Updates from Fall 2017

Happy New Year! This past fall has been a great semester for the department, although a difficult one nationally. While we were fortunate enough to have many wonderful speakers and department publications, our faculty and graduate students have joined university discussions regarding the upcoming Richard Spencer visit. You can view the department’s statement in opposition to his visit [here](#).

New Hires

In more positive news, we are delighted to introduce Associate Professor Derrick Brooms and Professor Earl Wright II.

Professor Brooms comes to us from the University of Louisville, having earned his PhD at the University of Loyola, Chicago. He is the author of the recent book *Being Black, Being Male on Campus: Understanding and Confronting Black Male Collegiate Experiences*.

Professor Wright comes to us from the Department of Africana Studies here at UC. He earned his PhD at the University of Nebraska. He is the author of five books, including the soon-to-be-published *Jim Crow Sociology: The Black and Southern Roots of American Sociology*.

We would also like to welcome Loryn Flowers, our new Student Worker, who has been working in our office since the start of the fall semester. She has done an excellent job supporting the department’s digitizing efforts, and we are very happy to have her.

Lectures and Talks

Our Colloquium Series had some great new speakers this past semester, including:

- Faculty member Erynn Masi de Casanova, “Dust and Dignity: Domestic Employment in Contemporary Ecuador”
- Sarah Hayford of Ohio State University, “Do Women’s Childbearing and Union Experiences Explain the Growing Educational Divide in Female Sterilization?”

Upcoming Events

- **January 19th**: Colloquium: Nazneen Kane of Mount St. Joseph University
- **February 2nd**: Colloquium: Ahoo Tabatabai of Columbia College
- **February 9th**: Colloquium: Corey Dolgon of Stonehill College
- **February 16th**: Kickoff for the Cincinnati Project Symposium with Yvette Simpson as the keynote speaker
- **February 20-21**: Disrupting Hate Symposium and Workshops at the LGBTQ Center, featuring Angela Davis and others
- **March 1st**: Professor Littisha Bates will give her Taft Fellow Presentation
- **March 2nd**: Lyceum Presents: Graduate Student Conference Preparation
- **March 30th**: Colloquium: Sherrill Sellers of Miami University
- **April 12th**: Jergens Lecture: Marcus Hunter of UCLA and Zandria Robinson of Rhodes College
- **April 20th**: Sociology Department annual end-of-year party at the AACRC
We'd love to hear from you! Please send your updates to sociology@uc.edu.

Keep an eye out for more updates in July 2018.

- Tricia Rose of Brown University, our invited Taft Speaker, “How Structural Racism Works in an Era of “Racial Equality””
- Ben Feldmeyer of the UC Criminal Justice Department, “Does Immigration Increase Crime? Exploring Macro-Level Relationships between Immigration and Violence across Time, Race, and Space”
- Faculty Member Earl Wright II, “Jim Crow Sociology: The Black and Southern Roots of American Sociology”
- Professor at UC Blue Ash and Alumna Tamika Odum, “(Re)Designing the Classroom: Sociologist Teaching for Social Justice and Change”

Awards, Positions, and Recognitions
Many members of the department have been recognized for their work over the past semester. Here are a few:

- Professor Littisha Bates was named a 2017 Rising Star by the YWCA Academy of Career Women of Achievement, and is the invited keynote speaker for MLK Day 2018
- Professor Bessett was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Medical Sociology ASA section
- Professor Erynn Masi de Casanova was elected President of the Ecuadorian Studies Section of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
- Professors Annulla Linders and Earl Wright II are co-editors of Social Problems starting in June 2018

In the News
Professor Derrick Brooms was interviewed in University Business in an article titled “Changing the narrative on race in higher ed.” The piece discusses his 2017 book Being Black, Being Male on Campus: understanding and Confronting Black Male Collegiate Experiences.

UC Magazine also took a look at Professors Annulla Linders and Erynn Masi de Casanova’s research on how prisoners dressed for their executions in “The gown and the gallows.”

Selected Faculty, Student, and Alumni Publications