

## 2017 SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY RECOGNITION

### 2017 Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) Initiates

Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) is the International Sociology Honor Society. AKD's purpose is to acknowledge and promote excellence in scholarship in the study of sociology, the research of social problems, and such other social and intellectual activities as will lead to improvement in the human condition. This is a merit-based award; initiation occurred at the department's Year-End Recognition Ceremony on Friday, June 9, 2017; our 2017 initiates are pictured below:



*Left to right: Ajelet Mor, Bela Schuler, Savannah Barry, Nadine Cutler, Andrew Pham, Julie Gunderson, Nate Zeile, and Devin Dalager*

### Distinction in Sociology and Criminology

The Department of Sociology and Criminology is one of many at DU that offer recognition in the form of distinction in the major. These programs typically include special course requirements and completion of a senior thesis or project. Graduation with university honors requires completion of distinction in the major. Majors who earned Distinction in the major this year include:

**Amanda Blue Gabriel-Debell.** Thesis title: "Examining Racialized De-Policing in Lethal Force: A Statistical Analysis"

**Kristen Kennedy.** Thesis title: "Doing Gender while Doing Secularism: Pathways and Obstacles to Inclusion in Secular Communities"

**Ani Rshtouni.** Thesis title: "Unseen, Unspoken, Unheard: Examining News Media Coverage of Victimized Children"

**Bela Schuler.** Thesis title: "Combat Veterans, PTSD/TBI, and the Death Penalty: Have Standards of Decency Evolved?"

**Pioneer All-University Awards Ceremony** (Thursday, May 18, 2017, at the Cable Center)

**2017 Department Award Winners**



**Left to right: Bela Schuler, Kristen Kennedy, Amanda Blue Gabriel-Debell**

***Bela Schuler***—2017 winner of **The OMNI Award for Sociological Contribution in the Area of Public Policy** (presented to a Sociology/Criminology student who has demonstrated outstanding work in the area of Public Policy)

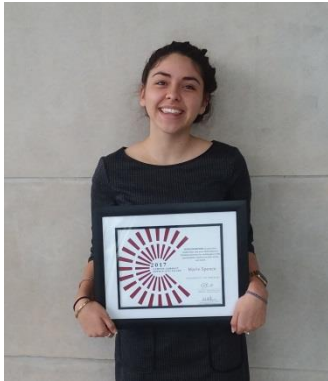
***Kristen Kennedy*** —2017 winner of **The Wilbert E. Moore Award for Outstanding Scholarship** (given to the student who has exemplified excellent scholarship through an article, paper, or presentation)

***Amanda Blue Gabriel-Debell*** —2017 winner of **The William H. Key Award for Outstanding Work in Applied Sociology** (given to the student who excels in the internship or practicum research)

## Other winners at the Pioneer Awards Ceremony:



**Paul Colomy**, Professor of Sociology, was announced as the winner of the 2017 Faculty Pioneer Award at the all-university awards ceremony on Thursday, May 18. Recipients of this award are chosen for their exemplary dedication and contributions to, and on behalf of, the University.



**Marie Spence**—2017 Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellow

**Additional photos from the Pioneer Awards Ceremony can be found at this link:**

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/duinternalphotos/albums/72157681800503644>

## Undergraduate Research & Scholarship Symposium

Undergraduate research is “an inquiry or investigation conducted by an undergraduate student that makes an original intellectual or creative contribution to the discipline.” The Undergraduate Research Center (URC) provides the educational resources and funding to help students develop their research skills. Each year the URC sponsors the Undergraduate Research & Scholarship Symposium, which showcases the exemplary scholarship of the university’s undergraduate students. This year’s event was held on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, in the Cable Center. Participants from Sociology/Criminology included:



**Andrea Bonilla** (criminology major)



**Kristen Kennedy** (sociology major)