Hi Everyone,

Welcome back to a new fall semester! As many of you know, I’ll be on maternity leave in the fall – but don’t fret, we’ve got two great new advisors in Sociology to work with you: Nicole Brown and Becky Gresh.

Our Fall Walk in Hours are:

Walk In Hours
Tuesday – Friday
9:30-12:00, 1:00-2:30

Other hours available by appointment by emailing: soc-advising@illinois.edu.

The office will be closed Thursday afternoons after 3pm.

Please welcome Nicole and Becky when you come in for your advising needs! I’ll see you all in January 2012!

Sincerely,

Dr. Holtzclaw-Stone

Study Abroad

Thinking about studying abroad? Want to have a great experience in Europe while still studying Sociology? Consider the KULeuven-Illinois Experience: Encountering Europe through the Lens of Social Science. Deadline is September 15th!

Winter Courses Abroad are led by U of I Faculty over winter break and are great for students who are either not ready to go abroad for an entire academic year or semester, or for students facing other academic, familial, or financial obstacles to long-term study abroad experiences. To find out more, please feel free to attend our Winter Course Abroad Information Session and Social <http://studyabroad.illinois.edu/userfiles/pages/facultyledprog.aspx> where you will hear from Illinois faculty leading some of our programs!

How to Finance Study Abroad Workshop
September 8, 2011. 4:00-5:00 p.m. Materials Science and Engineering Building, Room 100.

Whether you planning to study abroad next semester or in the next couple of years, it’s never too soon for you to find out how you can work with the Office of Financial Aid to apply on-campus aid to your programs abroad, how to begin identifying opportunities for study abroad scholarships, and how to construct compelling scholarship applications.

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INTERLINK is ready to take flight for this Fall! For those needing an introduction:

INTERLINK is a mentoring program where International students (MENTEES) are paired for a semester with an undergraduate or graduate student, faculty or staff member (MENTORS) who can provide support in adjusting to life in the U.S.

We are now inviting applications from both prospective MENTORS and MENTEES with first consideration being given to applications received by September 10, 2011. Online applications and additional information about the program is available at http://www.couns.uiuc.edu/interlink/interlink.htm

Please spread the word among those who might like to participate in INTERLINK. Also included are fliers that can be used for publicity purposes if you choose.

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Social justice

Last spring, Student PIRG interns at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign collected hundreds of petitions to defend the EPA's ability to enforce the Clean Air Act; University of Arizona interns lobbied alongside Arizona PIRG advocates to get the state transportation board to pass a proposal to create a passenger rail line between Phoenix and Tucson; and Kent State students collected over 3,000 canned goods to alleviate hunger in Cleveland.

If you want to make a difference and learn valuable skills, join our team of interns and volunteers. We've got plans to take on the problems our country faces - and with your help, we can.

Fall Campaigns:

- Energy Service Corps
- Sustainable University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- End Unhealthy Food Subsidies
- Make Textbooks Affordable
- No Hunger, No Homelessness
Find out more and apply for a Student PIRG internship: https://www.studentpirgs.org/internships

If you care about these issues or others, we can give you the skills you need to make a difference. We're working together, and we're getting things done.

Volunteering in the CU community

The Office of Volunteer Programs (OVP) will be hosting the Campus Volunteer Fair on September 1st, from 10am to 2pm at the Illini Union Rooms A, B, C. More than 60 participating nonprofit organizations and 20 student service organizations will be present to discuss their volunteer opportunities and benefits at the fair.

Attendees will get a chance to speak directly with representatives from a broad spectrum of agencies with volunteer opportunities including: sports coaching at the Champaign Park District, making memorial teddy bears with Provena Hospital, afterschool tutoring at Washington Elementary School, providing manicures for indigent seniors, building green businesses, giving support to homeless and underprivileged residents and many more!

Students can learn about unique service opportunities to fit every schedule and interest! No pre-registration required, but students should bring their I-Card.

For more information please email: ovp@illinois.edu.

For regular updates from the Office of Volunteer Programs (OVP), like our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/uoiprp>

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Reading Group on the New Jim Crow

Today nearly 2.4 million people are in prisons or jails across this country. Nearly 40% of these are African-American. An increasing number are Latino. This mass incarceration is one of the most important and most neglected issues in the U.S. today. Michelle Alexander has written an important book on this topic: The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness. She explores the history of mass incarceration and concludes that it is a new form of racial oppression, similar to the segregation of Jim Crow. We think this is a vital book for people to read so through the IPRH we are organizing a reading group on The New Jim Crow during this semester. We will meet every other Wednesday to discuss what we have read and what can be done to reverse this trend of mass incarceration. If you are interested, we invite you and members of your organization to join us. We hope you will also help spread the word about the group. Thanks.
Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 7th at 7 p.m. at the Independent Media Center, 202 S. Broadway, Urbana.

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Course Offerings

Qualitative Research Credit
Conduct qualitative research with one of our field's leading methodologists. Dr. Robin Jarrett is looking for undergrads to work in her lab who are interested in working with some qualitative family interviews. The study focuses on health, and parenting issues with African American women.

Dr. Jarrett's second project looks at social capital and community gardening. She is conducting interviews in Chicago. But a grad (or undergrad) could work with her here in Champaign also. She indicates that a grad student looking for MA/Ph.D. data could be a possibility. Please find Dr. Jarrett's contact info below.

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GWS 199 – Sexual Assault Liaison for Women in Sororities

This course is offered to women in sororities who want to learn how to be supportive to friends who have been the victims of sexual assault. If you think your students might be interested, feel free to pass this flier on or announce it in your classes.

The course is GWS 199 PLM - Sexual Assault Liaison for Women in Sororities. Interested students can contact the instructor, Jennifer Scott at jscott1@illinois.edu for more information.

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STRONG Kids: Fall 2011-Spring 2012

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The STRONG Kids research program is a comprehensive and interdisciplinary approach to the study of childhood obesity and health. The program is currently recruiting students to assist with data collection during the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 semester!
This opportunity will provide students with a first-hand experience working as part of a research team as well as to help them develop a working knowledge of the theory and applications of trans-disciplinary research used to guide the STRONG Kids research program.

Students will also attend class once a week and earn course credit!!!

You are eligible to participate if you:

* Have Soph., junior or senior standing for fall 2011;
* Are available at least one morning per week from 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.;
* Are able to attend a lab meeting every other week on Tuesdays from 5:00 p.m. -6:30 p.m.

For an application please visit: 
http://familyresiliency.illinois.edu/SKUnderResearch.htm
Visit http://go.illinois.edu/frcstudents <http://go.illinois.edu/frcstudents> to learn more about:

· The STRONG Kids research program
· STRONG Kids research sub-projects
· A list of project investigators and their affiliation(s)
· FRC Undergraduate Research Program
· Examples of research activities

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Power Reading Course

The POWER READING COURSE is designed to help students improve their reading speed, concentration, comprehension and productivity. This is a non-graded, non-credit, twelve session course that meets for 50 minutes on a M-W or T-TH sequence. Sessions will be available twice a semester. Books and materials will be provided. A materials fee of $15.00 will be assessed each student.

Schedule
First Session:

M&W Sections: September 12 – October 19, at 12pm, 1pm, and 2pm, in room 309 English Building
T&TH Sections: September 13 – October 20, at 10am, 11am, and 12pm, in room 307 English Building

Second Session:
M&W Sections: October 24 – December 7, at 12pm, 1pm, and 2pm, in room 309 English Building
T&TH Sections: October 25 – December 6, at 10am, 11am, and 12pm, in room 307 English Building

Registration Information

Applications for Fall 2011 are now available. Register online at www.illinois.edu/goto/powerreadingregistration. If you have questions regarding registration or need any additional registration or need any additional information, please email Susan Herbert at skherber@illinois.edu.

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Career Center

Fall Hours and Services
The Career Center is open from 8:30am-5pm, Monday through Friday. Call 217-333-0820 for more information.

* Questions about majors, career paths, internships or anything else career related? Visit our Career Consultant on Call, Monday from 11am to 5pm and Tuesday - Friday from 9am to 5pm.
* Are you a pre-health student with questions? Stop in and talk to our Pre-Health Advisors Tuesday - Friday from 9am to 11am and 1 to 3pm

* Are you a new student on campus considering pre-health or perhaps considering a pre-health track for the first time? Then take advantage of our Pre-health Information Sessions taking place Tuesday - Friday from noon to 1pm (These info sessions will be located in the Illini Union, Room 407 on 8/23, 8/25, 8/26, 8/30, 8/31, & 9/2; General Lounge on 8/24, and Room 314 B on 9/1).

* Working on your resume or cover letter? Then make sure to use our Resume and Cover Letter Review service available Monday - Friday from 2 to 4:30pm at The Career Center.

Workshops
The Career Center will be offering a variety of workshops and events on various topics including writing resumes, finding an internship, making the most of career fairs, and much more! Download our complete Fall 2011 Calendar of Events <http://illinois.edu/784/fall_2011_calendar.pdf>.

If you wish to have a career workshop brought directly to your classroom, residence hall, academic department, or RSO meeting then please submit your request online <http://www.careercenter.illinois.edu/services/workshops/request>.
Keep Up-to-Date With The Career Center Staff, encourage your students to sign up for one of our list-servs. Students, share this e-newsletter with your friends! This will keep them up-to-date with all the great workshops, resources and events that can help them with their college planning and future professional goals. Whether they know where they're heading or not, we can help give them the tools and resources to be successful in the future!

* Sign up for this e-newsletter, The Career Center Connection <https://illinois.edu/gm/subscribe/4329>
* Sign up for TCC Freshman Press <http://www.careercenter.illinois.edu/firstyear/freshmanpress> to receive a monthly e-publication dedicated to first year students.
* Follow us on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Champaign-IL/The-Career-Center-at-UlUC/117244526853> or Twitter (@UoICareerCenter)!
* Sign up for our NEW blog Rumors and Realities <http://www.careercenter.illinois.edu> our staff and student blog addressing the myths and facts about majors and career paths.
The KULeuven-Illinois Experience: Encountering Europe through the Lens of Social Science

**New Illinois program starting spring 2012**

In collaboration with Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KUL), the University of Illinois has developed a study abroad program in Leuven, Belgium that provides you with unique intercultural learning opportunities in the social sciences. European and US students participate in common classes and curriculum as you explore the social and demographic transitions that accompany and underpin globalization.

Core Course: Family Dynamics and Population Change in Comparative Perspective

As populations change across Europe, this demographic movement involves major shifts in the timing of key life course transitions such as schooling, marriage, and parenthood. By examining how European populations live out their lives from birth to old age, this course will serve as an academic anchor and as a cross-cultural lens for how you understand the people living around you and the social, political, and economic systems in which they operate.

Academic Pathways

To complement the core course, you will select courses from several academic pathways to provide you with deeper understanding of topics pertinent to your life abroad and your academic trajectory in the US. Pathway options range from social science-specific specializations to a broader academic experience across the humanities, arts, science, and business. Examples of potential specialization pathways include: sociology, anthropology, political science, and European studies.

Learn more at studyabroad.illinois.edu. Questions? Email illinois@illinois.edu. Apply by Sept. 15, 2011