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Letter from the chair

The 2006-07 academic year was a busy and exciting time for the department, and a year of great change on our faculty. On the “down side,” we lost two valued members. Ranae Evenson, who joined us in the fall of 2006, was offered and accepted a position at Wartburg College, near her home and family in northern Iowa. And Jenny Van Hook, who has been with us since 1999, accepted an associate professorship in the Department of Sociology at The Pennsylvania State University. We will miss them both, and wish them the best in their new positions. We particularly want to thank Jenny for her many contributions over the years.

On the positive side, we have four new faculty members joining us in the fall. Danielle Payne, who specializes in criminology and deviant behavior, is completing her Ph.D. this summer at Ohio State and will be teaching *Deviance and Social Control* this fall semester. She will be a great addition to our criminology faculty.

Our other three new members all come to us with prior experience on the faculties of major universities, and truly impressive records of research and teaching. Catherine Kenney is a demographer who received her Ph.D. from Princeton in 2002; she has been on the faculty at the University of Illinois since that time. Kara Joyner earned her doctorate from the University of Chicago in 1997, and most recently was an associate professor at Cornell. She is a demographer who will fill our position in the sociology of adolescence, funded by a “research enhancement initiative” grant from the university. Finally, Ray Swisher,

whose degree is from the University of North Carolina in 1999, was also on the faculty at Cornell. He specializes in both family and criminology, and will be our first faculty member to work in those two areas.

Clearly we had an amazingly successful recruiting year. Our search committees worked very hard, and we really appreciate their efforts. We also appreciate the confidence our administration has shown in us by providing the positions we needed for constructive growth. But most of all we’re delighted that we are the kind of program that can attract such outstanding faculty members who want to be part of the BGSU team. Our students will benefit from their skills and expertise for many years to come.

Our continuing faculty also accumulated many honors. Peggy Giordano, our Distinguished Research Professor, was named a Fellow of the American Society of Criminology. At the local level, the BGSU Graduate Students Senate named Laura Sanchez the Outstanding Contributor to Graduate Education (Susan Brown was also a nominee). The GSS also honored our doctoral student, Nola du Toit, as the Outstanding International Student at BGSU (Sayaka Kawamura was a nominee as well).

Our undergraduate program experienced some changes this year. We added three courses (SOC 301, “Social Psychology;” SOC 312, “Population and Society;” and SOC 340, “Deviance and Social Control”) to the list of courses that satisfy social science requirements for BG Perspectives. This means that

the introductory course in each of our four departmental specialties is a BG Perspectives course (SOC 361, “The Family,” was already on the list). In addition, we are now requiring our introductory course in sociological theory (SOC 302) for majors. This will better prepare our students to deal with sociological material and take a sociological perspective on social issues. And it will allow us to reactivate our chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, the national sociological honorary society.

Our graduate program is also in excellent shape. We have evolved from a program with a substantial majority of master’s students to one with approximately two-thirds doctoral students. We have done this primarily by improving the “conversion rate” from the M.A. to the Ph.D. program; in other words, more of our master’s graduates are continuing on for the doctorate. This has allowed us to make some critical changes in the early stages of the graduate program. Entering master’s students now take courses only in theory, methods, and statistics in their first semester, and are thus better prepared for seminars in their substantive specialties.

Overall we had a very good year. With our outstanding new faculty, our eminently successful continuing faculty, and our excellent students, we are optimistic about the future.

Gary R. Lee
Professor and Chair



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AWARDS & BIG EVENTS

Giordano, Longmore and Manning Study the Secret Love Lives of Teenage Boys

Congratulations to Peggy Giordano, Wendy Manning and Monica Longmore whose research on the romantic relationships of teenage boys has been featured in both scholarly journals and the popular press! While conducting research as part of their Toledo Adolescent Research Study (TARS), they began noticing that their interview data on boys' attitudes toward their girlfriends didn't match common sense notions of male toughness and emotional aloofness. The result was an article entitled "Gender and the Meanings of Adolescent Romantic Relationships: A Focus on Boys" published in *American Sociological Review* in April 2006 which reported, based on structured interviews with over 1300 adolescents, that boys had similar levels of emotional engagement in their relationships as did girls while girls had greater power and influence over the course of the

relationship. The result of this groundbreaking and unexpected finding was a *Time Magazine* two-page story spread in August 2006. "What was cool about

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MONICA LONGMORE

this story was that it was about our own research" said Wendy Manning. "It is rare to have a news story on a specific research report." Or as Monica Longmore put it "We thought we'd be part of a larger story, we had no idea that the article was just on us".

This news story did not go unnoticed among young boys themselves. Peggy Giordano has received a number of heartfelt emails from boys agreeing with her assessment of their emotional lives. Could this be a new student recruitment tool for Bowling Green State University? One set of parents who saw the *Time Magazine* story said that it made them proud and excited that their son would be attending BGSU!

This summer, this groundbreaking research team is finishing up the fourth wave of data collection for the Toledo Adolescent Research Study and the last wave of qualitative data collection as well. As their subjects move into adulthood, the research team is excited about a new line of research exploring transitions into adulthood. How do individuals' past adolescent relationships affect the formation of relationships into adulthood? Stay tuned!

Susan Brown Earns 2006 Outstanding Young Scholar Award

Susan Brown's prolific research on cohabitation earned her this year's BGSU Outstanding Young Scholar Award, a major recognition of her early-career significant, lasting achievements to research. In 2003, Susan received a 5-year Mentored Research Scientist Development Award from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development for her research on "Children's Developmental Outcomes in Cohabiting Unions." The numerous publications resulting from this award address what she finds as deficits in academic, psychological, behavioral, and economic outcomes for children in cohabiting as compared to married families. She adds to this research as well with another grant earned with Professor Lee which addresses well-being among older

cohabitators. She currently has moved her quantitative family demographic work forward by embarking on qualitative research to explore cohabiting families' and children's well-being. Her nominators for the Outstanding Young Scholar Award were Professor Wendy Manning, Director of the Center for Family and Demographic Research, and our departmental chair, Professor Gary Lee. Wendy notes in her letter that Susan's projects make "significant and innovative contributions to our understanding of children's well-being in the United States." Gary writes that Susan's work on cohabitation and children is "widely known, there is no doubt that she is already among the nation's leading experts. She has a wonderful national reputation. Her work on cohabitation has broken new ground."

Adolescents in Social Contexts

The CFDR hosted a symposium on April 20th, 2006, *Adolescents in Social Contexts*. We invited four leading adolescent scholars from different disciplinary perspectives. Jacquie Eccles is a psychologist and one of the leading and well-recognized researchers on adolescent development. She presented work on race and ethnicity as contexts for adolescent development. Ron Simons of the University of Georgia shared work on the psychological processes that mediate the impact of parental and community factors on the risk of delinquency. Rob Crosnoe of the University of Texas showcased his work on the role of peers in adolescent development. Peggy Giordano of BGSU presented findings on romantic relationship as a context for adolescent development. We extended the impact of the workshop by inviting faculty and students from the surrounding area to attend and participate.

After the Waters Recede: Life in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina

The CFDR and Sociology co-hosted, along with many other departments and units on campus, a week-long (March 19th-23rd, 2007) follow-up symposium on the effects of Hurricane Katrina on Gulf Coast residents and the dynamics of recovery. Mark Van Landingham, a health demographer from Tulane University's International Health and Development Department, presented his longitudinal research on the before and after effects of Katrina on low-income immigrants in New Orleans. Janet Krane, Vice President of Physician Development and Operations at Tulane University Hospital, provided unique insights about disaster and

response by hospitals and health care managers. Both graduate and undergraduate students across

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campus also held events, with the Sociology Graduate students holding a "Bringing Katrina into the Curriculum" workshop for graduate students and faculty.

Restorative Justice: Theory, Practice and Policy

On April 13, 2007, the BGSU Sociology Department in conjunction with the Social Philosophy and Policy Center, the Criminal Justice Program and the College of Arts and Sciences hosted a

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conference entitled "Restorative Justice: Theory, Practice and Policy". Restorative justice includes exciting new programs like victim-offender mediation, family group conferencing, victim assistance and others that bring the victim, offender and the community to work together to overcome the harm caused by the

criminal act. Speakers included Gordon Bazemore, professor of criminology and criminal justice at Florida Atlantic University, Karin Ho, administrator of the Office of Victim Services in the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, and Barb Toews, a restorative justice practitioner and trainer who works with incarcerated individuals in Pennsylvania.

How successful is restorative justice? As Barb Toews pointed out, achievements of restorative justice programs include increase in payment of restitution, a decrease in recidivism, and reduced costs of criminal justice. Not surprisingly, the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction is working hard to include restorative justice practices in its programs. We are not sure why restorative justice is so successful; according to Gordon Bazemore, "There is a lack of clarity regarding...why it works and there has been a lack of connection between its practice and social theory." A new research project, anyone?

● PEGGY GIORDANO

Giordano Appears on Good Morning America

Peggy Giordano was featured on Good Morning America to talk further about the social and romantic contexts of boys' first intimate experiences. After petitioning the Dean of the Graduate School for a sufficiently "serious" and "masculine" office for this interview (denizens of Williams Hall will understand), Giordano was pleased with the outcome. Interspersed with her interview were shots of boys playing basketball and enunciating the same emotions that the research had uncovered!

● WENDY MANNING

Manning Featured on MSNBC

Wendy Manning participated in a point/counterpoint forum hosted by MSNBC to discuss the decrease in numbers of married individuals in the U.S. population. In 2005, 51 percent of women said they were living without a spouse, up from 35 percent in 1950 and 49 percent in 2000. While her counterpoint voiced discomfort with the idea that people are cohabitating rather than marrying, our able colleague assured him and listeners that people are not so much rejecting marriage, Americans still marry at high rates, they are simply postponing it until later in life.

Giordano named Fellow of American Society of Criminology

Professor Peggy Giordano, our esteemed colleague and Distinguished Research Professor of Sociology, was recently the recipient of another prestigious honor. In November 2006, at the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology (ASC), Peggy was named a Fellow by the ASC. According to ASC President Gary LaFree, this honor, the highest bestowed by the society, is reserved for scholars whose work has had an impact on the

direction of criminology. LaFree, a professor of criminology and criminal justice at the University of Maryland-College Park, said there was no doubt that Peggy is one of the world's leading experts on juvenile delinquency. Peggy said that this honor stood out among the many she has received because it is an award bestowed by peers in recognition of her overall career as a scholar in the area of criminology.

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NOTABLE AWARDS

Over the past year, several colleagues earned achievements worth note. **Dr. Wendy Manning** added to her responsibilities as President of the Association of Population Centers by her election as Chair-elect of the American Sociological Association's Population Section. She will begin her duties leading the demographic and population studies membership of the ASA, beginning next year!

Aurea Osgood earned the 2006 BGSU Presidential Distinguished Service Award. This singular achievement, presented to her by President Sidney Ribeau, recognizes her unstinting service to the BGSU community, her colleagues, and her discipline. She has been a stellar example of a graduate student focused on combining a service and teaching-oriented mentality with a true appreciation of the importance of research to foster an entire career.

In her first year as a graduate student in our program, **Kristy Krivickas** earned a Phi Kappa Phi award for outstanding academic achievement. She performed well in her classes, even as she assumed teaching assistant responsibilities for a jumbo introductory sociology course as well as other courses, and as she pursued research opportunities on gender differences in well-being among newlywed couples.

Nola du Toit earned the 2007 BGSU Graduate Student Senate award for Outstanding International Student. Her significant contributions to teaching and service were major reasons for this award nomination, but Nola is also a strong graduate student researcher who currently makes significant contributions to our daily work through her work as an assistant in the Center for Family and Demographic Research.

Antwan Jones earned this year's Adamchak Award as Outstanding Demography student. This award is in memory of our Donald Adamchak and his widow, Susan Adamchak, and friend, Frank Goza, oversee its management this year. Antwan's professionalism as a young scholar developing demographic and statistical skills, as well as his activity publishing and presenting his research on race differences in health demographic outcomes earned him this recognition.

Mirchandani and Oates Receive CFDR Faculty Research Award

Rekha Mirchandani and Gary Oates received 2007 CFDR Faculty Development Awards. Mirchandani's award will support her pilot research on domestic violence courts in Portland, Oregon; Brooklyn, New York; and Ann Arbor, Michigan. One of the strongest

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testimonials to problem-solving courts is their remarkable ability to reduce recidivism in populations that typically have very high recidivism rates

(i.e., drug offenders, domestic violence offenders and offenders with mental health problems). This research will ask whether the courts' effectiveness stems from the ways they widen the net of social control *top down* over offenders or whether the success of the courts is a result of the ways in which they empower offenders *bottom up*, returning to them a dignity and an agency that helps prevent offense. She will use the results of her pilot research to put together a research proposal to NSF's Law and Social Sciences Program in January 2008.

Oates' award will enable him to develop a framework for merging substantive complexity of work data from the *National Survey of American Life (NSAL)* with data from the *Dictionary of Occupational Titles*. Substantive complexity is the pre-eminent dimension of occupational self-direction and denotes the exercise of initiative, thought, and independent

judgment at work. The merged data set will permit Oates to assess variation across the NSAL's unique racial/ethnic

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sub-samples in the relationship between occupational self-direction and the impressive range of intellectual and non-intellectual aspects of psychological functioning that the survey gauges.

• **Brown and Salmons** Get Research Funds

Jennifer Brown and **Christine Flanigan** were the proud 2006 co-recipients of a \$5,000 grant from the Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation, Law, and Public Policy at the UCLA School of Law. Brown used her funding to conduct research, using the TARS data, on how support from friends and parents might mediate the relationship between minority status and drug use. Flanigan's research focuses on what being in a heterosexual relationship means for students who identify as gay, lesbian, or bisexual.

So far, Flanigan has found that sexual minority youth do not experience heterosexual relationships any differently than do their peers. She plans to present her findings at the next conference of the American Public Health Association. Graduate students stay tuned: this award to support research projects designed to inform legal and public policy issues that affect lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) populations is annual. More information is available at <http://www.trans-academics.org/node/126>.

Manning Earns Evaluation Funds

Professor Wendy Manning earned an evaluation grant for a project entitled "Healthy Marriages, Healthy Relationships." This project uses her considerable talents as a qualitative demographer to evaluate a Michigan-based outreach intervention counseling and education program aimed at enhancing relationship quality among low-income cohabitators. This extends her many contributions to basic research on the well-being and quality of cohabiting relationships, by extending her investigations in applied policy-oriented directions.

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FEATURE NEWS

Stephen Cernkovich and Peggy Giordano have Banner Year in Criminology

Criminology is among the very top journal in sociology and criminology, making it a very competitive venue for research. However, our own top criminology scholars not only routinely publish in its pages, this year they had the unusual achievement of appearing in two separate articles in the February 2007 issue! Professors Stephen Cernkovich and Peggy Giordano appear in two articles entitled, "Delinquent Behavior, Official Delinquency, and Gender: Consequences for

Adulthood Functioning and Well-Being," and "Drug Use and Desistance Processes." The former article is co-authored with Steve's friend and collaborator, Nadine Lanctôt, a Canadian criminologist, and the latter article has a former graduate student from our own program as lead author, Ryan D. Schroeder. Ryan currently is an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Louisville. Peggy, Ryan, and Steve also added to this banner year by

publishing together in *American Journal of Sociology*, a singular achievement in itself!

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Sociology Faculty on Sabbatical

During the 2006-07 academic year Frank Goza, Joe Jacoby and Jenny Van Hook were on sabbatical. Goza was on sabbatical during the fall semester. During this time, he was promoted to full professor and he also submitted three major external grants. One of these was submitted to NICHD to acquire funds to enable him to continue collecting data from Somali refugees in Columbus and Toronto, two populations he has examined for the past three years. He also developed several papers on Somali refugees, Brazilian immigrants and minority educational stratification for publication.

Jacoby was on sabbatical during the spring semester. During this time he finished data analysis and writing on a long-term project that tracks TV and newspaper reports of executions performed throughout the U.S. from 1977 through 2003. This project culminated in a publication submission coauthored with one current Sociology BGSU Sociology graduate student (Andrew Wilczak) and four former graduate students (Eric Bronson, Deitra Suter, Qiang Xu, and Sean Rosenmerkel), all of whom were involved in various stages of data collection, analysis, and report writing.

Van Hook used her time to work on a new project examining obesity among young children of immigrants. The work

was funded by the Foundation for Child Development. As she develops her papers for publication, Jenny indicated that the most challenging part of her sabbatical was figuring out how to publish in the public health journals as their style and approach is quite different from what she--as a sociologist and demographer--is used to.

During the 2007-08 academic year Steve Demuth and I-Fen Lin will be on leave. Demuth plans to engage in a focused study of the impact of defendant citizenship status and race/ethnicity on case outcomes in the U.S. federal courts. He hopes to write a research grant proposal to the National Science Foundation that examines the treatment of white, black, and Hispanic citizens and non-citizens at the pretrial, adjudication, and sentencing stages and to develop several manuscripts for publication consideration. He will work primarily in Bowling Green, but will also travel to Penn State to collaborate with Darrell Steffensmeier.

I-Fen will spend the next year in southern California and be based out of the Sociology department and the California Center for Population Research at UCLA. During this time she plans to continue her research on parent-child relationships across the life span.

DeMaris Busy Developing New Courses

During the 2006 summer Al taught Experimental Design and Analysis for the first time. Then in August he was invited to teach a workshop in Categorical Data Analysis at the ICPSR in Ann Arbor. This is one of the ICPSR's track-3, or highest-level, statistics classes for social scientists. It was taught as a 4-week course meeting 2 hours a day Monday through Friday, with his Wiley text as the required book. During the Spring 2007 semester he prepared a new course for our quantitative methods minors: Longitudinal Data Analysis, consisting of simple panel data methods (1st third of course) such as fixed- and random-effects models for unmeasured heterogeneity, and growth-curve analysis (last 2/3 of course) using the linear mixed-effects model. The latter topic will also be the subject of the four-day workshop he will conduct for CFDR this summer (July 30 - August 2), entitled: "Growth-Curve Analysis using SAS." He is also presently working on his grant, with Annette Mahoney and Ken Pargament from the Psychology Department, titled "Through a Sacred Lens: Creating New Spiritual Knowledge About Marriage, Pregnancy, and the Transition to Parenthood."

Jorge Chavez on Domestic Violence Offender Variations

Is it possible that although we talk about domestic violence offenders as a population, there is actually more than one type of domestic violence offender? This is the question that Jorge Chavez, along with two former colleagues from NCOVR, is exploring. The three researchers were able to get access to a first time domestic violence offenders' program in Tampa, Florida where they surveyed more than 200 participants on their self-perceptions, their experiences with corporal punishment and their neighborhood contexts.

Using this data, they are working to track variations among domestic violence offenders, usually considered a unitary population, in terms of severity and type of crime. Could there be more than one kind of domestic violence offender? Undergraduate and graduate students will no doubt be discussing this issue, along with many others, in Jorge Chavez's new class entitled Sociological Perspectives on Intimate Violence to be held Fall and Spring 2007-8.

Brown becomes Associate Director of the CFDR

Susan Brown became Associate Director of the Center for Family and Demographic Research on July 1, 2006. Her main duties in this position include organizing the weekly seminar series, reviewing faculty development applications, and helping to plan CFDR symposia. She also serves on the CFDR Executive Committee and assists the Director with various administrative and planning issues. She will continue in this position during the 2007-08 academic year.

PROGRAM REVIEW

Gary R. Lee

In 2006-07 the department went through its second round of "program review." The first was in 1999-2000. This is a process by means of which the department takes stock of itself and its programs, assesses its strengths and weaknesses, and makes plans for its future. It involves writing a thorough and **comprehensive self-study**, bringing in consultants from other institutions, and scrutiny by an internal committee made up of outstanding faculty from across the university. The recommendations of the external and internal reviewers are thoroughly examined by our administration, and plans are devised to improve instructional and research programs.

Our external reviewers this year were Bob Crutchfield from the University of Washington and Alan Booth from Pennsylvania State University. Alan was also a reviewer in 1999-2000, so had

a unique perspective on changes in the department since that time. Their conclusions were very **positive and encouraging**. Their summary stated, in part:

"Over the seven year period the Department has changed substantially. Now the Department of Sociology has all of the qualities of a Ph.D. granting department one would find in a university two or three times the size of Bowling Green. The majority of senior faculty members have national reputations as scholars in their respective fields of study. The Department has an impressive grant portfolio. It is one of 18 universities that obtained funding from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) to support a population research center. In just a few years the Department has achieved national recognition as an important training and research organization.

The potential for continued development is excellent."

While we are gratified by the positive review, which was echoed by the university's committee, both the external and internal reviewers pointed to **some weaknesses** that need to be addressed. These include, most prominently, the addition of faculty in demography and social psychology, improvement of graduate student stipend levels, and a more thorough and comprehensive assessment of undergraduate student learning. With the assistance of our administration, we are working hard on all three issues. We expect to report substantial progress on each by next year's newsletter.

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NEW FACULTY



**Kara
Joyner**

Kara Joyner will be joining the BGSU Sociology faculty this fall as an associate professor. She is currently associate professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management at Cornell

University and received her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. Her research focuses on the formation and dynamics of friendships and sexual relationships as well as the influence of social relationships on well-being. She is well known for her recent work on adolescent relationships and teenage interracial friendships. Kara's research and teaching interests fit well with our department's specializations in demography, family, and social psychology and the Center for Family and Demographic emphasis on adolescent development and emerging

adulthood. She has an excellent research record and has published in leading journals, such as *American Sociological Review*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *American Journal of Public Health*, and *Journal of Marriage and Family*. In addition, she is the principal investigator on a NIH grant studying the timing and circumstances of the transition to fatherhood. We are also looking forward to her role in the classroom. She will teach undergraduate Population and Society this fall and the graduate Demographic Techniques course in the spring.



**Ray
Swisher**

Ray Swisher will join the department as an associate professor. Currently, he is an assistant professor in the department of policy analysis and management at Cornell University. Ray received his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and completed a National Consortium on Violence Research postdoc. His research revolves around an interest in the unequal distribution of life chances

in society, broadly defined to include both socioeconomic attainments and psychological well-being. Ray received NIH funding to construct a contextual dataset that provides information about the neighborhoods, counties, and state policy contexts in which respondents from the National Longitudinal Survey of Adolescent Health are embedded at wave III. Another research project involves an examination of the risk factors associated with father's involvement with their children (with Maureen Waller) in the Fragile Families study of unmarried parents. His work is widely published, appearing in journals such as *Social Problems*, *Family Relations*, *Rural Sociology*, and *Journal of Marriage and Family*. In the fall, Ray will be teaching sections of Introductory Statistics and Introduction to Sociology.

CRIMINOLOGY HIRE



**Danielle
Payne**

Danielle Payne will join the department this fall as an assistant professor. She is currently a doctoral candidate in the department of sociology at the Ohio State University and expects to complete her Ph.D. in July 2007. Danielle's areas of interest include racial and ethnic differences in crime, the influence of peer networks on delinquency, and the relationship between social capital and delinquency in urban, suburban, and rural areas. Her work has appeared in *Criminology* and the *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*.



**Catherine
Kenney**

Katie Kenney will join the faculty as an assistant professor this fall. Since completing her Ph.D. in public affairs with a concentration in demography at Princeton in 2002, she has been on the faculty at the University of Illinois in the

departments of sociology and women's studies. As a family demographer, her research interests include cohabitation, marriage, intra-household resource allocation, and gender. She is well-known for her work on marriage timing among recent cohorts of women and is currently working with a colleague (Josh Goldstein) to extend this line of inquiry using more recent data. Her work has appeared in top journals, including the *American Sociological Review*, *Demography*, *Family Relations*, and *Gender & Society*. This fall, Katie is scheduled to teach the undergraduate Family course.

SGSA Has a Good Year

Rather than let their Student Government funding cuts get them down, the Sociology Graduate Student Association responded with two successful fundraisers. Working around the Nor'easter that blew in on Valentine's Day, the Association had a successful Valentine's Day Sale featuring flowers, candy and cards. Finals week saw members offering water bottles at a good price on the steps of Williams Hall. Funds collected helped fifteen students attend conferences this year including, among others, the American Sociological

Association meetings in Montreal and the Population Association of America meetings in New York. Forthcoming next year is the SGSA Cookbook featuring, among other recipes, Wendy Manning's jambalaya, Meredith Porter's taco dip and Martha Mazzarella's chocolate-orange pots de crème. 2006-7 officers Mim Northcutt, Daphne Lofquist, Angelika Gulbis, and Liz Baker will be succeeded by Kristi Salmons, Krista Payne-Westrick, Jess Cohen, and Gretchen Lamb.

Student Publications

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Brown, Susan L. and Jennifer Roebuck Bulanda. "Relationship Violence in Early Adulthood: A Comparison of Daters, Cohabiters, and Marrieds." *Social Science Research* (forthcoming)

Buelow, Victoria and Jennifer Van Hook. 2007. "Timely Immunization Series Completion Among Children of Immigrants." Conditionally accepted in *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*.

Bulanda, Jennifer Roebuck and Susan L. Brown. "Race-Ethnic Differences in Marital Quality and Divorce." *Social Science Research* (forthcoming)

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Van Hook, Jennifer and Kelly Stamper Balistreri. 2006. "Ineligible Parents, Eligible Children: Food Stamps Receipt, Allotments and Food Insecurity among Children of Immigrants." *Social Science Research* 35(1): 228-251.

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GRADUATES 2006-2007

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Miriam Northcutt May 2006, (Oates, Criminology)

Weiwei Zhang May 2006, (Van Hook, Applied Demography)

Elizabeth Baker December 2006, (Sanchez, Demography)

Sayaka Kawamura December 2006, (Brown, Family)

Lauren Rinelli December 2006, (Brown, Family Demography)

Patrick Seffrin December 2006, (Demuth, Criminology)

Tia Stevens December 2006, (Jacoby, Criminology)

Krista Payne December 2006, (Lee, Social Psychology)

Antwan Jones May 2007, (Goza, Demography)

Jennifer Brown August 2007, (Giordano, Criminology)

Stacey Brumbaugh August 2007, (Longmore, Social Psychology)

Christine Flanigan August 2007, (Manning, Family)

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Kelly Balistreri August 2006, (Van Hook, Population Studies)

Jennifer Bulanda August 2006, (Brown, Family)

J. Scott Lewis August 2006, (Mirchandani, Social Psychology)

Qiang Xu August 2006, (Cernkovich, Criminology)

Abbey Fruth May 2007, (Longmore, Family)

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NEWS & NOTES

BIRTHS

Katie Kenney and **Michael Vogel** gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on May 5, 2007. Helen Foster Vogel weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 20 inches. Welcome Nellie!

Ivy Yarckow-Brown and **Matt Brown** gave birth to their first beautiful baby, Thomasina Clare on November 25, 2006. Thomasina weighed 5 pounds, 9 ounces.

Deanna Trella and **Scott Jacobson** gave birth to their own first beautiful baby on July 2nd, 2007. Vivian Lily weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

GRADUATIONS

In May 2007, **Steve** and **Judy's** daughter, Erin Rice **Cernkovich**, earned her Ph.D. in Nutritional Biochemistry from the School of Public Health and Medicine at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

In May 2007, **Tammy** and **Rich Frank's** son, Jeremiah, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education from the College of Education and Human Development. He currently works for Verizon in Cleveland, Ohio.

In May 2007, **Pat Carpenter's** daughter, Christina, and **Frank** and **Lynn Goza's** daughter, Angelica, graduated from Bowling Green High School and are currently attending Bowling Green State University.

NUPTIALS

Gary Louis St. Christopher Oates and **Juliette Andrea Potter** married on Saturday July 21, 2007 in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Gary and Naomi Lee and Monica Longmore and Ray Michum attended. Congratulations to the happy couple!

Steve and **Judy's** daughter, Abby Rice **Cernkovich**, married Chris Berg on April 4, 2007. The newlyweds happily are working on their home in Indianapolis.

DEATHS

Tammy Frank's mother, Joann Cooper, age 67 years, died on August 14th, 2006. A lovely luncheon was held at Christ-Church in Bowling Green church immediately after the memorial service.

Judy Cernkovich, age 59, died on Sunday, March 11th, 2007, after a courageous battle with cancer. Judy worked in special education and was a certified Teacher of Blind and Visually Impaired Children. For 25 years, she served children from birth to 5 years of age and their families throughout 22 counties in Northwest and Central Ohio. But, of course, she followed "her babies" throughout their lives. Judy also worked selflessly

to prepare other teachers. For 20 years, she trained personnel to work with visually impaired children for the Ohio Department of Health. She was a regular lecturer for BGSU, the University of Toledo, and Ohio State University in special education teacher training programs. Indeed, she was a valuable, beloved colleague in her field and held numerous important posts throughout her long career. She earned many honors, but recently earned significant state and national recognition for her professional excellence. She earned the 2006 Pauline M. Moor Award for outstanding practices in the service of children with visual impairments and their families, and the 2006 Itinerant Teacher Award at the Association for

Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired International Conference in Utah. Shortly before her death the Ohio Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired Executive Board honored Judy by renaming the annual AERO Educator of the Year Award the Judy Cernkovich Excellence in Education Award.

A beautiful memorial service was held at our Prout Chapel and was attended by a sea of people whose lives she had touched. She was remembered in warm, glowing, loving tribute. We condole with our Steve Cernkovich, Judy's husband of 37 years, and their two beautiful remarkable daughters, Erin and Abby.

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