SOCIAL INEQUALITY

The area specialization in social inequality allows graduate students to explore how states, policies, organizations and labor markets come together to create differing opportunities and outcomes for diverse groups within society, as well as across societies. Our faculty conduct research on gender, racial, and class inequalities within the United States and other countries, as well as comparative, cross-national research. Many of our faculty specialize jointly with the other two specialization areas in the sociology program (Demography and Environment & Community), as well as collaborating with colleagues in other disciplines (including Environment & Natural Resources, Management, and Political Science).

Core Faculty

LEON ANDERSON (PhD, Texas). Professor. Social Inequality, Crime & Deviance, Homelessness, Qualitative Methods.


GABRIELE CICIURKAITE (PhD, Kentucky). Assistant Professor. Medical Sociology, Research Methods, Aging and the Life Course, Race, Gender and Class, Mental Health.

CHRISTY GLASS (PhD, Yale). Professor. Work and Inequality, Organizations, Gender and Race/Ethnicity.

JENNIFER GIVENS (PhD, Utah). Assistant Professor. Environmental Sociology, Global and Comparative Sociology, Development, Political Economy.

ERIN HOFMANN (PhD, Texas). Assistant Professor. Demography, Migration, Gender, Russia and Eurasia

SOJUNG LIM (PhD, Wisconsin). Assistant Professor. Demography, Health, Work and Inequality, East Asia

PEGGY PETRZELKA (PhD, Iowa State). Professor. Environmental Sociology, Community and Rural Sociology.

Core Graduate Courses

- Theory & Research in Social Change
- Theory & Research in Inequality
- Work and Occupations
- Political Sociology
- Community Theory and Research
- Public Sociology
- Global Migration
- Social Policy & Inequality

Recent and Ongoing Faculty Research Projects

- Aging in Rural America
- Bias and Discrimination in the Workplace
- Job Quality and Family Outcomes in the U.S.
- Chronic Illness Prevention and Management among Vulnerable Populations
- Cross-National Comparison of the Carbon Intensity of Well-Being
- Consequences of Immigration in the U.S. West
- Gender, Work, and Family Changes in East Asia
- Global Migrants, Guest Workers & Good Mothers: Gender and Labor Migration in Spain