

Welcome
to the
Sociology
Department
2021 Awards
Ceremony

Thank you
for Joining Us!

The Sociology Department

- Sociology has been a part of UNCG since 1913.
- Since its inception, the Sociology Department has helped strengthen other disciplines and programs within the University.
- It is, however, particularly proud of its role in nurturing the intellectual and personal growth of thousands of students, many of whom have made significant contributions to state and nation.

AKD



- AKD is the international Sociology Honors Society.
- To qualify all, undergraduate and graduate students must have 3.3 GPA and have junior, senior or graduate student status and be a declared Sociology major.
- You are ranked in the top 35% of your class. Job well done!!

2020 AKD Inductees

- Amaya Lanaw Bell
- Lyncia Victoria Corona
- Catherine Doan
- Kyana Ferguson
- Alease Foust
- Kianna J. Funderfurk
- Reginald Glenn
- Ashley Gonzalez
- Ingrid Vasques Henriquez
- Emma Holland
- Alejandro Jorge Holt
- Kala J Inman
- Kiera Lawernce
- Rebekah Robinson
- Maria G Rojas Galvan
- Bailey Rooker
- Alec Schachner
- Angel Michelle Singletary
- Saharrah Rain Thomas
- Makenna N Todd
- Shirley Villatoro
- Ariana N Watkins
- Anairea' Watson
- Rio White
- Savannah L Young

Amaya Lanaw Bell



Amaya Bell is a junior who is pursuing a dual degree in Psychology and Sociology with a concentration in Criminology and minor in Spanish! Amaya revealed that "the best aspect of UNCG Sociology is that every instructor is more than willing to help me succeed and thrive in their course and in the real world!" After graduating, Amaya plans to attend law school!

Kianna Janell Funderburk



Kianna Funderburk revealed that “the best part about UNCG Sociology, is that I met some great professors who have made great impacts on my college experience. They not only pushed me academically, but they ensured that I would do well after graduation. Due to my experience, I am able to say I feel prepared for the next chapter.” Kianna plans to attend Bethune- Cookman University and pursue my Master’s in Criminal Justice.

Reginald Glenn



Reginald Glenn assets “one of the best parts of UNCG Sociology was taking a course on sociological perspectives on Education. This course was very educational and a lot of fun, especially doing presentations on different court cases.” Post graduation Reggie will work on himself and start his life as an adult. He plans to attend graduate school to work toward his career job of being a school psychologist.

Ingrid Vasques Henriquez



Ingrid Vasques Henriquez declares that “the professors in the sociology department are caring and love what they do. They push students to learn and grow.” Ingrid plans on taking a year break before hopefully attending law school.

Alejandro Holt



Alejandro Holt loves UNCG's Sociology Department. He states that “the professors are caring, intelligent, and willing to go beyond to help their students succeed. I've learned so much about the social interactions that underlie all social change and gained great research, analysis, and sociological writing skills.” Alejandro plans to use these skills to pursue a career in probation after graduation.

Kiera Lawrence



Kiera Lawrence a Sociology major with a minor in social work. She comments that “being a sociology major at UNCG has been a great experience for me, it has opened my eyes to a lot of things. I love how sociology is broad and we discuss topics from slavery, to the inequalities with people all over the spectrum!! My plan post graduation is to obtain my masters in Social Work.” Kiera plans to become a LCSW and to work with criminals or people with mental illnesses!

Rebekah Robinson



Rebekah Robinson asserts that “the best part about the UNCG Sociology program by far is the professors. Each one is not only so knowledgeable, but also so patient and willing to go above and beyond for their students.” After graduating in the fall, Rebekah plans to either attend law school or further study Criminology.

Alec Schachner



Alec Schachner is a Political Science and Sociology double major most interested in ethnic relationships. Alec plans to take a week to rest after graduating.

Saharrah Rain Thomas



Saharrah Thomas absolutely loves the UNCG Sociology program. She declared that “all professors are incredible. They make each lecture exciting, and you can tell that they love what they are teaching. I cannot imagine any major other than Sociology. It truly makes you think differently about society, and it is very eye opening.” After graduation, Saharrah plans to work with juveniles, and is looking forward to making a difference.

Rio White



Rio White states that she is so grateful to the Sociology Department here at UNCG because the professors here are extremely helpful and kind. She said “I feel as if my writing has gotten better and my research skills have improved a great deal. I am not sure what the future holds but the sky's the limit!”

- Sociology students who have received recognition around the University and we would like to recognize them here as well.

Other University Awards

- **Phi Beta Kappa**, the nation's oldest and most acclaimed honor society. Students inducted into Phi Beta Kappa this year had to have achieved a 3.9 GPA or higher to this point in their academic careers.
- **Provost Student Excellence Award**, UNCG's highest academic honor for undergraduates.
- **Golden Chain Honor Society**, singular and unique to UNC Greensboro, signifies rarity, excellence, and linkage

Hayley Robertson



Hayley Robertson commented that the best part about our Sociology department is how supportive the faculty has been to her. She appreciates how everyone has encouraged her to go above and beyond in her studies, and how all her professors have taken the time to get to know her and help her work towards my goals. Hayley will be attending Columbia University in the fall to study Social Work.

Sociology Scholarships

- We have several students whose academic achievements have earned special recognition. These students have received scholarships that will help fund their college education.

David and Marlene Pratto scholarship

Words of Encouragement from Marlene Pratto

We are celebrating you and your accomplishments in an unusual way as you complete this unusual year. I doubt many of us who have used computers and networks for years or decades would have thought we would be so dependent on these technologies. It is a long way from Marvin, the paranoid android, and the imaginations of science fiction writers and even academic futurists to finishing an entire semester of classes via computer. A class or two is quite different as many of you found out from interacting with professors and classmates entirely over Zoom, Skype, Google meet or hangouts or any other groupy product. I hope the time spent has been fruitful and that only the parts we truly like will make it to the “New Norm.” Congratulations on your achievements, may they carry you far and pleasantly into the future.

David and Marlene Pratto scholarship

- David Pratto was a long-standing member of our department and department chair for many years.
- Marlene also worked here at UNCG and has been a huge supporter of our department and our students.

Kiera Pate



Kiera Pate asserts that “the best thing about UNCG Sociology was having the opportunity to think about the world in an analytical and societal way. Sociology gave me the knowledge to recognize how strong societal pressure is and the tools to look at the world through a sociological lens. The understanding and learning that I achieved here will be something I will never forget.”

David and Marlene Pratto scholarship

- David Pratto was a long-standing member of our department and department chair for many years.
- Marlene also worked here at UNCG and has been a huge supporter of our department and our students.

Jazmine Phillips



Jazmine Phillips has attended UNCG for 3 years now. She disclosed that “the best part about sociology is the people. From the supportive professors, friendly classmates, and more it was hard not to feel welcomed.” After graduation, Jazmine plans to continue her education and start applying her education to her professional career.

David and Marlene Pratto scholarship

- David Pratto was a long-standing member of our department and department chair for many years.
- Marlene also worked here at UNCG and has been a huge supporter of our department and our students.

Deymaris Zambrana-Soler



Deymaris (Dey) Zambrana-Soler is a graduating senior, Sociology major with a minor in Communication Studies from San Juan, Puerto Rico. Through Sociology, she fell in love with learning while finding her voice as an activist. She is infinitely grateful for the knowledge, grace, and wisdom that the Sociology faculty has instilled in her which shaped her into the student she is today. During her time at UNCG, she served in various leadership roles within the Division of Student Affairs leading her to pursue a Master's in Education this Fall.

David Mitchell Award

○ David Mitchell's wife Anne Benner commends you on your success. She wishes you much success in the future and hopes that you will fondly remember the Sociology Department.



David Mitchell Award

- This award was established to honor the memory of Dr. David Mitchell who dedicated nearly 40 years to helping students understand social statistics.

Alejandro Holt



Alejandro Holt loves UNCG's Sociology Department. He remarked that “the professors are caring, intelligent, and willing to go beyond to help their students succeed. I've learned so much about the social interactions that underlie all social change and gained great research, analysis, and sociological writing skills.” Alejandro plans to use these skills to pursue a career in probation after graduation.

Sociology Graduate Scholarship

The Graduate scholarship was started by a former department head who always wanted to see our students achieve and would support them in any way possible.

Sociology Graduate Scholarship

- The Graduate scholarship was started by a former department head who always wanted to see our students achieve and would support them in any way possible.

McKayla Bohannon



McKayla Bohannon states “ My favorite part about UNCG Sociology is the faculty who believe in me, sometimes more than I believe in myself. Everyone I've interacted with or spoken to has always been so encouraging as I continue to complete my graduate studies. I'm so grateful for this department. ”

Dr. Paul Luebke Endowed Award in Sociology

This award is in honor of Dr. Paul Luebke, a former member of the NC House of Representatives. As a public sociologist, he was actively engaged in sharing his knowledge of the political structure with others.

**Dr. Paul
Luebke
Endowed
Award in
Sociology**

***Shante
McNeill***

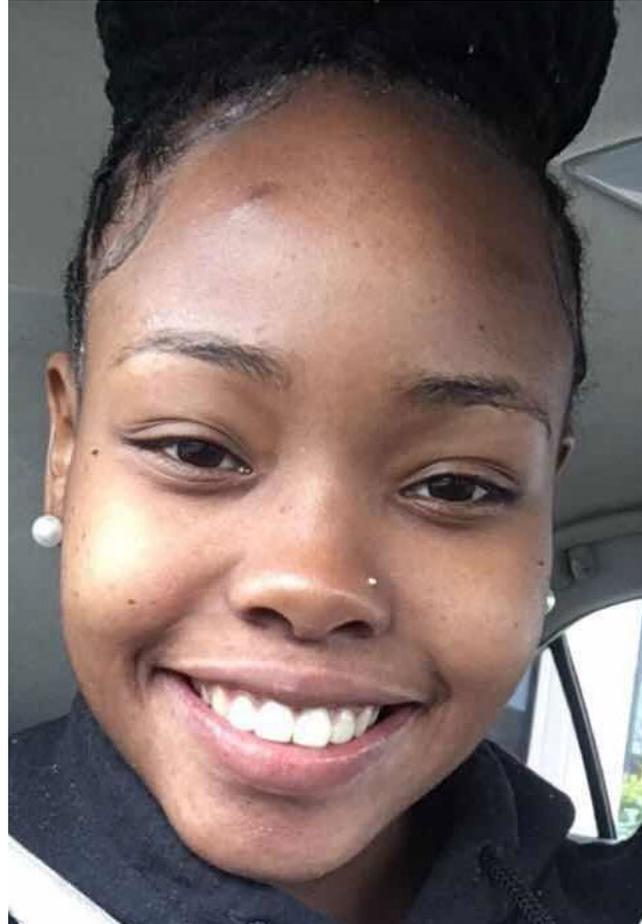
Billie May New Carroll scholarship

Billie May was a 1945 graduate who was particularly influenced by the legendary Mereb Mossman and became one of her students in Sociology.

Billie May New Carroll scholarship

- Billie May was a 1945 graduate who was particularly influenced by the legendary Mereb Mossman and became one of her students in Sociology.

Alhea Williams



Alhea Williams asserts that “for me, the best part about UNCG Sociology is that all of my courses have been very relevant to the field I wish to pursue. Also, all of my tutors thus far have motivated me to continue persevering and also acknowledged my hard work and efforts throughout the semester.” After graduation, Alhea intends to become a paralegal while applying what was learned at UNCG!

Mina Weil Memorial scholarship

- The Mina Weil Scholarship is awarded annually to a junior senior who is majoring in a social science.
- This award alternates between ATY, GEO, HIS, Social Work, SOC, PSC.

Mina Weil Memorial scholarship

- The Mina Weil Scholarship is awarded annually to a junior senior who is majoring in a social science.
- This award alternates between ATY, GEO, HIS, Social Work, SOC, PSC.

Cameron Farrar



Cameron Farrar asserts that “the Sociology department at UNCG has been quite a vital part of my intellectual and growth. In studying systems and their impact on people, I have grown much more informed of these issues and how they directly impact communities that I care about. The UNCG Sociology community has always extended an unparalleled amount of care and guidance.” Cameron plans to pursue a Master's degree while working in higher education.

Mina Weil Memorial scholarship

- The Mina Weil Scholarship is awarded annually to a junior senior who is majoring in a social science.
- This award alternates between ATY, GEO, HIS, Social Work, SOC, PSC.

*Zenia
Gonzalez*

Mina Weil Memorial scholarship

- The Mina Weil Scholarship is awarded annually to a junior senior who is majoring in a social science.
- This award alternates between ATY, GEO, HIS, Social Work, SOC, PSC.

Azucena Vazquez



Azucena Vazquez states that “studying Sociology at UNCG has been full of knowledge and excitement. The material is never boring and always has me wanting to learn more. There is never a dull moment in a Sociology class as every Sociology teacher I’ve had has made the class very fun and interesting.” After graduation Azucena plans to find a job that makes her happy and that falls under her major.

Sociological Prize Endowments

- The Sociology Department awards prizes for students who excel in the major.

The Carolyn and Don Allen Theory Prize

- The Carolyn and Don Allen Theory prize is given to the undergraduate and graduate students deemed to be the 'best' theory students.

Deymaris Zambrana-Soler



Deymaris (Dey) Zambrana-Soler is a graduating senior, Sociology major with a minor in Communication Studies from San Juan, Puerto Rico. Through Sociology, she fell in love with learning while finding her voice as an activist. She is infinitely grateful for the knowledge, grace, and wisdom that the Sociology faculty has instilled in her which shaped her into the student she is today. During her time at UNCG, she served in various leadership roles within the Division of Student Affairs leading her to pursue a Master's in Education this Fall.

**Outstanding
Criminology
Student**

***Carina
Barbosa-Nunez***

**Outstanding
Research
Methods/
Statistics
Student**

Shelby Pinnix



Shelby Pinnix extolled “my favorite part of UNCG Sociology has been learning about the various reasons for social differences & engaging in thought-provoking dialogue with my professors and peers.” After graduation, Shelby plans to obtain a Master of Arts in Teaching at UNCG specializing in Middle Grades Education with a concentration in Social Studies. Shelby was also accepted into UNCG’s Piedmont Teacher Residency Partnership (PTRP) in collaboration with Rockingham County Schools.

Cintia Esparza Ballin

**General
Sociology**



Cintia Esparza Ballin is from Mexico and is a polyglot because she is fluent in Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Italian, Portuguese, and English. She is seeking a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies and Sociology at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Cintia enjoys acquiring knowledge and will obtain certificates graphology, design of circuits, info-graphics, and graphic design.

**General
Sociology**

***DeAsia
Kamara***

Congratulations!!