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**WOMEN'S STUDIES**

It is through our rich and stimulating programs in the Social and Behavioral Sciences such as Africana Studies, Anthropology, Economics, History, Linguistics, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology that the human condition in its many different contexts is fully explored.

At Stony Brook, we have recast standard disciplines in a modern light. For instance, two scholars created a cultural community within the History Department that has since reshaped the department's entire focus, and a professor in the Department of Anthropology conducted cutting-edge research in Madagascar, bravely going out on a limb—literally—to discover a previously unknown species of lemur. And, when it makes sense, we will wrap our arms around as many disciplines as necessary to gain perspective on a given subject. Consider our major in Africana Studies, which draws upon many fields of study to provide students with a thorough background in the historical, political, social, and economic conditions of people of African descent.

Stony Brook graduates Russell Lewis, former CEO and President of the New York Times Company, and Robert Gallucci, Dean of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and former U.S. State Department Ambassador at Large, credit much of their success to Social and Behavioral Sciences' multicultural and multidisciplinary approach to learning—and to life.



# Social & Behavioral Sciences

## PSYCHOLOGY

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**Healing Families as a Whole** When a marriage is in jeopardy, counselors are often consulted. Some therapists deal only with the couple, others interact with each adult separately. Occasionally, someone counsels the children of the wounded marriage. Rarely does one professional, however, take a broad view of the entire family. K. Daniel O'Leary, Distinguished Professor of Psychology at the University, is hoping to change that practice. "My concern is that therapists are primarily interested in either the children or the spouse when there are family problems, such as domestic violence," said Dr. O'Leary. "I'm hopeful my research will influence policy-makers and individual practitioners to regard the family from all perspectives." Dr. O'Leary is exploring the kinds of marital problems that adversely affect children. At the same time, he is interested in understanding the kinds of problems that lead to clinical depression in spouses. The American Psychological Association in 1993 awarded Dr. O'Leary the Distinguished Scientist Award, Clinical Division. In 1994, he was named one of the 24 best marital and family mental health experts in the United States by Good Housekeeping magazine.

## POLITICAL SCIENCE

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**Giving Back** When Michael Manoussos, a 1989 graduate from Stony Brook's Department of Political Science, pledged \$100,000 to the College of Arts and Sciences to establish an endowed scholarship fund, he hoped to help undergraduate students majoring in Political Science have the same fulfilling experience he had when he attended the University. Michael, who is now an attorney

in Garden City, N.Y., remembers well what it feels like to be a student full of promise-and also as full of many questions. "I was very fortunate because my department had wonderful faculty. I knew I enjoyed politics, but I wasn't sure what to do after school. Professor Travis encouraged me to go to law school," Michael said. "So I went, and I fell in love with the law." Michael established the scholarship fund in honor of his mother, Irene Kondorousis Manoussos Pikoulas. The fund provides financial assistance to undergraduate students majoring in Political Science who academically demonstrate potential, and for whom completion of his or her studies might not otherwise be possible without assistance. Reflecting on his Stony Brook affiliations and on the scholarship fund he created, Michael said, "What's important to me is that Stony Brook offers opportunities to such a diversity of students."

## LINGUISTICS

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**Talking The Talk** Few things can both unify and polarize people like language. English, for instance, is spoken throughout the United States but regional accents highlight substantial variations in dialects-differences that can lead one group of people to form stereotypes about another. In Stony Brook's Department of Linguistics, such differences in dialect are celebrated, studied, and characterized carefully with quantifiable, scientific measurements. "Linguistics offers students a unique blend of science and humanities in virtue of its special subject matter: human language," said Professor Richard K. Larson. "At Stony Brook, the Linguistics Department is particularly strong because all our faculty members are active in both teaching and research, and they maintain close working relations." Faculty members pursue research not only in the core areas of linguistic theory-which

include phonetics, phonology, semantics, and syntax-but also in more specialized areas such as bilingualism, creoles, first and second language acquisition, language pedagogy, linguistics in science education, orthography, psycholinguistics, Romance linguistics, Semitic linguistics, and Slavic linguistics.

## AFRICANA STUDIES

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**The Grass Roots Scholar** Exposure to grass-roots debates sets the foundation for the work of Olufemi Vaughan, Professor in the Africana Studies Department. This work includes such themes as the indigenous structures of African society and the formation of the state, the crisis of state legitimacy and the role of grass-roots agencies in the struggle for democracy, African international relations, and Cold War and post-Cold War African politics.

"I was born and raised in Nigeria, a country that is probably one of the most tumultuous in the world," said Professor Vaughan. "During the 1970s, military coups were very common. Yet, at the same time, the Nigerian people had clear aspirations for democracy, an energetic and vibrant press, and rigorous critical debate of authority. It was a real contradiction."

Professor Vaughan's views shape his research. "I am not a cool, dispassionate observer. If you are a contemporary African scholar of any seriousness, you find yourself being drawn into an arena of political action by colleagues and friends." He enjoys research, though he finds it both rigorous and painful. Teaching, however, is his passion. "I cannot separate my teaching from my scholarship, nor my public service. My approach is intensely interdisciplinary. As scholars, we need to have an intellectually deeper grasp of what we study. We need to give it the real-world context it deserves."



## ECONOMICS

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### A Cost-Benefit Technique for Medicine

Most people know that medicine and economics have a lot to do with each other in this age of managed care, expensive technology, and health-care system reform. At the University at Stony Brook, the Department of Economics and the Health Sciences Center are making an official connection between the two disciplines. Debra S. Dwyer, Assistant Professor of Economics who is also a health economist, joined the staff specifically to further this goal. Soon after joining, she began talking to key people at the Hospital. “The proximity of the Hospital to the University gives us an advantage,” said Professor Dwyer. By leveraging this proximity, two strong mutual research interests have been identified: a cost-benefit technique for evaluating new treatment technology and the study of malpractice issues. “Conventional wisdom says that the major contributor to costs is technology. Managed-care companies and even Medicare and Medicaid are influenced by this thinking, yet no one has ever proved the theory to be true,” said Professor Dwyer. Future research subjects might also include the cost-benefit analysis of alternative medicine and an analysis of the benefits of having more informed consumers of health-care services.

## ANTHROPOLOGY

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**Into Madagascar** Madagascar is the fourth-largest island in the world. Because of its unusual geography, plants and animals have evolved in isolation. The result: an extraordinary diversity of species not found in many other places of the world. Madagascar is a poor nation, with most of its inhabitants practicing subsistence farming, which involves clearing land by slash-and-burn methods. Such agricultural practices, along with

ongoing logging, have depleted 80 percent of the island’s rain forest cover. This is the environment into which Patricia Chapple Wright, Ph.D., a Professor in the Department of Anthropology, journeyed, seeking to locate the elusive Greater Bamboo Lemur, which had not been seen for more than 50 years. She found it, along with a different species, the Golden Bamboo Lemur. Her excitement over her discovery was soon squelched, however. “One morning, we heard the sounds of trees being chopped. Here we had discovered this incredible animal, and its habitat was seriously threatened,” she said. A primatologist unfamiliar with the politics of environmental conservation, Professor Wright over the next few years secured resources from several foundations and corporations, as well as the trust of the local government and people. The result is Ranomafana National Park, a 100,000-plus-acre preservation of the original forest.

## SOCIOLOGY

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**Going Global as the World Shrinks** In response to the trend toward globalization, the Department of Sociology adopted an enhanced “global sociology” focus—the study of human culture across geographical borders. Several professors in the department are actively pursuing research with a variety of global perspectives. Professors Moran and Auyero are currently collaborating on a project investigating food riots during economic crises in contemporary Latin America. Together with Debora Swistun, Professor Auyero is currently completing a book manuscript tentatively entitled *Flammable. Environmental Suffering in an Argentine Shantytown*. Javier is also the current editor of *Qualitative Sociology* and a founding member of *Apuntes de Investigación*.

Professor Levy currently is a principal investigator on a German Research Foundation (DFG) project “Europeanization of National Memory Spaces” exploring the global diffusion of human

rights norms and their impact on questions of nation-state legitimacy.

According to Professor van de Rijt, he is trying to explain ongoing changes in how we connect to one another, literally. His research interests include Social Networks, Immigration, and Intimate Relations.

## ASIAN AND ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES

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**Asia: Past, Present, and Future** With the growing importance of China and India, together with Japan, Korea, and other countries, Asia has become a key player in the 21st century world economy. In addition, Asian Americans are playing an increasingly important role in the United States. This major provides a rigorous and comprehensive curriculum that complements and extends currently existing minors in China Studies, Japanese Studies, Korean Studies, South Asian Studies, and Asian and Asian American Studies. Students are encouraged to gain a first hand experience of living in and studying Asian cultures by participating in Study Abroad programs. Currently, Stony Brook offers a summer program in India and academic year programs in Japan.

The academic offerings of the department are complemented by the resources of the Program in China Studies, Center for India Studies, Center for Japan Studies, the Korean Studies Program, the Asian American Center Bridge and the new Charles B. Wang Center, which collaborate with various academic departments, student groups, community organizations, and individuals to promote a better understanding of Asia and Asian Americans today. The Department of Asian and Asian American Studies also has strong ties with academic and cultural organizations throughout Asia. Stony Brook’s proximity to the New York City metropolitan area, with its Asian ethnic communities, offers rich opportunities for cultural and intellectual enrichment.



## EUROPEAN STUDIES

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**Understanding Traditions** The Program in European Studies is designed to foster knowledge of European civilization. In acquainting students with European culture and history, it enables them to understand those traditions that give Europe's diversified personality its inner coherence. The program promotes an interdisciplinary approach while insisting upon a structured course of study. Completion of courses at a European university on a study-abroad program is strongly recommended. The interdisciplinary major in European Studies introduces students to the rich variety of cultures, politics, languages, and literatures of Europe. Graduates with the major in European Studies can expect to work in business, government, the service industry, and politics. Majors will also be prepared to continue with graduate studies in business, humanities, law, and social sciences.

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**Integrating and Connecting** With the increase in migration and economic globalization and their impact on the culture of the United States and the Americas as a whole, scholars in many disciplines are examining, from interdisciplinary perspectives, the impact of the making of the Americas on world culture. The program in American Studies redefines traditional disciplinary approaches, integrating and connecting new approaches to American studies that include a multicultural as well as a transnational understanding of the Americas. New methods of cultural analysis are introduced that challenge the power of comparative transnational histories to diversify political narratives of citizenship, homeland, and popular sovereignty. They also challenge how we understand others. The interdisciplinary major in American Studies introduces students to the rich variety of cultures, languages, and societies of the Americas. Students develop an in-depth knowledge of American culture beginning with core courses introducing interdisciplinary methods, through elective courses in a particular concentration, and synthesized by a capstone seminar.

Graduates with a major in American Studies can expect to work in education, business, journalism, government, and politics. Combined with a science major, the major provides a good background for the health professions. Majors will also be prepared to move on to graduate study in business, education, the humanities, law, and social sciences.

## WOMEN'S STUDIES

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**Activism and Academics** At Stony Brook the Women's Studies Program introduces students to the history of feminism, as well as its contemporary theories and methods. Feminist theory in a global context provides the background for a critique of the social construction of gender and its relation to other systems of privilege.

The Department of Women's Studies can be identified by more than its students and campus activists: the Department, with its original and cross-listed courses, teaches close to 2,000 students a semester, many of whom are men, and also hosts well-attended conferences on topics ranging from civil rights, women's rights, and human rights. Within the Department, the academic link of activism is supported by the intellectual study of such local movements.

In her award-winning book *The Invention of Women: Making an African Sense of Western Gender Discourses*, Professor Oyeronke Oyewumi makes the case that the narrative of gendered corporeality that dominates the Western interpretation of the social world is a cultural discourse and cannot be assumed uncritically for other cultures. She concludes that gender is not only socially constructed but is also historical. Furthermore, she points out that the current deployment of gender as a universal and timeless social category cannot be divorced from either the dominance of Euro/American cultures in the global system or the ideology of biological determinism which underpins Western systems of knowledge. Oyewumi's monograph *Invention* won the 1998 Distinguished Book Award of the American Sociological Association and was a finalist for the Herskovits Prize of the African Studies Association in the same year.

## STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

has been recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top 100 best national universities. We are home to an exceptionally diverse student body of more than 23,000 high-achieving students from all 50 states and more than 100 countries.

Stony Brook offers more than 150 majors, minors, and combined bachelor/master degree programs through our College of Business, School of Journalism, College of Arts and Sciences, School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, and Health Sciences Center. All undergraduates experience a thriving research environment, exciting study abroad opportunities, and a dynamic first-year experience in one of six small undergraduate communities.

Our campus includes the Staller Center for the Arts, featuring world-class dance, music, and theatrical performances; Stony Brook University Medical Center, Long Island's only tertiary care academic medical center; the Charles B. Wang Center, celebrating Asian and American cultures; an 8,300-seat stadium; a new Humanities Building; and the Frank Melville Jr. Library. The academic, cultural, and research facilities at Stony Brook University provide an ideal environment for growth and the opportunity to advance knowledge that changes the world.

Our 1,100-acre campus, on the North Shore of Long Island halfway between Manhattan and Montauk, is easy to reach by train, plane, car, and ferry. Come for a visit and discover why we are named one of 40 "Best Buys" nationwide by *Fiske Guide to Colleges*. For more information, visit [www.stonybrook.edu](http://www.stonybrook.edu)

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