

# The SMACdown

Your Sociology Newsletter



Hello everyone! We are the Sociology Majors/Minors Advisory Council (SMAC) and we will be sending out a newsletter to you guys regularly. This newsletter will include information about upcoming events and opportunities within the Sociology department as well as the University as a whole. We hope that you enjoy!

## Upcoming Events

Diversi-Tea Career Conversations featuring Teaching and Learning Librarian, Regina Carter on **Thursday 1/31 6-7PM** in the MSC

International Movement for Resilience, Authenticity, and Activism (IMRAA) Meeting: A Coalition of Women for Women – **Friday 2/1 4 PM** Newcomb Hall

Screening of *The Hate U Give* by University Programs Council (UPC) on **Friday 2/1 8PM** and **Saturday 2/2 8:30PM** in Newcomb Theater

A Night of Poetry & Reflections ft. Tariq Toure! on **Feb. 7th 7-8PM** in Nau Hall 101

## Career Development

**DC has an exciting new research position focusing on discipline on our Research, Analysis, and Reporting team.** [Education Research Analyst Job Search](#)

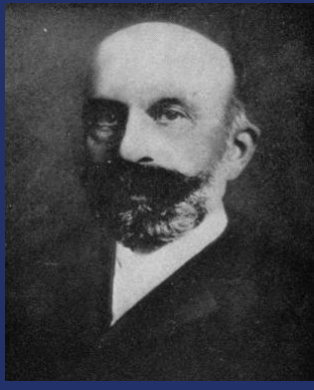
**Summer Internship** [CSLI Undergraduate Summer 2019 Internship Program at Stanford](#) The deadline to submit this application: **February 18, 2019 11:59pm PST**

**Summer Program in Sociology and Social Inequality** <https://sociology.tamu.edu/reu/>  
For more information, contact: [reusociology@tamu.edu](mailto:reusociology@tamu.edu).

## Important Links

Sociology Undergraduate Program FAQs: <http://sociology.as.virginia.edu/undergraduate-program-faqs>

Sociology Graduate Programs FAQs: <http://sociology.as.virginia.edu/graduate-program-faqs>



“Sociology was born of the modern ardor to improve society.”  
- Albion Woodbury Small

## COURSE SPOTLIGHT: SOC 2230 (Criminology)

### **What's this course all about?**

What is crime and who decides what is criminal behavior? Why do rates of incarceration vary among population groups? What happens when prisoners re-enter society? Professor Fiona Greenland's course on criminology adopts a sociological approach to these questions, drawing on theories and methods that support rigorous analysis of possible answers.

### **UVA Students say...**

“I really enjoyed the guest lecturers that we had! One time we had a prosecutor come in and talk about their job and now I'm thinking about doing that as a career now! I also really enjoyed learning about mass incarceration and how the war on drugs has affected arrest trends today. I definitely think everyone should take this class in order to be more aware of the criminal justice system and how much inequality plays a role in it.” - K.L. Class of 2020

“Criminology helped me think critically about an institution that is largely neglected by the general population. Understanding how our criminal justice system works made me open my eyes to the vast inequalities and abuses of power that plague the accused in the United States.” - C.S. Class of 2020

# The Distinguished Majors Program (DMP)

## What is it? How can you take part in it? Learn more about it here!

The DMP provides students interested in graduate level work or in a particular area of research the chance to experience the actual research process in professional sociology.

### Why write a thesis?

- Intellectual enthusiasm: an idea you care about; a problem you want to take on
- Close contact with a faculty member: meaningful college experiences begin with these relationships
- Career preparation: if you are considering graduate school, a thesis is like a trial run
- Memorable college experience: Years later, you may not remember an individual class, but you will always remember your thesis. You may not keep a paper, but you will likely keep your thesis

### Requirements

Aspiring DMs are required to have a cumulative GPA of 3.4 and to enroll in SOC 4980 fall semester and SOC 4981 spring semester of their fourth year during which they will research and write a thesis.

SOC 4980 is a 3-credit course taken for CR/NC. SOC 4981 is a graded 3-credit course taken in addition to the two 4000/5000-level courses required for the major and can be applied to the ANY LEVEL elective requirement.

Find more info at:

<http://sociology.as.virginia.edu/distinguished-majors-program-dmp>

## Have any questions? Reach out to a SMAC Member!

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