We prepare students to develop sociological questions and to design and conduct systematic and rigorous research which they pursue through course projects and senior theses. Students have opportunities to engage in fieldwork throughout the curriculum. Required courses emphasize research methodologies and data analysis, including the junior tutorial where students engage in an original research project. There are multiple opportunities for students to gain valuable research experience including RA work on faculty projects (Sociology 92R). This focus on research and fieldwork bolsters both a ‘hands on’ approach to learning while also exposing students to the production of sociological knowledge. For more on research opportunities, see: http://sociology.fas.harvard.edu/faculty-research

Sociology is a broad-based discipline. Our department is particularly strong in the following areas, which are our research clusters: Comparative Sociology and Social Change; Crime and Punishment; Culture, Economic Sociology and Organizations; Gender and Family; Health and Population; Inequality; Political and Historical Sociology; Race, Ethnicity and Immigration, Urban Poverty and the City.

Books Published Recently by our Faculty Include:
Matthew Desmond:
• *Evicted*, (Crown Publishers, 2016)
Paul Chang:
• *Protest Dialectics*, (Stanford University Press, 2015)
Orlando Patterson with Ethan Fosse:
• *The Cultural Matrix*, (Harvard University Press, 2015)
Jocelyn Viterna:
• *Women in War*, (Oxford University Press, 2013)
Robert J. Sampson:
• *Great American City*, (The University of Chicago Press, 2012)