

Wisconsin Update

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Sociology at Wisconsin 2007

This past year was one of great celebration. At a ceremony in September, organized by past department chair Adam Gamoran, we renamed our big edifice on the shore of Lake Mendota to be the William H. Sewell Social Sciences Building. As you all know, Bill Sewell, who died in 2001, was one of the 20th century's leading social scientists. A faculty member in UW-Madison's sociology and rural sociology departments for half a century, he held many important positions in the university including that of chancellor (1967-68). On the national level, Bill played an important part in establishing the social and behavioral sciences in the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. Among his many scholarly contributions was his leadership and analysis of the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study, a pioneering survey of the Wisconsin high school class of 1957 which has become a national resource for studies of social stratification, the life course, and aging. Bill was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 1976 and to the American Philosophical Society in 1979.

Even while savoring this celebration, it was a year of typical

challenges—fiscal crises, political attacks, dwindling resources, attempts by other departments to lure our faculty away, departures of valued faculty and staff members, and the list can go on. Through these challenges, this department continues to prosper. We maintain our excellence through rigorous research, methodological discipline and innovation, and theoretical sophistication. We hire the best quality faculty members at every level, win teaching awards, and make important public and policy contributions. Our technical and administrative staffs are nonpareil. We have a culture of democracy and mutual support that even those who have left continue to extol. Our mix of graduate students is diverse in their interests and top notch. Lately, we have had great success in increasing the recruitment and retention of underrepresented minorities. We are looking into ways to improve our structure of funding to continue to stay competitive in attracting students, but we still see students turning down better offers elsewhere because they like the

training we give. Our collegiality is a factor for students, too, as they do not have to negotiate faculty feuds when they are trying to form their committees. We foster breadth of training for our students and let them mix and match areas. It is possible to train in a highly specialized niche in our program, but it is also possible for a student to develop his or her own agenda that links several different areas.

This department not only celebrates its past, as in the renaming of our building. As we continue to meet the fiscal, political, recruiting, and other challenges of the present, we are robustly forward looking and are cautiously optimistic about our continued ability to foster superiority in research, teaching, and service. We invite you, as alumni and friends, to take part in your own ways in this important collective endeavor.

~Pamela Oliver, Chair

~Doug Maynard, Chair-Elect

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New Faculty Hires: Sociology

We are extremely pleased to report that two outstanding scholars, **Markus Gangl** and **Felix Elwert**, will be joining our faculty in Fall 2007. Markus Gangl will be coming as a professor, despite being younger than most of our entering graduate students. His meteoric rise in both the German University system and the field of stratification research attests to his remarkable combination of theoretically-inspired questions and rigorous analysis. With a degree in sociology and economics, Markus brings rigorous modeling to international comparisons in order to ascertain the effect of welfare state policies on social stratification. Before coming to Wisconsin, Gangl was a professor of Sociology at the University of Mannheim and a member of the Mannheim Center for European Social Research. In addition to writing three monographs, Gangl has published around two dozen articles or chapters, including recent pieces in the *American Sociological Review* and the *American Journal of Sociology*.

Felix Elwert similarly combines a background in economics with his sociology; he also received a masters in statistics with his PhD in sociology at Harvard. He pursues counter-factual analysis to improve our answers to causal questions. His dissertation applied this method to the question of the relationship between cohabitation and divorce; he has also studied the effects of incarceration on

employment and the relationship between widowhood and well-being. Given this emphasis on rigorous quantitative modeling of causal effects, one might be surprised to learn that Elwert is also an accomplished pianist, and has written on the rise of art music in early modern Venice.

Gangl and Elwert will find themselves at home in Wisconsin, with its historic emphasis on two syntheses, the first of research on stratification with pioneering methods, and the second of tasty sausages with crisp beer. Although Wisconsin stands for methodological eclecticism, when it comes to the second synthesis, we believe that Gangl and Elwert will appreciate our strong quantitative emphasis.

New Faculty Hires: Rural Sociology

Katherine White (Ph.D. 2003, University of Washington) joined the Department of Rural Sociology as Assistant Professor on July 1st, 2007. White's interests include migration and population redistribution, inequality, land use, and spatial statistics. Her research examines historical economic, social and demographic shifts in three regions (Puerto Rico, the U.S. Great Plains, and the South) and the spatial distribution of poverty in the contemporary U.S.

In her research on Puerto Rico, White investigates the influence of the economic transition on inequality that followed U.S.

governance in the early decades of the 1900s. This research, supported by NICHD, is primarily focused on the relationship between systems of crop production and racial inequality. Collaborative research with UW historian Francisco Scarano addresses changes in the spatial distribution of family composition in the early 20th century and racial composition in the 18th century.

A second area of White's research examines population change in the Great Plains over the 20th century. She uses spatial regression techniques to assess the relative influence of correlates of population change advanced in theories of urbanization typically applied to positive growth regions, including transportation, industry, and natural amenities.

In a third area of research, White focuses on the migration of southern Americans to the non-south (the Great Migration) and the return to the South (the Return Migration). Her work, published in *Demography* and *Social Science History*, demonstrates the interplay of racial and gender inequality in settlement patterns and economic consequences of migration.

White has recently turned her attention to an investigation of the historical processes underlying contemporary patterns of persistent poverty among U.S. counties. She is developing spatio-temporal models to directly measure legacy effects in the prevalence of county poverty. In addition to her departmental

appointment, White will conduct extension research with the Applied Population Laboratory and the Environmental Resources Center. Before coming to the University of Wisconsin, White was on faculty in the Department of Sociology at Brown University, and was an affiliate of the Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences Initiative, the Population Studies and Training Center, and the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

Jill Harrison (Ph.D. 2006, UC Santa Cruz) joined the Rural Sociology Department faculty in Fall 2006 as Assistant Professor of Rural Sociology. Harrison's interests include agrofood studies, environmental conflict, environmental justice, and immigration politics.

Her ongoing research interrogates the structural supports of environmental inequalities through examining political conflicts over agricultural pesticide drift in California. In this work, Harrison shows that predominant narrative framings of this environmental problem intersect with regulatory structure, regulatory practices, longstanding social inequalities plaguing farmworking communities, neoliberalism, news coverage, and contemporary agrofood politics in ways that both exacerbate the problem and naturalize inadequate regulatory response. This research also highlights social movement efforts to battle regional air pollution, including the construction of diverse coalitions, the pursuance

of regulatory and legislative reform, and the conduct of lay environmental monitoring. Components of this research have been published in *Political Geography* in 2006, and her most recent article ("Abandoned Bodies and Spaces of Sacrifice") will be published in late 2007 in *Geoforum*.

Harrison's new research project focuses on immigration politics and the rise of the Latino immigrant labor force in Wisconsin agriculture. She is particularly interested in community reception of new immigrant populations, changes in the enforcement of immigration policy, and border politics.

Harrison is a faculty affiliate of UW-Madison's Program on Agricultural Technology Studies, and also of the Agroecology graduate program.

Report From the Centers

The Center for Demography and Ecology kicked off to a great start the series of workshops sponsored by the newly created Methods and Statistics core. Three successful series of workshops were held. The first was on the nature and uses of multiple imputation. The second on sampling from elusive and difficult-to-find populations and, finally, the third on propensity matching. Each workshop consists of a series of 3-4 seminars in which (a) a set of concrete research problems that may be amenable

to a solution by using a target methodology are examined, an analysis and discussion of (b) the methodology is articulated by specialists in the topic and (3) a resolution to the original problem is proposed. Invited guests to these seminar included Petra Todd from the University of Pennsylvania, Steven Thomson from Simon Fraser University, Michael Sobel from Columbia University and T.E. Raghunathan from the University of Michigan.

Other news from CDE:

- Jim Raymo received an NIH R03 grant entitled "The second Demographic Transition in Japan".
- Fernando Riosmena joined CDE as a post doc fellow.
- The grant for the Fogarty International Population Center was renewed for another five year-term.

Wisconsin Longitudinal Study

Public-use data, based on the nearly 18,000 interviews of 1957 Wisconsin high school graduates and their spouses, siblings, and siblings' spouses are almost complete. Data for graduates and their spouses are now on-line (<http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/wlsresearch/>), and the data for siblings and their spouses will soon be released. Surveys of widow(ers) are still in the field.

DNA samples were collected from some 4500 graduates early in 2007, and these will soon be analyzed

for markers related to the chances of developing depression and Alzheimer's disease. Planning is well underway for in-home surveys of graduates to be carried out in 2010.

WLS staff have spoken or are scheduled to speak about the project at more than 50 of the 50th high school reunions of the "Class of '57." We are enjoying our travels around the state to join in these celebrations.

For capsule descriptions of the project, see <http://wisls.info> and <http://www.news.wisc.edu/13941>.

Center for Demography of Health and Aging

With the leadership of Deborah Carr, the CDHA seminar has enjoyed stimulation sessions on research on progress by faculty and graduate students and, also, an exceptional series of visitors this year, including Harold Lenztner (National Center for Health Statistics), Jerry Reiter (Duke University), Natalia Gavrilova (University of Chicago), Yang Yang (University of Chicago), and Phyllis Moen (University of Minnesota).

The following are new projects since the beginning of calendar year 2006 within CDHA, all of which are funded in whole or in part by NIA or other NIH units.

- Mortality in Central Asia (Michel Guillot)
- Training in Population, Life Course and Aging (Robert Hauser)

- Income Support Policies and the Health of the Elderly (Pamela Herd)

- Training and Education to Advance Multidisciplinary Clinical Research (TEAM) (Cameron MacDonald)

- Early Life Influences on Elderly Health in the Developing World (Mary McEniry)

- Sexual Behavior, Sexual Networks and STDS in China (Giovanna Merli)

- International Training in Population Health (Alberto Palloni)

- Conference on Aging in Developing Countries: Building Integrated Research Agendas (Alberto Palloni)

- Spatial and Temporal Effects in Population Processes (Katherine White)

Pilot projects proposed for 2006-07 include those of Michel Guillot (Projecting Cohort Life Expectancy), Nora Cate Schaeffer and Douglas W. Maynard (Interaction and Cognitive Functioning in Surveys of Older Adults), Cameron Macdonald (Families Facing High-Complexity Home Care: The Case of Bone-Marrow Transplant), and James Raymo (Planfulness, Uncertainty, and the Retirement Process), and Robert M. Hauser (Research on Personality, Social Structure, and Health).

The **DAAD Center for German and European Studies**, which is currently directed by Myra

Marx Ferree, is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year with a week of special events, beginning on October 13 with a special four-night showing of the films made by the US Military Occupation right after World War II for teaching democratic values to Germans, and followed by a conference October 19-20 "Cultures of Democracy? Germany and the US at Home and Abroad." The keynote address will offered by Prof. Ronald Steel, a frequent commentator on US-European relations in such venues as the NY Review of Books. Other participants, from Germany, other parts of Europe and the US as well as faculty and students from campus will highlight the research contributions sponsored by the center over the past decade that reflect this theme and point to issues for future research.

One issue being taken up by Ferree with the support of CGES, its partner center, the European Union Center of Excellence, and the International Institute is gender mainstreaming as a process of intentional social change. Ferree and Prof. Christina Ewig (Women Studies and Political Science) are co-leading a three year research circle called TARGET (Transnational Applied Research on Gender Equity Training). The goal of TARGET is to better understand how "gender expertise" is defined and feminist knowledge transmitted in policy and administrative circles, and eventually to improve the quality of "gender training" that is offered in and through transnational NGOs.

The Applied Population Laboratory

Located within the Department of Rural Sociology in Agriculture Hall, the Applied Population Laboratory (APL) provides the best demographic and economic data available to university, state, and local agencies. Eight full-time staff members—with backgrounds varying from applied demography and sociology to planning and geography—engage in numerous projects in the areas of applied demography, school enrollment projections, and Geographic Information Science (GIS).

The APL serves as a State Data Center and Business and Industry Data Center in partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau. As a State Data Center, the APL strives to effectively disseminate Census data as well as provide outreach and training to respond to the needs of local users throughout Wisconsin. Additionally, the APL is affiliated with the Center for Demography and Ecology as the Geographic Information Analysis portion of the Methodology Core. In this capacity, APL staff provides training and consultation about spatial statistical methods and GIS. The APL also provides support to UW-Extension through several UWEX appointed staff and a strong program in demography.

To learn more about the APL or to access our quarterly newsletter, Population Notes, please visit our website at www.apl.wisc.edu.

PhDs and Placement

Shireen Adam Ally *“Maid” with Rights: The Contradictory Citizenship of Domestic Workers in Post-Apartheid South Africa*. Gay Seidman, Major Professor. Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of the Witwatersrand, Wits, South Africa

John Andrew Fulton *Differences Between African-Americans and Whites in Migration to the United States South, 1955-2000*. Paul R. Voss, Major Professor. On the job market.

Erin Elizabeth Hatton *The Temp Industry and the Transformation of Work in America*. Erik O. Wright, Major Professor. On the job market.

Bennett Kadel *The Energetic Organization*. Mustafa Emirbayer, Major Professor.

Shamus Khan *The Production of Privilege*. Mustafa Emirbayer, Major Professor. Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Columbia University, New York City.

Abby Kinchy *Genes Out of Place: Activists, Experts, and the Politics of Biotechnology*. Daniel Kleinman, Major Professor. Assistant Professor, Science and Technology Studies Department, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy NY.

Amy Lang *A New Tool for Democracy? The Contours and Consequences of Citizen Deliberation in the British*

Columbia Citizens’ Assembly on Electoral Reform. Erik O. Wright, Major Professor. Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia (Vancouver, BC, Canada)

Ricky Leung *Doing Nanotechnology in 21st Century China*. Joan Fujimura, Major Professor. On the job market.

Sandra R. Levitsky *Private Dilemmas of Public Provision: The Formation of Political Demand for State Entitlements to Long-Term Care*. Mark Suchman, Major Professor. Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Victoria Lynn Mayer *Contracting Citizenship*. Jane L. Collins, Major Professor. Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Colby College, Waterville, Maine.

Cesar Rodriguez *Sewing Resistance: Global Production, Transnational Organizing, and Global Governance in the US-Caribbean Basin Apparel Industry (1990-2005)*. Erik O. Wright, Major Professor. Assistant Professor, Sociology and Law Departments, University of The Andes, Merida, Venezuela. Also on the job market.

Paul Van Auken *Divide and Commodify: Rural Restructuring and Amenity-Led Community Change in Wisconsin and Norway*. Roger Hammer, Major Professor. Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Matthew Graham *Vidal Lean Enough: Factory Relations of Production under Neoliberal Globalization*. Joel Rogers and Erik O. Wright, Major Professors. Postdoctoral Fellow (2007-2008) UCLA Institute of Industrial Relations, Los Angeles. Postdoctoral Fellow (2008-2009) Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Munchen, Germany. Also on the job market.

Li-Fang Yang *Institutionalization of ISO 14001 in the Information Technology Industry: A Comparison of the U.S. and Taiwan*. Mark Suchman, Major Professor. On the job market.

James Eugene Yocom *Categories and Categorization Effects in the Study of Punitive Attitudes*. Mark Suchman, Major Professor. Not currently on the job market.

News from Alumni and Friends

Mohammed Abo-El-Enein (Ph.D. 1989) is the newly appointed chair of the Department of Sociology, United Arab Emirates University.

Shireen Ally (Ph.D. 2006) has won the 2007 History of Sociology section student paper award. Shireen is now on the faculty at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.

William T. Bielby (Ph.D. 1976) has left the University of Pennsylvania and joined the faculty at University of Illinois-Chicago (half-time), effective Fall 2007. Also, his band, Thin

Vitae, including Wisconsin alums Steve Gortmaker (Ph.D. 1977) of Harvard Public Health, Paul Cleary (Ph.D. 1980) a Dean at Yale Public Health, and Blair Wheaton (Ph.D. 1976) Sociology Department Chair at the University of Toronto, will be performing at an ASA “afterparty” at The Trash Bar in Brooklyn on Monday, August 13.

Kathleen Blea (Ph.D. 1982) has been promoted to the rank of Distinguished Professor at the University of Pittsburgh.

Eduardo Bonilla-Silva (Ph.D. 1993) has received the Lewis A. Coser Award for Theoretical Agenda-Setting for 2007. The Coser Award recognizes a mid-career sociologist whose work, in the opinion of the Committee, holds great promise for setting the agenda in the field of sociology and exemplifies the sociological ideals Coser represented.

John Campbell (Ph.D. 1984), “Class of 1925 Professor” at Dartmouth College and Professor of Political Economy at the Copenhagen Business School in Denmark, was recently invited as keynote speaker to address the Danish Prime Minister and his Globalization Council on the institutional roots of Denmark’s remarkable success in the world economy during the 1990s and early 21st century.

Bill Canak (Ph.D. 1981), Professor of Sociology at Middle Tennessee State University, was recently elected Chair of the

Chapter Advisory Committee, Labor & Employment Relations Association (LERA). He also was appointed Co-Chair of the Sociological Practice Committee of the Southern Sociological Society.

Paul D. Cleary (Ph.D. 1980) has moved from Harvard Medical School to his new post of Dean of the School of Public Health, Yale University.

Rachel Dwyer (Ph.D. 2003) and her husband David Markwardt announce the birth on April 25, 2007, of their daughter, Anna Marie.

Edward L. Fink (Ph.D., 1975) continues his research on models of cognition, culture, and communication in the Department of Communication at the University of Maryland. In March of 2007, Fink was a visiting scholar at the Depauw University 33rd annual undergraduate honors conference. He was recently selected to be the 2008 Wayne N. Thompson Lecturer at Western Illinois University.

Theresa (Leopold) Fish (M.S. 1993) teaches sociology at Lake Superior College in Duluth, Minnesota.

Dana Fisher (Ph.D. 2001) has been promoted to Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology, Columbia University, and also this year in February welcomed a baby daughter, Margot Fisher Patton.

Beth Fussell (Ph.D. 1998) and **Scott Frickel** (Ph.D. 2000) and their 3-year-old daughter Eva have

moved to Pullman, Washington, where Beth and Scott have both taken faculty positions in the Sociology Department of Washington State University. They had been at Tulane in New Orleans.

Paul Gellert (Ph.D. 1998) has taken a new position as Assistant Professor in Sociology at the University of Tennessee.

Virginia Teas Gill (Ph.D. 1995), Associate Professor of Sociology at Illinois State University, Normal, was last year elected co-chair of the American Sociological Association Section on Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis. She also received the Illinois State University Outstanding College Teacher Award for 2006-2007.

Jennifer Glass (Ph.D. 1983) won the 2007 Jean Jew Women's Rights Award at the University of Iowa, where she is a Professor in the Department of Sociology.

Roxane Gorbach (M.S. 1988), Assistant Professor of Nursing, UW-Madison School of Nursing, and a UW Nurse Practitioner, has started a Community Health in Mexico Program for UW nursing students. She and the students spend three weeks in Mexico during May and June.

Heidi Gottfried (Ph.D. 1987), Associate Professor of Sociology at Wayne State University in Detroit, recently spent three months as a Guest Professor at the Institute for Gender Studies, Ochanomizu University in Tokyo, where she delivered several public lectures

on the topic of gender, work and politics. She has collaborated with another UW-Madison Sociology graduate, **Karen Shire** (Ph.D. 1990) on an international project called GLOW (Globalization, Gender and Work Transformation). Karen lives and works in Germany.

Wava Haney (Ph.D. 1972), currently the Professional Development Coordinator for UW Colleges, was the recipient of the 2006 George Floro Award for Outstanding Service to the Discipline by the Wisconsin Sociological Association. She retired in 2005 as a professor of Sociology in the UW Colleges and the Interim Associate Vice Chancellor of the UW Colleges.

Elizabeth Hoffmann (Ph.D. 2001) has been promoted to Associate Professor at Purdue University. She and husband Robert Noll were (at the time of this writing) expecting the July 2007 birth of their first child, Emily Anne.

Daniel Kleinman (Ph.D. 1992), Professor in the Department of Rural Sociology, UW-Madison, is—as of July 1—the new director of the Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies at the University of Wisconsin. Also, he is chair elect of the ASA Science, Knowledge and Technology section.

Chuck Kleymeyer (Ph.D. 1973) is a Senior Fellow at the Center for the Support of Native Lands, the director of the International Program for Food

for All, and the Board Chair of the Friends Wilderness Center, an environmental preserve and spiritual retreat center near Harpers Ferry, West Virginia.

Sandra Levitsky (Ph.D. 2006) is the winner of the Law and Society Association's 2007 Dissertation Prize, for her study "Private Dilemmas of Public Provision: The Formation of Political Demand for State Entitlements to Long-Term Care." The award will be presented at the Association's Annual Meeting, in Berlin, Germany, at the end of July. Sandra is a Research Associate in the Department of Sociology, University of Michigan—Ann Arbor.

Susan Mannon (Ph.D. 2003) was married this summer to Bart McDermott, a wildlife biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Susie is an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Anthropology, Utah State University, Logan, Utah.

Michael P. Massagli (Ph.D. 1984) has joined a new e-health company, PatientsLikeMe Inc., in Cambridge, MA, as a researcher. The company is using the power of the Internet to improve outcomes in patients with chronic conditions.

Alair McLean (Ph.D. 2004) has taken a position as Assistant Professor in the Sociology Department of Washington State University, Vancouver.

Eleanor Scott Meyers (Ph.D. 1985) has retired and is living in Claremont, California, where she has taken up painting and has begun to win some awards for her art work. Her new vocation is displayed at www.esmeyers.com.

William Minter (Ph.D. 1973), a free-lance scholar and consultant since 1982, edits the email and Web publication *Africa Focus Bulletin* (<http://www.africafocus.org>), with commentary and analysis on current African issues. His latest book, coedited with Gail Hovey and Charles Cobb Jr has a foreword by Nelson Mandela. Minter is also a consultant for the new Aluka Digital Library (<http://www.aluka.org>).

Roberta Riportella (Ph.D. 1985), Associate Professor in the UW School of Human Ecology Department of Consumer Science and a health policy specialist with UW-Extension, is the statewide leader of *Covering Kids and Family*, a project which is receiving \$1.6 million in grants and federal outreach monies to increase enrollment in Wisconsin's Family Medicaid program.

Jeffrey S. Rothstein (Ph.D. 2005) has accepted a new position at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan. And there is a new baby in the family, joining Jeff, Anne, and son Elliot. Simon was born on March 20, 2007.

Mimi Schippers (Ph.D. 1997) has been promoted to associate professor at Tulane University.

Pamela Smock (Ph.D. 1992), Professor of Sociology and Women's Studies and Research Professor of the Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, has recently added an administrative title—Associate Vice President for Research-Social Sciences and Humanities. She has been elected to the ASA Population Section Council and is finishing a term as Chair of ASA's Family Section.

Michael Spittel (Ph.D. 2004), a staff member in the Demographic and Behavioral Sciences Branch of NICHD, and his wife Mary Beth announce the April 27, 2007, birth of daughter Makaia Susannah Parsons Spittel.

Kristen Springer (Ph.D. 2006) has received the 2007 ASA Roberta G. Simmons Outstanding Dissertation in Medical Sociology Award. Eligible candidates for this award must have defended their doctoral dissertations within the two academic years prior to the annual meeting at which the award is made. Kristen is on the faculty at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

Kelley D Strawn (Ph.D. 2005), Assistant Professor of Sociology at Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, now has two sons, Ian (5) and Owen (1).

Daniel Sullivan (Ph.D. 2000) has been promoted to Associate Professor of Sociology at Portland State University (Oregon)

Susan J. Walsh (M.S. 1984) is a TDS Business Sales & Service Advisor in Middleton, Wisconsin. She lives in Oregon, Wisconsin, and is an avid horsewoman, competing in area shows.

Josh Whitford (Ph.D. 2003), assistant professor in the Columbia University Sociology Department, has been named a Sloan Industry Studies Fellow. The two-year award from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation recognizes outstanding young scholars for their exceptional promise to contribute to the advancement of knowledge, as well as to U.S. industrial development and economic competitiveness.

Spencer Wood (Ph.D. 2006), Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas, announced that he and his wife Kit have a second son, Jack Taylor Wood, born June 28, 2007.

James Wright (Ph.D. 1973) is the Provost's Distinguished Research Professor in Sociology at the University of Central Florida. He also directs the UCF Institute for Social and Behavioral Sciences and is editor in chief of the journal *Social Science Research*.

David Yamane (Ph.D. 1998), Assistant Professor of Sociology at Wake Forest University and Editor of *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*, has won the "Kulynych Family Omicron Delta Kappa Award for Outstanding Contribution to Student Life" at Wake Forest University.

Kathrin Zippel (Ph.D. 2000) has been promoted to Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Northeastern University in Boston. During her sabbatical 2007/2008, she will be a Visiting Scholar at the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge. Kathrin Zippel's book, *The Politics of Sexual Harassment: A Comparative Study of the United States, the European Union and Germany*, is the co-winner of the Victoria Schuck Award of the American Political Science Association for the best book published the previous year on women and politics.

Wisconsin Activities and Awards

Flavia Andrade was awarded the BSS (Behavioral and Social Sciences Section) Student Research Pre-Dissertation Award by the Gerontological Society of America.

Nadia Assad won the Graduate Student Mentor Award.

Matthew Desmond won the James D. Thompson Award from the ASA's Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work. The James D. Thompson Award is given for an outstanding graduate student paper written in the three years prior to the award. He also was awarded the Harvey Fellowship.

Myra Marx Ferree and **Christina Ewig** (political science) received a three year grant from

the International Institute to support their research circle called TARGET (Transnational Applied Research in Gender Equity Training).

Lewis Friedland won a FastTrack Small Business Innovation Research award from the Department of Education for the development of Youth Map, a social capital mapping program for use in American schools. He also received a Baldwin Wisconsin Idea Endowment grant for the modeling and development of information commons in three Wisconsin cities.

Jess Gilbert will serve as president of two professional associations during 2007-08: the Agricultural History Society and the Rural Sociological Society. His theme for the 2008 RSS meeting is "Rural Sociology as Public Sociology."

Sara Goldrick-Rab was awarded a 2006-2007 National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation postdoctoral fellowship. Her book *Putting Poor People to Work* (Russell Sage 2006) was a finalist for the C. Wright Mills award given by the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

The committee for the Evaluation and Improvement of Instruction presented the 2007 Awards for Excellence in Teaching to Professor **Michel Guillot**, Lecturer **Erik Schneiderhan**, and Teaching Assistant **Kate McCoy**.

Tod Van Gunten received a Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship from the Social Science

Research Council and a Holtz Graduate Scholars Summer Fellowship from the Robert F. and Jean E. Holtz Center.

Chad Goldberg was awarded a \$2,000 research fellowship from New York University's Center for the United States and the Cold War last summer. The George L. Mosse Program in History at the University of Wisconsin has appointed him the George L. Mosse Exchange Professor at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel, for the Spring 2008 semester.

Brent Z. Kaup received a Social Science Research Council (SSRC) International Doctoral Research Fellowship (IDRF), a National Science Foundation (NSF) Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SBE) Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, and a Fulbright Institute of International Education (IIE) Grant to pursue his dissertation research examining natural gas extraction in Bolivia. He has also been awarded the Rural Sociological Society (RSS) Natural Resources Research Group Graduate Student Paper Award for his manuscript "Negotiating with 'Nature': Neoliberal Cracks and the Constraints of Natural Gas in Bolivia."

Doug Maynard was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Helsinki from August through December of 2006. He and Jeremy Freese, Nora Cate Schaeffer won an NSF grant (2006-2008) for a study entitled "Recruiting Respondents to the Survey Interview." Doug Maynard also

published a book, *Practicing Medicine: Interaction between Primary Care Physicians and Patients* (Cambridge University Press, 2006), with John Heritage (UCLA).

Mary McEniry received NIA funding through a K-25 award for her research project “Early Life Influences on Elderly Health in the Developing World.”

James Raymo and **Robert Hauser** received NSF funding for their research project “Life Course Trajectories and the Retirement Process.”

Amy Quark has won the Canadian Federation of University Women Dr. Margaret Mead Doctoral Fellowship and a Wisconsin Distinguished Graduate Fellowship.

Elizabeth Wrigley-Field has won a graduate fellowship from the National Science Foundation.

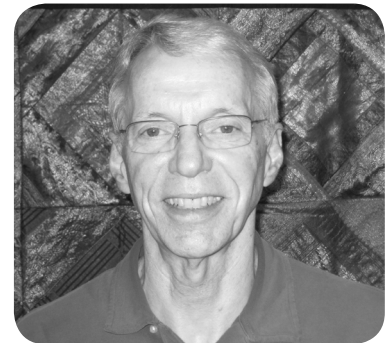
Incoming Chair and Associate Chair

The Department of Sociology has elected Conway-Bascom Professor **Douglas Maynard** to be the next chair of the Department of Sociology. Maynard brings a great deal of experience to the job. Most recently, he served as Director of Graduate Studies. As DGS, he provided strong leadership in enhancing the recruitment and retention of underrepresented

minorities to the graduate program. He has played a central role in building and maintaining the Social Psychology and Micro-Sociology graduate training program and served on the steering committee of the Robert and Jean Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies. The Department faces significant challenges as the University continues to struggle with deep budget cuts and competitive pressures. Nevertheless, Maynard is optimistic about the future of the department. “Our sociology department has an exceptional tradition of excellence in every aspect of the profession—research, teaching, and service. Currently, we are being challenged as never before to maintain this excellence but I have tremendous confidence in our faculty, staff, students, and alumni. A reason for this confidence is the culture of the department, which, like its excellence, is unsurpassed in quality. However, we need a continued infusion of hard work and support from everyone concerned.”

After earning his PhD at UC Santa Barbara, Maynard began his career at the University of Wisconsin 1979-1992, spent eight years at Indiana University, and returned to Wisconsin in 2000. Maynard is an internationally-recognized expert on ethnomethodology and conversation analysis. That is, he studies the practices that participants employ together using their bodies and their talk to assemble features of the social scenes they inhabit. Currently, he is collaborating with Professor

Mustafa Emirbayer on a theoretical project concerned with the relationship between pragmatism and ethnomethodology. Over the course of his career, he has studied the structures of topical talk, disputes among children, plea bargains and jury deliberations, interviews in educational and survey settings, medical encounters, and many other social arenas. One long line of research involves “bad” and “good” news as it is delivered and received in a variety of ordinary and more specialized settings, especially medicine when physicians and patients deal with diagnostic findings. Maynard’s



work has provided a basis for suggesting to physicians better ways of communicating with patients. Another long-time project, in collaboration with Prof. Nora Cate Schaeffer, has focused on the conversational processes in survey interviews. This research speaks to the sociology of (social) science and technology but again has had practical impact in helping survey researchers understand how the “rules” of conversation can help or hinder the administration of surveys. Maynard is the author of four books and dozens of articles published in top journals; he has won many major grants to support his research, including a recent

NSF grant to support research on recruitment to the survey interview. This research is collaborative with Prof. Schaeffer and Prof. Jeremy Freese and was made possible because Prof. Bob Hauser and co-investigators decided to record the 2004 interviews for the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study digitally. Maynard is recognized as a committed and engaged mentor and teacher at Wisconsin: the Wisconsin Department of Sociology has given him a citation for excellence in teaching and he twice won teaching excellence recognition awards at Indiana.

Associate Professor **M. Giovanna Merli** will serve as associate chair. Like many of our younger faculty, Merli is a true internationalist. An Italian by

birth, Merli majored in East Asian Languages And Literatures at the University of Venice and then did a master's in international studies at Johns Hopkins before moving to The University of Pennsylvania where she earned her PhD in



demography. Merli has published highly regarded articles on the social impact of war in Vietnam and the impact of birth planning policies on the collection of birth and death statistics in China. She

is especially known for her ability to move between elegant cutting-edge statistical and demographic models and qualitative case study and interview materials. Her current work focuses on the behavioral and social determinants of HIV/AIDS, with a major NIH-funded project to collect sexual behavior and sexual networks data in Shanghai, China and to test models for the sexual transmission of HIV/AIDS in China. Apart from her service to Sociology and the Center for Demography and Ecology, Merli has been a major contributor to teaching and programming for East Asian Studies. The associate chair coordinates teaching assistant appointments and room assignments, and chairs the assistant professor hiring committee.

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