Message from the Chair

Having nearly completed my three-year term, I’m writing my last message as department chair. It has been an honor to serve in this role, which has taught me much about the inner workings of the university and given me the opportunity to interact with many loyal alumni and friends of the department. But I’ll be happy to refocus on my teaching and research, confident that the department will continue to flourish under the leadership of Pam Oliver, who will serve her second term as chair, and Christine Schwartz, our new associate chair.

We will also start the coming academic year with a new chancellor and a new dean. Having known incoming Chancellor Rebecca Blank as a colleague in the economics department at Northwestern, I have enormous confidence in her ability and am eager to see the initiatives she has planned for campus. Becky’s subsequent experiences as dean of the policy school at Michigan and as acting secretary of the U.S. Commerce Department make her well suited to lead UW-Madison. While we are disappointed to lose Gary Sandefur as dean of the College of Letters and Science, we are delighted to welcome him back as a faculty member in sociology. We are fortunate that Gary will be replaced by Karl Scholz. Karl, who has been at UW-Madison since 1988, is currently the chair of the economics department and previously served as director of the Institute for Research on Poverty.

I am happy to welcome new faculty, but sorry to report departures by longtime colleagues. We successfully concluded our demography search by hiring Michal Engelman, who holds a Ph.D. in population and health from Johns Hopkins and is currently an assistant professor at Chicago. Michal’s spouse, Josh Garoon, who holds a Ph.D. in health, behavior, and society from Johns Hopkins, will join our sister department, community and environmental sociology. We are also fortunate to have joined with the La Follette School of Public Affairs to hire Jason Fletcher, who holds a Ph.D. in applied economics from UW-Madison and is currently an associate professor of health policy at Yale. We are sorry to lose Adam Gamoran as a colleague after 29 years on the sociology faculty, but we wish him success in his new position as president of the W.T. Grant Foundation. I am also sorry to report that Mara Loveman, who has been a stellar associate chair for the past three years, is moving to UC-Berkeley. My term as chair would have been much more difficult without Mara’s help and advice. We wish her all the best.

Our graduate program remains among the best in the country. In the latest U.S. News rankings, released in March, Wisconsin sociology was tied for #1 overall, and also ranked either #1 or #2 in the specialty areas of economic sociology, sex and gender, stratification, and the sociology of population. We are happy to welcome 19 students into our incoming graduate cohort for 2013–14. While incoming cohorts have been smaller over the past two years (due to our new graduate funding model, which guarantees five years of support to incoming students), we anticipate the department will be able to sustain this year’s number in a steady state.

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We were saddened by the death of Jerry Marwell in March. A key faculty member from his hire in 1962 through his retirement in 2001, Jerry provided a model of intellectual energy and collegiality, and was in many ways the soul and conscience of the department. We have long prided ourselves on being a department characterized by both high academic standards and mutual respect, and Jerry was instrumental in helping to create and maintain that environment.

Memorial services were held in New York City in April, and in Madison in May. Having served as director of graduate studies as well as department chair, Jerry was acutely aware of the need for graduate student support and endowed the Marwell Fund for that purpose upon his retirement. Memorial contributions to the Marwell Fund can be made through the UW Foundation website at http://www.supportuw.org/giveto/marwellfund.

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 and board of visitors, and the impact of your gifts to the department. Even in these times of declining state support and budgetary uncertainty, the department continues to thrive with your support. Please feel free to reach me at jmontgom@ssc.wisc.edu to share your thoughts and suggestions.

Best wishes,
James Montgomery
Professor and Chair
New Faculty

Michal Engelman is joining the sociology department as an assistant professor. She completed her Ph.D. in population and health at Johns Hopkins University in 2010. Before coming to Madison, she was an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Chicago and, previously, a postdoctoral fellow at the Johns Hopkins Center on Aging and Health. Engelman is a demographer and gerontologist, studying the dynamics of population aging and the determinants of longevity and well-being at older ages. She is particularly interested in understanding trajectories of health throughout the life course and their connection with changing aggregate patterns of mortality and morbidity over time. She is currently analyzing the implications of historical population change for contemporary health inequalities and developing a conceptual framework linking demographic and clinical notions of frailty and resilience with the sociological concept of cumulative disadvantage. Her research has been published in journals, including Demography, Population Studies, and Population and Development Review.

Jason Fletcher received his Ph.D. in applied economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2006 and then was an assistant professor at the Yale University School of Public Health, where he was promoted to the associate level in 2011. He was a Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar at Columbia University from 2010 to 2012. Jason is returning to the UW as an associate professor at the La Follette School of Public Affairs with a joint appointment with the Department of Sociology. His main research interests include examining the effects of peers and social networks on health and evaluating the impacts of poor childhood health on adult outcomes. His most recent research includes an examination of the interplay between genetics and social settings in youth development (funded by a W.T. Grant Foundation Scholar Award) and social networks, genetics, and health (funded by NICHD).

Kathryn DuPre Lumpkin Award 2010–11

Kathryn DuPre Lumpkin received her Ph.D. from our department in 1928, and she spent her career as a professor of sociology at Wells College, where she focused 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 2011–12 academic year and nominated by two faculty members were considered for the award. The department is pleased to announce that Sarah Bruch and Dana Garbarski are co-winners of this year’s Lumpkin Award for the best dissertation in the Wisconsin sociology department.

Sarah Bruch’s dissertation, “Discipline, School Community, and Racial Dynamics: Understanding How Authority Relations Affect Student Experiences of School and Citizenship Outcomes,” was written under the supervision of Myra Marx Ferree. Sarah is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Iowa.

Dana Garbarski’s dissertation, “Dynamic and Dyadic Relationships: An Extention of the Socioeconomic Status-Health Relationship,” was written under the supervision of Ted Gerber. Dana is currently a postdoctoral researcher in the Center for Women’s Health and Health Disparities Research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Visit New CDHA Website

The Center for Demography of Health and Aging (CDHA) is pleased to announce its new website, http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/cdha/, designed to inform visitors about health and aging-related research projects and publications done by CDHA affiliates. One of its noticeable features is the Current Awareness in Aging Report (CAAR), which provides researchers, educators, and professionals with up-to-date information about news and Internet resources pertinent to health and aging. Comments and suggestions for the CDHA website can be sent to cdhadata@ssc.wisc.edu.
Faculty and Staff Awards

Patrick Barrett, administrative director of the Havens Center, received a faculty/staff Recognition for Achievement in Global Engaged Scholarship award from Wisconsin Without Borders (http://ghi.wisc.edu/uw-partners/wisconsin-without-borders/) for his work on: The Land and the People program.

Marcy Carlson was appointed to the National Institutes of Health study section on Social Science and Population Studies.

Felix Elwert was promoted to associate professor and received a Vilas Associate Award from the Graduate School. He also joined an advisory panel at the National Science Foundation and is a consulting editor for the American Journal of Sociology. Finally, he received the 2012 Jane Addams Award for Best Paper from the Community and Urban Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association.

Ivan Ermakoff received the 2012 Lewis A. Coser Award for Theoretical Agenda-Setting. This prize recognizes a mid-career sociologist whose work holds great promise for setting the agenda in the field of sociology. Ermakoff will deliver the Coser Lecture at the ASA meetings in August 2013.

Myra Marx Ferree organized a workshop on campus in April on gender policy and university transformations in the U.S. and Germany. The workshop was attended by Frank Dobbin, Gaye Tuchman, Mary Frank Fox, Lotte Baïlyn, and Gerhard Sonnert from the U.S. as well as Constitutional Court Justice Susanne Baer and president of the Berlin Science Center, Jutta Allmendinger, among others, from Germany. Her book, Varieties of Feminism: German Gender Politics in Global Perspective, received three different author-meets-critic sessions — at the Eastern Sociological Society this past March, one upcoming at ASA in August, and one at the Social Science History Association in the fall.

Joan Fujimura is the principal investigator of a recently awarded NIH R03 grant, Exploring Population Concepts in Multiethnic Gene Environment Interaction Studies.

Adam Gamoran has been named president of the William T. Grant Foundation. The foundation, located in New York City, funds research on programs and policies that improve the lives of youth.

Markus Gangl was named an elected member of the German Academy of Natural Scientists Leopoldina by the academy’s directorate. In existence for more than 350 years, the Leopoldina Academy is one of the oldest academic societies in the world and it serves as Germany’s National Academy of Sciences. Election into the academy follows from recommendations of peers and is considered a prestigious academic honor. Gangl will serve as one of 33 current members of the academy chapter Economics and Empirical Social Sciences.

Chad Goldberg is taking a leave of absence from the University of Wisconsin-Madison during the 2013–2014 academic year to accept a position as a distinguished visiting fellow at the Advanced Research Collaborative at the City University of New York Graduate Center. He plans to use the fellowship to complete work on his new book, currently under contract with the University of Chicago Press, on modernity and the Jews in social theory.

Sara Goldrick-Rab received several grants in the last year, including one from the Spencer Foundation and another from the UW Graduate School for a project exploring the impacts of student debt on young adults, a grant from the Association of Community College Trustees to study Single Stop USA (a poverty-reduction program operating in public, two-year colleges), and a grant from the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators to explore ways to deliver financial aid to students earlier in their schooling.

Daniel Kleinman (Ph.D. 1992) became the associate dean for social studies in the UW Graduate School in August 2012. He was the co-winner of the 2012 Star-Nelkin Prize given by the Science, Knowledge, and Technology section of the ASA. More recently, Kleinman received a grant from the NSF for a project titled A Transdisciplinary Deliberation Model for Just Research and Policy: Toward Resolving the Crisis of Vanishing Insect Pollinators.

Sida Liu was elected as a trustee of the Law & Society Association in 2012, and he will serve a three-year term until 2015. He was also recognized by the Department of Sociology with its award for faculty excellence in instruction.

John Logan was elected to a three-year term on the Social Studies Divisional Committee.

Mara Loveman delivered the 2012 Sewell Lecture to the Department of Sociology. This annual lecture was established after the death of William H. Sewell to honor his memory. Her talk was titled “Ethnoracial Classification and the State in 21st Century Latin America.”

Mike Massoglia was promoted to associate professor.

Doug Maynard is the first recipient of the Harold Garfinkel Faculty Fellowship, an award established three years ago by a generous contribution from UCLA Emeritus Professor Harold Garfinkel and Arlene Garfinkel. The fellowship supports a faculty member who is doing scholarly work, training graduate students, and teaching in the areas of ethnomethodology and conversation analysis.

James Montgomery received the 2012 Roger V. Gould Prize for his article “The Population Dynamics of Black-White-Mulatto Racial Systems.” The Gould Prize is awarded each year by the editorial board of the American Journal of Sociology to an article that is empirically rigorous, theoretically grounded, and lucidly written.

Alberto Palloni was awarded a doctorate honoris causa by the Université Catholique de Louvain (Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium) in recognition of his contribution to demography. The award will be given at
Gary Sandefur Returns to Faculty

Following eight years of service as dean of the College of Letters and Science, Gary Sandefur is stepping down from that position and returning to the Department of Sociology. He will spend the next year on research leave and will return to the faculty in 2014–15. Among other accomplishments, Dean Sandefur has overseen the hiring of extra faculty through the Madison Initiative for Undergraduates, centralized alumni and donor outreach efforts of the college, and worked with the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and other private foundations to increase support for the humanities across campus.

Prior to his service as dean, Sandefur was a professor of sociology, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, as well as the director of the American Indian Studies Program. After he leaves the dean’s office, Sandefur plans to research and write a sequel to And Still the Waters Run, a book published by Princeton University Press in 1940 that chronicled the near destruction of five Indian nations moved to Oklahoma in the 1800s, including the Chickasaws, of which Sandefur is a member. The book predicts the disappearance of the Indian nations, but Sandefur says he wants to tell the story of their resurgence.

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 the William H. Sewell Summer Research Awards as supplementary awards to new graduate students. Funds for these awards were first made available in Fall 2006. Welcome Awards are designed to ease the transition to campus in the fall; this year, the department was able to provide a Gillin Welcome Award to all members of 2012–13 incoming cohort. Summer research awards are meant to encourage research partnerships with faculty members during the summer.

The recipients of the William H. Sewell Summer Research Award are Ian Carillo, Ellen Dinsmore, Katherine Fallon, and Laura Alex Frye-Levine.

Matthew Kearney, Kerem Morgul, Madeleine Pape, Jayme Pyne, Michael Roll, and Casey Stockstill 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.

The Calvin L. Beale Summer Research Award was established by the family of Calvin L. Beale (M.A. 1981), who was for many years the senior demographer at the Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. The recipients of the Calvin L. Beale Summer Research Award are Esther HsuBorger, Sarah Janes Ugoretz, Amy Jones, and Jinho Kim.

David Schelly was awarded the department’s Sharon M. Guten Award, which was established to provide support for graduate student research in social psychology and/or medical sociology. David is currently in Costa Rica doing fieldwork for his dissertation, which seeks explanations for the variation in who receives a diagnosis of autism and the age of these children when they receive such a diagnosis.

Mei-Chia Fong, Chung-En John Liu, and Ti-Fen Tiffany Yeh have been awarded the Liao Graduate Scholarship. The Hong-wen and Cheen Liao Graduate Scholarship in Sociology was established by Hongwen Chargin and Cheen Liao. Dr. Chargin is an alumna of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she earned graduate degrees from the Department of Sociology (M.S. 1986, Ph.D. 1992). Her husband also graduated from UW-Madison with a master’s degree in computer sciences (M.S. 1987).
This has been a busy year for the department’s Minority Recruitment and Retention Committee, whose members sponsored a wide range of activities designed to support underrepresented students of color. The committee held monthly Solidarity dinners; hosted talks by visiting scholars; coordinated a mentor program; funded prospective graduate student travel to Madison for Visit Day; provided outreach, housing, and a brunch for visiting students; awarded small research grants; and organized a graduation lunch to celebrate the achievements of minority students completing doctoral degrees.

It’s also been an exciting year, as the MRRC was the recipient of an extraordinarily generous gift from an anonymous donor. When the committee was established in 2003, a National Science Foundation grant provided seed money that allowed the department to increase its efforts to attract and retain underrepresented students; however, the grant’s end meant financial constraints. Thus the gift — which came as a wonderful surprise — was a welcome and necessary resource, infusing life into the MRRC and ensuring sustainability for Solidarity students.

In addition to funding ongoing projects, the donation will enable the MRRC to institute a series of intercultural dialogues: events hosted by faculty and open to all sociology grad students. Each will have a unique theme and will focus on a certain aspect of life in academia in order to build community throughout the department and to promote diversity, tolerance, and multiculturalism. Another initiative that the donation will support is the creation of a small library to contain articles addressing professional matters of concern to minority students, as well as the formation of a journal/book club to discuss issues.

All of the Solidarity students continue to be touched by the kindness and generosity of the donor, whose gift supports and encourages in such a significant way the mission of the MRRC — to recruit and retain historically disadvantaged and underrepresented students and faculty of color, and to monitor and improve the racial climate in the sociology department.
The sociology department is honored to announce a new research fund for graduate students established by Professor John DeLamater. Following years of donating to other department funds, Professor DeLamater decided to establish a fund in his own name. The source of most of his donated funds has been royalties earned by two undergraduate textbooks that he co-authored: *Understanding Human Sexuality* (12th edition, 2014), and *Social Psychology* (7th edition, 2011). According to DeLamater, “I have taught both of these courses for many years and used these as required texts. It seems appropriate to reinvest some of the royalties in the education of the next generation of sociologists.”

Supporting graduate research was important to DeLamater because of the role that fellowships and financial support played in his own education as a first-generation undergraduate and graduate student. “I worked my way through college, with the help of small amounts of scholarship money. My graduate work was supported by an NSF fellowship and my earnings as an instructor. I received additional financial support for my master’s and doctoral research. I could not have completed my education without these financial resources,” says DeLamater. “I want to facilitate others in their efforts to achieve their educational goals. I hope that this endowment will grow to the point where it will provide significant support.”

The John DeLamater Award is intended to be larger than the department’s existing small grants, providing $2,000 to $3,000 for a graduate student to follow through on a research idea. The first recipient of the John DeLamater Award is Jason Orne for his dissertation research on the consequences of sexual racism in Boystown, a gay neighborhood in Chicago.
Graduate Student News

**Taylan Acar** received a Small Grant from the Departments of Sociology and Community and Environmental Sociology. In addition, he received the A. Eugene Havens Fund Award for Graduate Students from Developing Nations to support his research trip to Bonn, Germany, in Spring 2013. Taylan spent two months in Bonn as the recipient of the UW-Madison Graduate Student Fellowship at the University of Bonn. He also received a DAAD (German Academic Exchange Services) research grant for his dissertation research on higher education trajectories of immigrants in Germany. This grant will support his visit to the University of Bamberg, Germany, to work on the National Educational Panel Study (NEPS) during the second half of 2013.

**Loka Ashwood** received a Small Grant in support of her research on environmental injustice and the strategies of resistance employed by residents of rural Burke County, Georgia, who were victimized by the state’s policies on nuclear arms and power production.

**Richard Aviles** was awarded a Department of Sociology Small Grant for his dissertation research on the effect of racial environment on white vote choice in U.S. presidential elections.

**Zach Baumgart** was chosen for the L&S Innovation in Teaching by a TA Award to recognize his outstanding work teaching Soc 357, Sociological Research Methods. In addition, he was selected by the UW Writing across the Curriculum Program as a TA Fellow and trained other teaching assistants to teach writing in writing-intensive courses.

**Joseph Ewoodzie** received the American Sociological Association’s Minority Fellowship Program pre-doctoral fellowship for the 2013–14 academic year.

**Madeleine Fairbairn** was awarded a Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Completion Fellowship to support her research on growing financial-sector interest in global farmland.

**Kathryn Anderson** was awarded a National Science Foundation Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship travel grant, enabling her to conduct field research in France, the Netherlands, and Poland. She also received a sociology department Small Grant to support her research on environmental policy regarding runoff from livestock agriculture.

**Laura Alex Frye-Levine** received a grant from the International Society for Ecological Economics and the Earth System Governance Project to attend the 2012 Thor Heyerdahl Institute’s Summer School in Global Environmental Governance in Norway. She was also awarded a University Fellowship and a Vilas Welcome Award.

**Julia Goldberg** received the Institute for Research on Poverty’s Dissertation Fellowship. These funds will support her as she works on her dissertation titled “The Long Reach of Families: Family Structure History, Parental Support, and the Reproduction of Inequality in Young Adulthood.”

**Heather Gordon** won a National Science Foundation Office of Polar Programs Fellowship to support her research on relationship building between NSF researchers in the Arctic and Inuit members of a remote community in Greenland. Heather was also invited to speak at the Inuit Studies Conference in Washington, D.C., where she gave a presentation titled “Trust? Friendliness? Morals? How Do We Define Ethics for Arctic Projects?”

**Michael Halpin** won the 2012 Louise Johnson Award at the American Sociological Association for the best graduate student medical sociology paper for his work titled “Carry That Weight: Genetics, Genetic Suffering and Genocidy.”

**Matt Kearney’s** unpublished paper “Youth Authority in the Wisconsin Uprising” won the 2012 Graduate Student Paper Award from the Society for the Study of Social Problems’ Youth, Aging, and Life Course division.

**Jinho Kim** was selected for a UW-Madison Global Health Institute Graduate Research Award. The funds will enable him to travel to Malawi this summer to conduct research on the multiple dimensions of friend networks, including reciprocity and popularity, and the role that these networks play in influencing Malawian adolescent students’ sexual attitudes and behaviors.
Nikki Kraus won the L&S Teaching Fellow Award for her exceptional work teaching Soc 360, Statistics for Sociologists I; and Soc 361, Statistics for Sociologists II.

Martina Kunovic received a Small Grant from the Department of Sociology to assist with pre-dissertation field research in Havana, where she explored social change in contemporary Cuba. She was also awarded a travel grant that enabled her to present a paper at the Summer 2012 American Sociological Association conference in Denver.

John Liu was awarded a European Union Center of Excellence Travel Grant to participate in a UW-UniBonn Exchange Program. He also received an International Dissertation Research Fellowship from the Social Science Research Council to conduct fieldwork in Europe, the U.S., and China.

Aliza Luft won a Berman Scholarship and a Mazursky Student Support Grant from the UW’s Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies to conduct research in Paris, France.

Erin Madden won the L&S Early Excellence in Teaching Award in Fall 2012 for her outstanding work teaching Soc 134, Problems of American Racial and Ethnic Minorities.

Amanda McMillan received a sociology department Small Grant to support her research on patterns of cultural persistence among dairy farmers in Dodge County, Wisconsin — in particular, the way German-heritage farmers, farming land owned by multiple generations of the same family, justify practical farming decisions and perform rural identity and gendered expectations in light of narratives about farm continuity.

Bo Hee Min was awarded a Small Grant to support fieldwork in Washington, D.C., for her dissertation on socio-technicality in global financial markets and the role they play in contemporary stock market failures known as “flash crashes.”

Mytoan Nguyen received a Mellon Wisconsin Summer Fellowship for 2013; she will use the funds to complete her dissertation, “In Between and Ambivalent: Diasporic Return Migration and the Global Economy in Vietnam.” She was also chosen by the Midwest Sociological Society to receive the Jane Addams Award for Outstanding Public Service, the proceeds of which she donated to the Gear Up/DPI Afterschool Program at East High School.

Jason Orne was selected to receive the sociology department’s first DeLamater Award to support his dissertation research on race and racism in Chicago’s Boystown gay neighborhood. He also received a sociology department travel award to attend ASA, and a Community and Environmental Sociology travel award to attend the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality annual meeting.

Robert Osley-Thomas won a Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies Award for travel to conduct preliminary data gathering for his dissertation on the closure of academic departments.

David Rangel received a Small Grant for his exploration of intergenerational closure in low-income Latino communities, the way relationships develop in the neighborhood, the strategies parents employ when forming relationships, and the impact of those strategies on children’s behavioral, social, and academic outcomes.

Megan Shoji was given a sociology department Small Grant and an Interdisciplinary Training Program Advanced Fellowship, both of which are supporting her dissertation research on the development of supportive family-school relationships in low-income Latino communities.

Gina Spitz received a Small Grant from the sociology department to support her dissertation research on the linkages between neighborhood racial diversity and cross-racial social ties and social interaction. She also won the Association of American Colleges and Universities’ 2013 K. Patricia Cross Future Leaders Award, which recognizes graduate students who exhibit strong leadership in teaching and learning, as well as a commitment to both academic and civic obligations.

Casey Stockstill received a Chancellor’s Opportunity Fellowship and a University Fellowship. Her work explores multiracial categorization and racial inequality.

Elizabeth Wrigley-Field received a Poster Award from the Population Association of America for her poster, “Black-White Disparities in Layoffs by Age and Period in the United States, 1979–2011.” The same research garnered her dissertation fellowship support from the Institute for Research on Poverty for Summer 2013. Elizabeth also won the Genevieve Gorst Herfurth Award, from UW-Madison, for outstanding research in the social studies for her paper “Mortality Deceleration and Mortality Selection: Three Unexpected Implications of a Simple Model.”

Ayça Zayim was awarded a Small Grant to support fieldwork in Turkey for her dissertation on the restructuring of central banks in developing countries and the ways in which the growing influence of global finance influences domestic political economy and economic integration into the global financial system.
Research Center News

**Center for Demography of Health and Aging (CDHA)**

Alberto Palloni’s work as part of a panel of experts was recently published in the study *U.S. Health in International Perspective: Shorter Lives, Poorer Health* and has received extensive media coverage in the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *National Public Radio*, among other outlets. Palloni and graduate student James Yonker gathered and analyzed the information in Chapter 2 and wrote sections on health status across the life cycle that are included in the report.

Two new researchers will be joining CDHA. Dr. Jason Fletcher (joint appointment in the La Follette School of Public Affairs and sociology) and Dr. Hiram Beltran-Sanchez (CDHA and sociology research associate). Dr. Fletcher received a 2006 Ph.D. in applied economics (UW-Madison), was a postdoctoral fellow at Columbia University and an assistant professor at the School of Public Health at Yale University.

Dr. Beltrán-Sánchez trained in mathematics and actuarial sciences, received a 2009 Ph.D. in demography from the University of Pennsylvania, was a 2010 postdoctoral fellow at the Gerontology Center at the University of Southern California, and was a 2012 David E. Bell research fellow at the Center for Population and Development Studies at Harvard University. Both Drs. Fletcher and Beltrán-Sánchez will strengthen CDHA expertise in health, mortality, and the utilization of biomarkers.

**Center for Demography and Ecology (CDE)**

This has been a very busy year at the Center for Demography and Ecology. Most importantly, the center celebrated its 50th anniversary with a two-day event in October. The celebration was attended by more than 160 current and former center affiliates, and presentations on current and future research highlighted long-standing strengths of the center, including family demography and the demography of inequality, as well as newly emerging strengths, such as spatial demography and the demography of health and aging. A poster session featuring the work of current graduate students was particularly well received. Perhaps the most important result of the celebration was a reaffirmation and strengthening of identification with the center and its mission. The opportunity to hear about the history of the center and to interact with our many illustrious alumni (including six former PAA presidents who attended the anniversary) provided younger faculty affiliates and graduate students with powerful appreciation of the central role that CDE has played in population research.

Other news includes a change in the directorship, with Jim Walker (economics) stepping down and Jim Raymo (sociology) taking over as center director on August 1. Walker served as director since 2009 and oversaw important changes in the center’s administrative structure and faculty composition. Raymo, who served as graduate training director under Walker, brings a strong commitment to continue CDE’s emphasis on interdisciplinary population research and training. The center continues to grow in both size and diversity, adding six new affiliates in five different departments this year. In the coming year, the center will welcome three newly hired faculty: Jason Fletcher (an associate professor in La Follette and sociology), Michal Engelman (an assistant professor in sociology), and Sarah Halpern-Meekin (an assistant professor in human development and family studies).

**The European Union Center of Excellence (EUCE)**

The European Union Center of Excellence at the UW is funded by the European Commission, with matching support from the university, and in turn underwrites more than 15 UW projects clustered into three thematic areas.

The three themes around which the EUCE activities in 2012–13 were organized are: “the EU as a global actor,” which looks at the global impact of EU institution-building, policy decisions, 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. Under the leadership of Myra Marx Ferree, a major featured event in the third theme this past year was a workshop titled “Gender Equality Policies and Globalization of Higher Education.”

Three of the workshop participants came early and gave talks for the wider UW community — particularly sociology, education, and law. As an EUCE guest and university distinguished lecturer, Frank Dobbin, professor of sociology at Harvard, gave a well-attended talk, “Does Diversity Management Promote Diversity?,” co-sponsored by the Wisconsin School of Business and the sociology department. Sociology and the School of Education joined the EUCE in sponsoring the visit of Professor Jutta Allmendinger, a sociologist of education and inequality, who is also the president of the Science Center in Berlin. Professor Susanne Baer was a featured lecturer for the Law School, discussing the logic of German gender jurisprudence under the influence of EU legal developments. The workshop itself brought together another dozen top scholars from Europe and the U.S. and invited members of the local university community (including five sociology graduate students) to confer on the implications for gender policy that the entrepreneurial transformations of universities are having. Another workshop on higher education transformations broadly, including MOOCs and other forms of online learning, will be hosted this summer by Professor Kris Olds in geography.

**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. Among the scholars who visited during the 2012–2013 academic year were Rick Fantasia, Thavolia Glymph, Joy James, Pauline Lipman, Miko Peled, Dorothy Roberts, Karl Schlögel, Gary Segura, Tommie Shelby, and Heather Ann Thompson. Most Havens Center lectures 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 by clicking here: http://tinyurl.com/28tqzmz. Many are now also available as videos. In May of 2013, the Havens Center presented 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. Previous award recipients include Frances Fox Piven, Howard Zinn, and Noam Chomsky.

2012–13 also marked the inaugural year of Social Cinema: Stories of Struggle and Change, the Havens Center’s annual fall film series, produced in collaboration with the Wisconsin Union Directorate. The film series screens films exploring controversial topics from a critical perspective. The series is designed to appeal to a broad audience of students, faculty, and the general public who not only love film but are also interested in engaging in a discussion of significant social, political, and economic issues explored through film. The screening of each film is followed by a discussion led by a facilitator well versed in the topic covered by the film. The center hopes to build on the success of the first year with an even more successful second year, made possible by a grant from the Evjue Foundation.

Over the Memorial Day weekend, the Havens Center organized RadFest, its traditional weekend retreat for scholars, students, and activists at Upham Woods, a retreat center run by UW Extension on the Wisconsin River just north of the Dells. Finally, in June, the Labor and Working Class Studies Project, an initiative of the Havens Center, hosted “Fighting Forward: A Labor and Working Class Summit,” a national gathering of working people, community and labor activists, students, and educators focused on building a revitalized movement in support of labor and the working class. The summit is a joint effort of the Labor and Working Class Studies Project and the Working Class Studies Association and served as the latter’s national conference. Information is available at www.fightingforward.org.

Patrick Barrett is the Havens Center’s administrative director. The staff includes sociology graduate students Tatiana Alfonso and Richard Aviles.

Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies
It has been a busy year for the Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies as we continue to build our interdisciplinary programs. Eric Schatzberger (history of science) took over as director of the Holtz Center in July of 2012. The center sponsored visiting lectures by astronomer Jarita Holbrook and sociologists Kelly Joyce and David Hess. We saw increased attendance at our brown-bag series, which hosted speakers from across campus. More than 100 people attended the center’s annual Science and the Public outreach event, “Computers, Privacy, and the Government,” and engaged questions about networks and privacy from both technical and socio-legal perspectives. The event featured talks by Roger Dingledine, director of the TOR Project, and Jeffrey Rosen of George Washington University Law School. The center awarded more than $18,000 in graduate student support, and recipients included four students in sociology: Tanya Cook, Matthew Hollander, Annabel Ipsen, and Robert Osley-Thomas.

Looking ahead to the 2013–14 academic year, we welcome two new members to our steering committee: Susan Lederer (medical history and bioethics), and Samer Alatout (community and environmental sociology). We are particularly excited about next year’s Science an the Public series, which will revolve around the theme Food and Health. In addition, Catherine Arnott Smith (School of Library and Information Studies), our Outreach Fellowship winner for the coming year, will be organizing a series of events engaging the public on questions related to the increased uses of electronic medical records.

Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP)
The Institute for Research on Poverty had a busy and successful academic year, the second in our five-year National Poverty Research Center Award. We launched a new set of research initiatives, training and mentoring strategies, and dissemination vehicles that better advance our mission to promote interdisciplinary research into the causes and consequences of poverty and inequality in the United States.

Research initiatives include a three-year examination of how policies and programs can build economic and self-sufficiency by increasing employment, wages, labor market skills, and earnings; and a new major evaluation, awarded to IRP researchers, of a national demonstration project that involves eight states creating programs that engage and involve low-income, noncustodial parents who are behind in their child-support payments.

Training and mentoring strategies include a poverty-related careers panel that featured leading policy-makers, advisors, and activists who discussed their education and career pathways and answered questions from the audience; the Graduate Research Fellows dissertation fellowship (next year’s was awarded to sociology grad student Julia Goldberg); and a visiting scholars program for researchers from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups.

IRP’s dissemination vehicles include a series of poverty and inequality podcasts that feature brief discussions with IRP affiliates and visitors; an annual webinar series that highlights recent research of our affiliates; and a set of ever-growing electronic mailing lists that keep subscribers informed about IRP work and activities, poverty studies opportunities, and poverty-related news. Planning continues for the next in IRP’s seminal series of poverty volumes, this one to celebrate IRP’s 50th anniversary in 2016.

IRP concluded a busy and successful academic year with an equally eventful summer. In early June 2013, IRP hosted 25 faculty from across the country for the first Teaching Poverty 101 workshop; the 23rd annual Summer Research Workshop (SRW) convened in late June; and in July, a multidisciplinary research and policy conference will bring leading scholars to Madison to examine the nature and dynamics of family complexity.
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. UWSC celebrated its 25th anniversary (a year late!) by providing more than 30 tours of our recently occupied Sterling Hall facilities, in which we were able to introduce more than 65 visitors to the range of research services we provide. The most recent round of the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study (WLS) is finishing up with a response rate that just surpassed 80 percent. The WLS involves a large sample, complex survey design, and varied types of data collection, including interviews and self-administered instruments, anthropometric measures, biomarkers, and cognitive assessments. Like WLS, the Midlife in the United States (MIDUS) Study is a large, complex sample with a range of data-collection activities, including telephone and in-person interviews, self-administered questionnaires, and cognitive interviews. Recently UWSC recruited more than 2,600 new participants into MIDUS using a national, multi-frame sample design composed of RDD, cell and age-targeted list sample, and an African-American oversample. The next round of data collection with the MIDUS longitudinal sample is about to commence. UWSC is following up the success of computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI) in WLS, MIDUS, and the Midwest Young Adult Study (MYA) with CAPI efforts in the California Youth Transitions to Adulthood Study (CaYOUTH). To maintain its leadership in other modes as well, UWSC has been consolidating innovations in the design of self-administered instruments, and collaborating with the University of Michigan’s Survey Research Center and others on a major revision of interviewer training.

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 by 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), the International Field Directors & Technology Conference, and the Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations (AASRO). UWSC faculty director Nora Cate Schaeffer and survey methodologist Jennifer Dykema were guest editors of the recent special issue of Public Opinion Quarterly, Topics in Survey Measurement and Public Opinion, which is available at http://poq.oxfordjournals.org/content/77/S1.toc. Journals in which recent publications by UWSC staff have appeared include POQ, Social Science Research, and Social Science Computer Review. The pedagogy hour at the Midwest Association for Public Opinion (MAPOR), led by Schaeffer, highlighted the continuing role for interviewers in future data collection. In 2013, UWSC staff will co-author three presentations at AAPOR — two at the Interviewer-Respondent Interaction Workshop, as well as presentations at the IFD&TC.

Wisconsin Center for Education Research (WCER)
As the largest university-based education research center in the United States, the Wisconsin Center for Education Research (WCER) continues to provide a home for research on education all across the UW-Madison campus. Sociologists Geoffrey Borman and Sara Goldrick-Rab continue to pursue their research through WCER and this year were joined by new sociology faculty member Eric Grodsky, who brought work already in progress from his previous post at the University of Minnesota.

Among the year’s highlights was receipt of a $15 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education’s Investing in Innovation program to sociology faculty member Adam Gamoran. The grant will allow Gamoran and his colleagues to expand a family-engagement program called Families and Schools Together (FAST) in Philadelphia. The program will reach more than 4,000 children and their families and is intended to remove barriers to school success. The FAST program has a long history of research at WCER, including a current study in Phoenix and San Antonio that involves a large, interdisciplinary crew of graduate students, including many from sociology. Whereas the Phoenix and San Antonio work is based in low-income, Latino communities, the new project in Philadelphia will reach a largely low-income, African American population.

A prominent resource for sociology graduate students is WCER’s Interdisciplinary Training Program in Education Sciences, which prepares social science doctoral students to conduct rigorous research on education. The program includes a weekly seminar to which all are welcome. In Fall 2012, the seminar focused on the mediation of causal effects in education, a topic of great ferment in education that drew large audiences and benefited from several national experts who spoke.

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Recent Ph.D.s and Placements


**Cook, Tanya Nicole** — “Exploring Childbirth Outcomes: A Study of the Interactional Components of Labor and Delivery.” Joan Fujimura, major professor. Adjunct instructor, Social Sciences Department, Community College of Aurora.

**DeWaard, Jack Richard** — “The Temporal Dynamics of International Migration and Linkages to Anti-Foreigner Sentiment.” Ted Gerber, major professor. Assistant professor, Department of Sociology and Minnesota Population Center, University of Minnesota.


**Grol-Prokopczyk, Hanna** — “Quantifying the Unquantifiable: The Measurement and Meanings of Chronic Pain.” Joan Fujimura and Robert M. Hauser, major professors. Assistant professor, Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, the State University of New York.

**Han, Seong Won** — “Schooling, Labor Markets, and STEM Occupational Expectations: A Comparative Perspective.” Adam Gamoran, major professor. Assistant professor, Department of Educational Leadership and Policy, and Department of Counseling, School, and Educational Psychology, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York.


**Heideman, Laura Jean** — “Making Society ‘Civil’: Donors, NGOs, and Peacebuilding in Postwar Croatia.” Gay Seidman, major professor. Postdoctoral fellow, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Notre Dame University.

**Keller, Julie Catherine** — “Laboring in Limbo: Migration and (Im)mobilities.” Michael M. Bell and Jill L. Harrison, major professors. Visiting assistant professor, Department of Sociology, Oberlin College.

**Kim, Keuntae** — “The Effect of Personality, Physical Attractiveness, and Intelligence on Important Life-Course Outcomes.” Alberto Palloni and Robert M. Hauser, major professors.

**Legun, Katharine Anne** — “The Biology of Markets: Club Apples and the Social Life of Varieties.” Michael Bell, major professor. Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Otago.

**Lim, So-jung** — “‘Bad Jobs’ for Families: Job Quality and Family Outcomes in the Context of Labor Market Changes.” James Raymo, major professor. Assistant professor, Department of Sociology, Utah State University.


**Schaepe, Karen Sue** — “Affective Communication: Management of Bad News Following Cancer Diagnosis and Stem Cell Transplant.” Douglas W. Maynard, major professor. Visiting assistant professor, Department of Sociology, College of William and Mary.

**Schelly, Chelsea Lynn** — “Dwelling in Resistance: Living with Alternative Technologies in America.” Mustafa Emirbayer, major professor. Assistant professor, Department of Social Sciences, Michigan Technological University.

**Schudde, Lauren Theresa** — “Heterogeneous Treatment Effects in Higher Education: Exploring Variation in the Effects of College Experiences on Student Success.” Sara Goldrick-Rab, major professor. Postdoctoral research associate, Center for Analysis of Postsecondary Education and Employment, Teachers College of Columbia University.

Alumni News

Steven Alvarado (Ph.D. 2011) has been a postdoctoral fellow in the Center for Research on Educational Opportunity at the University of Notre Dame. He has accepted a tenure-track assistant professor position in the sociology department at Cornell University and will be starting this coming fall.

Ann D. Bagchi (Ph.D. 1999) completed coursework for a bachelor’s of science in nursing in December 2012 and took a job with the College of Nursing at Rutgers University. She currently works as a community health nurse/program evaluator for the Rutgers-FOCUS Wellness Center in Newark, New Jersey.

Hae Yeon Choo (Ph.D. 2011) received the Cheryl Allyn Miller Award this year for her research on how Filipina factory workers and South Korean hostesses negotiate their claims to labor rights. The award will be presented at the Banquet at the Society for Women in Sociology meeting in August.

Virginia Teas Gill (B.A. 1985, M.A. 1989, Ph.D. 1995) is currently a professor of sociology at Illinois State University. She received ISU’s Outstanding University Teacher Award for 2012–13.

Jennifer Glass (Ph.D. 1983) has joined the Department of Sociology and the Population Research Center at the University of Texas-Austin as the Barbara Bush Regents Professor of Liberal Arts, where she joins UW sociology alumni Kelly Raley, Dan Powers, and Sharmila Ruddrappa. She is also the current vice president of the American Sociological Association.

Elizabeth A. Hoffmann (B.A. 1991, M.S. 1995, J.D. 1998, Ph.D. 2001) is currently an associate professor at Purdue University. Her most recent book, Cooperative Workplace Dispute Resolution: Organizational Structure, Ownership, and Ideology Burlington, VT: (Gower/Ashgate), compares how workplace disputes are raised in matched pairs of conventional businesses and worker co-operatives in the U.K. and the U.S.

Ronald J. Hustedde (Ph.D. 1989) received the 2013 M.D. Whitaker Award for Excellence in Extension from the University of Kentucky, the highest award for innovative outreach work offered by his university peers. Hustedde is a professor of community and leadership development with a joint appointment in sociology.

Patrick H. Mooney (Ph.D. 1985) will complete eight years of service as chair of the sociology department at the University of Kentucky this summer. He is looking forward to returning to being a professor.

Linda B. Nilson (M.S. 1972, Ph.D. 1974) has a new book coming out this September, Creating Self-Regulated Learners: Strategies to Strengthen Students’ Self-Awareness and Learning Skills Sterling, VA: (Stylus Publishing). She is the founding director of the Office of Teaching Effectiveness and Innovation at Clemson University and has led faculty development units in research universities for almost 25 years.
Jesse Norris (Ph.D. 2007, JD 2010) will be leaving his current position as staff attorney for the Dane County Circuit Court to begin a postdoctoral fellowship in interdisciplinary legal studies at SUNY-Buffalo’s Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy.

Elizabeth Harmatys Park (Ph.D. 2006) has been teaching classes on the social psychology of forgiveness in Wisconsin and in Florida. This summer, she will be offering a six-session student/faculty forgiveness seminar at the Marquette University Center for Peacemaking. Betty has also been winning prizes for her poetry, including the 2012 First Place Formalist Poetry Jade Ring Award from the Wisconsin Writers Association.

Melissa R. Partin (Ph.D. 1993) received a research career scientist award from the Veterans Affairs Health Services Research and Development Service. This highly competitive award, held by only 13 other scholars nationally, recognizes outstanding achievement in the areas of health-services research scholarship, professional leadership, and mentoring. The award provides five years of salary for the career scientist and is renewable indefinitely.


Solon Simmons (Ph.D. 2006) is currently an associate professor and director of undergraduate studies in the School for Conflict Analysis at George Mason University. His new book, The Eclipse of Equality: Arguing America on Meet the Press, was published in April 2013 by Stanford University Press.

Joey Sprague (Ph.D. 1986) will be spending a month as a visiting fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies at the University of Warwick, England, this fall, where she will be working on the second edition of her book, Feminist Methodologies for Critical Researchers: Bridging Differences (Rowman & Littlefield) and collecting data for a new project. She has recently been selected to be the executive officer of sociologists for Women in Society.

Vilna Bashi Treitler (Ph.D. 1997) was promoted to full professor and elected chair of the Department of Black and Latino Studies at Baruch College of the City University of New York. She also received a six-month fellowship from desiguALdades.net, the Free University of Berlin’s research network for the study of inequalities in Latin America, where she will be for the last half of 2013. Her new book, The Ethnic Project: Transforming Racial Fictions into Ethnic Factions, was published by Stanford University Press this July.

Eldon Wegner (Ph.D. 1967) is a professor emeritus in sociology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Most of his community activity is with senior advocacy organizations on eldercare issues, an extension of his academic fields of medical sociology and sociology of aging. In June, he gave a presentation titled “The Search for Purpose among U.S. Baby-Boomer Retirees: Post-Retirement Career Options and Civic Engagement,” at the World Congress of the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics in Seoul, Korea. The session was organized by Dr. Meeryoung Kim, a more recent Ph.D. alumnus of the Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin.

Nelson Williams (M.S. 1998) is the CEO of Briohn Building Corporation in Brookfield, Wisconsin and he was recently named to the Milwaukee Business Journal’s 40 under 40 list. (http://www.bizjournals.com/milwaukee/print-edition/2013/03/01/nelson-williams-40-under-40.html?page=all).

CDE 50th Celebration
The Center for Demography and Ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison turned 50 years old in 2012. To celebrate the occasion, there was a 1-and-1/2-day research symposium in Madison in October. The symposium brought more than 160 people together from around the world to celebrate the history of CDE and the intellectual contributions of its members.
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