

SOCIOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY

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Upcoming Events:

Movie Night

Thursday, November 6th the SSA will be showing American History-X at 7:00 pm, in Siemans Hall 108.

Sociology Social

Our next Sociology Social will be on Friday, November 14th at 4:00 P.M. at the Humboldt Brewery (under 21 ok). (3:30 for those going on PSA trip)

Career Workshop

Thursday, November 13th Career Workshop co-sponsored by SSA and the Career Center at 4:00P.M. in Nelson Hall 113. Come get advice on internships, traveling abroad, resumes, summer jobs, and graduate school. Questions? Email Rebecca Mattson at rjm7001@humboldt.edu

Did you know?

The amount of money spent on cheap underwear and other discount goods at Wal-Mart in 1997 was more than GDP's of 163 countries (Anderson et al 2000)

On behalf of the sociology students and faculty at Humboldt State University we are proud to introduce our new publication, The Sociology Students Association Quarterly. The Sociology Student Association aims to facilitate social activism, social change and a round table for sociological discussion. This newsletter contains information on the current academic and social events of the SSA.

The SSA is dedicated to creating an arena for open dialogue between students and faculty. We aim to address the

concerns, issues, and questions of students. Not only is the SSA interested in fostering relationships between



faculty and students-but also encouraging connection amongst undergraduate and graduate sociology students. Our weekly meetings are in the Lower Library Lounge

area at 11 A.M. on Wednesdays. The meetings are open for faculty attendance, yet most attending will be sociology students.

Special Thanks

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Students Traveling to San Fran for PSA

The SSA is going to the 2004 Pacific Sociological Association Annual meeting, which will take place April 15-18, 2004 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, in San Francisco, CA. In order to go please

contact Jordan Camp (SSA treasurer) at jtc17@humboldt.edu. The SSA requires a \$25 deposit, given to Jordan, which will be placed in the SSA account. Also, special thanks to the Sociology department and Clubs

Coordinating Council for helping fund our trip. Also, for all those that want to use club funds please be prepared to help in our fundraising efforts, which will go to transportation costs, lodging, and food

In the Moment: Service projects in collaboration with SSA:

Operation U-Turn

The SSA is working in cooperation with the organization Operation U-Turn or OUT. The main goal of out is to help non-violent ex-offenders succeed in obtaining a college education at HSU. OUT helps students with admission processes, applying for loans and other financial aid packages, and introducing students to the many resources available at HSU. Potential volunteer opportunities include:

- Giving students the opportunity to work on a Prisoner Art Exhibit
- As well as a chance for students who are willing to work with juveniles in the community.

For more info: phone: 826-3795, e-mail: uturn@humboldt.edu, located in house 55, room 101.

The Apology and Reconciliation Committee

Also the SSA is proud to work in collaboration with The Apology and Reconciliation Committee (ARC). The ARC is a student run organization dedicated to educating the campus community about the local Native American tribes. This includes: fostering awareness of the Indian Island Massacre that occurred on February 25, 1860, bringing knowledge and under-

standing about the history of the Wiyot Tribe and other Native American tribes in Humboldt County, accurately communicating the history of HSU and the land it resides on and advocating a culturally sensitive name for the new Behavioral and Social Sciences building on the HSU campus. Overall the ARC is committed to raising knowledge and sensitivity towards Native Americans in this community through education and awareness. The ARC's over-arching goal is to acknowledge, educate and involve the students in collaboration and healing of communities in Humboldt County, through an official apology and reconciliation process. Although the ARC is still planning and organizing these events, the main intentions are to truly change behavior between these communities, through commitment and action. All of the proceeds from the ARC will be donated to the Wiyot Tribe Sacred Site Fund to further the tribe's goal of reclaiming Tuluwat Village (Indian Island).

Clothing/Supplies Drive

The SSA is sponsoring a clothing/supplies for the Juvenile Regional Facility; they are having a problem with the kids leaving without adequate clothing and other supplies. Some

juveniles are there upwards of a year. When released often they don't have a family to provide for these needs. Toni Martin, a member of the Humboldt County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission will be speaking at the SSA meeting on November 5th to let us know how we can help. For more information please come to the meeting, or contact Christina Fritschi at cef11@humboldt.edu.

Grad/Undergrad Mentor Program

Reaching out and making a difference, for the 1st time the SSA is offering mentoring to undergraduate sociology majors. Graduate student volunteers plan to provide undergraduates an academic partnership to facilitate their learning experience help to create a more connected feel in the Sociology department. This is a way to meet your fellow students and just talk about ideas, hang out and have coffee, or ask specific question that will help to guide the learning experience while an undergraduate here at HSU. This is a chance to meet fellow students outside the classroom setting. For more info contact Amancio Elizaga at ae5@humboldt.edu.