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2018-2019 INTERNSHIP SITES

Georgia Technical College
Goodwill of North Georgia
Hands on Atlanta
Harbor Grace Hospice
HOPE Through Divine Intervention, Inc.
International Rescue Committee
Life Push, LLC
Lupus Foundation of America
Mary Hall Freedom House
New American Pathways
Office of Fulton County District Attorney
Richardson Funeral Home
Star Child Learning & Development Center
The Giving Kitchen
U.S. Minority Contractors Association
Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence

PROGRAM

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS
Eric R. Wright, Ph.D.
Chair, Department of Sociology

RECOGNITION OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

UNDERGRADUATE
Margaret L. Andersen Scholarship
Outstanding Undergraduate Award
Community Service Award
Undergraduate Awardees

GRADUATE
Jacqueline Boles Graduate Teaching Fellowship
Outstanding Graduate Student Award

ALUMNI
Outstanding Graduate Alumnus

COMMUNITY PARTNERS
Community Partner of the Year
Internship Sites

RECEPTION
DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

UNDERGRADUATE

AUGUST SMITH
Margaret L. Andersen Scholarship

MADISON HIGBEE
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award

LIVA HOWELL
Community Service Award

ANNA MACKEY
Undergraduate Award

DAISHEA MILLER
Undergraduate Award

GRADUATE

ASHLEY ROCKWELL
Jacqueline Boles Graduate Teaching Fellowship

ASHLEY ROCKWELL
2019-2020 Teaching Associate

CLAUDIA TILLMAN
Outstanding Graduate Student Award

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

2018-2019 INTERNSHIP SITES

Agape Youth and Family Center
American Red Cross
APEX Museum
Atlanta Community Food Bank
Atlanta Police Department
Atlanta Victim Assistance, Inc.
Atlanta Youth Count, Department of Sociology (GSU)
Brenda Lopez Romero, Inc.
Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Inc.
Children Read, Inc.
Chris180
Cool Girls, Inc.
Drifters Project, School of Art & Design (GSU)
Editorial Office of City and Community Journal
Emory Autism Center
Environment Georgia
Environmental Justice Study (GSU)
Feminist Women’s Health Center
Foreverfamily, Inc.
Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Georgia Department of Human Services
Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation
Georgia State Capitol
Our mission is to create a society in which domestic violence no longer exists.

We strive to meet the immediate and long-term needs of the diverse community of battered women and their children with programs that promote safety, compassion, connection, advocacy, and prevention.

Each day we help survivors of domestic violence in Atlanta improve their safety by finding a safe place to stay, exercising their legal rights, exploring options and creating accountability for batterers. We greet women with compassion – no judgment, no second-guessing, and no shame. We provide connection through relationships built with our staff, support groups and bonds forged with fellow safe house residents. By linking women with community supports and offering our services, we make sure no one has to take this walk alone. Equally importantly, we provide a voice for survivors when they cannot speak for themselves and a platform for those who can speak to be heard. Our advocacy for survivors of domestic violence works to change the culture that allows abuse to thrive. That advocacy, coupled with our powerful work with children, facilitates prevention and ending domestic violence altogether.

RESEARCH PAPER PRESENTATIONS

MADISON HIGBEE & OLIVIA MALEY
"A Thematic Analysis of Student's Reflections on the City of Atlanta’s Point-in-Time Count": Feedback for Future Counts.
Student Paper Competition Winners
Georgia Sociological Association

SCHOLARLY PAPER PRESENTATIONS

ASANTEWAAN DARKWA
The Association Between Parental Incarceration, Criminal Justice Involvement, and Mental Health Diagnoses.
Southern Sociological Society

JEFFREY LENTZ
How to Make Field School Beneficial for Gerontology Students and Long-Term Care Facilities.
Sodality of Bread House President’s Conference

"When the Rainbow Turns Silver": Preliminary Findings
Society for the Study of Social Problems

ALEXUS MOORE
The Dialect of Capitalism and Race Through Time.
Mid-South Sociological Association

The Effect of Problem Substance Use Within Black Homeless Youth.
Southern Sociological Society

HERSHEDA PATEL
“Diversity and Prestige”: How Isomorphic Pressures Impact College Enrollments at Public Liberal Arts Universities.
Southern Sociological Society

KARA TSUKERMAN
Housing the Chronically Homeless- A Review of Interventions Throughout the United States.
Southern Sociological Society
ALANA BERRY
“The Queerbilly Working Class”: Wars of Position, White Male Supremacy and Getting to Liberation in This Queer American Place? Carl A. Ross Appalachian Student Paper Award Appalachian Studies

ASANTEWAA DARKWA
Southern Regional Education Board Fellow

GEORGE R.GREENIDGE, JR.
2018 - 2019 Arts Leaders of Metro Atlanta (ALMA) Fellow Atlanta Regional Commission ALMA
2018 - 2019 GSU Royal Flame Awards Most Innovative Campus Program - “Greatest MINDS * Swimming While Black

LEANNA GREENWOOD, PENNY HARVEY
ASHLEY ROCKWELL, CHR
IS VIDMAR
“An Assessment of Learning”: Understanding Empathy Change in Sociology Undergraduates. Teaching Social Problems Graduate Student Paper Award Society for the Study of Social Problems

ANDREA FITZROY
2019 Provost Dissertation Fellowship Georgia State University

JEFFREY LENTZ
"When the Rainbow Turns Silver": The Relationship Between Minority Stress and Disability Among LGBT Adults 50 Years and Older. Graduate Student Paper Award Georgia Sociological Association

ALITHIA ZAMANTAKIS
"I Try Not to Push it Too Far”: Trans and Nonbinary Individuals Negotiating Race and Gender Within Intimate Relationships. Trans/Gender-Variant Caucus Award National Women’s Studies Association

“THINKING CIS”: Transphobia, Cis-Het Men, and Cis Lesbians 2019 Dissertation Grant Southeastern Women’s Studies Association

GRADUATE ACHIEVEMENTS

2019 OUTSTANDING GRADUATE ALUM
M I C H A E L  J. L E P O R E

Michael Lepore, PhD, is Senior Health Policy & Health Services Researcher with RTI International and an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Health Services, Policy & Practice at Brown University. Dr. Lepore earned his doctoral degree in Sociology and a graduate certificate in Gerontology from Georgia State University and completed postdoctoral training in health services research at Brown University’s Center for Gerontology and Health Care Research. He is a leading researcher on person-centered care and has published numerous peer-review articles examining person-centered care and coached health care teams on implementing and evaluating person-centered care in diverse domestic and international contexts.

In recent work for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), he led teams in developing new nursing home quality measures for the federal Nursing Home Compare program and in developing quality reporting modules for the federal Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program. For the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC), he led a 50-state review of Medicaid policies and their impacts on Medicaid beneficiaries’ access to community-based residential care. He also provides technical assistance to programs supported by the U.S. Administration on Aging/Administration on Community Living to improve dementia care. For the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Assistant Secretary for Planning an Evaluation (ASPE), he leads projects examining nursing facility-initiated discharges (i.e., nursing home evictions), self-neglect, and impacts of minimum wage increases on nursing homes, and has examined the practices of unlicensed care homes.

Currently, with Brown University, he is leading a national longitudinal panel study examining impacts of nursing home culture change practices on health and quality of life deficiencies. Dr. Lepore also is Chair of the American Public Health Association (APHA) Aging & Public Health policy committee.
ERIC WRIGHT


JENNY ZHAN


TIM BROWN
Racial Differences in Occupational Prestige among Athletes.

ASANTEWAA DARKWA
Race and the Impact of Parental Incarceration on Childhood Outcomes.

TIARA GIDDINGS
“Whiteness in Black Spaces”: An Extended Case Study of Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

TABITHA INGLE
Health Behaviors and Fundamental Cause Theory Factors Influence the Future Need for Long-Term Care.

SAMANTHA MARTIN

SARAH ROCHE
“Educational Attainment and Kinship Ties”: Does Kin Network Density Predict High School Graduation?

VERONICA SALCEDO
Sexually Nonconforming Pinays Negotiate Relationships with Parents, Partners, and Community.

CLAUDIA TILLMAN
The Emerging Concept of Traumatic Birth.

KARA TSUKERMAN
How Ties to Professional Support Networks Impact Social Outcomes Among Homeless Youth.

ALITHIA ZAMANTAKIS
“TRANS-SITUATED GENDER LABOR”: Trans/Nonbinary Individuals Negotiating Gender and Race in Intimate Relationships.

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DOCTORAL DEGREES AWARDED

JONATHAN GRANT
“Black on Both Sides”: An Examination of Race and Class in the Ghetto Mecca.

ANTHONY HEALY
What’s Behind School Choice? Middle-Class Parents In France, Race, and Decisions Over Public Middle Schools.

ITAI JEFFRIES
“Whole Indian”: Racism, Resistance, and (Re)Membering Turtle Island.

NICHOLAS POWELL
“Community Supervision and Mental Health”: The Psychological Well-Being and Expectations of Officers Supervising People with Serious Mental Illness.

NIA REED
“Examining the Effects of Forced Relocation on African American Older Adults in Public Housing”: An Atlanta Study.

RUTH RICHARDSON
Mental Health Stigma and Indigent Defense.

RENEE SKEETE
Person-Environment Fit, Neighborhood Satisfaction, and Social Interaction Among Relocated Public Housing Residents in Atlanta.

LAKEISHA TATE

MEGAN TESENE
“Propagating Privilege”: An Analysis of the Marketing and Consumption of Donor Sperm.

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

WENDY SIMONDS


AMY SPRING


MINDY STOMBLER


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**FACULTY PUBLICATIONS**

**JUNG HA KIM**


**DEIRDRE OAKLEY**


**DANIEL PASCIUTI**


**DONALD REITZES**


**ERIN RUEL**


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**FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS**

**WILLIAM HOLLAND**

2018 Part-Time Instructor Pedagogy Award  
Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning  
Georgia State University

** BEN KAIL**

2018 Distinguished Faculty Award  
Gerontology Institute  
Georgia State University

**JUNG HA KIM**

2019 Outstanding Undergraduate Director Award  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Georgia State University

**MINDY STOMBLER**

2018 Georgia Sociologist of the Year  
Georgia Sociological Association

**ERIC WRIGHT**

Distinguished University Professor  
Georgia State University


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**JAMES AINSWORTH**


**ROSALIND CHOUID**


**TOMEKA DAVIS**


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**MATHEW GAYMAN**


**DESMOND GOSS**


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