



## New Faculty to the Sociology Department!



Dr. Ann Finan, Assistant Professor. She is starting her first year teaching at SCSU. Her specialty is the Sociology of Food and Agriculture, especially as it relates to the natural environment and rural communities. Dr. Finan graduated from Iowa State University in 2007 with a Ph.D. in Sociology and Sustainable Agriculture. She is active in the Rural Sociological Society, and is working on several research projects investigating the intersection of food and agriculture systems, environmental sustainability, and social justice. Recently, she had an article accepted for publication in the journal *Agriculture and Human Values*. She will be teaching SOC 195: Democratic Citizenship, SOC 200: Environmental Sociology; and other specialized environmental sociology courses as the need emerges.



Dr. Robert Hollenbaugh, Assistant Professor. This is his first year teaching at SCSU. His specialties are race and ethnic relations, gender, and political democracy. Dr. Hollenbough teaches, SOC 268: Race and Ethnicity, and SOC 480: Sociological Practice. In addition to earning a PhD in Sociology, he completed a Graduate Certificate in Gender Studies in August 2009. During his last year he earned a University Dissertation Fellowship in 2008-09. His ongoing research projects involve: the role of public memories in constructing whites' colorblind attitudes; generational differences regarding racial values; gender and politics in the aftermath of 9/11 in the US; and assessing macro-social implications of political democracy for women's rights internationally.



Dr. Ajay Panicker, Assistant Professor. He joined the Sociology faculty in August 2009. Dr. Panicker graduated from The University of Miami, in May 2008 with his PhD in Sociology. His dissertation was titled "Counter-Hegemonic Collective Action and the Politics of Civil Society: The Case of a Social Movement in Kerala, India, in the Context of Neoliberal Globalization." He has a wide range of research and teaching interests including, political economy, globalization and development, social movements, social theory, and inequality. A number of his ongoing research projects interrogate the nature of political economic transition in the developing world, particularly South Asia. He is developing a project proposal to study the role of micro-finance in labor empowerment in Kerala, India. He currently teaches SOC 201: Social Inequality and SOC 268: Race and Ethnicity. In the future, he will be designing and teaching courses in areas such as Social Movements, Globalization, and Environmental Sociology. Dr. Panicker is also associated with the COSS Faculty Research Group on Immigrant Workers in Minnesota. In collaboration with Dr. Phillion and Dr. Greider, and faculty members from Political Science and Community Studies departments, He received a mini-Diversity grant from MnSCU to develop a research program documenting life experiences of immigrants in Central Minnesota.

The fate of our times is characterized by rationalization and intellectualization and, above all, by the disenchantment of the world.

- Max Weber

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# Neil Panchmatia, May 2010 Social Responsibility Graduate



Neil Panchmatia

I have been accepted into and am joining the doctoral program in Sociology at PSU this Fall. The program has an emphasis in social inequality and greatly complements our focus here in the Social Responsibility program. I shall be continuing my research with a focus on immigration and diasporic identities. Several faculty within the program share my research interests, and I am looking forward to calling Portland home.

I was just awarded a \$3000 fellowship through the University of Minnesota's Human Rights Center. I shall be working for 12 weeks this summer with a local organization in St. Cloud called Hands Across the World. The organization is a grassroots one, formed about 8 years ago. It provides local immigrant groups, especially the Somali community, with cultural adjustment tools. They provide English language classes, computer classes, reading and writing training as well as classes on cultural adaptation. They have also teamed with the local denominational organizations as well as legal service groups to provide additional representation and support to the immigrant groups. They are a non-profit organization that currently serves about 270 individuals in the Central Minnesota region. As part of my fellowship, I shall be focusing on the foundation of a new center for the organization. The center is aimed at bringing mutual cultural awareness to the differences in legal outlooks in the Somali and local communities.

## Social Responsibility courses offered summer 2010

### Human Relations

Course Number	Course Title	Instructor	Days	Time	Credits	Room
HURL 630	Teaching Social Justice/ Non-Violence and the environment	Andrzejewski	MTWR	9:00-1:00	3	A128
HURL 406/506	Sexual Assault Advocacy Training	Lindner	MW	4:30-8:30	3	A123

### Sociology

Course Number	Course Title	Instructor	Days	Time	Credits	Room
SOC 444-01	Internship	Havir	Arranged	Arranged	6-15	Arranged
SOC 462/562-01	Seminar: Gender and Violence	Scheel-Keita	Online	Online	3	Online
SOC 468/568-01	Inequality in Capitalist World System	Panicker	Online	Online	3	Online

### Womens Studies-no classes offered

## Social Responsibility courses offered fall 2010

### Human Relations

Course Number	Course Title	Instructor	Days	Time	Credits	Room
HURL 418/518	Xenophobia	Tademe	T	5:00-7:40	3	B 206
HURL 412/512	Disability Issues	Staff	T/TH	3:30-4:45	3	B 112
HURL 419/519	Genocide and Oppression	Tabakin	T	5:00-7:40	3	B 112
HURL 491/591	Change Agent Skills	Tademe	M	5:00-7:40	3	B 107
HURL 491/591	Change Agent Skills	Tademe	W	5:00-7:40	3	A 128
HURL 492/592	Pract in Social Empower	Tademe	M	7:40-8:30	3	B 107
HURL 492/592	Pract in Social Empower	Tademe	W	7:40-8:30	3	A 128
HURL 630	Global Social Responsibility	Andrzejewski	W	3:00-4:40	2	A 122

### Sociology

Course Number	Course Title	Instructor	Days	Time	Credits	Room
456/556-01	Complex Organization	Greider	TH	5:00-7:45	3	SH 221
462/562-01	Sociology of Globalization	Panicker	T	5:00-7:45	3	SH 214
467/567-01	Sociology of Religion	Philion	MW	3:00-4:15	3	SH 221
482/582-01	Global Politics of Food	Ore	M	5:00-7:45	3	SH 221
684-01	Sociology of Social Responsibility	Scheel-Keita	T/TH	5:00-7:45	3	SH 214
685-01	Sociological Theory	Philion	W	6:00-8:45	3	SH 221

### Womens Studies

Course Number	Course Title	Instructor	Days	Time	Credits	Room
WS 405/505	Ethics	Mwangi	M	5-7:40	3	SH 102

## Faculty's Corner

Stephen Phillion has been active the last and current semester on a number of academic projects including:

### Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Diversity Mini-Grant

\$10,000 awarded by the MnSCU Chancellor's Office on Diversity to St. Cloud State University COSS Faculty Research Group on Immigrant Workers in Minnesota to coordinate three research projects [conducted by Ajay Panicker (SOC), Chukwunyerere Ogochukwu (CMTY), Edward Greaves (POL), and Paul Greider (SOC) on the social conditions of Immigrant workers in Minnesota in 2010.

### St. Cloud State University COSS Matching Grant

\$2,000 awarded from COSS Dean Francis Harrold to match Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Diversity Mini-Grant that was awarded to St. Cloud State University COSS Faculty Research Group on Immigrant Workers in Minnesota.

### St. Cloud State University COSS Grant Writing Assistance Grant

\$1,000 awarded by COSS Dean Harrold to provide funds for a Graduate grant writing specialist to assist Dr. Phillion with the writing of external grants to support the COSS Faculty Research Group on Immigrant Workers in Minnesota.

### St. Cloud State University COSS Indirect Monies Grant

\$500 awarded by COSS Dean Harrold to provide funding for a collaborative research project with Dr. Paul Greider to conduct interviews with laid off St. Paul Ford Plant workers on divergent strategies when faced with imminent plant closure. Dr. Phillion recently **published a review** of William Hurst's 2009 book *The Chinese Worker after Socialism*, in the journal *China Information*, 24 (March, 2010). Finally, on March 28th, Dr. Phillion recently served as **invited discussant** for a panel on "Democratizing Democracy: Politics of Social Movements in Contemporary Taiwan" at the Annual Meeting of the Asian Studies Association in Philadelphia.

**Check out Dr. Jiping Zuo's new article!**

Dr. Jiping Zuo published an article in a Chinese journal: "Market transition and reconstruction of women's family roles." *Chinese Family Studies*, Vol. 4, December, 38-52, 2009. The ISBN: 978-7-80745-625-4.



## Interview with SR Graduate, Lwando Scott

By Angie Wambua  
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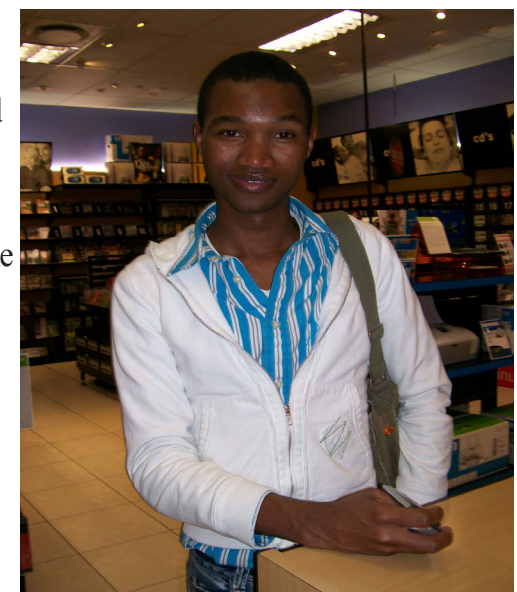
Dr. Phillion and Lwando Scott

During my own journey at SCSU as an undergrad, I met a graduate student named Lwando Scott. As I became better friends with Lwando, he encouraged me to apply for the Social Responsibility Program, and so I did. As I got to know him better I found out he was from South Africa and was an individual from who I could learn a lot. After beginning the SR program, Lwando was a great encouragement to me as well as other fellow students. This past December, Lwando graduated from the program and entered an exciting new phase of his life. Lwando and I met up and talked about his educational journey. He discussed how he had come to St. Cloud after graduating from an honors program in Diversity Studies at The University of Cape Town. Lwando has an undergraduate degree in Human Resources Management from the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University. During his first year here in the program, Lwando worked as a Hall Director in Stearns Hall, while enrolled full-time. Lwando enjoyed the Social Responsibility program and spoke about the positive life changing experiences he had. During his career at SCSU, Lwando learned from many of his professors and focused on taking sociology courses. Lwando has focused heavily on GLBT rights (both in the United States and in South Africa), South African society, and the impact and the importance of social movements. He has an acute understanding of the role of history in our present lives, especially when it comes to South Africa. Consequently, Lwando wrote his thesis on *The Historical Impact of Capitalist Development & Organization on Gay and Liberation of South Africa and the United States*.

Lwando spoke passionately of his research experience, and emphasized finding a research topic and forming a committee as early as possible. Looking back upon his experiences, Lwando encouraged students to aggressively move forward on their research, to stay on track so as to not be rushed later on. He said, "you do not want to have a rushed product." In completing a thesis, he said that the writing process is a struggle (and so it should be) and there is immense pressure to meet the high standards of your advisor. Lwando mentioned that during the research process you want to communicate your ideas very clearly to your committee, which can be tricky as the different parties involved might have different ideas about the research at hand. Lwando spoke about how he enjoyed the research process and advocated that students ask others about your research to find guidance from friends, professors and others who may be knowledgeable about your field of study. His favorite part of the thesis writing experience was learning about new scholars and the varied research they have done as well as discovering new aspects of South African society. GLBT history in South Africa is an area that Lwando wants to focus on in the future, as he believes it provides a glimpse of the complexity of South African society.

Lwando talked about his personal realization, stating, "you can't understand today's society and its problems without understanding the history that brought us to where we are today." I found his comment to be very insightful and something that we all can identify with. One of the important factors in the research process that Lwando spoke of was maintaining the self so that you are still enjoying what you are doing.

Now that Lwando has graduated, he is at yet another crossroads, and has many great ideas on where he would like to go from here. Lwando said he is taking time to re-focus on his goals and plans for the future and wants to find some way to give back to society with his research experience and passion that he has for his home country of South Africa. He feels that he is at a great point in his life, where he can map out exactly what he wants out of it. I have known Lwando long enough to see that he is destined for great things in his life and will be an incredible asset to whatever type of work he chooses.



Lwando Scott

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### Congratulations Spring 2010 Social Responsibility Graduates!

- Sarah Anderson
- Aubrey Butts
- Neil Panchamatia
- Staci Shea
- Courtney Geyer
- Eunice Adjei-Bosompem
- Jacqueline Lehmkuhl
- Kayla Quade
- Siddi Chudal
- Danielle Smith



### Social Responsibility 2010 Graduate Assistants

**HURL department:**  
Shaun Phillips  
Nabila Bhatti  
Nancy Anwary



Courtney Geyer

**SOC/ANTH department:**  
Dinishika Vithanage  
Courtney Geyer  
Angie Wambua

Nabila Bhatti and Shaun Phillips

### What can you do with your degree?

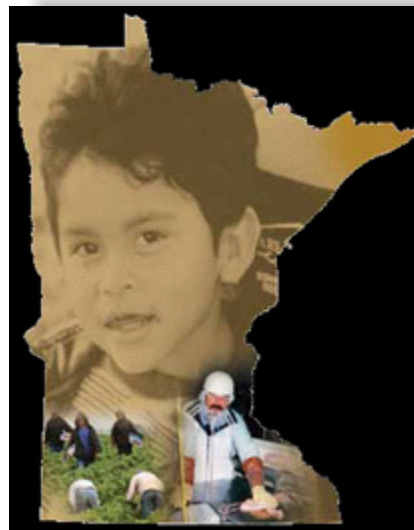
The Social Responsibility program is Multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary, spanning the fields of humanities, social science, education, business, science and technology. This program will provide you with the knowledge, research and advocacy skills on the issues of race, gender, class, disability, age, national origin, sexual orientation, species, labor, human rights, animal rights, and environmental sustainability and peace.

Here are some recent jobs that former students have recieved after graduating from the SR program.

- Faculty in human realtions at St. Cloud Technical College
- A Director in the Women's Resource Center, College of St. Mary's, San Francisco Bay area, CA
- An Administrative Director in the Advising Center at St. Cloud State University
- An Associate Director, Minnesota Campus Compact
- A Development and Program Assistant, Anna Marie's Alliance
- A member in the National Environment Management Council, in Tanzania

### Events to attend!

- Anti-corporate media and film festival April 21st
- Social Responsibility Club on campus
- Global Social Responsibility Conference October 12-14, 2010 come and join us or feel free to present in the conference yourself! for more info. Please contact Nabila Bhatti, Shaun Philips or Nancy Anwary
- Research Colloquium April 20th 2010
- The Social Responsibility Award honoring leadership and activism- Deadline April 1st
- The 22nd annual Excellence in Leadership Banquet will be held on Sunday, April 18
- Buddhist Discussion and Meditation Session 4/23/10 4-6 Voyageurs North
- The 11th Annual Pride Awards and the Karen Thompson & Sharon Kowalski Scholarship apply by 4/9/10 at 4:30 for more info contact: LGBT Resource Center
- Social Responsibility program!
- The Global Goes Local: Immigrant Workers and Families in MN Conference April 12th-13th! please follow the link for more info:



<http://tinyurl.com/ykb4dpt>

Come and join us for this two day event discussing the struggles and success of immigrant workers. Key note speakers are: Behzad Yaghmaian, Mary Wingerd, and Katherine Fennelly

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-Please visit [www.stcloudstate.edu/socialresponsibility](http://www.stcloudstate.edu/socialresponsibility) for more information regarding this graduate program.

-If seeking a master degree is an issue due to funding, there are Graduate Assistantships available on campus to help with the expenses of grad school. Please contact [www.stcloudstate.edu/graduatestudies](http://www.stcloudstate.edu/graduatestudies) or [jrandrzejewski@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:jrandrzejewski@stcloudstate.edu) for more info

-If in need of scholarships, and graduate assistantships please go to: [stcloudstate.edu/financialaid](http://stcloudstate.edu/financialaid)