



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA SOCIOLOGY

Winter 2022 Newsletter

WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

Daphne Pedersen, Ph.D.

Thank you for taking the time to read our inaugural newsletter! I joined the faculty of UND in 2004, and the number of changes that have occurred since that time are phenomenal. There is so much news to share – about the faculty and staff, our students, Gillette Hall, the campus... We wanted to take the time to reach out to connect with you, our friends, alumni, and supporters, to share all the goings-on.

Some of the greatest changes you might notice, if you took a trip back to campus, are to our work and classroom spaces. Gillette Hall and the department got a significant facelift over the last few years (no more orange carpet!) and what a difference it makes. New windows were also put in, and “the link” connecting O’Kelly and Gillette is nearly complete. Remember Centennial Drive? It’s now a lovely pedestrian walkway. Soaring Eagle Prairie also benefitted from the addition of a seating area where it can be more readily enjoyed and appreciated.

My first year at UND, Frank White introduced me to something called the “Stanley Cup.” Everyone I met in town knew him.... and so they also knew something about sociology. Frank retired earlier this year, and his presence on campus is sorely missed. In the fall of 2021, we welcomed Ms. Allyssa Baumbach and Dr. Joe Jochman and to the department. We are lucky to have them as colleagues, and they are well regarded by our students.

Speaking of students... ours are fantastic and up to amazing things. Alyssa Stutlien – a junior in Sociology – attended the ASA Honors program this August in Los Angeles and experienced her first professional conference. She gave a research presentation and is poised to do so again this spring at the Midwest Sociological Society meetings. Many of our students get involved in the community and the discipline and are able to have close working relationships with the faculty, something of which we are very proud.

Please keep us posted with your changes and news. Our alumni do many outstanding things (see, for instance, news about Dr. Delore Zimmerman being awarded an honorary degree from UND for his contributions) and we would love to hear what you are up to and celebrate your successes.

Wishing you all the best.

Peace, love, sociology!

Daphne Pedersen



BUILDING UPDATES GILLETTE HALL

The campus home of the Sociology Department, Gillette Hall, has seen several updates recently. There is a fresh coat of paint throughout the building, and faculty offices have new carpet, windows, and furniture, and the Department office added a student study and lounge space. Centennial Drive is undergoing transformation into a beautiful landscaped walkway for students, and our neighbors in O'Kelly will soon be connected to us with a link through Gillette 101.



Link in progress



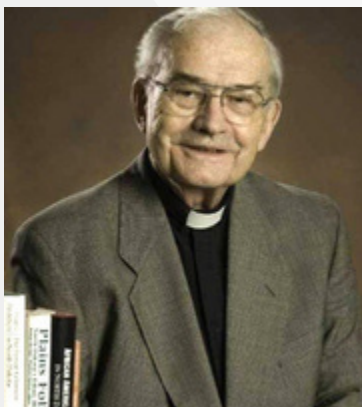
Finally, as visitors enter the front of the building, they will notice the updated sign!



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

Remembering Father Sherman, '65

The Rev. William "Bill" Sherman, former lecturer in philosophy & religion and priest for the UND Newman Center, passed away May 4, 2022, at Valley Senior Living on Columbia in Grand Forks. He was 94.



He was a priest of the Diocese of Fargo; former pastor of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Grand Forks, and prominent religious leader.

Sherman graduated from St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn., with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and Philosophy. It was while attending St. John's that he began discerning his vocation to the priesthood. He attended St. John's Seminary in Collegeville and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree. William was ordained a Roman Catholic Priest for the Diocese of Fargo in June, 1955. and offered his first Mass at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Lidgerwood, N.D. In 1965, he earned a Master's degree in Sociology from the University of North Dakota.

Fr. Sherman was named a Professor Emeritus of Sociology at North Dakota State University. In 2003, he was awarded an honorary Doctorate degree from the University of Mary. On May 17, 2014, he was awarded an honorary Doctorate degree from the University of North Dakota. This honor is given to celebrate someone who has spent many years in a specific field. Fr. Sherman was nominated by the Department of Sociology.

Fr. Sherman was held in high regard and will be deeply missed by his brother priests, former parishioners and students, friends and the people of Grand Forks.

Delore Zimmerman, '76, '79, Honored

Entrepreneur Delore Zimmerman, founder and president of Praxis Strategy Group, was awarded a UND honorary doctoral degree at Spring 2022 commencement. Zimmerman earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in sociology from UND, before earning his Ph.D. in sociology, economic geography and environment from Pennsylvania State University.

A native of Wishek, N.D., Zimmerman is an economic strategist, researcher, activist and developer. His work with hundreds of entrepreneurs and dozens of communities has led him to advising technology, agriculture and economic development organizations in Wales, England, South Korea and Tanzania, in addition to his decades of work in the Greater Grand Forks region.



He currently serves as the Interim Executive Director of the Valley Prosperity Partnership. He also co-founded and co-manages the Red River Corridor Fund, and is president of the Red River Angel Fund.

He has been awarded eight Small Business Innovation Research awards funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development and has written or co-written several books on economic development.

Zimmerman founded Praxis Strategy Group in 1994. Headquartered in Grand Forks, Praxis Strategy Group is an economic research, strategy, planning and development company that works with community leaders and entrepreneurs in business, government, education and the civic sector.

Frank White, '88, retires from Sociology after 34 years

Frank White has spent the last 34 years teaching in the Sociology Department at UND, working with students in classes including Introduction to Sociology, Social Problems, Sociology of Sport, and Drugs and Society.

Over the last 40 years, Frank has also taught at Lake Region State College, Grand Forks Air Force Base, Northland Community & Technical College, the University of Minnesota – Crookston, and American College of Norway in Moss, Norway.

Frank earned awards for outstanding teaching at UND in 1997 and again in 2019.

He has earned numerous teaching and service awards, including the Academic Advisor of the Year, Faculty Service-Learning Award, and the North Dakota Spirit Faculty Achievement Award. He was also named a Bush Teaching Scholar for his innovative work on classroom assessment.



The UND Foundation established the Professor Frank White Endowment Scholarship, and his philanthropic and community efforts have helped establish endowed academic scholarships at Mayville State University and Lake Region State College.

Frank continues to share his critical insights at numerous high schools, colleges, and community organizations. His research deals with the stigma, stereotypes, and misuse associated with the current opioid epidemic and other drugs of concern. He has been featured in interviews by USA Today, CBS News, the Minneapolis Star and Tribune, and the Los Angeles Times.

The Department of Sociology and University of North Dakota wish Frank well in his retirement. His presence on campus will be sorely missed.



STUDENT PROFILE

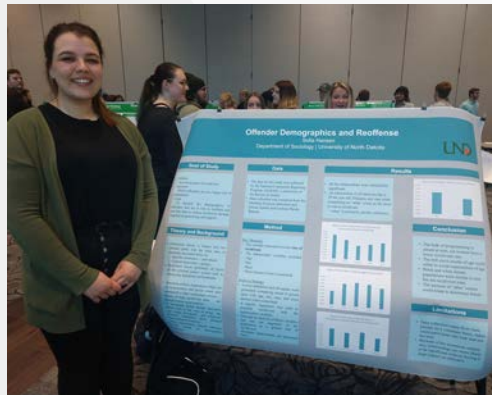
Alyssa Stutlien

A junior majoring in Sociology and Women and Gender Studies, and a native of Fargo, Alyssa is a McNair scholar and very involved in campus events. She is working with Dr. Pedersen on an NSF project examining identity development among undergraduates in the sciences. This August, she was accepted into the ASA Honors Program for undergraduates and attended the ASA meetings in Los Angeles. There, she presented study findings and was able to attend a number of professional socialization and networking events. Alyssa is currently doing an internship with CVIC (Community Violence Intervention Center) and wants to pursue a PhD in Sociology. Her dream is to do victim advocacy work – either through research or policy.



UNDERGRADUATE SHOWCASE

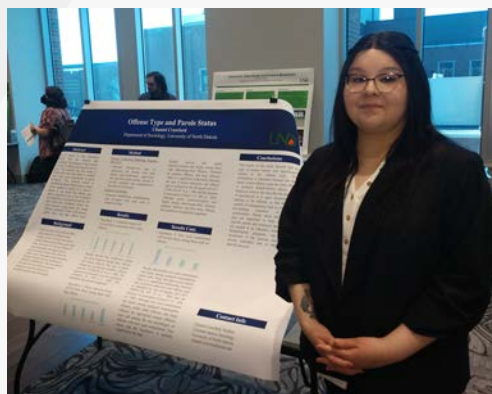
Last spring several undergraduate presented their work at the Undergraduate Showcase. For this event, students prepared a poster highlighting their research in a non-competitive space. Thanks to these outstanding students for sharing their work with the campus community!



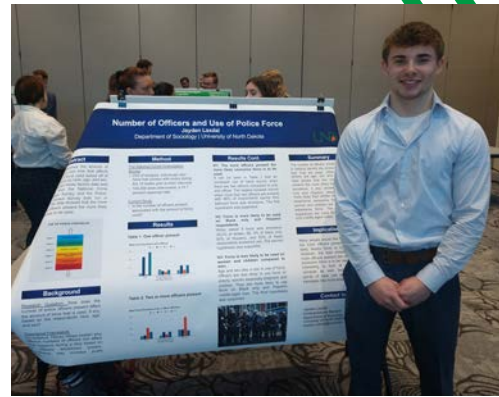
Offender Demographics and Reoffense
Sofia Hansen, Sociology, Psychology, Social Science, and Criminal Justice



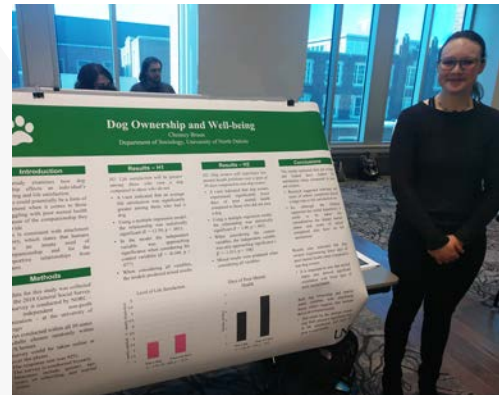
Juvenile Delinquency: The Impact of Parental Supervision and Structure
Hayle Knudson, Sociology and Criminal Justice



Offense Type and Parole Status
Chantel Crawford, Sociology and Criminal Justice



Number of Officers and Use of Police Force
Jayden Laxdal, Sociology and Criminal Justice



Dog Ownership and Well-being
Chesney Braun, Sociology and Criminal Justice



Deviant Behavior and The Relationship with Teammates/Coaches
Jake Oliphant, Sociology and Criminal Justice



Adolescents, Video Games, and Predatory Monetization
Cameron Squire, Sociology and Criminal Justice

FACULTY SUCCESS

Welcome new faculty!

Joe Jochman

Teaching Assistant Professor



Dr. Jochman joined the Sociology Department during Fall 2021 and is very happy to be part of the community! He is originally from La Crosse, WI, where he completed his undergraduate degree in Sociology and Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin-

La Crosse in 2005. Joe later moved to Madison, WI, where he graduated with a Master's degree in Rehabilitation Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2009. Following his Master's, he worked for several years in Madison with kids and teenagers on the autism spectrum, before moving to Lincoln, NE to begin his Ph.D. work in Sociology. Joe graduated with his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in May 2020. He then completed a postdoctoral year with the Department of Sociology at UNL.

Currently, Joe is teaching Introduction to Sociology, Criminology, Sociological Research Methods, Sociological Statistics, and Medical Sociology for UND. He also has teaching interests in Social Psychology and Sociology of Religion. Joe's research areas of interest include health, inequality, social psychology, criminology, and religion, and he has published several peer-reviewed articles in these areas. Joe especially enjoys working with students interested in social science research, and in particular working on projects and professional development activities including formal presentations. Joe finds a great deal of synergy between his teaching and research interests, and looks forward to continued work with the students and faculty at UND.

Allyssa Baumbach

Teaching Assistant Professor

Before joining the UND's Sociology Department as a Teaching Assistant Professor in the fall of 2021, Allyssa worked in various capacities at the University, including as a part-time Sociology instructor since the fall of 2016. First, she began working for UND in



the Center for Rural Health (CRH) at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences. There, she connected people with rural and public health resources, coordinated program efforts, and provided evaluation support for a seven-state project investigating the cardiac care system in the Mid- and Mountain-West funded by The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust. More recently, Allyssa worked with the University's College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) managing graduate program data and providing multiple forms of support for prospective and current graduate students in the College. Though she enjoyed the work with CRH and CEHD, her passion for teaching was strong.

In Allyssa's current role with the Department, she teaches Introduction to Sociology (110), Social Problems (115), Diversity in American Society (250), and occasionally Families in a Changing Society (335), which do well to satisfy her interests in work and family issues, social inequality, gender, and race. Most of her courses taught are in-person large enrollment undergraduate courses, but she also teaches online sections and sections with smaller enrollments. The diversity of her courses and section types has challenged her in all the best ways to create effective assessments and activities for her students. Allyssa is excited to do this work and looks forward to creating meaningful learning experiences for her students.



Daphne Pedersen

Professor, Department Chair

Daphne joined the UND faculty in 2004 and now serves as Department Chair of Sociology. She was honored to be named a Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor in 2021. She enjoys working to support both students and faculty in the department and has watched many changes occur at UND over the last several years. Daphne regularly teaches the sociological theory course for majors and minors and the senior capstone. Outside of the classroom, Daphne works on an NSF grant project that focuses on STEM student and faculty development, particularly around issues of equity, identity, and mentoring. She currently serves on the Executive Council of Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honor society, and co-edits The Social Science Journal.



Justin Berg

Associate Professor

Justin is currently leading a research team in examining inequities among STEM faculty at UND, supported by a National Science Foundation ADVANCE Catalyst grant. So far, Justin and his team have discovered disparities in salaries, tenure attainment, and leadership opportunities. They have also learned of some hidden inequities, such as service and start-up difficulties faced by female and foreign-born STEM faculty members. This year they will finish collecting data and write a five-year strategic equity plan.



Gabe Kilzer

Teaching Assistant Professor

Gabe has been a Teaching Assistant Professor at the University of North Dakota since the Fall 2017 semester. His teaching responsibilities typically include Introduction to Sociology, Diversity in American Society, Delinquency and Juvenile Justice, and the newly re-introduced Social Psychology course. Gabe enjoys the process of creating and implementing lesson plans and adjusting them based on student performance and feedback as well as contemporary research on teaching practices. Over the years, he has attended workshops and seminars to help develop online and HyFlex structures for each of these classes so as to increase the overall accessibility of these courses and meet the increasing student demand for online courses. He is currently finishing up the course structure for the online Social Psychology class, which is set to debut during the Spring 2023 semester.





Elizabeth Legerski
Associate Professor



Liz Legerski is an Associate Professor who has been with the department since 2010. She teaches courses in social inequality, social movements, social policy, and statistics for the department and has been transitioning all her classes to using only free or open education resources (OERs). As part of these efforts, she has worked with colleagues in psychology on the efficacy of OERs and with Dr. Justin Berg to develop a statistics OER. This year she completed her two-year term as the faculty adviser to the State Board of Higher Education, her three-year term as vice-chair/chair/immediate past chair of UND's Senate, and her time as the Dakotas Director of the Midwest Sociological Society. She is excited to focus more of her time on several research projects related to sexual harassment and interpersonal violence among college-aged people.

A big thank you to Dr. Legerski from the department for her exceptional service, especially her work with the State Board of Higher Education!

Krista Lynn Minnotte
Professor

Krista Lynn Minnotte continues to research the cultural and structural factors that shape the fabric of work and family life. Her latest collaborative project explores how faculty parents adapted to work-family challenges during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. She is highly involved with the reinvigoration of the University Council for Women+ at UND and with the Work and Family Researchers Network, a professional organization that brings together work-family researchers across disciplines.



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