number of credits for each)

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<td>Spring 2018</td>
<td>SYA 4905-43141</td>
<td>Medicine and Society</td>
<td>Vivienne Riven</td>
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<td>Summer 2018</td>
<td>SYA 4930/43458</td>
<td>Sociology of Law</td>
<td>Erini Chang</td>
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<td>Fall 2018</td>
<td>SYS 4930/16936</td>
<td>Animals and Society</td>
<td>Christi Laguna</td>
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b. **Internship supervision** (list semester, course number, name, internship site, name of student and number of credits):

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c. **Membership on thesis and doctoral committees**, service on comprehensive or field examination committees, other instructional work with graduate students (list student name, semester, title of thesis or dissertation, role on committee (chair or member) and anticipated semester of graduation):

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d. **Curricular development** (list new courses developed and proposed to curriculum committees, or involvement in curricular revision):

Participated in the departmental undergraduate curricular revision in connection with the Writing Across the Curriculum initiative.
e. Advising:

—Worked extensively with undergraduate students by involving them in joint research, presentations at scholarly meetings, and submission of papers to refereed journals for publications.

—Mentored students for applying to graduate schools:

—Successful placement of Eliza Fabian in University of Arizona’s graduate program

—Vivienne Raven who took Medicine and Society with me is in the process of applying to Medical Schools.

—General mentoring approach for the Davie campus:

While the students on the Davie campus use the advising office for general advising needs, my new pedagogical approach emphasized the connections among teaching, mentoring, and advising. When the students feel connected with their teachers and come to trust their teachers, they also feel they can talk about their lives and about their personal troubles. This opens the way for mentor/advisor/teacher to put the challenges facing our students in a wider social context and then explore with them practical ways of overcoming or bypassing the problems that often would seem too discouraging precisely because they were understood and felt as a student’s own responsibility as an individual. The connecting conversation with my students also gives me a chance to address the asymmetrical flow of information about possibilities and opportunities as well as the interpretation of taken for granted terms such as “statement of purpose” and “recommendation letters.” If you need more information I could provide you with more details (such as the students names, my notes on the sources of their problems and how they respond when they are better equipped with words and ways of thinking that focuses their minds and energies on solving problems
f. **Responsibility for instructional labs**, studios, and other instructional support activities (indicate your role in developing or maintaining labs or other instructional spaces, organizing instruments or equipment):


g. **Supervision of Graduate Teaching Assistants:**

   (i) GTAs responsibilities in course:

   (ii) Information on supervision/mentoring of graduate teaching assistants in their instructional work:


h. **Competitive grants**, awards, prizes, and special recognition of excellence in teaching:


i. Other instructional activities and accomplishments:


3. **Student Perception of Teaching:**

   a. Other relevant information on Student Perception of Teaching (provide your analysis of the students’ responses if it is useful in evaluating the instructional record).

   Please note that the summer 2018 SPOT scores are outlier compared to Spring 2018 and Fall 2018.

   Note: The summary sheets of the SPOT responses for all courses must be included in the supplementary material.

4. **Additional material on instruction** (peer evaluation, descriptions of new course preparations or major revision of courses. If appropriate, provide a brief explanation of significance of materials for the annual evaluation:


5. **Chair’s comments and evaluation:**
B. Creative, Research, and Scholarly Accomplishment — for each, provide information on process of evaluation (blind peer review, editorial review) name of publisher, date of publication or anticipated date of publication, number of pages in print or number of manuscript pages accepted for publication

1. Publications:

a. In the preceding two years I published two long articles—about 60 pages as submitted, and about 30 pages in book print)—both of which are in print (referenced below and attached. In 2018, I have been working on a book proposal (attached) intended for submission to Cornell University Press.


d. Reprints: indicate whether the publication was reported in an earlier annual report and if so, during what year:

2. Creative accomplishments: For each, provide supporting documentation such as letters of acceptance of a work for a juried show and information on the jurying process. Provide reviews, when available.

Creative work (specify solo or group)
(a) Nationally significant (list date, location, sponsor)
(b) Regionally significant (list date, location, sponsor)
(c) Other

Artistic work in the visual arts published (specify nature of publication, publisher, reviewing process, distribution)
Scholarly and other contributions
(a) service as juror or judge of national or regional (specify) competition
(b) curatorship of nationally or regionally significant show (specify whether the show was juried or not; if juried, specify jurors and their backgrounds)
(c) catalogue for a significant exhibition


Artistic and collaborative theatrical performance and production (please explain)

3. Papers presented at or other contributions to/involvement in professional meetings, special seminars, and other professional activities. For each, provide appropriate documentation- for example, a copy of the meeting’s agenda or a copy of the paper presented.


(2) Organized the Regular Session on Sociology of Food, Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, 2018 (by invitation of the Organizing Committee of the American Sociological Association).

4. Grant proposals submitted; grants received:

5. Awards, prizes, and special recognition:

6. Work under review (for each, provide name of publication where work has been sent, and process of review, and number of manuscript pages):

7. Work in progress for each, provide name of publication where work will be sent, and process of review, and number of manuscript pages):

I am revising (with co-authors) two long papers for submission (1) to the Journal of Peasant Studies Food Regimes as Disease Regimes” that was been accepted for presentation
at a regular paper section of the August 2018 Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, and (2) “A Genealogy of Gender in the Context of Global Political Economy” for submission to Gender and Society.

8. Chair’s comments and evaluation:

C. Service, Governance, and Other University Responsibilities

1. Academic governance and other institutional responsibilities. For items a-d, list all dept/program responsibilities and committees. Indicate whether you served on a committee as a chair or a member):

   a. Departmental responsibilities and service
      
      Participated in departmental meetings and committees as assigned.

   b. College responsibilities and service:

   c. Campus responsibilities and service:
      
      Please see above, under advising/mentoring section

   d. University responsibilities and service:

2. Professional service (explain responsibilities and accomplishments, providing documentation when appropriate):

3. Assigned service external to the university and the profession (explain responsibilities and accomplishments, providing documentation when appropriate):

4. Chair’s comments and evaluation
E. For the annual evaluation to be completed, the following materials need to be submitted to the chair in addition to this report:

1. Revised and up to date curriculum vita
2. Copies of summary sheets of SPOT reports for all courses included in the report
3. Letters of acceptance from publishers, as indicated
4. Copies of works published or under review during evaluation period
5. Other materials requested by the department or the chair
# SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

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Signature of Department Chair       Date

_____________________________________________________
Signature of Faculty Member, indicating he/she has seen the above evaluation       Date

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1 After the annual evaluation is signed by the faculty member, the faculty member may add a brief response to the content of the evaluation. This response is optional. It may be added as a brief memorandum and the Report should note “see appended memorandum.”
Signature of the Dean        Date
Laura Backstrom

Curriculum Vitae

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FACULTY ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2016-Present        Assistant Professor
                     Florida Atlantic University, Department of Sociology

2015-2016        Visiting Assistant Professor
                     Macalester College, Department of Sociology

EDUCATION

2014        Ph.D. in Sociology
                     Minor: Gender Studies
                     Indiana University, Bloomington
                     Thesis: "Constructing the Problem Child: Body Projects and Embodied Inequality in Anti-Obesity Discourse"

2008        M.A. in Sociology
                     Indiana University, Bloomington
                     Thesis: “Putting Stigma to Bed? The Sexual Consequences of Obesity in Young Adulthood”

2006        B.A. in Sociology
                     Fordham University
                     Honors: Summa Cum Laude

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Childhood/Youth       Sexuality       Culture       Qualitative Methods
Gender and the Body   Microsociology  Social Problems  Inequality

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Articles


**OTHER PUBLICATIONS**


**SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS**

**Backstrom, Laura.** “Parental Responsibility and Children’s Agency in Antiobesity Discourse.” Revise and Resubmit at *Childhood*.

**MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

Cooley, Morgan, **Laura Backstrom,** Heather M. Thompson, Marianna Colvin. “Foster Parent Perspectives, Experiences, and Relationships with Child Advocates in the Child Welfare System”

Cooley, Morgan, Heather M. Thompson, Marianna Colvin, and **Laura Backstrom.** “Experiences of Guardians ad Litem in Florida.”

**Backstrom, Laura.** “First Lady, Lady First: The Constraints and Strategic Opportunities of Hegemonic Femininity in Michelle Obama’s Let's Move! Campaign”

Fraidenburg, Kelly and **Laura Backstrom.** “Gendered Representations of Women Athletes in Social Media”

Ostroot, Ashley and **Laura Backstrom.** “Dependence, Resilience, and Resentment: How College Students Negotiate Parental Support.”

**AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2018 FAU Division of Research, Junior Faculty Mentoring Award, 2019

2013 Graduate Student Paper Competition Award (Second Place), Midwest Sociological Society for “Resocialization at a Children’s Weight Loss Camp.”

2012 Glen D. and Dorothy E. Stewart Family Scholarship, Indiana University Department of Sociology; in recognition of excellence in both teaching and research

2011 Edwin H. Sutherland Award for Excellence in and Commitment to Teaching, Indiana University Department of Sociology

2011 Advanced Departmental Fellowship, Indiana University

2008 Summer Research Fellowship, Indiana University Department of Sociology
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2018 “Gender Differences and Variation in Weight-Based Peer Victimization among Overweight Youth.” Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association (ASA), Philadelphia, PA.

2018 “Negotiating Stigma at a Children’s Weight Loss Camp.” Annual Meeting, Southern Sociological Society (SSS), New Orleans, LA.


2016 “Embodied Inequality at a Children’s Weight Loss Camp” Annual Meeting, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), Seattle, WA

2013 “Resocialization at a Children’s Weight Loss Camp” Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association, New York, NY

2013 “Anti-Obesity Programs Construct the Embodied Child” Annual Meeting, North Central Sociological Association, Indianapolis, IN

2013 “Embodied Resocialization of Eating Habits at a Children’s Weight Loss Camp” Annual Meeting, Midwestern Sociological Association, Chicago, IL

2011 “From the Freak Show to the Living Room: Cultural Representations of Dwarfism and Obesity” Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV

2011 “Student Opinion on Faculty Misconduct” Annual Meeting, North Central Sociological Association, Cleveland, OH

2009 “Teaching Sexuality: Creating an Open Classroom Climate.” Annual Meeting, North Central Sociological Association, Dearborn, MI

2009 “To Give Is Better Than To Receive? Body Comfort and Young Women’s Ambivalence Toward Oral Sex.” Bringing the Body Back In: Towards a Corporeal Social Science, Tucson, AZ


TEACHING

Florida Atlantic University

Graduate Courses
Sociology of the Family (Spring 2020)
Research Methods and Design (Fall 2018)
Sociology of Childhood (Spring 2018)
Gender, Sexuality, and the Body (Spring 2017)
Undergraduate Courses
Self and Society (Spring 2020, Summer 2019, Spring 2019, Summer 2018, Spring 2017, Fall 2016)
Social Construction of Sexuality (Summer 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017)
Sociological Perspectives (Summer 2018)
Sociology of Youth (Spring 2018, Summer 2017)
Gender and the Body (Fall 2017)
Human Sexuality and Social Change (Fall 2016)

ADVISING

MA Thesis
Member, Thesis Committee, Ashley Ostroot
Chair, Thesis Committee, Akilah Somersall
Chair, Thesis Committee, Abby Duncanson

BA Honors Thesis
Chair, Thesis Committee, Sydney Riggs
Member, Thesis Committee, Alaina Tillman

SERVICE

FAU Sociology Department
2017-Present Member, Graduate Evaluation Committee
2018-Present Director, Honors Program for the Sociology BA
2019-2020 Chair, Hiring Committee for Open/Quantitative Assistant Professor Search
2018-2019 Interim Director of Graduate Studies, Sociology Department
2018-2019 Member, Graduate Program Committee,
2017-2018 Coordinator, Proseminar for Sociology Graduate Program
2017-2018 Member, Hiring Committee for Healthy Aging Assistant Professor Search

College/University
2018-Present Member, Comparative Studies PhD Committee
2018-2019 Member, Graduate Program Committee

Service to the Profession
2018-2019 Member, ASA Children and Youth Section's Nominations Committee
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Education

Ph.D. 1997 Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology

M.A. 1993 Pennsylvania State University

B.A. 1991 Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut

Academic Employment

Fall 2003 - Present Associate Professor of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University

Fall 1997 – Spring 2003 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University

1993 - 1997 Graduate Instructor in Sociology
The Pennsylvania State University

Refereed Journal Articles

2001 “Rational and Irrational Bases of Commitment to Hierarchy in Group Interaction.” Advances in Group Processes 18: 31-64.


Books


Book Chapters


**Book Reviews**

2014  Status, Power, and Ritual Interaction: A Relational Reading of Durkheim, Goffman, and Collins, Theodor Kemper, *Contemporary Sociology* 43 (6): 851-853,


**Refereed Conference Papers: National**


1999  Do They Really Think She’s Stupid?: Goffman and Status Characteristics Theory on Interaction and Inequality. Presented at American Sociological Association Meeting in Chicago, August 1999. Revised version of this paper was published in *Advances in Group Processes*.

1997  Rethinking Inequality in Family and Gender Relations: Psychoanalytic - Feminist Contributions. Accepted for presentation at American Sociological Association Meeting in Toronto, August 1997. Did not attend meeting due to conflict with relocation. Revised version of this paper was published in *Current Perspectives in Social Theory*.


*Invited Conference Presentations: International*


*Invited Conference Presentations: National*


*Invited Conference Presentation: Regional*

Grants

2015  Distinction Through Discovery Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF), Florida Atlantic University, $3500, P.I. Project title: Constructing Adulthood in Contemporary Societies. Wrote successful proposal to support undergraduate student during summer 2015 as we collaborated on the project. $3100 to student/$400 faculty stipend.

2014  Distinction Through Discovery Undergraduate Curriculum Grant, Florida Atlantic University, $5000, P.I. Project Title: Integrating Research and Inquiry into the Sociology BA program. Funding provided $1000 stipends to five department faculty members who agreed to redesign core courses in the sociology BA curriculum to enhance student opportunities for building research and inquiry skills. Awarded in Summer 2014 to support curricular work during the Fall 14-Spring 15 and Fall 15-Spring 16 academic years.

Courses Taught at FAU

SYG 1000 Introduction to Sociology  
SYA 4010 Sociological Theory  
SYA 4015 Contemporary Social Theory (New course)  
SYP 4110 Self & Society  
SYD 4800 Gender & Society  
SYD 4814 Gender, Power, and Relationships (New course)  
SYP 4400 Social Change  
SYO 4410 Sociology of Mental Health (New course)  
SYO 4530 Class, Status, and Power  
SYP 4420 Sociology of Consumption (New course)  
SYA 4930 Sociological Psychology (New course)  
SYA 6215 Seminar in Social Theory  
SYO 6535 Seminar in Social Stratification  
SYP 6035 Seminar in Microsociology (New course)  
SYD 6215 Seminar in Contemporary Social Theory  
SYD 6934 Private Lives, Public Context (New course)
Supervision of Graduate Students


Advising Activities

Spring 2011 – Spring 2014 Director of Interdisciplinary Studies: Social Science.

Spring 2011 – Spring 2013. Director of Interdisciplinary Studies: Arts and Humanities

Fall 2008 – Fall 2012 Undergraduate Advisor for Sociology majors and minors.

Fall 2005 – Spring 2007 Graduate Director in Sociology

Fall 2000-Spring 2006 Undergraduate Advisor for Sociology majors and minors
Fall 2002-Spring 2004. Alpha Kappa Delta Faculty Advisor

Service and Professional Development

Department

Chair, Department of Sociology, Spring 2016 – current.

Associate Chair, Department of Sociology, Summer 2013 – Fall 2015.

Intellectual Foundations Program committee, Fall 2013- present.

Campus Days/Recruiting Events, Department representative, Fall 2008 – present.


Sociology B.A. program assessment committee, 2000- current.

Chair, Sociology B.A. program assessment committee, Spring 2002 - Spring 2005; Fall 2013 – current.

Sociology Department curriculum committee, Fall 2006 – present.

Graduate director in Sociology, Fall 2005 – Spring 2007

College

Member of DFSCAL Dean’s Search Committee, Representing Department Chairs, Spring 2017.

Vice-Chair of College of Arts and Letters Faculty Assembly, Fall 2014- Spring 2016.

Director of Interdisciplinary Studies: Social Science, 2011-2014.

Director of Interdisciplinary Studies: Arts and Humanities, 2011-2013.

Department representative to College of Arts and Letters Faculty Assembly, 2004 to present.

College of Arts and Letters Assessment Committee, Spring 2012 – Fall 2012.
College of Arts and Letters Undergraduate Programs Committee, 1999-2005 and 2008-2012.

Chair, College of Arts and Letters Undergraduate Programs Committee, Spring 2002 – Spring 2005 and Fall 2009 – Spring 2011.

Media, Culture, and Social Theory B.A. program development committee – Fall 2007-Spring 2008

College of Arts and Letters Dean Search Committee, Fall 2006-Spring 2007.

College of Arts and Letters Graduate Programs Committee, Fall 2005 – Spring 2007.

Dean’s Faculty Advisory Committee, Spring 2004 - Spring 2006.

Social Science Assessment Committee, Spring 2002.

University

College of Arts and Letters representative on University’s Quality Enhancement Plan: Distinction through Discovery committee, 2011-present.

College representative, University Undergraduate Programs Committee, Spring 2002 – Spring 2005 and Fall 2009 – Spring 2011.


Member of University General Education Curriculum Committee, Fall 2009 – Spring 2011.


University Undergraduate Programs Committee representative to committee for establishing university course syllabus guidelines, Fall 2009.

Honors College, Faculty Search Committee for Sociology/Women’s Studies, Spring 2000

College of Arts and Letters Committee on Research and Creative Development, 1997-1999
Professional Service

2014 Reviewer for *Society and Mental Health*.


2000 - 2003 Member of Editorial Board of *The Sociological Quarterly*.


Professional Development

2014-2015 Essentials of Academic Leadership Series

2013-2014 Distinction through Discovery: Faculty Learning Community

2011-2012 Student-Centered Teaching Faculty Learning Community

Fall 2011 E-Learning Designer/Facilitator Certification Training Course
Curriculum Vitae
January 2019

PERSONAL
Mark H. Harvey
Associate Professor
Department of Sociology
Florida Atlantic University
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HIGHER EDUCATION
University of Wisconsin-Madison; PhD, Sociology; May 2005
Arizona State University; MS, Justice Studies; May 1996
Boston College; BS, Finance and Sociology; May 1989

EXPERIENCE
Florida Atlantic University, Department of Sociology; Associate Professor; August 2013-Present.
Florida Atlantic University, Department of Sociology; Assistant Professor; August 2007-2013.
Mississippi State University, Southern Rural Development Center and Department of Agricultural Economics; Assistant Research Professor; September 2006-July 2007.
Mississippi State University, Southern Rural Development Center; Postdoctoral Research Assistant; February 2005-August 2006.
FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Fall 2015  Florida Atlantic University, Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry, Course Revision Curriculum Grant, “Assessing the War on Poverty in South Florida: Impacts, implications, and innovations.” $5,000.

Fall 2014  Florida Atlantic University, Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry, Curriculum Development Grant with Ann Branaman, Farshad Araghi, Philip Hough and Gina Carreno. $5,000.

Fall 2011  Florida Atlantic University, Dorothy E. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, Scholarly and Creative Accomplishment Fellowship (SCAF) (two-course release)

2003-2004  Rural Policy Research Institute Dissertation Fellowship. $20,000

2002-2003  University of Wisconsin-Madison Vilas Travel Fellowship. $5,000

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Works

Journal publications


Chapters in books


Book


Encyclopedia Entries


Book Reviews

Paper Presentations


Contracts or Grants Received


2014-15 FAU Curriculum Development Grant, Undergraduate Research Initiative. $5,000

2007-2009 Walton Family Foundation, Delta Geographic Concentration Initiative Evaluation, Phase II; with Lionel J. Beaulieu, Mississippi State University; $593,365

2010-2013 Walton Family Foundation, Delta Geographic Concentration Initiative Evaluation, Phase III; with Lionel J. Beaulieu, Mississippi State University; $563,253

Non-Refereed Works

Publications


Invited Presentations

Harvey, M.H. 2013. “Consensus-Based Community Development, Concentrated
Rural Poverty, and Local Institutional Structures: The Obstacle of Race in the Lower Mississippi Delta.” Keynote speaker at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation’s New Orleans/Mississippi Regional Team Meeting. April, 3.


OTHER RESEARCH: EVALUATION REPORTS AND PROPOSALS


Harvey M.H., L.J. Beaulieu, R. Gallardo and D. Tootle. 2010. “The Communities of


WORKS IN PROGRESS

Journal publications

Harvey, M.H. “Race, social capital, and trust in local institutions: A survey of three Mississippi Delta counties.” *Journal of Rural Studies*, blind peer review. 20pgs.


Harvey, M.H. “The place of race and racisms in rural sociology: A theoretical reconstruction and empirical case.” Journal article in preparation for submission to *Rural Sociology*.

Harvey, M.H. “If we had no enemies we wouldn’t be doing our job:” Externally-initiated community development and community power structures in the Mississippi Delta. Journal article in preparation for submission to *City & Community*.

Harvey, M.H. The southern roots of neoliberal workfare in the U.S: State’s rights, race, and peonage (Journal article in preparation for submission to *Social Problems*).

Book


TEACHING

Graduate courses:

- Theory and Research: Racial and Ethnic Relations
- Seminar in Gender Studies
- Migration and Border Studies: Global Approaches
• Race in Global Context

**Undergraduate courses:**

• Gender and Society
• Poverty and Society
• (RI) Poverty and Society (RI)
• Racial and Ethnic Relations
• Race in Global Context
• The Immigration Debate: Sociological Perspectives
• U.S. Latinos

**Directed Independent Studies (DIS)**

• “Qualitative Methods,” Jai Tumulo, Fall 2018
• “Readings in the Sociology of Religion,” with Maha Bouhadmen, Summer 2016
• “Ethnicity and Health Care,” with Alexandra Casuso, Spring 2015.
• “Global Identity Politics,” with Jillian Kite, Fall 2013.
• “Gender, Health, and Migration,” with Inbal Mazar, Fall 2013
• “Nonprofits, Advocacy, and Undocumented Immigrants” with Sarah Reinhardt, Fall, 2012.

**Honors Compacts**

Jaylens. Spring 2018. (RI) Poverty and Society (RI)

**New courses developed**

**Graduate courses:**

• Migration and Border Studies: Global Approaches
• Race in Global Context
• Seminar in Gender Studies

**Undergraduate courses:**

• (RI) Poverty and Society
• The Immigration Debate: Sociological Perspectives
• U.S. Latinos
• Race in Global Context

**Thesis and Dissertation Advising**

**Chair:**

• Scott Karasik, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Master’s degree, expected Spring 2019.
• Jillian Kite, Women’s Studies, Master’s degree, awarded August, 2014
• Alexandra Casuso, Sociology, Master’s student (did not finish)
• Patrick Levine, Sociology, Master’s student (did not finish)
Committee member:
- Sandra Gall Ojurongbe. Nursing PhD student, awarded, August 2018.
- Casey Mullen. Sociology Masters Student, 2017-present, awarded, August 2018.
- Rachel Hargis, Sociology Masters student, 2017-present, awarded, August 2018.
- Akilah Sommersal, Sociology Masters student, 2017-present, awarded, August 2018.
- Nicola Spence-Burrel, Sociology Masters student, 2017-present
- Arely Baugh, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, awarded, August 2016
- Inbal Mazar, Comparative Studies PhD candidate, awarded Fall 2015.
- Elizabeth Roos. Sociology Master’s student, Spring 2013, did not finish.
- Elizabeth Caron, Sociology Master’s student, Fall 2008-Spring 2009, did not finish.
- Melissa Thompson, Sociology Master’s student, Fall 2008-Spring 2009, did not finish.

SERVICE

Department Service
- Faculty Liaison for Writing Enriched Curriculum (WEC) initiative.
- Co-Chair, Undergraduate Program Committee, Fall 2014 to present
- Faculty Mentor to Philip Lewin, Fall 2014 to present.
- Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2015-Spring 2016
- Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2013-Spring 2014
- Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2009-Spring 2010
- Presenter, “Fast-Food Nation.” Department of Sociology’s Socio-Cinema Film Series, March 29, 2011.
- Presenter, “Fear and Learning at Hoover Elementary.” Department of Sociology’s Socio-Cinema Film Series, April 1, 2008.

College Service
- Member, Dean Search Committee, Spring 2017.
- Chair, Undergraduate Programs Committee (UPC). Fall, 2016 to Spring 2018.
- Department representative, Undergraduate Programs Committee. Fall, 2012 to Spring 2018.
- Member, Executive Committee, Center for Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies. Fall 2011-Spring 2016.
- Associate faculty member, Center for Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies.
- Organizer, 2015 Annual Meeting of the Southeast Women’s Studies Association, Boca Raton, FL.
- Organizer, Center for Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Colloquia Series. Fall 2011- Spring 2012.

Harvey --11

• Presenter, Dorothy E. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters Faculty Accomplishment Festival, April, 2012.

• Moderator, “Workers North and South.” Comparative Studies Student Association and Department of Sociology’s Forum on Re-Envisioning Work and Labor in Florida, April 14, 2010.


University Service

• Invited Panelist, University Honors Program Faculty-Led Discussion of the Common Reading (Between the World and Me). Fall 2018.

• Member, University Undergraduate Programs Committee (UUPC), Fall 2016-Spring 2018.

• Panelist, “Panel on racial inequality in modern America.” Forum organized by the Black Caucus of the FAU College Democrats, February 28, 2017.

• Faculty advisor, To Write Love on Her Arms (TWLOHA), 2013-14.


Professional Service

• Tenure review, Wichita State University, Dr. Eric Freeman. Summer 2017.


• Member, Diversity Committee, Rural Sociological Society, 2017-Present

• Peer reviewer, Journal of Rural Studies.

• Peer reviewer, Rural Sociology

• Peer reviewer, Community Development

• Peer reviewer, University Press of Mississippi.


• Moderator, “Gender, Race, and Class Intersections and Migrations.” Annual Conference of the Florida Consortium for Women’s Studies. Florida Atlantic University, April 1-2, 2011.
Community Service

Curriculum Vitae
November 2019

Phillip A. Hough
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HIGHER EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University; Ph. D, April 2007 (Sociology)
Johns Hopkins University; MA, April 2001 (Sociology)
Drexel University; BS, May 1998 (Sociology and Anthropology)

EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, Graduate Program Director, Department of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University (April 2013-Present)

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University (September 2007-April 2013)

Visiting Scholar in Residence, Universidad de los Andes, Centro de Estudios Socio-Culturales e Internacionales, Bogotá, Colombia (October 2003-September 2004)

Ethnographic Researcher, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Center for Adolescent Health and Disease Prevention; “School Transitions Project”; Principal Investigator: Dr. Debra Mekos (January 2003-October 2003)

Qualitative Researcher, Urban Institute, Population Studies Center; “Pathways to Romantic Unions Project”; PrincipalInvestigators: Dr. Freya Sonenstein and Dr. Joseph Pleck (May 2002-September 2002)

Statistical Analyst, Johns Hopkins University, “Beginning School Study Project”; Principal Investigators: Dr. Karl Alexander and Dr. Doris Entwisle (September 2002-May 2003)

FUNDED RESEARCH AND GRANTS

American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) fellowship - $33,458 (July 2018-June 2019)
• ACLS fellowship awarded to complete a book manuscript, *At the Margins of the Global Market: Making Commodities, Workers, and Crisis in Rural Colombia.*

FAU Peace Studies Association, Conference Grant - $12,000 (February 2016)
• Organized Conference with the Johns Hopkins University’s Arrighi Center for Global Studies, “Re-Visiting Chaos and Governance in the 21st Century”

FAU Morrow Fund Research Grant - $2000 (June-August 2015)
• Conducted fieldwork on labor and agrarian relations in Viejo Caldas, Colombia

FAU Morrow Fund Research Grant - $980.00 (November 2013)
• Purchased longitudinal data on social protest activity in three regions of Colombia: Viejo Caldas, Urabá, and Caquetá

FAU Morrow Fund Research Grant - $3000.00 (June-August 2009)
• Conducted fieldwork on labor and agrarian relations in Viejo Caldas, Urabá, and Caquetá, Colombia

Fulbright U.S. Student Program – Research Funding Recipient - $15,000.00 (August 2003-November 2004)
• Conducted fieldwork on labor and agrarian relations in Bogotá, Viejo Caldas, Urabá, and Caquetá, Colombia

RESEARCH

Publications

*Journal Articles and Book Chapters:*


“Honorary Mention” for Best Scholarly Article Award 2013, Development Sociology section of the American Sociological Association

“Best Scholarly Article 2014,” Political Economy of the World System section of the American Sociological Association


Other Scholarly Publications:


**Conference Presentations, Lectures, and Invited Talks**

**Conference Presentations:**


Hough, Phillip A., “Rethinking Arrighi and Piselli’s ‘Capitalist Development in Hostile Places: A View from Colombia,’” *University of Calabria and JHU Arrighi Center for Global Studies’ Capitalist Development in Hostile Environments Conference* (Calabria, Italy – June 6-8th 2017)


Hough, Phillip A., “From ‘Cafeteros’ to ‘Campesinos’: Class Reformation and Anti-Neoliberal Agrarian Mobilization in the Age of US Hegemonic Decline,” accepted to the *FAU Peace Studies and JHU Arrighi Center for Global Studies Conference* (Boca Raton, FL - February 18-19th 2016)


Hough, Phillip A., “From Proletarianization to Lumpenproletarianization: Rural Displacement and Class Formation in Colombia under Developmentalism and Neoliberalism,” Annual Meeting, Social Science History Association (Toronto, Canada – November 6-9th 2014)


Hough, Phillip A. and Jennifer Bair, “The Political Economy of Disarticulation: Land Struggles, Capital Accumulation, and Dispossession in Mexico and Colombia,” Political
Hough, Phillip A., “Disarticulations and Commodity Chains: Cattle, Coca and Capital Accumulation along Colombia’s Agricultural Frontier,” Political Economy of the World-System Mini-Conference - PEWS ASA (San Francisco, CA – August 8-11th 2009)

Hough, Phillip A., “War Making and (Insurgent) State Making along the Agricultural Frontier of Colombia: Explaining the so-called ‘Political Involution’ of the FARC Guerrillas,” Annual Meeting, Social Science History Association (Miami, FL – October 23-26th 2008)


Invited Lectures, Workshops, and Interviews


**WORKS IN PROGRESS**

*Book Project*


This project builds upon my dissertation manuscript and draws upon additional research and conceptual developments as seen in my recent publications. I received an ACLS fellowship in addition to a full-year sabbatical to revise and update the manuscript over the 2018-2019 academic year. I plan to submit the
entire manuscript to Cambridge by December 2019. They have already contacted me and expressed interest in receiving my manuscript).

Hough, Phillip A., *Post-Neoliberal Possibilities: Class Formation, Developmental Politics and the Coffee Crisis in Colombia*

This project builds upon over a decade of research on agrarian movements in Colombia, demonstrating how the country’s coffee producing farmers transformed from being a labor aristocracy that divided the country’s agrarian movement during the postwar developmental decades into one that united the country’s producers to challenge the imposition of the neoliberal model. I plan to begin working on this book manuscript once the *Trajectories* book is accepted.

*Articles in Preparation for Submission to Scholarly Journals*


*HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS*

Fall 2018-Spring 2019 - Full-Year Academic Sabbatical

Fall 2010 - Florida Atlantic University, Scholarly and Creative Activity Fellowship (SCAF) Fellowship Award (two-course release, competitive)

Summer 2001 - Pre-Dissertation Research Grant; Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University ($3000.00)

*TEACHING*

**Teaching Specialization**
Graduate Courses:
- Class, Power, and Ideology in Comparative-Historical Perspective
- Comparative-Historical Sociology
- Public Sociology
- Labor and Globalization
- Sociology of Development
- Research Methods and Design
- Economic Sociology

Undergraduate Courses:
• Drugs and Society
• Sociological Theory
• Labor and Globalization

New Courses Developed
Graduate Courses:
• Class, Power, and Ideology in Comparative-Historical Perspective
• Comparative-Historical Sociology
• Public Sociology
• Labor and Globalization
• Sociology of Development
• Research Methods and Design
• Economic Sociology

Undergraduate Courses:
• Labor and Globalization

Thesis Advising
• Chair, Jacqueline Frazer, MA Sociology; “Becoming a Bartender by Default: Emotional Labor and Stigmatized Occupational Identities in the Age of Precarity” (Fall 2016/Spring 2017)
• Committee Member, Alex Casuso, MA Sociology; “Transnational Healthcare: Anticipating the Effects Of The Patient Protection And Affordable Care Act in the Latino Community” (Fall 2014/Spring 2015)
• Committee Member, Harvey Schoonover, MA Political Science; “Cooperation in the Midst of Chaos: An Examination of Colombia’s Civil-Military Relationship and its Effort in Combating Socio-Political Destabilization” (Spring 2010)
• Committee Member, Robert MacPherson, MA Sociology; “A World Historical Approach to the Anarchist Movement” (Spring 2008)
• Committee Member, Nicole Shortt, MA Sociology; “The Origins and Evolution of United Nations-United States Relations” (Spring 2008)

SERVICE

Departmental Service
• Graduate Program Director (Fall 2014-Present)
• Co-organizer, “FAU Workshops on Sociological Research” (Fall 2014-present)
• Faculty Advisor, Graduate Sociology Student Association (Fall 2014-present)
• Webpage designer and editor (Fall 2014-present)
• Faculty Advisor, Sociology Student Association (Spring 2009-2014)
• Faculty Advisor, Sociology Pre-Law Association (Fall 2008-Spring 2009)
• Member, Faculty Search Committee, Sociology (Fall 2009-Spring 2010)
• Member, Graduate Recruitment Committee, Sociology (Spring 2009)
• Presenter, SocioCinema Film Showings and Discussions (March 2008, November 2010)

College & University Service

• Committee Member, Arts and Letters College, Graduate Program Committee (Fall 2014-present)
• Co-Organizer, “Brownbag Workshop Series” (Fall 2007-Spring 2009)
• Co-Organizer, “Contentious Politics and Society Seminar Series” (Spring 2009-Present)
• Organizer, “Re-envisioning Work and Labor in Florida Forum” (April 14, 2010)
• Event Coordinator, “The Tale of Wal-Mart Blue Jeans: Commodity Chains and Global Sociology,” Invited Lecture, Prof. Jennifer Bair, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado (Spring 2009)
• Event Coordinator, “Trail of Dreams walk stops at FAU,” Florida Immigration Rights Coalition (Spring 2010)
• Co-Organizer, “Contentious Politics and Society and Asian Studies Lecture Series: Re-Visiting the Arab Spring, One Year Later” (Fall 2011-Spring 2012)
• Coordinator, “FAU Peace Studies Program Film Series, 2011-2012” (Fall 2011-Spring 2012)
• External Faculty Mentor, Assistant Professor Dukhong Kim, FAU Political Science

Community Service

• Coordinator, Public Sociology graduate student research projects working in conjunction with local community organizations (Fall 2009)
• Member, Board of Directors, Palm Beach County Coalition for Immigration Rights (PBCCIR) of the Florida Immigration Coalition (FLIC) (December 2011-Present)

Professional Service


Peer Reviewer


Conference Organizing
- Organizer, FAU Peace Studies Program and Johns Hopkins University Arrighi Center for Global Studies conference (2016)
- Session Chair, Annual Conference of the Political Economy of the World System section of the American Sociological Association, hosted by FAU Sociology, Boca Raton, FL (April 26-27, 2010)
- “Workshop on Disarticulations and Global Commodity Chains,” hosted by FAU Sociology (February 2009)

Professional and Honorary Organizations
- American Sociological Association (ASA), 1999-present
- Social Science History Association (SSHA), 2008-2009, 2013-present
- Association of American Geographers (AAG), 2007-2008
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology January 2019-Present
Florida Atlantic University

EDUCATION
Ph.D., Sociology. University of California, Berkeley 2018
Dissertation: “Property Owners and Not Proletarians: Housing Policy and the Contested Production of Neoliberal Subjects in Chile and Brazil”
Committee: Raka Ray (Chair), Laura Enríquez, Mara Loveman, Teresa Caldeira (City Planning)
Qualifying Fields: Social Theory, Development, Political Sociology

M.A., Sociology. University of California, Berkeley 2011
Committee: Laura Enríquez, Cihan Tuğal

B.A., International Relations and Latin American Studies. Tufts University 2009

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS
Political Sociology, Development & Globalization, Urban Sociology, Gender, Social Movements, Social Theory, Ethnographic and Interview Methods, Latin America

PUBLICATIONS
Peer-Reviewed Articles
Koppelman, Carter. 2018. “For now, we are in waiting’: Negotiating Time in Chile’s Social Housing System.” City & Community 17(2): 504-524.


Book Reviews

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley 2017
Graduate Division Summer Research Grant, UC Berkeley 2016
Lowenthal Fellowship, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley 2015
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship 2010-2013
Andrew F. Mellon Summer Research Grant in Latin American Sociology, UC Berkeley 2010
John S. Gibson Award, Best Undergraduate Thesis in International Relations, Tufts University 2009
International Relations Research Scholars Grant, Tufts University 2008
RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Academic Conferences


“Participation Struggles: Housing Movements and Neoliberal City-Making in Brazil and Chile” Development in Question. 5th Annual Conference of the ASA Development Sociology Section. Cornell University. October 2016


Invited Talks


“Gender in Chile’s Housing Subsidy System.” Presentation to the Housing Laboratory, College of Architecture and Urbanism, Universidade de São Paulo. São Paulo, Brazil. May 2014.

TEACHING & MENTORING

Courses Taught as Assistant Professor, Florida Atlantic University
Seminar in Urbanization (Graduate Level) Fall 2019
Seminar in Development & Globalization (Graduate Level) Spring 2019
Sociological Theory (Undergraduate Level) Spring 2019 & Fall 2019
Global Social Change (Undergraduate Level) Fall 2019

Graduate School Teaching Experience, University of California, Berkeley
Instructor. Gender & the City Fall 2017
Graduate Student Instructor. Classical Sociological Theory, with Christopher Muller Spring 2018
Graduate Student Instructor. Development in Theory & History, with Gillian Hart Spring 2017
Graduate Student Instructor. Introduction to Sociology, with Raka Ray Fall 2016
Graduate Student Instructor. Development in Theory & History, with Gillian Hart Spring 2016
Graduate Student Instructor. Introduction to Sociology, with Thomas Gold Spring 2015
Graduate Student Instructor. Introduction to Sociology, with Thomas Gold Fall 2013
Honors Thesis Mentor. International & Area Studies Fall/Spring 2010-11
Reader. Sociology of Sport, with Leora Lawton Spring 2010
Reader. Sociology of Deviance & Social Control, with Leora Lawton Fall 2009

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Research Groups and Workshops
Sociology of the Global South Workshop, UC Berkeley 2017-
Sociology of Gender & Sexuality Workshop, UC Berkeley 2014-
Sociology of Latin America Workshop, UC Berkeley 2010-2016
Emergent Citizenships Colloquium, Universidad Católica de Chile 2013
Latin American Cities Group, City & Regional Planning, UC Berkeley 2011-2013

Editing/Reviewing
Occasional Reviewer, Bulletin of Latin American Research
Occasional Reviewer, City & Community
Occasional Reviewer, Latin American Research Review 2014-
Editorial Board Member, Berkeley Journal of Sociology 2009-2011

Professional Memberships
American Sociological Association
Latin American Studies Association
Sociologists for Women in Society

Other
Visiting Researcher, College of Architecture and Urbanism, Universidade de São Paulo. 2014

LANGUAGES
Portuguese (fluent speaking, reading and writing)
Spanish (fluent speaking, reading and writing)
English (native speaker)
EDUCATION

2014  Ph.D.  Sociology, University of Georgia  
Comprehensive Exam Area: Work, Organizations & Occupations  
Committee Members: David Smilde (chair), James Dowd, Pablo Lapegna, and Joe Hermanowicz

2008  M.A.  Sociology, University of Georgia  
Thesis: “In Search of the Real, Enamored with the Authentic: A Study of Ideology and Practice in Punk Subculture.”  
Committee Members: James Dowd (chair), David Smilde and Dawn Robinson

2005  B.A.  Sociology & Political Science, University of Georgia | Magna Cum Laude

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2019 - Undergraduate Program Director, Department of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University

2014 - Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University

2009 – 2014 Instructor of Record, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia

2006 – 2009 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Cultural sociology; political sociology; environmental sociology; rural sociology; community; poverty and marginality; qualitative research methods; social theory; youth subcultures.

PROPOSALS AND FUNDING


2016  FAU Scholarly and Creative Accomplishment Fellowship. Fall semester teaching release.


**HONORS AND AWARDS**


**PUBLICATIONS**

*Refereed Journal Articles*


*Book Chapters*


*Book Review Essays*


Other Publications
Lewin, Philip. 2016. “Some Advice on Teaching Your First Course by Someone Who was There Not All That Long Ago.” ASA Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Newsletter 1(11): 10-12.


Works Currently Under Review
Lewin, Philip. “The Ethics and Epistemology of Field Role Choices in Ethnographies of Poverty and Marginality.” (Revise and resubmit at Journal of Contemporary Ethnography)


Works in Progress


Cleary, Emily, Lacey Langlois, and Philip Lewin. “Curators of Cool: Creative Tourism and the
Gentrification of Wynwood, Miami.” To be submitted to Symbolic Interaction. 40 pages. 60 percent completed. Full draft available. One indefinite hold.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCEEDINGS

National Presentations


**Regional Presentations**


Local Presentations

Invited Colloquia


Panel Discussions


Workshop Presentations


Lewin, Philip. 2015. “‘Coal is not just a Job; It’s a Way of Life’: The Cultural Politics of Coal Production in Shale County.” Presented at the Florida Atlantic University Workshop on Sociological Research. Boca Raton, FL. January.


CONFERENCES AND SESSIONS ORGANIZED

National Proceedings


Local Workshops
Co-organizer (with Phillip Hough) of FAU Workshop on Sociological Research. Fall 2018 to Spring 2019. Workshop presentations with Philip Lewin (November 9th), William McConnell (February 1st), Stacey Salerno (February 22nd), and Nik Summers (March 15th).

Co-organizer (with Phillip Hough) of FAU Workshop on Sociological Research. Fall 2017. Workshop presentation with Rebecca Hanson (November 3rd).

Co-organizer (with Phillip Hough) of FAU Workshop on Sociological Research. Fall 2016 to Spring 2017. Thematic Series: The Precariat Examined. Workshop presentations with Philip Lewin (October 14th), Ann Branaman & Ashley Ostroot (November 18th), Vrushali Patil (April 21st), and J. Lotus Seeley (March 24th).

Co-organizer (with Phillip Hough) of FAU Workshop on Sociological Research. Spring 2016. Thematic Series: The Intimate Dimensions of Neoliberal Governance: Ethnographic Portraits of Social Suffering in the New Millennium. Workshop presentations with Waverly Duck (March 18th), Veronica Zubillaga (April 8th), and Randol Contreras (April 22nd).

Co-organizer (with Phillip Hough) of FAU Workshop on Sociological Research. Fall 2015. Thematic Series: Revisiting Giovanni Arrighi and Beverly Silver’s “Chaos and Governance in the Modern World-System. Book discussion series with Daniel Pasciuti (September 25th), Savas Sahan Karatasli (October 16th), and Ho-Fung Hung (November 6th).

Co-organizer (with Phillip Hough) of FAU Workshop on Sociological Research. Spring 2015. Thematic Series: Political Economy of the Environment. Workshops with Phillip Hough (January 23rd), Philip Lewin (January 30th), Cristina Lucier (February 20th), Patricia Widener (April 3rd), and Emily Cleary & Lacey Langlois (April 24th).

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate Courses Taught


**Undergraduate Courses Taught**


• Sociology of Work and Industry. Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2015, Fall 2014, Summer 2010

• Youth Subcultures. Summer 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2014, Spring 2010, Fall 2009.

**Graduate Students Advised – MA Theses**


• Nicola Spenceburell. 2017 (fall). “The Importance of Immigrants' Language Contributions in the United States.” Thesis adviser. (Student did not finish; she decided to pursue our non-thesis track option).


• Alexandra Casuso. 2015 (spring). “Transnational Healthcare: Anticipating the Effects of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in the Latino Community.” Committee member. (Student did not finish; she decided to pursue our non-thesis track option).

**Graduate Students Advised – Directed Independent Studies**

• Sanchez, David. 2019 (fall). “Gaming, Culture, and Identity.”


• Stephanie Alvarez. 2017 (spring). “Cloppers and the Pornification of Nature.”

• Emily Cleary. 2015 (spring). “Curators of Cool: Creative Tourism and the Gentrification of Wynwood, Miami.”

• Lacey Langlois. 2015 (spring). “Curators of Cool: Creative Tourism and the Gentrification of Wynwood, Miami.”

**Undergraduate Students Advised – Directed Independent Studies**

**SERVICE**

**Service to the University**

**Service to the College**
• Sociology Representative to the College of Arts and Letters’ Ethics, Law, and Society Committee. Fall 2019 to present.

• Sociology Representative to and Notetaker for the College of Arts and Letters’ Undergraduate Program Committee. Fall 2018 to present.

• Sociology Representative to the College of Arts and Letters’ Faculty Student Council. Spring 2018 to present.

• Executive Committee, Peace Studies Program. Fall 2015 to Fall 2016.

**Service to the Department**
• Co-founder and Co-organizer (with Phillip Hough) – FAU Workshop on Sociological Research. Through this initiative, I co-organized the colloquium and workshop events listed above.

• Chair of Writing Enhanced Curriculum Committee. Fall 2019 to present.


• Sociology Steward to United Faculty of Florida Union. Spring 2019 to present.

• Job search committee – assistant professor hire. Fall 2019 to Spring 2020.

• Job search committee – assistant professor hire. Fall 2017 to Spring 2018.

• Job search committee – assistant professor hire. Fall 2017 to Spring 2018.

• Job search committee – assistant professor hire. Fall 2017 to Spring 2018.

• Job search committee – assistant professor hire. Fall 2015 to Spring 2016.

• Job search committee – assistant professor hire. Fall 2015 to Spring 2016.

• Honors program committee. Fall 2017 to Spring 2018.

• Undergraduate Studies Assessment Committee. Fall 2016 to present.

• Graduate Studies Assessment Committee. Spring 2015 to Spring 2016.
Graduate Studies Committee Fall 2014 to Spring 2016.

Guest presenter for the Sociology Graduate Proseminar. Fall 2017, Fall 2018.


Co-coordinator – *Georgia Workshop on Culture, History and Power*. Fall 2013 to Spring 2014.

Co-coordinator – UGA Sociology Department Colloquium Series. Fall 2013 to Spring 2014.

Representative for the University of Georgia Graduate Student Association. Fall 2009 to Spring 2010.

Co-president – University of Georgia Sociology Graduate Student Society. Fall 2008 to Spring 2009.

**Service to the Discipline/Profession**


Associate Editor – *Qualitative Sociology*. Fall 2013 to Summer 2014.

Peer reviewer for:

- *Social Problems*. Spring 2019 to present.
- *Sociological Forum*. Spring 2019 to present.
- *Sociology Compass*. Spring 2017 to present.
- *Contemporary Sociology*. Spring 2016 to present.
- *Journal of Rural Social Sciences*. Spring 2016 to present.
- *Qualitative Sociology*. Spring 2012 to present.
- *Social Thought and Research*. Spring 2010 to present.
- *The Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*. Fall 2009 to present.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Workshops**

- New Faculty Workshop, FAU. Spring 2015.
- Life on the Tenure Track Workshop, FAU. Fall 2014 to Spring 2015.

**Professional Associations**

- American Sociological Association. Fall 2006 to present.
  - Sociology of culture section
  - Political sociology section
  - Inequality, poverty and mobility section
  - Environment and technology section
• Southern Sociological Society. Spring 2006 to present.
• Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. Fall 2006 to present.

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Education

Ph.D. Sociology, Florida State University, 2009.
M.S. Sociology, Florida State University, 1998.
B.A. Sociology, Furman University, 1996.
B.A. English, Furman University, 1996.

Honors and Awards

Promoted to Senior Instructor, Florida Atlantic University, Spring 2013.
Received Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award, Florida Atlantic University, Spring 2007.
Nominated for Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award, Florida Atlantic University, Spring 2006, Spring 2007.
Received Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE) Teaching Award, Florida State University, Spring 2002.
Nominated for Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE) Teaching Award, Florida State University, Spring 2001.
Received Sociology Department Teaching Award, Florida State University, Spring 1999.
Nominated for Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE) Teaching Award, Florida State University, Spring 1999.
Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology Honor Society), Furman University, 1996.
Reiss/Erikson Sociology Scholarship, Furman University, 1995.

Professional Experience

Honors Compacts, Fall 2016–present. I mentored each semester 3–6 students who completed a 6–8 page literature review on a topic of their choosing. Fall semester students presented their paper to me and fielded my questions. In addition to presenting to me, many students presented at the poster session of the OURI Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Directed Independent Study, SYA 4905, Sociology of Womanhood, Florida Atlantic University, Spring 2019. I mentored a student who completed a 15–20 page literature review on a topic of her choosing in the area of womanhood.
Directed Independent Study, SYA 4905, Rape Myth Culture, Florida Atlantic University, Spring 2019. I mentored three students who completed a 15-20 page literature review on a topic of their choosing within the area of rape myth culture.

Directed Independent Study, SYA 4905, Language and Animals, Florida Atlantic University, Fall 2018. I mentored a student who completed a 15-20 page literature review and content analysis on language and animals.

Directed Independent Study, SYA 4905, Fear and Social Control, Florida Atlantic University, Spring 2018. I mentored two students who completed a 15-20 page literature review on a topic of their choosing within the area of fear and social control. These students presented in a poster session at the OURI Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Directed Independent Study, SYA 4905, Medicalized Reproduction, Florida Atlantic University, Fall 2017. I mentored two students who completed a 15-20 page literature review on a topic of their choosing within the area of medicalized reproduction.

Directed Independent Study, SYA 4905, Florida Atlantic University, Sociological Analysis of Family Life through Sitcom. I mentored a student who completed a 15-20 page research project. The student conducted a literature review and then a content analysis of sitcoms to examine images of family life. This student presented his research at the OURI Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Directed Independent Study, SYA 4905, LGBTQ Issues in Health Care, Florida Atlantic University, Spring 2016. I mentored a student who completed a literature review and first step of research proposal on the topic of LGBTQ Issues in Health Care. This student presented his research at FAU’s Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Instructor, SYA 4930 Animals and Society, Florida Atlantic University, Spring 2018-. I developed this course to be offered for the first time by the sociology department. For this course (around 40 students) I designed a syllabus, selected readings, held office hours, and designed/administered exams. In this course we cover topics including the Human-Animal Divide; Animals as Pets; Human Use of Animals for Food, Clothing, Science, and Entertainment; Human Use of Service Animals; Interlocking Systems of Oppression; and the Animal Rights Movement. Students read, write papers, and have class discussion about three books: *A Buffalo in the House; Some We Love, Some We Hate, Some We Eat*; and *Understanding Animal Abuse*. Class periods involve some interactive lecture but primarily are driven by class discussion about the books as well as the videos we watch in class: *The Natural History of the Chicken; Earthlings; Project Nim; Blackfish; Shelter Me; Vegucated; and Unlocking the Cage*. We also have guest speakers, including Michelle Shaw from FAU’s Student Accessibility Services and James Wildman from the Animal Rights Foundation of Florida. In Spring 2019 we will have an additional guest speaker, undergraduate student Cassandra “Cassey” Penrod, who will present to the class her research on Language and Animals (this was a DIS she did
with me fall 2018). Students complete one in-class midterm exam and a take-home essay final exam, for which they pull together the material from the semester as well as an additional book, *The Sexual Politics of Meat*.

**Instructor, SYA 4930 Medicine and Society, Florida Atlantic University, Spring 2011, Spring 2012.**

I developed this course to be offered for the first time by the sociology department. For this course (around 60 students) I designed a syllabus, selected readings, held office hours, and designed/administered multiple choice exams. In class students presented as a pair/small group a reading along with PowerPoint and emailed the class a detailed analysis of the reading. Students also wrote a sociological analysis of one of the videos we watched in class: “And the Band Played On” (politics of AIDS), “Wit” (a professor’s experience of cancer) and “You Don’t Know Jack” (Jack Kevorkian’s crusade for legalized physician aid in dying, also called physician assisted suicide). This course covered topics including Social Inequality and Illness, Social-Cultural Meanings/Experiences of Illness, U.S. Health Care (compared to other industrialized nations), and Bioethical Debates (informed consent, physician assisted suicide, genetic testing, etc.).

**Instructor, SYP 3060 Human Sexuality and Social Change, Florida Atlantic University, Fall 2008-present.**

For this course (between 100-200 students) I designed a syllabus, selected readings, held office hours, and designed/administered multiple choice exams. In class students presented as a small group a reading along with PowerPoint and emailed the class a detailed analysis of the reading. In the past students completed two short papers based on videos watched in class. Beginning fall 2015 students complete two writing assignments in fulfillment of a grant by FAU’s Undergraduate Research and Inquiry. This course covered topics including theoretical and historical perspectives of sexuality, investigating sexuality, portrayals of/learning about sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, procreation issues, sex for sale, and sexual violence. Students watched videos including “Kinsey” (movie about the famous sex researcher) and “Southern Comfort” (documentary about annual convention for individuals identifying as transgender and/or transsexual).

**Instructor, SYO 4100 Family and Society, Florida Atlantic University, Summer 2004, Spring 2006, Fall 2008, Summer 2019.**

For this course (around 65 students) I designed a syllabus, selected a textbook, held office hours, and designed/administered multiple choice exams. In class we had small-group discussions based on supplemental readings I scanned into Blackboard. Students also completed a 4-5 page paper analyzing a contemporary family issue using the sociological perspective. In this class we focused on topics including what it means to discuss family from a sociological perspective, the history of families, gender, race-ethnicity, social class, and sexual orientation and how these factors relate to and affect family, family policy (such as TANF), domestic violence, and divorce.
Instructor, SYO 4370 Men, Women, and Work, Florida Atlantic University, Fall 2004.
For this course (around 40 students) I designed a syllabus, selected multiple readings, held office hours, and designed/administered multiple choice exams. In class we had small-group discussions based on the readings. Students also completed a paper and a group presentation based on a chapter in one of the assigned books, *Global Woman*, by Ehrenreich and Hochschild.

Instructor, SYG 1000 Introductory Sociology/Sociological Perspectives, Florida Atlantic University, Fall 2002-present.
I taught between three and four sections of this course, whose average class size is over 100-200 students, each semester (i.e., between 300 to 600 students total each semester). For this course I designed a syllabus, selected a textbook, held office hours, and designed/administered multiple choice exams. We focused on topics including the sociological imagination, theory, methods, culture, socialization, deviance, and stratification (class, gender, sexual orientation, race-ethnicity, age). Students completed short papers based on videos watched in class, along with online LearnSmart activities. Beginning fall 2015 students complete one writing assignment in fulfillment of a grant by FAU’s Undergraduate Research and Inquiry.

Instructor, SYG 1000 Honors Introduction to Sociology, Florida Atlantic University, Spring 2019.

Instructor, SYG 2010 Social Problems, Florida Atlantic University, Fall 2002-Fall 2006.
I taught this course whose average class size is around 100 students. For this course I designed a syllabus, selected a textbook, held office hours, and designed/administered multiple choice exams. We focused on topics including the sociological imagination, wealth and power, immigration, aging, poverty, crime, family violence, and social inequality due to gender, sexual orientation, race-ethnicity, and disability.

Instructor, SLS 1503 Learning Strategy and Human Development, Florida Atlantic University, Fall 2007-Fall 2018.
I was asked by the University to teach this course for around 20 first-year college students in FAU’s Arts and Letters Learning Community (students who intend to select a major in FAU’s Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters). This course is designed to help first-semester college students make the transition from high school to college and help ensure their college success both academically and socially. In this course we discussed topics including time management, note-taking and participating in class, learning styles, taking tests, college research, majors and careers, diversity, relationships, and staying healthy. Students completed two exams, wrote three journal entries, and did class presentations.
Adjunct Instructor, American Social Problems, Palm Beach Community College (renamed Palm Beach State College spring 2010), Spring 2008-Spring 2010, Summer 2015, Summer 2016.
For this course (around 36 students) I designed a syllabus and designed/administered multiple choice exams. Students also wrote two papers – a critical sociology analysis of either “Who Killed the Electric Car” or “Fast Food Nation,” and their examination of unearned privilege in their own lives. In this class we focused on topics including the environment, power and work, poverty, gender, sexual orientation, race-ethnicity, crime, and health care.

Adjunct Instructor, Marriage and Family, Palm Beach Community College (renamed Palm Beach State College spring 2010), Fall 2006-Spring 2013.
For this course (around 36 students) I designed a syllabus and designed/administered exams consisting of in-class multiple choice questions and take-home essay questions. Students also wrote a 4-5 page sociological research paper on a current family issue of their choosing. In this class we focused on topics including history of families, effects of gender/race-ethnicity/social class/sexual orientation on families, families and work, dating and sex, cohabitation and marriage, domestic violence, and divorce.

For this course (around 30 students) I designed a syllabus and designed/administered multiple choice exams. Students also wrote two papers – their observations from performing a norm-breaching experiment, and their examination of unearned privilege in their own lives. In this class we focused on topics including the sociological imagination, theory, methods, culture, socialization, deviance, and stratification (class, gender, sexual orientation, race-ethnicity, age).

Instructor, Men, Women, and Work, Florida Atlantic University, Fall 2004.
For this course (around 40 students) I designed a syllabus, selected two books, held office hours, and designed/administered multiple choice / essay exams. Students also wrote response papers, worked in small groups, and did group presentations in class. In this class we focused on topics including what it means to discuss work from a sociological perspective, the social organization of work, the effects of technological change and globalization, gender, race-ethnicity, social class, and sexual orientation and how these factors relate to and affect work, personal service work, and professional and knowledge work.

TA/Adjunct Instructor, Family Problems and Social Change, Florida State University, Summer 1998-Summer 2002.
I taught this course whose class size ranged from 45 to 65 students, with two courses being mass sections (capped at 120 students). For this course I designed a syllabus, selected a textbook as well as eight articles for supplemental reading, held office hours, and designed/administered short answer/essay exams. Assignments included writing eight supplemental reading analysis papers, working in a group to facilitate class
discussion about one supplemental reading, and writing a 4-5 page sociological analysis of a current family issue. In this course I focused discussion on issues of diversity including gender, sexual orientation, race-ethnicity, and social class. We also discussed current family issues – highlighting diversity – including domestic violence and divorce.

**TA Instructor, Sociology of Popular Culture, Florida State University, Summer 2000.**
I took my idea for this course to the department and received permission to teach it. I designed and taught this course which had never been offered previously. This course focused on images of gender, race-ethnicity, social class, sexuality, age, and disability in contemporary television, movies, music, music videos, magazines, and video games. Students worked in groups as well as wrote individual journal entries to critique several examples of contemporary media. Students also completed a “revisioning project” in a pair or individually. I asked students to redesign (re-vision) and present to the class a specific example of media to show the underlying assumptions of contemporary popular culture.

**Substitute Instructor, Social Psychology, Florida State University, Spring 2002.**
I was asked by the professor (Dr. Doug Schrock) to conduct three class periods (an hour and fifteen minutes each) of his course. I lectured and facilitated discussions about sexual harassment, socialization, group dynamics, and culture.

**Office of Distributed and Distance Learning (ODDL) Mentor, Sociology of Health Care, Florida State University, Fall 2001.**
I served as the mentor/co-instructor for this completely on-line course. My major professor at the time (Dr. Allen Imershein) and I worked together to develop this course and then facilitate class on-line. I read, graded, and gave feedback on daily papers, critiques, and exams. I also served as a source of technological and moral support (through email contact) for the thirty students who logged on within the U.S. as well as from other countries including Korea. This course was extremely labor-intensive, requiring me to work on-line six days each week.

**Office of Distributed and Distance Learning (ODDL) Assistant, Sociology of Health Care, Florida State University, Spring 2001 and Summer 2001.**
I worked with my major professor at the time (Dr. Allen Imershein) to design this course. We put the key pieces of this course on the web, an intensive task to take the material from the traditional, face-to-face setting and make it work in a completely distance learning environment. I helped design a study guide that would accompany the course. I read and developed questions based on Budrys’ *Our Unsystematic Health Care System*, Starr’s *The Social Transformation of American Medicine, Consumer Reports*, and other articles.
Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE) Associate, Florida State University, 1999-2000.
I served as the sociology department’s PIE Associate, a position for which I was nominated by my Department Chair, Director of Graduate Studies, and Faculty Teaching Coordinator. I worked with Associates from different departments in preparing for and presenting at university conferences and workshops on issues about teaching. I also drafted and implemented a proposal to improve teaching within my (sociology) department.

Preparing Future Faculty (PFF), Florida State University, 1999-2000.
I was one of four PFFers representing the sociology department. We attended monthly meetings and workshops and trips to academic institutions in the area.

Teaching Assistant, Sociology of Health Care, Florida State University, Spring 1999.
I shadowed my major professor (Dr. Allen Imershein) in hopes of teaching this course independently in the future. I helped design and grade essay exams, daily papers, and other writing assignments for this course with class size around 100 students. I held office hours and occasionally facilitated class discussion on topics such as individual versus societal responsibility for health.

Writing Reinforcement Assistant, Sociology of Stratification, Florida State University, Spring 1999.
I edited rough drafts of students’ book reviews and graded final papers.

Department Teaching Coordinator, Florida State University, Fall 1998 and Spring 1999.
I organized and helped lead weekly seminars on topics ranging from active student learning to developing web-assisted courses. I also organized the Sociology Teaching Office, compiling textbooks, videos, and other teaching resources. I also met with other graduate students informally to discuss issues about teaching.

Writing Reinforcement Assistant, Sociology of Gender and Work, Florida State University, Fall 1998.
I edited rough drafts and graded final papers.

Teaching Assistant, Social Problems, Florida State University, Fall 1998.
I co-taught this course with my major professor (Dr. Allen Imershein). I helped design and grade essay exams, daily papers, and other writing assignments. I held office hours and exam review sessions outside of class, and I also facilitated class discussion on topics including family problems, gender, and population growth.

Teaching Assistant, Family Problems and Social Change, Florida State University, Spring 1997 and Spring 1998.
I helped design and grade essay exams, analytical papers, writing assignments, and journal entry assignments. I held office hours as well as wrote and delivered lectures on dating and domestic violence.
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sociology, Florida State University, Fall 1997.
I held office hours, conducted exam review sessions, and proctored exams.

Research Assistant, Florida State University, Fall 1997.
I served as Assistant Field Director on Project TAL 1997, a computer-aided telephone survey of the Tallahassee area concerning social issues. I helped students learn how to make calls and conduct the survey using the computer, and I also made many calls myself to complete numerous surveys.

Research Assistant, Florida State University, Fall 1996.
I assisted in contacting rape crisis centers and battered women’s shelters to compile a table of information.

Academic Service

Faculty Owl Leader, Florida Atlantic University, Fall 2017-present.
Academic Fellow, Fall 2018-present.
Intellectual Foundations Program (IFP) Committee, Florida Atlantic University, 2013-present.
Panel Speaker (invited) on Women’s Movement in the 21st Century, Mandel Public Library of West Palm Beach, Spring 2015.
Panel Speaker (invited) on Inequities in Law Enforcement and Judicial System, Palm Beach State College, Spring 2015.
Panel Speaker (invited) on Domestic Violence, Palm Beach State College, Fall 2014.
ACCESS Faculty Mentor Program, Florida Atlantic University, Spring 2011-2017.
Representative from Sociology Department for FAU High School seniors considering FAU, Florida Atlantic University, Spring 2014.
Faculty Mentor for student in Greek organization, part of her Academic Success Contract, Fall 2013-, Florida Atlantic University.
Passport to FAU Speaker, 2011-2015, Florida Atlantic University.
Member of the American Sociological Association, 2001-present.
Member of the Southern Sociological Society, 1997-present.
Online Reviewer (2010) for MySocLab for Introduction to Sociology.
Faculty Advisor for Human Rights Organization, Florida Atlantic University, 2005-2006.
Department Awards Committee, Florida State University, 2000-2001.
Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE) Associate, Florida State University, 1999-2000.
University Graduate Program Committee, Florida State University, 2000-2001.
President of the Sociology Graduate Student Union, Florida State University, 1999-2000.
Department Teaching Coordinator, Florida State University, 1998-1999.
Department Program Committee, Florida State University, 1998-1999.
Graduate Program Committee, Florida State University, 1997-1998.

Publications


Presentations


**Professional Interests**

Teaching Interests: Stratification (Gender, Sexual Orientation, Race-ethnicity, Social Class, Age, Disability); Human Sexuality; Animals and Society; Disability and Society; Medicine and Society; Family and Society; Introduction to Sociology; Social Problems

Research Interests: Medical Sociology; Stratification; Animals and Society; Disability and Society; Teaching Sociology; Human Sexuality

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Ph.D. Sociology. June 2009, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
M.A. Sociology. August 1997, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
Sociology major. Aug. 1995-Dec. 1995, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI
B.S. Biology. May 1993, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Social Economics, attended Sept.1984- May 1986, University of Gdansk, Poland

Employment
Florida Atlantic University, Aug. 2003 – present
Florida A&M University, Jan. 2001- May 2002
Florida State University, Aug.1998 – June 2002
Western Michigan University, Sep. 1996 – May 1997

Courses Taught

*Environmental Sociology*, Florida Atlantic University, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014 and 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018-present

*Social Movements*, Florida Atlantic University, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring and Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Summer 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018-present


*Sociological Perspectives* (formerly: *Introduction to Sociology*), Florida Atlantic University, Summer 2004 – Fall 2016, Fall 2018

*Methods of Social Research*, Florida State University, Summer 2000, Summer 2002

*Social Problems*, Florida State University, Spring 2001, Fall 2001, Spring 2002

*Introduction to Sociology*, Florida A&M University, Spring 2001, Fall 2001, Spring 2002

*Collective Action and Social Movements*, Florida State University, Spring 2000, Fall 2000

*Introduction to Sociology*, Florida State University, Summer 1998, Spring 1999, Fall 1999
**Professional Development**

Center of eLearning (CeL) eCertification: Summer 2015  
Distinction through Discovery Undergraduate Curriculum Grants Program  
Undergraduate Research and Discovery (URDP) Assignment, Fall 2015 – Fall 2017

**Academic Service and Memberships**

Reviewer (2013) for Oxford University Press, Partial manuscript *What’s the Problem?*

Faculty Advisor for Human Rights Organization, Florida Atlantic University, 2005 - 2006  
Lower Division Courses Committee, Florida Atlantic University, Aug. 2003- April 2004  
Member of American Sociological Association, 2001-2005  
Member of Southern Sociological Society, 2000-2005  
Departmental Policy Committee, Florida State University, Sept. 2001 - April 2002  
Awards Committee, Florida State University, Sept. 2001 - April 2002  
Colloquium Committee, Florida State University, Sept. 2000 - April 2001  
Student Representative to Departmental Meetings, Sept. 1999 - April 2000

**Honors and Awards**

Department Teaching Award, Florida State University 2001
Nominated for Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE) Teaching Award, Florida State University 2001
Dean’s List, Indiana University, 1993

**Publications**


**Presentations**


“Comparative Historical Methods, Global Processes, and Labor Union Growth and Decline in the United States, Germany, Sweden, and Poland.” Southern Sociological Society, 2005, Charlotte, SC.


**Professional Interests**

Teaching Interests: Collective Behavior and Social Movements; Environmental Sociology;
Globalization; Introductory Sociology; Research Methods; Social Problems

Research Interests: Crime; Comparative Historical Sociology; Globalization; Labor Unions

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2018- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University

EDUCATION

2018  Ph.D. Sociology, Indiana University  
Dissertation: “Caregivers and Critics: Examining Patterns of Social Network Engagement during the Onset of Alzheimer’s Disease.”  
Committee: Brea Perry, Bernice Pescosolido, Andrew Halpern-Manners, Fabio Rojas  
Qualifying Exams: Medical Sociology & Social Networks

2016  M.S. Applied Statistics, Indiana University

2014  M.A. Sociology, Indiana University

2012  B.A. Sociology, Hobart and William Smith Colleges (Magna cum Laude with Honors)

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Health Disparities  Aging & Disability  Quantitative Methods  
Mental Health  Culture  Network Analysis

PUBLICATIONS


* Graduate Student Paper Award, North Central Sociological Association

* Schuessler Award for Graduate Research, Department of Sociology, Indiana University  
* Graduate Student Paper Award, North Central Sociological Association


**ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW & IN PROGRESS**


* Best Poster Award, Sunbelt 2019, International Network for Social Network Analysis

Brea Perry, **William R. McConnell**, Evan Finley, Tugce Duran, Bernice Pescosolido, Frederick Unverzagt, Liana Apostolova, and Andrew Saykin. “Social Networks and Cognitive Performance in Older Adults with Normal Cognition, Mild Cognitive Impairment, and Mild Alzheimer’s Disease.”

**McConnell, William R.** “Learning to Cope: Caregiver Education Moderates the Effect of Cognitive Impairment on Depression in Late Adulthood”

**McConnell, William R.** “Healthcare Knowledge and Late-Life Inequality: Examining the Social Networks of Older Adults Coping with Cognitive Aging.”

Jessica McCrory Calarco, Weihua An, and **William R. McConnell**. “Where You Sit Matters: Segregation in Elementary Students’ Lunchroom Seating Networks Over Two Years.”

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2015-18  **Study Coordinator & Research Assistant**, National Institute on Aging, Indiana Alzheimer Disease Center Pilot Grant, “Biological Mechanisms underlying the Relationship between Social Networks and Cognitive Decline.” (PI Brea Perry; $29,950)


2015-17  **Research Assistant**, State of Indiana, Department of Child Services, “Psychotropic Medication Oversight Initiative.” (PI Leslie Hulvershorn; subcontract: $54,942)

2013-14  **Co-Investigator**, Indiana University Graduate School, “Graduate Student Stress and Coping Study.” (PI Jane McLeod; $500)

**FELLOWSHIPS**

2018-19  **Lindesmith-Mullins Fellowship**, Department of Sociology, Indiana University (declined)
2017-18  **Social Networks and Health Fellowship**, Duke Network Analysis Center, Duke University
2017-18  **Atherton-Bean Fellowship**, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
2014    **Clifford C. Clogg Scholarship**, ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan
2014    **Schuessler Scholarship for Study at ICPSR**, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
2012-18  **Graduate Student Fellowship**, Indiana University
2011-12  **Eric Hall Anderson Annual Fund Scholarship**, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
2008-11  **Trustee Scholarship**, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

**HONORS**

2019    **Best Poster Award**, Sunbelt 2019, International Network for Social Network Analysis
2018    **Schuessler Award for Graduate Research**, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
2016    **Graduate Student Paper Award**, North Central Sociological Association
2015    **Howard B. Kaplan Memorial Award in Medical Sociology**, American Sociological Association, Medical Sociology Section
2015    **Graduate Student Paper Award**, North Central Sociological Association
2012    **Phi Beta Kappa**, National Honor Society
2012    **National Debate Champion**, United States Universities Debating Championship
2011    **Irving Louis Horowitz Prize in Sociology**, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Instructor of Record**, Department of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University
2019    Sociology of Mental Health
2019    Sociology of Mental Health (graduate-level)
2019    Survey of Research Methods
2019    Sociology of Healthy Aging (graduate-level)

2018    Sociology of Aging and Dying
2018    Survey of Research Methods

**Instructor of Record**, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
2018    Sociology of Mental Illness
2018    Charts, Graphs, and Tables
2015    Introduction to Sociology
2014    Introduction to Sociology

**Teaching Assistant** (graduate-level), ICPSR, University of Michigan
2015    Network Analysis, with Ann McCranie
INVITED PRESENTATIONS & ORGANIZED SESSIONS


          Session Organizer, “Health Care Provider Networks.” International Network for Social Network Analysis (Sunbelt 2019), Montreal, Canada.


CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS


          “Disability in Context: Do Social Networks Moderate the Impact of Increasing Functional Impairment on Well-being?” Gerontological Society of America, Austin, TX.

          “Learning to Cope: Examining Effects of Self and Caregiver Education on the Link between Cognitive Impairment and Depression” Population Association of America, Austin, TX.


          “Healthcare Knowledge and Late-Life Inequality: Examining the Social Networks of Older Adults Coping with Cognitive Aging.” Population Association of America, Denver, CO.


          “Healthcare Knowledge in Discussion Networks Predicts Improved Quality of Life among Older Adults Experiencing Cognitive Impairment.” International School and Conference on Network Science (NetSci), Indianapolis, IN.

          “Social Networks and Cognitive Performance in Older Adults with Normal Cognition, Mild Cognitive Impairment, and Early Stage Alzheimer’s Disease.” Alzheimer’s Association International Conference, London, UK.


2013  “Drawn to the Shadows: Does the Network Centrality of Government Actors Matter?” *American Political Science Association Section on Political Networks* *(PolNet)*, Bloomington, IN.

**SERVICE**

*Occasional Reviewer*  
*Journal of Health and Social Behavior; Social Problems; The Sociological Quarterly; Network Science*

**Department of Sociology**, Florida Atlantic University
2019-20  Search Committee
2019  Undergraduate Program Evaluation Committee

**Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters**, Florida Atlantic University
2018-19  College Scholarship Committee

**Department of Sociology**, Indiana University
2016-17  Coordinator, Indiana Intensive Didactic Seminar (IIDS)
2015-17  Coordinator, Workshop in Network Science (WINS)
2015-16  Mentor, Undergraduate Honors Thesis Program
2012-16  Mentor, Graduate Student Association
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EDUCATION

August 2010    Ph.D. in Comparative Sociology
Florida International University, Miami, FL
Dissertation: Navigating Racial Boundaries: The One-Drop Rule and Mixed-Race Jamaicans in South Florida

May 1995    M.A. in Hispanic Studies
Florida International University, Miami, FL
Major research paper: Afro-Cuban Religions

June 1987    B.A. in Spanish and History
University of The West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica

PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

AUGUST 2013 - PRESENT  Instructor of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University (F.A.U.)
Direct all co-curricular programs including:
- Lecture and colloquia series
- Honors Hours – Information sessions for students
- Community partnerships
- Internships
- HEARTS – Honors Education in the Arts
- Honors Living and Learning Communities
- Student organizations
- Study abroad programs
Supervision of two full-time administrative staff members
Supervision of one full-time clerical staff
Teach one interdisciplinary Honors course

AUGUST 2010 – MAY 2012  Visiting Instructor of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University (F.A.U.)

January –  Research Associate, Florida International University (F.I.U.)
August 2010  Project: “Taking Stock and Moving Forward”
Funded by: Lumina Foundation
Principal Investigator: Dr. Glenda Musoba
• Investigate the impact of special programs on academic success of undergraduate students, specifically Latino students.
• Design and conduct research through focus groups, face-to-face interviews, and participant observation.
• Analyze data using MAXQDA software.
• Summarize research findings for reports and publication.

• Prepared grant proposals for submission to funding agencies
• Developed new program website
• Marketed new Study Abroad program to the Gambia
• Edited book manuscript for the Program Director
• Developed course proposals for curriculum review
  o Procured relevant materials for course development.

1999 – 2008  Coordinator/Assistant Director, Study Abroad Program in Spain, F.I.U.
• Managed all aspects of annual study abroad program serving 160 advanced undergraduate students
• Ensured course materials adhered to program objectives
• Contributed to pedagogical development of the program.

2004 – 2008  Assistant Dean of Student Services, F.I.U. Honors College
2003 – 2004  Director of Student Services, F.I.U. Honors College
Both positions involved:
• Oversight for entire division. Responsible for direction, vision, and overall leadership
• Responsibility for recruitment and enrollment management
• Ensuring student success through targeted retention, enrichment and advising programs
• Managing six (6) people within the division.

1997 – 2004  Undergraduate Advisor, F.I.U. Honors College
• Coordinated recruitment, admission, orientation, and enrollment of Honors College students
• Managed the Pre-Collegiate Institute (summer program for high school seniors)
• Advised undergraduate students
• Selected awardees for scholarships

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE (COURSES DEVELOPED AND TAUGHT)**

2019  Graduate Seminar in Quantitative Methods
2016  Sociological Theory
2015  Introductory Sociology Honors Seminar
2013  Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality
2011-2012  Sociological Perspectives (Introduction to Sociology)
Survey of Methods (Research Methods)
Race and Ethnic Relations
Gender and Society

2010  Global Social Change
Global Society
Social Conflict
Sociology of Migration

2007– 2008  Honors Seminar VII - Continuity of Spanish Culture Pt 1
Honors Seminar VIII - Continuity of Spanish Culture Pt 2
• Lectured and facilitated discussions on social and cultural issues in Spain
• Developed an experiential program component using the local urban environment
• Managed a large off-campus study program
• Obtained outstanding evaluations of teaching and leadership performance

2004 – 2006  Honors Seminar III - Inhabiting other Lives Pt 1
Honors Seminar IV - Inhabiting other Lives Pt 2
• Lectured and facilitated weekly seminar discussions
• Coordinated discussion questions amongst seminar leaders
• Assessed students’ written assignments.

1999 – 2003  First Year Experience (Honors)
• Developed a specialized section of “First Year Experience” course for Honors students

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE

2008– 2009  Principal Investigator, Dissertation Project
“Navigating Racial Boundaries: The One-Drop Rule and Mixed-Race Jamaicans in South Florida”
• Designed research project, including methodology and ethics review
• Employed focus groups and interviews, using advanced qualitative analysis software for analysis and interpretation
• Extensive training in research methods, including:
  - Advanced graduate seminar in research design and methodology;
  - Three advanced graduate courses in statistics.
• Capability in data analysis software, including SPSS, Stata, and MaxQDA

PRESENTATIONS

“Encountering the One-Drop Rule: Racial Identity Negotiation Among Racially Mixed Jamaicans in South Florida,” Race, Ethnicity and Place IV Conference, University of Miami/James L. Knight Center, November 2008.

“How Do We Know Ourselves and Others?” Invited Guest lecture, F.I.U. Honors course, November 2007.


SERVICE (SELECTED)

2017 – Present  Faculty Advisor, Food Recovery Network, FAU
2017 – Present  Faculty Advisor, Sociology Student Association, FAU
2016 – 2018  Faculty Advisor, American Medical Women’s Association, FAU
2008 – 2010  Member, Advisory Board, Black Crossroads: The African Diaspora in Miami, Historical Museum of Southern Florida
2002 – 2004  Faculty Advisor, Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Association
2000 – 2004  Member, Freshman Convocation Committee
1997 – 2006  Faculty Advisor, Gamma Epsilon Phi
1997 – 2004  Advisor, Student Advisory Council
1995 – 1997  Advisor, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

AWARDS AND HONORS

Golden Key Honors Society
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
Tau Sigma Honor Society
National Society of Collegiate Scholars
CUPA Friend Recognition Award
Delores A. Auzenne Fellowship 1991-1992, $5000

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
American Anthropological Association

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English
Spanish
J. Lotus Seeley

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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2016- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida

EDUCATION

2016 Ph.D. in Sociology and Women’s Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
2007 M.A. in Women’s Studies, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
2002 B.A. in Sociology and Women’s Studies, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Gender/Sexuality        Economic Sociology
Organizations          Work and Occupations
Qualitative Methods    Microsociology

PUBLICATIONS IN PRINT

Refereed Journal Articles


Book Reviews


WORKS UNDER REVIEW

WORKS IN PROGRESS


PRESENTATIONS

Peer Reviewed Conference Presentations

2019
Eastern Sociological Society – Panel Presentation
“Shock Troops and Shock Absorbers: IT Support Workers Doing Emotional Labor in the Rationalizing University”
2018 Southern Sociological Society – Panel Presentation
“Shock Troops and Shock Absorbers: IT Support Workers Doing Emotional Labor in the Rationalizing University”

2018 Southern Sociological Society – Panel Presentation
“Jumping to the Front of the Invisible Line: Electronic Ticket Systems, Queuing, and the Breakdown of Social Order”

2015 Social Science History Association – Panel Presentation
“Repairing Computers and (Re)producing Hierarchy: An Ethnography of Support Work and Organizational Status”

2015 American Sociological Society Meeting – Round Table
“‘Show Us Your Frilly Pink Underbelly’: Male Administrative Assistants Performing Masculinities and Femininities”

2015 American Sociological Society Meeting – Round Table
“Repairing Computers and (Re)producing Hierarchy: An Ethnography of Support Work and Organizational Status”

2014 Eastern Sociological Society Meeting – Panel Presentation
“‘Show Us Your Frilly Pink Underbelly’: Male Administrative Assistants Performing Masculinities and Femininities”

2014 Eastern Sociological Society Meeting – Panel Presentation
“‘Good Girls:’ Gender, Social Class, and Slut Discourse on Campus.”
With Elizabeth A. Armstrong, Laura T. Hamilton, and Elizabeth M. Armstrong

2012 National Women’s Studies Association Meeting – Panel Presentation
“‘Show Us Your Frilly Pink Underbelly’: Male Administrative Assistants Performing Masculinities and Femininities”

2009 American Sociological Association Meeting – Social Theory Panel
“Harrison White as (Not Quite) Poststructuralist”

2009 National Women’s Studies Association Meeting – Panel Presentation
“From Secretary to Admin: Tracing Changes in the Secretarial Role”

Invited Presentations

2014 Special Undergraduate Research Opportunities, Seminar Presentation, University of Michigan, “Ethnography at Work: Doing Participatory Observation”
2011 Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Panel on Women and Work, University of Michigan, “Farewell to the Office Wife?: Continuity and Change in the Secretarial Role”

2011 Community of Scholars Research Symposium, Institute for the Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan, “‘Show Us Your Frilly Pink Underbelly’: Alternative Masculinities and Male Femininity in Secretarial Work”

**COURSES TAUGHT AT FAU**

**Undergraduate**

Sociological Theory  
Qualitative Research Methods  
Gender and Work  
Microsociology

**Graduate**

Seminar in Microsociology  
Seminar in Sociology of Work

**Supervision of Graduate Students**

- 2017-2018 Rachel Hargis, Chair MA Thesis Committee  
- 2017 Davyd Heasley, Directed Independent Study  
- 2016-2017 Jacqueline Frazer, MA Thesis Committee

**Supervision of Undergraduate Students**

- 2018 Maya Stemen, Directed Independent Study

**SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**SERVICE TO FAU**

- 2016- Sociology Department Representative to Faculty Assembly  
- 2016- Sociology Department Representative to Center for Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Executive Committee
SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE


HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

2019  Scholarly and Creative Activities Fellowship, College of Arts and Letters, Florida Atlantic University

2013  Dissertation Research Grant, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan

2013  Dissertation Research Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan

2013  Margaret Ayers Host Award, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan

2013  Boyd/Williams Dissertation Grant for Research on Women and Work, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan

2011  Community of Scholars Fellowship, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan

2007-2012  Rackham Merit Fellowship, University of Michigan

2005-2006  University Fellowship, The Ohio State University
CARTER M. KOPPELMAN, Ph.D.  ckoppelman@fau.edu

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology                January 2019-Present
Florida Atlantic University

EDUCATION
Ph.D., Sociology. University of California, Berkeley  2018
Dissertation: “‘Property Owners and Not Proletarians’: Housing Policy and the Contested
Production of Neoliberal Subjects in Chile and Brazil”
Committee: Raka Ray (Chair), Laura Enríquez, Mara Loveman, Teresa Caldeira (City Planning)
Qualifying Fields: Social Theory, Development, Political Sociology

M.A., Sociology. University of California, Berkeley  2011
Thesis: “Symbolic Power and Municipal Governance: The State-Society Interface in
the Poblaciones of Santiago, Chile”
Committee: Laura Enríquez, Cihan Tuğal

B.A., International Relations and Latin American Studies. Tufts University  2009

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS
Political Sociology, Development & Globalization, Urban Sociology, Gender, Social Movements, Social
Theory, Ethnographic and Interview Methods, Latin America

PUBLICATIONS
Peer-Reviewed Articles
Koppelman, Carter. 2018. “‘For now, we are in waiting’: Negotiating Time in Chile’s Social Housing
System.” City & Community 17(2): 504-524.

in the Poblaciones of Santiago, Chile.” Latin American Perspectives 44(3): 46-63.

Book Reviews

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley  2017
Graduate Division Summer Research Grant, UC Berkeley  2016
Lowenthal Fellowship, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley  2015
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship  2010-2013
Andrew F. Mellon Summer Research Grant in Latin American Sociology, UC Berkeley  2010
John S. Gibson Award, Best Undergraduate Thesis in International Relations, Tufts University  2009
International Relations Research Scholars Grant, Tufts University  2008
RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Academic Conferences


“Participation Struggles: Housing Movements and Neoliberal City-Making in Brazil and Chile” Development in Question. 5th Annual Conference of the ASA Development Sociology Section. Cornell University. October 2016


Invited Talks


“Gender in Chile’s Housing Subsidy System.” Presentation to the Housing Laboratory, College of Architecture and Urbanism, Universidade de São Paulo. São Paulo, Brazil. May 2014.

TEACHING & MENTORING

Courses Taught as Assistant Professor, Florida Atlantic University
Seminar in Urbanization (Graduate Level) Fall 2019
Seminar in Development & Globalization (Graduate Level) Spring 2019
Sociological Theory (Undergraduate Level) Spring 2019 & Fall 2019
Global Social Change (Undergraduate Level) Fall 2019

Graduate School Teaching Experience, University of California, Berkeley
Instructor. Gender & the City Fall 2017
Graduate Student Instructor. Classical Sociological Theory, with Christopher Muller Spring 2018
Graduate Student Instructor. Development in Theory & History, with Gillian Hart Spring 2017
Graduate Student Instructor. Introduction to Sociology, with Raka Ray Fall 2016
Graduate Student Instructor. Development in Theory & History, with Gillian Hart Spring 2016
Graduate Student Instructor. Introduction to Sociology, with Thomas Gold Spring 2015
Graduate Student Instructor. Introduction to Sociology, with Thomas Gold Fall 2013
Honors Thesis Mentor. International & Area Studies Fall/Spring 2010-11
Reader. Sociology of Sport, with Leora Lawton Spring 2010
Reader. Sociology of Deviance & Social Control, with Leora Lawton Fall 2009

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Research Groups and Workshops
Sociology of the Global South Workshop, UC Berkeley 2017-
Sociology of Gender & Sexuality Workshop, UC Berkeley 2014-
Sociology of Latin America Workshop, UC Berkeley 2010-2016
Emergent Citizenships Colloquium, Universidad Católica de Chile 2013
Latin American Cities Group, City & Regional Planning, UC Berkeley 2011-2013

Editing/Reviewing
Occasional Reviewer, Bulletin of Latin American Research
Occasional Reviewer, City & Community
Occasional Reviewer, Latin American Research Review 2014-
Editorial Board Member, Berkeley Journal of Sociology 2009-2011

Professional Memberships
American Sociological Association
Latin American Studies Association
Sociologists for Women in Society

Other
Visiting Researcher, College of Architecture and Urbanism, Universidade de São Paulo. 2014

LANGUAGES
Portuguese (fluent speaking, reading and writing)
Spanish (fluent speaking, reading and writing)
English (native speaker)