



INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND

A large, light-colored stone wall sign with the text "INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND" in dark, serif capital letters. The sign is set on a green lawn and is surrounded by a bed of red and white flowers. Three black, dome-shaped outdoor lights are positioned around the flower bed. In the background, there are lush green trees and a cloudy sky.

September Kudos

Sociology & Anthropology

- Students Christine Deutscher and Jazmine Medina both received SMART Travel grants to support their participation at the American Sociological Association Academic Honors Program.
- Student John DeVreese received a SMART Internship award to support his work with a primate research project at a Chicago zoo.
- Alumni Brandi Morehouse was accepted into Western Michigan University's Social Work graduate program.

Sociology & Anthropology, cont'd



- Kathi Piekarski's work with therapy dogs and shepherding the department was highlighted in the [Pride of Indiana section of Inside IU.](#)
- Kathi was also interviewed as part of a Dog and Horse Assisted Therapy research project.

Sociology & Anthropology, cont'd

- Theo Randall had an interview with ABC-57 concerning African American students in the South Bend Community Schools. He was also on a panel with Dr. David Moss (Director of African American Student Affairs) and Debra Stanley (Minority AIDS Coalition).
- Jay VanderVeen was interviewed by ABC-57 about the recovered body of Anastacia Cortes Reyes in Elkhart and the work of forensic anthropology.

Sociology & Anthropology, cont'd

Zach Schrank had two published papers and two conference presentations:

- “An Assessment of Student Perceptions and Responses to Frequent Low-Stakes Testing in Introductory Sociology Classes.” *Teaching Sociology* 44(2): 118-127.
- “Individualist and Collectivist Consumer Motivations in Local Organic Food Markets.” *Journal of Consumer Culture*. (With co-author Katrina Running)
- “Assessing Student Perceptions and Responses to Frequent Low-stakes Testing.” Presented at the 17th Annual Midwest Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Conference, at Indiana University South Bend on April 1.
- “Enhancing Student Engagement and Perceived Learning in Introductory Sociology Classes with Daily Written Exams.” Paper presented at the Annual Midwest Sociological Society Conference, Chicago, IL, on March 23



Sociology & Anthropology, cont'd

- David Blouin presented a paper at the American Sociological Association annual conference in Seattle entitled: "The Teaching Experiences, Readiness, and Training of Sociology Graduate Student Instructors."
- Gail McGuire has been named Director of the Carnegie Engaged Campus Initiative for our campus.

Sociology & Anthropology, cont'd

- The fifth edition of Scott Sernau's *Social Inequality in a Global Age* was published

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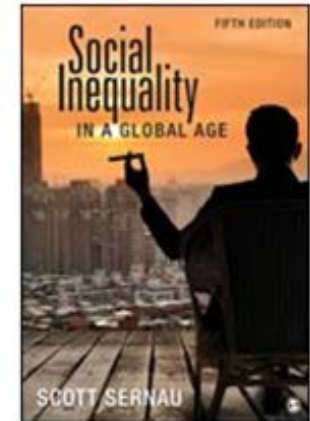
[Social Inequality in a Global Age](#)

Fifth Edition

Scott Sernau

Social Inequality in a Global Age, *Fifth*

Edition examines systems of inequality in the U.S. based on race, class, gender and sexuality, as well as the dynamics of power and privilege. While the focus is on the U.S., Scott Sernau discusses the interplay of systems of inequality in the U.S. amidst the changing global economy.



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Math

- Professor Zhong Guan presented at the 2016 Joint Statistical Meetings in Chicago, Illinois. His presentation was titled “Accelerated Nonparametric Maximum Likelihood Density Deconvolution Using Bernstein Polynomial”

Math, cont'd.

- Peter Connor gave two talks this summer:

“Gluing constructions for embedded doubly periodic minimal surfaces in \mathbb{R}^3 ”, 2016 Lehigh Geometry and Topology Conference, May 28, 2016.

“Special polynomials and minimal surfaces”, MathFest 2016.

Chemistry



- Shahir Rizk presented a poster: "Controlling protein structure and function using engineered allosteric effectors" at the International Protein Society Symposium in Baltimore, Maryland in August.
- Shahir also attended an NSF-sponsored workshop on Medicinal Chemistry. This is an NSF funded workshop for scientists from predominantly undergraduate universities to provide skills for developing courses in medicinal chemistry and drug design as well as incorporating these topics in undergraduate research. This program is application based, and only about 20 faculty are selected nationwide once every two years for this workshop.

Chemistry, cont'd

- Chemistry student Khai Pham did an internship this summer at LECO Corporation with Associate Faculty members David Alonso, who works for LECO.
- Khai Pham also presented a poster: “A Novel Benchtop Time-of-Flight GC-MS System For High Throughput Qualitative And Quantitative Analysis of Drugs of Abuse in Human Urine” at the International Mass Spectrometry Conference in Toronto, Canada in August.

English

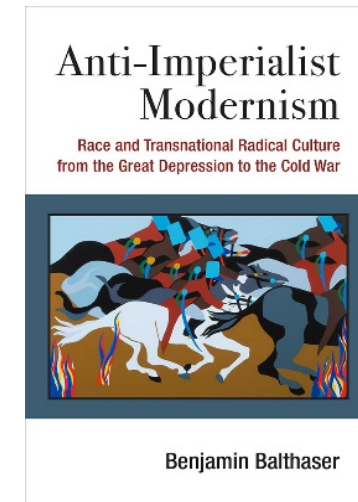
- [Literary Mama](#) published a book review by Erinn Kelley
- Rebecca Brittenham had two articles accepted:
 - “The Interference Narrative and the Real Value of Student Work.”
College Composition and Communication (forthcoming February 2017)
 - “Outliving the Ghosts: Storytelling and Community Engagement,” co-written with Erin McLaughlin and Connie Snyder Mick. Pedagogy 18.1 (forthcoming June 2017)

English, cont'd



Mary Anna Violi's second book, *Spirited Constellations: Travels*, was published early this summer; the second edition of *Spirited Constellations* was also published

Benjamin Balthaser received a New Frontiers in the Arts & Humanities Experimentation Fellowship; his project is titled *The Dialectics of Race: Modernism and the Search for a Racial Subject*



English, cont'd

- Kyoko Takanashi has taken on the new role of Coordinator of the Reimagining the First Year initiative at IUSB.
- Kyoko also presented a paper titled “On Helplessness” at the North American Society for the Study of Romanticism Annual Conference (8/11-8/14 Berkeley, Ca).

Women's and Gender Studies

- Andrea Rusnock reviewed a book for the journal *Russian Review* and a book for the journal *Renaissance Quarterly*. I peer reviewed an article for possible publication in the journal *Textile History*.
- April Lidinsky presented with Rhonda Redman (WGS major) on “Michiana Monologues: Using Readers’ Theatre for Sexual Violence Prevention and Healing” at the August 11 IUPUI conference: “Creating Cultures of Care and Compassion: Commuter and Regional Campuses’ Role in the Prevention of Sexual Violence.
- As a result of the IUPUI conference above, IUPUC and Safe Place & Wellness Program (an organization in California) are starting their own Monologues project.