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Graduate		Year	MS/	<b>Research/Teaching</b>		
Student	Name	Started	PhD	Interests	Advisor	<b>Contact Information</b>
	Abdelrahim Abulbasher Sudan	August 2013	MS	My research interests are rural community development, demography, migration and domestic violence. My hobbies are reading and gathering with friends and family. I am a permanent resident of the United States through asylum.	TBD	<u>abdelrahim.abulbasher</u> @jacks.sdstate.edu
	Trenton G. Ellis Illinois, United States	August 2009	PhD	Research: controversies of food and agriculture, gender and food, the social/environmental impacts of food decisions. Teaching: introducing students to sociology through the lens of food & ag. Hobbies: cycling, music, and reading about food & ag.	Redlin	<u>Trenton.Ellis1@gmail.com</u>
	Enifome Eto Delta State, Nigeria	August 2011	PhD	I am primarily interested in demography and gender.	Kayongo-Male	<u>enifome.eto@jacks.sdstate.edu</u>
	Joshua Fergen South Dakota, United States	January 2012	MS	My research interests focus on wind energy development and the impacts it has on communities and individuals. Some of my hobbies include fishing, hiking, camping, playing the guitar and mandolin. I received my BA in Sociology from MSU-Moorehead.	Jacquet	joshua.fergen@sdstate.edu

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	Eric Guthrie Florida United States		PhD	Demography, History, Survey and Statistical Methodologies	TBD	<u>eric.guthrie@sdstate.edu</u>
	Tim Hanna	August 2012	PhD	I am interested in Social Psychology and Neurosociology. My current research interests are maternal separation, brain maturation, and educational attainment; as well as the social psychological aspects of doxic flux and doxic resonance.	Emery	<u>timothy.hanna@sdstate.edu</u>
	Dan Hattum South Dakota, United States	August 2011	PhD	My research interests include: human sexuality, human development, sociology of & Science of Teaching and Learning, social psychology, criminal justice and deviance. I love teaching and have taught Soc 100 & Soc 350	TBD	<u>Dan.hattum@sdstate.edu</u>
	Justin Michael Heubrock South Dakota, United States	August 2012	MS	My main research interest is in social informatics, more specifically, how the internet affects courtship and marriage. I am also interested in sexuality and how institutions such as prisons affect identity in terms of sexual orientation/activity.	Froelich	<u>Justin.Heubrock@sdstate.edu</u>

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	J. L. Jackson Minnesota, United States	August 2013	PhD	I am interested in social theories of identity formation, rural community development, race, gender, and sexuality, social sustainability, epistemology, and demography. My hobbies are reading, hiking, and spending time with family and friends.	TBD	jacksonsdsu@gmail.com
	Daren Junker Minnesota, United States	August 2008	PhD	Studying community dynamics which enable successful outcomes despite adverse conditions to explain 'beating the odds' through social network and field theories. My primary work is in community leadership, so my studies will be applied.	Arwood	<u>daren@aquazelle.com</u>
	Li Li Chengdu, China	August 2009	PhD	I am interested in Demographic topics of China, such as family planning, immigration, and birth tourism. My dissertation will be about expecting Chinese women travelling to the US on tourist visas to have children on US soil for US citizenship.	Arwood	<u>li.li@sdstate.edu</u>
	Shuang Li Michigan United States	August 2012	MS	My research interests focus on rural Chinese migration, gender studies (Chinese women studies), rural community development, and global studies.	Emery	<u>Shaung.li@sdstate.edu</u>

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	Anton Mighty Illinois, United States	January 2011	PhD	My specialization is in social organization and demography. I earned my Bachelors in Psychology and my Masters in Education Leadership from the University of North Dakota. I am originally from the great city of Chicago.	TBD	<u>Anton.mighty@jacks.sdstate.ed</u>
	Elizabeth M. Nayebare Uganda	May 2013	MS	My research interests focus on International Migration and Gender Studies. I would like to study how spouses' of international students who come with F-2visa status (as dependents) cope and adjust at SDSU.	TBD	<u>Elizabeth.nayebare@sdstate.ed</u>
	Erin Seldat- Minnesota, United States	August 2012	PhD	The changing role of women in conventional and alternative agriculture, climate change, and documenting their lived experience. I teach Gender Roles, Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence, Intro to Women's Studies, and Social Problems.	Redlin	<u>Erin.Seldat@sdstate.edu</u>
	Prekchya Singh <sup>Kathmandu,</sup> Nepal	August 2010	PhD	My research interests are in the areas of rural development, gender inequality and demography. My hobbies include singing, traveling, playing piano and canyoning.	Emery	prekchya.singh@sdstate.edu

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C Son	Umit Shrestha Kathmandu, Nepal	August 2011	PhD	My research interest covers gender and development, natural resource management and community development. This spring I am conducting an impact assessment of a water project in Nepal. My hobbies include reading, biking and soccer.	Redlin	<u>Umit.shrestha@sdstate.edu</u>
	Sarah Stertz Minnesota, United States	January 2013	MS	My interest involve criminology and criminal justice, in particular police practices, how perceptions from enforcers influence recidivism, and deviant behaviors regarding status offenses. I also enjoy bicycling, movies, and time with family.	Jantzer	<u>Sarah.stertz@sdstate.edu</u>
	Rebecca M.A Tachie Ghana, West Africa	January 2013	MS	I am interested in studying women's involvement in social and political organizations, rural women's lives and activities, community development and evaluation research.	Redlin	<u>Rebecca.tachie</u> @jacks.sdstate.edu
	Steven Trefz South Dakota, United States	August 2013	PhD	Research interests include religious organization, congregational networking and interdenominational interaction, community capitals, and sociology of religion.	Emery	<u>steven.trefz@jacks.sdstate.edu</u>

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	Jonathan Wallner South Dakota, United States	August 2012	MS	I'm interested in community development and social impacts of large-scale developments such as power plants, casinos, retail chains, etc. on communities and individuals. I also sing and play trumpet in a folk rock band called The Tinder Box.	Redlin	<u>Jonathan.wallner@sdstate.edu</u>
	Susan Yerhot Minnesota, United States	August 2012	PhD	My main interests are comparative sociology, sustainability and green technology within intentional communities (US, Europe and Africa), environmental law and globalization. My teaching interests are in social problems, globalization and comparative criminology	Arwood	<u>Susan.yerhot@sdstate.edu</u>