

# SocSource

Block 5 | January-February 2019

## In the Community...

### Community-Based Half-Block Research



Over half-block, majors honed their data analysis skills by completing research projects for different organizations in Colorado Springs. Community partners included Planned Parenthood, Foundations for Successful Living, and the El Paso County Combined Courthouse. "These half block projects are wins," said Prof. Murphy-Geiss, who leads the classes each year. "Community partners get high quality research which they could never afford otherwise for free (Planned Parenthood estimated the worth at \$10,000), and students get hands-on experience both working with non-profit organizations and also doing applied research with real data to answer real-world questions."

### Grace Perry '18 to Publish Senior Capstone



Sociology major Grace Perry '18 will be taking her senior research beyond the Tutt archives this summer, and will publish her work with the intersex community in the peer-reviewed Journal of

Androgyny. Though originally Perry was not planning on publishing her work, the wide variety of academic journal types has her confident that all students can find a source suitable to their passions. "I would definitely encourage other students to be more intentional and active about seeking out publication opportunities because I argue everyone at CC has probably completed a work worth publishing during their time here!" Perry's covers intersex activists like Sean Saifa Wall (pictured above) and their response to intersex infant surgeries. You can learn more about Perry's research in the Washington LGBTQ newspaper *The Washington Blade*.

## THE SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT IS HOLDING A T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST!

We are showing off our department pride by making CC Sociology T-shirts available to all majors, but we need your help to create a design! Submissions ...

- Can include a caption and/or a design on the front
- Must relate to the sociology curriculum
- Must two colors (one design, one background)
- Cannot include Colorado College

Please send your witty and subversive designs to Mark Scaggs by 2/4!



# Coming to a Department Near You: The Newest Faces of Sociology at CC!



**Florencia Rojo, she/her/hers, Incoming Activist-Scholar**

We are excited to announce the addition of Florencia Rojo as the sociology department's new Activist-Scholar! Florencia Rojo's main areas of interest are at the intersections of violence, trauma, and immigration. Her academic work qualitatively examines the collective and intergenerational experiences of trauma among Central American immigrant families. Her commitment to addressing violence and trauma extends to her community-based work; she has led youth violence prevention efforts and organized responses to police violence in Chicago and San Francisco, respectively. At Colorado College, Prof. Rojo looks forward to collaborating with students to build bridges between scholarship and activism. She holds a BA in sociology from DePaul University and is completing her PhD in sociology from the University of California, San Francisco.



**Bryn Morgan '18, she/her/hers, Incoming Sociology Paraprofessional**

1) *What do you hope to do as paraprof next year?*

Next year as paraprof, I hope to be a great resource to all students in the Sociology Department. I also hope to continue to work with the different community-based projects in Sociology Department, specifically with Mitchell High School in District 11 through the extended format half block.

2) *What do you hope to do after paraprofing?*

After paraprofing, I hope to continue on to graduate school to get my PhD in sociology with a focus on gender and immigration. I hope one day to become a sociology professor!

3) *What's your favorite soc class you've taken?*

I have loved pretty much all my sociology classes but my favorite would probably be Eric's Development and Grassroots Resistance in Latin America. For this class we traveled to Oaxaca, Mexico and were able to meet with many indigenous organizations and students.



**Jiexin (Zoe) Zhou, she/her/hers, New Member of Sociology Advisory Board**

1) *What do you hope to accomplish with the SAB this semester?*

I hope to challenge myself by participating in organizing more interesting and meaningful activities in SAB, and at the same time to add some diversity in Sociology with my international background.

2) *If you could do any event for the department, what would it be?*

I would love to start some career and information sessions with professors and alumni, to not only provide helpful information and advice to students in the department, but also attract new students who are interested in Sociology but don't really know about it yet.

3) *What has been your favorite sociology class?*

My favorite class is Deviance and Social Control. It was my first Sociology class in CC and it really impressed me with the ideas of othering and community forming. This course showed me a new way to observe and think about social phenomena around us critically.