Texas A&M University  
Department of Sociology

Sociology Colloquium Series Schedule  
Fall 2019

Location: 326 Academic Building, College Station TX 77843

Day and Time: Wednesday, 12–1:30pm

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September 4, 2019  
Dr. Kevin Lewis, University of California San Diego  
Race and Online Dating

Kevin Lewis is an associate professor of sociology at the University of California San Diego. He studies the formation and evolution of social networks, the principles of human interaction that produce global network patterns, and the implications of these processes for the genesis and reproduction of inequality. To address these topics, he has analyzed a number of large-scale network datasets—spanning topics such as online dating, internet activism, and college students' behavior on Facebook—and his work has been published in a variety of sociological and interdisciplinary journals.

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September 11, 2019  
Dr. Stjepan Meštrović, Texas A&M University  
A Sociological Perspective on War Crimes and Subsequent Court Martials

Dr. Mestrovic will discuss common themes he has found in his research on war crimes and subsequent court martial obtained on his role as an expert witness in cases such as Abu Ghraib, Operation Iron Triangle, the Baghdad Canal killings, and the Kill Team murders.

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September 18, 2019  
Dr. Heili Pals, Texas A&M University  
Paradox in Mental Health: Racial Differences in Depression, Anxiety, and Self-derogation through the Life Course

Puzzlingly, white Americans report higher levels of depression and lower levels of self-esteem than blacks even though they experience lower levels of discrimination and are under-represented among lower socio-economic statuses (Barnes, Keyes and Bates 2013, Hughes and Demo 1989, Williams et al. 2007). Dr. Pals explores the racial gap in these social psychological indicators using the Kaplan Longitudinal and Multigenerational Study (KLAMS). KLAMS allows a comparison of two generations (parents and children) and a long-term analysis (from adolescence to adulthood). Dr. Pals’ research will attempt to: 1) delineate the gap between whites and blacks across different ages from adolescence to adulthood and over two different generations; 2) compare the gap between whites and blacks in three different dimensions of negative self-feelings (anxiety, depression, and self-derogation); and, 3) explore possible mechanisms to explain the gap.
September 25, 2019
Dr. Defne Over, Texas A&M University

October 2, 2019
Vanessa Gonlin, Texas A&M University

October 9, 2019
Stephanie Ortiz, Texas A&M University