

2019

Army Sociology

Sociology Program Director's Hello

Dear ARMY Sociology Friends and Family,

Well another year is behind us. We graduated another record number of cadets including another Fulbright. We semi-say good-bye to **MAJ Jess Dawson**. She moves to a 47-billet in the Cyber Warfare Institute here at West Point—the first Sociologist on their staff. Fortunately, she continues on in our program teaching *Social Inequality* this fall and *Sociological Theory* in the Spring. We also said good-bye to **COL Yaz** as he heads to Brussels, Belgium to serve in SHAPE. This semester we welcome **COL Brian Reed** and **CPT(P) Bryan Williams**. More on them in this issue. **LTC Katie Matthew** (AS '00) begins her second year of graduate study for a PhD in Sociology at George Mason University and **CPT Gabrielle Perez** begins her first year of graduate study for a MA in Sociology at George Washington University. Others are in various stages of offers as ARMY Sociology grows and we send officers to graduate school. In this issues we again provide wonderful news from the last year. Our cadets are travelling the world. They make the national news. Our faculty are travelling the world from South Africa to Afghanistan to Poland to Estonia to Germany and back home. We awarded the 20th Coates Award for Excellence in Sociology. **MAJ Jacob Absalon** (AS '07) received the Diversity and Leadership Award from the Secretary of the Army. We had great success on Projects Day. The Segal Consortium are scheduled to meet in Virginia at the IUS. AKD flourished. Guest Speakers impressed cadets in our classes. Trip Sections enlivened our classes. And our Alumni continue to make us proud.

Upcoming Events 2019-2020

IUS: Ottawa, Canada

ESS: Philadelphia

RAND: DC

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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 in the News!

The ARMY's Sociology program continues to grow and cadet cohorts continue to amaze! These three cadets **Jabreal Arrington** (AS '19) (left), **Tiffany Welch–Baker** (AS '19) (center) and **Bria Erron** (AS '19) were interviewed on *NBC Nightly News* about being a part of West Point's most diverse graduating class ever. A viral photo of these women made national news and was shared by almost every major news outlet and many celebrities including Sen. Kamala Harris, Sen. Cory Booker, Toni Braxton and more!



Of the 34 Black women that graduated, six are Sociology majors. Cadets **Jabreal Arrington**, **Bria Erron**, **Micheala Holmes–Johnson**, **Kayla Matute**, **Isabella Minter**, and **Tiffany Welch–Baker** are all featured in the photograph below.



Congratulations to Cadets **Nate Jones** (Team Captain, #28 - AS '19), **Johnny Surdick** (#40—AS '19), and **Danny DeSanti** of the West Point Men's Lacrosse on winning the Patriot League Championship! Additionally, Johnny won the **Army Athletic Association Award**, the highest athletic award a cadet can receive, the **Schmeisser Award** for the most outstanding defenseman in College lacrosse and was **drafted sixth overall** in the Premier Lacrosse League Draft.



Congratulations to Cadet **Elijah Riley** (ARMY Sociology '20—left) for being named Captain of the Army Football Team!



LEFT: Army Sociology Majors after a tough football practice: Pictured: Cadets **Christian Hayes**, **Jaylon McClinton**, **John Caleb**, **Jabari Laws**, **Chris Skyers**, **Elijah Riley**, and **Dean Powell**. Not pictured: Cadets **Amadeo West**, **Tyhier Tyler**, and **Cameron Jones**.



Class of 2020

- Jamal Brown
- Samantha Coletti
- June Copeland
- Collin Cushing
- Lauren Fairfax
- Kelsey Frizell
- Danielle Ginzburg
- Fabiola Gonzalez
- Viviana Gonzalez
- Ryan Grady
- Yun Joon Han
- Christian Hayes
- Traven Jackson
- 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

Class of 2021

- Anthony, Ka'tyvin
- Ashford, Anthony
- Bredenburg, Lauren
- Chun, Nitai
- Clayton, Jayla
- Eckford, Monica
- Gervan, Olivia
- Hembree, Hallie
- Hofmann, Bethany
- Hudspeth, Raven
- Johnson, Olivia
- Ko, Grace
- Kochevar, Kathryn
- Kolley, Dawda
- Kozlowski, Trevin
- Lee, Elizabeth
- Lewis, Leslie
- Love, Brianna
- Nuno, Nathania
- Orlando, Anna
- Paul, Madyson
- Presley, Hannah
- Rawls, Alyse
- Reis, Jennifer
- Shivers, Clayton
- Skyers, Christopher
- Smith, Cole

- Smith, Kailey
- Soper-Johnson, Jordan
- Slomkowski, Hannah
- Vanhoven, Lexus
- Wilson, Demann
- Yang, Alexander

92 Majors!!

Class of 2022

- Almenara, Shannen
- Byrnes, Aidan
- Coombes, Kirsten
- Crawford, Marja
- Davis, Jaylin
- Fernandez, Javier
- John, Caleb
- Jones, Nicholas
- Kesti, Sam
- Kim, David
- Laws, Jabari
- Leem, Su Jung
- Marengo, Gerardo
- Matz, Ryan
- McIntosh, Michelle
- Merritt, Ashley
- Michael, Sean
- Percher, Hannah
- Powell, Dean
- Ridley, Anessa
- Saylan, Isabella
- Statczar, Molly
- Stewart, Timothy
- Tortolano, Marisa
- Weir, Maggie
- Williams, Xavier
- Wortman, Danielle
- Zotter, Katelyn
- Tyler, Tyhier

USMA '19 Graduates

- Jabreal Arrington
- Aidan Baxter
- McKenzie Bell
- Dillon Biggs
- Daniel Desanti
- Bria Erron
- Cecelia Givens
- Bridget Guenard
- Michaela Holmes-Johnson
- Sean Hurley
- Nathaniel Jones
- Mekayla Korpinen
- John Lowe
- Benjamin Mammel
- Kayla Matute
- Bailey Mccardell
- Isabella Minter
- Riley Nolan
- Xiao Pfohman
- Connor Phillips
- John Surdick
- Jennifer Suter
- Tiffany Welch-Baker
- Nash Wooden

USMA '18 Graduates

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



ABOVE: COL Hajjar and his family hosted our Army Sociology Firsties ('19) at his home at the end of academic year.

Coates Award - Class of 2019



The Dr. Charles H. Coates Award for Excellence in Sociology was presented to Cadet Riley Nolan (AS '19) by MAJ Jess Dawson and LTC(R) Charles Coates (not pictured) during Graduation Week 2019.

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	Katie Mathew (néé Powell)	2011	Joshua Covey
2001	Ariel A. Jones (néé Gibson)	2012	Rachel Stuhlmiller
2002	Sara A. Skinner (néé Ewing)	2013	Nina Fiore
2003	Janaiah J. DeShields (néé Nash)	2014	Carlos Febus-Traphegen
2004	Augusto E. Giacomani	2015	Ian McWilliams
2005	Rachel Beck	2016	Michael Barlow
2006	Matthew Haught	2017	Danielle Nuskowski
2007	Roger Kim	2018	Netteange Monaus
2008	Amie Foster	2019	Riley Nolan
2009	Jenna Lafferty	2020	[your name here]
2010	Brad Swanson		

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

LTC(P) Darcy Schnack (below center), Director of the Center for Enhanced Performance, participated in the Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) Honors Induction Ceremony with her talk, "Environmental Attitudes, Intentions, and Behavior: Informing Conservation Education, Policies, and Programs in the U.S. Army." ARMY Sociology faculty and the program recognized the academic achievement of CDTs Jennifer Suter ('19), Kelsey Frizell ('20), and Riley Nolan ('19). 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 lead to improvement in the human condition.



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West Point Sociology Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/575688489112428/>

Congratulations to the Army Sociology Graduates of 2019



Welcome COL Brian Reed back to ARMY Sociology

COL Brian J. Reed was commissioned as an infantry officer in 1989 from the United States Military Academy. His first assignment was in Germany as a rifle platoon leader with 1st Battalion 16th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division (Forward) and then as rifle platoon leader, support platoon leader, and company executive officer with 2nd Battalion 6th Infantry, 1st Armored Division. After completion of the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, COL Reed served in 3rd Brigade 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, as the Brigade S3 Air and then commanded C Company, 4th Battalion 87th Infantry and Company, 2nd Battalion 27th Infantry.

After attending graduate school at the University of Maryland, COL Reed served on the faculty at West Point in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership. Upon completion of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, COL Reed was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Hood, Texas. Here he served as the Battalion Operations Officer and then the Battalion Executive Officer of 1st Battalion 22nd Infantry, and later as the Brigade Operations Officer for 1st Brigade. Following this assignment, he returned to graduate school as a military fellow in the Center for Research on Military Organization at the University of Maryland and completed his Ph.D. in Sociology.

COL Reed was the Battalion Commander of 1st Battalion 24th Infantry (Stryker), Ft. Wainwright, Alaska, from December 2006 to December 2009. Next he served as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership at West Point and then completed a Senior Service College Fellowship at Teacher's College, Columbia University. From May 2012 to June 2014, COL Reed was the Brigade Commander of the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division. Following Brigade Command, he served as the Director of the Commander's Action Group at U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) from July 2014 to May 2016.

COL Reed returned to the United States Military Academy where he served as the Brigade Tactical Officer from June 2016 to September 2018. In August 2018, he was selected as a Professor, USMA and Deputy Head of the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership.

COL Reed has participated in several operational deployments to include tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and he has travelled extensively in the Middle East and South and Central Asia as a member of the personal staff for the Commander, USCENTCOM. He is Ranger, Airborne, and Air Assault qualified, and has earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Expert Infantryman's Badge.



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Welcome CPT Bryan Williams to ARMY Sociology

CPT Bryan M. Williams is from Hope Mills, NC and holds degrees from North Carolina State University (B.S., 2009) and Kansas State University (M.A., 2019). He is married to Lauren Williams and they have two children Piper (5) and Henry (1). In addition to their kids, they also have two basset hounds—Dolly and Daphney. Thus far, the Williams' family has enjoyed their assignments spanning the country from the Southeast to the Midwest and now the Northeast. They are both looking forward to their time at USMA.

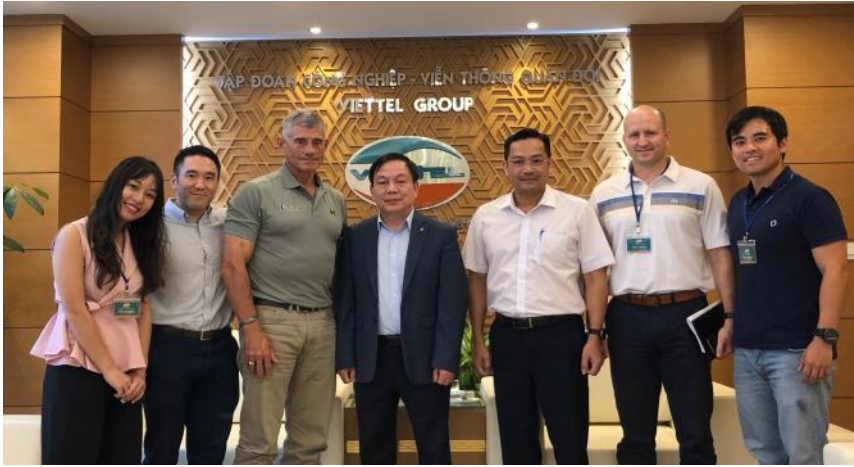
CPT Williams was commissioned out of the N.C. State University ROTC department as an Infantry Officer in 2009. CPT Williams' military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Maneuver Captain's Career Course, Airborne School, Air Assault School, Pathfinder Course, Jumpmaster School, and Ranger School.

CPT Williams was assigned to 2-504 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division where he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer while deployed to RC-East (Ghazni Province) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) XII. He later served as the BN's S3-Air and Plans officer while deployed to RC-South (Kandahar Province) in support of OEF XIV. After returning in November 2014 and attending MCCC, CPT Williams was assigned to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division where served as the Brigade Chief Operations Officer during Operation Spartan Shield deploying to Kuwait and Jordan from October 2015 through July 2016. Upon redeploying to Fort Riley, Kansas CPT Williams served as the commander for ATTACK!!! Company 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment until August 2017.

CPT Williams' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), Valorous Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation (1 OLC), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Expeditionary Global War on Terror Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Global War on Terror Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Pathfinder Badge, and Canadian Jump Wings.



“Generations” of Sociology Majors (‘06 and ‘15)



LEFT: LTG(R) Robert Caslen (3rd from left) visited with Danny Hwang (AS '06—far right) and members of his company team Point Avenue in Hanoi, Vietnam this past summer. Danny (left center) and his wife Honda visited the department to discuss his experiences in business as a sociologists. Danny co-founded New Pathway Education in Shanghai as an O2O test preparation company mentoring students in China looking to apply to overseas universities. For the past 2+ years, Danny has been actively involved in the startup community in Seoul investing in and advising many startups and founders of various businesses.



BELOW: Cadets said farewell to CPT Jozlyn McCaw (AS '15—front and center) after her tour in the USMA Admissions Office.



“Generations” of Sociology Majors (‘07 and ‘19)



MAJ Jacob Absalon with his wife Naomi, receiving the **Diversity and Leadership Award** from the Secretary of the Army at the Pentagon this Spring. This award speaks to his extraordinary work with Army Sociology and beyond on promoting the importance of diversity and inclusion here at West Point.

Cadet Jack Lowe (ARMY Sociology '19) receives the **Martin Beitler Ethics Essay Award** given for the best cadet paper dealing with the topic of ethics and toleration for his sociology senior thesis paper titled “She is the Strength of the Struggle: Black Women in the Black Freedom Movement”



Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)



The Army Sociology attended the Eastern Sociological Society Meetings again this past Spring. In Boston, MA. As always, cadets presented and this year they presented in multiple venues from panels to posters. Far below we are joined by **Dr. Karin DeAngelis** (far left) and **Dr. Ryan Kelty** (far right), fellow sociologists and Segal Consortium participants from the United States Air Force Academy.




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



Pictured are CDTs Jack Lowe (AS '19), Michaela Korpinen (AS '19), Lauren Fairfax (AS '20), and Kelsey Frizell (AS '20) as well as Professor Morten Ender, COL Remi Hajjar, and MAJ Jacob Absalon. Also pictured above is Taylor Paige (left back). They attended the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society



Project's Day at West Point

USMA Projects Day
Sociology Program
 Cross-Cultural Lessons From My Time in France
CDT Mekayla Korpinen ('19)
Advisor: COL Remi Hajjar

The Rise of the Nones
CDT Jennifer Suter ('19)
 The Role of Black Women in Civil Rights Movement
CDT Jack Lowe ('19)
Advisor: MAJ Jess Dawson

Black and Nerdy: Paradoxes of Black Identity
CDT Connor Phillips ('19)
 Making the Choice: A Qualitative Study on Black Female Soldiers
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CDT Isabella Minter ('19)
Advisor: MAJ Jacob Absalon

Military Families: Correlations of Military Service Between Parents and Children
CDTs Constantine Stephens, Rachel Bostick, and Jennifer Suter ('19)
 Warrior Caste: Motivations of Military Brats in Service
CDTs Bailey McCardell, Xiao Pfohman, and Bria Erron ('19)
Advisor: Professor Morten Ender

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PROJECTS DAY IS A SUCCESS!

Above cadets and faculty pose for a photograph at Projects Day events in the BS&L Conference Room.



More USMA Projects Day (Diversity & Inclusion Studies)



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Europe



Professor Morten Ender is presented with a plaque from UK officer COL(R) Chris Argent marking recognition of his presentation on “Generations and National Defense” at the Interallied Conference of Reserve Officers in Tallinn, Estonia, August 7, 2019.

Professor Morten Ender, Colonel Remi Hajjar, and MAJ Jacob Absalon conducted field research with a military unit this summer in Europe. Dr. E (right) pictured taking fieldnotes in outpost DFAC somewhere in Eastern Europe.



Promotions



LEFT: MAJ Annie Apodaca was promoted by COL Vincent H. Torza. He has promoted Annie to 1LT in Iraq, CPT in Germany, and MAJ in Washington DC.

BELOW: Numerous Sociology Faculty participated in commissioning ceremonies for our recent major graduates ('19)



Mentorship



Sociology faculty, families, and friends participated in a number of mentorship groups for women of color at the academy!

Hispanic cadets show talent as first generation college students



Class of 2022 Cadet Eliana Vargas, Class of 2023 Cadet Leslie Rodriguez-Diaz and Class of 2021 Cadet Nathania Nuño (AS '21) are each the first member of their family to attend a four-year college directly from high school. Initially, their backgrounds all seem drastically different. Class of 2023 Cadet Leslie Rodriguez-Diaz grew up in California. Class of 2021 Cadet Nathania Nuño grew up in southern Arizona along the border with Mexico. Class of 2022 Cadet Eliana Vargas grew up mostly in Hawaii and most recently lived in Germany and Texas. But for each of them, the daily act of putting on their uniform and walking to class at the U.S. Military Academy marks a monumental accomplishment.

<http://www.pointerview.com/2019/10/10/hispanic-cadets-show-talent-as-first-generation-college-students/>

Alternate Spring Breaks!



A number of cadets including Sociology Majors and Diversity & Inclusion Studies Minors participated in Alternative Spring Break Humanitarian Efforts in Cuba and Puerto Rico.

Diversity and Inclusion Studies Minor (DISM)

The Diversity Studies and Inclusion Minor (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. . 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 17 cadets in the minor from across the Academy.

CDT Antonella Blanco ('21) U.S. History
CDT Brandi Braggs ('21) U.S. History
CDT Emerson Bribiesca ('21) History & English
CDT Brian Brooks ('20) Military History
CDT Stephanie Dudgeon ('21) Life Science
CDT Lauren Fairfax ('20) Sociology
CDT Kelsey Frizell ('20) Sociology
CDT Melissa Gammons ('20) U.S. History
CDT Danielle Ginzburg ('20) Sociology
CDT Jackson Traven ('20) Sociology
CDT Andrea Karlen ('20) Sociology
CDT Koi Kizzie ('20) U.S. History
CDT Mark Madden ('21) Law and Legal Studies
CDT Taylor Stringer ('21) Law and Legal Studies
CDT Kendall Woodward ('20) Arabic and Spanish with Honors
CDT Clarie Mai Yanai ('21) Political Science
CDT Kailen Young ('21) Management



Diversity and Inclusion Leadership Conference



Our 2nd annual undergraduate military seminar occurred during the Diversity & Inclusion Leadership Conference. Participants attended from other universities including all five Service Academies, Ivy League, and HBCUs. The goal was to demonstrate the significance of diversity and inclusion for building stronger, more cohesive teams within a military context.

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. BS&L cadets and faculty all represented well and many are featured in the photographs below.



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LEFT: Sociology majors at the Armor & Cavalry Ball! MAJ Jacob and Naomi Absalon, Bailey McCardell, Sean Hurley, Connor Phillips, June Copeland, Aidan Baxter, and Christian Hayes.



LEFT: Professor Joanna Pawelczyk (scarf left), Deputy Dean for Doctoral Studies and Faculty of English at the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland visited West Point during her University of Maryland Fulbright Scholar visit to the U.S. She spoke both in PL363: *Qualitative Research Methods* and at West Point's Corbin Forum.

Cadet Jack Lowe (AS '19—right) appeared on SCLC TV with Southern Christian Leadership Council President/CEO Dr. Charles Steele Jr. and National Media Director Maynard Eaton to discuss his thesis paper on Black Women in the Civil Right Movement and their treatment in the SCLC.



PL482: Armed Forces & Society



PL482: *Armed Forces & Society* cadets and Professor Morten Ender and MAJ Absalon visited the RAND Corporation offices in Chrystal City, Virginia and met with sociologists. And they took time to see the sights of DC (left). Thanks to Dr. Marek Posard and his team at RAND for a wonderful visit.

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 insights into life inside of a

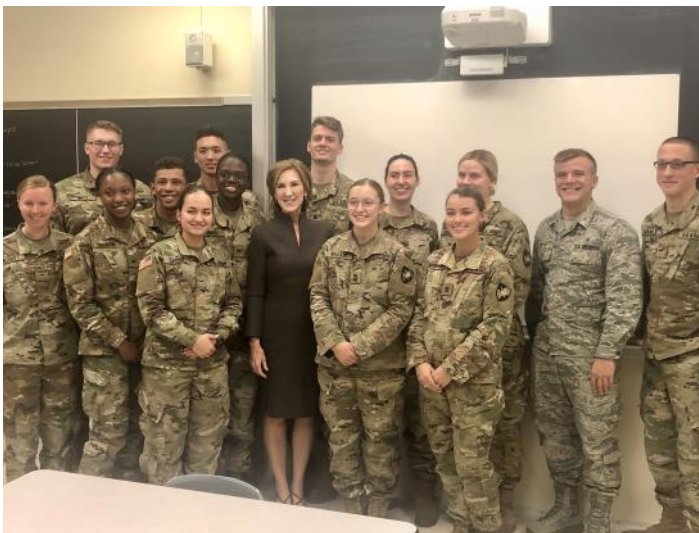


maximum security prison, illuminating numerous criminological concepts including a total institution. From conversations with the Sing Sing Superintendent and correctional officers, to a briefing from and conversation with an inmate about a Sing Sing program, to walking tours throughout the organization, 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 US Criminal Justice System.

PL371: Introduction to Sociology



PL371: *Introduction to Sociology* hosted its bi-annual military families panel along with hosting a number of distinguished visitors in the classroom including Mr. Jorge Casimiro (Nike—below left) and Ms. Carly Fiorina (former HP CEO—below).



RIGHT: MAJ Jess Dawson took cadets to see Hamilton on Broadway!



2LT Nette Manaus (AS '18) sends greetings from China during her Schwartzman MA Scholarship. Nette is standing to the right of the first woman United States Secretary of State, Madeleine Jana Korbel Albright. Nette completed her MA this past Spring.



CDT Alex Yang (AS '21) sent greetings from Dresden, Germany with West Point classmates as they prepared for their semesters abroad in Germany.



ARMY Sociology and HOPE Count 2018



Army Sociology faculty and cadets (including **COL Everett Spain** this year!) continues the annual pilgrimage to NYC to assist the NYC Center for Homeless Services with the HOPE Count—an annual census of the NYC homeless population in the five boroughs. Far above **COL Remi Hajar** moves out with his census team on the last Monday of January in 2019—the day the census is taken each year. More info and photo available here:

Local News: <https://pix11.com/2019/01/28/as-temperatures-plummet-nyc-counts-the-homeless/>

Google Photo Album: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/qZfjpEGR67Yd9yS3A>



Army Sociology Alumni, Alumnae, and Former Faculty

- ☺ Congratulations to newly promoted MG Scott Efflandt (AS 1998-2000).
- ☺ Jackie Oeser (AS '08) wrote a wonderful story for the New York Times Magazine about her Afghanistan work in a Special Forces unit: https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/05/magazine/woman-combat-afghanistan-military.html?fbclid=IwAR2QIaqOmMnE00rbJr2NToiwe665pgKrNzKPLETzliptQiILqag_AS8_9XM.
- ☺ Care Kehn (AS '18) sends greetings from Helsinki, Finland where she is beginning her second year of graduate school. Professor Ender met Care (below) for dinner in Tallinn, Estonia this past summer.
- ☺ Dr. Bruce Keith sends greetings and salutations from Addis Abba, Ethiopia
- ☺ CPT Karlos Febus Traphagen (AS '14) checked in this past winter from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.
- ☺ CPT Ian McWilliams (AS '15) checked in from Afghanistan.
- ☺ Geoff Easterling (AS '13) begins graduate school at UC Berkeley.
- ☺ Nina Fiore (AS '13) is currently deployed to Afghanistan and sends regards.
- ☺ 1LT Jenn Schmidt (nee Webster) (AS '15) sent greetings from Ft. Stewart, GA
- ☺ David Smith (AS '09) is working for a law firm in NYC.
- ☺ 1LT Michael Barlow (AS '16) recently PCS'd to Fort Lee, VA.
- ☺ MAJ Max Ferguson (AS '05) joined the 2019-2020 Class of White House Fellows (State Department)



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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