

Understanding Ourselves, Improving Society

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

If it's far away, it's news, but if it's close at home, it's sociology.

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FACULTY NEWS

-Dr. Brian Pitman was recently quoted in a BDN article, A small Maine town saw 3 police shootings in less than 13 months. Click here to read the article.

-Check out Dr. Karyn Sporer's research on grief, family violence, and identity construction, that was published in the *Journal of Family Trauma, Child Custody, & Child Development.* Click here to read the article.

SOCIOLOGY CLUB

"While Sociology Club is currently inactive, we are in the process of getting it up and running again. In the past, the sociology club has been a place for students with an interest in sociology to gather, build community with likeminded peers, and discuss all things sociology related! In the future, we would like for the sociology club to also be a group through which students can volunteer in the community, do homework and study together (upperclassmen can help with courses they have already taken!), prepare for next steps in their schooling or careers, and hear from professors about their experiences and research. Further, we want to make sociology fun and accessible, so we have plans for game nights (in the past we have played "cards against sociology"), watching horror movies to discuss the embedded sociological themes, and taking club run field trips. If students have any ideas for the sociology club that they would like to see implemented, are interested in joining, or want to help reactivate the club (there are officer positions open, and participation would look great on a resume/CV!) they can contact me (President) Mikayla Padilla, at mikayla.padilla@maine.edu!"

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CLASSES/FACULTY PUBLICATIONS/ARTICLES

Important Dates:

-February 1st: Application for graduation filing deadline (May)

-February 15th, 4:30pm: Classes dropped on or before this date will not appear on transcript

-February 20th: No classes, Presidents' Day

Upcoming Events:

February 14th: 7-9:30pm: Latin American Film Festival: 'Perfect Strangers'

Watch the film, 'Perfect Strangers' at the Folger Library Lynch Room, directed by Manolo Carlo. Event includes speaker to discuss film, in person + streaming, and free food will be served. To read synopses of movie or to find out more information <u>click here!</u>

Cancelled! February 20th: 8-10am: 2023 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast Celebration (Rescheduled from Jan. 16) Cancelled!

The 2023 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast Celebration, co-sponsored by the Greater Bangor Area Branch NAACP and the University of Maine Division of Student Life has been cancelled. Refunds are in the works!

Any questions can be directed to um.studentlife@maine.edu

PreLaw Society!

UMaine PreLaw Society wants you to join! The group is for students who are interested in or considering any career involving the law, not just law school. While many of our members do end up applying to law school, our events do not center around it. We primarily host guest speakers on topics the group is interested in and gather for what the group needs: help registering for useful classes, test prep, editing homework assignments, etc. Last semester we hosted an international sports attorney, a paralegal from Pine Tree Legal, a law school coach, a health care attorney, and more. This semester, we are looking to host a diverse group of guest speakers from the government, legal education, and law enforcement. The society is also planning a Careers in Law & Justice Fair in the spring, with guests from local law enforcement, government representatives, specialized attorneys, law school admissions counselors, and more. Please consider joining to further your interest in legal studies! We meet from 5-6pm on Tuesdays in the Career Center. Please contact our President, Paige Allen (paige.allen@maine.edu), to be added to the google space or for any questions.