

# Wisconsin Update

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## UW to Honor Sewell in Rededication Ceremony this Fall

We are delighted to announce that the University of Wisconsin has decided to honor the many contributions of William H. Sewell by renaming the Social Sciences Building the William H. Sewell Social Sciences Building.

There will be a rededication ceremony on the fifteenth of September, to which alumni and friends are invited. (A schedule of events with contact information is found on page 3.)

The Sewell Social Sciences Building is located in what is widely considered one of the most aesthetically pleasing locations in the University campus. (Ag Hall, the location of the Department of Rural Sociology, is a close second.) It is nestled in between Lake Mendota and Bascom Hill, a drumlin (a glacial formation of a particular type).

On one side it is bordered by the seven acre Muir Woods, part of the UW Lakeshore Preserve. Named for the famous naturalist (and former UW Madison student) John Muir, the Muir Woods have been undergoing restoration as a nature preserve.



Built in 1961, the Sewell Social Sciences Building is blissfully free from the brutalism of many of its contemporaries, and houses the undergraduates' favorite lecture hall (according to a recent vote). Contrary to persistent rumors, the grate in the front was not added during the years of unrest to protect the glass from rioting students, but was part of the original aesthetics. Other popular myths about the building include haunted bones in forensic anthropology and a spirit who opens doors on the fourth floor.

In addition to the sociology department, this building houses the departments of Economics,

Anthropology, History of Science, as well as the Center for Demography and Ecology, the Center for the Demography of Health and Aging, the Committee On Wisconsin Strategy, the Data and Computing Center, the Institute for Research on Poverty, the Social Sciences Computing Cooperative, the Social Systems Research Institute, and other centers. (See the *Report From the Centers*, page 4 inside).

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## Reschke Scholarships Honor 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.

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.

### 2005 Recipients

Kaitlin Flick  
Sarah Nehrling  
Briana Norton  
Kristen Petroschius

### 2006 Recipients

Elizabeth Geglia  
Lori Roberts  
David Shea  
Emily Sterm

# Two New Faculty Join UW!

**Debby Carr** (Ph.D. 1997, UW-Madison) will join our Department in Fall 2006 as Associate Professor of Sociology. Carr's interests include social psychology, aging and the life course, gender, and family.

One strand of her research focuses on how work and family experiences over the life course affect men's and women's psychological well-being, with an emphasis on cohort differences in experience.

A second strand focuses on bereavement among older adults. She is particularly interested in how demographic, technological, and social/political changes affect the experiences of the dying and their families.

Since receiving her doctorate, Carr has published some three dozen or so articles and a book; she is also a regular contributor to the ASA's new journal *Contexts*. Her commitment to sociology contributing public dialogue is also seen in her active contacts with media (her work was featured on the front page of the New York Times work section) and her participation in the Cancer Institute of New Jersey.

Before coming to Wisconsin, Carr was an Associate Professor of Sociology at Rutgers The State University of New Jersey at New Brunswick, where she was an affiliate of the Institute for Health, Health Care Policy & Aging Research.

**Christine R. Schwartz** (Ph.D. 2006, UCLA) will join our Department in Fall 2006 as Assistant Professor of Sociology. Schwartz's field of expertise is family demography, with a particular focus on assortative mating.

Christine did her graduate work at UCLA, where she held a Jacob Javits fellowship. Her dissertation deals with changes in union formation and dissolution, educational assortative mating, and inequality in the United States. A striking result of her dissertation work is that marriage between people of different educational levels has steadily decreased in the U.S. since 1960. In particular, the odds that those with very low levels of education marry up have declined.

Christine connects these trends to the growing economic and cultural divide between those with very low levels of education and those with more education. Parts of her dissertation research have already resulted in a first-authored article, "Trends in Educational Assortative Marriage from 1940 to 2003," which appeared in the journal *Demography* in 2005.

Christine is also studying whether educational homogamy differs between married and cohabiting couples. She is also interested in understanding changes in the relationship between spouses' earnings in the U.S. over the past 30 years.

# William H. Sewell: A Life of Science and Service

William Hamilton Sewell joined the University of Wisconsin-Madison faculty in 1946, launching a career of consequence to the social sciences at this institution. He chaired the Departments of Rural Sociology (1949-1953) and Sociology (1957-1962). Sewell was named Vilas Research Professor in 1964. He was Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1967-1968. Deeply committed to fostering diversity and upholding excellence, Sewell was an outstanding mentor to generations of graduate students.

Sewell's contributions to social psychology were a model of theoretically grounded and empirically rigorous research. For 40 years, Sewell guided the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study, a pioneering study of the Wisconsin high-school "Class of 1957" that became a national resource for studies of social stratification, the life course, and aging.

Sewell played key roles in establishing the social and behavioral sciences in the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. He was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 1976 and to the American Philosophical Society in 1979.

## Sewell Rededication Schedule

### Friday, September 15, 2006

1:00 p.m. Dedication Ceremony for the William H. Sewell Social Sciences Building  
*Remarks by*

- *Gary Sandefur, Dean, College of Letters and Science*
- *Cora Marrett, Vice President for Academic Affairs, UW System*
- *Mary Sewell Cooper*

Symposium — Ringing in the Legacy: Social Science Research, Past and Future  
*Room 8417 Sewell Social Sciences Building*

1:30 p.m. Session 1: Facing the Future of Social Research

Panelists:

- *Bill Sewell Jr., European History and Political Science, University of Chicago*
- *Herbert Lewis, Anthropology*
- *Robert Hauser, Sociology*

3:30 p.m. Session 2: Can Social Research Contribute to Social Policy?

Panelists:

- *Joel Rogers, Law, Political Science and Sociology;*
- *Barbara Wolfe, Economics, Population Health Sciences and Public Affairs*

5:00 p.m. Reception

7:00 p.m. Social Sciences Alumni Dinner

*University Club, 803 State Street*

### Saturday, September 16, 2006

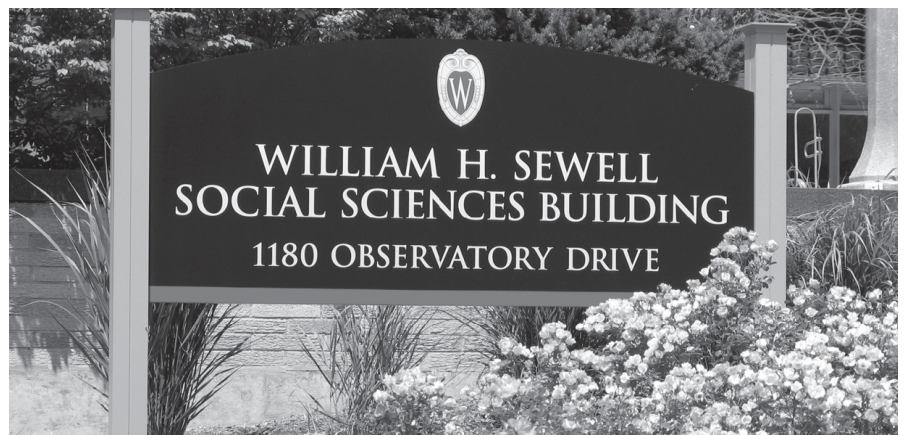
2:30 p.m. Football Game  
Wisconsin vs. San Diego State

*Camp Randall Stadium*

#### Hotel Accommodations:

A block of guest rooms has been reserved at the Friedrich Center, 1950 Willow Drive. Please contact the Friedrich Center directly at (866) 301-1753 by August 18. For a listing of Madison-area hotels, go to [www.visitmadison.com](http://www.visitmadison.com)

Questions? Contact P.J. Hoesly at the Wisconsin Alumni Association toll-free at (888) WIS-ALUM (947-2586) or via e-mail at [PJHoesly@uwalumni.com](mailto:PJHoesly@uwalumni.com).



# Report from the Centers

## Center for Demography and Ecology

The Center for Demography and Ecology (CDE) has added expertise in two key areas. Survey Research and Methods & Statistics join GIA (Geographic Information Analysis) in a larger Methodology Core structure. This Core will enhance the methodological expertise of CDE researchers and increase the speed and efficiency with which new methods are incorporated into their individual projects. The Core will promote and provide hands-on consulting for geographic information analysis, advanced statistical methods, and survey development.

Dr. **Rick Nordheim** of the department of Statistics, organizes the new Methods and Statistics group, while **Nora Cate Schaeffer** leads the Survey Research group. Nordheim, along with CDE graduate student **Tara Becker** and two department of Statistics graduate students, will be offering Statistics consulting and hosting periodic seminars and workshops on topics of interest. The Survey Unit Consultant, **Jennifer Dykema**, advises researchers in CDE on issues related to the collection of original data, such as question development, instrument design, and other survey-based design components.

CDE welcomes **Deborah Carr** (Sociology), **Rick Nordheim**

(Statistics), **Salvador Navarro-Lozano** (Economics), and **Pamela Herd** (Public Affairs & Sociology) and **Christine Schwartz** (Sociology) as new affiliates.

## Center for Demography of Health and Aging

CDHA hosted a series of special faculty-student workshops at Madison in Spring 2006 on methods for the analysis of survey data with imputed observations. Guest speakers included Richard T. Campbell, Department of Biostatistics, University of Illinois-Chicago and Trivellore Raghunathan, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan.

In October 2005, **Chiu-Chuang (Lu) Chou** joined CDHA to support the work of the Analyst/Archivist. For the past several years Ms. Chou has been closely following the development of the DDI standard and investigating several new data management tools such as Survey Documentation and Analysis (SDA), NESSTAR, and Data Ferret.

In her capacity as part-time Special Data Librarian for another data library on campus (Data Program and Library Service), Ms. Chou has been responsible for migrating seventeen public-use archival studies to BADGIR and is promoting this new model of data dissemination to UW

researchers and other data librarians.

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## The Center on Wisconsin Strategy

COWS was founded in 1992 by Joel Rogers, professor of Law, Political Science, and Sociology at UW-Madison and a longtime commentator on economic development and democratic institutions. Rogers founded COWS to pursue practical, on-the-ground strategies to promote the high road in Wisconsin and throughout the country.

COWS has a small full-time research and administrative staff supplemented by a several research assistants, field organizers, and faculty associates.

COWS works in four main areas:

*Research* COWS conducts research on job quality and income, budget and tax issues, economic development, and workforce development.

*Building Alliances* COWS builds coalitions and collaborations that support high-road strategies by working together with diverse stakeholders including business, policy, labor and community groups.

*Outreach* COWS does outreach to keep the public informed about its research and activities and to weigh in on important public policy debates.

*Field Projects* COWS sponsors and supports several field projects that demonstrate how employers, unions, community based organizations, and the public sector can work together to create strong local and regional economies and high quality jobs.

*Current projects and collaborations include:*

- Advanced Manufacturing Project
- Apollo Alliance
- Economic Analysis and Research Network (EARN)
- Economic Opportunity in a Volatile Economy
- Jobs With a Future
- Moving Ideas Network
- New Cities Project
- Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership

COWS' publications from the last year include:

- Seeds of Workforce Change: A Regional Approach to Improving Our Economic Landscape
- Wisconsin Minimum Wage Facts Sheet
- Pulling Apart: Wisconsin's Growing Income Inequality
- New Energy for States: Energy-Saving Policies for Governors & Legislators
- New Energy for Campuses: Energy-Saving Policies for Colleges & Universities
- Cities: The Vital Core
- Effective Workforce Training on the Frontline

- "Full-Utilization Learning Lean" in Component Manufacturing: A New Industrial Model for Mature Regions, & Labor's Stake in Its Success
- High Performance Cities: A Guide to Energy-Saving Policies for Urban Areas
- New Energy for Campuses: Energy-Saving Policies for Colleges & Universities
- State of Working Wisconsin
- Refocusing Wisconsin's TIF System on Urban Redevelopment: Three Reforms

To learn more about COWS, download publications or sign-up for our online newsletter, go to: [www.cows.org](http://www.cows.org)

### **The A. E. Havens Center for the Study of Social Structure and Social Change**

Established in the Sociology Department at the UW-Madison in 1984, the Havens Center is dedicated to promoting critical intellectual reflection and exchange, both within the academy as well as between it and the broader society.

Havens Center sponsored this year's **Midwest Social Forum** in Milwaukee. 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.

### **The Institute for Research on Poverty**

The Institute for Research on Poverty has recently undertaken several new activities. In addition to the regular weekly seminar series featuring the work of Institute researchers, a topical series featuring distinguished scholars from other institutions began in 2004. The topic for that year was Inequality in America, and the speakers included

- James Heckman, University of Chicago
- Glenn Loury, Brown
- Jacob Hacker, Yale
- Kathryn Neckerman, Columbia.

The topic in 2005-06 was Marriage, Poverty, and Public Policy; the speakers were

- Kathryn Edin, University of Pennsylvania
- Jane Collins, UW-Madison
- Andrew Cherlin, Johns Hopkins
- Ronald Mincy, Columbia
- Alan Hershey, Mathematica Policy Research.

In the coming academic year the topic will be Pathways to Self-Sufficiency, focusing on transitions to adulthood of poor youth. Speakers who have agreed to participate include

- Frank Furstenberg, University of Pennsylvania
- Kathleen Mullan Harris, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Cecilia Rouse, Princeton • Thomas Brock, MDRC.

A training program for graduate students, the IRP Graduate Research Fellows program, also began in 2004. The program strives, in an interdisciplinary setting, to

- enrich students' understanding of important research topics and design/methodological issues;
- further develop students' ability to critically evaluate research
- assist students in preparing for the dissemination of their research.

A number of Sociology graduate students have participated in the program. A competition for dissertation research support was inaugurated in 2006, and Sociology graduate student Tara Becker was one of two students awarded support.

IRP in 2006 began an outreach effort designed to reach undergraduate students as well, by means of an annual symposium on "Careers in Poverty Research." On April 6, 2006, a panel of leading policymakers, advisors, and activists discussed their career and school choices and answered questions from the audience. The event was organized to help build a new generation of scholars and practitioners. It attracted an audience of 200 on campus, and was widely available also by Web Cast.

In September 2006 IRP will hold a conference titled "Multiple-Partner Fertility" which will feature current research documenting family complexity and multiple-partner fertility and will examine the implications for the design of income support policy, family policy, and family law. It will also address some fundamental methodological issues, including concern about sampling and the implications of family complexity for the design

of surveys and administrative data systems.

### **Puerto Rican Elderly Health Conditions (PREHCO)**

Puerto Rican Elderly Health Conditions (PREHCO), under the leadership of Professor **Alberto Palloni** and in collaboration with the School of Public Health at the University of Puerto Rico, has completed field work, data entry, and data cleaning. Project staff are working with CDHA's data archivist to assess confidentiality/disclosure risk and to create an anonymized public-use data file which sufficiently protects participants' identities and sensitive survey responses.

This project was recently awarded a second five-year term of support from the NIA.

### **Wisconsin Longitudinal Study**

The Wisconsin Longitudinal Study (WLS), under the leadership of Professor **Robert M. Hauser**, has successfully completed most components of the program of graduate, sibling, spouse, and widow surveys that was begun in 2003. Funding for survey work is through the NIA R01 mechanism. Funding has also been obtained through the NIA P01 mechanisms for a coordinated and extensive interdisciplinary program of research.

Public data and documentation for WLS graduates and their spouses from interviews and self-administered questionnaires of 2003-2005 are now available on the substantially updated WLS website, which now includes data downloads in multiple formats, a

handbook for use of WLS data, documentation of properties of scales used in WLS surveys, many downloadable WLS publications, and extensive search tools.

Planning is now underway for future WLS data collection that may include interviews with children of the WLS participants and extensive biomarkers. The project will soon conduct the third round of its pilot grant competition, which is intended to encourage new uses of WLS data. Information about this competition is on the WLS website.

### **Other New Funded Projects**

**Michel Guillot**, *Mortality in Central Asia* (NICHD).

**M. Giovanna Merli**, *Sexual Behavior, Sexual Networks, and STDs in China* (NICHD).

**Alberto Palloni**, *Health Conditions Among Elderly in Latin America* (NIA).

**Gary Sandefur**, *Social Demography and Adolescent Obesity* (NICHD).

Two projects were added to the WLS Program of Projects, *Interaction and Cognition in Surveys of Older Adults* (**Nora Cate Schaeffer** and **Douglas W. Maynard**) and *Life Course Trajectories and the Retirement Process* (**Jim Raymo**, **Robert Hauser**, and **Larry Bumpass**)

**Joan Fujimura**, *Exploring Concepts of Population in Human Genetic Studies* (NSF).

# PhDs and Placement

## **Flavia Cristina Drumond**

**Andrade** *Functional Disability and Health Inequality among Elderly Latinos: The Diabetes Mellitus Burden*. Alberto Palloni, Major Professor. Flavia will be a postdoc at the University of Chicago, working with 2000 Nobel Prize-winning economist Prof. James Heckman.

**Damayanti Banerjee** *Between the Rivers: Reconstructing Social and Environmental Histories of Displacement*. Michael Bell, major professor. Damayanti is on the job market.

**Huey-Chi (Vicky) Chang** *The Dynamics of Social Changes and Family Attainment Norms: The Effects of Parental Education, Sibship*. Robert M. Hauser, Major Professor. Vicky will be a postdoc in the Center for Demography and Ecology, with Professor Aimee Dechter.

**Aya Hirata** *Remaking Indonesian Food: The Processes and Implications of Nutritionalization*. Jack R. Kloppenburg, Major Professor, and Samer Alatout, co-advisor. Aya will in Fall 2007 be an Assistant Professor at University of Hawaii, Manoa, in Women's Studies and Sociology.

**Daniel A Long** *School Resources, School Organization, Autonomy, and Achievement in Latin America*. Adam Gamoran, Major Professor. Starting August 2006, Daniel will be an Assistant

Professor, Department of Sociology, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT.

**David M. Nowacek** *Pragmatism in American Jurisprudence and Social Organization*. Charles Camic, Major Professor. David is Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and is on the job market.

**Elizabeth M. Park** *Egalitarianism and Local Liturgical Practice*. Pamela Oliver, Major Professor.

**Arthur Scarritt** *The Rattle of Burnt Bread: Globalization and Indigenous Immobilization in Highland Peru, 1982-2003*. Gay W. Seidman, Major Professor. Arthur will have a visiting appointment in the Sociology Department at the University of Iowa.

**Solon Simmons** *Sorokin's Haircut: The Class Idea in U.S. Presidential Elections 1962-2004*. Robert M. Hauser, Major Professor. Starting Fall 2006, Solon will be an assistant professor at George Mason University in Washington, D.C.

**Kristen Wray Springer** *His and Her Marriage Today: The Impact of Wives' Employment on Husbands' Later Mid-Life Health*. Robert M. Hauser, Major Professor. Myra Marx Ferree, co-advisor. Kristen starts a position

as Assistant Professor Fall 2006 in the Sociology Department, Rutgers University.

**Lisa Dawn Wade** *"Female Genital Mutilation" in the American Imagination*. Myra Marx Ferree, Major Professor. Fall 2006 Lisa will be an Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Occidental College, Los Angeles.

**Tona Lee Williams** *Visions of What We Know: School Subjects Depicted through Shifting Internet Discourses*. Adam Gamoran, Major Professor. Tona is working in film and film design.

**Spencer Doyle Wood** *The Roots of Black Power: Land, Civil Society, and the State in the Mississippi Delta, 1935-2005*. Jess C. Gilbert, Major Professor. Spencer is Visiting Assisting Professor, Colorado College, Colorado Springs and is on the job market.

Three postdoctoral fellows in our RWJ Health & Society Scholars Program have accepted new positions. **Rich Carpiano** will be an Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Sociology at the University of British Columbia. **Maggie Weden** received a National Research Service Award Fellowship at the UCSD School of Medicine. **Rachel Kimbro** just accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Sociology at Rice University.

# News from Alumni and Friends

## UW places another president!

**Arne Kalleberg** (PhD 1975) was just been elected to be the 99<sup>th</sup> President of the American Sociological Association. He is the second UW graduate to be so honored in recent years; **Bill Bielby** (PhD 1976) was the 94<sup>th</sup> ASA president.

**Ann Bagchi** (Ph.D. 1999) has joined Mathematica Policy Research (MPR), working on various projects studying access to and outcomes of health care among Medicaid and Medicare beneficiaries. She also had a second child (a son named Gabriel) in January.

**Vilna Bashi** (Ph.D. 1997) gave birth to a baby boy, Jannik, and her first book, *Survival of the Knitted: Immigrant Social Networks in a Stratified World* will be coming out with Stanford University Press in March 2007.

**Vern Baxter** (Ph.D. 1984) survived Hurricane Katrina and wants to thank all his Wisconsin friends for their kind words and support during our evacuation and re-construction process.

**Bill Bielby** (Ph.D. 1976) also has been discussed in *BusinessWeek* regarding his expert witness work regarding biases in business decisions.

**John Campbell** (Ph.D. 1984) published *Institutional Change and Globalization* which was featured on an "author meets critics" session at the 2006 annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics in Trier, Germany. A second book, *National Identity and the Varieties of Capitalism: The Danish Experience* led to an invitation to address the Danish Prime Minister's Globalization Council in February 2006.

**Vivek Chibber** (Ph.D. 1998) won the ASA's 2006 Distinguished Scholarly Publication Award's Honorable Mention for his book *Locked in Place*.

**Paul D. Cleary** (Ph.D. 1982) was appointed Dean of the Yale School of Public Health and C-E. A. Winslow Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health at the Yale Medical School.

**Ira Cohen** (Ph.D. 1980) is a member of the Advisory Board of *The Cambridge Dictionary of Sociology* to be published in August 2006 including a number of his articles. Cohen is completing a book on the sociology of solitude which was the subject of a session at the Eastern Sociological Society Meetings in Boston in February. One of his former graduate students at Rutgers, Stephanie Karpinski, is now in the PhD. Program at UW-Madison.

**Gregory C. Elliott** (Ph.D. 1976) received the Karen T. Romer Award for Undergraduate Advising and Mentoring "in recognition of exceptional dedication, imagination and commitment to advising and mentoring undergraduates" and will be publishing a book with Blackwell Press on adolescence and relationships.

**Jim Elliott** (Ph.D. 1997) joined the Sociology department at the University of Oregon as an Associate Professor.

**Edward L. Fink's** (Ph.D., 1975) article on the semantics of social influence, which appeared in *Communication Monographs*, won the 2005 Distinguished Article Award from National Communication Association's Communication and Social Cognition Division.

**Dana R. Fisher's** (Ph.D. 2001) new book, *Activism, Inc.*, is being published by Stanford University Press in September 2006.

**Roger Friedland** (Ph.D. 1977)'s forthcoming book, *The Fellowship: The Untold Story of Frank Lloyd Wright and the Taliesin Fellowship*, co-authored with Harold Zellman, will forever change what goes through your mind as you drive by Spring Green.

**Dave Gillespie** (Ph.D. 1977) leads the Honeywell Process Systems Global Operations

Learning team, and is currently co-authoring an eBook on podcasting as a tool for corporate trainers.

**Jeff Hayes** (Ph.D. 2002) is research associate at the Institute for Health and Social Policy, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

**Ronald J. Hustedde** (Ph.D. 1989) recently received a \$1.2 million grant for the creation of the Kentucky Entrepreneurial Coaches Institute. Hustedde received the Outstanding Extension and Public Service Award from the Southern Rural Sociological Society in February 2006.

**Jim Lincoln** (Ph.D. 1974) is now Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business. His book with Michael Gerlach, *Japan's Network Economy* is a co-winner of the 2006 Viviana Zelizer Distinguished Scholarship Award given by the Economic Sociology Section of the ASA.

**John Manzo** (Ph.D. 1993) was promoted to associate professor, department of sociology, University of Calgary.

**Brian C. Martinson** (Ph.D. 1994) was promoted to Senior Research Investigator at HealthPartners Research Foundation in Minneapolis, MN.

**Steve McKay** (Ph.D. 2001)'s new book *Satanic Mills or Silicon Islands? The Politics of High-Tech Production in the Philippines* was published in 2006 by Cornell University/ILR Press

**Linda Burzotta Nilson** (Ph.D. 1974) is the founding director of the Office of Teaching Effectiveness and Innovation at Clemson University.

**Brian Obach** (Ph.D. 2000) was awarded an NSF grant for his study on social movement coalition dynamics and strategic innovation within the organic movement. His book, *Labor and the Environmental Movement* received Honorable Mention for the outstanding book award from the ASA's section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements.

**Michael Q Patton** (Ph.D. 1973) has a new book, *Getting to Maybe: How the World Is Changed*, published by Random House Canada.

**James R. Pinkerton** (Ph.D. 1965) who retired from Rural Sociology at the Univ. of Missouri in 1998 has been swimming in the Senior Olympics for years. In June he won four silver and one gold medal in the 70-74 age group.

**Havidan Rodriguez** (Ph.D. 1991) has been named Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs at the University of Delaware. He recently co-edited, with Enrico L. Quarantelli and Russell R. Dynes, the *Handbook of Disaster Research*.

**Joey Sprague** (Ph.D. 1986) has published *Feminist Methodologies for Critical Researchers* and was named the J. Michael Young Academic Advisor of the year for the Social Sciences at KU.

**Judith Witt** (M.S. 1991) has been semi-retired since 2004 after a career as a government research

analyst and is doing survey research consulting by contract, including for the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene. Kathleen McKinney (Ph.D. 1982) received the 2006 ASA Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award and will be given this award at the ASA award ceremony in Montreal.

**Kelley Strawn** (Ph.D. 2005), his wife Alejandra, and first son, Ian, were joined by their second son, Owen Alexander Strawn. All is going quite well.

**Chris Uggen** (Ph.D. 1995) published *Locked Out* with Jeff Manza, ran the slowest Madison marathon ever, became department chair, and was named a distinguished professor.

**Nancy Plankey Videla and Robert Sean Mackin** (Ph.D. 2004/05), both assistant professors at Texas A&M University Sociology Department, welcomed the arrival of their second child in December of this year.

**Richelle Winkler** (M.S. 2004) married Andy Roth on June 17, 2006 and is re-entering the PhD program Fall 2006.

**David Yamane** (Ph.D. 1998) published two books (*The Catholic Church in State Politics* and *Real Stories of Christian Initiations*), and is editor of *Sociology of Religion*, the official journal of the Association for the Sociology of Religion.

**Kathrin Zippel's** (Ph.D. 2000) book, *Politics of Sexual Harassment* will be published by Cambridge University Press.

# Department Honors Jane Piliavin

## Prosocial behavior in theory and practice

The sociology department celebrated the career and contributions of Jane Piliavin on June 25, 2006. Former students and current colleagues came to Madison to toast the many works (under almost as many names) of Jane Allyn Piliavin. Among her many other noteworthy contributions, Jane was the first female chair of the department of sociology.

Jane Allyn Piliavin earned her Ph.D. in Social Psychology from Stanford University in 1962. Her major professor was Leon Festinger, a well-known social psychologist of the day. Festinger is best known as the creator and chief proponent of the theory of cognitive dissonance.

Jane began her professional career as a Junior Research Psychologist at the Survey Research Center at University of California, Berkeley. Her first teaching position was Lecturer in Psychology at UC-Berkeley in 1964. Subsequently, she was Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology at Mills College, and Assistant Professor of Psychology at University of Pennsylvania. Jane arrived at Wisconsin in 1970, taking a position as Associate Professor in what was then the School of Family Resources and Consumer Sciences. In 1973, she was promoted to Professor. In 1976, she joined the Department of Sociology, where she has spent the past 30 years.



Jane's first published research dealt with dissonance reduction and attitude change. Six of these papers were in the prestigious *Journal of Abnormal and Social Psychology*, and its successor the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, reflecting the quality of the research.

Jane made her primary substantive contribution in the area of altruism or prosocial behavior. She began in 1969 with a series of papers analyzing the effects of victim characteristics on whether bystanders would help in an emergency. She then turned to blood donation and related activities as an excellent site to investigate the relationships between seemingly isolated acts of giving. In addition to pushing forward our understanding of prosocial behavior, this work has had important implications for public welfare, and Jane has served on many government panels focusing on issues related to transfusion and blood donation which became critical with the onset of the HIV virus.

Over her career Jane was won a number of awards for her scholarship and her teaching. Most notably, in 1994 Jane was invited to be the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Katz-Newcomb Lecturer.

Jane Piliavin's service record is long, reflecting her abilities and the esteem of her colleagues. As noted above, her research on blood donation resulted in a number of important contributions to NIH and other national bodies. On the UW-Madison campus, Jane has served the University's Athletic Board. Teaching classes in the sociology of Sport, Jane understood the problems of mixing academics and big 10 football; as a teacher she also worked closely with student athletes to make sure that they could live up to the dual demands placed upon them.

Jane has also served as Chair of three academic units at Wisconsin. Within three years of arriving on campus, she was Chair of the Women's Studies Program and played a crucial role in mediating the political struggles around its founding and putting it on a strong organizational foundation. She also was Chair of the Child and Family Studies Department, School of Family Resources and Consumer Sciences. In 1994-1997, Jane was Chair of the Sociology Department; of that experience, she says "being chair of the best sociology department in the country was pretty important!"

# Wisconsin Activities and Awards

**Michael Bell's** 2004 book, *Farming for Us All* won an Outstanding Academic Title award from the American Library Association.

**Peter Brinson** has won an L&S Teaching Fellow Award.

**John DeLamater** and **Ruth Lopez Turley** were selected in 2004 as Exceptional Professors by students in the Cole, Sullivan, and Slichter residence halls.

**Howard Erlanger** was awarded a 2004 Alliant Energy Underkofler Award for Excellence in Teaching from the University of Wisconsin System.

**Myra Marx Ferree** won the 2004 Jesse Bernard Award from the American Sociological Association. Myra has also been made the next Sewell Bascom Professor.

**Joan Fujimura** has won a Vilas Associate fellowship by the Graduate School for her project *Race, Biomedical Genomics, And*.

**Erin Hatton** won a Campus-Wide 2006 Teaching Assistant Award for Early Excellence.

**Robert M. Hauser** was elected to membership in the American Philosophical Society. He is also a member of the Advisory Board to the Commission on Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education at the National Research Council.

**Ellen Jacobson** has won the 2005-06 College of Letters and Science Advising Award.

**Daniel Kleinman**, was awarded a Vilas Associate fellowship by the Graduate School for his project, *Disease and Discipline: The Formation, Solidification, and Development of Plant Pathology in the United States*.

**Cameron MacDonald** has received NIH funding for her research project, *The Home as Hospital* through a TEAM Scholar award. The UW-Madison TEAM program is one of only a few centers to participate in the NIH Roadmap Initiative.

**Douglas Maynard** was awarded the next Conway Bascom Professorship.

**Carolina Milesi** was been awarded a 2005-06 Spencer Dissertation Fellowship for research related to education.

**Sarah Faith Nehrling** was appointed as a 2006 Junior Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. Sarah also won a prestigious Reschke Scholarship (see pg 2).

**Alberto Palloni** was elected to membership in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and is currently serving as President of the Population Association of America.

**Nora Cate Schaeffer** was recently elected Survey Research

Methods Section Representative to the ASA. She also delivered the annual Distinguished Lecture at the 2006 Michigan-Maryland Joint Program in Survey Methodology.

**James Benson, Danielle Berman, Peter Brinson** and **Kristen Springer** have each won a 2006 Graduate Student Mentor Award awarded by the Graduate Student Collaborative.

**Jennifer L. Dykema** has won the Kathryn DuPre Lumpkin Award for the Best Dissertation in the Sociology Department during 2004-05

The committee for the Evaluation and Improvement of Instruction presented the 2006 Awards for Excellence in Teaching to Assistant Professor **Ruth Turley**, Lecturer **Angela Barian**, and Teaching Assistant **Erik Schneiderhan**. The Department also awarded a Special Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Teaching to **Pamela Oliver**.

**Jeremy Freese** was the 2005 William H. Sewell Memorial Lecturer. By tradition the lecture to be given by a recently tenured member of the department. Freese's lecture was entitled, "Biopportunity and Change: Three Posts from the Intersection of Same Old Us and Brave New World." Freese is currently serving as a visiting fellow in the Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research program at Harvard University.

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