

Sociology Matters

Radford University

Department of Sociology



Spring 2024 Commencement: Just-graduated Nicole Valyear leads Cara Moff down the stairs on the Moffett Quad while Katie Bellomo is greeted by President Danilowicz.

Greetings from the Chair

Happy Spring! Evidence of the change of the seasons is here: colorful landscapes, sunny and warm days (sometimes), and talk about graduation already under way across campus. The department has welcomed two new faculty this year in Dr. Montañez and Dr. Anton. Read more about them on page 2. Meanwhile, the department's African American Studies minor and Black Studies program have continued to prosper into their second year under the direction of Dr. Dixon. You all, too, have experienced your own changes over the course of the last year. As you make your way through the second half of the semester and prepare for your summer or post-graduation plans, be sure to take some time to reflect back on the year that has passed, the changes within it, the good things that have come from them, and the opportunities that next year will bring. Dr. Beth Lyman

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SOCIOLOGY COURSES

OFFERED FALL 2025

Required Courses:

SOCY 110 Introduction to Sociology
 SOCY 250 Social Inequality
 SOCY 360 Sociological Theory
 SOCY 365 Society and the Individual
 SOCY 380 Intro to Social Research
 Methods
 SOCY 497 Senior Seminar

Elective Courses:

AAST 200 African American Studies
 AAST 390 The Black Freedom
 Movement
 SOCY 121 Understanding Cultures
 SOCY 210 Social Problems
 SOCY 326 Men and Women in
 Society
 SOCY 331 Race and Ethnicity
 SOCY 341 Sociology of Health and
 Medicine
 SOCY 411 Appalachian Cultures
 SOCY 443 Deviance

Welcome, Dr. Montañez & Dr. Anton!

Dr. Morgan Montañez joined the Department of Sociology this year, having earned her PhD in 2023 from the Washington State University. Dr. Montañez has broad experience in research methods and is the new director of the Sociology Department's Center for Social and Cultural Research (CSCR). Dr. Montañez's courses include Introduction to Social Research Methods (SOCY 380), Survey Research Methods (SOCY 480), and Sociology of Health and Medicine (SOCY 341).

Right: Dr. Montañez presented "Inaccessible: Weakened Social Capital and Barriers to Getting by in a Hispanic Majority Community During the COVID-19 Pandemic" in September as part of the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences's CHBS Fall Series. See page 7 for more on Dr. Montañez's activities this year.



Also joining the Department of Sociology this year was Dr. Alana Anton, who earned her PhD in 2023 from Georgia State University. Dr. Anton brings to Radford her expertise in inequality and rural sociology, with an emphasis on southern Appalachia. Her courses include Real World Sociology (SOCY 486), Appalachian Cultures (SOCY 411), and Race and Ethnicity (SOCY 331).

Left: Dr. Anton presented "Toothless Hillbillies: Media Discourse and the Stereotypes of Appalachia" in November as part of the CHBS Fall Series.

Sociology Advising News

Advising for Fall 2025 is ongoing

Registration for Fall 2025 classes begins Monday, April 7. Plan now for pre-registration advising with Dr. Page to decide on courses for this fall, think about upcoming semesters and target a graduation date. Choose to meet f2f or by Zoom. Plan for your advising meeting by reviewing your degree audit, the new Fall 2025 Sociology courses flyer, and the university-wide schedule for upcoming classes. Then email Dr. Page (erpage@radford.edu) to schedule your appointment.

If you are thinking about doing an Internship in Spring 2026, start planning now and get in touch with Dr. Lyman (elyman@radford.edu) to discuss possibilities.

For more advising information and links, visit the Department of Sociology Advising webpage: <https://www.radford.edu/content/chbs/home/sociology/about/SociologyAdvising.html>

Notes:

- Graduating in Fall 2025? You should have your online graduation application completed, or do so now.
- Considering a course withdrawal? Be aware of the Friday, April 4 withdrawal deadline, and inform Dr. Page of your withdrawal intentions, or questions.

Looking for minors?

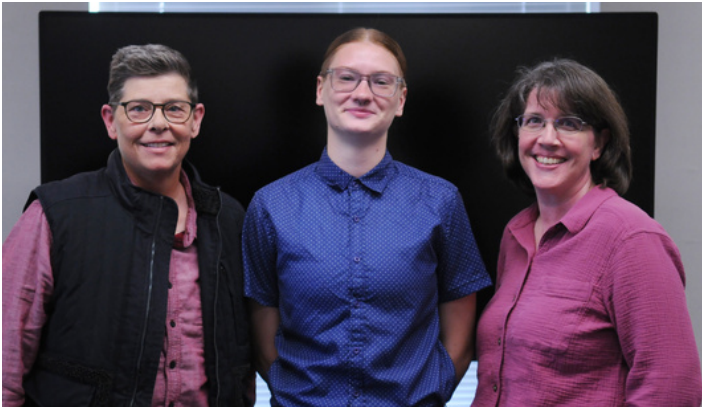
Check out the Department of Sociology's **African American Studies Minor**

- 21 credits total
- 9 credits in African American Studies
- 12 credits from two lengthy menus, including many SOCY classes that will cross-credit with the SOCY major
- <https://www.radford.edu/content/chbs/home/sociology/about/AfricanAmericanStudiesMinor.html>

Looking for your E in REAL? Consider the **Social Justice Minor**

- 18 credits total
- 9 required credits including SOCY 250 Social Inequality and SOWK 220 Introduction to Social Justice
- 9 more elective credits from two lengthy menus
- Overall, two SOCY courses will cross-credit with the SOCY major
- https://catalog.radford.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=53&poid=7155

Summer Research Celebration



Olivia Houck presented her research on food insecurity at Radford University at October's Summer Research Celebration in McConnell Library. The event, directed by Joe Wirgau of the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship, celebrates student-faculty collaborative projects funded by the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) program. Houck was mentored by Dr. Lyman and Dr. Wisecup.



Scenes from Spring 2024 Commencement

