

Sociology/Anthropology Newsletter

Spring, 2009

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SOAN Courses Offered, 2009-2010

Fall Semester 2009

- 110 **Introductory Sociology**
Durst, 1:10-2:00, MWF
- 110 **Introductory Sociology**
Durst, 2:10-3:00, MWF
- 110 **Introductory Sociology**
Staff, 10:00-10:50, MWF
- 111 **Cultural Anthropology**
Howard, 9:00-9:50, MWF, **V**
- 111 **Cultural Anthropology**
Howard, 11:00-11:50, MWF, **V**
- 3XX **Society and the Economy**
Smith, 1:30-3:00, TR
- 279 **Methods of Social Research**
Cohen, 8:30-10:00, TR
- 279 **Methods of Social Research**
Cohen, 10:30-11:50, TR
- 292 **Cultures of the Pacific**
Peoples, 10:00-11:50, TR, **V**
- 295 **Native Americans of Southwest**
Peoples, 2:10-3:00, MWF, **V**
- 351 **The Family**
Cohen, 1:30-3:00, TR
- 357 **Race and Ethnicity**
Durst, 11:00-11:50, MWF, **V**
- 359 **Social Inequality**
Staff, 1:10-2:00, MWF
- 360 **Cultural and Social Change**
Staff, 11:00-11:50, MWF, **V**
- 365 **Ethnographic and Documentary Film**
and Filmmaking
Howard, 12:30-3:30, TR, **HV**
- 367 **Human Ecology**
Peoples, 10:00-10:50, MWF, **V**
- 490 **Independent Study**
Staff, Arr., Arr.
- 491 **Directed Readings**
Staff, Arr., Arr.,
- 495 **Apprenticeship**
Staff, Arr., Arr.

Spring Semester 2010

- 110 **Introduction to Sociology**
Staff, 10:00-10:50, MWF
- 110 **Introduction to Sociology**
Staff, 11:00-11:50, MWF
- 110 **Introduction to Sociology**
Cohen, 10:30-11:50, TR
- 111 **Cultural Anthropology**
Peoples, 9:00-9:50, MWF, **V**
- 111 **Cultural Anthropology**
Peoples, 10:00-10:50, MWF, **V**
- 291 **Perspectives on Africa**
Howard, 1:10-2:30, TR, **V**
- 293 **East Asia Yesterday and Today**
Peoples, 2:10-3:00, MWF, **V**
- 294 **Peoples and Cultures of the Mid-**
dle East, Staff, 10-10:50, MWF, **V**
- 347 **Health, Illness, Death and Disabil-**
ity, Howard, 8:30-9:50, TR, **V**
- 349 **Gender in Contemporary Society**
Cohen, 1:30-3:00, TR
- 352 **Urban Society**
Durst, 1:10-2:00, MWF, **V**
- 356 **Crime and Deviance**
Durst, 2:10-3:00, MWF
- 379 **Social Theory**
Staff, 9:00-9:50, MWF
- 379 **Social Theory**
Staff, 10:00-10:50, MWF
- 499 **Seminar in Applied Sociology and**
Anthropology
Durst & Howard, 5:00-8:00, W

V=Diversity **H**=Honors **R**=Writing Option

Pre-registration deadlines—Class of
2010—March 27
2011—April 3
2012—April 10

End of Year PICNIC

Watch for email an-
nouncement of the date.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS: We will have a one-year visiting professor in 2009-10 who will teach SOAN 110, 359, 360 and 379. Although scheduled, SOAN 294 *may* not be offered in Spring, 2010 (depending on the individual we hire).

Departmental Awards/Recognition SOAN MAJORS NOTE:

As many of you know, our department annually offers awards to students to honor their achievements in various areas. Winners are announced at our spring picnic (date/location to be announced). All awards carry cash prizes. The five awards are:

Emily Fitton Prize Paper Award

Established by alumna Emily Fitton, this award is granted to the student who completes the most outstanding research paper in a sociology/anthropology course.

If you wish to submit a paper for consideration, please give it to Mrs. Laucher in Elliott 211 (*not* to a faculty member) by **Monday, April 6, 2009**. The faculty judge this award without knowing the identity of the student.

The Dr. Charlotte Wolf Academic Achievement Award

The husband and family of Dr. Charlotte Wolf, chairperson of our department between 1974-83, endowed this award in 2002 to honor the memory of Professor Wolf. The award is presented to the senior who, in the opinion of the faculty, has the greatest potential for a career in academic sociology.

Faculty Award

The Faculty Award is given to the outstanding senior major. Overall GPA is an important consideration, but Sociology/Anthropology grades, ability to deal with complex issues, and service to the department also are considered. No application is necessary.

Hough Award

Corinthia and Orsamus D. Hough endowed this award to be granted to a **sophomore or junior SOAN major** who shall use it to secure "practical acquaintance with the underprivileged class". This award is competitive, and is normally given to pay expenses for work completed during the following summer. The recipient is to make a presentation to the department following completion of the project.

To apply, write a proposal stating what you intend to accomplish; when, where, how and other details; and how much funding you are requesting. Please provide as detailed a budget as you can, e.g., travel costs, living expenses. Submit the proposal to Mrs. Laucher by **Monday, April 6, 2009**. The amount of the award varies according to the nature of the project.

King Award

Established by alumnus Janet King, this award is given to a person whose previous work significantly links research or other academic work to public service. No application or nomination is necessary.

Names of award winners are engraved on plaques in the Sociology/ Anthropology Seminar Room (Elliott Hall 304). If you wish to submit a research paper for the Fitton Award or a proposal for the Hough Award, remember that your submission must be made by **Monday, April 6, 2009**. Information also listed on our website <http://sociology.owu.edu/>

AKA Selection for Alpha Kappa Delta, the SOAN Honorary Society, will be made in the spring semester. Nominations are determined on the basis of the following criteria and qualified candidates are contacted by the AKD Advisor, Dr. Mahdi.

- declared junior/senior SOAN major/minor,
- completed 5 graded SOAN courses (seniors may be registered in the 5th in spring semester),
- SOAN GPA of 3.0 and overall GPA of 3.0.

The induction of new members into Alpha Kappa Delta will also take place during the End-of-Year Picnic.

The department is grateful to all the SOAN majors who came to the retirement open house to honor our two retirees, Dr. Smith and Dr. Mahdi. By attending, you demonstrated your respect and gratitude for their many years of service to the department and its students, as well as to the university community.

GRADUATE SCHOOL INFORMATION

The SOAN Office maintains a file drawer of Graduate School opportunities, including the American Sociological Association's Guide to Graduate Departments of Sociology and the American Anthropological Association's Guide to the Departments of Anthropology. The files are available during normal office hours. The guides may be checked out of the office. See Mrs. Laucher for assistance.

Summer Session '09 May 18– June 19

Pre-registration—March 23-April 10

The Sociology/Anthropology Department will offer the following courses in the 2010 Summer Session.

- 110 Introductory Sociology (Mahdi) - 8:00 am
- 111 Cultural Anthropology (Howard) - 9:40 am
- 200.1 Marriage & Family in Popular Culture (Cohen) 9:40 am
- 347 Health & Illness (Howard) - 11:20
- 349 Gender in Contemporary Society (Cohen) - 11:20 am
- 358 Society, Politics & Social Movement (Mahdi) -9:40 am
- 490 Independent Studies (Durst and Mahdi)
- 491 Directed Readings (Durst and Mahdi)

6th Annual OWU Documentary

Film Festival

Sat. Apr. 18th
7:30 pm
The Strand

**Films produced by OWU
Students from Visual
Anthropology Honors
Course.**