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# Army Sociology

Sociology Program Director's Hello

Dear **Army Sociology** Family,

We hope you are well. **Army Sociology** enjoyed another spectacular year, and this 11th edition of the newsletter provides some of the highlights about our program, cadets, current and former faculty, and graduates. Congratulations to **2LT Care Kehn** and **2LT Nette Monaus (both Army Sociology '18)** for earning the prestigious academic McNally and Coates Awards, respectively, as well as the special opportunity to immediately go to graduate school as scholarship recipients (Fulbright–Finland and Schwarzman–China, respectively)! **Jess Dawson and Jacob Absalon (Army Sociology '07)** pinned on Major, and Jacob became an **Assistant Professor**. The Class of 2021 bested our previous accessions record with 34 declared majors. The significant sociology program growth over the past three years has resulted from a total BS&L faculty and cadet team effort. Our upper-class cadets continue to present their research at conferences and at USMA Projects Day, and perform superbly on the sociology majors field test. We welcome **CPT(P) Annie Apodaca** to BS&L and our program, as well as her husband and two sons. **Annie** completed her master's degree (sociology) from the University of Maryland. **Professor Morten Ender, MAJ Jacob Absalon**, and faculty from English and History helped USMA to approve a new **Diversity and Inclusion Studies Minor**. Our monthly program luncheons remain fruitful sociological, professional, and personal exchanges about timely topics, and their popularity reflects the relevance of sociology and commitment of the people in our program. We continue to take cadets on developmental trips away from USMA including many to NYC and conferences. Future sociology faculty remain engaged. **CPT Gabby Perez** begins the graduate school application process this fall. **CPT Bryan Williams** begins his second year at Kansas State University. **LTC Katie Matthews (Army Sociology '00)** returns to graduate school to pursue a sociology PhD at George Mason University. I would like to thank the **Army Sociology** faculty and their families, our alumnus, and all past and current cadets for their contributions. We also thank the friends and family of **Army Sociology** for continuing to support the program and keeping us informed about your lives, accomplishments, good ideas, and unique developments. Finally, thanks to **MAJ Jacob Absalon** for taking the lead on crafting this newsletter!

Go Army Sociology! *Remi Hajjar*

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In our America today, we value diversity as a strength and not a weakness. As leaders, we must all embrace and celebrate those who are willing to think innovatively and those who ignite a fire on injustices.

- Jack Lowe (AS '19)

## Sociology Majors Leading the Discussion!

The ARMY's Sociology program continues to grow and cadet cohorts continue to amaze! These three cadets with MAJ Absalon (far left) Care Kehn ('18) (left) and Nette Monaus ('18) (right) (Truman & Rhodes Scholar finalists, Fulbright & Schwarzman scholarship winners) and Jack Lowe (AS '19—center) partnered with their peers to start an academy wide forum to tackle difficult discussions. Thus far "Hot Topics" has explored Southern Heritage, Gun Rights, Sexual Harassment & Assault, among other issues. These cadet led conversations fostered growth and provided perspective across a wide array of points of view. Absolutely inspiring.

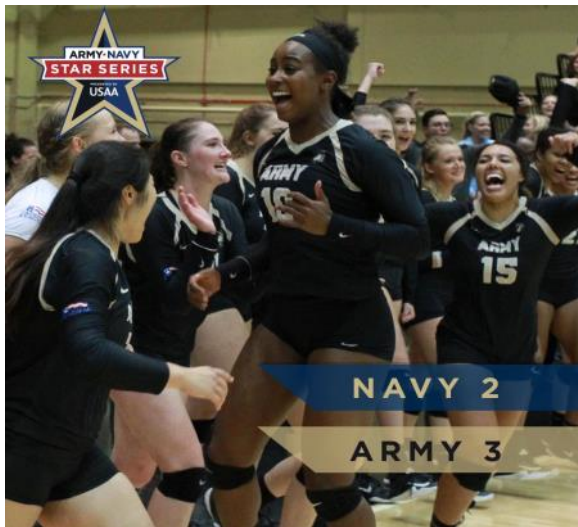


Cadets Care Kehn and Nette Monaus participated in the annual MLK Jr. Observance Luncheon hosted by Office of Diversity Inclusion Equal Opportunity (ODIEO). They presented a gift to Dr. Krewasky Salter.



Cadet Jack Lowe moderated a discussion with GEN(R) Raymond Odierno for the National Conference on Ethics in American.

Congratulations to West Point Army Football winning the Armed Forces Bowl! Shout outs to **Army Sociology '20** majors, **Jaylon McClinton** (interception leading tip) and **Elijah Riley** (defensive touchdown to end the game)!



Congratulations to West Point Army Women's Volleyball **Amber Clay & Jaden Pickell** (ARMY Sociology '18) for beating Navy!

CDTs **Lauren Fairfax** (AS '20), **Ashley Wolfe** (AS '20) and **Mekayla Korpinen** (AS '19) in PL383: *Social Psychology* attended Arts in the Armed Forces on Broadway in New York City with actor and comedian **Keegan-Michael Key**.



## Class of 2019

- Jabreal Arrington
  - Aidan Baxter
  - McKenzie Bell
  - Dillon Biggs
  - Daniel Desanti
  - Bria Erron
  - Cecelia Givens
  - Bridget Guenard
  - Yun Joon Han
  - Michaela Holmes-Johnson
  - Sean Hurley
  - Nathaniel Jones
  - Mekayla Korpinen
  - John Lowe
  - Benjamin Mammel
  - Kayla Matute
  - Bailey Mccardell
  - Ariana Mcconneaughey
  - Isabella Minter
  - Riley Nolan
  - Xiao Pfohman
  - Connor Phillips
  - John Surdick
  - Jennifer Suter
  - Tiffany Welch-Baker
  - Nash Wooden
- June Copeland
  - Collin Cushing
  - Lauren Fairfax
  - Kelsey Frizell
  - Danielle Ginzburg
  - Fabiola Gonzalez
  - Viviana Gonzalez
  - Ryan Grady
  - Cameron Jones
  - Andrea Karlen
  - Miles Martin
  - Jaylon McClinton
  - Nicole Nettles
  - Elijah Riley
  - Cole Stacklin-Jarvis
  - Thomas Kendrick
  - Frances Trivette
  - Celeste Tyner
  - Amadeo West
  - Miranda Williams
  - Ashley Wolfe
  - Matthew Yu
- Gervan, Olivia
  - Guiseppi, Roman
  - Hembree, Hallie
  - Jackson, Traven
  - Jefferson, Kedrin
  - Jones, Nicholas
  - King, Joseph
  - Ko, Grace
  - Kolley, Dawda
  - Kozlowski, Trevin
  - Lee, Elizabeth
  - Lewis, Leslie
  - Love, Brianna
  - Nuno, Nathania
  - Orlando, Anna
  - Paul. Madyson
  - Presley, Hannah
  - Rawls, Alyse
  - Sahagun, Michael
  - Shivers, Clayton
  - Skyers, Christopher
  - Smith, Cole
  - Smith, Connor
  - Smith, Kailey
  - Soper-Johnson, Jordan
  - Stephens, Bryson
  - Stewart, Teasia
  - Vanhoven, Lexus
  - Wilson, Demann
  - Wright, Markus
- Yang, Alexander

## Class of 2020

- Jamal Brown
- Samantha Coletti

## Class of 2021

- Anthony, Ka'tyvin
- Blackman, Jordan
- Bredenburg, Lauren
- Clayton, Jayla
- Davis, Jaylin
- Ebreso, Uko
- Falk, Christian

## Class of 2018 Graduates

- Eric Arzaga
- Trudy Bonner
- Amber Clay
- Samuel Crump
- Leslie Frankland
- Carolyn Kehn \*
- Brittany Lee
- Netteange Monaus \*
- Jaden Pickell
- Jacob Sparano
- Sajon Weeks




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## Class of 2017 Graduates    Class of 2016 Graduates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charles Atkins</li> <li>• Samantha Bradley</li> <li>• Dominique Butts</li> <li>• Rebecca Cousens</li> <li>• Jackie De Haven</li> <li>• Allyson Hayley</li> <li>• Danielle Nuskowski</li> <li>• Leah Phillips</li> <li>• Emma Spell</li> <li>• Allison Voll</li> <li>• Claire Willis</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Barlow</li> <li>• Janelle Bass</li> <li>• Maxwell Lenox</li> <li>• Brigette Ocran</li> <li>• Vanessa Weston</li> <li>• Ashley Zeitvogel</li> <li>• Lealofi Tamasese</li> <li>• Allison Voll</li> <li>• Claire Willis</li> </ul> |
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## Coates Award - Class of 2018



The Dr. Charles H. Coates Award for Excellence in Sociology was presented to Cadet Netteange Monaus (AS '18) and presented by LTC(R) Charles Coates and LTC Remi Hajjar, Program Director, Sociology .

## McNally Award - Class of 2018



The Colonel Jeffrey A. McNally Award for Excellence in Leadership, Management, and Sociology presented to Cadet Carolyn Kehn ('18) with her parents presented by Ms. McNally and LTC Remi Hajjar, Program Director, Sociology .

## **Dr. Charles H. Coates Award for Excellence in Sociology**

**Charles Hunter Coates** was born in 1903. He graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1924 and served for 25 years in a variety of command and staff positions in the U.S. Army.

COL Coates retired from the Army in 1949 and returned home to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Like most service members returning from the war to take advantage of the G.I. Bill and attend college—retired COL Coates was no exception. At the youthful age of 47, he enrolled in graduate school at Louisiana State University where his father **Dr. Charles Edward Coates** was a professor of chemistry and served as a Dean. COL Coates earned an M.A. in Sociology in 1952 and a Ph.D. in Sociology in 1955—the titles of his master’s thesis and dissertation are *Forecasting Officer Potential Using Leaderless Discussion* and *The Achievement of Career Success in Executive Management: A Community Study of Comparative Occupational Mobility* respectfully. Both seminal topics for the 1950’s—the study of organizations.

Dr. Coates soon after joined the faculty in the Department of Sociology at the University of Maryland at College Park. At Maryland he taught the first-ever Military Sociology course as well as the Sociology of War—both of which were taught years after. Like his seminal handbook on machine guns in 1942, this renaissance man notably, in 1965, co-authored with **Ron Pelligrin**, *Military Sociology: A Study of American Military Institutions and Military Life*. It was reprinted in 1970. To date, it remains the only textbook for the subfield of Military Sociology ever to be written.

In 1999, LTC(R) **Charles Hunter Coates Jr.** (USMA '57) and **Patricia Coates**—the children of Charles Coates approached BS&L and USMA to establish an award to honor their father and to recognize the top graduating cadet in Sociology at USMA each year. Below are the awardees since the establishment of the award in 2000:

2000 <b>Katie Mathew (néé Powell)</b>	2010 <b>Brad Swanson</b>
2001 <b>Ariel A. Jones (néé Gibson)</b>	2011 <b>Joshua Covey</b>
2002 <b>Sara A. Skinner (néé Ewing)</b>	2012 <b>Rachel Stuhlmiller</b>
2003 <b>Janaiah J. DeShields (néé Nash)</b>	2013 <b>Nina Fiore</b>
2004 <b>Augusto E. Giacomani</b>	2014 <b>Carlos Febus-Traphegen</b>
2005 <b>Rachel Beck</b>	2015 <b>Ian McWilliams</b>
2006 <b>Matthew Haught</b>	2016 <b>Michael Barlow</b>
2007 <b>Roger Kim</b>	2017 <b>Danielle Nuskowski</b>
2008 <b>Amie Foster</b>	2018 <b>Netteange Monaus</b>
2009 <b>Jenna Lafferty</b>	2019 <b>[your name here]</b>

## Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) International Sociology Honors Society Induction Ceremony

Professor Cecilia Ridgeway (below center), Stanford University, participated in the Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) Honors Induction Ceremony with her talk, "The Gender Frame and Institutional Contexts." ARMY Sociology program recognized the academic achievement of CDTs **Dillon Biggs**, **Aidan Baxter**, **Jack Lowe**, **Netteange Monaus**, and **Samuel Crump**. The West Point Chapter was established in 2000. The purpose of Alpha Kappa Delta is to seek, acknowledge, and promote excellence in the scholarship of sociology, the research of social problems, and such other social and intellectual activities as will as lead to improvement in the human condition.



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West Point Sociology Group:

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## Welcome CPT(P) Julianne Apodaca!



My name is Julianne Apodaca and I am married to Gabriel Apodaca. We are both active duty and love serving. Together we have four sons ranging in ages from 5 months to 20 years. Our oldest attends USAFA, Enrique is living in Spain, Gabriel started first grade, and Alejandro is loving his childcare providers.

Branched AG, I have had the pleasure of being assigned in Illesheim, Germany from 2008-2013 serving as the battalion S1 and rear detachment commander. My most recent operational assignment allowed me the incredible opportunity to serve as the Brigade S1 for the 1st Armored Division Combat Aviation Brigade from 2013-2016.

My military education includes Officer Candidate School, Basic Officer Leadership Course II, Adjutant General Officer Basic Course, Aviation Captains Career Course, and the Supervisor Development Course.

My civilian education includes a Bachelor of Arts in Human Development from Metropolitan State College of Denver, a Master of Arts in Human Services, Marriage and Family Development from Liberty University, and a Master of Arts in Sociology from the University

of Maryland. My current research focuses on active duty dual military couples and their family planning intentions based on government policy.

My family and I look forward to experiencing West Point!



## Promotions



Newly minted **Majors Jess Dawson** (above) and **Jacob Absalon** (below) pose with Army Sociology cadets following their promotion ceremonies.



## Dr. Keith



(ABOVE) **Dr. Bruce Keith** poses with faculty and staff following his retirement ceremony from USMA and the Systems Engineering Department. Pictured from left to right are **MAJ Absalon**, **Professor Ender**, **Dr. Keith**, **BG Cindy Jebb**, **COL Rich Morales**, and **Dr. Tim Judd**. The ceremony took place in Arnold Auditorium on August 15, 2018. On the following day, **Dr. Keith** received a standing ovation from the entire Corps of Cadets and USMA Faculty and Staff at the Superintendent's Convocation and Awards for Excellence celebration ceremony in Ike Hall where Dr. Keith became Professor Emeritus. Dr. Keith is the first Professor of Sociology in the history of West Point.

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## **COL Brian Reed & LTC(P) James Yastrzemsky**

BS&L welcomes two new sociologists this year. **COL Brian Reed** will join BS&L this fall as Professor USMA and Deputy Head of the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership. Likewise, **LTC(P) James (Yaz) Yastrzemsky** joined the department this summer and will teach PL300 Military Leadership this fall and spring. Both are PhDs in Sociology from the University of Maryland, College Park where they each studied and completed their doctoral dissertation under the tutelage of Professor David Segal.

## Morten Ender in Sweden and Norway

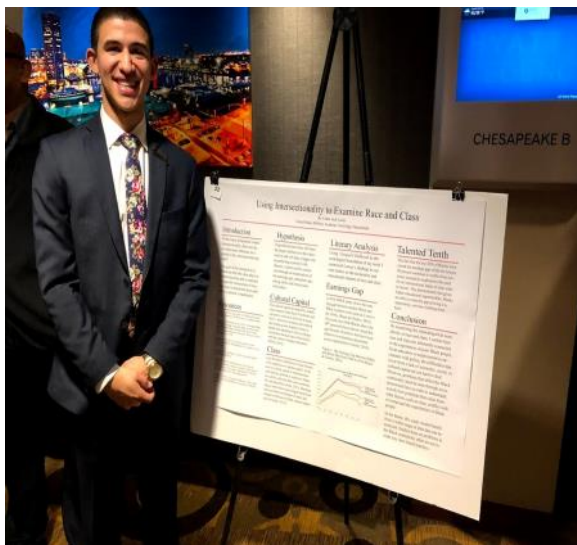
Professor Morten Ender presented his ongoing research on military families on June 11-14 titled "Post-9/11 Professional Army Wives" at The Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden as part of the Swedish Centre for the Study of Armed Forces and Society conference on Modern Military Professionalism. He joined invited scholars from around the world. He also participated on a panel entitled "The Military in an Age of Perpetual War: Reflections on Conflict in the 21st Century." Other invited scholars are pictured and include (l2r) **Dr. Karl Yden**, Swedish Center for the Study of Armed Forces and Society, Sweden; **Dr. Eyal Ben-Ari**, Director of the Kinneret Institute for the Study of Society, Israel; Professor Ender; **Professor Bruce Fleming**, US Naval Academy; **Dr. Morten Braender**, Director for the Center of the Study of Journalism, Aarhus University, Denmark; and **LTC/Dr. Anders McD Sookermany**, Norwegian Defense University College, Oslo, Norway.



**Professor Morten Ender** participated on the public doctoral dissertation defense as the 1st Opponent (the Norwegians require two outside members and opponents) for the now newly minted **Dr. Elin Gustavsen** in the Department of Sociology and Geography at the University of Oslo in Oslo, Norway on December 1st. The title of the dissertation is "Constructing Meaning after War: A Study of the Lived Experiences of Norwegian Afghanistan Veterans and Military Spouses." Dr. Ender also visited with colleagues at the Norwegian Institute for Defense Studies where their current research of an all-female Special Reconnaissance Platoon in the Norwegian Special Operations Command (aka the Hunter Platoon) is capturing international interest.

## Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)

LTC(P) Remi Hajjar, CPT(P) Jessica Dawson, CPT(P) Jacob Absalon (AS '07), CDT Riley Nolan (AS '19), CDT Care Kehn (AS '18), CDT Nette Monaus (AS '18), and CDT Jack Lowe (AS '19) attended the Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Conference in Baltimore from 22-25 February 2018. Faculty and cadets presented research as part of the wider conference and also as part of the Military Mini-Conference embedded in ESS. Faculty members also presided over panels. The cadets presentations were titled: "Effects of Socioeconomic Status on Cadet Performance at West Point" (Nolan); "Is Bourdieu Still Relevant: How Feelings of Belonging Impact Success at the United States Military Academy?" (Monaus, Kehn), and "Using Intersectionality to Examine Race and Class" (Lowe).



## Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society (IUS).



CDTs Care Kehn (AS '18), Michaela Holmes-Johnson (AS '19), Sajon Weeks (AS '18), Jake Sparano (AS '18) and Sam Crump (AS '18) attended the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society (IUS) meetings in November in Reston, VA.

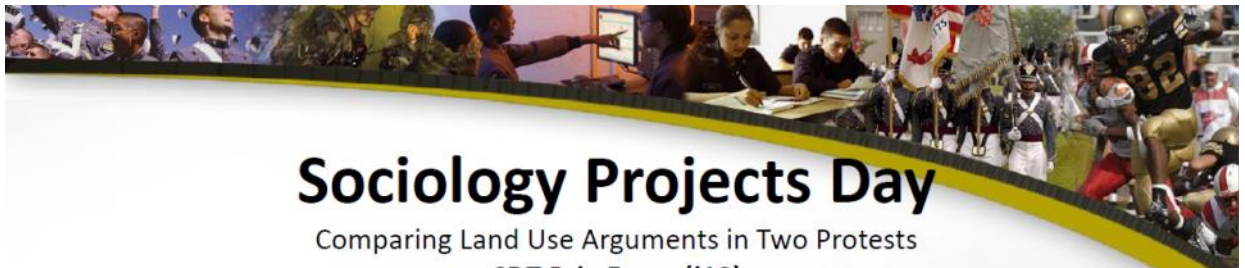


## Association of Black Sociologists (ABS)

ARMY Sociology cadets attended the Black Sociologist Association meetings in August in Philadelphia and met Professor and past ASA President Patricia Hill Collins. Pictured below from left to right are CDTs June Copeland ('21), Connor Phillips ('19), Bria Erron ('19) and Kayla Matute ('19).



## USMA Projects Day



## Sociology Projects Day

Comparing Land Use Arguments in Two Protests  
**CDT Bria Erron ('19)**



Sense of Belonging and Academic Success at West Point  
**CDT Netteange Monaus ('18) & CDT Carolyn Kehn ('18)**  
**Advisor:** CPT(P) Jess Dawson, PhD

The Enemy of My Enemy is My Friend  
**CDT John Lowe ('19)**

Why Don't Cadets seek help? Examining Cadet admittance to CPD  
**CDT Robert Sparano ('18)**  
**Advisor:** CPT(P) Jess Dawson, PhD

How Unique should the Military (Academy) Be?—A Cadet Panel  
**CDTs Samuel Crump, Sajon Weeks, Carolyn Kehn, and Robert Sparano ('18)**  
**Advisor:** MAJ Jacob Absalon

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## Sociology Program Luncheons

The ARMY Sociology program hosts highly popular monthly luncheons. At our last Fall luncheon, cadets and faculty discussed strategies for academic success, ideas for selecting a major, and navigating personal and professional identifies at USMA. Our luncheons continue to draw substantial participation, and they create forums of dialogues for cadets across numerous programs and departments.



1LT Jozlyn McCaw (AS '14) attended the Sociology Program's October Luncheon to share her experiences as a member of a Cultural Support Team in Afghanistan. Cadets engaged in a variety of topics including socialization, team building, and gender integration.



## Diversity and Inclusion Studies Minor (DISM)

The Diversity Studies and Inclusion Minor (DISM) has been confirmed as an official West Point Minor. The DISM is similar to other minors at the Academy in both structure and requirements. The content of the Minor is similar to several other diversity minors offered at other universities around the United States. Though there are numerous diversity programs throughout the country, there are very few schools that offer minors in this field of study. None of our aspirant or peer institutions offer such a minor. Our minor is a joint effort between Sociology, History, and English with courses from across the Academy including psychology, law, social sciences, and foreign language among others. To date we have 14 cadets in the minor from across the Academy.

CDT Coddie Curry ('19) Arabic Major  
CDT Jenell Copeland ('21) Environmental Science  
CDT Stephanie Dudgeon ('21) Life Science  
CDT Lauren Fairfax ('20) Sociology  
CDT Kelsey Frizell ('20) Sociology  
CDT Andrea Karlen ('20) Sociology  
CDT Hope Hack ('20) Psychology  
CDT Chris Morgan ('20) Law and Legal Studies  
CDT Mark Madden ('21) Law and Legal Studies  
CDT Taylor Stringer ('21) Law and Legal Studies  
CDT Jackson Traven ('20) Sociology  
CDT Renita Williams ('21) Geospatial Information Science  
CDT Kendall Woodward ('20) Arabic and Spanish with Honors  
CDT Clarie Yanai ('21) Political Science Major

## Diversity Leadership Conference



<https://www.westpointaog.org/>

[DiversityConference](#)

## Diversity Inclusion Seminar

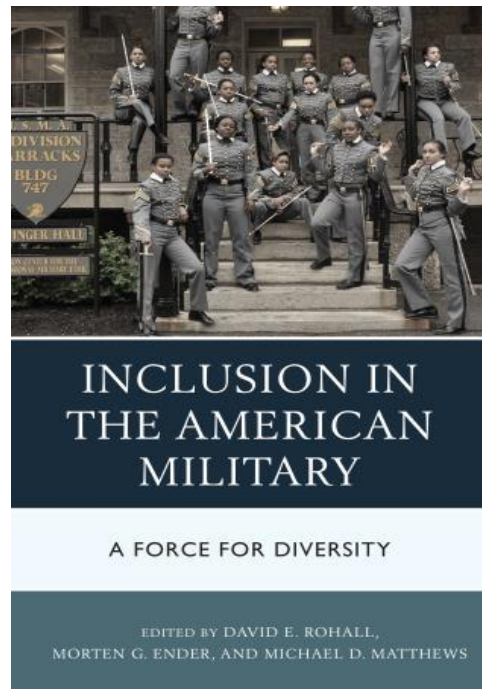


Our new Diversity & Inclusion Studies Minor (DISM) partnered w/ AOG & USMA ODIEO (acronyms, right?) to host our inaugural Diversity Leadership Seminar over 3 days with 42+ Cadets & Midshipmen from all 5 service academies, HBCUs, and other universities attended including USNA, USAFA, USCGA, USMMA, Howard, Tuskegee, Georgia State, Morehouse College, Clark Atlanta, Spelman College, and Jackson St.

## Inclusion in the American Military: A Force for Diversity

*Inclusion in the American Military* is a new book edited by David Rohall; Morten G. Ender and Michael D. Matthews - Contributions by Karin De Angelis; Morten G. Ender; JooHee Han; Janice H. Laurence; Michael D. Matthews; David Rohall; Judith E. Rosenstein; Michelle Sandhoff; David Smith and Deenesh Sohoni

The U.S. military can be thought of as a microcosm of American society, bringing in people from diverse backgrounds and history to defend one nation. Military leaders must address the same issues and concerns as those found in the civilian world, including exclusion, segregation, and discrimination. In some cases, the military has led the nation by creating policies of inclusion before civilian laws required them to do so. In other causes, the military has lagged behind the larger society. The goal of this book is to provide an overview of the ways in which diversity has been addressed in the military by providing information about particular forms of diversity including race, ethnicity, religion, gender, and sexuality. Subject matter experts provide their insights into the roles that each of these groups have played in the U.S. armed services as well as the laws, rules, and regulations regarding their participation. Ultimately, the authors utilize this information as a way to better understand military diversity and the unique ways that individuals incorporate the military into their sense identity. <https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781498528603/Inclusion-in-the-American-Military-A-Force-for-Diversity>



## Excel Scholars

Cadets from the EXCEL Scholars program attended the Columbia GRAD LAB Conference on Saturday, 9 Sept in NYC. The conference highlighted the different paths toward applying for graduate programs in STEM as well as programs that support underrepresented minorities in the hard sciences.



## Department of Behavioral Sciences & Leadership



Army Sociology is part of the larger Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership (BS&L). In support of our vision, the Department made significant contributions through teaching, research, service, faculty, and cadet development—the five pillars of excellence at West Point, as shown through the photographs above!

## McDonald Conference for Leaders of Character (MCLC)

Cadets and faculty participated in the planning and execution of the 6th Annual McDonald Cadet Leadership Conference (MCLC), which welcomed 80-plus student leaders from around the world on March 21-25, 2018. This transformational leadership experience sponsored by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Bob McDonald, and his wife Diane, explored the theme of “Opposition & Innovation: Taking Risks to Lead” Change. From left to right are CDT Jack Lowe (AS '19), LTC(P) Remi Hajjar, COL Todd Woodruff, CDT Nette Monaus (AS '18), MAJ Jacob Absalon (AS '07) and CDTs Lauren Fairfax ('20), Bria Erron ('19), Vivian Gonzales ('20), Connor Phillips ('19), and Kayla Matute ('19),



A special thank you to the **Dr. H. Patrick Swygert** and **Dr. Leslie Fenwick** for their support of our programs, Excel Scholars, and the Cadet Gospel Choir!

## West Point Cadet Gospel Choir (Active in BS&L!)

Cadet Gospel Choir and Department of Behavioral Sciences & Leadership (ARMY Sociology program) majors partnered with DoMore2gether, Directorate of Admissions, and ODIEO to discuss USMA, college, and service with students from Lincoln High School (Philadelphia, PA) Army Navy Outreach Event. Phenomenal opportunity to give back to Philadelphia this weekend! At the game, our combined U.S. Military Academy Glee Club & U.S. Naval Academy Glee Club with their respective Gospel Choirs as well performed the National Anthem.



Cadet Gospel Choir and Department of Behavioral Sciences & Leadership partnership for outreach in Washington, D.C., MCLC, retirement ceremonies, and the GatheRING.



## Summer for Army Sociology



CDT Teasia Stewart ('20) partnered with Give Hope and Move the World Co. to create opportunity through education for the children of Ghana. "We were immersed in Ghanaian culture for three weeks. In the first week, we constructed a playground for the children. In the final week, we held a summer camp for two groups of students that included physical activities, leadership segments, and STEM workshops," says Teasia.

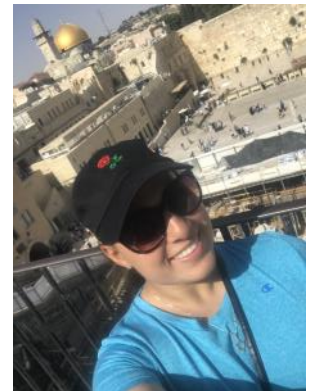


CDT Jabreal Arrington (ARMY Sociology '19) completed the 100-mile Nijmegen March in the Netherlands, and she left with a smile!



CDT Cole Stacklin-Jarvis (ARMY Sociology '20) completed a DFL AIAD to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It was a cultural immersion trip to improve language proficiency, visit military sites, and tour the country (left).

CDT Danielle Ginzburg (ARMY Sociology '20) travelled to Jerusalem and toured The Old City (right).



## Note from Alumni

"I'm still at Fort Campbell. I assessed and was selected for Civil Affairs last month so I will be heading to Airborne school in March and PCSing to Fort Bragg soon after that. For those cadets who are considering majoring in sociology- I will say that all BS&L classes I took set me up well for the different jobs I have had thus far. Building a knowledge base in how organizations/society/families form and operate and what drives them is something that you see every day in the Army. As a cadet, I decided on sociology because I was interested in the classes offered and was and still am passionate about human behavior. As a PL and XO at the company level, I think I had a better social awareness than my peers when it came to different issues in the unit such as behavioral problems, Soldier problems at home, and a deeper understanding on how to influence others based on the many different backgrounds and cultures that the military has. I can credit a lot of that to the classes and experiences that Army Sociology gave me, such as counseling class, social inequality, marriage and the family, the list goes on.. Also, the trip sections offered such as Hope Count for the Homeless, visit to Sing Sing prison, were eye-openers that broadened my social base. Army Sociology is unique to other majors offered at West Point because we're constantly interacting, sharing ideas, and working together and from my time in the Army so far I've learned that's what you have to do on a daily basis to make things happen. Army Sociology majors will be ready to listen, communicate, work well with others, lead, and affect positive change when they graduate."

Kristin M. Rogers (Army Sociology '14)  
1LT, QM  
96 ASB, 101 CAB



CDT Kelsey Frizell (ARMY Sociology '20) spent 7 weeks in Uganda with Operation Crossroads Africa on a Medical Mission. She attended the Global Peace Conference and worked with fellow crossroaders dispensing medicine and eye glasses as part of our work with the Christian Rural Eyesight Promotion



## “Generations” of Sociology Majors

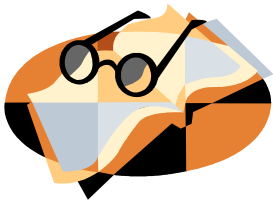


From left to right: MAJ Jacob Absalon ('07); CPT Jozlyn McCaw ('14); Cadets Kayla Matute ('19) and Jayla Clayton ('21) and MAJ Eric Wilson ('08) attended the Directorate of Admissions Inspire Dinner at the Thayer Hotel.



Dan White (ARMY Sociology '12) delivered the Commencement Address at the New York Military Academy in Cornwall, New York—his alma mater. Dan is currently a graduate student at Columbia University.





Former Segal students who taught in ARMY Sociology

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Dr. Chris Bourg,  
COL Brian Reed;  
COL Todd Woodruff; LTC(R) John Hammill;  
LTC(R) Keith Emberton; COL(R) Irving Smith III; MAJ(R) Joe Jones; Professor Morten Ender; Dr. Ryan Kelty; and LTC Sharon Edens.

## David & Mady Segal Military Sociology Consortium

We are pleased to announce the establishment of the **David and Mady Segal Military Sociology Consortium Endowment**.

The purpose of this endowment is to support expenses for West Point faculty and faculty of other institutions to partici-

pate in a Military Sociology Consortium in support of advancing the field of military sociology. The Head of the Department of Behavioral Sciences & Leadership in conjunction with Army Sociology faculty, and in consultation with faculty of the other service academies, will help forge the

direction of this positive initiative. We inaugurated and celebrated the Consortium at the Biennial International Meetings of the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces & Society in Reston, Virginia this past November. Our next consortium will be this Spring in Boston, MA.

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Professors Emeritus David and Mady Segal taught in BS&L from 1988 to 1989 and are recipients of the BS&L Distinguish Former Faculty Award



## PL371: Introduction to Sociology



(LEFT) PL371: *Introduction to Sociology* and other students participated in Improvisation Workshop with Mr. Rich Hollman. This workshop focuses on learning compassion and build empathy by teaching you to observe "others" roles, push yourself outside your comfort zone, and engage with difference. A number of PL371 and PL300 students have identified empathy as a weakness in their coursework or even on their PDRs. This is one innovate way to get at it.



(LEFT) Mr. Alfred Carter Jr. and Ms. Veronica Robinson, family of Henrietta Lacks, spent time with PL371: *Introduction to Sociology* students discussing deviance, crime, and health disparities.

(LEFT) Professor Dalton Conley, Princeton University, visited the Department of Behavioral Sciences & Leadership and Department of Chemistry and Life Science on Thursday, 12 April 2018. His visit included participating in PL371: *Introduction to Sociology*, PL482: *Armed Forces and Society*, a tour of Cadet Genome Project, and a small group discussion with cadets interested in the intersection of sociology and the medical field. Professor Conley is the Henry Putnam University Professor in Sociology and a faculty affiliate at the Office of Population Research and the Center for Health and Wellbeing. He earned his PhD in sociology from Columbia University and a PhD in Biology (Genomics) from NYU.





(LEFT) PL371: *Introduction to Sociology* & PL372: *Marriage & Family* hosted the annual military families panel. Panelists and instructors for the two courses included (left to right) Mrs. Emily Borland, BS&L, MAJ Yoonie Dunham, BS&L, MAJ Ang Yarnell, BS&L and Mr. Ryan Yarnell, ACS, MAJ Sarah Gerstein, SOSH, MAJ Elizabeth Dzwonczyk, GENE, Mrs. Naomi Absalon, MAJ Jacob Absalon, Mrs. Lindsey Eisenlohr, AOG &

MAJ Mike Eisenlohr, BTD, and Cadets engaged in a rich discussion relating to the sociology of the family within our military.

## NYC Engagement

PL371: *Introduction to Sociology* students spent the afternoon with NYU's Silver School of Social Work & McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy & Research discussing the history of the profession, relationship with the military, and various social issues. Topics included veteran treatment, military families, and the disciplines relationship with fields of sociology.



(LEFT) Sociology majors in PL363: *Qualitative Research Methods* enjoyed a phenomenal Q&A with Mr. Michael Smerconish at the Cosmopolitan Club in NYC.

## PL393: Criminology and Sing Sing Correctional Facility

Twenty nine students from numerous academic majors currently taking PL393: *Criminology and the Criminal Justice System* visited the Sing Sing Correctional Facility on Tuesday 14 November for an all-day tour of the facility. This educational trip provided a myriad in-



sights into life inside of a maximum security prison, illuminating numerous criminological concepts including a total institution. From conversations with the Sing Sing Superintendent and correctional officers, to a briefing from and conversation with an inmate about a Sing Sing program, to walking tours throughout the organization, students learned about aspects of life inside of Sing Sing. Additionally, the Superintendent of the Sing Sing Correctional Facility, **Mr. Michael Capra**, visited PL393 classes on Thursday, November 9, to provide a short lecture and entertain cadets' questions about Sing Sing and other timely topics about the US Criminal Justice System.

## PL377: Social Inequality—LTG Caslen Visit



LTG Robert Caslen participated in the discussion on pregnancy discrimination and biases against hiring applicants of color due to ethnic sounding names in MAJ Jess Dawson's class.

## PL363: Qualitative Research Methods



PL363: **Qualitative Research Methods** hosted a third speaker in a series of invited Guest Speakers who have successfully deployed qualitative methods in their scholarship or profession. **Mr. Michael Smerconish**, Sirius XM and CNN, met with cadets at the Cosmopolitan Club in NYC to discuss interviewing, reflexivity, and objectivity among other topics. The first two speakers in the series this month were 1LT **Jozlyn McCaw**, DAD, and COL **Melinda Kalainoff**, CLS, who discussed research design and ethnography, respectively.

Princeton Graduate Student and Stanford University Alum, **Taylor Winfield**, discussed her participant observation research this summer at USMAPS Cadet Candidate Basic Training with sociology students in PL363: **Qualitative Research Methods**.

1LT **Jozlyn McCaw**, (ARMY Sociology '14), presented on research design at USMA in PL363: **Qualitative Research Methods**. She shared a wealth of perspectives from her unique career experiences as a sociology major, military policewoman, and Southeast region outreach officer in the Office of Admissions.

## PL482: Armed Forces & Society



“Thank you for sharing your insights and experiences to create a very enlightening military spouses/family panel in our PL482 Armed Forces & Society class today! I know that the conversation subjects will receive further discussions in our class this semester; will likely appear in some of the students' future papers and presentations; and will potentially influence some cadets' thinking and plans for their futures.”  
Message from **LTC Hajjar** to Spouses Panel.

## ARMY Sociology Media Clippings and Publications

- ☺ Congratulations to **Ashley C. Nicolas (Army Sociology 2009)** Juris Doctor Candidate, Global Law Scholar Georgetown University Law Center, c/o '19 Pat Tillman Foundation Scholar and her *Washington Post* article: [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/checkpoint/wp/2017/09/28/standing-for-the-national-anthem-does-not-make-you-a-patriot-heres-what-does/?utm\\_term=.8fa47df95ef0](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/checkpoint/wp/2017/09/28/standing-for-the-national-anthem-does-not-make-you-a-patriot-heres-what-does/?utm_term=.8fa47df95ef0).
- ☺ Professor **Morten Ender** published a book chapter titled "Mom Wore Combat Boots: An Autoethnography of a Military Sociologist," in Sarah Cote Hampson, Udi Lebel, and Nancy Tabor (editors) new book titled "*Mothers, Military, and Society*" (Bradford, Ontario, Canada: Demeter Press. Pp. 157-187). Information is available at: <http://demeterpress.org/books/mothers-military-and-society/>.
- ☺ **Ender, Morten G.** (Published). "Tweets, Trans, and the American Military," in *Just Security*, August 7, 2017. It is an invited essay following President Trump's call for banning transgender people from the military. Available online at: <https://www.justsecurity.org/43912/tweets-trans-american-military/>.
- ☺ Sookermany, Anders McD, Trond Svela Sand and **Morten G. Ender**. (2017). "[Authorship and affiliation in \*Armed Forces & Society\*: Developmental trends across volumes 1-41,](#)" *Armed Forces & Society*, 43(3): 415-435. Available online at: <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0095327X17700373>.
- ☺ Congratulations to **Gus Giacomani (Army Sociology '03)** for his article about "Hot Sauce Man" published in *The War Horse*. The story is available at: <https://www.thewarhorse.org/our-stories/i-volunteered-to-be-hot-sauce-man/>
- ☺ **CPT Ashley Holzmann .ak.a. As For Class (Army Sociology '09)** has had a couple of quips published on The Duffel Blog. His most recent about Navy and the Marines is at: <https://www.duffelblog.com/author/ashley-franz-holzmann/>.



## Cadet Conference Presentations & Thesis Completions

### 2018

- ☺ **Kehn, Carolyn** and **Netteange Monaus**. *Is Bourdieu Still Relevant: How Feelings of Belonging Impact Success at the United States Military Academy?* Presented at Eastern Sociological Society. Baltimore, MD . 23 February 2018.
- ☺ **Nolan, Riley**. *Effects of Socioeconomic Status on Cadet Performance at West Point*. Presented at Eastern Sociological Society. Baltimore, MD. 23 February 2018.
- ☺ **Kehn, Carolyn, Sam Crump, Jake Sparano, Sajon Weeks**, **How Unique should the Military (Academy) Be?** Panel at Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society. 04 November 2018.
- ☺ **Lowe, Jack**. *Using Intersectionality to Examine Race & Class*. Presented at Eastern Sociological Society. Baltimore, MD . 23 February 2018.
- ☺ **Absalon, Jacob. Bria Erron. Kayla Matute, Connor Phillips**. *Exploring Diversity & Inclusion in the U.S. Military*. Presented at Association of Black Sociologists. Philadelphia, PA . 09 August 2018.
- ☺ **Phillips, Connor**. *Black and Nerdy: The Paradoxes of Racial Identity* . Presented at Association of Black Sociologists. Philadelphia, PA . 09 August 2018.
- ☺ **Matute, Kayla**. *InterSEXtionality: The Exploration of Sexual Scripts and Healthy Relationships*. Presented at Association of Black Sociologists. Philadelphia, PA. 09 August 2018.

### 2017

- ☺ **Kehn, Carolyn**. *Perceptions of Women in the Military: a Semester Exchange at USMA as an Agent of Change*. Presented at Eastern Sociological Society Conference. Philadelphia, PA. 24 February 2017.
- ☺ **Bonner, Trudy, Charles Atkins**. *Diversity in the Modern Military*. Panel at Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society. Ottawa, Canada. 20 October 2017.

### 2016

- ☺ **Barlow, Michael**. *Black Positionality – An Ontology*. Senior Undergraduate Thesis, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY.
- ☺ **Lindquit, Kaitlyn**. *Tokenism among Women at West Point*. Senior Undergraduate Thesis, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY.

## Army Sociology Alumni, Alumnae, and Former Faculty

- ☺ BG Scott Efflandt (AS 1998-2000) recently became the Provost of Army University at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. See [http://www.army.mil/article/193444/brig\\_gen\\_efflandt\\_becomes-2nd\\_provost\\_of\\_army\\_university](http://www.army.mil/article/193444/brig_gen_efflandt_becomes-2nd_provost_of_army_university)
- ☺ LTC Katie Matthew (néé Powell) (AS '00) begins her PhD work in sociology this fall at George Mason University.
- ☺ Mady and David Segal (AS 1988-1989) have been selected to receive the University of Chicago's Alumni Achievement Award.
- ☺ MAJ Max Ferguson (AS '05) sent greetings following a deployment to Cameroon.
- ☺ Mel Walker (AS 2011) completed his MA in psychology from Catholic University and is a Research Assistant with the Henry M. Jackson Foundation of the Uniformed Service University of the Health Sciences Suicide Care, Prevention, and Research Initiative.
- ☺ Brad Swanson (AS 2010) sends greetings from beautiful Boulder, Colorado where he is completing Physical Therapy School.
- ☺ LTC Darcy Schnack recently defended her sociology dissertation proposal at Boston College.
- ☺ Dr. Ryan Kelty recently published *Risk-Taking in Higher Education* (Rowan & Littlefield, 2017).
- ☺ LTC Sharon Edens sends greetings from Fort Hood, TX.
- ☺ CPT Joe Callejas (AS 2010) was recently excepted into Temple University's Fox Business School.
- ☺ CPT Nina Fiore (AS 2013) dropped by the ARMY Sociology Front Porch to say hello.
- ☺ CPT Jozlyn McCaw (AS 2014) is headed to Ranger School.
- ☺ CPT Karlos Traphagen Febus (AS 2014) recently got engaged to CPT Jozlyn McCaw (AS '14).
- ☺ Chelsey Miranda (AS '15) recently returned from Puerto Rico where she worked for the RAND Corporation on the PR Recovery Project.
- ☺ Congratulations to CPT Tyree Meadows (AS '15) and wife Hannah on the birth of their daughter Peyton.
- ☺ 2LT Brandon Atkins (AS '17) sent greetings this past winter from IBOLC.



## Prospective West Point Faculty—Let us know!

We are in the process of reaching out to potential candidates who, if selected, will serve as instructors in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership (BS&L) following a fully-funded graduate program. As an BS&L Instructor, you will attend an top two-year graduate school program, with a follow-on 3-year assignment in our department teaching cadets (undergraduates) in one of our four academic programs: Psychology, Sociology, Engineering Psychology, or Management. Recent officers have attended GMU, Harvard, MIT, UNC, NYU, Georgetown, Pepperdine, Duke, Vanderbilt, UVA, and the Naval Postgraduate School. Some of the degrees earned include MBA, MA in Organizational Psychology, MS in Human Systems Integration, MA in Sociology, and MS in Clinical/Social/Developmental Psychology. As a robust broadening opportunity, you will cultivate career skills in teaching, research, service, faculty growth, and cadet development. Our Department also recruits candidates for the Brigade Tactical Department's (BTD), Eisenhower Leader Development Program (ELDP) with a follow assignment as a Company Tactical Officer (TAC). As a TAC, you will attend Columbia University's one-year Master's Program in Organizational Psychology program, with follow-on 3-year assignment (which is considered a second command) as trainer/mentor of a company of approximately 125 cadets. You are assigned to West Point during the year at Columbia (and all four years, so only one PCS move). As a TAC you teach, coach, and mentor cadets, and develop lasting professional relationships during their cadet career and beyond.



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