Appalachian State University Department of Sociology Faculty Research Areas - July 2025

• Ruth Carmi, Ph.D.

- o Gender
- Peacebuilding
- Law and Society
- Intersectionality

• Robert E Freeland, Ph.D.

- Stratification
- Social Psychology
- Quantitative Methods

• Jon Gordon, Ph.D.

- Community and Urban Sociology
- Crime
- Ethnography
- Gender
- Violence

Joyce Hill-Powers, M.A.

- Deviance and Social Control
- The Stigmatization Process
- Social Integration
- Socialization
- Rural Communities
- Culture and Identity

• Anna Holleman, Ph.D.

- Religion
- Health
- Inequality

• Kristin Ivey, M.A., Ed.S.

- Intimate Relationships
- Diversities in Families
- o Gender
- Social Deviance
- Criminology

• Joseph Jakubek, Ph.D.

- o Social and Economic Development
- Rural Communities

• Ellen Lamont, Ph.D.

- Gender, Sexuality, and Intimate Relationships
- Dating and Courtship
- LGBTQ Hookup Culture
- Gendered Parenthood

Cameron Lippard, Ph.D.

- Latino Incorporation into the American South
- Nativism and Racism in Post-Race America
- o White Resistance to Diversity and Inclusion
- Sociology of War
- o Culture (i.e., craft beer, moonshine, fair trade coffee)

• Johnnie A Lotesta, Ph.D.

- Political Sociology
- Labor & Social Movements
- Sociology of Knowledge
- Comparative-Historical Sociology

Bradley Nash, Jr. Ph.D.

- Comparative Labor Law Policies
- Sociology of Science
- Sociology and Anthropocene

Pavel Osinsky, Ph.D.

- Social Theory
- Globalization
- Comparative-Historical Sociology

Amy Dellinger Page, Ph.D.

- Interpersonal Violence
- End-of-Life Doulas
- Sexual Violence Policy
- Pornography

David Russell, Ph.D.

- Medical Sociology
- Aging & the Life Course
- Sociology of Stress and Mental Health

Anastacia Schulhoff, Ph.D.

- Gerontology
- Health Inequalities/Disparities
- Race & Ethnicity
- Native American/Indigenous Peoples
- Culture & Identity
- Social Inequalities
- Narrative Research

- Ethnography
- Photovoice

Natalie Sheets, M.A.

- o Single mothers
- Religion

• Kelly M. Thames, Ph.D.

- Criminological Theory
- Cross-National Crime
- Mass Violence
- Social Control
- Theory Construction
- o Inequality (Race, Class, and Gender)
- Sociological Theory

Elizabeth Trudeau, Ph.D.

- Criminology
- Gender
- Sexuality
- Organizations and Social Fields

Juhee Woo, Ph.D.

- Social Inequalities
- Health Disparities
- Health Behaviors
- Tobacco Use
- Mixed Methods

Matthew Wright, Ph.D.

- o Marriage, Cohabitation, and Divorce in Later Life
- Nonmarital Relationships
- Family Attitudes
- Family change

Gwendolyn Zugarek, M.A.

- Family
- Demography
- Health and Aging