50 YEARS AND COUNTING

Unlike individuals, groups and organizations can sometimes choose their own birthday. There were Sociology courses being taught at the University of Alberta in the 1950s, including in the Department of Philosophy and Psychology between 1956 and 1959. In 1960, the Department of Philosophy and Sociology was formed but, like many relationships in the 1960s, this one was very short. Sociology became an independent teaching and research unit a year later. We have chosen 1961 as our departmental birthday, despite the fact that Sociology and Anthropology experimented with co-habitation between 1963 and 1966.

1961. The Canadian Census counted 18,238,247 people in the country. Saskatchewan introduced the first government-run medical system. Aboriginal Canadians had only been granted the right to vote a year earlier. John Porter was presumably sketching out his Vertical Mosaic which appeared in print four years later. The Edmonton Census Metropolitan Area had 360,000 residents, and Edmonton voters were faced with a plebiscite about adding fluoride to the city water supply. On campus, six sociologists and one anthropologist, the founding members of the Sociology department, were teaching and conducting research about population, health, social inequality, race and ethnicity, family, crime, and urban society, among other topics.

Over the past five decades, the department grew to become one of the largest departments in the Faculty of Arts, with 39 faculty members and 9670 student registrations in 1989-90. Several rounds of budget cut-backs later, the Department today has 28 full-time equivalent faculty positions and registers about 7300 students annually. For the first several decades, Sociology had very few female faculty members; today almost half of the faculty members are women. The Department awarded its first MA degree in 1961 (about fluoridation of city water), followed by its first PhD in 1968 (about social change in Hutterite colonies). Today, the Sociology department is home to about 85 graduate students, including 60 PhD students. Along with the more traditional sociological topics being addressed 50 years ago, faculty and students specialize in, among other areas, gender, globalization, socio-legal studies, cultural studies, aging, immigration, and life course studies. In 2009, an external review team concluded that “in certain respects, [the University of Alberta Sociology department] now stands as the pre-eminent Sociology department in the country, and is certainly among the top two or three overall.”

This 50th Anniversary Newsletter profiles some of the department’s rich history but, as a newsletter should, focuses primarily on the interesting and innovative activities of department members over the past year. We trust you will enjoy what you read, and will make a point of staying in touch with the department.

- Dr. H. Krahn
The Department is very pleased to announce that the main event of the Sociology Department’s 50th Anniversary celebrations will be a lecture by Professor John Hagan, entitled “How we Remember to Forget: Canada and America’s Forever Wars,” on September 14th at 3:30 pm in ETLC 1-017. Professor Hagan received his PhD from the Sociology Department in 1974 and is currently John D. MacArthur Professor of Sociology and Law at Northwestern University, and Co-Director of the Center on Law & Globalization at the American Bar Foundation. A former President of the American Society of Criminology, Professor Hagan received the Stockholm Prize in Criminology in 2009 and was elected in 2010 to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is the Editor of the Annual Review of Law and Social Science. Professor Hagan’s research spans a broad range of topics from crime and crime policy, war crimes, human rights and the legal profession and has been recognized with numerous awards. He has been the recipient of Guggenheim, German Marshall Fund, and Russell Sage Foundation Fellowships. Professor Hagan is the co-author with Wenona Rymond-Richmond of Darfur and the Crime of Genocide (Cambridge University Press 2009) which received the American Sociological Association Albert J. Reiss Distinguished Publication Award and the American Society of Criminology’s Michael J. Hindelang Book Award. His other recent books include Who are the Criminals?: The Politics of Crime Policy in the Age of Roosevelt and the Age of Reagan (Princeton University Press 2010); Justice in the Balkans: Prosecuting War Crimes at the Hague Tribunal (University of Chicago Press 2003) and Northern Passage: American Vietnam War Resisters in Canada (Harvard University Press 2001).
NEW FACULTY: DR. RICHARD WESTERMAN

Richard Westerman will be joining the department from the University of Chicago, where he was a Harper-Schmidt Postdoctoral Fellow. He works on Frankfurt School Critical Theory, and is presently undertaking a critique of Habermas from the perspective of earlier Critical Theorists such as Adorno and Marcuse; his research spans social theory, moral philosophy, and intellectual history. When not hard at work, he enjoys movies and mixing cocktails (he claims to do a particularly good Sidecar), and he lives in the perpetual vain hope that his beloved Everton will one day be a football power to be reckoned with back in his native England. He and his overly-pampered cat, Parsley, are looking forward to meeting you all on arrival in Edmonton!

NEW FACULTY: DR. ALISON DUNWOODY

I came to the U of A in 2006 shortly after having completed my PhD at the University of New Brunswick. Until my appointment as Lecturer, I served as a Contract Instructor in the Department teaching primarily in the areas of Deviance/Criminology, Youth, and Health. I have a particular interest in Community Service-Learning (CSL) and have spent the last three years studying the development of critical thinking in students who participate in CSL. My primary research interests focus on Medical Sociology with a particular emphasis on institutional and organizational influences on clinical decision-making though I’m currently working on a project exploring the development of community in the sport of skydiving.

NEW FACULTY: DR. KEN CAINE

Ken Caine comes to the Department of Sociology from within the University of Alberta where he recently completed a post-doctoral fellowship in the Department of Rural Economy and Faculty of Native Studies on northern resiliency and natural resource governance. He holds a PhD in Rural Sociology (2008) from the University of Alberta. His interest in social-environmental issues through a Bourdieusian social practice lens originates in his work and research experiences in the Canadian North on issues around oil and gas industrial development, rural community development and planning, water, and Aboriginal land stewardship. Ken’s an avid hockey and badminton player, and ‘slow-cycling’ proponent who plans to rekindle his interest in apiculture, or hobby beekeeping.
Remember us? Back-side classic? We, the guardians of the original, voluptuous, anatomically correct, logo, wish to completely disassociate ourselves from the anorexic, sickly (in word, deed, humour, and inference) imitator currently being foisted on an increasingly suspicious departmental public.

Copyright violators and consumers – beware of false buns.

Welcome.
For those of you who are new to the department, or who suffer from short memories (Att: Doucet, Sunahara, Schayer), this publication is devoted to bringing you all the news that other information sources find unfit to print. Bordering on the fine line between truth and libel, a distinction many of our readers know quite well, we strive to malign as many people as possible, to inform you of what is really happening in our department, and still protect our anonymity in case we ever want to graduate. As befits our name, we frequently suffer from irregularity in publishing, but once we start we just can’t seem to stop.

Today’s offering is designed to acquaint you with the department’s personnel and procedures.

Dr. G. Laxer
How Canadian Nationalists Can Hide the Fact that They Drink American Beer During Alberta Beer Strikes. (with Dr. Terry White) in Vol. 11, #13 of The Hudson Bay Journal.

Dr. Les Hayduk

Condolences
During the next few weeks, all departmental members are invited to drop by the University Hospital to see Steven Kent. Steven banged his head on the 5th floor hallway door when he was running up to check his mail. He required no stitches, but was hospitalized for observation when he acted bizarrely after the incident. He was found in his office chanting the praises of Swami Rajneesh.

The whole department wishes him a speedy recovery.

Room Change. The seminar on “Room Scheduling Made Easy” has been moved again from the men’s washroom, T6-3, to T5-19. Notices are posted on all doors.

Kevin’s Super Great Book
by Kevin Haggerty

“Makes a good Xmas gift” Graham Smith

As always, it’s important to celebrate our triumphs, such as this masterfully engaging piece by our own Dr. Kevin Haggerty.
HAD ABRAHAM LINCOLN BEEN A SOCIOLOGIST, HE MIGHT HAVE SAID:

Two score and ten years ago, our forefathers brought forth onto this university a new department, conceived in patriarchy and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created but not equal.

We are now engaged in a great battle non-statistically testing whether a department so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We have come to commemorate a 50-year portion of our history, inscribed by those who laid down their careers that sociology might live.

But in a larger sense, we can not dedicate, we can not consecrate, we can not hallow this department. The brave women and men, living and dead, who struggled here have written much, and it is far above our limited epistememe to add or detract. The world will little notice, nor long remember, what we say, but it can not forget what they did here. It is for us the engaged-living, to be dedicated to the unfinished work which our predecessors so nobly advanced. It is for us to dedicate ourselves to the great task remaining before us – that from our honored predecessors we take increased devotion to that cause of which they took measure or exception – that we resolve that they shall not have struggled in vain – that this department under God shall have new freedom in deitetic multiplicities, and that governance of the people, by our people, for some people, shall not perish but provide possibilities of everlasting originary deconstruction.

- Dr. L. Hayduk

ALBERTA ENDOWMENT FUND FOR DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH - IN HONOUR OF DR. KAROL & MRS. JOANNA KROTKI

Professor Karol Krotki’s commitment to demography is a legacy that will undoubtedly help foster the minds of future students at the Faculty of Arts.

Prior to his death on July 6, 2007, Krotki was considered one of the top academics in demographic research. In 1968, he was welcomed to the Department of Sociology where he had a crucial role in the progression of the Population Research Laboratory. After establishing the Society of Edmonton Demographers (SED), decades of research and multiple publications, Krotki quickly became a familiar name to students entering his field.

“I felt I knew him before I met him,” says Sociology Professor Frank Trovato, who first met Krotki at a conference in 1979.

Trovato recalls when one of Krotki’s books—Population Growth Estimation: A Handbook of Vital Statistics Measurement—was standard reading material for demography students.

“I remember I had to read this huge book and present from that book as a graduate student,” says Trovato, as he sifts through the memories of the man he refers to as a true gentleman.

Krotki will continue to influence and contribute to the development of future demographers with the contribution of $25,000 that has been donated to the Alberta Endowment Fund for Demographic Research (AEFuDeR) on July 15. Filip Krotki presented the monies on behalf of his father and mother Joanna Krotki, who died in 2010.

AEFuDeR was set up under SED to provide scholarships to graduate students pursuing population research. The endowment is currently valued at over $300,000 thanks to tireless fundraising efforts and generous donations.

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“In the fall of 1960, Psychology became a separate department, three new sociologists were hired, and Sociology achieved letterhead recognition as: The Department of Philosophy and Sociology. In the fall of 1961 three more sociologists were appointed, and we became the Department of Sociology.”

- Dr. G. Hirabayashi

Dr. Karol Krotki (1922-2007)
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MEET THE SGSA EXECUTIVE 2010-2011

SGSA YEAR IN REVIEW

The Sociology graduate students form an active part of the Department’s political and intellectual life. The list of accomplishments is long! Students present at international conferences, publish in leading journals, co-edit books, and are recognized with awards for their research and teaching. These achievements, however, form only one part of the many graduate student projects and activities. The Sociological Graduate Students’ Association (SGSA) works hard to ensure the graduate cohorts have a voice on departmental committees and a say in decisions that impact the Department and student life. The association also aims to foster a collegial and stimulating intellectual space through conferences, research days, social activities, blogs and zines. In many ways, these activities help make the awards, publications and other honours possible, by providing students with a chance to try out new ideas, receive feedback and develop their work in a supportive, challenging and friendly environment. - H. Bickis

FEATURED PHD STUDENT: ARIANE HANEMAAYER

The professional discipline of sociology is considered by some to be purely an academic endeavour, but Ariane Hanemaayer, a doctoral student of sociology, is at the forefront of the Canadian debates concerning sociology and its role in the public sphere. Working in collaboration with Dr. Christopher Schneider, Assistant Professor at the University of British Columbia, Hanemaayer is co-creator and co-organizer of “Public Sociology and Ethics: Knowledge, Pedagogy and Society”, a workshop held at the University of British Columbia (Okanagan Campus) discussing questions surrounding the desirability and viability of doing public sociology. Nine esteemed sociologists from across Canada attended to present papers and participate in debates regarding the political commitments of sociology, positive science, and pedagogical practice in organic public sociology. These principle themes from the workshop will appear in a co-edited anthology forthcoming on UBC Press.

FEATURED PHD STUDENT: TEMITOPE ORIOLA

2010-2011 Has been a busy year for Mr. Oriola!

In June 2011 he received an award for the Best Student Paper at the Annual Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Fredericton, New Brunswick, June 3 2011. (Paper title: “Kidnapping as ‘public good’: The actors, social benefits and harms of Nigeria’s oil insurgency”).

May 2011, Tope signed a book contract with the UBC Press for “Non-lethal” Force Options in Canada: Taser adoption by the police and its consequences (with Nicole Neverson & Charles Adeyanju).

In November 2010 Tope received the Field Law Leilani Muir Graduate Research Scholarship for human rights studies, University of Alberta (Valued at $4,400.00).

Back in September 2010 he was awarded a renewal of the Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Graduate Scholarship.

May 2010: Received the International Development Research Council (IDRC) Doctoral Research Award (Valued at $18,050).

Best wishes for 2011-2012, Tope!

FEATURED PHD STUDENT: ASHLEY ELAINE YORK

Ashley Elaine York, PhD student in Sociology and inaugural Corus Entertainment® PhD Fellow in Television Studies, has been blogging about the contemporary television and film industries in South Asia and the South Pacific. July 12th to August 3rd York will interview the writers and producers of popular television shows including Ladies’ Night in Singapore and The Fairies in Australia, the production supervisor of SBS Commissioned Content for the Special Broadcasting Service in Australia, as well as several aboriginal filmmakers and showrunners behind independent hits in New Zealand. August 10th to 17th her research expedition will include a behind the scenes look at The Lord of the Rings trilogy and a first look at the upcoming film The Hobbit with Ian Brodie, the location guidebooks author for the film franchise. Visit her webzine, “Talk Film and TV with Ashley Elaine York,” for new articles every Wednesday through August 31, 2011:
http://talkyttalkfilmwithashleyelaineyork.blogspot.com/.

Ashley York, Corus Entertainment® PhD Fellow in Television Studies.
TWO NEW BANTING POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS

This past year, SSHRC, NSERC, and CIHR introduced a new highly competitive and very prestigious post-doctoral fellowship program. In 2011, 70 Banting Post-doctoral Fellowships were awarded across Canada, 23 in social science and humanities (SSHRC) disciplines. Two of these new post-doctoral fellows will be attached to our department. Dr. Dale Spencer (PhD, Carleton) will be supervised by Dr. Kevin Haggerty, and will be sharing an office in the Sociology department with Dr. Dan Trotter, another post-doctoral fellow supervised by Dr. Haggerty.

Dr. Angela Chow (PhD, University of Hong Kong) will be co-supervised by Dr. Nancy Galambos (Psychology) and Dr. Harvey Krahn (Sociology). Her office will be in the Psychology department.

Dr. Spencer’s current research involves case studies, including in-depth interviews, of voluntary victim service organizations in Canada and the United States. This project is concerned with two main issues: (1) the ways in which voluntary victim service organization administrators and volunteers support victims of crime as they cope with events of victimization and as they interact with the police and the judicial system; and (2) how the services provided by these types of organizations vary in relation to the type of victimization and the socio-cultural backgrounds of the victims to whom they respond. Dr. Chow’s current research focuses on how adult lives are shaped by educational and work experiences during their late teens and early 20s (a period some researchers call emerging adulthood). In particular, she will be asking how the perceived career value of education, educational attainment, and occupational goals and choices of youth shape their pathways to young adulthood and midlife, with particular emphasis on outcomes related to career, mental health, family relationships, and further education. Her primary data source will be a 25-year longitudinal study of school-work transitions in Edmonton directed by Dr. Krahn and Dr. Galambos.

FEATURED GRADUATE: INEKE LOCK

A soon to be grandmother of one, Ineke Catharina Lock is not your usual twenty something graduate. With her when she proudly received her doctorate in Sociology at the University of Alberta ceremonies on June 10, 2011 were her sister and her husband, her brother, her brother in law and his wife and her best friend since elementary school flown in from the Netherlands for the occasion. Ineke is the first in her family to get a university degree of any sort and her siblings are thrilled. Ineke did her doctorate the hard way. She came from a small town in the Netherlands at age 22 and quickly set up a business in landscaping in Edmonton, with her husband Peter. They raised a daughter Jennifer and son Justin and then she went to university for the first time. Taking undergraduate classes at first part-time and then full-time while co-running the business and the family, Ineke earned her bachelor’s degree in 1997. She went on to finish her Master’s degree and her doctorate, all at the University of Alberta. Ineke’s PhD thesis is critical of Encana’s record of corporate social responsibility among first nations peoples in Alberta and Ecuador. It is a “first class piece of work, Ineke should be very proud”, said Dr. Gordon Laxer, her supervisor.

Dr. Ineke Lock, recent Sociology Graduate
Identity and Mixed Culture: Funding Fuels New Research
By E. Viegas

At some point in life, most of us ponder who we are and where we belong. The state of belonging is particularly observed by sociology student Jillian Paragg in her master’s thesis as she explores mixed race identity and multiculturalism.

“Many people of mixed race are approached by strangers and asked where they are from,” she relates. “I look at how they react to this questioning, and how it helps shape their identity from a theoretical perspective.”

There are several natural reactions to this kind of query: a rehearsed response, asking questions back to the observer or a playful explanation. Paragg, who will be starting her PhD in sociology in the fall, argues that while racial questions may seem like they are asked out of simple curiosity, they often create a cultural divide by trying to force people to identify with a specific group or category. She hopes her research can make people aware of the subtle power they may exert over others and to become more conscious of it.

Applying her research in the community, Paragg volunteers for the Centre for Race and Culture in Edmonton in a program called Peace Ambassadors. It brings diverse speakers into classrooms to talk about the roots of racism and to foster solutions. Her tailored presentations range from discussions with new immigrants entering the school system, to racism awareness for kindergarten students.

Paragg’s volunteer work and academic commitment recently earned her the Dr. Jean Agrios Graduate Scholarship in Sociology, established by U of A sociology alumna, Dr. Jean Agrios.

“I am so pleased that the scholarship is helping people like Jillian,” says Agrios, who shared that completing her doctorate in 1994 was one of the hardest things she had done in her life, despite being lucky enough not to worry about finances. “I was touched by my brilliant classmates who, without assistance, would never have been able to complete their wonderful research. It was most important that I give back to the Sociology Department what it had given to me-- hence the scholarship.”

Six of our graduate students were successful in the 2011 SSHRC graduate student competition, joining the large number of other current graduate students holding major national awards. Niamh Mulcahy and Cody Lang both won MA-level Canada Graduate Scholarships, while Manoj Misra and Will Silver received PhD-level Canada Graduate Scholarships. Robin Wiley and Jillian Paragg both received three-year Joseph-Armand Bombardier Scholarships to support them during their PhD studies.

Currently, just under half of Sociology faculty members are holding major SSHRC, CIHR, and NSERC grants. Tory Chair Rob Shields received two new SSHRC grants earlier this year, a three-year Standard Research Grant for his Rebirth of the Mini-Mall project which will move forward his research program on urban space and social behavior, and a Conference Grant to fund the Rewriting Lyotard conference that he organized with a large number of graduate students in February.

Associate Professor Amy Kaler is Co-principal Investigator on the new CIHR-funded Transferring a Community-Based AIDS Treatment Programme in Uganda project, along with Walter Kipp (University of Alberta) and Joseph Konde-Lule (Makerere University, Uganda). The research team will spend the next two years working to create the necessary conditions for long-term sustainability of a successful community-based antiretroviral treatment project previously initiated by the University of Alberta and Makerere University in Kabarole District, Uganda.
CONGRATULATIONS TO 2010-11 GRADS

Convocation, June 2010

GRANZOW, Kara. PhD. Racism, Violence and the Politics of Social Indifference in Edmonton, Alberta. [Supervisors: Amy Kaler & Sharon Rosenberg]

MORRISON, Rebecca. PhD. Bringing the Collection to Life: A Study in Object Relations. [Supervisor: Serra Tinic]

VALLEE, Mickey. PhD. Music, Media and Subjectivity: On the Limits of Determinism. [Supervisor: Rob Shields; Interdisciplinary with Music]

ANDREWS, Jeffrey. MA. Men, Genitalia and Desire: A Research Proposal [Supervisor: Doug Aoki]

HOLRODY, Heather. MA. Learn It, Live It, Love It: Creating the Self in Consumer Culture of Retail Employment. [Supervisor: Charles Barbour]

SAMAH, Ashley. MA. Defection from White Power Movements [Supervisor: Stephen Kent]

Convocation, November 2010

AYLYN, Ayalah. PhD. Resurrection Ferns: Resiliency, Art and Meaning Constructs among Survivors of Trauma or Difficult Life Events [Supervisor: Amy Kaler]

CAMPBELL, Rachel. PhD. Professional Identity, Commitment and Gender in Engineering: Exploring the (Mis) Match between Dispositions and Culture. [Supervisor: Harvey Krahn]


LOCK, Rebecca. PhD. Psychosocial Readings of Encounters with Pain in Sport. [Supervisors: Amy Kaler and Sharon Rosenberg]

MOHAMUD, Habiba. PhD. Famine, Displacement and Destitution among Pastoralist Communities of Northeastern Kenya [Supervisor: Amy Kaler]

OVEREND, Alissa. PhD. Candida and the Discursive Terms of Matters of Undefined Illness: Ghostly Matters, Leaky Bodies and the Dietary Taming of Uncertainty. [Supervisors: Sharon Rosenberg and Debra Shogan; Interdisciplinary with Physical Education and Recreational Studies]

RAINE, Susan. PhD. Body, Emotion and Violence: An Analysis of Palestinian Suicide Bombing/Martyrdom. [Supervisor: Stephen Kent]

RAZAVY, Maryam. PhD. Faith-based Arbitration in Canada: The Ontario Sharia Debates. [Supervisor: Stephen Kent; Interdisciplinary with Religious Studies]

TIESEN, Matthew. PhD. Creativity, Relationality, Affect, Ethics: The Outlines of a (Modest) Aesthetic Ontology. [Supervisor: Rob Shields]


NURULLAH, Abu Sadat. MA. The Prevalence of Alcohol-Impaired Driving in Alberta. [Supervisor: Harvey Krahn]


Convocation, June 2011

BOYLE, Philip. PhD. Securing the Olympic Games: Exemplifications of Developments in Urban Security Governance. [Supervisor: Kevin Haggerty]

LOCK, Ineke.. PhD. Creating Fragile Dependencies: Corporate Social Responsibility in Canada and Ecuador. [Supervisor: Gordon Laxer]

DOYLE, Callin. MA. Title: Health Behind Bars for the Health of Society: A Case for the Expansion of Harm Reduction in Canadian Correction. [Supervisor: Stephanie Hayman]

WAGNER, Alecia. MA. Invitations to Sociology: Constructing Classroom Introductions. [Supervisor: Judith Golec]
Lara Campbell, Dominique Clément, and Greg Kealey eds. DEBATING DISSENT is a history of the sixties in Canada. This book challenges readers to conceptualize the ‘1960s,’ not as a decade in Canadian history, but as a social, political, cultural and economic phenomenon. We present the 1960s as a transformative era for Canadian society that was diffuse and widespread. In other words, we associate the ‘1960s’ with ideas and developments that transcend the decade but are nonetheless associated with a particular moment in time.

Haggerty, Kevin D. and Minas Samatas eds. 2009. SURVEILLANCE AND DEMOCRACY. London: Routledge. Both Surveillance and Democracy are complicated phenomena. This edited collection marks the first sustained analysis of how surveillance can both enhance and constrain democratic processes.

Bennett, Colin and Kevin D. Haggerty eds. 2011. SECURITY GAMES: SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL AT MEGA-EVENTS. London: Routledge. Mega-Events such as the Olympics and World Cup have become dominant global spectacles, and vehicles for assorted local transformations. This ground-breaking volume containing insights from leading international experts on how these global happenings can usher in new and often unsettling surveillance and security regimes.

Kimmel, Michael; Aronson, Amy; Amy Kaler. THE GENDERED READER 2nd Canadian ed. Oxford University Press 2011. Designed to show that differences among men and women are more significant than the differences between them, this collection of classic and contemporary essays provides a detailed, engaging, and altogether current study of gender.

KRAHN, Harvey, Graham Lowe and Karen HUGHES. Work, Industry, and Canadian Society. 6th ed. Toronto: Nelson Education Ltd. In its 6th edition, this upper-year textbook in the Sociology of Work explores how individual, societal, national, and global issues shape the central human activity of work. With a strong focus on class, gender, race/ethnicity and regional inequality, this text reviews recent research findings and profiles labour market, occupational, and work organization trends within an integrated historical and theoretical framework.

Barbour, Charles and George Pavlich eds. After sovereignty: on the question of political beginnings, London: Routledge-Cavendish, 2010. After Sovereignty contributes to a renewed interest in the problem of sovereignty in theoretical and political debate. It also provides a multitude of resources for the urgent, if necessarily fractured and diffuse, effort to reconfigure sovereignty today.

Richard Wright, Frances Heidensohn, Claire Moon, Gillian Stevens, Fran Tonkiss (eds.), The BJS – Shaping Sociology Over 60 Years. Oxford, UK: Blackwell Publishing Company. In 2011 the British Journal of Sociology had its 60th anniversary. To mark the occasion, the journal editors published an anniversary volume that featured two articles published in each of the Journal’s six decades that had a significant and enduring impact on the discipline of Sociology. The articles for each decade are accompanied by critical assessments of the articles’ legacies by contemporary scholars and the editors.
Sociology Celebrates 50 Years
(1961 – 2011)

In honour of the Department of Sociology’s 50th Anniversary we will be holding a public lecture by Professor John Hagan entitled, “How we Remember to Forget: Canada and America’s Forever Wars,” on Wednesday, September 14th at 3:30 pm in room ETLC 1-017. Professor Hagan received his PhD from the Sociology Department in 1974 and is currently John D. MacArthur Professor of Sociology and Law at Northwestern University, and Co-Director of the Center on Law & Globalization at the American Bar Foundation.

Are you an alumni of the department? Do you know the whereabouts of other graduates from our programs? If so, we want to hear from you.

For more information about our 50th Anniversary celebration or to receive a copy of our special edition 50th Anniversary Department Newsletter, please contact Cristeen Whalen at cristeen@ualberta.ca.