UCSB Social Sciences

Engaging Public Issues

Discoveries

Critical Perspectives

Alternative Visions
Social Sciences at a Glance

- 7,176 Undergraduates
- 379 Graduate Students
Social Sciences at a Glance

Anthropology
Chicana & Chicano Studies
Communication
Economics
Feminist Studies
Political Science
Sociology

Asian American Studies
Black Studies
Exercise & Sport Studies
Global & International Studies
Military Science
Interdisciplinary Ph.D.s & Emerging Areas

- Feminist Studies
- Global Studies
- Technology & Society
- Social Demography
- Human Behavior & Evolutionary Science
- Crime and Justice
- Technology Management Program
NRC Rankings

Anthropology
Communication
Economics
Political Science
Sociology

Communication not previously ranked
Social Scientists & Crosscutting Research
in over 20 Institutes and Centers
Research Profile: Extramural Funding
Vision for the Social Sciences

- Build upon the scholarship and intellectual activities of our core academic departments
- Foster interdisciplinary collaboration and use these strengths as a competitive edge
- Engage the community on public issues and encourage public conversations
Interdisciplinary Collaboration

Broom Center for Social Demography
Building Excellence in Demography

- Family Demography
- Bio-demography and Evolution
- Population-Environment Interactions
- Sex and Gender
- Health and Education
- Work
- Spatial Demography and Migration
Engaged Scholarship

- “Of Goats and Headache” – Article in *The Economist* citing research on the value of academic journals by Ted Bergstrom, Economics.

- “Can A President Really Fix a Bad Economy?” – Interview by *National Public Radio* of Stephen Weatherford, Political Science.

- “Egypt After Mubarak” – Article in *The Nation* by Paul Amar, Global & International Studies.

- “Web Searches Cut Unemployment Duration by 25%” – Article in *The Wall Street Journal* citing research by Peter Kuhn, Economics.

- *Nothing Like Chocolate* – Documentary film by Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Sociology. Official Selection at the 2012 *Santa Barbara International Film Festival*.

- “One Man’s Journey from Gang Member to Academia” - Interview by the *PBS Newshour* of Victor Rios, Sociology.
Public Policy Potential

Using multiple methods and diverse theoretical perspectives to engage the role of social policy with an emphasis on race, gender and global impacts

- **How Racism Takes Place** (George Lipstiz, Black Studies & Sociology)

- Human Trafficking in the US (Grace Chang, Feminist Studies)

- Industry Flunkies Flunk Econ 101 [industry apologists get the economics wrong] (Charles Kolstad, Economics and Bren School)

- **Between Good and Ghetto** (Black/Latino girls and violence and crime, Nikki Jones, Sociology)

- Gender and Multicultural Leadership Project (National project on women of color and political leadership, Pei-te Lien, Political Science)
Transferring Knowledge & Inspiring Ideas

Meeting the needs of the best and brightest students

Outstanding Instruction
  - Attracting and retaining excellent faculty

Effective Learning Spaces
  - High-quality & well-maintained facilities
  - Productive use of technology and room configurations

Environments Conducive to Exploration
  - Spaces that facilitate cutting-edge research, working collaboratively and promoting creative investigation
Current Divisional Space Needs

Implementation of Release Space Plan
- Providing much needed relief to South Hall & HSSB departments
- Co-locating Ethnic and Feminist Studies
- Renewing 1960s building infrastructure in Phelps, Ellison & South Hall

High-quality Classrooms

Specialized Research Labs, Equipment and Support
- New and exciting requirements for the Social Sciences
Examples of New Space Types

Ethnic and Feminist Studies
- Labs, Art Studios & Video Production

Anthropology
- Bio-Sci Labs, Specialized Storage & Scholarly Review

Communication
- Human Interaction Research Lab Equipment

Economics
- High-end Computing & Behavioral Experimentation Labs
Future Space Needs

Building for Interdisciplinary Instruction and Research

- Flexible spaces for new interdisciplinary research
- Lab space for frontier edge social science investigation
- Visiting scholar space to deepen our expertise and enrich our scholarly environment
- Faculty-Graduate Student team space for special projects
- Outreach center to connect campus and community
Thank You