

Sociology Metrics Report—June 2005

I. Program Overview

Sociology Department at Emory is a medium-sized, well-established program.

A. Department Profile

Faculty:

Last year there were 19 regular faculty in Sociology. John Boli is the Chair. Recently, past chair and Director of Graduate Studies, Richard Rubinson, was named Assoc. Dean of the Graduate School. This continues to leave a large vacancy in the dept. Topics of interest are globalization, social psychology, race/gender, political sociology and criminology. Social work is not covered. The Emory Violence Studies program started in Sociology. (The program is ending 2005/2006.) There is a growing interest in medical sociology, especially focusing on aging and healthcare organization. One faculty member has an interest in popular culture, esp. music. There remains an interest in educational sociology. Two new junior faculty will join the department next year.

Undergraduate:

There are currently 162 sociology majors vs. 138 last year. Nine courses are required for a major. No more than one course can be at the 100 level. The minor requires 5 courses. All majors must take Social Research I (SOC 355). The undergraduate program is designed to help students think systematically and critically about their society as well as develop analytical, research and writing skills. Courses cover topics such as health and illness, crime and law, sex and gender, culture and religion, social change and economic development. 1,433 students enrolled in sociology classes in the 2003-2004 academic year.

Specialized Opportunities for Undergrads:

- Internship program (Soc 494R). Students can gain work experience at organizations like CDC, social service agencies and the courts. Sociology also offers undergrads a teaching internship which involves assisting an instructor with a course they have already taken.
- Honors Program (Sociology 495):
- Study Abroad (Sociology 390): Emphasizes comparison of US and British health care systems. There are also various pre-approved programs abroad that sociology majors can take including classes in the West Indies, Mexico, Bolivia and Israel.
- BA/MA program for interested superior students.
- Sociology/Religion Joint major

- Violence Study minor (program ends in 2005/2006)
- Southeastern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium is sponsored annually and provides an unusual opportunity for undergrads to present research papers with a 12-15 minute presentations

GRADUATE STUDENTS

- Sociology has about 44 active graduate students.
- The graduate program focuses on comparative political economy and development (global development, world-systems, social movements, etc.); culture (mass media, religion, popular culture, social change, etc), social psychology (interpersonal and group processes, status and power, social perception, criminology, health and well being) and stratification and organization inequality, complex organization, race/gender, medical sociology, etc.) 190 graduate students enrolled in sociology classes during 2003-2004.
- PhD requires 72 hours of course work including core courses in research design, statistics and theory.
- Students take part in departmental colloquia series, which involves external speakers, and departmental seminars where they present ongoing research. Grad students also teach in the department.

B. Coordination/Cooperation/Collaborative Relationships

Sociology faculty frequently have joint appointments in the School of Public Health and Women's Studies. The Sociology Department also maintains strong connections to adjunct sociologists in the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These connections enrich the study of medical sociology and demography at Emory. The study of the sociology of religion involves associated sociologists who hold appointments in the Candler School of Theology. A joint BA in Sociology and Religion is offered.

Graduate students have access to the Carter Center to study stratification, political economy and global health problems. Undergraduates can participate in a six week seminar with field study program to study health care organization in the United States and Great Britain. This program is run jointly by Sociology, Anthropology and the School of Public Health. Emory's Violence Studies Program, which involved over 70 affiliated faculty around campus, began in the Sociology Department. The provost recently decided that the program, which offered a minor, would not continue beyond the

2005-2006 academic year. Sociology faculty no longer ran the program but continue to offer courses in violence studies.

II. Description of Material Collected

A. Scope of the Collection

1. Subject Areas/Concentrations: Comparative political economy and global analysis, social psychology, stratification and organization (race/gender), violence studies, medical sociology, aging.

2. Date of Publication/Chronology: Mostly contemporary titles are collected.

3. Language: English is the primary language for sociology collections.

4. Geographic Areas: Focus is on the US and Great Britain, although titles focusing on other geographic regions/areas are also collected.

B. Formats and Publication Type

1. Monographs and Texts: The approval plan for sociology for US and British titles is extensive and picks up much of what is of interest. In addition there is slightly over \$15,000 to purchase non-recurring titles. I regularly review **Contemporary Sociology, a Journal of Reviews** to make sure we don't miss key items. Problem areas are health/medical sociology and criminology because of overlap with the professional schools. Popular culture is also a problem area since it is primarily a single faculty member's interest at the moment. Weeding of the collection took place in conjunction with the 2000 storage project. Numerous multiple editions and old text books were removed.

2/3. Serials and Electronic Publications: New journals, electronic resources and data are always important in sociology. Sociology journals were reviewed as part of this year's journals review project and assigned a numeric value. Most of the older journals are in storage. Three years ago there was an extensive review and several were cancelled at that time. Together with the rest of the Social Science Council, I am currently reviewing the Sage electronic journal collections which include components for sociology and criminology. Sage is an important publisher in the social sciences. As a group, we decided not to pursue any of the social science backfiles of Science Direct. In the area of data, I work with Rob O'Reilly to acquire datasets beyond ICPSR. Sociology has an active religion and sociology program. We have recently acquired the World Christian Database to support this program.

One of the major events for the past two years is the status of *Sociological Abstracts*, the key indexing service in the field. Questions continue on which interface to use (Ovid vs.

CSA) with both vendors frequently upgrading their products. At the moment we remain with Ovid which also serves as the vendor for companion databases in psychology and education. A major new index to sociology, SocINDEX debuted this year. A trial period has just been completed and evaluations are underway to see if it replaces or complements Sociological Abstracts. We are also evaluating the full text option of SocINDEX.

4. Microforms: Microforms are not heavily collected in the area of sociology.

5. Multimedia: A number of faculty in Sociology use audio-visuals in their research particularly for social stratification. We spent about \$1500 (10% of the budget) on AV this year.

6. Government Publications: Some government documents are used by sociology faculty; there have been complaints in the past concerning access to these documents.

7. Exclusions: Textbooks—save for those dedicated to qualitative and quantitative methodology—are generally excluded.