Department of Sociology

ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted by Céline Le Bourdais, Chair
Sociology is a thriving department within the Faculty of Arts. It comprises an outstanding team of well-established and emerging scholars who pursue rigorous empirical research with a strong foundation in social theory. Research focuses on three core areas: comparative political sociology and development, diversity and inequalities, and population and health. Over the five past years, we recruited six exceptional young scholars who conduct cutting-edge research in areas such as data science, network analysis, and relational ethnography. Our last recruit, Peter McMahan, will join the department in August.

As a sign of excellence in our research, 40 percent of the faculty currently hold prestigious endowed chairs and professorships. Faculty members continued to distinguish themselves throughout the year. Thomas Soehl was awarded an SSHRC Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in International Migration. Barry Eidlin and Eran Shor received a Best Paper Award from sections of the American Sociological Association. Shelley Clark and John Hall were awarded visiting fellowships at prestigious universities. Faculty members were also successful in securing grants as principal investigators from external granting agencies. Barry Eidlin, Jennifer Elrick, Amélie Quesnel-Vallée and Eran Shor received funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), and Barry Eidlin obtained funding from the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Culture et Société (FRQSC). With these new grants, an overwhelming proportion (85%) of faculty now holds funds from major granting agencies.

Members of the Department were very productive. Faculty members published 4 books with renowned presses, 35 articles that appeared in highly regarded peer-reviewed journals, 11 book chapters, and several other publications. They gave 42 invited talks and 30 conference presentations in different venues outside of McGill. They were closely involved in organizing several conferences that were held on McGill premises: the 85th ACFAS Congress, the Canadian Research Data Centre Network (CRDCN) Annual Meeting and a Colloquium on Didier Fassin. They also organized and chaired a number of sessions at the annual meetings of several professional associations (e.g., American Sociological Association, Social Science History Association, Council for European Studies).

In addition to the programs offered to its own students, the Department is responsible for the M.A. and Ph.D. option in Population Dynamics offered to students from Economics and Epidemiology, and for the Minor Concentration in Canadian Ethnic and Racial Studies. Department members are also closely involved in academic programs offered in International Development Studies (IDS), Women’s Studies (WMST), and Industrial Relations. Adding to this broader contribution to the University’s teaching, Jason Carmichael was the program director of the Minor in Social Entrepreneurship. Both our graduate and undergraduate students have been successful in securing grants and awards. Of particular note, Luyang Zhou received from our Department the Everett C. Hughes Research Award and Xavier St-Denis the Lucia Benaquisto Teaching Award. Our trainees have been very active in disseminating their work through publications and conferences and they have been successful in in getting positions at highly ranked universities and organisations.

A. HONOURS, AWARDS, AND PRIZES

Shelley Clark was awarded a fellowship at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS) at Stanford University and appointed a James McGill Professor.

Barry Eidlin received the Charles Tilly Best Article Award from the American Sociological Association Section on Comparative Historical Sociology for his paper “Why Is There No Labor Party in the United States?” published in American Sociological Review.

Jennifer Elrick received the Canadian Sociological Association’s Outstanding University of Toronto Graduating Sociology Student Award.
John Hall was Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Professor for Distinguished Teaching in the Center for Human Values at Princeton University.

Eran Shor received the Best Article Award from the American Sociological Association Section on Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology for his paper “A Paper Ceiling: What Explains the Sex-Ratio Inequality in Printed News Coverage?” published in American Sociological Review.

Thomas Soehl was awarded an SSHRC Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in International Migration.

Joanne Terrasi, Coordinator of Student Affairs, was the recipient of the 2017 Faculty of Arts Award of Excellence for Administrative and Support Staff.

B. HIRES

The Department recruited one tenure track Assistant Professor, Peter McMahan, for a position in advanced quantitative methods. Professor McMahan will join the Department in August 2018.

C. SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (see Appendix A, Section 1) a

Members of the Department have published in a diversity of Canadian and international prestigious journals and publishing houses. Here is a short list testifying to this diversity.


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a Names of faculty members are in bold and those of trainees are underlined.
D. SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES (see Appendix A, Section 2)

Members of the Department have given over 80 talks, conference presentations, keynote addresses and invited lectures during 2017. They participated in panels, workshops and conferences held in Europe (in France, Germany, England, Scotland and Sweden), in Kenya, South Africa and Taiwan, as well as in many cities across the U.S. and Canada. Here are a few selected presentations.

Brauner-Otto, Sarah R. “The Relationship between Housing and Fertility: A macro-level, cross-country investigation.” Centre for Population Change Seminar Series. Southampton University, Southampton, UK.


**Roychowdhury, Poulami.** “Violence and Incapacitated States.” Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD.

**Shor, Eran.** “A Global Study of Counter-terrorist Legislation: Causes and Consequences.” Department of Political Science, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan.

**Smith, Michael R.** “The effects of unemployment on income in the UK.” *Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Social Economics.* Lyon, France.

**Soehl, Thomas.** “Family Politics: Timing of Naturalization and the Location of Key Family Members.” University of Bamberg, Bamberg, Germany.


**Vang, Zoua.** “The Effect of Immigration on Health: Measures and Interpretations.” *Migration et santé publique à l’ère de la mondialisation : quelles approches et données pour analyser les enjeux actuels.* Centre d'études et de recherches internationales, Université de Montréal, Montréal.

**Weiner, Elaine.** “The Free Market, the Common Market and Czech Women.” *The Dowd Initiative.* University of North Carolina, Charlotte, NC.

**Weinfeld, Morton.** “Has there ever been a better home for the Jews than Canada?” Centre for Jewish Studies, York University, Toronto.

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**E. EXTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED (as PI) IN 2017** (see Appendix A, Section 3)


**Eidlin, Barry,** Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture (FRQSC - Soutien à la recherche pour la relève professorale). "La démocratie et l'efficacité organisationnelle : y a-t-il un compromis? Le cas des syndicats.” 2017-2020. $45,000.


**Quesnel-Vallée, Amélie,** Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC – Connections Grant). “Data visualisation for population analytics: developing talent to assist decision-making in the era of big data.” 2017-2018. $24,009.


All faculty members hold ongoing research grants either as PI or Co-Investigators.

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**F. INSTITUTIONAL AND DISCIPLINARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Editorial positions:** Faculty members provided editorial support for the following journals: Archives of Sexual Behavior; British Journal of Sociology; Cahiers québécois de démographie; Canadian Review of Sociology; Canadian Studies in Population; Cogent Social Sciences; Gender, Equal Opportunities,
They also peer-reviewed manuscripts for nearly 40 additional journals and university presses.


They also served on various granting agency committees (SSHRC; FRQSC; Agence nationale de la recherche-France; Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences; National Science Foundation) and governmental entities and task forces (e.g., National Statistics Council, Centre d’études sur la pauvreté et l’exclusion), in addition to numerous committees at McGill.

**G. TEACHING AND LEARNING – UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS**

In 2017, 42 students were enrolled in our graduate programs (7 in the Population Dynamics option and 6 in the Gender and Women Studies option), and 709 in our undergraduate programs (Major, Minor and Honours). Four students received their Ph.D. degree during the course of the year, four completed their M.A. degree, and 138 graduated from our bachelor’s programs (91 Minor, 75 Major, 1 Joint Honours and 6 Honours).

Over half of our graduate students hold fellowships or awards (Appendix B, Section 3). In 2017, Ph.D. student David Amasyali received an SSHRC Doctoral award and Alicia Poole was awarded an SSHRC Masters scholarship. In addition, Ana Fostik received an SSRHC Postdoctoral fellowship. Of particular note, Luyang Zhou was the recipient of our Department Everett C. Hughes Research Award and Xavier St-Denis the recipient of the Lucia Benaquisto Teaching Award. Our trainees have also been very active in disseminating their work through publications and conferences, as shown in the following pages. Our postdoctoral and graduate students have published in highly respected peer-review journals (e.g., Injury Prevention; International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics; Journal of Marriage and Family; Law and Society Review; Nations and Nationalisms) or in other venues (Appendix B, Section 1). Finally, they gave over 75 presentations in a wide array of national (ACFAS; Association canadienne des sociologues et anthropologues; Canadian Population Society; Canadian Sociological Association) and international (American Sociological Association; Association for the Study of Nationalities; Population Association of America: Social Science History Association; Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics; Society for Social Studies of Science) conferences and venues (Section 2).

The success of our undergraduate students is also worth noticing. For instance, Elisabeth Graveline, Austin McDougall, Ariel Parienti and Corrina Vali were the recipients of the 2017 Arts Research Internship Awards (ARIA). Four students received an award for the quality of their papers: Claire Kingston received the Mathias Bielski Prize and Mikayla vanEvery Ellis, Tyler Ryan Forget and Geneviève Westgate received the Howard E. Roseborough Prize. Molly Susannah Mayer and Michelle Chen were awarded the David N. Solomon Prize for highest overall academic standing in Sociology courses. Our undergraduate students published a stimulating issue of the Verstehen, McGill’s Undergraduate Sociology Journal, and, of those who applied, many have been admitted to very good – sometimes first rate – graduate schools.
APPENDIX A
FACULTY MEMBERS’ REPORTS

Section 1: Publications

**Books and Edited Volumes**


**Peer-reviewed Journal Publications**


Book Chapters


**Other Publications (book reviews, government reports etc.)**


Section 2: Presentations

Invited lectures, seminars and conference presentations (outside McGill University)

Brauner-Otto, Sarah

Carmichael, Jason

Clark, Shelley

Doering, Jan

Eidlin, Barry

Hall, John


**Lange, Matthew**


**Le Bourdais, Céline**


**Quesnel-Vallée, Amélie**


**Roychowdhury, Poulami**


**Shor, Eran**


**Smith, Michael**


Soehl, Thomas


Van den Berg, Axel


Vang, Zoua


Weiner, Elaine


Weinfeld, Morton

- Invited keynote address, “Has there ever been a better home for the Jews than Canada?” Centre for Jewish Studies, York University, Toronto, Ontario. October 2017.

Other talk and conference presentations, including poster presentations (outside McGill)

Brauner-Otto, Sarah


Clark, Shelley


Doering, Jan


Eidlin, Barry


Elrick, Jennifer


Le Bourdais, Céline


**Quesnel-Vallée, Amélie**

**Roychowdhury Poulami**

**Shor, Eran**

**Soehl, Thomas**

**Weiner, Elaine**
Talk and conference presentations at McGill University

Carmichael, Jason


Clark, Shelley

- Invited speaker, “Health on Delivery: The Rollout of Antiretroviral Therapy in Malawi.” Institute for Health and Social Policy, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec. October 2017.

Das, Aniruddha

- Invited speaker, “Three studies in social biodemography.” Douglas Mental Health University Institute, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec. February 2017.

Lange, Matthew


Le Bourdais, Céline


Quesnel-Vallée, Amélie

- Invited speaker, “Clinical Integration Through Centralization and Merger: Promises and Potential Pitfalls.” *A Retreat of McGill’s clinical and community leaders: “McGill’s Academic Health Network, where do we go from here?”* Faculty of Medicine, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec. June 2017.
- Invited speaker, “Future of the Canadian Health Care System Symposium.” *Medicine & Society Course.* Faculty of Medicine, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec. February 2017.

Soehl, Thomas

- Invited speaker, “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly of data visualization for population research.” *Datpa Visualization Workshop.* McGill University, Montreal, Quebec. December 2017.

Van den Berg, Axel


Weiner, Elaine

Section 3: Grants

Brauner-Otto, Sarah


Clark, Shelley

- **McGill Faculty of Arts Paper Presentation Grant** “IUSSP, Cape Town, South Africa”. 2017-2018. (P.I.).
- **Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).** “Building capacity for sustainable livelihoods and health through public-private linkages in agriculture and health systems.” 2013-2018. (Co-I.).

Das, Aniruddha

- **Social Science and Humanities Development Grant Program (SSHRC – Internal Development Grant).** “Online sex work: networks structures and life course patterns.” 2016-2017. (P.I.).

Doering, Jan

- **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC – Internal Development Grant).** “Ethnopolitical learning and experience among international students in Quebec.” 2017 - 2018. (P.I.).

Eidlin, Barry

- **Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture (FRQSC - Soutien à la recherche pour la relève professorale).** "La démocratie et l'efficacité organisationnelle : y a-t-il un compromis? Le cas des syndicats." 2017-2020. (P.I.).


**Elrick, Jennifer**


- **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC – Internal Development Grant).** “Specifying The Role of Immigration Bureaucracies in Immigration Control: A Historical Case Study of Canada.” 2017-2018. (P.I.).


**Hall, John**


- **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC - Insight Development Grant).** “Research on the interrelations between empires, nations and states.” 2012-2017. (P.I.).


**Lange, Matthew**


**Le Bourdais, Céline**


- **Canadian Research Data Centre Network (CRDCN), Status of Women Canada, and McGill University – various units.** “The many faces of inequality: from measurement to policy.” 2017. (P.I.).

- **Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI – Major Science Initiatives Fund).** "CRDCN: Evolving to meet new research data needs and policy priorities.” 2016-2021. (Co-I.).


- **Fonds de recherche du Québec - Société et culture (FRQSC – Strategic Grant).** “Operating grant for the Quebec Inter-University Centre for Social Statistics.” 2014-2020. (Co-I.).


Quesnel-Vallée, Amélie


Roychowdhury, Poulami

Shor, Eran

Smith, Michael

Soehl, Thomas

Van den Berg
Vang, Zoua


Weiner, Elaine


Weinfeld, Morton

APPENDIX B
POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW’S AND GRADUATE STUDENTS’ REPORTS

Section 1: Publications

Books and edited volumes

Graduate Students


Peer-reviewed Journal Publications

Postdoctoral fellows


Graduate Students


- Piat, Myra, Kimberly Seida, Judith Sabetti, and Deborah Padgett. 2017. “(Em)placing recovery: Sites of health and wellness for individuals with serious mental illness in supported housing.” *Health & Place* 47: 71-79.


### Book Chapters

**Postdoctoral fellows**


### Other Publications (book reviews, government reports etc.)

**Postdoctoral fellows**


**Graduate Students**


Section 2: Presentations

*Invited lectures, seminars and conference presentations (outside McGill University)*

*Postdoctoral fellows*

**Groleau, Amélie**

**Peker, Efe**

*Graduate Students*

**Amasyali, Emre**
- Invited lecture, “Democratization and Violence in the Middle East.” *POLS461 (International Regimes: States, Regimes and Democratization in the Middle East)*. Queen’s University, Kingston. November 2017.

**Guay, Emmanuel**

**Lomonosov, Matvey**

**Plante, Charles**
- Invited speaker, “Working with Open Educational Resources at USask.” hosted by Gwenna Moss Centre for Teaching and Learning, University of Saskatchewan. Saskatoon.
Other talk and conference and poster presentations (Outside McGill University)

Postdoctoral fellows

Boulet, Maude


Fostik, Ana


Groleau, Amélie


Ma, Ying


Peker, Efe

Pugliese, Maude


Graduate Students

Amasyali, Emre


Drago, Alessandro


Filkobski, Ina

Geampana, Alina


Ghazanjani, Mehri


Golriz, Golshan


Gong, Annie


Guay, Emmanuel


Karim, Sakeef M.

Lomonosov, Matvey


Marshall, Zachary


Mazar, Alissa


Miltsov, Alex


Miner, Skye


**Pereira, Colby**

**Plante, Charles**

**Seida, Kimberly**

**St-Denis, Xavier**
Wray, Dana


Zhou, Luyang


Talks and conference presentations at McGill University

Postdoctoral fellows

Peker, Efe


Graduate Students

Filkobski, Ina


Ghazanjani, Mehri


Guay, Emmanuel


Henderson Maddie

Karim, Sakeef M.

Miltsov, Alex
Section 3: Research Grants/ Scholarships

Postdoctoral fellows

Fostik Ana
- Canadian Research Chair on Social Statistics and Family Change, McGill University. 2017- 2018.

Groleau Amélie

Peker, Efe

Pugliese, Maude

Graduate Students

Amasyali, Emre
- Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC - Doctoral Award). 2017-2019.

Filkobski, Ina

Geampana, Alina

Ghazanjani, Mehri

Henderson, Maddie
- Graduate Student Top-Up Award, McGill University. 2017.

Karim, Sakeef
- Graduate Excellence Award, McGill University. 2017.
Lomonosov, Matvey
- McGill University, Graduate Mobility Award. 2017.

Marshall, W. Zachary

Mazar, Alissa

Miner, Skye
- Graduate Mobility Award, McGill University. 2017.

Poole, Alicia
- Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC – Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master’s). 2017-2018.

St-Denis, Xavier
- Entrance Scholarship for PhD Students, Quebec Inter-University Center for Social Statistics. 2017.
- Arts Graduate Student Travel Award, Faculty of Arts, McGill University. 2017.

Wray, Dana
- Entrance scholarship, Quebec Inter-University Centre for Social Statistics (QICSS). April 2017.

Ying, Winnie
- Governmental Scholarship, Ministry of Education of Taiwan. 2017-2018.

Zhou, Luyang
Section 4: Other Activities and Honours

Postdoctoral fellows

Fostik, Ana
- Peer reviewed articles for *Canadian Population Society Journal*, *Cahiers québécois de démographie*, *Revista Latinoamericana de Población*.

Groleau, Amélie
- Involvement in the creation of a new working group (Groupe de travail) on young sociologists (GT18, Être et devenir sociologue) at the *Association internationale des sociologues de langue française* (AISLF).

Peker Efe
- Peer Reviewed articles for *Capital & Class*; *Critical Research on Religion*; *Critical Sociology*; *Cultural & Social History*.
- Editor Role: *Trajectories*, American Sociological Association, Comparative-Historical Section Newsletter (since August).

Graduate Students

Alarie, Milaine

Amasyali, Emre
- 2017 Faculty of Arts Graduate Student Teaching Award, McGill University.

Daviddi, Rebecca
Graduate Student Representation, *Institute for Gender, Sexuality and Feminist Studies* (IGSF).

**Geampana, Alina**
- Margaret Lock Award for Outstanding Student in Social Studies of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University.
- H. Anthony Hampson Award in Canadian Studies, McGill University.
- Oswald Hall Dissertation Fellowship, McGill University.
- Travel Award, Society for Social Studies of Science.
- Graduate Award and Fellowship, Institute for Health and Social Policy, McGill University.
- Wolfe Chair in Scientific and Technological Literacy Fellowship, McGill University.

**Gong, Annie**
- Peer reviewer, *The Gerontologist*.

**Henderson, Maddie**
- Institute for Health and Social Policy Graduate Award Program (Fellowship), McGill University. 2017-2018.

**Karim, Sakeef**
- Oswald Hall Prize, Sociology Department, McGill University.

**Miltsov, Alex**

**Miner, Skye**
- Peer reviewer, *Sociological Focus*.
- President, *McGill Graduate Students’ Sociology Association* (MGSSA).

**Pereira, Colby**
- Estrina and Gaetano Liberatore Fellowship, McGill University.
- Abstract Editor, *Desautels Faculty of Management Conference*.
- Graduate Representative on the Chair Selection Committee, Sociology Department, McGill University.
- Peer Mentor for International Students, McGill University.

**Seida, Kimberly**
- Assistant Editor, *Canadian Graduate Journal of Sociology and Criminology*.
- Sociology Delegate for AGSEM (McGill’s Teaching Assistant Union), *McGill Graduate Students’ Sociology Association* (MGSSA).

**Shaw, Candice**
- Proposed Investigator, Department of Family Medicine, McGill University.
St-Denis, Xavier

- Lucia Benaquisto Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, McGill University.

Uetricht, Micah

- Associate editor, *Jacobin* magazine.

Zhou, Luyang

- Best Student Paper Award, Comparative Historical Sociology Research Cluster, *Canadian Sociological Association*.
- Everett C. Hughes Research Award, Department of Sociology, McGill University.