University-Wide Awards

Eliana Leiderman-Bray  
*William F. Field Alumni Scholarship*  
Awarded to high-achieving third year students.

Amanda Santos  
*SBS Internship Award*  
Competitively awarded to SBS students who will pursue an unpaid internship over the upcoming summer or fall semester.

Lajeanesse Harris  
*Le Bovidge Undergraduate Research Award*  
Dr. Enobong Branch, Faculty Sponsor

Breana Swain  
*Le Bovidge Undergraduate Research Award*  
Dr. Michelle Budig, Faculty Sponsor

Outstanding Service to the Sociology Major

Christie Basinas  
Molly Meehan  
Haley Burgess  
Anabel Rohrer  
Moira Cormier  
Lauren Talbouret  
Saulo DePaula  
Blayne Taylor  
Lindsay Feitler  
Jasmine Tejeda  
Corey Lambert  
Meron Teklehaymanot  
Alida Lefebvre  
Caitlin Verdi  
Stephen Pratt

Students are recognized for contributing to the betterment of the undergraduate major through peer advising, program development, and promoting the social and intellectual life of the department.

Departmental Awards

Holly Selman  
*Meghan K. Beebe Senior Speaker*  
Awarded to one senior sociology major who will speak on behalf of graduating sociology majors during the SBS Senior Celebration.

Haley Burgess  
*Henry Korson Best Senior*  
Granted to one or more outstanding sociology senior majors based on departmental nominations and references.

Derek Ibell  
*Henry Korson Best Junior*  
Granted to one or more outstanding sociology junior majors based on departmental nominations and references.

Moira Cormier  
*David S. Leiderman Award*  
Awarded to one of more outstanding senior sociology majors with a commitment to improving the lives of children and families.

Alida LeFevbvre and Carly Burgess  
*Jane Addams Sociology in Practice Award*  
Recognizes one or more sociology majors who have proven their ability to apply sociological ideas and insights to pressing sociological problems.

Caitlin Verdi  
*C. Wright Mills Award for Sociological Imagination*  
Awarded to a sociology major who best illustrates how sociology has had an impact on their thinking in relation to social issues.

Sociology Best Papers

Zach Ballard, *The Yellow Peril Stereotype through Historical Political Cartoons*

Best Paper Runners-up:  

Abigail Anson, *Diminishing Values in the Fair Trade Movement*  
Robin Decoteau, *Feminine Performance in the Masculine Arena*

Senior Departmental Honors

Haley Burgess  
Thesis: "Expressing and Receiving Gratitude in Young Adulthood"  
Dr. Richard Tessler, Chair

Molly Meehan  
Thesis: "Competition and Cooperation: An Analysis of the Relationship Between People's Market and UMass Dining"  
Dr. Jonathan Wynn, Chair

W.E.B. Du Bois Outstanding Sociological Achievement Awards

Students recognized by the department for remarkable contributions to the major, campus, and community.

Senior Honorees:

- Victoria Alessi  
  Zachary Ballard
- Christie Basinas  
  Emily Belko
- Dylan Bowers  
  Hannah Brinkman
- Patrice Charlot  
  Rebecca Church
- Samantha Collette  
  Desiree Costa
- Cristina Freitas  
  Rachel Glod
- Jenna Grady  
  Thelsea Grenfell
- Adrianna Howard  
  Molly Meehan
- Andrea Natalie  
  Sean Ohmsman
- Blayne Taylor  
  Amy Tolman
- Stephanie Tsamasios  
  Andrew Vikowski
- Melissa Walsh  
  Caroline Womack
- Paula White-Jennings

Junior Honorees:

- Phillip Ancieto  
  Adam Joseph
- Kevin Lovaincy  
  Ilene Ea
- Emily Manning  
  Kayla McDermott
- Breana Swain  
  Tova Weinronk
A warm thanks to everyone who made today possible and the year so enjoyable, especially:

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Maureen Warner
Janice Irvine, Chair
Anna Branch, Undergraduate Program Director
Christin Glodek, Chief Undergraduate Advisor

The Undergraduate Program Committee

The Sociology Peer Advisors

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Sociology BBQ and Award Ceremony
Spring 2015

Thursday, April 23rd, 2015
5:00PM – 7:00PM

“In all things purely social we can be as separate as the five fingers, and yet one as the hand in all things essential to mutual progress.”

-W.E.B. Du Bois

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This Senior Celebration is dedicated to our friend, student, and Sociology major, Meghan K. Beebe who was taken from us last winter.

We honor and keep Meg alive through the mosaic of our thoughts, intentions, and actions. As her father so eloquently expressed in Meghan’s eulogy:

"As you live your lives, I ask you to please do so with Meghan as a part of your mosaic. I need to know that she lives on in you. I want to see her reflected in the light in your eyes; I want to hear the echoes of her voice in your stories; I want to see her talents and attributes shared in your successes. I want you to live your lives with the same sense of accomplishment that she would have enjoyed. Live your lives, at least in part, in remembrance of her.”