

PhD Alumni

Tobin Belzer (PhD, 2004) works as an applied sociologist, developing research and program evaluations to support the work of nonprofit organizations and philanthropists. She is a contributing fellow at the Center for Religion and Civic Culture at the University of Southern California.

<https://crcc.usc.edu/people/tobin-belzer/> This year, Tobin was also a visiting scholar at the Taube Center for Jewish Studies at Stanford University. With her colleagues at Stanford, she recently had an article published in the journal *Contemporary Jewry*, "The Social Self: Toward the Study of Jewish Lives in the Twenty-first Century": <http://rdcu.be/mveM> She is also very proud of her evaluation report about the American Muslim Civic Leadership Institute.

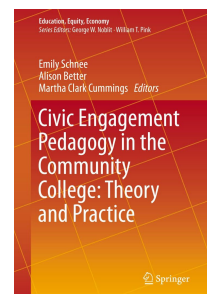
<https://crcc.usc.edu/report/10-years-of-the-american-muslim-civic-leadership-institute-evaluation-report/>

Meredith Bergey (PhD, 2015) is completing her second year of teaching in the Department of Sociology at the University of Virginia. In addition to teaching, she is working with undergraduate students to create a new hospital-based initiative, called Virginia Health Compass, to address social determinants of health in a pediatric clinic. Starting in the fall of 2017, Meredith is excited to be joining the Department of Sociology and Criminology at Villanova University as a tenure track Assistant Professor.

Recent publications:

- Bergey, Meredith R., Angela M. Filipe, Peter Conrad, and Ilina Singh (editors). *Global Perspectives on ADHD: Social Dimensions of Diagnosis and Treatment in 16 Countries*. Johns Hopkins University Press, forthcoming.
- Bergey, Meredith R., and Peter Conrad. "The Rise and Transformation of ADHD in the USA." In: Bergey, Meredith R., Angela M. Filipe, Peter Conrad, and Ilina Singh (editors). *Global Perspectives on ADHD: Social Dimensions of Diagnosis and Treatment in 16 Countries*. Johns Hopkins University Press, forthcoming.
- "The Changing Drivers of Medicalization." In Cohen, Bruce (editor). *Routledge International Handbook of Critical Mental Health*. Informa/Taylor Francis, forthcoming.
- Goldsack, Jennifer C., Meredith R. Bergey, Susan Mascioli, and Janet Cunningham. 2015. "Hourly rounding and patient falls: What factors boost success?" *Nursing* 45(2): 25-30.

Alison Better (PhD, 2010) has been promoted to Associate Professor at Kingsborough Community College, CUNY where she is also Sociology Area Coordinator and, as of September 2016, Co-Director of Women's and Gender Studies. She co-edited (with Emily Schnee and Martha Clark Cummings) and contributed a chapter to a new book *Civic Engagement Pedagogy in the Community College: Theory and Practice* which was published in 2016 by Springer.



Janet Mancini Billson (PhD, 1976), Director of Group Dimensions International (Woolwich, Maine), recently conducted several qualitative research methods workshops for the Ministry of Regional Development, Czech Republic, funded by the European Union Cohesion Fund, including: "The Foundations of Focus Group Research: A Systematic and Scientific Approach to Support Evaluation" and a "Train-the-Trainers" workshop in conducting systematic focus groups. She also gave a keynote speech for the Czech Evaluation Society's annual meeting in November, "Maximizing Credible Results from Focus Group Discussions," and chaired a panel session on "Evaluation as the Sword of Damocles – How

to Use Conclusions and Recommendations.” Billson is currently working on a new book, *Between Two*



Fires: Indigenous, Immigrant, and Refugee Women in the Canadian Mosaic, and two articles: “Refugee Camps as Inherently Marginalized Settlements: Rethinking Critical Policies and Essential Outcomes” and “The Implications of Closing Dadaab Refugee Camp, Kenya.” Her most recent publication, “Group Dynamics in the College Classroom,” was published as a chapter in Jan Remmerswaal, ed., *Supervising Groups: Group Dynamics in Practice [Begeleiden van Groepen: Groeps Dynamic in Praktijk]*, Houten, Netherlands: Bohn Stafleu van Loghum (Springer) in late 2015.

Phil Brown (PhD, 1979) received a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) grant supplement from the NSF Science, Technology and Society Program on his existing “Perfluorinated Chemicals: The Social Discovery of a Class of Emerging Contaminants.” It supports two students each year for two years on paid 6-month co-ops. Phil is in the beginning stages of organizing a national conference on perfluorinated chemicals to be held June 14-15, 2017 at Northeastern University. This year Phil has published or has in press the following articles: Jennifer Ohayon, Rachel Morello-Frosch, Julia Brody, Phil Brown, and Elicia Cousins, “Researcher and Institutional Review Board Reflections on the Benefits and Challenges of Reporting Back Biomonitoring and Environmental Exposure Results” *Environmental Research*; Alissa Cordner, Lauren Richter, and Phil Brown, “Can chemical-class based approaches replace chemical-by-chemical strategies?: Lessons from recent FDA regulatory action on perfluorinated compounds.” *Environmental Science & Technology*; Katherine E. Boronow, Herbert P. Susmann, Krzysztof Z. Gajos, Ruthann A. Rudel, Kenneth C. Arnold, Phil Brown, Rachel Morello-Frosch, Laurie Havas, and Julia Green Brody “DERBI: A Digital Method to Help Researchers Offer “Right-to-Know” Personal Exposure Results” *Environmental Health Perspectives*; Jacob Matz, Phil Brown, and Julia Brody “Social Science-Environmental Health Collaborations: An Exciting New Direction” *New Solutions*; Carmen Milagros Vélez Vega, Phil Brown, Colleen Murphy, Abigail Figueroa, José Cordero, and Akram Alshawabkeh, “Community Engagement and Research Translation in Puerto Rico’s Northern Karst Region: The PROTECT Superfund Research Program” *New Solutions*; Monica Ramirez-Andreotta, Julia Green Brody, Nathan Lothrop, Miranda Loh, Paloma I. Beamer, and Phil Brown, “Improving Environmental Health Literacy and Justice Through Environmental Exposure Results Communication.” *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*; Laura Senier, Phil Brown, Sara Shostak, and Bridget Hanna, “The Socio-Exposome: Advancing Environmental Science in a Post-Genomic Era.” *Environmental Sociology*; Monica Ramirez-Andreotta, Julia Green Brody, Nathan Lothrop, Miranda Loh, Paloma I Beamer, and Phil Brown, “Building Informal Science Education and Environmental Health Literacy through Reporting Back Environmental Exposure Data.” *Environmental Health*; Matthew Judge, Phil Brown, Julia Brody, Ruthann Rudel, and Serena Ryan, “The Exposure Experience: Participant Responses to a Biomonitoring Study of Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA).” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*; Dvera I. Saxton, Phil Brown, Samarys Seguinot-Medina, Lorraine Eckstein, David O. Carpenter, Pamela K. Miller, and Vi Waghiyi, “Environmental Justice and the Right to Research: IRB Opposition to Chemical Biomonitoring of Breast Milk.” *Environmental Health*; and Oscar Zarate, Julia Green Brody, Phil Brown, Monica Ramirez-Andreotta, Laura Perovich, and Jacob Matz, “Balancing Benefits and Risks of Immortal Data: Participants’ Views of Open Consent in the Personal Genome Project, *Hastings Center Report*. 2016. 46:1-10.



*Phil's klezmer band
Too Klez for Comfort
plays at Boston
Marathon*

*Phil Brown testifying
(successfully) at Boston City
Council to change fire code
in order to decrease toxic
flame retardants in use*



*Phil Brown and co-author Holli Levitsky
as display of their book *Summer Haven:
The Catskills, the Holocaust, and the Literary
Imagination* at the Association for Jewish
Studies conference*

Levon Chorbajian (PhD, 1974) is in his 47th year with the Sociology Department at UMass Lowell.

Publications:

- "Globalization and Neo-liberalism: Their Opponents and Their Application to Armenia" in Sven Eliaeson et al, eds., *After the Soviet Empire*. Leiden: Brill, 2016, pp. 273-295.
- "'They Brought It on Themselves' and It Never Happened: Denial to 1939" in Alexis Demirdjian, ed., *The Armenian Genocide Legacy*. Basingstoke, U.K.: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016, pp. 167-182.

Presentations:

- "Roily Exchanges: Newspaper Wars at the *Hairenik Weekly* and the *Armenian Mirror-Spectator* in 1951" Armenians and the Cold War Conference, University of Michigan, 2016.
- "Defense or Prosecution: Does One Side Have an Advantage?" Justice Studies Association, Albany University, 2016.

Deborah J. Cohan (PhD, 2005) is the assistant Professor of Sociology, University of South Carolina Beaufort. One of the more significant accomplishments this year was being chosen for *Utne Reader* as seen below. Also, it was an absolute thrill being featured on such a great radio station because of her writing for *Psychology Today* (link below).

Book Chapters, Forthcoming (contracts signed):

- "Violence, Rage, Creativity and the Re-birth of the Self," in *Violent States: Individual to International Creative States: Overcoming Violence*. Editors: John Adlam, James Gilligan, Tilman Kluttig, Bandy X. Lee and John L. Young. Jessica Kingsley Publishers, Forthcoming, 2017.
- "Black Women's Rage and Activism" in *Violence Against Black Bodies*, edited by Sandra Weissinger, Dwayne Mack and Elwood Watson. Routledge, Forthcoming, June 2017.

Book Chapters in Print:

- "Learning for a Change: Rage and the Promise of the Feminist Classroom," in *Teaching Sex and Gender in Contemporary America*, edited by Kristin Haltinner and RYanne Pilgeram. Springer Press. May 2016.
- "The Gold Pen," essay in anthology titled, *Letting Go: Feminist and Social Justice Insights and Activism*, co-edited by Catherine Valentine and Donna King, Vanderbilt University Press 2015. *The Utne Reader* selected this chapter for reprinting and it ranked as one of their "most popular" articles on their website. <http://www.utne.com/mind-and-body/dementia-and-the-gold-pen-ze0z1604zsel.aspx>

Peer-Reviewed Articles in Scholarly Journals:

- "It's S'More Than All That!: Gender Benders and the Creation of Feminist Community at USCB," co-authored with Kimberly Cavanagh, Ph.D., *Feminist Teacher*, Vol. 25, No.2-3, pp.124-138. Spring 2016.

- “The Grief of a Teacher: Trauma, Dis/connection and Institutional Paradox” *The E-Journal of Public Affairs, Special Issue on Higher Education’s Role in Preventing and Responding to Gender Based Violence*, September 2015. <https://ejopa.missouristate.edu/index.php/ejournal/article/view/78/90>

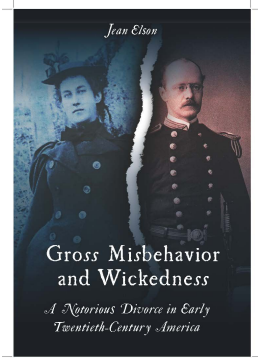
Public Sociology on the Internet:

- Regular writer for *Psychology Today*, <https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/social-lights>
As a result of the success of an article she published with *Psychology Today*, she was invited for a radio interview on KGO-AM RADIO, out of San Francisco, California:
<https://audioboom.com/boos/4912371-august-8-2016-sending-kids-to-college>
- Published Op-ed on gender and the election in *The San Francisco Chronicle*, August 3, 2016.
<http://www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/openforum/article/Gender-matters-in-the-presidential-election-9111255.php?t=981cc13ba2958a2cf9&cmpid=fb-premium>
- Published Op-ed on the controversy in North Carolina on transgender students and restrooms. *Myrtle Beach Sun News*, May 9, 2016.
<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article76488342.html>
- Her Sociology of the Body course was selected to be featured on the following website, Fall 2015:
<http://www.contemplativepracticesforantioppressionpedagogy.com/blog/embodyed-writing-in-a-sociology-of-the-body-class-by-dr-deborah-j-cohan>
- Invited Expert, Collaborator, and Writer for website to assist LGBTQ youth and school personnel, Fall 2015: <http://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/resources/lgbtq-student-support/>

Poetry:

- “The Monday After Umpqua,” poem on gun violence and mass shootings featured in BANG!, an anthology. Over 700 poems were submitted and approximately 80 are being published. Forthcoming.
- “A Rage Against/ From the Female Body,” poem featured in the anthology, *Purple Sparks: Poetry by Survivors of Sexual Assault*, Youth Sparks, January 2016.

Jean Elson (MA, 1996 and PhD, 2000) is Emerita in the Department of Sociology at the University of New Hampshire. She has a forthcoming new book to be released in Spring 2017 from Temple University Press, *Gross Misbehavior and Wickedness: A Notorious Divorce in Early Twentieth-Century America*.



Mindy Fried (PhD, 1996) has been juggling a number of exciting endeavors this year. Her new book, *Caring for Red: a Daughter’s Memoir* (Vanderbilt University Press, 2016) was released in September, and she is currently taking it on the road to speak in bookstores (e.g., Seattle, Albuquerque, Boston), at universities (e.g., Georgia State, Brandeis, Boston College), at a synagogue (in Lancaster, Pennsylvania), at a continuous care facility (Cherry Hill, New Jersey), at conferences (e.g. Easterns, Global Care Work Conference), and Book Fairs (e.g. Buffalo). Her book talk at Brandeis is on January 19, from 12:30-2 PM, sponsored by the Women's Studies Research Center. Mindy is now the co-Executive Director of Hoopla Productions, where she co-produces arts events aimed at bringing people together across the divides of race, class, culture and immigrant status. She continues to consult to nonprofit organizations as Co-Principal of Arbor Consulting Partners (www.arborcp.com), using evaluation research as a tool to help organizations strengthen their programming, and this is her third year teaching Evaluation Research in the Sociology Department at Boston College. In her spare time, Mindy has been playing piano, hiking and protesting the new political regime. Her daughter, Sasha, who grew up in the department, lives in DC, where she produces arts events for an awesome nonprofit, is training to be a yoga teacher, and performs with her band Sasha and the Sunday blues. Here’s Mindy’s new website: www.mindyfried.com.



Amanda Gengler (PhD, 2014) Assistant Professor of Sociology at Wake Forest University, published articles based on her dissertation research with families of critically ill children in the November 2015 issue of *Symbolic Interaction*, and the Winter 2016 issue of *Contexts*. She was recently awarded a research grant from the American Sociological Association's Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline for her next project, which examines the social and emotional dynamics involved in the newly emerging field of regenerative medicine and tissue engineering. Last but certainly not least, she will soon be welcoming her first child, due to arrive in the spring of 2017.

Mary Godwyn (PhD, 2000) was recently promoted to full professor at Babson College.

Book:

2015: *Ethics and Diversity in Business Management Education: A Sociological Study with International Scope*. Heidelberg, Germany: Springer-Verlag.

Book chapters:

- Forthcoming 2017: "Management Education as the Crucible for Ethical Social Change" coauthored with Suzanne Fox Buchele in *Organizational Culture, Positive Impacts and Resilience*, Karen Wendt, (Ed.) as part of the series *CSR, Sustainability, Ethics and Government*. Switzerland: Springer International Publishing. ISBN: 978-3-319-10117-0
- Forthcoming 2017: "The Banality of Good and Evil: Ethics Courses in Business Management Education," in *Dimensional Corporate Governance: An Inclusive Approach*, Capaldi, Nicholas, Idowu, Samuel O., and Schmidpeter, Rene (Eds.) Switzerland: Springer International.

Article:

2016: "Surviving and Thriving in Constructive Conflict: The Emotional Lives of Business Ethics Faculty and Non-Profit Human Service Workers" (coauthored with Jana Craft, PhD) in *Research in Ethical Issues in Organizations*, Volume 16, Special Issue on The Contribution of Love, and Hate, to Organizational Ethics, Michael Schwartz, Howard Harris and Debra R. Comer (eds.) ISBN: 978-1-78635-504-1 eISBN: 978-1-78635-503-4. [10.1108/S1529-209620160000016003](https://doi.org/10.1108/S1529-209620160000016003) <http://www.emeraldinsight.com/series/reio>

Hank Greenspan (PhD, 1985) continues to write and teach about Holocaust survivors and other survivors of genocide and political violence at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. This project is grounded in interviews with survivors that began in the 1970s and were the core of his Brandeis doctoral dissertation. Hank's approach has been to interview the same survivors multiple times--sometimes over years--rather than in the one-time "testimony" model that developed later.

Relevant books include *On Listening to Holocaust Survivors: Beyond Testimony* (1998, 2010, 2nd, expanded edition). In the early 1990s he also wrote a play, REMNANTS, which is based on his years of conversation with survivors. 2017-18 is the 25th anniversary of the first production of the piece, which was for radio on NPR. Over the past twenty years, Henry has been doing it as a one-person stage play--now in over 300 venues worldwide. REMNANTS includes 7 different voices--four women, three men. Doing that as a one-man show has been an adventure.



Janice Irvine (PhD, 1984) was at Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania as a Fulbright Scholar in 2016. While there, she visited the tiny Transylvanian village, Tătarești, where her grandfather and mother were born, and unexpectedly discovered many family members living there.



Heather Jacobson (PhD, 2006) is Associate Professor at the University of Texas at Arlington where she directs the graduate program and teaches courses on families, reproduction, and qualitative research methods. Her new book, *Labor of Love: Gestational Surrogacy and the Work of Making Babies*, the first book-length treatment of commercial gestational surrogacy in the United States, was recently published by Rutgers University Press. In April, she appeared on the NPR program, *THINK*, for an hour-long program devoted to *Labor of Love* (links to the podcast and to other information on the book can be found at www.heatherjacobsononline.com). She recently returned from Paris where she was invited to discuss U.S. surrogacy at the first international scientific conference on surrogacy in France (a conference that was picketed by protestors!). She co-organized a mini-conference on reproduction at the Easterns in 2016. She also published "Anonymity in Third Party Reproduction: an Old Dilemma in New Packaging?" in the *Journal of Law and Biosciences*.

Christa Kelleher (PhD, 2003) is in her 10th year as Research and Policy Director, Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy and 15th year as Associate Lecturer, Gender, Leadership, and Public Policy Graduate Program (formerly Program for Women in Politics and Public Policy) at the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies, UMass Boston.

Val Leiter (PhD, 2001) is currently working on two projects, one on the FDA's regulation of medical devices for women's health, and the other on individuals' experiences of living with autoimmune conditions. For the FDA project, she has been working with co-author Shelley White on papers, such as "Enmeshed in Controversy: Claims About the Risks of Vaginal Mesh Devices," published in *Health, Risk & Society* last year. Val is seeking people to interview on the autoimmune project, with an eye towards a future book. She is also serving as Vice President of SSSP this year.

Donald Light (PhD, 1970) has had a special year. He was awarded the Pellegrino Medal in Bioethics for a career of contributions, and the first Donald Light award at the ASA was made for the best contribution to applied medical sociology. An invitation to be a visiting professor at Cambridge University led to a springtime of meeting with English colleagues and giving talks at LSE, Oxford, and elsewhere. Good Pharma, the Public Health Model of the Mario Negri Institute, received favorable reviews in the Hastings Center Report and in Sociology of Health and Illness. Don is building on this model of uncommercialized research for better drugs, free of the biases that patients bring, at the Institute for Advanced Study. Don continues to work with Doctors Without Borders on vaccine access.

Louise Levesque Lopman (MA, 1975 and PhD, 1977), Professor Emerita of Sociology at Regis College, is continuing her appointment as Resident Scholar at the Brandeis Women's Studies Research Center. Her book, *El Salvador NOT For Sale! Women Maquila (Sweatshop) Workers in the Post-war Struggle for Dignity, Human Rights and Social Justice*, is under revision for an academic press. Recently, Louise moved to Northampton, MA.

Peter Ludes (MA, 1975 and PhD, 1983)

Online Publications:

- Cologne Media Lecture, December 15, 2015 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZD8xOOtmCnA>
- <http://projectcensored.org/initiative-news-enlightenment-germany-uses-censored-yearbooks-model-assessment-major-neglected-news/>
- <http://www.cicero.de/kapital/algorithmen-wir-uebernehmen-keine-haftung>

Publications in Print:

- "Updating Marx's Concept of Alternatives", in Christian Fuchs and Vincent Mosco, eds.: *Marx and the Political Economy of the Media*, Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2016, pp. 338-361 (previously published in *tripleC* 10(2)/2012, pp. 555-569).

- "Long-Term Power Presentation Shifts: From Key Audio-Visual Narratives to an Update of Elias's Theory on the Process of Civilisation", in: Birgit Mersmann and Hans G. Kippenberg (Eds.): *The Humanities between Global Integration and Cultural Diversity*. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2016, pp.188-210.
- "Norbert Elias' Interview für Telos: Kontexte", in: Erik Jentges (Ed.): *Das Staatsverständnis von Norbert Elias*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2016, pp. 33-35.
- "Staatenumbildungen und Habitus-Umbrüche" (State Transformations and Habitus Shifts), in: Erik Jentges (Ed.): *Das Staatsverständnis von Norbert Elias*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2016, pp. 177-196.

*Ludes - November 2016, Keynote, Cologne, Media Upheavals of National Myths:
"National Myths and International Narratives"*



Larry Miller (BA, 1969 and PhD, 1980) and Maurice Stein, Professor of Sociology emeritus, published a book, *Blueprint for Counter Education* with Doubleday in 1970. Over the past couple of years there has been a spate of re-interest in this ancient tome. It was re issued, with a second volume of commentary attached, in April of 2016. There was an exhibit of the book, the posters which are the heart of the book and supporting materials at MOMA PS1 in NY in September 2015. It was included in the art and design exhibition *Hippie Modernism The Search for Utopia* at the Walker in Minneapolis and latter at Cranbrook and (upcoming) The Pacific Museum at Berkeley CA. There will be seminars on *Blueprint* at LAXART in Los Angeles and the museum at Berkeley in 2017. The three posters and the book will also be included in an exhibition entitled *Learning Laboratories: Architecture, Instructional Technologies and the Social Production of Pedagogical Space around 1970* which will be held at BAK (basis voor actuele kunst) Utrecht, The Netherlands from Dec 2, 201 to Feb 5, 2017. A conference on these themes is also being planned for February.

Karl Pillemer (PhD, 1985) was named the Director of the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research at Cornell University (where he is the Hazel E. Reed Professor of Human Development and Professor of Gerontology in Medicine). In true Brandeis-sociology spirit, the center seeks to promote a better marriage between science and service, fostering opportunities for faculty to conduct research in real-world settings. With over 60 staff, the center's projects tackle social problems across the life span, including interventions that address child abuse, needs of youth in residential care; teen sexual behavior; families of incarcerated people; and elder abuse and neglect, among others (<https://www.bctr.cornell.edu/>). Visitors always welcome!

Debbie Potter (PhD, 2007) co-authored three articles from an NIH-funded grant on healthy eating in two African-American communities in Kentucky. Her book chapter, "Acting Out at the Medico-Legal Borderland: Conduct Disorder and the Medicalization of Children's Deviant Behavior" currently is in press for the 2017 *Routledge Handbook on Deviance*. During her fall sabbatical at the University of Louisville, she drafted articles from her mental health Peer Support Specialist project that now are under review and began analyzing interview data about "whole health," from women who live with a mental health disorder (clinical depression) and a chronic physical condition (diabetes). Finally, in October she and both of her agility dogs (Dylan and Java Joe) competed in the North American Dog Agility Council (NADAC) Championships in Salt Lake City.

Brad Rose (PhD, 1994) continues in his role as an applied sociologist at Brad Rose Consulting, Inc., a program evaluation and organization development consulting firm founded in 1996, based in Wellesley, Massachusetts. (www.bradroseconsulting.com). Brad is currently working on evaluation projects with the Michigan Department of Education, the Center for Applied Special Technology (CAST) and other non-profits. Brad has a short article, “Applied Sociologists as Program Evaluators,” forthcoming in the book, *Sociologists in Action* (Sage, 2017.) When not working, Brad also continues to write and publish poetry and flash fiction. Two recent examples, “Ventriloquists on the Radio” and “Echo Park,” can be read and heard at decomp Magazine: <http://www.decompmagazine.com/rosepoems.htm> He’s completing the manuscript for his second collection of poems and fiction, *Momentary Turbulence* which he hopes to publish in 2017. Links to his published poetry and fiction, which appear in over 50 journals including the Los Angeles Times, The American Journal of Poetry, And Boston Literary Magazine, are at <http://bradrosepoetry.blogspot.com/>

Marilyn Rueschemeyer (PhD, 1978) had a number of books published including: *Professional Work and Marriage: An East-West Comparison*, St. Antony's, Oxford University, Macmillan Series London and New York: St. Martin's Press, 1981, paperback 1986, and *Soviet Emigre Artists: Life and Work in the United States and USSR* (co-authors Igor Golomshtok and Janet Kennedy). She also published as a special issue of the International Journal of Sociology titled *The Quality of Life in the German Democratic Re. public: Changes and Developments in a State Socialist Society*, (edited with Christiane Lemke) New York and London: M.E.Sharpe. And *East Germany in Comparative Perspective*, (edited and co-authored with David Childs and Thomas Baylis) London and New York: Routledge, 1989.

Rubén G. Rumbaut (PhD, 1978):

- Visiting Scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation in New York City for 2016-2017 where he is working on a book called "The New Second Generation in Middle Adulthood" (with Cynthia Feliciano) supported by research grants from the Russell Sage and Spencer Foundations.
- Member, Commission on Language Learning, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (final report in press). <https://www.amacad.org/content/Research/researchproject.aspx?i=21896>

Presentations:

- The University of California, Irvine Inaugural Conference, UCI's 50th Anniversary Academic Symposium Series, October 2015: “Transforming Migrations: Beyond the 1965 Immigration Act.” *Video of presentation starts at 15 minute mark:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pv1EL4qvA2Y&>
- At the ASA annual meetings, August 2016: "Reflections on the Obama Presidency: Impact and Potential Legacy on International Relations".
- At Harvard University and at Brookhaven (Waltham, MA), October 6 and 7, 2016: "Reflections on Immigrant America: From the Great Inclusion to the Great Expulsion".
- At the Russell Sage Foundation, October 19, 2016: "Zombie Ideas and Moral Panics: Framing Immigrants as Criminal and Cultural Threats" Published (November 2, 2016) at: <https://www.russellsage.org/zombie-ideas-and-moral-panics-framing-immigrants-criminal-and-cultural-threats>

Rubén G. Rumbaut and his first grandchild, Zane:



Jill Smith (PhD, 2014) and **Ken Chih-Yan Sun** (PhD, 2011) co-wrote a paper that has been accepted for publication in *Symbolic Interaction*. The article is called "Parenting, Uncertainty, and Expert Advice: How Privileged American Families Work With Private Counselors in their Children's College Race."

Cheryl D. Stults (PhD, 2009) is a research sociologist at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation Research Institute. She is currently a co-investigator for a Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) study "Creating a Patient-Centered Tool to Help Medicare Beneficiaries Choose Prescription Drug Plans" and a co-principal investigator for a Tier III PCORI pipeline to proposal project on "Fostering Successful Aging: Comparing Two Approaches to Preventive Care for Older Patients."

<http://www.pamf.org/research/studies/people/cheryl-stults>

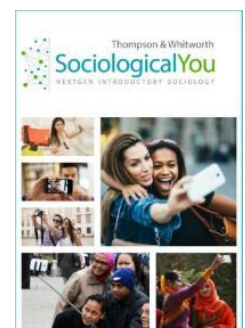
Publications and Presentations:

- Stults CD, McClellan S, Panattoni L, Mazza MC, Tai-Seale M. "Estimating the Human Resource Costs of Developing and Implementing Shared Medical Appointments in Primary Care." *J Ambul Care Manage*. 2016 Jan-Mar; 39(1):23-31.
- Stults CD., McCuiston, MH; Frosch, DL, Hung, DY, Cheng, P, Tai-Seale, M. "Shared Medical Appointments: A Promising Innovation to Improve Patient Engagement and Ease the Primary Care Provider Shortage." *Population Health Management*. 2015 June 19.
- Tai-Seale M, Elwyn G, Wilson C, Stults CD, Dillon E, Li M, Meehan A, Chuang J, Frosch DL. Enhancing shared decision making through carefully designed interventions that target patient and provider behavior. *Health Aff (Millwood)*. 2016;35(4):605-612.
- Sharing experiences and expertise: the Health Care Systems Research Network workshop on patient engagement in research. Madrid S, Tuzzio L, Stults CD, Wright LA, Napolitano G, Dillon E, Tabano H, Greene SM. *J Patient Cent Res Rev*. 2016;3:159-66. 2016 Aug 12.
- Stults, CD. Engaging Patients as Stakeholders to Foster More Open Communication with Primary Care Providers. Academy Health Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, 2015 (oral presentation).
- Stults, CD. Discussant for Joe Selby (PCORI) plenary presentation on "Translating Precision Medicine Advancements into Clinical Practice," annual meeting for Health Care Systems Research Network, Atlanta, GA, 2016. (research discussant with oral commentary)
- Stults, CD, Dillon E. "Caring for the Patient Stakeholder Partnership." Patient Engagement in Research Symposium at the annual meeting for Health Care Systems Research Network, Atlanta, GA 2016. (co-presenter)

Angela Thompson (PhD, 1998 and MA, 1993) coauthored an introduction to a Sociology textbook titled *SociologicalYou*, which was recently launched. The book is a NextGen comprehensive learning system based on the "read a little, do a little" approach to learning outlined in the ground breaking book *Make It Stick, The Science of Successful Learning* by McDaniel, Brown and Roediger. The 15 chapters of *SociologicalYou* are



divided into five modules: Sociological Perspective, Social Structures, Social Problems, Sociological Imagination, and Social Changes. Each chapter has learning objectives, end of module assessments, study guides and key term Quizlets to help students learn the material. Simultaneous to the debut of the book is the launch of the Instructor and Student websites. These resources offer a plethora of content designed help the instructor be the sage on the stage. To find out more information visit <http://sociologicalyou.com/>



Miranda Waggoner (PhD, 2011) is now Assistant Professor of Sociology at Florida State University.

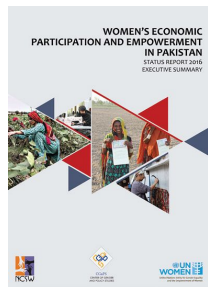
Recent publications:

- Waggoner, Miranda. 2015. "Cultivating the Maternal Future: Public Health and the Pre-Pregnant Self." *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 40(4): 939-962
- Waggoner, Miranda R. and Tobias Uller. 2015. "Epigenetic Determinism in Science and Society." *New Genetics and Society* 37(2): 177-195.

Karen Werner (PhD, 2004) has been producing audio stories and radio documentaries for the Australian Broadcast Corporation (ABC) for the past few years and has also been writing and presenting about audio ethnography at the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry. In 2016, Karen's radio documentary, "Laws of Lost and Found Objects" won the Grand Prix Marulic, an international radio feature prize. You can hear her audio stories at www.karenwerner.net

Yasmin Zaidi (PhD, 2012) is truly grateful to Brandeis and the Sociology Department as well as the Heller School of Social Policy for the environment that was both challenging and encouraging that allowed her to develop and hone her analytical and research skills. Yasmin would love to explore opportunities for collaboration and would be happy to host students who may want to do research here in Pakistan.

- Published a chapter in the edited book: Zaidi, Yasmin. Poster W. "Shifting Masculinities in the South Asian Outsourcing Industry." Chap. 7 in *Gender in Transnational Knowledge Work*, edited by Helen Peterson, 119-140. Springer International Publishing, 2017. The chapter draws on the research done for the PhD dissertation but has a different take. She is still hoping to publish the dissertation someday!
- Zaidi also worked on a research publication, the second in the series of the Status of Women in Pakistan Reports- conceptualized and authored by Yasmin with quantitative analysis by a colleague and faculty member of the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics where she teaches one course a year as visiting faculty. The publication was commissioned by UN Women Pakistan. Zaidi Y., Farooq S. et al. 2016. *Women's Economic Participation and Empowerment in Pakistan- Status Report 2016*. UN Women Pakistan. Downloadable at:



<http://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/publications/2016/05/status-report-on-womens-economic-participation-and-empowerment>

- In 2016 the Center that Yasmin founded, the Center of Gender and Policy Studies (CGaPS) received its first large grant from the UN Democracy Fund (UNDEF) for a project on political mobilization of women and setting up a network of women voters- an idea derived from the League of Women Voters in the U.S.

Dana Zarhin (PhD, 2013)

Upcoming Publications:

- Zarhin, Dana. "Researching sleep-related problems drawing on interviews with both patients and their partners: Thoughts about post-dissertation research." *SAGE Research Methods Cases*.
- Zarhin, Dana. "Delaying and seeking care for Obstructive Sleep Apnea: The role of gender, family, and morality." Accepted for publication in *Health: An Interdisciplinary Journal for the Social Study of Health, Illness and Medicine*.

Publication Recently Printed:

Zarhin, Dana. 2016. "Sleep as a gendered family affair: Snoring and the 'dark side' of relationships." *Qualitative Health Research* 26(14):1888–1901. DOI: 10.1177/1049732315583270.



Zarhin's presentation at the European Society for Health and Medical Sociology (ESHMS) conference in Geneva last June

BA and Masters Alumni

Joshua Basseches (BA, 2012) continues to pursue his PhD in Sociology at Northwestern University. In addition to his own work on state-level climate change politics and social movements, which he presented this past year at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association and the Social Science History Association, he has recently joined two faculty members' research projects – one on state-level incarceration policy and the other on the policymaking influence of organized business in the United States. He is grateful to his undergraduate sociology professors at Brandeis for helping to launch him on this exciting path.

Rosanna Hertz (BA, 1975; MA and PhD from Northwestern University) was on Sabbatical Fall 2016 and enjoyed the time off from teaching at Wellesley College where she just completed another three year period as Chair of the Women's and Gender Studies Department. Presently, Rosanna is busy with research on families who conceived children using donors. She is delighted to write that she has received funding from N.S.F. (2014-2017); a fellowship at Brocher Foundation in Hermance, Switzerland (July 2016) and a visiting scholar research position at Harvard Law School in the Petrie Institute (fall 2016) all related to this research. Rosanna is looking forward to returning to teaching at Wellesley College in Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies for the spring semester 2017.

Alice Julier (BA, 1984) recently became the Associate Dean of the Falk School of Sustainability and the Environment. She continues as the Director of the Food Studies program and an Associate Professor and am currently working on developing the Center for Regional Agriculture, Food, and Technology, which will provide comprehensive food system assessment as well as tools and resources for communities, businesses, and nonprofits. Peter Conrad is still the most important mentor she has ever had and a mensch!

Judith N. Lasker (BA, 1969) and Distinguished Professor of Sociology at Lehigh University, is the author of a new book, "Hoping to Help; the Promises and Pitfalls of Global Health Volunteering", Cornell U. Press, 2016. The book examines the rapidly growing and almost totally unregulated phenomenon of short-term medical missions organized by a wide variety of sponsors: educational institutions from high schools to medical schools, religious organizations, NGOs, corporations, and a growing number of for-profit agencies. Based on surveys and interviews with sponsor organizations and host community staff in four countries, the book identifies and critiques many common practices in short term health trips and identifies the qualities of trips most likely to be effective.

Some comments from reviewers:

"Anyone contemplating a volunteer stint is likely to be interested in Dr. Lasker's results, which amount to a sort of de facto best-practices manual."—Abigail Zuger, M.D., *The New York Times*



"The publication is a triumph of social analysis and commentary, which rigorously appraises and summarises the existing body of evidence on the topic. . . . overall it is a deeply compelling read that will give you plenty of food for thought, and perhaps change your plans, practice or even your life. I would wholeheartedly recommend it."—A. E. Jones, *British Dental Journal* (August 12, 2016)

Chris Rhomberg (BA, 1983) is an associate professor of sociology at Fordham University in the Bronx, NY, where he teaches courses on urban sociology and community organization. His article "The Runaway Production Complex? The Film Industry as a Driver of Urban Economic Revitalization in the United States," (co-authored with Heather Gautney) appeared in the September 2015 issue of the scholarly journal *City and Community*. Chris is currently the chair of the [Labor and Labor Movements section](#) of the American Sociological Association, and he is a member of the National Writers Union/UAW Local 1981. He was a principal organizer of a highly successful sociology [mini-conference on Precarious Work](#), held in Seattle in August 2016. The conference was co-sponsored by the Puffin Foundation, the UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, Critical Sociology/Sage Publications, the International Sociological Association-Research Committee on Labor Movements (RC 44), and the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), among other supporters. More than 100 persons attended, with over 50 scholars from 13 countries presenting their research on the structure, regulation and resistance to precarious work in the US and around the world, including a delegation of eight scholars from the China Association for Work and Labor (CAWL).

