



## Faculty and Staff Notes

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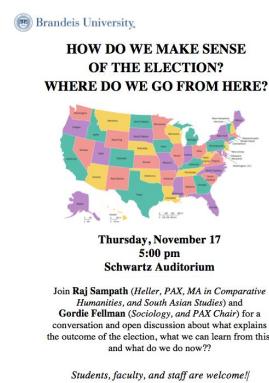
**Wendy Cadge** is on research leave this year visiting with the Work and Organizations group at MIT's Sloan School. She is working on a new book about chaplains, historically and in the present, in the city of Boston and continuing a range of collaborative projects about chaplains in ports, chaplaincy training (<http://www.researchliteratechaplaincy.org/>), and the movement of spiritual care from the U.S. to Israel. She is also working on a new project about hidden sacred spaces in Boston that has allowed her to visit state prisons, mental health centers, a chapel on one of the Boston Harbor Islands and other sites (<http://www.hiddensacredspaces.org/>). Forthcoming publications include, "After the DNR: Surrogates who persist in requesting cardiopulmonary resuscitation" with Ellen M. Robinson, Angelika Zollfrank, M. Cornelia Cremens, Andrew M. Courtwright. *Hastings Center Report* and "Where are you organizationally situated? Views from here" with Soc PhD student, Rebecca Barton. *Critical Research on Religion*.

**Peter Conrad** is retiring from Brandeis after 37 years teaching in June 2017. He will continue his research and writing and work with his final three Ph.D. students. More on Peter's years at Brandeis elsewhere in the newsletter. Peter's recent publications include: "The Internet and Illness: From Private to Public Experience" with Julia Bandini and Alexandria Vasquez in *HEALTH: An interdisciplinary journal for the social study of health, illness and medicine* 20 (1) 21-32, 2016.; "Anticipatory Medicalization: Predisposition, Prediction, and the Expansion of Medical Conditions" (with Miranda Waggoner). *Journal of Predictive, Preventive and Personalized Medicine*, forthcoming; "Medicalization: The Concept." In J. Michael Ryan (ed.) *Essential Concepts in Sociology*. Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming (2017); and "Remembering Joseph R. Gusfield." *The American Sociologist* forthcoming (March 2017). He also has co-edited with Meredith Bergey (Ph.D. 2014) and two others, *Global Perspectives on ADHD: Social Dimensions of Diagnosis and Treatment in 16 Countries*, Johns Hopkins University Press, In press, April 2017). Peter received the James E. Greenley Award (2016) from the Division of Mental Health and Society of the Society for the Study of Social Problems "for distinguished contributions to the Sociology of Mental Health." He was also awarded a Norman Grant for his new research on "Boxing with Parkinson's Disease."



*After teaching his last class, Peter celebrating his 37 years at Brandeis with his TA's!*

**Gordie Fellman** attended The Peace and Justice Studies Association annual meetings at Selkirk College, Nelson, British Columbia, where he took part in four contexts in this conference. Gordie spoke at "Contradictions Common to Teaching Peace," on a panel Teaching Peace in a Time of War. Additionally, he organized a panel, "Critiques of Peace Studies as a Scholarly and Teaching Discipline," on which he gave the opening presentation using his critical comments on the field of peace studies. Gordie participated on a panel, "Teaching about Palestine/Israel: Critical Perspectives," and also took part in the panel "Roundtable on Transforming Peace Studies: Part Two Methods for Change." Through a service called Peace Voice, associated with the Peace and Justice Studies Association in which Gordie is active, he published two op eds in many small city and town newspapers. The op eds are called "Make America Masculine Again" and "Republican Candidates Have But Two Choices." He attended the panel "Working and Playing with Psychoanalysis," among other clinicians and academics who find psychoanalysis useful in their work and lives. Gordie specifically spoke about his graduate education, where psychoanalysis fit into it, his personal experiences as an analysand, and his uses of it in his work and teaching. Gordie also attended a meeting at Hampshire College of the recently organized Consortium for Psychoanalysis in Higher Education. Finally, he co-organized a late afternoon event called "How do we make sense of the election; where do we go from here?" along with Prof. Raj Sampath, a philosopher based at Heller, and joined in analyzing the election and its outcome for about forty minutes and then spent an hour discussing the issues with the 50 people who attended.

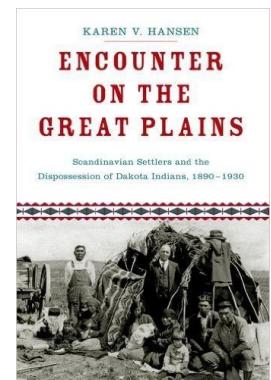


**Karen V. Hansen** serves as the current Chair of the Department of Sociology. While Karen was at Uppsala University in Sweden last spring as the Distinguished Chair in American Studies, she gave a variety of talks in Denmark, Sweden, and Germany. One of the more innovative was in a workshop she co-organized with Gunlöö Fur: *Rethinking Histories of Immigration and Indigenous Peoples in North America--An Eye to Sources*, hosted by the Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History, and Antiquities in Stockholm.

Karen has joined several international collaborations shaped by her work, including the Scandinavian-American Encounters International Advisory Board, the Swedish-American Borderlands Research Network, and the History of Family and Kinship working group sponsored by the Danish National Archives. Her scholarship continues to explore entanglements between immigrants and Native Americans in the context of land taking on Indian reservations. A shared focus on these issues has prompted the Center for Great Plains Studies to appoint her Associate Fellow and to collaborate on a panel, *Plowing Ahead: Bringing Homesteading into the Twentieth Century* at the Western History Association meetings.

Her book *Encounter on the Great Plains*, which just came out in paperback, won the 2016 Gita Chaudhuri Book Prize from the Western Association of Women Historians. The prize honors the "best monograph about the history of women in rural environments, from any era and any place in the world."

Just as Karen returned to Brandeis to serve as Chair, an article she published with two Brandeis alums, Ken Chih-Yan Sun and Debra Osnowitz, appeared in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, "Immigrants as Settler Colonists: Boundary Work between Dakota Indians and White Immigrant Settlers" 10.1080/01419870.2016.1213403. Representing Brandeis, Karen has joined the Board of Directors of the Consortium for Graduate Studies in Gender, Culture, Women, and Sexuality, based at MIT.



**Laura Miller** continues as Director of Graduate Studies for the Sociology Department. Over the past year, she completed her book on the leadership of the natural foods industry in the natural foods movement. The book, titled *Building Nature's Market: The Business and Politics of Natural Foods*, will be published by the University of Chicago Press in 2017. In August 2016, Miller finished her three-year term as Secretary-Treasurer of the American Sociological Association Section on Consumers and Consumption.

**Shulamit Reinharz** - This academic year, 2016-2017, is Shula's last at Brandeis. She arrived as an assistant professor in fall 1982 and is retiring on June 30, 2017 as the Jacob Potofsky Professor of Sociology. In between, she directed the Women's Studies Program (as it was called at the time) in the decade of the '90's and learned that she truly enjoyed building academic programs. In 1997, she opened the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, which now has over a million dollar annual budget, and in 2001, she opened the Women's Studies Research Center, which currently has 89 Scholars. In spring 2016, the WSRC underwent an external review. The evaluators concluded that (p. 2): "The WSRC has brought together, both in its stated mission and in fact, a quite singular synergy among research, activism and the arts. In this sense, it has captured something unique to Brandeis: to wit, intellectual work, a dedication to service and a commitment to the arts. (p. 3): "The WSRC, under the leadership of its founding director, is a distinctive place that specializes in facilitating the work of independent and non-traditional scholars, and as such, is a well-regarded place among its peers...that is an asset of Brandeis University. (p. 8): "Shula Reinharz has been a passionate and visionary founder-director of WSRC and has done an outstanding job of creating a distinctive and meaningful organization that enhances the mission of Brandeis University." (p. 8): "There is no question that the WSRC has been able to bring into its fold a significant number of very distinguished thinkers on questions that are relevant to women." This fall the HBI is undergoing its external evaluation.

This year Shula published the chapter, "Jewish Social Memory and Genocide," in Jutta Lindert, Armen T. Marsoobian and Gilad Gal (eds.), Genocide, Memory and Representation – Interdisciplinary Perspectives. Springer, in press; and Jutta Lindert and Shulamit Reinharz, "Psychopathology of children of genocide survivors: a systematic review on the impact of genocide on their children's psychopathology from five countries," International Journal of Epidemiology. Her chapter with sociology graduate student, Nicholas Monroe, "Feminist Research Methods," Cambridge Handbook of Sociology, will appear this spring.

To ease the transition into the roles of Director of the HBI and Director of the WSRC, and in partnership with the two boards, they have launched campaigns to create sufficient funds for the new directors to lead the organizations without fundraising immediately. The WSRC has a \$2 million endowment campaign and the HBI a \$1.5 non-endowment campaign. They have both reached their halfway point on schedule. For more information about both research institutes, please consult our websites: [www.brandeis.edu/hbi](http://www.brandeis.edu/hbi) and [www.brandeis.edu/wsra](http://www.brandeis.edu/wsra)

Aside from this work, Shula's greatest joy has been the arrival of her second grandchild, a little boy named Jago (a Cornish variation on James or Jacob) on June 20, 2016, who is joining his big sister, Amalia who is 4 1/2 years old. Among other opportunities, her upcoming retirement will give her more time to play with them.

**Chandler Rosenberger** continues as Chair of International and Global Studies. In October, his paper "With God on Their Side: The Nationalism of Contemporary Islamic Extremism," was published in an edited volume entitled *Globalisation of Nationalism: The Motive-Force Behind 21st Century Politics* (ECPR Press). Chandler has also led several new curricular initiatives at Brandeis: he designed and led a new Justice Brandeis Semester on "Emerging Powers," focused on the new influence of China and India

in world affairs, and helped redesign the master's program in Global Studies. After studying Mandarin at Brandeis for two years, Chandler is excited to get the chance to use what he's learned when he will travel to Beijing, Shanghai, and Hong Kong on a Whiting Fellowship in May 2017.

**Sara Shostak** is Chair of the Health: Science, Society, and Policy (HSSP) program and Associate Professor of Sociology. Her new book, tentatively titled Cultivating the City: Nature, Neighborhoods, and the Emergence of Urban Agriculture is under contract with Rutgers University Press, in the Nature, Society, and Culture Series. She is also the editor of the forthcoming edited volume, Food Systems and Health, which is part of the Advances in Medical Sociology series. In July 2016, she took some time off to marry her sweetheart, Matt Glaser.

Shostak continues to collaborate with community based organizations and Brandeis undergraduate students into her research on food access and food justice issues:

- In Spring 2016, with the support of a Teaching Innovations Grant, she worked with 24 HSSP capstone students on a community based research project on food, health, and community in Mattapan, MA, focused particularly on the revitalization of the Fowler Clark Epstein Farm. For more on this project, which was done in collaboration with the Urban Farming Institute of Boston and Historic Boston, Inc, see:  
<http://historicboston.org/tracing-history-through-spoken-word-brandeis-students-begin-oral-history-project-on-the-fowler-clark-epstein-farm/> and <http://historicboston.org/sustaining-community-health/>
- With support from a Provost Research Award, Shostak, Beth He (HSSP, 2016) and Norris Guscott (UMass, Boston) conducted a focus group study of the effects of community gardens in Boston and Lynn, MA. This study is a collaboration with The Food Project.
- Shostak's first community based participatory research project -- an evaluation of the Somerville Mobile Farmers' Market -- has been published in an edited volume entitled *Feeding Cities: Improving Local Food Access, Security, and Sovereignty* (ed. Christopher Bosso; Routledge Press).

**Carmen Sirianni** has been working on a book, now titled *Sustainable and Resilient Cities in American Democracy*, which examines the emergence and development of the field of sustainable cities over previous decades. It combines the analysis of institutional fields, policy design, American Political Development, social movements, civic and professional associations, and case studies of specific urban regimes within the two broader fields of American environmentalism since WWII and American urbanism, with an eye to further exploring democratic and participatory dimensions of building the field further in the face of the challenges of climate change. His essay, "Civic Innovation: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," appears in the February 2017 issue of *Perspective on Politics*. He is a faculty affiliate at the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and is serving on the screening committee of the Innovations in American Government Award at Harvard. He served as department chair in the spring of 2016, and this year chairs the undergraduate program.

**Michael Strand** has two articles forthcoming in the coming year, one entitled "Historicizing Social Inequality: A Victorian Archive for Contemporary Moral Discourse" in the *American Journal of Cultural Sociology* and another with co-author Omar Lizardo entitled "The Hysteresis Effect: Theorizing Mismatch in Action" in the *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*. He continues work on a book manuscript tentatively entitled *The Victorian Burden: Morals, Markets and the Birth of Social Justice* in addition to a few other (shorter) projects related to the theory of action and field theory. He has really enjoyed his first full year (and a half) on the Brandeis faculty and looks forward to teaching a new course in the spring about celebrity.

**Gowri Vijayakumar** graduated in May with her PhD from The University of California, Berkeley where she was the commencement speaker for sociology and managed to work bread-making, theories of reproductive labor, and Beyoncé into her speech. She continues to work on her book project, *Viral Politics*, an ethnographic study of HIV/AIDS programs and sex worker activism in India and Kenya. She presented parts of this project on a panel on the social dimensions of AIDS at the ASA Annual Meetings in August and at a panel she co-organized, on ethnographies of social movements and the state, at the ASA Development Section's annual conference in October. An article she co-authored with colleagues in New York and Bangalore appeared in a special issue of *Studies in Law, Politics, and Society* this fall. This fall, she also completed a chapter on feminist movements with a grad student colleague that will appear in the textbook *The Social Life of Gender*, published by Sage, in August 2017. She is delighted to be at Brandeis. In her first semester on the faculty, she taught a course on gender and human rights, and she is excited to teach two courses on social movements in the spring.

**Derron Wallace's** article “Reading Race in Bourdieu: Examining Black Cultural Capital among Black Caribbean Youth in South London,” published in the British Sociological Association’s flagship journal, *Sociology*, garnered attention from the BBC this summer. He was interviewed for his analytical interventions on race and ethnicity in Bourdieu’s theoretical program. Derron continues to publish work at the intersection of race, class and gender, with forthcoming pieces in *Gender & Education, Culture, Society & Masculinities* and *The British Journal of Sociology of Education*. Derron’s co-authored anthology, “Masculinity & Aspirations in an Era of Neoliberal Education: International Perspectives” is slated to be published by Routledge in February, 2017. Derron’s socially informed teaching continues to win support at Brandeis and beyond. This year, Derron received a Provost’s Teaching Innovation Grant, the Brenda Meehan Social Justice-in-Action Grant, a Schusterman Foundation Grant and a coveted Marion and Jasper Whiting Fellowship. The Whiting Fellowship will support his work with the Ministry of Education in Antigua and Barbuda next year and aid in the development of new courses in subsequent years.

#### **Visiting Sociology Scholar:**

**Rafi Grosglik** is a post-doctoral visiting scholar in the Department of Sociology at Brandeis University, supervised by Laura Miller. He focuses on sociology of food, cultural globalization, consumption, environmental sociology and Israeli society. In 2016 his article “*Citizen-Consumer Revisited: The Cultural Meanings of Organic Food Consumption in Israel*” was published in *Journal of Consumer Culture*. Another article titled “*Organic Food Consumption and Global Culture in Israel*” was published in *Israeli Sociology*. He completed a book manuscript (based on his dissertation) titled: “*Organic Food in Israel: Resistance, Assimilation and Global Culture*” (in Hebrew, in press). He continued as the Chair of the “Consumption and Culture” research section of the Israeli Sociological Association (ISA). Work forthcoming in 2017 includes a chapter entitled “*Sociological Analysis of the Law for the Regulation of Organic Produce*” (in *Law and Food*, Tel-Aviv University Press, forthcoming) and a special issue on Environment and Society in Israel in *Israeli Sociology* he co-edited with two of his colleagues. He continues work on research that takes a close look at the Israeli version of the popular global television program MasterChef and investigates the intersection between food, media, emotions and neoliberal subjectivity. Aside from this, he looks forward to teaching the undergraduate course on “Globalization and the Media: Israel as a Case Study” in the spring.

## Staff Notes

**Cheri Hansen** is the Senior Academic Administrator. She manages the busy Sociology Office and provides administrative and technical support to the department. Cheri and Lauren work together on several departmental projects. Both are part of the new Climate Change Initiative Group for staff. Cheri's daughter, Abby, is now in her second semester as a Brandeis student. Sometimes Abby stops by to say hi to the folks in Sociology. Cheri rides her bike to work when the weather is nice.

**Lauren Jordahl** is responsible for supporting Sociology graduate admissions, the Peace, Conflict, and Coexistence Studies program (PAX), and the Social Justice and Social Policy program (SJSP). She loves working with Cheri, and together, they make a great team supporting the Sociology department. Lauren is also responsible for grants management, budgets, as well as creating and designing this newsletter. On campus, Lauren is involved in the new Climate Change Initiative and will also serve on the Student Conduct Board. Off campus, Lauren serves on several different boards and loves to stay active.

