

SOCSOURCE

BLOCK 7 | MARCH / APRIL 2014

Spring is here! There are lots of exciting things going on in the department this springs, so read on to learn about student and faculty research presentations, upcoming deadlines and events, and our majors' summer and post-graduate plans!

Aubrey Hasvold and Lauren Dinsmore to Present Senior Thesis Research at Colorado Springs Undergraduate Research Forum (CSURF) April 12th!

Senior Sociology Majors, **Lauren Dinsmore** and **Aubrey Hasvold**, will be presenting their thesis research at the annual Colorado Springs Undergraduate Research Forum (CSURF) at the Air Force Academy on April 12th. The conference will feature undergraduate research from Colorado College, UCCS, and the Air Force Academy.

Lauren's thesis, "**Playing Fair: An Analysis of Social Class Disparities in Accessibility to and Quality of Denver Playgrounds,**" investigates playground access in Denver using GIS mapping.

Aubrey's thesis, "**An Investigation of the Protective Power of Developmental Assets With Regard to Risk-Taking Behaviors,**" explores associations between nine developmental assets and the substance use among middle and high school students in Old Rocky Mountain School District 10.

Come out and support your peers in this fun and free event!

Saturday, April 12th, 2014

US Air Force Academy

Full event: 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Presentations: 10:00 am—4:20 pm

Attendees must register for free here: <http://www.uccs.edu/~csurf/>

For more information, call: (719) 255-4552

UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior Thesis Decompression Hour

Every Thursday, 2:00-3:00 p.m. // Eli's Office (Palmer 129)

Sociological Imagination First-Year Luncheon: Summer!

Wednesday, April 2nd: 12:00 p.m. // Sociology Seminar Room

Sociological Imagination Luncheon: Topic TBA

Thursday, April 3rd: 12:00 p.m. // Sociology Seminar Room

Colorado Springs Undergraduate Research Forum (CSURF)

Saturday, April 12th: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. // Air Force Academy

Visiting Professor Research Presentation Panel

Monday, April 14th: 12:00 p.m. // Palmer 123

SO223: Spatial Analysis of Social Issues Research Presentation

Tuesday, April 15th: 12:00 p.m. // Location TBA

Seventh Block Break Programs

Thursday, April 17th -Saturday, April 19th.

More information coming soon.

GIS Portfolio Formatting Day!

Tuesday, April 22nd: 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. // GIS Lab

UPCOMING DEADLINES

Wednesday, April 2nd: Student Advisory Board Nomination Deadline

Monday, April 21st: O'Connor Grant Application Deadline (Round 3)

Visiting Professor Research Presentation Panel

Our students aren't the only ones presenting their research this spring. Visiting professors **Deb Smith, Elena Windsong, and Matt Bakker** will be presenting their research in the "Sociology Department Visiting Professor Research Panel" on April 14th!

Come eat a free lunch and listen to your beloved professors talk about their own research. This is an exciting and unique opportunity to see what good research presentation looks like, learn a bit more about the research process, and see your professors shine!

Please **RSVP to Eli** to ensure we have enough food!

GIS Portfolio Formatting Day!

Have you taken a GIS-based class and produced any final reports? How would you like to format those reports or projects into a finished portfolio to use for your LinkedIn Account, Grad School Applications, or Job Interviews? We will be holding a GIS Portfolio Formatting Day: **Tuesday, April 22nd: 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. in the GIS Lab.** Bring whatever projects you have and we will workshop our portfolios together! Email Eli for more information.

Sociology Majors' Exciting Plans!

Sociology majors do great things, both in and out of the classroom. Read on to learn about what some of our majors are up to in coming blocks, for the summer, and after graduation!

Aditi Ramaswami ('14) will be a yearlong PIFP fellow at Colorado Coalition for the Medically Underserved.

Ale Chavez ('14) will be working at Vanguard Dermatology and Skin Cancer Specialists in a Healthcare Administration position. The position requires an ability to analyze large data sets to draw out patterns, as well as a basic understanding of financial terms. Throughout her two-year rotation, Ale will work in various areas of the medical practice, with opportunities for managerial promotion afterwards.

Caila Criss ('14) will be a yearlong PIFP fellow with Denver Schools for Science and Technology, where she will be working in communication, enrollment, and recruiting, as well as helping with the opening of two new charter schools.

Olivia Coble ('14) will be spending her summer leading high school outdoor trips (backpacking, rafting, ice climbing, kayaking) in Alaska with Moondance Adventures.

Sarah Freeman ('14) will be spending her summer working for Overland as a counselor leading backpacking trips in France, Switzerland and Italy for high school students. She will then spend the month of August in Mumias, Kenya to meet up with the rest of the GlobeMed team to work with their community partner, WOPLAH. In the fall, Sarah will be a yearlong PIFP fellow at the Bell Policy Center.

Beza Taddess ('15) will be participating in two internships. The first internship is in Sweden, with UNHCR (The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees), where she will be working with refugees from Syria and helping with office work. The second internship is with Constitution Surgery Centers in Newington, CT, where she will be shadowing the Senior Vice President of Operations to learn about health administrative duties.

Eva Grant ('15) will be a PIFP summer fellow with Palmer Land Trust in Colorado Springs, where she will be responsible for producing short films to promote the conservation efforts of the organization.

Maeve O'Connor-Bethune ('15) will spend the spring interning at the Foyle branch of The Rainbow Project in Northern Ireland as a part of her study abroad experience.

Mary Edman ('15) will be spending the summer interning at the United States Tennis Association, helping to plan an end of year summer tournament and extend the organization's presence in schools.

Mindy Huang ('15) will be interning with the Uganda Village Project this summer. The Uganda Village Project was created as an initiative of the International Federation of Medical Students Associations. In this 8-week internship, Mindy will be working with various villages in the Iganga District as a part of their Monitoring, Evaluation, and Follow-Up Team. She will be monitoring and evaluating the progress of the health statuses of various villages and assessing the effectiveness of current programming.

Rachel Maremont ('15) will be the summer PIFP fellow at the Bell Policy Center.

Taylor Moore ('15) will be a summer PIFP fellow at Care and Share Food Bank.

2014/2015 Student Advisory Board Elections!

Elections will take place in the **third week of Block 7! We are now accepting nominations!**

We will be electing **one rising junior** and **one rising senior** for the upcoming academic year.
If you are interested in running to be on the board, read on!

ABOUT THE STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

The Student Advisory Board serves as the "student face of the department," by attending any campus events, lunches, dinners, and talks in which the Sociology Department must be represented. The SAB also works throughout the year on a variety of initiatives, such as the "Sociological Imagination Luncheon Series," "Sociological Imagination First-Year Luncheon Series," Block Break Programs, and *SocSource* Bulletin. Finally, the SAB plans events, such as the Sociology Department Holiday Party and End-of-Year Celebration. This is a fun and exciting way to be more involved in the Sociology department!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- If you would like to run to be on the Student Advisory Board for the upcoming academic year and represent your grade, please email Elizabeth.K.Michaels@ColoradoCollege.edu by **Wednesday, April 2nd**.
- **The time commitment is about 3 hours per block** (1 planning meeting and usually 2 hour-long events during the lunch hour).
- Please note that this is a **year-long commitment**. If you run to be on the board, it is expected that you are willing and able to commit fully to the time commitment of the position.
- **If you are going abroad next year:** You can still run, but you must run with another person who will fill in while you are away. This means that if you are going abroad in the fall and your friend or peer (must be in the same grade) is going abroad in the spring, **you may run as a pair**. If you are doing this, please indicate so when you nominate yourself. Be sure to 'cc the other person on the email so we are all in communication!