

Culture and Society

WHEATON COLLEGE
SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

INTRODUCING DR. TONG

Dr. Tong is the newest addition to the faculty of the department. She joins us this year to teach Intro to Sociology, The Family, and two new courses in Spring, "Religion and Gender and Society" as well as "East Asian Societies: Cultural and Social Change." Her research focuses on Christianity in China and Chinese societies, Islam in Southeast Asia, and overseas Chinese. Further research interests include Chinese diaspora, Pentecostal/Charismatic Movement, and Chinese entrepreneurship. Before coming to Wheaton Dr. Tong was a Visiting Assistant Professor at Purdue University working at the Center of Religion and Chinese Society.



PHOTOS FROM DEPARTMENT WORSHIP AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 27th at 7:00pm in Phelps
Dr. Tong will be giving a lecture on

**"China, Business, and Christianity:
Strange (but true) Sociology"**

SUMMER UPDATE FROM THE PROFESSORS

Dr. Kim has an article under review for the *Journal of Social Structure* entitled "Protestant Missionaries' Social Networks in Korea." He presented this paper at the IM Korean Christianity Conference at UCLA in April 2016. He is also working on a paper entitled "C.S. Lewis and the Inklings" as well as two other papers, utilizing historiographic data, SNA, and Mathematica (coding).



Dr. Jeske finished her PhD over the summer! She also finished two articles on unemployed and low-wage earning Zulu people in South Africa. The first considers how satisfaction in low-wage jobs is much higher when people feel respected, yet they leave even jobs they need when they are disrespected. The second explains that the quality of people's relationships at work are a significant factor in whether employers create new jobs and employees stay in jobs. Both articles are in being reviewed American Anthropologist published one of her articles about South African young men who aspire to have cars rather than the cows of their fathers' generation.



Dr. Allen's summer included dissecting weekly (sometimes, daily) police shootings and integrating those case studies with research on the Kerner Commission report, police corruption in Chicago, social justice, Supreme Court decisions, police tactical manuals and investigations of deadly force, the United Nations' and Chinese reports on African Americans. Three more police shootings occurred as he went to the International Sociological Association forum on global criminology. He spoke on "Social Justice, Police Shootings, and Abusive Encounters with Unarmed African Americans." The following week, he presented about how internal and external social controls affect the safety (security) of communities at a conference of Christian leaders in Grand Rapids, MI.



Dr. Howell was a Visiting Fellow at the European Center for the Study of War and Peace in Croatia for 3 weeks. There he connected with Gordon's Balkans Studies Program, establishing a plan to return to teach in Spring, 2017. ("War, Memory, and Tourism." Come take his class!) He spent a week in Madrid with a faculty development seminar from CIEE on Intercultural Competency. A visit to the Philippines to visit Josh Knowlton (Anth/HNGR, '17) rounded out the travels.



Dr. Miller attended the American Sociological Association meetings in Seattle in August to present a paper examining suburban responses (local governments and neighbors) to requests from religious groups to build, alter, or use a structure. He has also spent time in the last few months working on a paper with TAs Bethany Thomas and Maurice Bokanga: they coded 300+ speeches from Billy Graham where he addresses cities and suburbs.



Dr. Reynolds had the opportunity to present at the Latin American Studies Association in NY on including violence in multi-dimensional poverty measures. She also gave two presentations at the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics at UC Berkeley, one on demographics of leadership in Christian development efforts, and one on the moral and religious aspects of free trade. She is currently concluding a multi-year project on women in leadership in evangelical organizations.



SOCIOLOGY STUDENT IN CAPE TOWN

Titus Payne, a junior sociology major studied in Cape Town, South Africa in Spring 2016. Here he shares some thoughts .

Why did you want to study in South Africa?

I chose to go to the University of Cape Town because of the richness of sociology in South Africa and because Southern Africa was simply a part of the world I have not yet been to. I desired as much cultural immersion as possible; I lived with a host family and visited a variety of local churches. My courses in the University of Cape Town instilled in me a great love and curiosity for criminology. World class lecturers opened my eyes to the richness of criminology and its vast potential to solve social problems and alleviate human suffering.

How did the academics there impact and challenged you?

In my coursework I was particularly struck by the parallels between the city of Chicago and the city of Cape Town on several levels. Both cities have a difficult and bleak criminal reputation in their respective countries, both have suffered from decades of racialized city planning and are now suffering through its effects, both struggle with gang formation, an increasing distrust in the police system, and have massively unequal societies. Key differences are the structure of the police system, the prevalence and scale of private security and pluralized policing, and that South Africa has had a formal, state-sponsored legal system of racial segregation while Chicago did not. It would be a dream of mine to follow



up my time in Cape Town with a comparative study between these cities. There could be whole books written on this subject.

What was it like studying as a foreign student at UCT in the midst of a time of protest?

It made me evaluate the position I was in as a compassionate observer, but not someone who was intimately affected by the issues discussed in “Rhodes Must Fall”. I had to think through how I did not have ownership of this issues, and should keep a respectful distance, while being engaged. There were several American students who attempted to insert themselves into a issues and dialogues where they were not welcome.

What part of this time were difficult?

I struggled with the lack of a consistent Christian community, but I have nonetheless witnessed God's work through his Church in South Africa. Also, Grace, my girlfriend and study abroad companion, and I struggled with the particular program that allowed us to study at UCT. We went through

a Wheaton-approved third party organization, not a Wheaton program. Though we were extremely grateful for the opportunity they have given us, we saw many issues with how commodified the study abroad experience has become. We witnessed first hand the abuse of privilege by wealthy white Americans who would treat study abroad in South Africa as an extended vacation.

How did your understanding of criminology change as a result of this time?

I came into this semester with more of a positivist view of crime. Quickly, I learned how criminology is integrally related to values within a society. It is a discipline so deeply compassionate to “the least of these” because of its rootedness in lived experiences. Because of these two things, I have found that criminology I studies in South Africa is so adaptable and can apply to other contexts

Concluding thoughts

I have many anecdotes and so many beautiful memories. Cape Town is everything beautiful, everything heartbreaking, and all so dearly redeemed by the continuing work of God (and His faithful servants) in that city.

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Birthdays and New Majors

September

Michael Chen
Kateri Felix
Abby Gallup
Samantha Heard
Dinah Holmquist
Kendall Kehres
MaLaysia Mitchell
Julia Peterman
Kenzie Quinn
Annick Sheffield
Bethany Thomas
Savanna Voight

October

Chloe Burris
Sarah Carlson
Alexa Dava
Daniel Granzow
Conner Imbody
Rachel Mudra
Zachary Sunne

New Major

Savanna Voight
Sociology

Field trip anyone?

The Sociology and Anthropology department wants your input! New movie caught your eye that you would love to have sociology and anthropology colleagues watch together? Want to go ice-skating with your professors? This is your time to speak up about any event, film, or outing that you would want the department to sponsor *off-campus*.

Any thoughts are welcome!

Email bethany.thomas@my.wheaton.edu to submit your ideas.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES: SUBMIT TO AN HONORS JOURNAL

University Honors at UC Riverside is proud to announce open submissions for *Audeamus*, the National Multidisciplinary Honors Journal. Deadline for submissions is **October 8, 2016**.

Audeamus is a multidisciplinary journal that was started at University Honors, UC Riverside in 2007. The students chose to name the journal *Audeamus*, which means "Let us dare" in Latin, as it "dares" to publish an eclectic journal each year to showcase works of highest merit, no matter what it is.

Starting with the 2016-2017 edition, *Audeamus* will be going

national, and accepting submissions from any 2-year or 4-year college/institution of higher education in the United States.

To be eligible to submit, students are required to be a current undergraduates enrolled (full time or part time) at a 2-year or 4-year college or institution of higher education. Students who will graduate (in the 2015-2016 academic year) from an eligible institution are eligible to apply for the 2016-2017 journal if they have, for example, a senior thesis paper or project they completed upon graduation and would like to submit this piece to the journal. Entries from students who

graduated further back than the previous academic year are not accepted.

Submission categories include: (1) non/fiction; (2) research papers; (3) poetry; (4) artwork/photography; (5) video/film; and (6) other.

The *Audeamus* website can be found here:

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