Updates from the 2016-2017 Year
What a busy year it’s been! In the past year, our department has moved up 19 places in the U.S. News Rankings and implemented several new courses, including Fierce Sociology: Beyoncé, Barbie: Sociology of Culture, and Reproductive Justice. Read on for more news!

New Hires
We have three important additions to the department. As of fall 2017, two faculty members will join us. After an extensive search, the department hired Dr. Derrick Brooms (previously of the U. of Louisville). Dr. Earl Wright II, a longtime affiliate of the department, is transferring from Africana Studies. Finally, our new Program Coordinator, Alexa Justice, started in November 2016.

Lectures and Talks
Our Colloquium Series is still growing, and we had several great talks this year, including:

- Faculty member Jeffrey M. Timberlake, “Neighborhood Ethnoracial Composition and Gentrification in Chicago and New York, 1980-2010”
- Senior Research Scientist at Guttmacher Institute Megan Kavanaugh, and her talk “Contraceptive use and Unintended Pregnancy in the United States: Measurements, Missteps, and More Room for Improvement.”
- Dr. Matthew Hughey of the University of Connecticut, “Make America Great White Again: The Logic of Race from Ozawa and the Dixiecrats to Fisher and The Donald”
- Dr. Jennifer Givens of Utah University, “Militarization and the Environment: Opportunities in Comparative International Research” (Jergens Lecture)
- Graduate student Sevsem Çiçek-Okay, winner of the Jenkins Cross-Boundary Award, “Europeans’ (In)Tolerance toward Immigrants: Who Is the Most Acceptable?”

Upcoming Events

September 1st: Erynn Casanova of the UC Sociology Department will present “Dust and Dignity: Domestic Employment in Contemporary Ecuador.”

September 15th: Sarah Hayford of the Ohio State University will present “Do Women’s Childbearing and Union Experiences Explain the Growing Educational Divide in Female Sterilization?”

September 29th: Patricia Rose of Brown University will deliver the annual Taft lecture.

October 13th: Ben Feldmeyer of the UC Criminal Justice Department will present “Does Immigration Increase Crime? Exploring Macro-Level Relationships between Immigration and Violence across Time, Race, and Space.”

October 27th: Earl Wright II will present “Jim Crow Sociology: The Black and Southern Roots of American Sociology.”

November 3rd: Tamika Odum of UC Blue Ash will present “(Re)Designing the Classroom: Sociologist Teaching for Social Justice and Change.”
The department also invited Amy Schlag, Director of the UC LGBTQ Center, to visit, and engaged in Departmental Gender Diversity Training last November.

**Awards and Recognition**

Many members of the department (and alumni!) have also been recognized for their work over the past year. Here are a few:

- Professor Danielle Bessett won the Student Choice Award for Woman of the Year, and given the Outstanding Achievement Award by the Cincinnati Women’s Political Caucus
- Professor Littisha Bates was handpicked to receive the Terry Kershaw Social Justice and Legacy Award
- Professor David Maume was elected by the Fellows of the Graduate School as one of its Fellows
- Graduate students Kelli Chapman and Alan Grigsby both won Sage’s Teaching Innovations & Professional Development Award
- Graduate student Aaryn Green was awarded the Black Graduate Student Campus Leader Award
- Graduate student Ainsley Lambert received the Amos Hawley Award
- Undergraduate student Joshua Ramos won the Horace J. Wolf Prize
- Graduate student Kyle Shupe received the Bayard Rustin Honor Society Best Graduate Research Award
- Alumnus Ahoo Tabatabai received tenure at Columbia College in Missouri

**In the News**

Professor Jeffrey Timberlake’s and Associate Dean Jennifer Malat’s research was discussed in *The New York Times* opinion article “Trump Voters Are Feeling It,” written by Thomas B. Edsall and published on December 8, 2016. Additionally, Derrick Brooms was interviewed in June by *The Chronicle* about his 2017 book *Being Black, Being Male on Campus*.

**Selected Faculty and Student Publications**


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Keep an eye out for more updates in January 2018.