The last couple of years have been eventful ones for those of us on the third floor of Graham Building, and we have much news to share with you. We have not been immune to the impact of budget cuts and high unemployment. Everyone has been struggling to adapt in these economic hard times. Nonetheless, our highly committed faculty, dedicated staff, and extraordinary students continue to excel. I am confident that you will share my pride as you read through the pages of this newsletter. Our accomplishments are many, and we have some very exciting plans!

Since the last issue of Collective Memory was published, we have added three new full-time faculty. In the fall of 2010, Dr. Mikhail Balaev and Dr. Arielle Kuperberg joined the Sociology Department, and in the spring of 2012, Dr. Jim Petersen, formerly Dean of UNCG’s Graduate School, returned to full-time teaching in our Department. We are pleased to welcome all three of these fine scholar-teachers into our sociological community, and we look forward to many years of happy collaboration.

On a more somber note, as many of you already know, in March 2010, we lost Dr. David Mitchell. Dr. Mitchell was truly the “heart and soul” of UNCG’s Sociology Department, and we miss him every day. I am very happy to report, however, that the endowment fund established to honor his memory has already grown large enough to enable us to begin to award an annual David F. Mitchell Scholarship! The rapidity with which we funded this endowment is testimony both to your generosity and to the admiration and affection we all shared for David Mitchell.

To stay in closer touch with our far-flung sociology family, the UNCG Sociology Department has expanded its presence in the world of social media. We now have an impressive new website! Please check it out at www.uncg.edu/soc. There you will find current photographs, links to regularly updated news and events, and a link to the new UNCG Sociology Department Facebook page. “Friend” us on Facebook and you will be able to keep up with happenings here as well as participate in sociological discussions of current events and new research findings.

We will make extensive use of the new website and Facebook page as we plan for our next huge celebration. In 2013-14 the UNCG Sociology Department will mark its centennial. Imagine: One hundred years of sociology at UNCG! We are already beginning to plan some big events for that year, and we would like to involve as many alumni and friends as possible. We hope that you will see this as an opportunity to return to campus to reconnect directly with old friends and colleagues, and we will soon begin to solicit ideas from you about how you would like us to commemorate the centennial.

Our new website also includes a link where you can make an on-line contribution to the UNCG Sociology Department. We are enormously grateful for the on-going support we receive from alumni and friends. Hopefully, this link will make it easier for you to participate as your circumstances permit. These contributions enable us to enrich the educational experiences of our many fine students in ways not otherwise possible in this era of declining state budgets. As you read in the following pages of their many accomplishments, we hope that you remain confident that your support makes a huge difference in the lives of UNCG sociology students.
I first arrived at Hunter College at the City University of New York (CUNY) with only a very vague idea of what I wanted to do with my life. I was very interested in music and somewhat talented at playing the flute, and at first I took some music classes, but I quickly realized I was more interested in listening to music than playing it. Then, the end of my first semester of college, I was sitting with some friends planning what classes we would take the next semester, and a friend made an offhand comment that changed my life forever. She said “Take sociology 101 with Professor Battle; he’s really funny.” I had no idea what sociology was, but soc 101 fulfilled a general education requirement, it was taught at a convenient time, and I like funny professors, so I signed up for the class.

Every day in that sociology 101 class was a revelation. I was exposed to the structures of society, I was being taught HOW and WHY people acted the way they did, and all these unexplained patterns of behavior I had been witnessing all my life suddenly came into focus. My sociology 101 class had about 200 students, and when we learned about criminology my professor did an anonymous survey of the class, and what crimes students in my class had committed. I remember being particularly shocked to learn over 85% of my class had tried illegal drugs and over 5% had sold them - which gave me a deep appreciation of the way in which anonymous surveys can reveal patterns in our society that are otherwise hidden, and can reveal behavior which many people would be reluctant to admit to otherwise.

I was even more excited to learn that people can actually study society for a living, and towards the end of the semester I met with my soc 101 professor to tell him that I had decided I wanted to be a sociology professor. He (gently) laughed at me and suggested I take a few more sociology classes before making up my mind. So I did, and the more classes I took the more my interest in sociology grew. I began to focus on issues related to gender and work, and especially on how gender, work and family roles have changed since the second wave of the feminist movement in the 1970s. As a woman myself, I was fascinated by the extent to which opportunities available to women had increased in the past few decades at an unprecedented rate. I was also interested in the ways in which gender inequality still persisted. I started doing research with a professor in my college on gender and race occupational segregation, and the extent to which occupations with more women and racial minorities tend to be paid less. I later worked with the same professor on a project looking at the media depiction of women who left the workforce to become stay at home moms.

I also became more involved in the inner workings of academia as an undergraduate. I served for 3 years as a student representative on the student-faculty senate of Hunter College, which is the governing body of that college. There I was involved with revising the general education requirements of the college, and developing new teacher evaluations, among other activities. I became president of the sociology club for two years and was briefly vice president of Hillel, and served on several university committees including the grade appeals committee and a hiring committee for a new vice president of the university. In addition to working for about 3 years as a research assistant, I worked as an academic peer adviser at the school, helping students to register for classes, and I tutored students in sociology statistics. I also worked as an administrative assistant in the college’s student center to help pay my bills.

After I graduated in 2004 as a Sociology major and a Women’s Studies minor, I immediately started a MA/PhD program in Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania. I wrote my master’s thesis on the changing fertility of women enrolled in graduate school between 1970 and 2000, and obtained a graduate certificate in the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality along with a master’s degree in Sociology. I then decided to join the Demography program at my university, and complete a joint PhD in both Sociology and Demography, since I was becoming more and more interested in family demography, which studies the overall patterns of family life (childbearing, marriage, divorce, cohabitation, relationship formation, etc.), and how they have changed over time. I became involved in a project with a professor at Penn examining why people with more education are more likely to get married, and we discovered that these differences can be explained by the unstable labor market for those with low levels of education; those with uncertain work opportunities are less likely to get married. I decided to write my dissertation on the relatively new family form of premarital cohabitation in the United States, and examined patterns of premarital cohabitation and how they have risen over time, how behavior change between premarital cohabitation and marriage after cohabitation, and whether or not premarital cohabitation causes divorce (It doesn’t).

At the same time as I was writing my dissertation on premarital cohabitation and marriage, I was becoming involved in some participant observation on the topic in my personal life. My husband Brett moved in to my apartment right around when I submitted my dissertation proposal and we got married a little over a year later in 2009, as I was about halfway through writing my dissertation.

After graduating with a joint PhD in sociology and demography in 2010, I accepted a job as an assistant professor in sociology at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. I moved here with my husband and our 3 cats (one of which is named Durkheim, after the sociological theorist) and our basset hound mix Barkley in July 2010, and we bought a house in the Lake Daniel neighborhood. We adopted a second dog named Max, a treeing walker coonhound, shortly after we moved here. Both our dogs are recession rescue dogs; Barkley was rescued from being tied up on the side of the highway after the house he lived in was foreclosed on, and Max was abandoned after a family was evicted from their apartment. Since moving to Greensboro I’ve also expanded the herb garden I first grew when I lived in Philadelphia to a full blown vegetable garden, where I grow my own peas, onions, strawberries, potatoes, lettuce, zucchini and bell peppers. My husband and I are both foodies and we’ve been enjoying the amazing cuisine of the South since moving here.

At UNCG I teach classes on data analysis at the undergraduate and graduate levels, marriage and the family, population problems, and work and gender. I’ve started a new research project since arriving here, in which I and my student research assistants are working on analyzing a survey of over 20,000 college students who are asked about their most recent “Hook-up” or sexual encounter outside of a traditional romantic relationship. We are looking at this new form of relationship formation to specifically determine where people meet the people they hook up with, where different types of people meet their hook up partners, whether those meeting places affect their behavior during the hook-up, the differences between opposite-sex and same-sex hook-ups, and where the most risky hook-ups are initiated.
Mikhail Balaev received his PhD and MA in Sociology from the University of Oregon Sociology Department in 2008. His research examines the relationship between international trade and democratization and the global interrelation of economic-political ties. Mikhail received three certificates while at the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research in the summer program for Quantitative Methods of Social Research in 2006 and 2011. Currently Mikhail is working on three new projects: a methodological paper analyzing the lagged effects of a range of predictors on political democracy, a project that studies socioeconomic processes that influence military recruitment numbers, and a network analysis of the U.S political power structure.

Mikhail grew up in Ufa, Bashkortistan, Russia, a large city that borders the Ufa River and the Ural Mountains. Having graduated from Ufa State University with a BA degree in State and Municipal Management in 1998, he began working in the corporate sector for Coca Cola and Procter and Gamble after college before starting doctoral studies in the U.S in 2002. His interest in global economies arose in part due to seeing up close and personal the results of the socioeconomic policies that brought chaos in Russia during the nineties. This experience influenced his research and teaching interests on issues of equality, justice, international trade, and globalization. Mikhail teaches a variety of courses, with an emphasis on Quantitative Methods, Research Methods, Statistics, and Globalization.

At the end of July, Jim Petersen retired after serving for nine years as Dean of UNCG’s Graduate School. He was on leave last fall and began teaching in the Sociology Department during Spring Semester. He recently co-authored an entry on “Patterns of Political Behavior in Organizations” for an Encyclopedia of Management Theory to be published by Sage. Jim is currently working with Dan Farrell, a sociologist in the Management Department of Western Michigan University, on several projects related to whistle-blowing. Jim and Dan recently published “The Growth of Internet Research Methods and the Reluctant Sociologist” in Sociological Inquiry.

Faculty Briefs

Ken Allan has been busy revising his theory textbooks. He’s currently working on the classical text and is including new sections on democracy and the sociological imagination of the theorists (the social factors that made them see the world in a certain way). The chapters on race and gender are being expanded as well. Ken is also working with Steve Kroll-Smith on a new book that examines American individualism and how it has changed over time. On another note, the songwriting team of O’Boyle and Allan have just released their latest CD. Their new band is called “dead belly” and the CD is titled “no down lie.”

Dr. Shelly Brown-Jeffy has been the Director of Undergraduate studies since Summer 2010. She has developed and taught the new Sociology major requirement course SOC 225: Race, Class and Gender: Social Inequalities. In her free time, Shelly has been busy serving on many college and University committees. She also continues her research on racial and class inequalities in education.

Dr. Steven Cureton now serves as the department’s graduate director and published his second book Black Vanguards and Black Gangsters: From Seeds of Discontent to a Declaration of War (November 1, 2011).

Sarah Daynes is the new Honors College Sociology Liaison, succeeding Bill Markham. She has been teaching Classical Theory every semester for the past few years -- and still loving it! She recently published two books: Saints, Heroes, Myths and Rites: Classical Durkheimian Studies of Religion and Society in collaboration with colleagues Alexander Riley and Cyril Esnart (Paradigm, 2009), and Time and Memory in Reggae Music (University of Manchester Press, 2010). She is currently conducting fieldwork for her new research project on winemaking, in which she happily compares her two homes: France and North Carolina; Brian Malek, one of our undergraduate students, is her research assistant in this endeavor. Honk if you see them driving on the roads of the Yadkin Valley!

Gwen Hunnicutt has spent the past year teaching a variety of classes on topics ranging from Gender, Crime and Deviance to Collective Violence and Nonviolence in Global Perspective. Her research focuses on gender violence and theory development. She is currently preparing a manuscript titled, Gender Violence and Political Projects: Refocusing scholarship on gender violence, to present at the 2nd Global Conference Femininities and Masculinities, to be held in Prague, Czech Republic.

In 2010-11 Bill Markham was a Chancellor’s Resident Fellow in the Honors College and taught five new courses there. He remarked that he had not taught five new courses in one year since 1976! This year is his last full time year and last year as an active member of the Sociology Department. He has just become Director of the interdisciplinary Environmental Studies Program and will continue with that job, half time, for three more years before retiring. He was in Cameroon much of the summer of 2010 collecting data for a study of Cameroonians' search for community and identity, and published his second book on row exonerees after their release from prison because of their actual innocence. She continues to encourage work in this area by other scholars as well. Some of this research will be included in the upcoming edition of the Albany Law Review guest edited by Westervelt and Kim Cook. All of the articles in the journal revolve around the theme of “Revealing the Impact and Aftermath of Miscarriages of Justice.”

Coming 2013-14
UNCG Sociology Department Centennial
Student Community Engagement

The Sociology Club had an active year. It sponsored the "get engaged" contest in the fall with professors' pictures and facts with donations from merchants on Tate Street as prizes. Regular "meet your professor" lunches were held. A recruiter from the Raleigh police department spoke this year, and Dr. Arielle Kuperberg gave a talk on applying to graduate school. A bake sale was held to benefit Clara House. In addition, a get together was held for students graduating in December. Pictures posted from that party may be seen on the club's facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=oa.10150402630461456&type=1. The club also sponsored a series of films throughout the year.

Former Wrestling Team Members Take A Different Path To Success

Caylor Williams has earned a trip to the Olympic trials. Don't count them out just yet. Just as they rose to the occasion in the Southern Conference Tournament in their final season, former members of the UNCG wrestling team are back on the mat, this time under a flag. Many are still recovering from what seemed to be a sudden decision to discontinue UNCG’s 2010 Conference Champion team last year, but as sure as they were Spartans, they are tough. Former UNCG wrestling coaches Jason Loukides and Daren Burns have picked up and moved on. They are now running a 501(c)3 non-profit after school program and wrestling club under the acronym Y.E.S. (Youth, Education and Sport) with only one goal in mind, to build world champion athletes and develop these young men both on and off of the wrestling mat. So far, the Y.E.S. Wrestling team includes four wrestlers ranked in the top ten in the United States senior division and two senior division international wrestling tournaments and currently has four wrestlers ranked in the top ten in the United States senior division of Greco-Roman wrestling. The Y.E.S. Wrestling team includes four sociology majors here at UNCG, two of whom are ranked in the top 10 on the Olympic ladder. Y.E.S. Wrestling team competed in The US Open on December 16-17 in Arlington, Texas. The top 7 wrestlers at each weight at the US Open will compete in April to earn their spot on the 2012 US Olympic Team!

Occupy - Juan Miranda

I have been invested in this movement since the first meeting back in September. I attended most of the General Assemblies that led to the decision to march and begin an occupation downtown on October the 15th. I was initially in the logistic committees that helped plan this march/occupation event. Simultaneously, I was very involved in dispersing information, educating people about the movement and spreading the word about Occupy Greensboro. I personally camped out a couple of days but because of health issues and other responsibilities I
was limited to visiting the encampment sporadically but I continued to be involved by assisting general assemblies and joining several committees and working groups. I have bottom lined a couple of teach-ins and helped organized several of the events/demonstrations we have carried through, especially the marches in solidarity with Oakland and the demonstration that «welcomed» President Obama on his visit to Greensboro. I continue to be a part of the alliance building committee and also help with Spanish translations of documents and press releases by our media group.

Also, a couple of weeks along, I along with a couple of other students and interested «occupiers» gathered for a discussion in which we decided that it will be productive and beneficial to create a group that works in solidarity with the OccupyGreensboro movement but remains autonomous and focuses primarily on issues specific to UNCG students, such as tuition hikes, the expansion of campus, the increase in the student to teacher ratio and de-funding of certain programs, overpriced books, etc. Anyway, out of this idea came a new group called OccupyUNCG and we are still in talks of the specifics of this group but it’s existing and had its first official general assembly on Monday November 7th and we encourage all students to participate.

Students protest tuition hikes

On February 10, the Board of Governors will be meeting at the UNC General Administration building to vote on tuition and fee increases of up to 10% for UNC system schools. For graduate students and other programs, those increases are even larger in many cases. Tuition increases of any amount will place an undue burden on students who are already struggling to pay tuition, will force us to take out more student loan debt, and will close the doors to higher education for many young people, especially low income students and students of color.

Students have been shut out of the process and will no longer remain silent. Protest massive tuition hikes in UNC System! Education is a right!

8am: March from the Pit at UNC Chapel Hill’s campus
8:30am: Rally at the Board of Governors meeting
910 Raleigh Rd, Chapel Hill, NC

Alumni News

Anderson Bean (MA, 2008) Entered the PhD program in Sociology at George Mason University in fall 2011.

Colleen Brady (BA, 2010) is teaching English conversation at the Instituto Al-Satt, a high school located in Algete just northeast of central Madrid, Spain.

Hannah Bridges (BA, 2011) gave birth to a son, Sterling Alexander Bridges, on June 10, 2011.

Erin Briley (BA, 2010) entered UNC Law School (fall 2011) and is working on a case with the UNC Innocence Project!

Natassia Chouthi (MA, 2009) is currently a Survey Statistician at Census Bureau headquarters and continues to attend Sociological conferences (ASA, SSS for example). She is also keeping an eye on different Sociology PhD programs, to which she plans to apply in the next 2 years or so.

Becky Conway (MA, 2008) is in the PhD program at Vanderbilt specializing in Culture, Social Psych, and Mental Health

Cindy Dollar (MA, 2001) is working towards her PhD in Sociology with a concentration in Criminology at NC State University and is teaching Criminology for us in the spring of 2012.

Eva Erbskorn (BA, 2007) is a student in Marymount College’s accelerated nursing program.

Tionna Haberman (MA, 2009) is currently a stay-at-home mother to two adorable and healthy little boys with plans to return to the (paid) workforce.

Kristen Heffner (MA 2009) was the Immigrants’ Rights Fellow for the ACLU of NC from June 2009-July 2010. This was a research fellowship in which various types of law enforcement data was statistically analyzed to see if racial profiling was occurring in various parts of NC. As a result of an immigration enforcement program. She is now working on her PhD at the University of Delaware.

Krycya Flores Rojas (BA, 2010) is working as a Lay Health Advisor with the Immigrant Health Access Project.

Sarah Hosman (MA, 2009) is a PhD student in Sociology at Boston University.

Kristy Humble (MA, 2006) is working in Graham, NC for a non-profit agency, Alamance County Dispute Settlement and Youth Services, as a Program Coordinator for the Child and Family Team Program. She is also facilitating Care Review for the Alamance County System of Care. Care Review is a process where various Community Support Agencies (Mental Health Service Providers, Local Management Entity, DSS, DJJDP, etc) come together to review treatment needs for at-risk-youth. She’s also the proud Mom of Grace Makayla.

Alicia Hurley (MA, 2007) taught Sociology at a community college (DCCC) for 3 years. She currently teach fitness classes part-time and is a full-time stay at home mom.

Amanda Ireland (MA, 2009) is working at UNCG in the Center for Youth, Family and Community Partnerships.

Barbara Anne Johnson ((MA, 2005) is in the PhD program at Vanderbilt University.

Jenifer McCrae (BA, 2010) is attending Elon Law school.
Brandi McCullough (MA, 2008) entered the PhD program in sociology at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, in January of 2012 after working at UNC’s Memory Disorders Program as a Clinical Research Coordinator coordinating clinical drug trials for people with frontotemporal dementia and progressive supranuclear palsy. She ran 2 support groups (one for dementia caregivers and one for individuals with early stage dementia), helped coordinate clinical care, and helped plan the first annual conference for caregivers of frontotemporal dementia patients.

Jeff Meyers (MA, 2003) recently finished his MSW at the University of Washington and is an emergency room social worker at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.

Julie Midkiff (MA, 2007) is currently teaching fulltime at Sandhills Community College

Jonathan Neese (BA, 2011) is a management trainee for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Robert Norris (BA, 2009) is a PhD student in Criminal Justice at SUNY-Albany. His article on compensation for the wrongly convicted has been accepted for publication at Criminal Justice Policy Review, and he received the School’s 2011 Frank Remington Award, given to the graduate student who is most accomplished in integrating legal and social science studies.

Dan Sellars (MA, 2009) is a policeman with the High Point Police Department.

Michael Sileno (MA, 2007) is currently giving self-employment a go here in the Greensboro/Triad. After teaching Sociology for four semesters at Alamance Community College, he began working professionally as an IT manager at a local pharmacy. After that he worked at the International Civil Rights Center and Museum. He currently does computer and network repair, service, consulting, etc. for himself. Even though he works with technology, he says he still uses his MA daily!

Robert Solomon (MA, 2008) is working on a Ph.D in sociology at George Mason University. His area of interest is the networking patterns of minority executives. He co-authored (with a colleague) a book chapter in Miasma: The Dynamics of Difference in 2010 by Pfeiffer Publishing Company.

Gerald Thomas (MA, 2008) is working for the State Bureau of Investigation. He has been an adjunct instructor at Greensboro College teaching in the criminal justice / sociology department.

Nathan Triche (MA, 2008) is currently working for the Guilford County Sheriff’s Office as a patrol deputy.

Valerie Womack (BA, 2008) was accepted to the graduate criminology program at The University of Texas at Dallas.

Frances Yancey (MA 2003) is currently working with Easter Seals UCP NC & VA, Inc. as a Clinical Supervisor in our Residential Services program for adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness. She is also an Adjunct Instructor at Alamance Community College, teaching Sociology.

Zarena Sita (BA, 2011) is a student at the University of Baltimore School of Law.

UNCGs Eugenia Brown Receives Statewide Community Impact Student Award

ELON, Nov. 9 – Eugenia Brown of UNC Greensboro recently received North Carolina Campus Compact’s fifth Community Impact Student Award. Brown was one of thirty-four college students across the state who received the award for making significant, innovative contributions to their campus’s efforts to address local community needs. Awardees also received a Volunteer Certificate of Appreciation from Gov. Beverly Perdue. Brown is a senior with double majors in African American studies and sociology. She serves as Circle K president, having previously served as vice president and lieutenant governor for the Carolinas district. Through the Office of Leadership and Service-Learning, Brown served as a Peer Council member for two years, working with Black Child Development and Junior Achievement. She currently serves as a Civic Engagement Fellow creating service opportunities for other Spartans.

The awards were presented at two NC Campus Compact Student Conferences that brought together over 300 college students and guests representing 34 North Carolina higher education institutions. On Oct. 30 at NC Wesleyan College, the Compact’s Executive Director, Dr. Lisa Keyne, presented the awards with the Reverend James Gailliard, CEO of the Impact Center and Senior Pastor of Word Tabernacle Church. Budd Berro, the Piedmont Regional Director for the Office of the Governor, joined Dr. Keyne in presenting the awards at Johnson C. Smith University on Nov. 6.
Pamela Stone  is Professor of Sociology at Hunter College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. She has contributed articles to numerous books and journals on such topics as gender inequality in employment, occupational classification and measurement, job segregation, pay equity, and the work-family interface. In her recent book, Opting Out? Why Women Really Quit Careers and Head Home (University of California Press, May 2007), she explores not only women’s reasons for interrupting (and in some cases terminating) once-flourishing careers, but also their re-invention as at-home mothers and their re-direction away from their former careers, many in favor of historically female professions such as teaching. In research currently underway with various collaborators, she is examining long-term trends in opting out and carrying out a cross-national comparison of the utilization of flexible work options.

November 15, 2010
Bryan Building
Room 105
12:00 PM

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Dr. Bill Winders is an Associate Professor of Sociology at Georgia Tech. His current research examines how political coalitions and the southern political economy shaped twentieth century U.S. agricultural policy. Yale University Press has just published his book entitled The Politics of Food Supply. He has also published in journals such as Social Forces, Politics & Society, Social Problems, and Rural Sociology on topics including the politics of national policies, voter turnout, and social movement dynamics.

Making Food Industrial and the World Hungry: US Agricultural Policy in the World Economy

Monday Feb. 28
12/noon
Room 136
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13 Years on Death Row
13 Hours from Execution
For a crime he never committed...

Hear a story of injustice, strength, hope, and a call for us to stand for truth and justice.

Wesley-Luther Campus Ministries with The Sociology Department welcome

Shabaka WaQlimi
“Witness to Innocence”

6:30pm, Thursday February 16th
Maple Room, Elliot University Center

A free event.
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Department Celebrates Top Students 2010 and 2011

The Department held its annual Honors Luncheon to celebrate new initiates into Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD), the International Sociology Honor Society, and other students receiving top departmental and University awards. This is a highlight of the academic year and a favorite among faculty who look forward to the opportunity to honor our best students. Over 60 students, faculty, staff, and guests attended this year’s event. We have some wonderful Sociology students, and we are thrilled to be able to celebrate their accomplishments and successes!

While traditionally a ceremony to honor AKD initiates, the Honors Luncheon was recently expanded to recognize students receiving an array of top awards around the University. Students receiving AKD honors must be Sociology majors who have completed at least 12 hours of Sociology and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA overall and in Sociology classes. Other award winners include students recognized by UNCG’s oldest on-campus honor society, the Golden Chain Honor Society, and by the nation’s oldest and most prestigious honor society, Phi Beta Kappa. We also celebrated students who received the University’s top service and leadership award, the Georgia Cooper Moore Service and Leadership Award, as well as those recognized by the top academic award, the Student Excellence Award. This is an award given each year to students chosen by faculty as “the best of the best” at UNCG.

Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society

Adam Amundson
Brittany Ausley
LaKera Bethea
Emily Marie Birchett
Jeffrey Dawell Blake
Hannah Bridges
Tiffany Nicole Bryant
Ashley Coleman
De'Sharie Covington
Cessil G. Curry, Jr.
Aneliese Dar
Kiara MaeLonna Davis
Yareni De Anda
Shelia DeGraffenreidt
Britney Dent
Ashley Elmore
Shalee Forney
Tucker Gibbs
Rebekah Gonzalez
Nicole Griffin
Lauren Heath
Jordan Mae Hines
Ashleigh Howard
Kristina Nicole Humphrey
Margaret Ariel Hurst
John Wesley Johnston, III
Hollie Jones
David Austin Lambert
Nicole M. Latora
Alan Lepore
Kennedy Jo Lieberman
Stacey Light
Tenece Lockhart
Jason Lodle
Alexander M. Mabe
Brian J. Malek
Brittany Marsh
Catherine McDuffie
Juliana Melton
Juan Miranda
Erica Morris
Callie Moss
Jordan Muqtasid
Jonathan Neese
Anastacia Newton
Jacob A. Nord
Sara O'Brien
Cassandra N. Patterson
Christian Phipps
Amy Leigh Price
Andria Price
Sumer S. Roberts
Zarena Sita
Jasmin R. Smith
Jasmin Smith
Samantha Smith
Samantha L. Southall
Joe Swaringen
Lalisa Sweat
Edmund A. Teba
Tina Tuttle
Ben Vasquez
Danika Washington
Porscha Washington
Marisa Weakfall
Jennifer Wesoloski
Valerie G. Whiteley
Alex Wong
William L. Wright

Golden Chain Honor Society
Coileen Brady
De'Sharie Covington
Jennifer McCrea
Jordan Muqtasid
Danika Washington

Phi Beta Delta
Coileen Brady
Kirsten Kinne

University Marshall
Kelley Fore

Pratto Scholarship
Elizabeth Bartlett
Erin Briley
De'Sharie Covington
Tucker Gibbs
Brian Malek
Erica Morris
Lalisa Sweat
Samantha Smith
Edmund Teba

Philly Bamma
Hannah Bridges
Erin Briley
Christine Farley
Kirsten Kinne
Taylor MacPherson
Callie Moss
Agnes Szarka

Student Excellence Award
Hannah Bridges
Brian Malek
Jordan Muqtasid
Anastacia Newton
Casey Strange

Shivers Scholarship
Hannah Bridges
Brian Malek
Jordan Muqtasid
Anastacia Newton
Casey Strange

Graham & Donald Allen
Sociological Theory Prize
Brian Malek
Sociological Theory Prize Winner
Brian Malek & Zarena Sita,

Graduate Student Prize Winners
Aneliese Dar, Amy Ernstes,
Nicole Latora, Joseph Padgett,

David and Marlene Pratto
Sociological Prize Winners
Most Outstanding General Sociology Student
Brian Malek, Danika Washington
Most Outstanding Criminology Student
Hannah Bridges, Jordan Muqtasid
Most Outstanding Global Social Problems Student
Eric Olive, Valerie Whiteley