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When are Conflicts Pacified, and Why do Some Remain Unresolved?

Prof. Keller's article in the *Journal of Historical Sociology* explores historical patterns in government efforts to explain and pacify violent conflict. In drawing on 19th and early 20th century reports of official government commissions into violent events, the article documents the tendency to gradually but steadily "bureaucratize" certain kinds of violent conflicts, as well as the curious case of violence defined in racial or ethnic terms. Despite frequent attention to the latter, government explanations of racial and ethnic violence typically resisted efforts to create a standard explanatory model, as well as efforts to create standard policies designed to prevent future violence. Why might that be so? [Read the article](#) to learn more.

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Muscle as Fashion?

Professor Cortese published an article in the American Medical Association Journal of Ethics "Virtual Mentor" concerning bodybuilding subcultures and images of health and fitness. In it, he discusses the ways that bodybuilders construct their aims and images, and their relation to sports medicine and perceptions of risk. To read the article, [click here](#)

9/1/2014

Excellence in Mentoring Award

Prof. Kunovich was awarded the Excellence in Mentoring Award by the Office of Engaged Learning for her work with undergraduate sociology major Rebecca Swarm. Rebecca's project "Success by the Plateful" evaluated the effectiveness of culinary arts program on reducing recidivism among Dallas youth.

10/1/2014

Is the U.S. in Decline?

In a special issue of *Political Power and Social Theory* that takes up the question of whether or not the U.S. is in decline, Prof. Keller's article (with Fred Block) characterizes domains of institutional flourishing and institutional stagnation, and reflects on obstacles to and opportunities for sustained prosperity. For more on the article and other contributions that debate the question, [see here](#) (subscription required for access) or [request a copy directly from Prof. Keller](#).

Article: [Can the U.S. Sustain its Position? Dynamism and Stagnation in the U.S. Institutional System](#)