Sociology can help explain the contexts, conditions, and influences we all have on each other and each other’s well-being. Many good-intentioned development projects on poverty alleviation have failed due to a lack of understanding of the sociological impacts of their actions. You can use a sociology degree to advise efforts in every sector in the best practices for successful implementation an entire community will adopt.

MODEL: KOLINSKA RUT
Rut used the knowledge she gained from her ethnography degree to found the Network of Mother Centers. Her nonprofit established more than 300 centers all over the Czech Republic to help working mothers fight discrimination from government and employers. Rut’s centers address career enders, such as maternity leave and other women’s issues.

RELEVANT COURSEWORK 2013–14
- SOAN 0105 Society and the Individual
- GSFS/SOAN 0191 Introduction to Sociology of Gender
- SOAN 0215 Sociology of Education
- SOAN 0260 Globalization and Its Discontents
- SOAN 0305 Topics in Sociological Theory
- SOAN 0340 The Anthropology of Human Rights

OPPORTUNITIES
(Internships, Jobs, Programs, Grants)
- Academics Outreach Endowment Grants
- Bellevue Hospital Project Health Care, Patient Advocacy Intern
- Community Engagement Mini-Grants
- Community Engagement Cross-Cultural Grants
- Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund, Outreach Intern
- Fulbright Scholar Program
- Shepherd Poverty Internship
- The DREAM Program, Youth Mentorship Intern
- Thomas J. Watson Fellowship
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Global Affairs, Research Intern
PROFESSORS

Michael Sheridan
Interests - Sheridan joined the Peace Corps in 1988 as a water technician and did field work on agriculture, community development, and land management in Tanzania.

Margaret Nelson
Courses - Women and Gender Studies, Sociology of Family, Education, and Poverty.
Interests - Research focusing on contemporary parenting practices, families in rural areas, and single mothers.

CONNECTIONS

Arthur Choo ’12 (Sociology/Political Science)

Choo’s research interests revolved around the relationship between the experience of North Korean refugee resettlements and the laws/legal institutions that govern the reintegration process. Choo established the North Korean Outreach Association, which connects North Korean communities with distinct needs to specialized volunteer and activist organizations, as well as an English teaching program at transitional reintegration institutions. He also began a scholarship program for children of North Koreans to attend international academies and he sought ways to connect sports to cultural integration.

STUDENT ORGS

- Active Minds
- Amnesty International
- Feminist Action at Middlebury (FAM)
- GlobeMed at Middlebury College
- Habitat for Humanity Middlebury
- Middlebury Alternative Breaks (MAlt)
- Middlebury College Organic Farm
- Queers and Allies (Q&A)
- Service Cluster Board
- Stop Traffick: Fighting Against Human Trafficking
- Sunday Night Group: Everything Environmental
- Weybridge House: Sustainable Food Studies House

For more info:
go/CSE
go/SOAN
go/CCI
go/FUNDING
go/CE

A WORLD IN WHICH EVERYONE IS UNIVERSALLY EMPATHETIC AND EXERCISES LOVE AND RESPECT WITH FULL CHANGEMAKING POWER. - BILL DRAYTON’S DEFINITION OF “GOOD”