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Message from the Chair

It's been a busy year for Wisconsin Sociology. While budget cutbacks have curtailed faculty recruitment across much of campus, we've been running multiple searches and were happy to hire three new faculty members. Two assistant professors, Mike Massoglia and Robert Vargas, were hired through our criminology search, funded by the department's successful proposal to the Madison Initiative for Undergraduates. We also hired an associate professor, Eric Grodsky, in conjunction with the Interdisciplinary Training Program in Education Sciences (ITP).

Beyond those new hires, Alice Goffman has completed her two-year Robert Wood Johnson postdoctoral fellowship and will join us in the fall as an assistant professor. Felix Elwert, who turned down an attractive offer from the University of Mannheim to remain at Wisconsin, was promoted to associate professor with tenure. The department also voted to promote Chad Goldberg and Marcy Carlson to full professor.

Among our many faculty accomplishments, I'll simply highlight Erik Olin Wright's role as president of the American Sociological Association. He chose the theme of "Real Utopias" for the ASA annual meetings to be held this summer in Denver. I look forward to seeing many of our alumni there.

The department this year enrolled its first cohort of graduate students under our new funding model, which guarantees all incoming students five years of support as teaching or research assistants. While this funding guarantee has necessitated some reduction in the size of the entering cohort (we've just enrolled 14 students for 2012-13), it helps us continue to compete for the very best students, and the extramural awards received by this year's first-year cohort attest to their stellar quality.

Recognizing the importance of NIH traineeships in supporting graduate students, as well as the increasing competition among universities for these funds, I'm happy to report the recent renewal of training grants to both the Center for Demography and Ecology (CDE) and



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the Center for Demography, Health, and Aging (CDHA).

This year also marked the creation of the sociology board of visitors, a group of graduate and undergraduate alumni who support, advise, and advocate for the department. The board is dedicated to promoting the long-term development of relationships with alumni and friends, and to building the resource base necessary to sustain the department as a world leader in the social sciences. Board members may advise and assist with development and outreach efforts, help the department expand career opportunities for students, keep the department informed of best business practices, and serve as goodwill ambassadors for the department.

In this era of decreased state funding for public universities, our ability to remain a world-class department has become increasingly contingent on the support provided by alumni and friends. On behalf of the department, I'm grateful for the many contributions received. Your generosity enables scholarships to undergraduates, stipends and research funding to graduate students, and research support to faculty. The University and the UW Foundation will be rolling out a

Board of Visitors

Last fall Gary Sandefur, the dean of Letters & Science, approved the department's proposal to establish a board of visitors. The board's objectives include:

- Increase the department's visibility to all program graduates and the community at large.
- Develop innovative programs to strengthen the ties and loyalty of undergraduate and graduate student alumni.
- Offer creative opportunities for alumni to give back to the department.

The need for an alumni board of visitors was driven by several trends:

- State support for the university continues to decrease, with little prospect of increasing in the foreseeable future.
- Tuition costs continue to rise as a result.
- Competition for top graduate students is intense and will continue.
- Outside research funds are limited and extremely competitive.

Even with these obstacles, the department continues to flourish — as this newsletter illustrates. The ranking of the department remains at the top or near the top internationally in many of sociology's specialty areas. The undergraduate program continues to attract large numbers of majors.

To maintain this high quality of teaching and research, we must seek additional avenues for funds. Our alumni are one of our major strengths. For this reason, we ask each of you to consider making a gift to the department.

I began to give a few years ago. Before making this commitment, I assumed that only large amounts need to apply. Not so, I've been told: no amount is too small. By increasing the percentage of sociology alumni donors, you and I — by making modest gifts — can significantly impact the department's continued success.

Please consider making a personal contribution to the department, no matter how large or small. We hope it will become a habit.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is a list of departmental funds to which you can designate your gift. However, if you have no preference, gifts to the general Sociology Department Fund are greatly appreciated and will support the most urgent priorities of the department.

Your gift can be made online at ssc.wisc.edu/soc/giving.php. You're also welcome to use the pledge card/return envelope included in this newsletter. Please feel free to contact me, the UW Foundation, or the department with any questions or comments you'd like to share:

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Thank you for your consideration. On, Wisconsin!

Sincerely,
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new marketing campaign for the Annual Fund this fall which will encourage you to make a gift to UW. Please consider directing your annual gift to the Department of Sociology by writing-in "Sociology Annual Fund" on your pledge card. You may also give through the department's website (ssc.wisc.edu/soc/giving.php) or with the reply envelope enclosed here.

The remainder of this newsletter contains much more information about our new faculty hires, faculty and student awards and achievements, the activities of our research centers, the new board of visitors, and the impact of your gifts on the department. I look forward to next year, as the department undertakes an assessment of our undergraduate curriculum, and we consider other innovations to help maintain our department's long-standing excellence in teaching and research. Please feel free to contact me at jmontgom@ssc.wisc.edu to share your thoughts and suggestions.

Best wishes,

James Montgomery
Professor and Chair

New Faculty



Eric Grodsky MS'96, PhD'02

earned his PhD in sociology

from the University of Wisconsin and then took a job as an assistant professor of sociology with the University of California-Davis. He left Davis in 2008 for an assistant professor position at the University of Minnesota, where he was promoted to the associate level in 2010. Eric's work is primarily in the areas of the sociology of education and social stratification. He has written on affirmative action in higher education, social stratification in college (and elite college) attendance and completion, and the changing dynamics of merit in the college attendance and completion process. His current projects include work on postsecondary remediation (supported by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education), the roles of cognitive and noncognitive skills in labor-market success over the life course, adolescent sex norms, and the role of social context in moderating the effects of adolescent sex on educational and health outcomes (supported by the National Institutes of Health).



Michael Massoglia

is joining the department as an

assistant professor of sociology. Since receiving his PhD from the University of Minnesota, Mike's work has focused on the social consequences of the expansion of the penal system, the relationship between the use of legal controls and demographic change in the United States, and patterns and consequences of criminal behavior over the life course. In recent articles, he has examined historical variation in U.S. criminal deportations; the impact of incarceration on health outcomes, including health disparities and mental health; as well as the impact of incarceration for family functioning. Mike's most recent work has appeared or is forthcoming in the *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, and *The Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. Currently, he is working with Glenn Firebaugh (Penn State) on a project supported by the National Science Foundation that examines the relationship between incarceration and neighborhood disadvantage and segregation.



Robert Vargas

received his PhD in sociology

from Northwestern University (2012), where he was a Fellow of the Multi-Disciplinary Program in Educational Sciences. His research incorporates the role of police and nonprofit organizations in the reduction of gang violence in a poor neighborhood of Chicago. Besides this project, Robert has written on the impact of neighborhood violence on Latino youth, as well as the effects of place-based scholarship programs on neighborhood and school segregation. From 2012 to 2014, Robert will be a Fellow of the Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Program at Harvard University, where he will continue his work and begin a second project on health in poor communities. He will be joining the Wisconsin faculty in the fall of 2014.



Kathryn DuPre Lumpkin Award 2010–11

Kathryn DuPre Lumpkin received her PhD from our department in 1928, and she spent her career as a professor of sociology at Wells College with a focus on social justice. The Lumpkin award is granted each year for the best dissertation of the previous academic year, as determined by a sociology faculty committee. All dissertations defended during the 2010–11 academic year and nominated by two faculty members were considered for the award.

The best dissertator honor went to **Hae Yeon Choo MS'06, PhD'11** for her dissertation titled "Citizenship at the Margins: Filipina Migrant Women and the Paradox of Rights in South Korea."

Her dissertation committee included her major professor, Myra Marx Ferree, and professors Jane Collins, Chad Goldberg, Pamela Oliver, Julie D'Acci MA'71, PhD'88 from the Department of Gender and Women's Studies, and Kirin Narayan from the Department of Anthropology.

Dr. Choo is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Toronto.

Faculty News

Marcy Carlson was recently promoted to full professor, and she has been elected to the Family Section of the American Sociological Association and to the Policy Council of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management.

John DeLamater was named a Conway-Bascom Professor of Sociology in 2010–11.

Alice Goffman has received the 2011 Dissertation Award from the American Sociological Association for “On the Run.” Her dissertation is based on long-term ethnographic research with unemployed young men in Philadelphia, and provides a close-up account of the profound impact that the prison boom and the war on drugs are having on everyday life in the American ghetto.

Cameron MacDonald has been awarded an Emil H. Steiger Distinguished Teaching Award from the university. The award recognizes Cameron’s outstanding contributions to undergraduate and graduate education at UW-Madison.

Pam Oliver will be presented with the John D. McCarthy Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Scholarship of Social Movements and Collective Behavior. The McCarthy Award

honors scholars who have made “outstanding contributions to the scholarly literature concerned with social movements, protest, collective violence, riots, and other kinds of collective behavior over the course of a career. In a spirit reflecting the scholar-teacher model inherent to the University of Notre Dame, the recipient will be a person who has made major contributions not only through her or his own research, but also through teaching and mentoring other, more junior, scholars as they have developed their own research and scholarly identities.”

Jim Raymo and Marcy Carlson received a two-year grant from the National Science Foundation to study “Changes in Family Structure and Economic Well-being in Twenty Nations.”

Eight campus research projects received start-up funding from the UW-Madison Global Health Initiative, including three projects from faculty members **Monica Grant**, “Mobile Phone-Disseminated Health Information”; **Gary Green**, “Pathways for Poverty Reduction in Haiti: Health and Economic Impacts of Organic Mango Production and Processing”; and **Alberto Palloni and Jenna Nobles**, “Economic Growth and Inequality in Human Capital Formation.”

Department of Sociology Awards

Through the UW Foundation and due to the generosity of John L. Gillin and William H. Sewell, the Department of Sociology has the honor of awarding the John L. Gillin Welcome Awards and William H. Sewell Summer Research Awards as supplementary awards to new graduate students who are recipients of University Fellowships and Advanced Opportunity Fellowships (AOFs). Welcome Awards are designed to ease the transition to campus in the fall. Summer research awards are meant to encourage research partnerships with faculty members during the summer. Funds for these awards were first made available in Fall 2006.

Recipients of the awards for 2011–12 are **Jordan Colosi, Amanda McMillan, Thomas Stutsman, and Johanna Quinn**. Jordan’s research examines the causes and consequences of societal resistance to the theory of evolution. Amanda’s research uses ethnography and supplementary data analysis to explore the patterns of practice and ideology of American agriculture through the lens of the 1980s farm crisis. Thomas is conducting an empirical analysis

of the causes of wrongful convictions in China, as well as theoretical examination of the relationship between the politicization of criminal justice and wrongful convictions. Johanna’s research explores K–12 teachers as a gendered and racialized workforce in a stratified labor market and looks at how accountability policies impact teachers’ experiences, health, and career perspectives.

Xiaoyu Li and Thomas Stutsman are the recipients of the Marwell Fund Award, established in 2008 by Gerald and Barbara E. Marwell, as supplementary recruitment funding for graduate training and research in sociology. Xiaoyu is examining whether the expansion of education has decreased educational inequality in contemporary China.

Mei-Chia Fong, Chung-En Liu, and Ti-Fen Yeh have been awarded the Liao Graduate Scholarship. The Hong-Wen and Cheen Liao Graduate Scholarship in Sociology was established by Hong-Wen Charng and Cheen Liao. Mrs. Charng MS’86, PhD’92 is an alumna of the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a

master’s and PhD from the Department of Sociology. Her husband also graduated from UW-Madison with a master’s degree in computer sciences (MS’87).

Mei-Chia’s in-progress dissertation, “Wellness and Life Experiences from Adolescence to Young Adulthood,” seeks to better understand the relationship between social environmental factors and individual development and fulfillment, with emphases on the aspects of physical and mental health. Chung-En is currently developing his dissertation on carbon markets — the global governance mechanism to deal with climate change. He plans to take the “commodity chain analysis” as the research framework, looking at the commodification of carbon emissions, as well as the political economy associated with these processes. Ti-Fen is currently working on her master’s thesis, in which she attempts to identify components of the “family effect” that impact children from the same family simultaneously, which yields their similar outcomes in status attainment.



Joe Elder's 50-Year Celebration

This year marked the 50th anniversary of Joe Elder joining the UW faculty. In 1961, he became a member of the Departments of Sociology and Indian Studies, following a PhD at Harvard University and two years' teaching at Oberlin College. During his time at the UW, Joe has taught more than 20 different courses that have been listed or cross-listed in 12 different departments. Over the past 50 years, Joe has taught thousands of students, sometimes even multiple generations within families. His warm and knowledgeable teaching style has made him a student favorite, leading to his recognition with a University Distinguished Teaching Award in 1976 and departmental teaching awards in 1979 and 2003.

Outside the classroom, Joe has been actively involved in the College Year in

India program, which has sent more than 1,000 students to India to spend a year doing field research and learning Indian languages and culture. He was also instrumental in establishing both the Center for South Asia and the certificate program in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transexual Studies. In addition to all this, he was active in the peace movement during the Vietnam War, and has worked for the Quakers mediating in several conflict zones around the world.

A dinner celebrating Joe's years of service to the university and the South Asian research community was held on October 22, 2011. To view photos from Joe's career and read messages written in his honor, please visit www.southasia.wisc.edu/elder/.

Recent PhDs and Placements

Bruch, Sarah Kathleen — "The Role of Schools in Producing Inequality in Citizenship: Examining Authority Relations and Racial Dynamics." Myra Marx Ferree, Major Professor. Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa.

Ellerbe, Calvina Zaneta — "Explaining Racial Differences in Family Formation Behavior: Exploring Attitudes, Perceptions, and Family Experience." John DeLamater, Major Professor. Assistant Professor at the University of North Carolina-Pembroke.

Garbarski, Dana Marie — "Dynamic and Dyadic Relationships: An Extension of the Socioeconomic Status and Health Relationship." Ted Gerber, Major Professor. Postdoctoral researcher in the Health Disparities Research Scholars Training Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Golding, Shaun Arick — "Rural Gentrification in the United States, 1970–2000: A Demographic Analysis of its Footprint, Impacts, and Implications." Katherine Curtis, Major Professor. Visiting Assistant Professor at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine.

Jakubowski, Jessica Anne — "Incarceration and Family Transitions in Young Adulthood." James Raymo, Major Professor. Senior Research Data Analyst in the Health Disparities and Public Policy Program at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine.

Karraker, Amelia Wilkes — "Feeling Poor and Being Sick: Social Status, Psychosocial Processes, and Health." Pamela Herd, Major Professor. National Institute on Aging Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Population Studies Center and Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan.

Lloyd, Sarah Elizabeth — "Changing Agricultural Expectations: Pockets of Post-Productivism and Post-Fordism toward Multifunctionality in Richland County, Wisconsin." Michael Bell, Major Professor. Organizer, Wisconsin Farmers Union.

Sulzer, Sandra Hannah — "Problematizing Diagnosis, Communication, and the Medical-Industrial Complex: An Institutional Ethnography of Borderline Personality Disorder." Randy Stoecker, Major Professor. Postdoctoral Fellow at the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Turner, Kimberly Joyce — "Hand in Hand: Three Essays Examining the Link between Family Behavior and Well-being among Black and White Men." Marcia J. Carlson, Major Professor. Two-year Rhodes Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Cornell Population Center at Cornell University.

Van Gunten, Tod Stewart — "Power and Pesos: Economics, Expertise, and the Politics of Money in Mexico and Argentina." Erik Olin Wright, Major Professor. Postdoctoral position as a Junior Research Fellow at the Center for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences of the Juan March Foundation in Madrid, Spain.

Graduate Student Awards

Loka Ashwood received a \$2,000 Travel Grant from the Center for Culture, History, and Environment (CHE) and a \$1,000 Travel Grant from the Holtz Center for Science and Technology to support her dissertation research in Georgia.

Geoff Bakken was awarded a Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, which provides funding for the final year of dissertation writing.

Zach Baumgart received the 2012 Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Teaching Assistant.

Steve Beers received the Academic Year Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship from the Center of Southeast Asian Studies to study Vietnamese during the 2012–13 academic year.

Daniel Blocq received awards from the Social Science Research Council (International Dissertation Research Fellowship) and from the National Science Foundation Political Science Division (Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant). He also received the Jennings Randolph Peace Scholarship, which is a writing grant from the United States Institute of Peace. These awards support his research, which studies the formation of armed self-defense groups during the second civil war of South Sudan.

Jill Bowdon won an Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) dissertation research award for the 2012–13 academic year. The award will support her dissertation research on “Non-cognitive Skills and the Emergence of the Black-White Test Score Gap.”

Katherine Broton won a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. Her research studies social stratification and higher education; her project investigates the causal effect of need-based financial aid on two-year college students’ degree goals.

Jordan Colosi received an Honorable Mention for the National Science

Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. She also received a University Fellowship, a Chancellor’s Opportunity Award, a Gillin Welcome Award, and a Sewell Summer Research Award. These awards support her research, which explores the causes and consequences of societal resistance to the theory of evolution.

Tanya Cook was awarded a Holtz Center for Science and Technologies Studies Travel Grant and a Small Grant Award to support research for her dissertation, which examines the effects of patient-provider interaction on pregnancy and birth experiences.

Nate Ela received an SSRC Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship for 2012. His research examines how people in Chicago have sought to use vacant land for urban farming at various times since 1896.

Dana Garbarski, with sociology faculty member Nora Cate Schaeffer and the UW Survey Center’s Jen Dykema, was among the nine winning entries in RTI’s 2012 Research Challenge. The research team will have its questions included as part of an in-person survey of Chicago residents this summer. The goal of the team’s proposal is to examine whether the validity of self-reported health is improved by varying question context and response options ordering. Dana also received an award from the Charles Cannell Fund in Survey Methodology of the Survey Research Center at the University of Michigan. She will use her award to study interviewer and respondent interactional rapport during the end-of-life planning section of the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study.

Daanika Gordon won an NSF Graduate Fellowship. Her project will use spatial analysis and interviews to explore the relationship between policing practices and segregation boundaries. Specifically, she will be looking at how interactions with law enforcement shape residents’ understandings of space in Milwaukee.

Heather Gordon received a National Science Foundation-Office of Polar

Programs Graduate Research Fellowship. She also received stipends from the International Arctic Research Center, the International Arctic Science Committee, and an International Polar Year (IPY) Montreal Accommodation Award in support of her attendance at the International Polar Year Conference. Her research has been in a small community in Greenland, and her project looks for ways to build better relationships between Arctic scientists and the Arctic Indigenous communities in which they work.

Michael Halpin won the Holtz Graduate Scholars Summer Fellowship this year.

Alex Hanna received the Wisconsin Institutes of Discovery Emerging Interfaces Award and a Department of Sociology Small Grant Award. His research focuses on social media and politics, and his dissertation is on the use of social media in the 2011 Egyptian revolution. He is also working on a project with a team in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication on the use of Twitter in the 2012 U.S. elections.

Anna R. Haskins was a finalist in the Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship competition and was awarded the Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship for the 2012–13 academic year. She was also named an ASA Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) Fellow. Both fellowships will support the completion of her dissertation, titled “Mass Incarceration and the Black-White Achievement Gap: The Effects of Families, Schools, and the Penal System on Racial Inequality in Educational Outcomes.” She also received the 2012 ASA Section on the Sociology of Population Student Paper Award for “Unintended Consequences of Mass Imprisonment: Effects of Paternal Incarceration on Child School Readiness.”

Seong Won Han was awarded a dissertation grant for 2012–13 from the American Educational Research Association (AERA), supported by the National Science Foundation, to complete her thesis, “Cross-National Study of Students’ STEM Career Aspirations: Evidence from PISA.”

Annabel Ipsen received a Dissertation Research Award from the Rural Sociological Society to conduct research on the labor process in the global seed industry in Chile and Iowa.

Nicole Kaufman received a National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant in Law and Social Science for 2012–13. She is conducting research on the construction of formerly incarcerated women as citizens-in-the-making through policies and the work of religious and secular nonprofit organizations.

Julie Keller received the Rural Sociological Society Dissertation Award of \$3,000 for “Life in Limbo: Transnational Migration, Masculinities, and Laboring In-between.”

Nicole Kraus was awarded the SSRC Eurasia Dissertation Development Award for a year of dissertation write-up support. Her dissertation is titled, “Constructing Xenophobia: Gender, Geography, and Generation of Nation.” In it she analyzes the intersections of race, class, gender, generation, and geographic location in the construction of xenophobia in the Russian Federation using interviews, historical analyses, and statistical methods. She was also awarded the Mellon-Wisconsin Summer Fellowship for this summer.

Martina Kunovic received the Tinker Nave Grant for Pre-Dissertation Field Research, an award administered by the Latin American, Caribbean & Iberian Studies Program.

So-jung Lim was awarded the Alan C. Kerckhoff award from the Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility of the International Sociological Association in August 2011 in recognition of her paper “The Implications of Nonstandard Employment for Children’s Health.” She also received the Work and Family Researchers’ Network Conference Scholarship Award (June 2012) for her paper “Mothers’ Nonstandard Employment and Children’s Health: The Role of Family Structure.”

John Liu won an SSRC fellowship for his dissertation work studying the carbon market. He was one of 77 awardees out of 1,148 applicants. John will use the roughly \$19,000 award to finance his travel in Europe and China to “follow” the carbon commodity chain.

Aliza Luft won a yearlong Chateaubriand Fellowship, awarded by the French embassy. She also won the Ouisconsin Field Research Scholarship, awarded by the scholarship committee of the Wisconsin Alumni Association’s France chapter. She is also the recipient of the Mazursky Travel Grant, awarded by the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies. These awards will support her upcoming archival research on French bishops’ efforts to support Jews during the Vichy regime.

Joshua McAuliffe received a three-year Graduate Research Fellowship from the National Science Foundation. His proposed research is on military organizations as coercive arms of the state and what happens when this is no longer the case.

Amanda McMillan received the John L. Gillin Welcome Award and the William H. Sewell Summer Research Award. She also received an Honorable Mention for the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

Johanna Quinn was awarded the Ford Predoctoral Fellowship for 2012–15. Her research explores K–12 teachers as a gendered and racialized workforce in a stratified labor market and looks at how accountability policies impact teachers’ experiences, health, and career perspectives.

Michelle Robinson’s paper “A Multi-state District-Level Cluster Randomized Trial of the Impact of Data-Driven Reform on Reading and Mathematics Achievement” (co-authored with Deven Carlson and Geoffrey D. Borman), was nominated for both the Districts in Research Special Interest Group 2012 Outstanding Research and Publication Award and the 2012 Palmer O. Johnson Award

through the American Educational Research Association.

Lauren Schudde was selected for three fellowship awards this spring: a National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, an American Educational Research Association Dissertation Grant, and an Association for Institutional Research Dissertation Grant. She will use the Spencer Fellowship in 2012–13 to complete her dissertation, “Disadvantaged and Disengaged? How Financial Constraints Impact College Experiences and Success for Low-Income Students.”

Emma Shakeshaft received an Early Excellence in Teaching Award from the College of Letters and Science.

Megan Shoji was awarded an Advanced Level Fellowship in the Interdisciplinary Training Program in Education Sciences.

Jenn Sims is the editor of *The Sociology of Harry Potter: 22 Enchanting Essays on the Wizarding World*, a book soon to be published by Zossima Press. She is also the author of three chapters and the co-author of one. Graduate students **Tanya Cook** and **Mya Fisher** each contributed a chapter as well.

Gina Spitz was awarded a Future Faculty Partnership with the Teaching Academy on the UW campus.

Elizabeth Wrigley-Field received a Ford Foundation dissertation fellowship for the 2012–13 academic year. She was also one of two winners of the Clifford Clogg Award for best graduate student paper from the ASA Methodology section for her paper “Mortality Deceleration and Mortality Selection: Three Unexpected Implications of a Simple Model.”

Reschke Scholarship Winners

Luvella K. and Alfred Reschke Social Sciences Fund

The Reschke Scholarship honors the late Alfred Reschke, a former student and assistant in the sociology department at UW-Madison. It was endowed by a generous bequest from his wife, Luvella K. Reschke.

The scholarship supports outstanding undergraduate students in the Department of Sociology. Up to 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. To be considered for a Reschke Scholarship, students must demonstrate outstanding academic performance and financial need. According to the terms of the bequest, preference is given to students whose future plans include teaching or working in the social sciences, social services or the ministry.

2011–12 Reschke Scholarship Awardees

Cheng Cheng majors in sociology with a concentration in analysis and research and comprehensive honors. Her areas of interest include social demography, health and aging, and family sociology. Her senior honors thesis uses longitudinal data from the Health and Retirement Study to examine how the presence of, and perceived support from, children may moderate the relationship between retirement and later-life mental health. Since 2009, Cheng has been an intern at the Applied Population Lab and the Wisconsin Scholars Longitudinal Study. After graduation, Cheng will attend graduate school in sociology.

Laura Konkol is a sociology major with a certificate in criminal justice. She is intrigued but saddened by the lack of equality in America and plans to use her education from UW-Madison to help create greater equality in the U.S. justice system. After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school to help in this endeavor.

Kelsey Lambrecht is a sociology major working toward a certificate in education policy studies. This past year she was a founding member of the first Christian sorority in the state of Wisconsin and is dedicated to missions, service, and outreach. Kelsey also has a passion for working with children and hopes to pursue a career in urban education. She hopes to work for Teach for America after she graduates in the spring of 2013 or pursue a graduate degree in sociology.

Maura Salisbury is a sociology major who is also pursuing certificates in gender & women's studies and Integrated Liberal Studies. Her work at UW-Madison has helped her draw conclusions about her life, ranging from American society as a whole to the circumstances of her own family. She feels it is her responsibility to use her education to fight for social justice in America and to help people who are affected by oppressive and cyclical social inequalities. She plans to pursue graduate studies and hopes to work as a family counselor (focusing on disadvantaged youth, particularly female) or as an ethnographer studying family dynamics in American homes.



Sperka Scholarship Winner

The Andrea Michelle Sperka Fund was established by Carol and Michael Sperka in memory of their beloved daughter. Andrea was a senior when she tragically lost her life in an automobile accident in Botswana after completing her studies abroad.

Throughout her undergraduate years, Andrea carried a demanding academic schedule while working to help meet her educational expenses. In addition, she often served as a volunteer, including work with homeless children in Madison and in South Africa. It is in Andrea's spirit of helping others that Carol and Michael Sperka created this fitting tribute. Recipients of the Andrea Michelle Sperka Fund exemplify the outstanding qualities that Andrea possessed and serve to keep the memory of this bright and talented young woman alive.

The recipient of the 2011–12 Andrea Michelle Sperka Award is **Allison Gilmore**, a junior majoring in sociology and legal studies and earning certificates in gender & women's studies and criminal justice. She is a house fellow for UW-Madison's Division of Housing and a student staff member at the University of Wisconsin Office of Admissions and Recruitment. Allison enjoys working with children and served as a counselor for young girls with special needs at SpringHill Camp last summer. This summer, she will be interning with the Children's Court Services and Juvenile Detention Facility in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. She plans to pursue study in law and to advocate for children in the criminal-justice system and adoption services.

Undergraduate Spotlight

Lachelle Jennings will receive her BA in sociology in August 2012. While at UW-Madison, she participated in the McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, developing a research project with her mentor, Professor Mara Loveman, to examine the effects of recent market-oriented reforms on racial inequality in Cuba. The project incorporated her main interests within sociology: political economy, race, and Latin American and Caribbean studies.

Lachelle plans to continue her research at the University of California-San Diego, where she will begin her PhD in sociology this fall. She intends to continue developing her current research project in Cuba, this time exploring the construction of racialized identities among dark-skinned Cubans as a response to the tourism sector's exploitation of Afro-Cuban culture. She hopes to conduct fieldwork in Cuba during the summer of 2013.

Erik Olin Wright, President Of ASA



We hope to see many alumni at the American Sociological Association annual meeting, to be held in Denver, Colorado, August 17–20, 2012. Our Erik Olin Wright will preside over the meeting as the current ASA president. His platform, “Real Utopias,” frames many sessions throughout the conference. “Utopia” implies developing clear-headed visions of alternatives to existing institutions that embody our deepest aspirations for

a world in which all people have access to the conditions to live flourishing lives, while “real” means taking seriously the problem of the viability of the institutions that could move us in the direction of that world. In addition to Erik’s presidential address, the plenary sessions will tackle three of the concepts underlying real utopias: equality, democracy, and sustainability. For those unable to attend the ASA annual meeting, Erik’s address and the plenary sessions will be live-streamed and archived after the event at <http://videoarchive.asanet.org/>.

Center for Demography and Ecology Celebrates 50 Years

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Center for Demography and Ecology (CDE) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. To commemorate this important milestone, a celebration of CDE’s past, present, and future will be held at UW-Madison on October 12 and 13, 2012. A one-and-a-half-day research symposium will highlight the intellectual contributions and ongoing work of CDE alumni, faculty, and students on topics related to stratification and inequality, family demography, race/ethnicity and immigration, international demography, health and aging, and spatial demography. The festivities will end with a reception and celebratory dinner at the University Club on Saturday evening, October 13.

Over the past five decades, CDE has grown from a handful of faculty and students in the sociology department to more than 100 faculty and student members from 15 departments across campus. The center has made substantial contributions to scholarship in demography and sociology, including developing public-use data sets such as the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study, the National Survey of Families and Households, and multiple surveys of health and well-being in Latin America. CDE faculty have supervised more than 250 PhDs and 375 master’s degrees, and CDE alumni work in a wide range of academic, government, and private-sector positions around the world.

For more information about the 50th anniversary celebration, please visit the CDE website at www.ssc.wisc.edu/cde, or contact the CDE 50th Planning Committee co-chairs, Marcy Carlson (carlson@ssc.wisc.edu) or Christine Schwartz (cschwartz@ssc.wisc.edu).



Center Updates

Applied Population Laboratory (APL)

Over the last year, the APL bid farewell to **Richelle Winkler MS'04, PhD'10**, who took a tenure-track position at Michigan Tech University, and welcomed **David Egan-Robertson**. David came to the APL from the Wisconsin Department of Administration, where he worked as the state demographer. Then in April, **Bill Buckingham BS'98, MS'04, PhD'12** completed his dissertation and received a PhD in environment and resources from UW-Madison.

The simultaneous release of new data from both the 2010 Census and the American Community Survey in 2011 continues to reverberate for APL's efforts to analyze and translate data for Wisconsin residents. **James Beaudoin** was very active in building innovative tools for mapping and analyzing data and, together with **Dan Veroff**, provided technical support and outreach focused on local redistricting in Wisconsin.

The APL remains active in applied demographic research focused primarily on Wisconsin population issues. **Sarah Kemp** led work on refining approaches for doing school enrollment projections in challenging community contexts. In research sponsored by the Wisconsin DNR, **Roz Klaas BA'06** and **Richelle Winkler MS'04, PhD'10** examined the effects of time period, age, and generational differences on deer-hunter participation rates in Wisconsin. The APL has also been steadily working on a new set of estimates of county-specific net migration by age, sex, and race/ethnicity based on the 2010 Census results.

In addition to ongoing research on community information systems, **David Long MS'99** revisited previous research (along with **Katherine Curtis** and **Paul Voss**) exploring the spatial dimensions of child poverty in the United States. Their article "Spatial Variation in Poverty-Generating Processes: Child Poverty in the United States" was published in *Social Science Research*.

Center for Demography and Ecology (CDE)

The Center for Demography and Ecology will celebrate its 50th anniversary in October 2012 with a weekend of memories, future plans, new research findings, and fun. Current CDE faculty, students, and staff are looking forward to welcoming a large group of the center's many illustrious alumni.

Other news includes the successful application for the center training grant from NICHD and a transition in leadership. After five years of guidance, **Jim Walker** will step down as center director this summer and will be replaced by **Jim Raymo**. The new directors of graduate training will be **Marcy Carlson** and **John Mullahy**. The 2011–12 has also seen several new arrivals to the center, with **Ian Coxhead** (agricultural & applied economics), **Chao Fu** (economics), **Sarah Halpern-Meehin** (sociology, UW-Milwaukee), **Jenny Higgins** (gender & women's studies), **Mike Massoglia** (sociology), and **Peter Steiner** (educational psychology) all joining the CDE steering committee. CDE also welcomed a number of distinguished visitors to speak at the weekly seminar (Demsem), including Jere Behrman (Penn), Bob Hummer (Texas), Hans-Peter Kohler (Penn), Ken Land (Duke), Duncan Thomas (Duke), and Linda Waite (Chica-

go). The center continues to support a wide range of research projects in its signature areas of family and fertility, health and mortality, and inequality. These projects focus on societies in all parts of the world, reflecting the strong international focus of the research being conducted by CDE faculty and students.

Center on Wisconsin Strategy (COWS)

Since its founding some twenty years ago, COWS has promoted "high-road" solutions to social problems in cities and states around the country. These treat greater equity, sustainability, and democracy as complements to economic development rather than tragic trade-offs. They use policy and organizational innovation both to increase the total factor productivity of places (including more efficient and restorative use of their natural capital) and to capture and share the benefits of doing so. COWS's own high-road work focuses on improving job quality and training systems, infrastructure and clean energy, and local government. We pursue it through a mix of research, applied experiment, technical assistance, popular education, and deliberate policy diffusion. Former Wisconsin Governor **Tommy Thompson BS'63, JD'66** described us — we hope accurately — as "the Wisconsin Idea in action."

The past year has been a notably contentious one in Wisconsin politics, and COWS has often been called on to supply local data and interpretation of the economic and political issues in dispute. But we've made progress on many less contentious, energy-efficient projects in the state, including an exciting, new one with rural energy co-ops. And, as has been the case for many years now, we've been even more active outside Wisconsin through the Mayors Innovation Project, Center for State Innovation, State Smart Transportation Initiative, and Efficiency Cities Network that we manage, and with the Emerald Cities Collaborative and EARN projects that we co-founded and still help to lead. Information on most of this work is available through our website, www.cows.org.

Concentration in Analysis and Research (CAR)

The Concentration in Analysis and Research continues to provide sociology majors with opportunities to receive both graduate-level training in statistics and "hands-on" experience working as interns in an applied research setting. Over the past two years, 17 students have completed the concentration, and next year's cohort is now preparing to start its summer internships. As always, CAR students have been very successful in making the transition to first jobs or graduate school. To provide just a couple of examples from the past two years, students have taken jobs at the UW Survey Center and IRI in Chicago, and one will be attending graduate school at Princeton in the fall. Faculty director **Jim Raymo** continues to welcome information from graduates regarding job openings in research-related fields.

To facilitate communication among graduates (and current students), one graduate of the program has established a LinkedIn group (UW Madison Alumni of Sociology Concentration in

Analysis & Research). The email list will continue to function as in the past, but we hope that CAR alumni will join the LinkedIn group to take better advantage of our strong network. If you have lost touch with classmates, please get in touch with Jim Raymo (jraymo@ssc.wisc.edu), who will be very happy to hear what you are up to and add you to the email list.

European Union Center of Excellence

Myra Marx Ferree became the director of the European Union Center of Excellence at the UW this past summer. UW-Madison was awarded a grant from the EU of 300,000 Euros (or about \$450,000) for the 2011–14 period. The university has generously matched the EU in supporting our activities, which means we have resources for coordination as well as for the direct support of more than 15 specific UW projects clustered into three thematic areas.

The three themes around which our activities are organized are: “the EU as a global actor,” which looks at the global impact of EU institution-building, policy decision, and regulation in areas of tremendous importance worldwide, such as health, education, science, and energy; “EU legislation and policy-making,” which examines the actual processes of supranational governance in the European Union; and “diversity and accountability: managing rights and responsibilities in a multi-level democracy,” which considers the challenges posed to social policy by gender, generational, and national diversity in social relations and human-rights law.

Ferree also directs the third theme, which encompasses her projects of multi-disciplinary research on gender-equality policies and their implementation in a comparative perspective, critical issues of youth and generational equity in pensions and employment (where **Tim Smeeding MS’72, PhD’75** is centrally involved), the differences between the “old” and “new” member states in social provisioning (under **Ted Gerber’s** leadership), EU-centered interventions in human-rights law (with **Hans Klug** as the key player), and a number of immigration-centered issues that cut across all of our individual topics.

Havens Center

The major ongoing activity of the Havens Center is the Visiting Scholars Program, which brings distinguished scholars and political activists to UW-Madison to lecture and lead seminars on their work. The 2011–12 year was an unusually busy one for the program, with an impressive line-up of lecturers, including Claus Offe, Sujata Patel, Göran Therborn, Boaventura de Sousa Santos, Guy Standing, Ilan Pappé, Deepa Kumar, Matthew Salganik, Sujatha Fernandes, Charles Post, Stephen Lerner, Mads Gilbert, Helen Caldicott, Michael Kazin, Darryl Holter, Costas Lapavistas, Carl Davidson, and Tom Hayden. Most Havens Center lectures, including all of the above, are archived in MP3 format on our website. You can listen to them online at www.havenscenter.org/audio/archives, or if you have iTunes, you can subscribe to them at <http://tinyurl.com/28tqmz>. Many

are also now available as videos.

Next year promises to be an even more eventful year. In addition to the Visiting Scholars Program, the Havens Center will kick off an annual fall film series, produced in collaboration with the Wisconsin Union Directorate. The series will screen films exploring contemporary controversial topics from a critical perspective, and a facilitator well versed in the topic covered will lead a discussion following each film. In May 2013, the Havens will be presenting its Award for Lifetime Contribution to Critical Scholarship to Eduardo Galeano. The award is given to an individual whose work and career have demonstrated both a distinguished and extensive record of scholarly achievement in the critical tradition of social thought and a strong commitment to social justice. Finally, in June, the Labor and Working Class Studies Project, an initiative of the Havens Center, will host the national conference of the Working Class Studies Association.

Patrick Barrett PhD’97 is the Havens Center’s administrative director. The staff includes sociology graduate students **Tatiana Alfonso** and **Ayca Zayim**.



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Holtz Center For Science And Technology Studies

This has been an exciting year for the Robert F. and Jean E. Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies. We are proud to have graduated our first two ISSuES certificate students. Three years ago, the Holtz Center, in collaboration with the UW College of Engineering, created the Integrated Studies for Science, Engineering, and Society certificate to provide all undergraduates, but especially engineers, with an opportunity to think in sustained and critical ways about the relationships among science, technology, and society, and to develop an individualized, interdisciplinary, liberal-arts component to their degree program. Our aim, consistent with Robert Holtz's vision, is to produce technically trained citizens with intellectual flexibility and the capacity to reflect in their work and everyday lives upon crucial questions of the technoscience-society relationship.

Another hugely important development at the center is the extension of our programming thanks to the bequest of Robert and Jean Holtz. With the additional funds at our disposal, we will be able to expand our undergraduate and outreach efforts, and we will now offer a two-year postdoctoral fellowship. Finally, at the end of the 2011–12 fiscal year, **Daniel Kleinman MS'86, PhD'92**, a professor in the Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, will step down after five years as director of the center. **Eric Schatzberg**, a member of the history of science faculty, became the Holtz Center's new director on July 1, 2012.

University of Wisconsin Survey Center (UWSC)

The University of Wisconsin Survey Center continues to grow, innovate, and serve the research needs of investigators at the University of Wisconsin, the state of Wisconsin, and beyond. Major studies currently in the field include the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study (WLS) and the Midlife in the United States (MIDUS) studies. These longitudinal projects involve large samples, complex survey designs, and varied types of data collection, including interviews and self-administered instruments, biomarkers, and cognitive assessments.

The recent keynote address at the International Field Directors and Technologies Conference (IFD&TC) by faculty director **Nora Cate Schaeffer** highlighted the contributions of UWSC staff in developing the concept, questions, programming, and interviewing procedures for an instrument that displays changing, complex rosters and timelines on a tablet for the respondent during the interview. The innovative application was developed for the Wisconsin Mothers Project in collaboration with researchers at the Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP).

In addition to their project work, staff at the UWSC contribute to improving the professional and scientific foundations of survey methodology by collaborating with clients on methodological projects and playing key elected and appointed roles in the governing bodies of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR), the Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research (MAPOR), IFD&TC, and the Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations (AASRO). A paper by Schaeffer and survey methodologist **Jennifer Dykema MS'96, PhD'04** was featured in the 75th anniversary Issue of *Public Opinion Quarterly*. They are also editing a special issue of *POQ*

on survey measurement. Journals in which recent publications by UWSC staff have appeared include *POQ*, *Social Science Research*, *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, and *BMC Medical Research Methodology*. UWSC staff were co-authors on four presentations at AAPOR, six at IFD&TC, two at MAPOR, and one at Population Association of America.

Wisconsin Center for Education Research (WCER)

Sociology faculty and graduate students continue to play leading roles at the Wisconsin Center for Education Research. WCER director and sociology professor **Adam Gamoran** testified before committees of both the U.S. Congress and the Wisconsin state legislature this year, and was reappointed by President Obama to serve on the National Board for Education Sciences. Sociologists **Geoffrey Borman** and **Sara Goldrick-Rab**, along with Gamoran, continued to hold active grants at WCER and to engage large, interdisciplinary teams of graduate students in collaborative research.

Next year, WCER's Interdisciplinary Training Program (ITP) in Education Sciences will welcome sociologist **Eric Grodsky MS'96, PhD'02** as a new faculty member hired in part with funding from the training grant. The ITP, funded for five years by the U.S. Department of Education, gives sociology students the chance to interact with economists, psychologists, and political scientists, all engaged in hypothesis-testing research on education. Sixteen sociology graduate students participated in the ITP this year, with **Sarah Bruch MS'07** the latest to complete her degree and move on. Thanks to a supplement to an NICHD grant to Gamoran and former faculty member **Ruth López Turley**, ITP fellow **David Rangel** and fellow-to-be **Megan Shoji MS'10** wrapped up data collection on a large, qualitative supplement to an experimental study that will furnish data for the doctoral dissertations of both. WCER continues to provide a context for research for sociologists with a wide range of interests within the domain of education.

Community and Environmental Sociology (CES)

It has been a good year in the Department of Community and Environmental Sociology. Our number of majors has stabilized at around 60, and we now offer a dedicated capstone course to our majors. We continue to collaborate closely with the sociology department on our combined graduate program, and this coming year, three first-year students in the program will be funded through CES research assistantships, one of which is named in memory of **Fred Buttel BS'70, MS'72, PhD'75**, a long-time member of the CES faculty and a former chair of the department.

Perhaps our biggest departmental news is the hiring of a new assistant professor jointly appointed with the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies. **Monica White** will move to Madison from Wayne State this fall. She will contribute to the teaching, research, and outreach missions of both units, focusing on environmental-justice-related issues, with an emphasis on environmental-health burdens faced by vulnerable communities. Her current research explores efforts by grassroots organizations and communities of color to develop sustainable community food systems in the face of food insecurity.

Minority Recruitment and Retention Committee

The strength of any academic department is enhanced when it cultivates many kinds of diversity among its members. Nearly 10 years ago, the UW Departments of Sociology and Community and Environmental Sociology realized that while they could justly celebrate their diversity in many areas, they were sorely lacking in racial and ethnic representation in the joint graduate student program.

So, in 2003, a Minority Recruitment and Retention Committee (MRRC) renewed the department's efforts to do something about the problem, designing and adopting a plan that enabled the program to be one of five participants in a National Science Foundation grant awarded to the College of Letters & Science for the purpose of enhancing recruitment and retention of underrepresented minorities across the college.

The NSF grant provided seed money for several years and allowed the departments to fund a wide range of activities, including outreach, summer support, travel to Visit Day, meals, tutoring, and other forms of support that are often unseen. Due to the efforts of many faculty, graduate students, and staff members, the percentages of students of color in the graduate program has increased substantially, year by year. We have been

successful at both arms of the overall endeavor — recruitment *and* retention. One dramatic result is that four minority students have completed their PhDs in the past two years, and we expect a steady stream of such numbers in the years to come.

Steven Alvarado MS'06, PhD'11 is certainly not the first student of color to finish our program, but as he earned his PhD and accepted a postdoctoral fellowship in the Center for Research on Educational Opportunity at Notre Dame University, he starts of a wave of forthcoming PhDs recruited during the past decade as part of the MRRC effort. This year, three additional students have completed their PhDs: **Calvina (Colquitt) Ellerbe MS'08, PhD'12**, who has accepted an assistant professor position at the University of North Carolina-Pembroke; **Mya Fisher MS'10, PhD'12**, who is currently on the job market; and **Kimberly Turner MS'08, PhD'12**, who is taking a Rhodes postdoctorate fellowship in the Population Center at Cornell University.

We wish these students continued success! Furthermore, as a top graduate program, we are proud that we are not only strengthening the Departments of Sociology and Community and Environmental Sociology, but also

making a contribution to the profession by training such talented students. We intend to remain vigilant with regard to minority recruitment and retention for as long as it takes to have a program in which racial and ethnic diversity no longer requires special efforts to achieve.



Above:
(left to right)
Calvina Ellerbe,
Mya Fisher, and
Kimberly Turner.
Left:
Steven Alvarado

Garfinkel Faculty Fellowship in Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis

The Department of Sociology is honored to announce a new faculty fellowship fund in memory of **Harold Garfinkel**, who died in April 2011 as a professor emeritus at the University of California-Los Angeles. Professor Garfinkel, known for establishing and developing ethnomethodology as a field of inquiry in sociology, was a great colleague and friend to the Department of Sociology at UW-Madison over the years. This fund recognizes Professor Garfinkel's extraordinary contribution to sociology and supports faculty members who are pursuing scholarly work, including graduate-student training

related to the areas of ethnomethodology and conversation analysis. The department would like to express continued thanks for the support and partnership of Arlene Garfinkel and the Garfinkel family. We invite alumni and friends to join in supporting this fund by visiting the sociology website or contacting the UW Foundation's **Dani Luckett MA'04**. Her information can be found at www.supportuw.org/contact-us/directory/?search=dani+luckett, and she is available by email (Dani.Luckett@uwfoundation.wisc.edu) or telephone (608-265-2713).

Alumni News

Julia Adams MS'84, PhD'90 continues to chair the sociology department at Yale University.

Duane F. Alwin MS'70, PhD'72 is the McCourtney Professor of Sociology and Demography and director of the Center for Life Course & Longitudinal Studies at Pennsylvania State University. He is also an emeritus senior research scientist at the Survey Research Center at the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research.

Vern Baxter MS'78, PhD84 has just been named chair of the sociology department at the University of New Orleans. Also, his book, *Contingency, Class, and Miss Katrina: Disaster and Two New Orleans Neighborhoods*, will be published next year by the University of Texas Press.

Jennie Brand MS'00, PhD'04 received the ASA 2011 Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section Distinguished Article Award for the article she co-authored with Yu Xie, "Who Benefits Most from College? Evidence for Negative Selection in Heterogeneous Economic Returns to Higher Education," *American Sociological Review* 75(2):273-302. This paper was also recognized as the Sage Most Downloaded Article of all articles published in *ASR* in 2009 and 2010.

Philip Brenner PhD'09 is starting a new position as an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology and senior research fellow in the Center for Survey Research at the University of Massachusetts-Boston.

Aura Brosnan BA'01, JD'08 went to law school in 2004 and, since graduation, has worked for a technology company as its in-house counsel. She is in the process of starting a practice providing subscription-based and flat-fee business legal services to Madison start-ups. It's called Flat Earth Business Law, LLC, at flatearthlaw.com.

Brett Burkhardt MS'06, PhD'11 is now an assistant professor of sociology in the School of Public Policy at Oregon State University.

Nicole Camboni BA'02 is the major gifts officer at City Year Chicago.

Steven Haas MS'00, MS'02, PhD'04 was appointed an associate professor (with tenure) in the Department of Sociology and Crime, Law, and Deviance at Pennsylvania State University beginning in the fall of 2012.

Troy Hutchinson BA'99 was made a shareholder at Briggs and Morgan, a 200-lawyer, general-practice law firm in Minneapolis. In July 2011, he and his wife welcomed a baby boy named Heath.

Amanda Johnson BS'09 will begin a master of health science degree in epidemiology, with a concentration in mental health, at Johns Hopkins University's School of Public Health in the fall of 2012.

Carla Shagass Kelley BA'65, MA'68 received her JD from the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis & Clark College in 1987 and has served for 10 years as general counsel for the Port of Portland in Oregon. The Port is a joint port authority owning marine terminals, industrial property, and Portland International Airport.

Daniel H. Krymkowski BS'80, MS'82, PhD'86 was recently promoted to full professor and returned on July 1, 2012, to his position as associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Vermont after a year-long sabbatical. During the past few years, he has published articles in *Evaluation Review*, *Race and Social Problems*, *The International Journal of Sociology*, and *The Sociological Quarterly*. His current research involves studying racial and ethnic differences in outdoor recreation. Dan's wife of 31 years, Rebecca Mueller, is the



Shane K. Carter BA'09 is putting his sociology major to good use. The former defensive back for the Wisconsin Badgers is now the executive director of the Lincoln Community Center (lcc Troy.com) in Troy, Ohio. He has established a free GED program, as well as after-school tutoring for kids ages five to 18. For the first time in 20 years, the Lincoln Center is operating out of the red, and it received a \$20,000 federal grant to feed the kids healthy snacks and to establish youth sports programs at no charge. His focus is on education, programs for senior citizens, and providing a safe haven for at-risk youth. According to Shane, "My sociology degree has prepared me for my position by allowing me to understand that everyone in society is different and has different needs... By understanding the different cultures and their upbringings, it allows me to connect with each unique individual and provide resources that will allow them to excel and get a great head start on life."

director of the Richmond Public Library; his daughter works as an actuary in Boston; and his son will begin chemistry studies at the University of Vermont in the fall of 2012.

Ann Whitford Paul BA'63 worked in social work for several years, and then began writing. She has published 19 books, mostly picture books for children. Some of the titles are *Eight Hands Round: A Patchwork Alphabet*, *Tortuga in Trouble*, *If Animals Kissed Goodnight*, *Word Builder*, and a book for adults titled *Writing Picture Books: A Hands-on Guild from Story Creation to Publication*. Her books have been recognized as *New York Times* Notable Books, nominated for many state reading awards, honored with a Carl Sandburg Children's Literature Award, and lauded by the George G. Stone Center for Children's Books of Claremont Graduate University.

Aaron Pitluck PhD'05 was awarded a two-year fellowship with the Political Economy Research Group at Central European University in Budapest to conduct research on financialization and its alternatives. In the fall of 2012, he will be promoted and awarded tenure at Illinois State University. His four-year-old son, Solomon, found it easy to pick up Malay, but the Hungarian is tougher.

(Ruthine) Kelly Raley MS'91, PhD'94 is the incoming editor of *Journal of Marriage and Family*. During 2012, she will work with current *JMF* editor David Demo on the transition of administrative and editorial duties. She will edit the 2013–16 issues of the journal.

Brigid Rice Campo BA'03 was admitted to the California State Bar in May 2011, and recently opened up her own law office in San Diego, California, focusing on family law and small-business matters. She was also married on May 27, 2012.

Bryan Sykes BS'01 received an MA in demography (2003), an MA in sociology (2005), and a joint PhD in sociology and demography (2007) from the University of California-Berkeley. He was a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Washington from 2007 to 2011, which was partially funded by a National Science Foundation Fellowship. His research (with co-author Becky Pettit, University of Washington) examines the effects of mass imprisonment on fertility, education, demography, and political participation. Bryan is currently a research affiliate of the CDE at UW-Madison and an assistant professor at DePaul University in Chicago.

Arlen Birr Runzler Westbrook (Clinard) BS'50, MS'52 co-authored a book in 2011 with Margaret Cunningham, *Integrating Delmar, 1957: The Story of a Friendship*, about how she and her first husband, Kendall Birr, rented their suburban house in an all-white community in upstate New York to the first black family in a period before the civil-rights movement had really begun.

Kim Zielinski BA'00 lives in Brookline, Massachusetts, and is engaged to be married to Thomas Lyons IV of Norfolk, Massachusetts. The wedding will be in historic Plymouth, Massachusetts, in October 2012.

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Sociology Major Events

The Department of Sociology is proud to celebrate the successes of our large and diverse group of undergraduates. Each year, our faculty, staff, and graduate students train and mentor more than 500 sociology majors.

Not surprisingly, many of our majors advance into illustrious careers in fields that reach far beyond social science. This fall, four such alumni returned to campus to share their experiences with our current students.

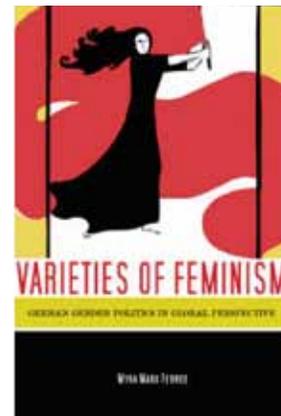
Our fall career-event panel included **Jesús Martínez BA'84**, global director of business development at Genus, PLC; **Erica Van Steen BA'08**, a senior consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton; **Aaron Anderson BA'05**, a student in Wisconsin's MBA program; and **John Stevenson BA'88**, the associate

director of Wisconsin's Survey Research Center. The four embarked upon varied paths into their current endeavors. In combination, they guided our current students on topics ranging from navigating job-market rejection to developing strong relationships with mentors. **Nell Weatherwax** provided a critical introduction to career services on campus.

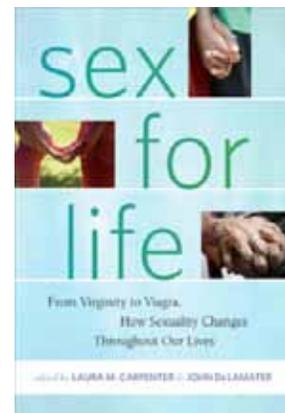
The Spring Awards Event honors excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service among our current students. We had much to celebrate this year. Fourteen students were inducted into the Alpha Kappa Delta, the international honor society in sociology. Four students received Alfred Reschke Scholarships, including **Cheng Cheng**, **Laura Konkol**, **Kelsey Lambrecht**, and **Maura Salisbury**. Cheng, also a Phi Beta Kappa inductee, plans to begin a PhD program in sociology at Princeton this fall. **Lachelle Jennings** won the campus Hilldale Award, and **Justine Markus** won the L&S Edna Kernwood Glicksman Award. The Andrea Michelle Sperka Award was earned by **Allison Gilmore**, who gave a moving speech about the value of her training in social sciences. **Ellen Jacobson**, the sociology department's unmatched undergraduate advisor, presided.

Both events stretched the carrying capacity of the William Sewell lecture hall. We were thrilled to meet the families of our undergraduate awardees and to welcome the familiar faces of our distinguished alumni.

Faculty Books



Myra Marx Ferree, *Varieties of Feminism: German Gender Politics in Global Perspective*, Stanford University Press, 2012.



Laura M. Carpenter and John DeLamater (Eds.), *Sex for Life: From Virginity to Viagra, How Sexuality Changes Throughout Our Lives*, NYU Press, 2012.



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