

## About the Editors

### Volume 12

#### **Selina Lo**

Selina is the Co-Editor-in-Chief of *Sojourners: the UBC Undergraduate Journal of Sociology*, for the 2020/2021 school year. This is her second year as Co-Editor-in-Chief, having served as an Associate Editor for 3 years prior. Selina graduated in June 2021 with a double major in Art History and Sociology. She hopes to take what she has learned from *Sojourners* into her future career, as both a writer and editor.

#### **Curtis Seufert**

Curtis graduated from the University of British Columbia in 2020 with a Bachelors in Sociology (Honours) and French, and will be returning in the Fall of 2021 to pursue a Masters in Journalism. *Sojourners* has proved invaluable for Curtis, and has cemented his love for rigorous, well-researched (and of course well-edited) work. Having completed his Honours thesis on the ways in which YouTube can affect or even radicalize peoples' political beliefs, he's hoping to pursue a similar line of inquiry going forward by further investigating peoples' experiences with political radicalization, and how social media plays a part in those experiences.

#### **Moneeza Badat**

Moneeza was born and raised in Surrey BC and graduated with a BA in Sociology from UBC. Her interests include the sociology of Islam, social movements theory, sociological theory, mental health, as well as Persian poetry, history, and baking. Throughout her degree she pursued opportunities to advance undergraduate learning and research, as she cares deeply about encouraging young people and her peers to develop their own ideas and thoughts in academic settings. She is a returning co-editor for *Sojourners*. In her spare time, she likes to read fiction novels, read recipe books, and explore the scenery and food of BC.

#### **Olivea Bell**

Olivea is a recently graduated Masters of Management and Sociology student from Albuquerque, New Mexico. Her interest in sociology began with an interest in social issues relating to the family as well as gender inequality, but her courses have opened her eyes to many important sociological issues over the past few years. She loves rainy weather, reading, and manta rays.

#### **Ryan Bennett**

Ryan graduated from UBC with a degree in Arts, major in Political Science in 2019. He was born in Whitehorse, Yukon, and is passionate about issues that affect Canada's northern communities. His area of focus during his time at UBC was in comparative

politics and political theory to analyze the relationship between societies and institutions. An application of research and theory that is deep-seated in a humanism has led Ryan to volunteering throughout the greater Vancouver area. He has previously volunteered for Word Vancouver, the Dogwood Initiative, and currently applies the knowledge he gained throughout his degree as a Broad-based Admissions Reader for the University of British Columbia. His studies have fueled a passionate and considerate approach to government relations that is underpinned by sustainable and inclusionary policymaking.

In his spare time, Ryan can be seen writing, listening to podcasts, and putting away the doldrums of the news cycle to play boardgames in good company. He looks forward to working with the talented staff at Sojourners, and to gain critical insight into the world of academic publishing

### **Leo Chu**

Leo Chu received his MA in science and technology studies (STS) from the University of British Columbia. His interests include the history of social-ecological resilience in the late twentieth century and the role of citizen participation in UN-led resource management projects. He also writes about film and literature criticism, especially the sci-fi genre.

### **Kate Collins**

Kate is a recently graduated Sociology and Masters of Management student from Mountain View, California. Her interest in Sociology was sparked during her first year sociology course with Kerry Greer, who inspired her to pursue sociology as a major. Her favorite courses at UBC thus far have been: sociology of racial + ethnic inequality, sociology of drugs and society, sociology of mental health, and classic contemporary sociological theory. In addition to being a part of the Sojourners team, Kate is a fundraising volunteer for the Multidisciplinary Association of Psychedelic Studies and spends her free time reading or watching Chef's Table. Upon graduation, she plans to pursue a law degree in the United States. She is incredibly excited to be an editor and contribute to the 2020 edition of Sojourners!

### **Ella Kim-Marriott**

Ella is in her fourth and final year of the Honours Sociology program at UBC and last year completed the interdisciplinary Environment and Society minor. She is thrilled to be working as one of the Co-EICs this year, as she has spent the past two years as an associate editor for the journal and has thoroughly enjoyed working with peer authors and learning what other students in sociology are studying. She is a passionate environmentalist who has a particular interest in climate mitigation and adaptation policies and the social impacts that will come from the transitions required to move towards a greener future. She is a born and raised Vancouverite, and growing up in BC has definitely influenced her love of nature. She is super excited about this year's journal and encourages all sociology students to submit to the journal at least once!

**Cherie Tay**

Cherie is a recent graduated Sociology student at UBC. She is particularly interested in the trajectory that women's rights and LGBTQ+ rights have taken in recent years, especially within the context of an ever-changing political landscape and a society enamored with technology. She has also greatly enjoyed her experiences gain as a Teaching Assistant for Sociology courses at UBC during her undergrad.

Aside from Sojourners, she is the Junior Corporate Relations Director for UBC HOPE Club and aids in coordinating Warmth of Winter (WoW) events that spread care packages among Downtown Eastside community members. As well, she volunteers as part of SASC's Project and Events Committee to hold events that raise awareness of the prevalence of sexual assault. When she is not keeping up with readings and writing essays, she likes to travel, find new eating-places and sleep. Hopefully, she will be doing an exchange at the University of Amsterdam in the 2019-2020 school year (coincidentally enough, the Netherlands is a fascinating place for sociological study due to its liberal stance on prostitution and recreational drug use!). Finally, she really enjoyed working with the Sojourners team this year and greatly appreciates learning from the wealth of knowledge they had to share.

**Maren Tergesen**

Maren is a recently graduated Sociology student who completed the Honours program in her fifth and final year at UBC. Akin to the weather, her research interests vary from day to day (but reliably excite her as much as a blue sky). She is fascinated by sociological approaches to health and illness, with a particular focus on health-related social movements and the social construction of contested illnesses. When she is not committing sociology in the classroom, she is either working as a research assistant at a local non-profit organization, volunteering at the Sexual Assault Support Centre, or making slime and reading Dog Man with youth at the Writer's Exchange. In the years to come, Maren wishes to pursue graduate studies which combine her passion for critical thought and social justice with her drive to advance social change.

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### **Bruno Belevan**

Bruno is a 4th-year international Arts student from Peru, majoring in Honors Economics combined with the Master of Management Program at the Sauder School of Business. During the summertime, he likes working as a Research Assistant. So far, he has assisted with research on international students' experiences at Vantage College and the effects of no-interest loans on homelessness in Vancouver at the Network of Inner-City Community Services Society. He is very passionate while talking about his country and economic development. Bruno hopes to one day be able to go back to Peru and work on water distribution to remote areas. Furthermore, he is always excited to talk about how game theory and econometrics are useful to analyze football. Bruno is very excited to participate as an Associate Editor in the 11th volume of *Sojourners* and learn more about the scholarly community. Outside of his academic interests, Bruno is a devoted cook. Ask him to cook any Peruvian dish you want; he will happily serve it to you.

### **Holly Benna**

Holly is in her fourth year at UBC, pursuing a major in Sociology and minor in Environment Society. She is passionate about climate justice, finding the intersections between environmentalism and injustice, and challenging development narratives through community based research methods. In addition to being part of the *Sojourners* team, Holly works with ORICE facilitating student research opportunities and community engagement. Holly is so thrilled to be part of the team as an Associate Editor contributing to the 13th volume of *Sojourners*, as she loves reading about what other Sociology students are interested in investigating. When she's not buried in readings for class, she can be found creating art, eating plants, and getting lost in nature!

### **Grace Bian**

Grace is in her fourth year at UBC as a sociology major and law and society minor, and is super excited to be on the *Sojourners* team! She has always enjoyed writing, but didn't realize she had the qualities of an editor until she began working as a teaching assistant for an introductory sociology course. Grace's research interests include racial issues in identity, precarious labour, and pop culture. Outside of school, Grace enjoys travel (when it was possible) and looking at vintage furniture she cannot afford. She is currently on her

co-op term, working the 9-5 life as an assistant at a law firm. From this experience, her advice is to enjoy being a student while you can!

### **Silvana Martinez**

Silvana is a fourth-year student at UBC, majoring in Human Geography and minoring in Sociology. She has been interested in sociological topics from an early age, but it was during her first-year Coordinated Arts Programme where she learned to pin down her sociological perspective. Her years at UBC have also helped her spark an interest for social justice, urban studies, globalization, and journalism. In her free time, she loves reading independent Colombian journalism and creating playlists in Spotify, as well as reviewing arts and culture events at CiTR's Arts Report and The Ubyyssey. She also keeps her own creative writing portfolio at Vocal Media, exploring different topics and genres. She hopes her time at Sojourners will provide her with tools to keep growing in her writing and learn from other students' sociological research interests!

### **Pooja Ramachandran**

Pooja is a fourth-year student at UBC, double majoring in Psychology and Sociology. Within the field of sociology, she is interested in the social causes and consequences of mental health. By pursuing both the fields, she hopes to gain a more holistic understanding of mental health, which can guide treatment efforts. Outside of Sociology, she spends her time as a Research Assistant at psychology labs, where she aids with research in child development and social psychology. She is also a volunteer mentor with the Learning Buddies Network. Pooja is thrilled to be a part of the Sojourners team as an Associate Editor and is looking forward to learning more about the field of Sociology by reading students' work.

### **Makena Zimmerman**

Makena is in her third year at UBC where she is pursuing a BA in Sociology with a minor in Law and Society. From Richmond, B.C., her interests in sociology lie within the relationships between race, ethnicity, and health and how these intersect to produce oppression and privilege in the lives of individuals and entire cultural groups. With a passion for anti-racism, advocacy, and social justice, Makena hopes to pursue the sociology Honours program and graduate studies in sociology or law. Outside of sociology, Makena spends her time as the VP Events of the UBC Dance Team, a member of the Thunderbird Dance Team, and as a Residence Advisor with UBC Residence Life. Makena is incredibly excited to be joining the Sojourners team as an Associate Editor for the 13th Volume and is looking forward to reading the amazing work written by sociology undergrads!