**WELCOME NEW MAJORS!**

**Here’s some advice:**

**About the Course Load...**
There are six required classes for SOAN majors: Introduction to Anthropology, Introduction to Sociology, Stats 115, Sociological Thought and Theory, Research Methods, and Anthropological Thought and Theory. Stats is required for Methods, so it’s a good idea to remember stats in your planning.

“If you don’t get into Stats, talk to the prof and explain that it is required for the major. It might not get you in, but it can’t hurt. Also, be aware that Stats 115 and Nader’s Social Theory course are offered during the same term in the fall, so keep that in mind.”

-Annette Nierobisz

“Hang out in the SOAN computer lounge— it’s good for solidarity!”

-Sue Knudsen ’05

“Take stats fall term, junior year... right before you have methods in the winter. That way it’s fresh in your mind. And, if you’ve had calc, stats 215 isn’t much harder than stats 115.”

-Betsy Sylvester ’06

“At some point during the school year or the summer, go abroad. I never did, and I still regret it!”

-Wendy Lisman ’05

“Sit down and talk to profs who are willing to ... it’s something I wish that I did more.”

-Carl Moberg ’05

**Come see what SOAN seniors have done!**

**Comps Talk Schedule**

**Spring 2005**

**Social Movements and Gender**
Tuesday May 10, 4:30-6:10
Leighton Hall 305

**Catherine Courcy:** Secular Women’s Movements in Iran and Afghanistan
**Wendy Lisman:** The Gay and Lesbian Movement in Zimbabwe

**Lauren Simpson:** The Function of Social Capital in West African Money-lending Schemes

**Drew Riley:** Jamaican Youth, Dancehall Culture, Gender Identity

**Native Peoples and the Environment**

Wednesday May 11, 4:30-6:10
Leighton Hall 402

**Michael Ide:** NW Coast Art in Canadian Society

**Alex Vitrella:** Self-determination Through Education: Inuit in Nunavut

**Caitlin Coomes:** Links Between the Language and Environment of the Comcaac (Seri) People

**Simon Hart:** Community and NGO Institution Building in Maya Biosphere Reserve, Guatemala

**Gendered Identities**

Saturday May 14, 1:00-2:40
Leighton Hall 305

**Issa Kawas:** Circumcision in the U.S. and China

**Nira Ly:** The Hmong Women’s Movement: A Feminist Perspective

**Sue Knudsen:** Domestic Ideals and Reality of 20th Century Modern Women

**Courtney Speigner:** Lesbian Identity and the Undercutting of Gender, Class and Age

**Law, Organizations, and the Life Course**

Saturday May 14, 3:00-4:40
Leighton Hall 305

**Roxanne Moreno:** Gender Transition in the Immigration Process

**Carl Moberg:** Identity and Immigrants in the American Labor Movement

**Pedro Mari:** Social Interests and Law: Pardoning the FALN

**Kristina Kuntz:** The Third Stage of Life: Retirement and Work?

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**SOAN FUN!!**

**Social Events:**

**Pizza Party!**
May 5th, common time, SOAN lounge. This is a great way to meet new majors and produce community solidarity! Please sign up by May 3rd in the SOAN lounge.

**Departmental picnic!**
May 14th, 5:00pm (following the final comps talk sessions), at Jim Fisher’s house, 303 Maple Street. We’ll grill some food, enjoy each other’s company, and watch a film on ethnographic fieldwork starring Bronislaw Radcliffe-Fujimoto. Please RSVP with your food preferences by May 9th in the SOAN lounge.

**Senior Dinner!**
May 30th, Alumni Guest House. Details TBA.
Want to get involved in the SOAN department?

Be a Departmental Curriculum Committee member (DCC) or Student Departmental Advisor (SDA)!

DCC – This group of two senior and two juniors helps to facilitate communication and social interaction between faculty and students. DCCs plan events like pizza parties, ice cream socials, and help with the departmental picnic. DCCs also write the newsletter! **Two members of the class of ‘07 are needed to serve as DCCs, contact sylveste if you are interested!**

SDA – The SDA generally provides information about courses, prerequisites, and the SOAN department’s program in general to underclassmen during New Student Week (the Academic Fair and registration), the annual October Major’s Fair, advising days and registration periods and at other times as needed. **A member of the class of ‘06 is needed to serve as the SOAN SDA, contact pfeldman if you are interested!**

Test Your Knowledge!!

Famous Sociologists and Anthropologists: Can you identify them?