Will Attwood-Charles  
Ph.D. Student  
BS in Sociology, Westminster College

My research interests include economic sociology, consumerism, and the sociology of education. I'm particularly interested in studying discourses surrounding the role of higher education, its value, and the methods by which it’s to be provided, as well as higher education’s role in the reproduction of social and economic inequalities.

Kim Bachchi  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in Sociology, Boston College

My research interests include cultural narratives of race/class/gender as well as the intersection of agency and structure that occurs for individuals interacting with state institutions. I am currently conducting research that explores how marginalized communities understand the costs and benefits of public education and negotiate the bureaucratic institution of public high schools.

Kimberlee Bachman  
Ph.D. Student  
BA in Sociology, Brandeis University

My research interests include families, technology, relationships and social movements. I am currently working on a project exploring online dating and relationships. In the past I studied the deaf community and the protests at Gallaudet.

Emily Barko  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in Sociology, Boston College

My central areas of interest surround: critical race feminism, symbolic interactionism, constructions of health and illness, and popular culture.

Julia Bates  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in Sociology, Boston College

My research interests include the relationship between globalization and labor migration, in particular the effects of Neoliberal financial and trade policies in Central America on labor migration from Central America to the United States.

Paulina Bongay  
MA Student  
BS in Sociology, Brigham Young University

I enjoy studying gender and family issues, specifically focusing on aspects of manhood and masculinity. My current research centers on the role of the body in constructing perceptions of masculinity.
Elizabeth Brennan  
MA Student  
BA in Sociology, Mount Holyoke College

My research interests include culture, organizations, and medical sociology. For my master’s thesis, I will be focusing on health care organizations’ response to privacy and security regulations (HIPAA and HITECH).

Mehmet Cansoy  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in International Relations, Koc University

I am primarily interested in welfare state research, including its policy, citizenship and governmentality aspects. In my MA thesis, I studied the forms of citizenship propagated by the newly emerging neo-liberal welfare state in Turkey. Now I am seeking to broaden that research agenda and study the transformation of the post-1980s welfare state and its implications.

Lindsey (Luka) Carfagna  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in Social Sciences, University of Chicago

Luka Carfagna holds an M.A. in the Social Sciences from the University of Chicago, and a BA in both Sociology and Economics from the University of Vermont. Luka works as a research assistant for Juliet Schor as part of the MacArthur Foundation’s Connected Learning Research Network and is currently studying online open-source, peer-to-peer, and non-traditional learning initiatives. Her research interests are in economic sociology and the sociology of education with a specific focus on how institutional and organizational mechanisms facilitate the reproduction of inequality. For fun, she likes to play soccer, mountain bike, snowboard, and spend time at church.

Sinead Chalmers  
MA Student  
BA in Sociology, Stonehill College

My academic interests include issues concerning social and public policy, more specifically educational policies influencing students K-12. During my time at BC I hope to conduct both qualitative and quantitative research, which would contribute to the growing knowledge surrounding the influence of policy regulations and educational law encompassing all educational institutions, (i.e. federal, state and local levels). In general, I hope to gain a deeper insight into the overall disparities within the educational system in relation to the formation of public policy (i.e. racial academic achievement gaps associated to socioeconomic status in relation to imposed policy stipulations).

Lauren Diamond-Brown  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in Sociology, Boston College

My research interests include sex and gender studies, feminist and postmodern theory, sociology of knowledge and medical sociology.

Emilie Dubois  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in History, Columbia University

She works as a research assistant for the MacArthur Foundation’s Connected Learning Research Network and is currently investigating time banking practices among young people. Emilie’s research interests are in economic sociology with a special focus on gender within formal organizations and across a range of consumptive practices. She also enjoys visual sociology and photography.
Samantha Eddy  
M.A. Student  
BA in Sociology and Psychology  
Colby College

My interests include the sociology of the horror genre and portrayals of deviant behavior. Within horror films and literature, I want to study the treatment of women’s bodies. I am also interested in how audiences relate to the horror genre and experiences of voyeuristic deviance.

Amanda Freeman  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in Creative Non-fiction Writing  
Columbia University

My current research interests include looking at the way low-income single mothers create narratives about their lives that empower and help them to move forward.

Charlotte Haeusler  
M.A. Student  
BA in Media & Film Studies  
University of Wellington

My research interests include ways in which media’s power to shape social attitudes and identities can be used as a tool for positive change in the representation of women, and in the dialogue surrounding gender worldwide.

Maheen Haider  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in Sociology, Boston College

I am interested in Migration, Acculturation studies, Race, Class and Gender and Intersectionality. My current research explores how immigrants while using ideals of the home society, navigate their every day lives, in the host culture. I also analyze the role of gender and religion in the integration process in the host society.

Annelise Hagar  
B.A./M.A. Student  
Boston College

Research Interests:  
My research interests include single mothers, families and family resilience.

David Harker  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in Sociology, Boston College

My research interests mainly focus on individual responses to social problems. In my MA thesis, I studied the framing of individual-level responses to climate change. I am also interested in cross-class social movements, particularly in response to poverty and inequality. My current research examines long-term volunteering and service to communities as a response to structural poverty.
Alexander Hernandez  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in Sociology, University of South Florida

I am currently interested in the study of technology and society as well as aging and the life course. My current research focuses on the impact of technological change on the workplace and its effect on workers.

Katarina Kiseli  
B.A./M.A. Student  
Boston College

Research Interests: Quantitative methods, criminology, and deviance

Elise Largesse  
M.A. Student  
BA in Philosophy of Science and Religion  
New York University – Gallatin School of Individualized Study

Research Interests: Sociology of Place, communities in isolation, barely inhabited locations, theories of social contract, deviance, crime

Ju Young Lee  
M.A. Student  
BA in Business, Yonsei University

Research interests: My areas of interest are economic sociology, sociology of organization. More specifically, I am interested in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and corporates' role in the face of numerous social issues including environmental problems and poverty.

Cristina Lucier  
Ph.D. Student  
BA in Sociology, Clark University

My research interests are in Environmental Sociology, particularly environment and inequality, toxics, and global environmental governance.

Jane Margolis  
MA Student  
BA in History and Sociology  
University of Minnesota

My interests include the Intersectionality of race, class and gender, policy, the environment, social justice, development and qualitative methods.
Liam Martin  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in Sociology  
Auckland University New Zealand  

My academic work is part of an ongoing attempt to understand and undermine the ‘punitive turn’ - both in my home of New Zealand and the United States. My focus is on the broad social and historical context of prison growth, and how the process builds on established inequalities of race and class. I am particularly interested in forms of research, teaching and resistance that foreground the perspectives of those most directly affected by the prison system.

Jeremiah Morelock  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in Family Therapy  
Antioch University New England  

My research interests include medical sociology, language and power, epistemology / methodology, and organizations.

Marya T. Mtshali  
Ph.D. Student  
BS in Marketing and Sociology  
Arizona State University  

My interests include intersectional (gender, race, class) theory, gender/sexual violence, and sexuality. My current research involves understanding the ways in which race and gender affect the experiences of Black female-White male intimate couples.

Juan Nunez  
M.A. Student  
BA Sociology  
University of San Francisco  

Cultural Sociology  

Research interests: Social Change and Development; Global and Transnational Sociology;

Kathryn Olson  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning, Tufts University  

Research interests: I am interested in environmental sociology, particularly relating to sustainable agriculture, consumption, and the relationship between inequality and sustainability.

Monique Ouimette  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in Public Policy  
American University  

My research interests include environmental sociology, consumer society, sustainability, and education.
Johanna Pabst  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in Sociology, Boston College

My areas of interest are technology, media, and consumer and popular culture. My dissertation investigates the technological experiences of low-income and minority urban youth. I am interested in how technology affects the boundaries of consumption and production, as well as identity.

Adam Saltsman  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in Sociology, Boston College

I examine the ways in which contemporary flows of migration from contexts of displacement complicate the legal and policy frameworks that manage and regulate migrant populations. I consider how the experiences of migrants reveal contradictions in the ways the bureaucracies in UN agencies and international non-governmental organizations attempt to manage migrants.

Fatima Sattar  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in Middle Eastern Studies, University of Chicago

My research interests are in migration, race/ethnicity, inequality, policy and social justice. I am currently conducting research on refugees and resettlement in the U.S.

Darcy Schnack  
PhD Student  
MA in Sociology, Boston College

I am an active duty logistics officer in the U.S. Army, currently teaching at the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY. In my PhD work, I am interested in military and environmental sociology, specifically the Army's environmental initiatives and how we can change human behavior in reducing energy consumption in a military culture.

Abolfazl Sotoudeh Sherbaf  
MA Student  
BS in Research, Tehran University

My main topics of interest include comparative political sociology, social movements, immigration and modern nation-state in the Middle East; sociology of Iranian pop arts and literature; and intersections of sociology and psychoanalysis. I am currently working on political-economic implications and representations of Iranian-ness formed out of the interplay of linguistic, religious and ethnic factors since 1920's.

Donald Smith  
M.A. Student  
BA in Sociology and Anthropology, Carleton College

My research interests include qualitative Sociology as it pertains specifically to social psychology, group movement, and narrative taxonomy. I also study the Sociology of Marketing and Advertising.
Jeffrey Stokes  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in Theology (Ethics), Boston College

My primary areas of interest include families and family dynamics, aging and health, social psychology, and quantitative methods. More specifically, I am interested in the ways in which family models and dynamics impact relationships, particularly during and after crises such as deaths in the family.

Elizangela Storelli  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in Sociology, American University

I am interested in the sociology of aging, particularly issues related to paid and unpaid caregiving, and intergenerational family relationships. I am also interested in global population aging, specifically in developing countries.

Rie Taniguchi  
Ph.D. Candidate  
MA in International Development and Social Change, Clark University

I am interested in the study of international development, especially policy making processes involving donors and multinational institutions. My dissertation explores Japan’s economic aid decision makings in the 1980s and 1990s, particularly focusing on institutional and historical dynamics of its development aid bureaucracy and their transnational ideological linkages.

Elizabeth Tov  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in Sociology, Boston College

My primary areas of study are aging, particularly with regard to informal caregiving, and the sociology of animal welfare. On the latter topic, I’m interested in bringing to bear a sociological perspective (via consumer studies, economic sociology, and environmental sociology) on our society's treatment of animals, particularly in the context of industrial farming.

Brian Walker  
MA Student  
BA in Political Science, Earlham College

My primary area of interest is an interdisciplinary focus on evolutionary psychology and sociology. I hope to explore how perspectives in the field of evolutionary psychology impact understandings of contemporary sociological theory. Additional interests are the praxis of knowledge creation in sociological research and the role of ethics in sociological inquiry.

Robert Wengronowitz  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in Social Sciences, University of Chicago

My research interests include environmental sociology, agrofood studies, social movements, consumption, political economy, and inequality. I’m currently part of a research team studying and taking part in the Occupy Movement. Drop me a line: robert.wengronowitz@bc.edu.
Margaret Willis  
Ph.D. Student  
M.ED in Education, Vanderbilt University  

I am interested in mobility, class, and social networks. Currently, I am studying the longitudinal impacts of the post-Katrina diaspora on social support and social networks among low-income mothers. My work is primarily quantitative in nature.

Sarah Woodside  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in Dispute Resolution, University of Massachusetts Boston  

I am interested in negotiation, mediation, and dispute system design at the organizational and international levels, and the contributions of dispute resolution to organizational and social justice.

Selen Yanmaz  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in Sociology, San Diego State University  

My research interests include post-modern theory, political and cultural sociology. I specifically focus on ways of structuring and maintaining power, especially through hegemony, with the control of information resources and meanings of cultural images and commodities, in addition to coercive practices as well as potential ways of resistance. I am also interested in debates on democracy, as well as meaning of modernization, in today's Turkey.

MJ Yeo  
Ph.D. Student  
MA in Women's Studies, University at Albany, State University of New York  

My main research interests include political sociology, gender, social networks and family. I am currently exploring the intersection of women's movements, states, and international society in building gender egalitarian policies and outcomes. I am also interested in difficulties in long-distance couples in academia who have the conflict between work and family.