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Say Good-bye to our graduating Seniors!



Quotable:

“It is never too late to be what you might have been.” —

George El-

“Failure is impossible!”—
Susan B. Anthony

Graduating seniors Rachel Overby, Lindsey Cox, Elizabeth Rooks and Hilary Towle will be moving on after graduation. Come by Joyner 205B on **Monday, April 25, at 10:00 am** to recognized these students and our minors who are graduating, have some free food and say good-bye!

Students Present in Jacksonville

Dr. Hess and two Meredith College seniors in sociology: Hilary Towle and Rachel Overby presented at the annual Southern Sociological Society meeting in Jacksonville, FL in April 2011. Hilary presented on “Institutional Racism in the Criminal Justice System: The Effect of the Racial Makeup of Criminal Justice Employees”, and Rachel presented on “A Sociological Approach to Differences in Body Image Perceptions Between Teenagers with Visual Impairments and Teenagers without Visual Impairments”



Dr. Hess, Hilary Towle and Rachel Overby riding on a water taxi in Jacksonville, Florida at the SSS in April.

What are your plans for the summer?

Quotable:

“Scientists have only studied the world in various ways..the point is to change it!”—
Theresa Burns

No artist is ahead of her time. She is ‘in’ her time; it is just that others are behind the times. — Martha Graham

“I will be traveling with family in Europe and working”—Roni Klainer

“I will be taking summer school classes and working. I hope to be a counselor for the camp on campus for the kids from China.”—Rhonda Logan

“I will be camping in the mountains, working with my family to renovate our house and lots of other outdoor activities.”—Shellie Brigman

“Working at Express in the mall”—Chloe Cook

“I will be taking a class, driving my children, see Taylor Swift in concert and take a trip to DC.”—Kris York

“I will be taking classes at my local community college.”—Tokae Washington.

“I have an internship with the Hope Center here in Raleigh”—
Hilary Towle

“I am taking summer classes, working with Special Olympics and traveling to Tennessee for a family vacation”—
Heather Losee

“I will be doing an internship with an occupational therapist who works with children, taking classes, working with the autism program as well as an equine program with autistic children.”—
Ashley Hancock

“I am working with a Community Success Initiative which is an organization that helps former prisoners with

the transition back into the community.”—
Paulette Jackson

“I will be working on a big farm in Pamlico County (in the office) where they make Utz Chips, Frito Lay and Lance Snacks.”—Katie Hudgins

“I will be working at my paid internship with Blue Cross and hoping it becomes a fulltime job.”—Sydney Benjamin

“I will be working in Meredith’s library this summer”—Jessika Freeman

“I want to try to get a job with Interact this summer.” —Jasmine Broadnax

AWARD WINNERS in SOCIOLOGY!



Hilary Towle & Lindsey Cox

THE ERIKA WOODLEIF SOCIAL LEADERSHIP AWARD was presented to Lindsey Cox. This award is named after a former Meredith student who was a major in Sociology and died in her senior year(1997).

The winner displays her enthusiasm for sociology, commitment to the discipline, and encouragement of fellow students.

THE RHONDA ZINGRAFF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN SOCIOLOGY AWARD was presented to Hilary Towle. Dr. Zin-

graff was a long time faculty member of sociology known for her rigorous classes. This award is given to a student with exceptional academic skills, integrity, and commitment to the field of Sociology. The last time this award was given was in 2009. Please congratulate these winners!

Meet Elizabeth Rooks, Sociology Major

I started taking Sociology courses because I thought they were the most fun and interesting classes offered at Meredith. After the Sociology of Deviance class with Dr. Hess, I was absolutely hooked. I looked forward to

my Sociology classes every week, so I decided to go for a minor. Soon after, I realized I didn't have that many more classes to go to get my major, so I went for it!!!! It was probably one of the best decisions I ever made. After

graduation in May I plan to move to Augusta, Georgia with my husband after the Wedding in July and attend Augusta State University to get my Masters in Special Education.



Don't forget Summer and Sociology!

1st 6 weeks—(SOC 447) Sociology and Film TH 1:00-3:50 pm

1st 3 weeks—(SOC 446) Drugs and Society M-F 1:00-3:50 pm

2nd 3 weeks—(SOC 335) Race and Ethnic Relations M-F 8:30-11:20 am

3rd 3 weeks—(SOC 332) Human Sexuality M-F 8:30-11:20 am



Meet Rachel Overby, Sociology Major

The Summer before my junior year of college I needed a health class to take place of a physical education class. At the time I was double majoring in psychology and biology. I chose to take Dr. Brown's human sexuality class because I had heard good things about the class and it happened to be at an opportune time during the summer. Once I started the class I was intrigued, but a little overwhelmed. No other class I had taken at Meredith opened my eyes like that class. I decided if that one sociology class was able to intrigue me and open my mind to new ways of thinking then taking

other sociology classes may have a similar effect. I decided to take SOC 230 with Dr. Hess the fall of my junior year. I fell even more in love with sociology and decided that I wanted to major in it. I realized that I could not complete three majors in four years so I made the decision to drop my biology major and replace it with a sociology major. I will graduate in May with a Bachelor of Arts with a major in sociology and a second major in psychology. This year in April, I presented my research at the Southern Sociological Society Conference in Jacksonville, FL. My research, "A sociological approach to the differences in

body image perception between teenagers with visual impairments and teenagers without visual impairments," was based off of research that I did my sophomore year in the psychology department. After graduation I plan on taking the next year to take sociology and anthropology classes at NCSU in order to determine which of the two fields I want to pursue. I plan on getting my PhD and becoming a college professor.





**“ We must embrace the toughness of the serpent and the softness of the dove, a tough mind and a tender heart”
—Martin Luther King, Jr., 1963**

**“Don’t live down to expectations. Go out there and do something remarkable.”—
Wendy Wasserstein**

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA INDUCTIONS

On Tuesday, April 12, 5 Meredith students were inducted into the Sociology Honor Society which is called Alpha Kappa Delta. The students are (left to right) Hilary Towle, Rachel Overby, Elizabeth Rooks, Sydney Benjamin and Mayah Collins. Meredith College has joined with NCSU in their AKD chapter so that students have the opportunity to interact

with sociology students from this larger institution. The induction was held at NCSU. Sociology majors and minors are eligible to join this honor society and each student was pre-

sented with a certificate and the teal honor cords for graduation.



Meet Lindsey Cox, Sociology Major

My name is Lindsey Cox and I am a senior at Meredith majoring in Sociology with a minor in Crime and Justice. When I first came to Meredith I wanted to pursue a degree in Biology and become a Medical Scientist to cure cancer and AIDS. About two weeks into Bio-101 I decided that wasn't for me. I then wanted to be a pastry chef, but quickly realized I was not patient enough for that. After that I bounced around from Psychology to Political Science to Social Work. While trying to decide on a major I found myself taking as many sociology classes as possible. I loved every single sociology class I'd taken. From Human Sexuality to Color of Crime, I just couldn't get enough. I finally decided to declare my major in Sociology.

For my internship I was lucky enough to join the psychology staff at Western Youth Institution and Foothills Correctional

Institution in Morganton, NC. That's right; I spent my summer in prison. Each day I sat across from unrestrained inmates and listened to them talk about any problems they were experiencing in prison. Through this experience I was able to see firsthand the flaws in our criminal justice system. Because of my Crime and Justice Minor I was aware that our system was not perfect, but meeting these inmates and hearing their stories made me realize how corrupt the system really is .

After graduation I hope to attend law school. I plan to be a criminal defense attorney specializing in juveniles who are being tried as adults. I hope to help these young men receive fair trials with fair sentencing. My professors have taught me much more than just Social Theory and Research Methods. They have given me the tools I need to

succeed in anything I do. I have learned how important it is to stand up and fight for what you believe in. I've always had a somewhat unrealistic dream to change world. I feel that the knowledge and understanding of society and human nature that I have gained from my professors has put me on the right path to fulfilling my dream.

“The philosophers have only interpreted the world; the point, however, is to change it.” - Karl Marx

