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The Department of Sociology* was founded in the 1930-1 academic year, 75 years ago, making this is our Diamond Anniversary year. We have much to celebrate. *US News* ranked our joint program with Rural Sociology as the #1 graduate program in Sociology. Later this year, we will have an anniversary party in conjunction with the renaming of the Social Science Building to honor Bill Sewell. We'll let you know later how you can participate in the celebration. We want to use this year to reflect on where we have been and where we want to go as we look forward to our Centennial in 2030.

This is a time of great challenge and great opportunity for sociology as a discipline and the University of Wisconsin as an institution. The challenges are all too easy to see. Fiscal crises and political attacks on social research make us all skittish. It is tempting to adopt a victim mentality and just react to each new crisis. But periods of crisis are also periods of opportunity, growth, and change. Secure funding and high prestige could permit self-satisfied stagnation but, we know stagnation is not an option. We are asking ourselves: Why should people support a sociology department and sociological research? Answering that

question tells us what our mission is. Wisconsin Sociology is a great department. Great because we do cutting-edge research of enormous social and scientific importance. Great because we teach young people to think analytically about their society. And great because we have a strong collective spirit that focuses on working together and treating everyone with compassion and respect. As we focus on doing our jobs as well as we can, we will attract to us the resources we need to keep doing what we do.

We hope to maintain our #1 ranking the way we got it, by focusing on maintaining our core principles of excellence while thinking flexibly about how to accomplish them. We work hard to produce the highest quality research possible. We reward scholarly methodological rigor and theoretical insight in research and writing, not the proliferation of minor publications. We respect and value intellectual, methodological, social and cultural diversity. We look to the future and not the past of the discipline. We focus our hiring on finding the best junior scholars and nurturing their careers, not on rewarding academic stars for their past work. We treat each other, our students, and community members with civility, respect, and compassion. We value and nurture excellent

teaching and public service. We don't have the highest salaries or the best graduate stipends, but we attract and retain excellent people because they like being in an environment where quality is appreciated and people are well treated.

Administering this department is a pleasure. We hope that you, our alumni and friends, will enjoy taking part in your own ways in this collective enterprise.



Pamela Oliver, Chair



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News from Alumni and Friends

Paul D. Allison (Ph.D. 1976) has been the Sociology Department Chair at the University of Pennsylvania since July 2003.

Duane F. Alwin (MS 1970, Ph.D. 1972) was recognized by the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) as one of the “world’s most cited authors - comprising less than one half of one percent of all publishing researchers.” The ISI list of highly cited authors is featured at the following URL: <http://isihighlycited.com>.

Lowell Bergman won the Pulitzer Prize for public service along with New York Times colleague, David Barstow. Bergman, a former “60 Minutes” producer who received bachelors degrees in history and sociology from UW-Madison in 1966, was the subject of the 1999 film “The Insider,” which starred Al Pacino in the role of Bergman.

Kathleen Blee (Ph.D. 1982), currently at the University of Pittsburgh, received the 2004 Chancellor’s Distinguished Research Award, the university’s career award for senior scholars.

David L. Brown (Ph.D. 1974) co-edited *Challenges for Rural America in the 21st Century* (Penn State Press). This volume examines social, demographic, and economic transformations in rural America, proposes research priorities, and identifies public policy challenges. The book was commissioned by the Rural Sociological Society.

Paul Ciccantell (Ph.D. 1994), Associate Professor of Sociology at Western Michigan University published several articles: “A Continental Electricity Industry.” In Rugman, Alan (editor): *North American Economic and Financial Integration: Research in Global Strategic Management*, Volume 10. Oxford: Elsevier Press; with Stephen G. Bunker: “Matter, Space and Technology in Past and Future Hegemonies.” Chapter 9 in C. Chase-Dunn and E.N. Anderson (editors.): *The Historical Evolution of World-Systems* (New York: Palgrave); with Stephen G. Bunker: “Transporting Raw Materials and Shaping the World-System: Creating Hegemony via Raw Materials Access Strategies in Holland and Japan.” *Review of the Fernand Braudel Center*: 26:4:339-380 (2003); and “Generative Sectors and the New Historical Materialism: Economic Ascent and the Cumulatively Sequential Restructuring of the World Economy.” *Studies in Comparative International Development*: 37:4, pp. 3-30 (2003).

Rachel Dwyer (Ph.D. 2003) started a tenure-track assistant professor position this fall in the Department of Sociology at the Ohio State University, where she has been a visiting professor this past year.

Dana Fisher (Ph.D. 2001) is publishing *National Governance and the Global Climate Change*

Regime (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2004).

Rosemary Gartner (Ph.D. 1985) finished her 5-year term as Director of the Centre of Criminology at the University of Toronto in July 2003 and is now a regular professor at the Centre (cross-appointed to the Department of Sociology). She has two new books out (or about to be out): *Murdering Holiness: The Trials of Franz Creffield and George Mitchell*, University of British Columbia Press, 2003 (co-authored with Jim Phillips); and *Marking Time in the Golden State: Women’s Imprisonment in California*, Cambridge University Press, 2004 (co-authored with Candace Kruttschnitt).

Angela Hattery, (Ph.D. 1996) received tenure and promotion to Associate Professor at Wake Forest University in April 2003. She was awarded an ASA/NSF Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline award for her project: “Intimate Partner Violence: Exploring the experiences of African American Men and Women.” Angela was also awarded a faculty fellowship, for the next three years. She will be the Zachary T. Smith Reynolds Associate Professor of Sociology.

Bradley Hertel (Ph.D. 1971), Associate Professor of Sociology at Virginia Tech, has been in New Delhi since January to do research on regional differences and changes in the calendars and celebrations in India.

Randy Hodson's (Ph.D. 1980) book, *Dignity at Work*, (Cambridge University Press, 2001) was featured in a Symposium in *Contemporary Sociology* (January 2004). This book was also the featured book in an "Author Meets Critics Session" at Southern Sociological Society Meetings, New Orleans, March 2003.

Judy Howard (Ph.D. 1982) is Chair of the Department of Women Studies at the University of Washington and was elected to the ASA Publications Committee this past year and began her term in Fall 2003.

Lane Kenworthy (Ph.D. 1993), Assistant Professor of Sociology at Emory University, published a book: *Egalitarian Capitalism? Jobs, Incomes, and Growth in Affluent Countries*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation. 2004

Corey Keyes (Ph.D. 1995) is Associate Professor at Emory University and published two volumes in 2003, one entitled *Flourishing: Positive Psychology and the Life Well-Lived* (American Psychological Association) and the other entitled *Well-Being: Positive Development Throughout the Life-Course* (Erlbaum and Associates). Corey was a contributor to the recently released full report entitled "Promoting Mental Health: Concepts, Emerging Evidence, and Practice," a report of the World Health Organization, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, in collaboration with the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation and The University of Melbourne. He was named to the

associate editor board of the Journal of Health and Social Behavior in January 2004.

Greta Krippner (Ph.D. 2003), Assistant Professor of Sociology at UCLA, won the 2004 American Sociological Association Award for her thesis, "The Fictitious Economy: Financialization, the State, and Contemporary Capitalism."

Janet Hankin (Ph.D. 1974) is a Professor of Sociology at Wayne State University. She is the Principal Investigator of the Psychosocial Community Measures Core of the Center for Urban African American Health, funded by NIH/NIES. In August 2003 she received the service award from the Medical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association.

Charles Hirschman (Ph.D. 1972), currently Professor of Sociology at the University of Washington, is President-Elect of the Population Association of America.

Jim Lincoln (Ph.D., 1974) is Warren E. and Carol Spieker Professor in the Haas School of Business and affiliated faculty member of the Department of Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley. He finished a five year term as Director of UCB's Institute of Industrial Relations on July 1, 2002, then spent a sabbatical year at Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan. His most recent book with Michael Gerlach, is about to be published by Cambridge University Press.

Brian C. Martinson, (Ph.D. 1994), Research Investigator at the HealthPartners Research Foundation (HPRF) was awarded a \$2.4 million grant from the National Institute on Aging in September 2003. This award is for a five-year intervention study to assess the effectiveness of a phone- and mail-based counseling program for helping mature adults (ages 50-70) maintain a healthy level of physical activity. The HPRF is a not-for-profit research foundation in Minneapolis, MN, affiliated with the HealthPartners health plan. The Foundation is primarily funded by external federal agencies and other foundations to conduct a broad range of public-domain, health-related research.

Patricia MacCorquodale (Ph.D. 1978) continues in her position as Dean of the Honors College at the University of Arizona. She has a joint appointment as Professor of Women's Studies and Sociology and an adjunct position in Higher Education. She teaches approximately once a year, either an undergraduate honors course or a graduate course, often on Critical Issues in Higher Education.

Kathleen McKinney (Ph.D. 1982), Cross Endowed Chair in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) at Illinois State University, is involved in a variety of activities including her own SoTL research in Sociology and work supporting the SoTL research of others. Her publications in 2004 include: with James Broadbear, Deborah Gentry, Patricia Klass, Sharon Naylor and Nicky Virgil: "Using Data to Support and

Enhance SoTL,” Pp. 171-175 in *Campus Progress: Supporting the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning*. Washington, DC: American Association of Higher Education; with Wright, M.C., Nandini, A., Kain, E. L., Kramer, L., Howery, C.B., Glass, B., and Atkinson, M.: “The Importance of Institutional Context for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education,” *Teaching Sociology* 32:144-159; with Tchernykh, M., Fite, K., and Malak, J. “Beyond the Classroom: Out-of-Class Learning in Sociology,” *Teaching Sociology* 32: 43-60; “The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning: Past Lessons, Current Challenges, and Future Visions,” *To Improve the Academy* 22: 3-19.

Michael J. McQuestion (Ph.D. 2000) is Assistant Professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He has succeeded so far in parlaying his UW Ph.D. in Sociology into an expectation of greatness on the part of his employer.

Ron Mize (Ph.D. 2000) accepted the offer to join the faculty at Cornell University with a joint appointment in the Department of Development Sociology and Latino Studies Program. In terms of publications, his recent and forthcoming publications include: Mize, Ronald. (Forthcoming). “Redress for Mexican Braceros? Lessons Learned from Japanese Internment and African-American Slavery Reparations Movements.” *Cleveland State Law Review, LatCrit Symposium Issue*, accepted for publication February 2004; Seid, Michael, Donna Castañeda, Ronald Mize, Mirjana Zivkovic and James Varni. (2003).

“Crossing the border for health care: Access and primary care characteristics for young children of Latino farm workers along the U.S.-Mexico border.” *Ambulatory Pediatrics*. Vol. 3, No. 3: pp.121-130

Dan Myers (Ph.D. 1997) was promoted to full professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Notre Dame.

Gerardo Otero (Ph.D. 1986) has been Professor of Sociology, and Director of the Latin American Studies Program at Simon Fraser University since 1990. He was a postdoctoral visiting fellow at the Center for U.S. - Mexican Studies at the University of California, San Diego in 1986-1987, and a visiting faculty in Rural Sociology at the University of Wisconsin in 1989-1990. He has taught sociology at Tulane University (2001), and was a visiting professor in the Doctoral Program in Development Studies at Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas in 2003-2004. His recent publications include: *Adiós al campesinado? Democracia y formación política de las clases en México rural* (Porrúa, UAZ and SFU 2004); *Farewell to the Peasantry? Political Class Formation in Rural Mexico* (Westview 1999). Gerardo recently edited *Mexico in Transition: Neoliberal Globalism, the State, and Civil Society* (Zed Books 2004, August). His current project is about native peoples's struggles for autonomy and self-governance, and their relations to plant genetic resources and biodiversity in Australia, Canada, Mexico, and Norway.

Devah Pager (Ph.D. 2002) won the 2003 American Sociological Association Dissertation Award for her thesis, “The Mark of a Criminal Record.” Devah is now an Assistant Professor at Princeton.

Havidán Rodríguez (Ph.D. 1991), moved to the University of Delaware in September 2003 where he is now full professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice. He was also appointed as Director of the Disaster Research Center (DRC), which was the first Center in the world established to focus on the Social Science aspects of disasters just celebrated its 40th anniversary.

Laura Sanchez (Ph. D 1992) and Wendy Manning (Ph.D 1992) continue to direct the NIH funded Center for Family and Demographic Research at Bowling Green State University.

Joey Sprague (Ph.D. 1986) received the Archie and Nancy Dykes Award for Excellence in Teaching, presented at the University of Kansas' commencement last May. Joey just won KU's Keeler Intra-University Professorship and will use it to spend this fall in KU's Department of Theatre and Film studying the analysis of visual culture and the political economy of the media. Jessica Sprague-Brunk, who attended several UW graduate sociology classes as an infant in 1979 and 1980, finally resumed her graduate study at Indiana University last fall.

Robin Stryker (Ph.D. 1984), Professor of Sociology and Associate Chair at the University of Minnesota, is getting ready to

take off for a few weeks on the Ligurian coast in Italy, to chill out and contemplate whether she will really be crazy enough to accept to succeed her colleague and former Wisconsin professor, Ron Aminzade, as Chair of the Department of Sociology at the University of Minnesota. She asks her fellow former UW grad student buddies to stay tuned and be ready to send condolences in case she accepts! Meanwhile, this year she won a UM "Scholar of the College" award for her research scholarship.

Bonnie Svarstad (Ph.D. 1974) recently received the 2004 Pinnacle Award from the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Foundation. This award recognizes contributions to health care quality through the medication use process. She also was named an APhA Fellow by the APhA Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science. She retired from teaching at the University of Wisconsin-Madison faculty on July 2, 2004 (after 29 years) and will continue her research program.

Ramom S. Torrecilha (Ph.D. 1991) has been recently appointed as the Provost and Executive Vice President of Berkeley College of NY and NJ.

Eldon L. Wegner (Ph.D. 1967), currently Professor and Chair of the Department of Sociology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa,

has focused most of his research in the past 20 years on long-term care of the elderly. During the past 4 years, however, he has also been working with two projects in the Department of Psychiatry in the Medical School. One project is focused on the mental health problems of Native Hawaiian adolescents, and a second project is a CDC supported center for the prevention of violence among Asian and Pacific-Islander youth.

Josh Whitford (Ph.D. 2003) spent 2003-2004 as a post-doc at the Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Societies and accepted an Assistant Professor position at Columbia University starting Fall 2004. He also won the "Kathryn DuPre Lumpkin Award" for the Best Dissertation in the Wisconsin Sociology Department during 2002-03.

Lisa J. Wilson (Ph.D. 2001) is now Project Manager at Nexus Market Research, Inc., headquartered in Cambridge Massachusetts. Nexus Market Research is an energy-efficiency and environmental consulting firm. She married John C. Wright on May 25, 2003 in St. Louis, MO and expected her first child in September 2004. She also has a forthcoming publication in *Rural Sociology*: "Riding the Resource Roller Coaster: Understanding Socioeconomic Differences Between Mining Communities."

Roger A. Wojtkiewicz (Ph.D. 1988) is finishing his fourth year as Chair of the Department of Sociology at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

Yu Xie (Ph.D 1989), Frederick G. L. Huetwell Professor of Sociology, University of Michigan, has been named a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences

David Yamane (Ph.D. 1998), Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Notre Dame, will join the sociology faculty at Wake Forest University in January 2005. He recently published an essay on religious experience in a Spanish language volume honoring long-time Wisconsin sociologist Richard A. Schoenherr, *Religion y Sociedad en Espana y los Estados Unidos: Homenaje a Richard A. Schoenherr* (Madrid: Centro de Investigaciones Sociologicas, 2004). In December 2003, he was a guest on Wisconsin Public Radio's Ben Merens Show to discuss religion and politics. His next book, *Representing Catholicism in the Statehouses*, will be published by Rowman & Littlefield in May 2005.

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Ph.D.s and Placement

Lynn M. Bethke *Analysis of Educational Opportunities for Refugee and Displaced Children and Adolescents.* Gary D. Sandefur, Major Professor. Lynn is a partner in the consulting firm Interworks LLC, Madison.

Jennie E. Brand *Enduring Effects of Job Displacement on Career Outcomes.* Charles Halaby, Major Professor. Jennie is a Robert Wood Johnson Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Mary E. Campbell *The Borders of Social Construction: Racial Identity and Stratification for Multiracial Americans.* Gary Sandefur, Major Professor. Mary is an Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa, Iowa City.

Cheng-Hui Lucy Chen *A Tale of Two Agricultural Biotechnologies: Case Studies of rBGH and Genetically Modified Organism Crops.* Peter Nowak, Major Professor. Lucy is on the job market in Taiwan.

Jennifer L. Dykema *Analysis of Factors Influencing Errors in Self-Reports about Child Support and Other Family-Related Variables.* Nora Cate Schaeffer, Major Professor. Jennifer is employed by the UW Survey Center as the CDE-UWSC Survey Unit Consultant, telecommuting from Swampscott, Massachusetts, where she lives with her husband and two children.

Jennifer Eggerling-Boeck *The Intricacies of African American Identity.* Gary Sandefur, Major Professor. Jennifer is in Madison, not currently on the academic job market. She and her husband have a 1-year-old baby girl.

Jessica R. Goldberger *Farming on the Boundary: Organic Agriculture in Semi-Arid Kenya.* Frederick H. Buttel, Major Professor. Jessica is a Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Rural Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Abdelhani Guend *A Contextual Explanation of Fertility Transition: The Role of Development Policies and System of Belief Reformation.* Alberto Palloni, Major Professor. Hani is a Professor-Researcher in the Department of Urbanization, Culture, and Society of the National Institute of Scientific Research, Montreal.

Steven A. Haas *From the Cradle to the Grave: Health and Socioeconomic Status over the Life Course.* Alberto Palloni, Major Professor; Karen Swallen, co-adviser. Steven is a Robert Wood Johnson Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard School of Public Health/Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Boston.

Dwight N. Haase (Ph.D. expected 2005) *Women and Microcredit in Nicaragua.* Joseph Elder, Major Professor. Dwight has accepted a position as a Visiting Assistant

Professor; Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work; University of Dayton.

Black Hawk Hancock *American Allegory: Lindy Hop and the Racial Imagination.* Mustafa Emirbayer, Major Professor. Black Hawk is an adjunct Sociology faculty member at DePaul University, Chicago.

Mark H. Harvey *Mandates without Means: Welfare Reform and Household Survival Strategies in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas.* Jane L. Collins, Major Professor. Mark is a Postdoctoral Researcher, Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Mississippi.

Mary Hovsepien *The Politics of Garment Production: Nation, Work, and Gender across the Palestinian/Israeli Border.* Gay W. Seidman, Major Professor. Mary and husband Eduardo Bonilla Silva have recently accepted appointments at Duke University. She is a Visiting Assistant Professor in Sociology. They were previously at Texas A & M University.

Sean P. Kelly (Ph.D. expected 2005) *Race, Social Class, Student Engagement, and Unequal Literacy Development during the Middle School Years.* Adam Gamoran, Major Professor. Sean has accepted an Assistant Professor position in the Sociology

Department, University of Notre Dame.

Dimitri Kessler *Capital Accumulation and the Information Industries of Mainland China*. Jane L. Collins, Major Professor. Dimitri is a Postdoctoral Researcher affiliated with the AFL-CIO Solidarity Center, Hong Kong.

Lyn C. Macgregor (Ph.D. expected 2005) *Habits of the Heartland: Community and Social Change in a Small Midwestern Town*. Michael M. Bell, Major Professor and Mitchell Duneier, former Major Professor. Lyn has accepted an Assistant Professor position with the Department of Sociology, University of Montana, Missoula.

Robert S. Mackin *The Movement that Fell from the Sky? Secularization and the Structuring of Progressive Catholicism in Latin America, 1920s-1970s*. Erik O. Wright, Major Professor. Rob is a Lecturer in the Sociology Department of Texas A & M University.

Alair MacLean *Socioeconomic Consequences of Cold War Military Service*. Robert M. Hauser, Major Professor. Alair is a Postdoctoral Fellow, Labor and Population Division, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California.

Hyunjoon Park (Ph.D. expected 2005) *Cross-National Variation in the Effects of Family Background and Schools on Student Achievement: The Relevance of Institutional and Policy Contexts*. Gary D. Sandefur, Major Professor. Hyunjoon has accepted

an Assistant Professor position in the Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania.

Aaron Z. Pitluck (Ph.D. expected 2005) *Price Struggle and Social Cognition in Emerging Financial Markets: A sociology of speculation in the Malaysian stock market*. Gary P. Green, Major Professor. Aaron has accepted a position as Assistant Professor in the Sociology Department, Illinois State University, Normal.

Nancy Plankey Videla *It Cuts Both Ways: An Ethnography on Gender and Lean Production at a Mexican Garment Factory*. Gay W. Seidman, Major Professor. Nancy is an Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Texas A & M University.

Eric N. Reither *Why are our Waistlines Expanding? Age-Period-Cohort Analyses of the Obesity Epidemic and a Critical Examination of Mass Preparation Theory*. Robert M. Hauser, Major Professor. Eric has accepted an Assistant Professor position in the Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Anthropology at Utah State University, Logan.

Jeffrey S. Rothstein (Ph.D. expected 2005) *Driven to Compete: Workers, Unions, and General Motors' Global Manufacturing System in Mexico and Wisconsin*. Gay W. Seidman, Major Professor. Jeff has accepted a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at the Fraser Center for Workplace Studies, Wayne State University, Detroit.

Meera Sehgal *Reproducing the Feminine Citizen-Warrior: The*

Case of the Rashtra Sevika Samiti, a Right-Wing Women's Organization in India. Myra Marx Ferree, Major Professor. Meera is a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Women's Studies, University of Cincinnati.

Jenifer D. (Gwen) Sharp *Uneven Industrialization of Agro-Food Systems: The Significance of Household Production in the U.S. Beef Industry*. Frederick H. Buttel, Major Professor. Gwen is an Assistant Professor, History and Sociology Department, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah.

Buffy Smith *Demystifying the Higher Education System: Rethinking Academic Cultural Capital, Social Capital, and the Academic Mentoring Process*. Gary Sandefur, Major Professor. Buffy is an Assistant Professor in the Sociology Department, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Christine A. Overdevest (Ph.D. expected 2005) *Codes of Conduct and Standard Setting in the Forest Sector: Constructing Markets for Democracy?* Gary P. Green, Major Professor. Christine has accepted a position as Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Florida, Gainesville.

Diane R. Soles *Within the Revolution, Everything: Civil Society, Political Critique, and the Film Industry in Cuba, 1981-2001*. Jane L. Collins, Major Professor. This August Diane begins a position as Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.
Michael Spittel *A Study of*

Inequalities in Health: The Role of Wealth Differences and Social Context. Alberto Palloni, Major Professor. Mike is a Postdoctoral Researcher with the National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in Hyattsville, Maryland.

Kelley D. Strawn (Ph.D. expected 2005) *Economics, Politics, and Protest in Mexico, 1999-2000.* Pamela E. Oliver, Major Professor. Kelley has accepted an Assistant Professor position in the Sociology Department, Willamette University, Salem, Oregon.

Theresa Thompson-Colon *The Significance of Social Networks and Migration to the Health Status of Mexican Immigrant Mothers and their Children: A Bi-National Case Study.* Alberto Palloni, Major Professor. Theresa is a Project Director with the UW Survey Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Clara Wai-Chun To *Intergenerational Contract, Women's Labor, and Social Change in Contemporary Rural South China.* Jane L. Collins, Major Professor. Clara is on the job market.

Spencer D. Wood (Ph.D. expected 2005) *Forty Acres of Freedom and the Last Plantation: Land, Civil Society, and the State in the Civil Rights Movement of the Mississippi Delta, 1935-1998.* Jess Gilbert, Major Professor. Spencer is a Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Colorado College, Colorado Springs.

Matthew Zeidenberg *Reflecting Society: Studies in Federal Litigation Involving Businesses, 1971-2004.* Joel E. Rogers, Major Professor. Assistant Scientist, Center on Wisconsin Strategy, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

In Memory: Hsien-Hen Lu and Ok-Jie Lee

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Hsien-Hen Lu** on Wednesday, July 20, 2005, the result of a two-year battle with cancer. He is survived by his devoted wife, Mei-Chen Hu, and two loving daughters, Chen Yuan and Jenny. Contributions may be made to a memorial fund for his family. Checks may be made payable to "Hsien-Hen Lu Memorial Fund" and sent to:
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Ok-jie Lee (Ph.D. 1990) died in Seoul, South Korea, on April 7, 2005, from cancer and pneumonia. Her dissertation on "Labor Control and Labor Protest in the South Korean Textile Industry, 1945-1985," under Warren Hagstrom's direction, was one of the finest critiques of the South Korean model of economic development. After teaching at Michigan Tech University and postdoctoral study

at Duke with Gary Gereffi, she returned to Korea. She continued her research there on the women's labor movement and published a landmark book in Korean on the subject. In recent years she has been a research scholar at Seoul National University. Some of her friends who lived with her at Wayland House in student days planned a memorial service in Milwaukee in June.

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Wisconsin Activities, Awards, Honors

UW-Madison sociology continues to foster innovative research, teaching initiatives, progressive social activism and public outreach. Here's a taste of what's been going on in 2004-2005:

Associate Professor **Michael Bell** chose an unusual means of communicating sociology this winter. He is a part-time composer, and wrote a piece for Baroque ensemble, "Assumptions," that applied dialogic social theory to music. The piece was premiered in Madison, Milwaukee, and Chicago this past February by the group *L'Ensemble Portique*.

Dimitri Kessler traveled to Asia in June with funding from the AFL-CIO to contribute to the research activities of workers' rights activists in China. He is working with two organizations: the Christian Industrial Committee of Hong Kong and the China Working Women Network of Shenzhen.

The spring of 2005 saw the publication of *Controversies in Science and Technology: From Maize to Menopause* (UW Press). The first of what is expected to a regular series of edited collections on controversial topics in science and technology, this volume is a cross-disciplinary collaboration between **Daniel Kleinman** (Professor, Rural Sociology), **Abby Kinchy** (Sociology Ph.D. student) and Jo Handelsman (Professor, Plant Pathology). Written for and directed to a general audience, contribu-

tors include activists, journalists, and public intellectuals. The twenty brief and clearly written essays included in the volume tackle the issues of genetically modified crops, hormone replacement therapy for menopausal women, smallpox and bioterrorism, and the risks of overusing antibiotics in agriculture.

This spring, **Daniel Kleinman**, along with postdoctoral fellow Maria Powell and undergraduates in Kleinman's course on democracy and expertise, organized Madison's first "consensus conference" on nanotechnology. On three separate occasions during the month of April, a diverse group of citizens from the Madison area gathered to consider the promise and perils of this emerging technology. After doing serious background reading, talking among themselves, and meeting with a group of experts, this collection of Madison area residents produced a report with recommendations about how policymakers, journalists, universities, and companies should proceed as nanotechnology develops. The consensus conference was covered widely in the Madison press, and received attention from elected officials.

Myra Marx Ferree is the new director of the interdisciplinary Center for German and European Studies, and as part of the European Studies Alliance is working to better integrate sociology in the study of Europe and vice versa. Undergraduate students in

Soc 138 (Soc of Gender) had a taste of this integration as they participated in a simulation of EU discussions about parental leave policies (materials available by request on CD-Rom at mferree@ssc.wisc.edu). Two interdisciplinary graduate seminars *Gender, Revolutions and Citizenship in Modern Societies: Interdisciplinary Perspectives* (Ferree) and *Restructuring the Welfare State* (Zeitlin) drew on CGES resources to support grad student research projects and travel. ESA-funded conferences have connected Europeans with Wisconsin researchers and policymakers, including Lt. Gov. Barbara Lawton, addressing violence against women, models of the welfare state, and Islam in Europe.

Alberto Palloni received a new grant from the National Institute on Aging, to conduct research comparing health and other outcomes among Hispanics in the US with Hispanics in places of origin. He also got renewed for a four-year project to do a panel study of older people in Puerto Rico, using biomarkers.

Elizabeth Thomson received multi-year grants from the Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research and from the Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation to support comparative analyses of educational influences on family formation and dissolution. She also co-directs a new six-year program of research on family structure, economic resources,

and children's life circumstances in Sweden. CDE postdoctoral fellow, Sheela Kennedy, along with several students and colleagues at Stockholm University, collaborate in the research.

Ruth N. López Turley is working on a project that maps where high school students live in relation to colleges of different types. She is using this information to study the effect of college proximity on high school seniors' chances of going to college, net of other factors (funded by the National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation).

In May 2005, **Mark D. Whitaker** published the first book about "green constitutional engineering," *Toward a Bioregional State: A Series of Letters About Political Theory and Formal Institutional Design in the Era of Sustainability*. It is a novel approach to development and sustainability proposing instead of issues of population scale or technocratic planning, the priority is an overhaul of corrupted democratic institutions. In *Revamping the Enlightenment*, he proposes numerous additional ecological checks and balances to demote corrupt uses of formal institutions with the aim to remove capacities for gatekeeping against citizen input concerning unsustainable development and its health, ecological, and economic externalities issues. Free 25 pages here. <http://books.iuniverse.com/view-books.asp?isbn=0595346146&page=fm1>

In June, Williams Bay, WI was once again host to **RadFest/Midwest Social Forum**, the annual weekend conference for progressive activists and academ-

ics organized by the **A. E. Havens Center** for the Study of Social Structure and Social Change. The central goal of the forum is to provide organizers, activists, community members, students, and academics the opportunity to come together to discuss issues, strengthen networks, and debate strategies for progressive social, economic, and political change. This year represented an important breakthrough in that the forum was a genuinely multi-racial gathering in which race and racial justice were the most dominant themes. Indeed, of the more than 50 sessions, over 20 focused on race. The enthusiasm created by this success was unmistakable and bodes extremely well for the further growth and development of the forum.

The Center on Wisconsin Strategy (**COWS**) is a research and policy center dedicated to improving economic performance and living standards in Wisconsin and nationally. Based at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, COWS promotes "high-road" strategies that support living wages, environmental sustainability, strong communities, and public accountability. Their work is based on the "Wisconsin Idea" – the notion that, by combining the university's resources with those of business, labor, government, and the community, we can improve social conditions and promote policies that serve the interests of all Wisconsin residents.

As part of their mission, COWS conducts research on economic and workforce development, work and wages, budget and tax policy, and progressive governance at the state and local levels. We also sup-

port projects in major metropolitan areas that are helping to build strong local and regional economies and create quality jobs. We actively seek to educate the public about important issues, and we collaborate with like-minded groups locally, in Wisconsin, and nationwide.

COWS was founded in the early 1990s by Joel Rogers, a professor of law, sociology, and political science at the UW-Madison.

To learn more about COWS and its work, read an overview: "COWS: The Wisconsin Idea in Action" at www.cows.org.

COWS publishes a free electronic newsletter, *COWS Notes*. Sign up at www.cows.org.

Since July 2004, the Center for Demography and Ecology (**CDE**) is under the direction of Alberto Palloni. CDE got its R24 Center Grant renewed by NICHD for the period 2005-2010. Recent research initiatives at the Center include the launching of a new statistical core that will involve collaboration with statisticians to apply state-of-the-art methods to solve problems demographers face.

The Center for Demography of Health and Aging (**CDHA**) began the first year of its second five-year grant from the National Institute on Aging. The highlight of the year was a workshop on Statistical Disclosure Control for Data Confidentiality. Organized by Janet Eisenhauer Smith, the November 2005 workshop will bring together researchers from the other NIA P30 demography centers, the Census Bureau, and the

National Center for Health Statistics with experts in statistical disclosure control from Statistics Netherlands who were responsible for developing the Argus software. In May 2005, CDHA co-sponsored a conference on the Future of Cognitive Aging Research held at the Pennsylvania State University.

The Wisconsin Longitudinal Study (WLS) is entering its fourth year of major support for surveys and research about careers, family, health, and retirement in Wisconsin's high school class of 1957. Fieldwork with WLS graduates was completed in early June. More than 80 percent of surviving participants completed 75 to 90 minute telephone interviews, and 88 percent of them completed a 50+ page mail survey. Public data will be released this fall on their website, <http://dpls.dacc.wisc.edu/wls/index.html>. This year, Zhen Zeng joined the WLS researchers as Assistant Professor of Sociology, and Carol Roan (PhD, 1994) returned to CDE/CDHA as Assistant Scientist.

The committee for the Evaluation and Improvement of Instruction presented the 2005 Awards for Excellence in Teaching to Professor **James Raymo**, Lecturer **Lisa Wade**, and Teaching Assistant **Angela Barian** during the final faculty meeting of the academic year. The 2004 Awards were won by Professor **Ivan Ermakoff**, Lecturer **Dwight Haase**, and Teaching Assistant **Matthew Desmond**.

Undergraduate students, **Mary Claire Summers Brown**, **Cassandra Frances Fortin**, **Elizabeth Ann Kerch**, and **Luke**

Peters Moreland, won the Alfred Reschke Scholarships in 2004-05. The Reschke Scholarship supports outstanding undergraduate students in the Department of Sociology at UW-Madison. To be considered for this scholarship, students must demonstrate outstanding academic performance at UW-Madison and financial need.

Patrick Barrett, Administrative Director of the Havens Center, won an Early Career Award from the College of Letters and Science Academic Staff Awards Committee.

Frederick Buttel received the Spitze Land-Grant Faculty Award of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences in April 2004, and the Distinguished Rural Sociologist Award of the Rural Sociological Society in August 2004.

Jane Collins won a 2004 Kellett Faculty Fellowship from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School.

Graduate student, **Matt Desmond**, won a highly competitive and prestigious 2004 Innovation in Teaching Award for the many creative and innovative teaching strategies he has developed.

Joe Elder and **Sarah Nehrling** won a 2005-06 Wisconsin/Hilldale Undergraduate/Faculty Research Award.

Ivan Ermakoff received a Harry Fran Guggenheim Fellowship to study the involvement of the French police in the persecution of Jews during the Second World War.

Myra Marx Ferree won the Berlin Prize at the American Academy in Berlin.

Ted Gerber and **Gay Seidman** won Vilas Associate Awards from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School.

Jess Gilbert will receive the Excellence in Teaching Award from the Rural Sociological Society this year. He also was recently elected Vice President of RSS.

Chad Alan Goldberg was awarded the 2005 J. Franklin Jameson Fellowship in American History by The Library of Congress and the American Historical Association. The \$5000 fellowship is offered annually to support research in the collections of the Library of Congress and is designed to assist scholars early in their careers.

Phil Gorski won a 2004 H.J. Romnes Faculty Fellowship from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School.

The Department of Sociology awarded a Special Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Teaching to **Charles Nicholas Halaby**. This special award recognizes Chuck for his many years of distinguished service and excellence as an instructor, particularly in our required statistics and methods courses. In July, Chuck was named the Martindale-Bascom Professor of Sociology by UW-Madison Provost Peter Spear.

Robert M. Hauser won the 2003 Award for Distinguished Teaching from the American Sociological Association. Bob was also recently

elected to the American Philosophical Society, an organization founded by Ben Franklin in 1743 with a relatively small number of members from across a wide range of intellectual pursuits.

Ellen Jacobson was nominated by graduates of TRIO for the Dr. Brenda Pfahler Award for Excellence for her fine work as an undergraduate advisor. TRIO is a federally-funded program providing support to students from low-income families, first generation college students, and students with disabilities.

Mara Loveman was elected to the Council of the Comparative Historical Section of the American Sociological Association.

Graduate student, **Carolina Milesi**, won two prestigious fellowships, one from the American Educational Research Association, and one from the Spencer Foundation for her dissertation research on the role of health, cognitive ability, and social background in educational transitions.

Alberto Palloni has been elected to American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He was also elected the President of the Population Association of America for the year 2006.

Jeffrey Petersen, Associate Director for Administration of the Center for Demography and Ecology, won the Judith S. Craig Distinguished Service Award from the College of Letters and Science Academic Staff Awards Committee.

Mark Suchman was elected

chair-elect (term to begin in 2005) of the Sociology of Law section of the ASA and Secretary-Treasurer (term began in 2004) of the Economic Sociology section of the ASA. His article "The Contract as Social Artifact," (*Law and Society Review* 37(1):91-142) received an honorable mention for the 2003 Law & Society Association Article Award.

Joel Rogers won the Hilldale Award for his all-around contributions in service, teaching, and research. Joel was cited as a scholar who "embodies the Wisconsin Idea."

Gay Seidman was elected to the Council of the American Sociological Association.

Betty Thomson was elected to the Swedish Royal Academy of Science.

Ruth Turley was selected as a Fellow of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Teaching Academy.

A \$5 million grant from the U.S.

Education Grant

Department of Education will enhance UW-Madison's capacity to conduct high-quality research on practical questions in education and will help prepare a new generation of scholars in the social sciences with expertise on "what works" in education.

The five-year grant will fund an interdisciplinary training program in the education sciences to be housed at the Wisconsin Center for Education Research (WCER) in

the School of Education. Adam Gamoran, professor of sociology and educational policy studies and director of WCER, will direct the program.

Funded by the Education Department's Institute of Education Sciences, the program will accommodate 30 fellows from the disciplines of sociology, economics, psychology, political science and social welfare. The faculty who will provide the training will include 20 scholars from social sciences, education, public affairs and social work.

The program aims to attract the most talented students in the social sciences to focus their early training and doctoral dissertations in the education sciences. Two-year advanced fellowships will enable top students to work on dissertations that both advance their disciplines and address questions on education policy and practice.

The program will focus on two distinct themes: the design and implementation of field-based randomized studies in schools and other complex settings; and the statistical analysis of quantitative survey and observational and assessment data on education, with special attention to questions of causal inference.

WCER is one of the nation's oldest, largest and most productive education research institutes, and it provides a strong interdisciplinary infrastructure for the research to be undertaken through the training program.

Undergraduate Excellence

Reschke Scholarships Recognize Undergraduate Excellence

The Alfred Reschke Scholarship supports outstanding undergraduate students in the Department of Sociology at UW-Madison. Four scholarships of \$2,000 each are awarded annually to students majoring in Sociology who have one or two semesters of course work remaining before graduation from UW-Madison. The scholarship must be used to support undergraduate education at UW-Madison.

To be considered for a Reschke Scholarship, students must demonstrate outstanding academic performance at UW-Madison and

financial need. According to the terms of the bequest by the Reschke Family, preference is given to students whose future plans include teaching or working in the social sciences, social services, or the ministry.

The application process includes submitting transcripts, personal statements and samples of their written work in sociology to the scholarship committee. The committee selects the winners and the awards are handed out at the first department meeting of the year in September.

2003 Recipients
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Undergraduate Survey

So what did you do with a sociology major?

We know our majors go on to do a wide variety of different things, only some of them directly related to sociology. We'd love to hear from you about what you have been doing and what your memories are of your time in sociology

at Wisconsin. We have set up a short survey to ask you a few short questions about your experiences. Optionally, you can give us contact information so we can send you our newsletter. Just copy the link below into your browser to answer the questions. The link will take you to a Survey Monkey web site. You can also send us email if you have longer comments that don't fit in the survey format.

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We look forward to hearing from you!

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In Memory: Stephen Bunker and Fred Buttel

Stephen Bunker, professor of Sociology and a well-known Latin Americanist, after a long battle against cancer. The university community will feel the loss of this remarkable individual.

After earning his Ph.D. at Duke University in 1975, Stephen taught at the Universidad del Valle, Guatemala; the Universidade Federal do Para, in Belem, Brazil; the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and Johns Hopkins University, before coming to the Sociology Department at UW-Madison in 1988.

A prolific scholar, Stephen's contribution lies above all in his theoretical insistence that we pay attention to environmental constraints and to the role played by the physical characteristics of raw materials in shaping the world system. In addition to countless papers and edited volumes, he wrote four important books (two of which are currently in press).

In his first book, *Underdeveloping the Amazon* (University of Chicago Press, 1985), Stephen offered a powerful demonstration of how extractive processes shaped the relationship of one region to the rest of the world. Over a long historical period, as European powers extracted a series of natural products from the rainforest and river basin: first Brazil nuts and spices, then rubber, most recently minerals. In his book, Stephen shows how these patterns gradually reorganized Amazonian

society, impoverishing both its inhabitants and its environment. That those patterns persist into the present, as the modern Brazilian state and multinational companies continue to treat Amazonia as a site for potential extraction of minerals and labor, is perhaps at the core of his understanding of the relationship between nature, raw materials and political economy.

Stephen's second book, *Peasants Against the State* (University of Chicago Press, 1987), was based largely on research done in Uganda, for his dissertation. It had remained unpublished to protect the people described in it, but he went back to the material when the situation in Uganda improved. It won the distinguished book award from the Political Economy of the World System section of the ASA in 1989. Despite the shift in geographic focus, this was a logical successor to his earlier work. If *Underdeveloping the Amazon* emphasizes the impoverishment of a region and its residents, *Peasants Against the State* describes the strategies deployed by Ugandan peasants to improve their situation, relative both to the Ugandan state and to the global coffee market. Like *Underdeveloping the Amazon*, *Peasants Against the State* pays close attention to the physical characteristics of the commodity, but also to the social organization of producers and to the organization of marketing, and how those both reflect and reinforce systemic global inequalities.

Two books completed in the past few months, as he battled cancer, are now in press. *Globalization and the Race for Resources*, co-authored with UW alumni Paul Ciccantell, will publish this winter, by Johns Hopkins Press. In some sense summarizing Stephen's arguments about the relationship between extraction and the construction of the world system, the book moves from the way Dutch shipping industries drew Amazonia into a larger world system to the impact of subsequent patterns of extraction from Amazonia, up through the twentieth century.

Stephen's other forthcoming book explores a related but distinct set of questions. *The Snake with Golden Braids: Society, Nature and Technology in Andean Irrigation*, explores patterns in Peruvian Andean irrigation schemes, engaging the relationship between local social relations and nature. Jane Collins, Professor of Rural Sociology, says of Stephen's forthcoming book, "This book is the fullest realization of Bunker's prior work. In a devoted, painstaking and deeply respectful way he explores the intimate interconnections between a challenging Andean environment and its inhabitants. Attending to topography, investigation of the remains of the waterworks, and the cosmology and stories of contemporary Huanquiteños, Bunker reconstructs the breathtaking technological achievement of the prehispanic people who irrigated the region. This is no story of humans taming

the earth, but of how, in allowing us to solve the problems it poses, landscape shapes human strategies and consciousness.” *The Snake with Golden Braids* is scheduled to be published this fall by Lexington Press.

All Stephen’s books are marked by intimate knowledge of the people and regions he studied: Stephen’s theoretical contributions are unusual for their link to closely-detailed fieldwork, and a deep intimacy with farflung contexts and unusual details. Stephen’s familiarity with the intricacies of rubber extraction, the variation among coffee beans, or the engineering problems in bauxite mines, is part of what gives his theoretical work its weight. His careful attention to evidence, and his insistence that theory engage that evidence, is part of what makes his work so memorable.

LACIS, the Sociology Department, and the Havens Center co-sponsored a conference in Stephen’s honor in 2002, entitled “Nature, Raw Materials and Political Economy.” A volume of the conference papers will be published this fall.

Stephen will be greatly missed in his department, in LACIS and in the university community at large. Our sympathies go to Stephen’s wife, Dena Wortzel, of Hollandale WI; his daughter, Gabriela Bunker Cordon, and his grandson Lucas, of Guatemala.

Fred Buttel hoped he was always a “fundamentally decent human being,” and he was. In the academic world with more than its share of over-inflated egos and outrageous arrogance, Fred was a modest man. He was the co-author of four books and across his career published some 230 scholarly articles and book chapters. He was the co-editor of 9 volumes, and his work fundamentally changed the face of rural sociology, powerfully influenced environmental sociology, and has a prominent place in science and technology studies. And yet when he was toasted at a symposium last August in his honor, scholars from around the country and around the world remembered him as an extraordinary mentor and steadfast friend, somebody who always had time for graduate students and junior scholars and made the careers of not a few of them.

During his time at Wisconsin, he was a leader in the sociological study of agricultural biotechnology as well as in the area of agriculture and globalization. In these areas, he collaborated with colleagues across campus. He helped develop and actively participated in several UW programs, including Science and Technology Studies, where he served on the program steering committee; the Center on World Affairs and the Global Economy, where he was a senior fellow; and the Development Studies Program, where he was an affiliated faculty member. From 1998 to 2002, Fred served as chair of the Department of Rural Sociology.

A superstar since early in his career, Fred was elected a fellow of the AAAS while still in his thirties, and he subsequently received awards from an array of organizations: the Distinguished Rural Sociologist Award (2004, Rural Sociology Society), the Award for Excellence in Research (1993, Rural Sociology Society), the Award for Distinguished Contributions (1994, Section on Environment and Technology, American Sociological Association, 1994), and the Merit Award (1999, Natural Resources Research Group, Rural Sociology Society). In 2004, Fred received one of the University of Wisconsin’s highest honors, selection as a Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation Professor.

Fred was a public intellectual before Russell Jacoby popularized the term in the late 1980s. He was as at home with farmers and activists as with politicians and sociologists, and worked with all of them in search of a more humane world.

Frederick H. Buttel died on January 14, 2005 after more than a decade long fight with neurofibrosarcoma, a cancer of the fibrous tissues surrounding the spinal cord. He is survived by his wife, Pam Clinkenbeard; a daughter, Allison Buttel; a sister, Barbara MacQueen; a niece, Heather MacQueen; and a nephew, Rod MacQueen.

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