

# SOCIOLOGY

## Letter from the chair

It has been another interesting year in the Department of Sociology. There have been plenty of challenges, many of which are ongoing, but plenty of successes as well.

On the success side, we are delighted to welcome **Kei Nomaguchi** to our faculty this year. Kei received her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland, and spent five years on the faculty at Northern Illinois University. She's a family sociologist with a particular interest in the work/family nexus, a great teacher, and a very productive researcher. We're thrilled to have her (and her delightful daughter Lucy) on our team, and grateful to the university for allowing us to fill a position in such difficult budgetary times.

On the other hand, we are losing four wonderful people who will be sorely missed. **Steve Cernkovich**, our longtime Director of Graduate Studies and ace criminologist, is retiring after thirty-five years on our faculty, dozens of top-tier publications, a raft of extramural research grants, and countless successful graduate students. **Martha Mazzarella**, our lecturer and Director of Undergraduate Studies who has taught and advised literally thousands of students, is also retiring. **Catherine (Katie) Kenney**, our family demographer who was with us for only three short years, is also leaving to pursue other interests, although she will continue to work with us on her research agenda. And **Pat Carpenter**, our administrative secretary who's been with us since 1976, is retiring at the end of May. There's more about each of these folks elsewhere in this newsletter, but I'll certainly miss them terribly.

We will have new people filling the administrative roles our retirees are vacating. **Steve Demuth** will be our new Director of Graduate Studies; the role will continue to be performed by a criminologist named Steve, thus minimizing confusion. We have no doubt he'll do a great job. The Director of

Undergraduate Studies job will be filled by two people, **Meredith Porter** and **Margaret Weinberger**. They have both done great work for us in our undergraduate program, and are taking on their new responsibilities with energy and enthusiasm.

Any way you look at it, we will be a smaller department next year. However, we do expect to be allowed to recruit for new faculty during the 2010-11 academic year – at least one position, and possibly two. This is exciting. Our ranks definitely need rebuilding, and it will take some years before we are back to what we consider to be full strength. But although we're stretched a bit thin, we have a highly productive faculty by any standards and we've been very successful in attracting top-quality candidates in our recent recruitment efforts. By next year at this time we should be announcing some outstanding additions to our faculty.

Speaking of new additions, as of this writing four of our doctoral students, who either have finished or soon will finish their degrees, will be new additions at other fine places. In alphabetical order, **Antwan Jones** is joining the faculty at George Washington University; Kristy Krivickas will join a growing cadre of BGSU alums at the Bureau of the Census; **Heidi Lyons** will become an assistant professor at Oakland University; and **Dani Soto** starts in the fall at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. We're delighted for each of these people, and we know they'll do well in their new positions. As always, we have another outstanding cohort of graduate students entering in the fall.

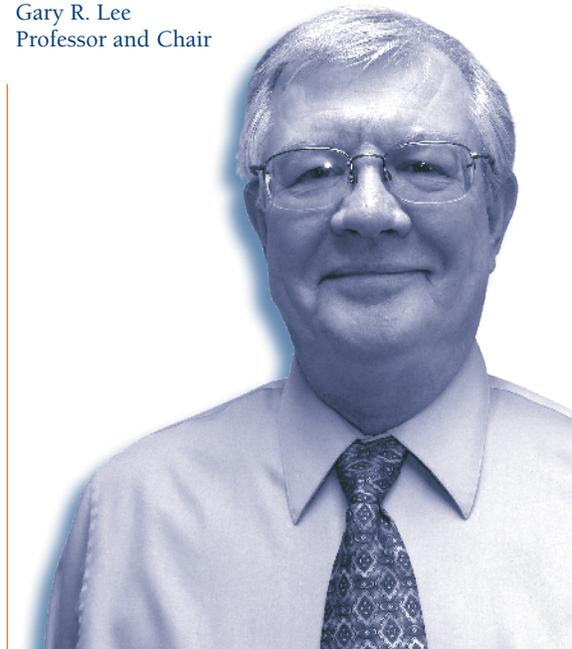
The undergraduate program is also undergoing considerable improvement. In the past several years we've added courses to the BGSU general education program, so that we now have courses in each of our four substantive areas that carry "BGExperience" credit. We have also added Introduction to

Sociological Theory as a required course for our majors. Next spring we plan to offer a new and revised version of our "Senior Seminar" capstone course as a crowning experience for our seniors; we will be finalizing the details in early fall semester.

Our two federally-funded centers have also had great years. In August of 2009, both the Center for Family and Demographic Research (CFDR) and the National Center for Family and Marriage Research (NCFMR) moved into their new home in the basement of Williams Hall. This project was years in the making, and most of the design work was done by **Wendy Manning** and **Susan Brown**. The university was very generous in supporting the costs of the renovations required. As part of the process, our graduate students (along with those in History and Political Science) benefited from remodeled space in the center of the basement where CFDR was formerly housed. The facilities are terrific; we're very proud of them, and of the people who made them possible.

Although we'll be moving forward without four people who have made this department what it is today, we're excited about the upcoming year and the challenges we'll be facing. Our classes remain full, our students continue to excel, and our research productivity continues unabated. This seems to be my annual message, and that's a very good thing.

Gary R. Lee  
Professor and Chair



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## AWARDS & BIG EVENTS

### Department Scholars Win Multiple Best Research Article Awards

Our department's Criminology scholars earned major best research article awards from our national professional association. David Maimon (The Ohio State University) and Danielle C. Kuhl (Bowling Green State University) earned the American Sociological Association Mental Health Section's best publication of the year award for their 2008 *American Sociological Review* article, "Social Control and Youth Suicidality: Situating Durkheim's Ideas in a Multilevel Framework." And Peggy C. Giordano, Ryan A. Schroeder and Stephen A. Cernkovich won the James F. Short Jr. award for outstanding article for the past two years from the American Sociological Association Crime, Law and Deviance Section for their 2007 *American Journal of Sociology* article, "Emotions and Crime over the Life Course: A Neo-Meadian Perspective on Criminal Continuity and Change."



Danielle Kuhl

### Manning Elected Vice-President of the Population Association of America

Wendy Manning was recently elected Vice-President of the Population Association of America for 2010-11. This important leadership role follows her tenure as Chair of the Population Section of the American Sociological Association, her continuing Directorship of the BGSU Center for Family and Demographic Research, and Co-Directorship (with Susan Brown) of the National Center for Family and Marriage Research.

### BGSU Earns Sociologists for Women in Society Seal of Approval

During the past year, our Sociology program earned the SWS Seal of Approval for promoting gender equity in higher education. We are among the 33% of doctoral-granting

### Gary Lee Earns Distinguished Leadership Award

Before our department chair, Gary R. Lee, earned his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Minnesota, he earned his bachelor's degree from St. Cloud University and served as an Instructor with the Department of Sociology and Anthropology from 1971-1973. His Alma Mater honored him this year with a Distinguished Leadership Award presented to him during St. Cloud's Homecoming Weekend, October 9, 2009. He was nominated by the current chair of Sociology, Linda Havir, who was a new faculty member in Dr. Lee's last year at St. Cloud. Dr. Lee's sister and cousin and their spouses and his daughter attended the award ceremony and celebration.

programs in the United States which have at least 40% of women as faculty members. In fact, we stand at 53% representation of women faculty in our Sociology Department.

### Antwan Jones Serves on Board of Trustees

In July 2008, Antwan Jones, a Ph.D. student in Sociology, was appointed by Ohio Governor Ted Strickland to a two-year term on the BGSU Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is comprised of 11 individuals who collectively oversee university policy. Jones is one of two student members. Most notably, he was instrumental in selecting Dr. Carol Cartwright as BGSU's 11th president. Active in many Toledo-area civic organizations, he has also served on the American Sociological Association's Student Advisory Board and the Society for the Study of Social Problems Board of Directors. He recently accepted an Assistant Professor position at The George Washington University.

### Lauren Rinelli's Outstanding Year

Last August, 2009, Lauren Rinelli defended her dissertation and accepted a job at Savannah State University's Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences where she currently serves on the faculty. She also was chosen in Spring 2009 as that year's winner of the Susan E. and Donald J. Adamchak Outstanding Demography Graduate Student Award.

# CFDR and NCFMR Co-Sponsor Two Major Conferences

The Center for Family and Demographic Research and the National Center for Family and Marriage Research co-sponsored two major interdisciplinary conferences this past year. The conferences attracted some of the

## Sexual and Romantic Relationships in Emerging Adulthood Symposium

- “Pathways in the Development of Romantic Relationships.” Catherine Surra, Director of the School of Human Ecology, University of Texas at Austin
- “The Tempo of Romantic and Sexual Relationship Progression.” Sharon Sassler, Associate Professor of Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University
- “Back to the Future: Speed-dating and its Contributions to the Initial Attraction Renaissance.” Paul Eastwick, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Texas A&M University

very top scholars in the areas of young adult relationships, domestic violence, and criminology, and were an excellent opportunity to highlight the strengths of the Department of Sociology and the Centers in these areas.

## Social Ties and Crime Symposium

- “Child Abuse and Neglect and Crime and Violence.” Cathy Spatz Widom, Distinguished Professor of Psychology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- “Peer and Romantic Partner Influences on Crime and Violence in Adolescence.” Dana Haynie, Professor of Sociology, The Ohio State University
- “Effects of Parental Incarceration on Children’s Antisocial Behavior through the Life Course.” Joseph Murray, Senior Research Associate, Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge

# Laura Sanchez Promoted to Full Professor

Congratulations also to Laura Sanchez on her promotion to full professor in 2009. Indeed, the 2008-2009 academic year proved to be one full of accomplishments for Sanchez, who also saw the publication of her book, *Covenant Marriage and the Movement To Reclaim Traditions*, co-authored with Steve Nock and James Wright, published by the Rutgers University Press.

The book is receiving high marks from reviewers in the *American Journal of Sociology* and the *Journal of Marriage and Family* for its thoughtful, thorough and balanced explanation of the current state of the debate over marriage in the United States and its careful analysis of the effects of one policy—the covenant marriage law in Louisiana—implemented to try to address perceived weaknesses in the institution of marriage.

In her *AJS* review, Annice Yarber of Auburn University particularly lauds the “scholarly and professional expertise”

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with which Nock, Sanchez, and Wright explain the “complex historical, social, cultural, and political landscape of family relations in the United States.” Yarber also praises the authors for the “thoughtful, in-depth, and provocative discussion of issues surrounding covenant marriages” with which the book concludes.

The *JMF* review by Alan Hawkins and Tamara Fackrell of Brigham Young University, which gives a chapter-by-chapter summary of the book, also

## Chavez Invited to Speak at John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Jorge Chavez was recently invited to the John Jay College of Criminal Justice’s Center for Race, Crime, and Justice, to present a talk titled “Neighborhood Context and Urban Violence: Examining the Role of Immigration.” He discussed findings from his ongoing research with colleague Elizabeth Griffiths. In previous published work they had identified multiple trajectories of neighborhoods following different patterns of change in crime between 1980 and 1995. In their most recent work, they challenge public misconceptions regarding the connection between immigration and crime. Contrary to public stereotypes, they find that the largest increases in immigration occurred in the safest neighborhoods. Moreover, this was most true for neighborhoods receiving an influx of new immigrants, not just those with larger foreign-born populations.

In related research, recently published in the *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, Chavez examined factors associated with state variation in restrictive immigration policy. He found that restrictive, anti-immigration policies were most likely to be enacted by state legislatures with more conservative ideologies. Restrictive immigration policy was unrelated to changes in immigration or crime at the state level.

commends Nock, Sanchez and Wright for providing an “accessible chronicle of a unique marriage and divorce policy experiment,” and for the “balanced critique” they provide of the public debate over covenant marriage legislation.

In addition to her continued research on the effects of covenant marriage, Sanchez is keeping busy with her growing menagerie of horses, dog, cats, and chickens, and with her new position as a member of the Elections Council of the National Council on Family Relations.

## Susan Brown Promoted to Full Professor

Congratulations to Susan Brown on her promotion to full professor in 2009. Never one to rest on her laurels, though, Brown prefers to focus on the future, and in particular her successful efforts to augment the funding and activities of the National Center for Family and Marriage Research (NCFMR), of which she is Co-Director.

Brown and her fellow Co-Director, Wendy Manning, succeeded in winning a one-year supplement to the funding for the NCFMR to support research on African American marital and family stability. The funds from this supplement allowed the NCFMR to fund four proposals (\$20,000 per award) to support innovative research that contributes to theoretical, conceptual, methodological, or empirical developments about African American marriage and families (see the NCFMR web site for a list of funded projects). The research that emerges from these projects can be translated to a broad audience, including policymakers, practitioners, and educators.

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In addition to the tenure and promotion committee and federal funders, another constituency that is appreciative of Brown's contributions is the graduate students she advises. Indeed, one of her many successful and productive students, Lauren Rinelli (now an assistant professor at Savannah State University) felt inspired to submit a piece about Brown to the section on “Our Mentoring Stories” in the National Council on Family Relations' Report.

In her submission, Rinelli recounts that Brown's mentoring style “is that of a quiet supporter. She never raises her voice or gets upset. Susan is patient and kind. She is not overbearing, she does not micro-manage, and she dealt with mistakes I made on an even keel. She is always happy when I accomplish something and gives me opportunities to expand my skills or gain experience whenever possible.”

Indeed, according to Rinelli, “She taught me everything about developing a project from start to finish. She taught me SAS and coding, modeling strategies, and storytelling, and helped me improve my writing. Susan guided me through my thesis, she helped me prepare for prelims, and she advised me through my dissertation and first experience on the job market. The thing is, words like “helped,” and “taught,” and “guided” are such understatements. Susan molded me into the sociologist, family demographer, professional, and scholar that I am now.”

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## FACULTY GRANTS

## Kenney Receives Sloan Foundation Career Development Grant

Katie Kenney recently received a Career Development Grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to pursue her research on work and family issues. In particular, she examines the ways couples pool resources and manage their money (e.g., joint versus separate bank accounts), and the consequences of these practices for relationship quality and other work and family outcomes. In one paper, using longitudinal data from the Fragile Families project, she finds that couples keeping separate bank accounts are more likely to break up than those with joint accounts. Interestingly, this pattern is only observed for married couples; pooling of resources is unrelated to relationship dissolution among cohabiters. Although

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she is careful to caution against a strong causal interpretation, she conceptualizes pooled resources as an important marker of relationship commitment. In a second analysis, she is examining the

consequences of pooled resources for women's labor force participation.

Also this past year, Kenney was an invited to attend the first meeting of the Workshop on Economics and Social Arrangements in Families, which took place in the Netherlands. This international network of scholars focuses on issues pertaining to emerging types of relationship partnerships (e.g., cohabitation, registered partnerships), with attention to cross-national variations and similarities. The group plans to hold a follow-up meeting this year in Madrid, where they will discuss the challenges of data collection and measurement in the context of comparative international research.

# Giordano, Longmore, and Manning Receive Grant from NIJ

Peggy Giordano, Wendy Manning, and Monica Longmore recently received a three year grant from the National Institute of Justice titled “Life Course, Relationship, and Situational Contexts of Teen Dating Violence.” This grant will enable a follow-up study of the younger cohort of respondents from the Toledo Adolescent Relationships Study (TARS). The primary focus of the grant is teen dating violence. This follow-up represents a fourth wave of data collection, and will enable Giordano and colleagues to examine multiple trajectories of dating violence throughout adolescence. Combined with new in-depth interviews and “relationship history narratives,” they will explore the full range of positive, negative, and neutral relationship dynamics, as well as situational factors such as drug and alcohol use and the influence of peers.



**Our Grant-Active Scholars for 2009:** back row (left to right): Kei Nomaguchi, Monica Longmore, Kara Joyner and Catherine Kenney. front row (left to right): Peggy Giordano, Kelly Balistreri, Susan Brown and Wendy Manning.

## Kei Nomaguchi Receives CFDR Development Grant

Kei Nomaguchi received a seed grant from the Center for Family and Demographic Research to support a revision of an R03 grant proposal to NICHD on the topic of child care use and mother’s stress. The motivation for the project stems from her lack of

satisfaction with the current consensus in the field, particularly among developmental psychologists, that day care use undermines parenting, and that mothers who use day care are somehow less attached or committed to their children. Kei’s research instead

focuses on how use of day care relates to mother’s perceptions of parenting stress and work-family balance. It also considers the fact that not all families have access to high quality and stable day care.

### ● *Balistreri Receives Grants from NICHD*

Kelly Balistreri has received an R21 grant from the NICHD to examine the relationship between socioeconomic status, socioeconomic instability and overweight among young children of immigrants and children of natives. In a paper recently published in the *American Journal of Public Health*, she and her colleague Jennifer Van Hook find a positive relationship between income and body mass index, a relationship they suggest might reflect cultural differences that immigrant parents carry with

them from their countries of origin. In a separate analysis, following children from kindergarten through the 8th grade, they find that children of newest and least acculturated immigrants are at most risk of obesity. This finding is particularly interesting given that research on adult immigrants finds obesity to increase with time in the country and acculturation.

Also, Kelly Balistreri and Wendy Manning (the project PI) are working on an R03 application to the NICHD titled “Counting Families:

Household Matrices with Multiple Family Members.” In this project, they will collect and distribute new data that should provide researchers and policy makers with more comprehensive estimates regarding the complex structure of American families. They build on current methods to collect and disseminate household matrix relationships from a respondent as well as spouses, partners, and teenage children living in the household.

### Giordano's Legacies of Crime Published

Peggy Giordano's book *Legacies of Crime: A Follow-Up of the Children of Highly Delinquent Girls and Boys* was published by Cambridge University Press. The book explores the lives of seriously delinquent youth followed over a twenty-year period. Combining in-depth interviews and longitudinal survey data, the book provides a unique mixed methods analysis of their lives. The book reveals the social and economic disadvantages faced by parents, parents' continuing criminal involvement, and the challenges that these multiple disadvantages represent for children. This work also provides a unique perspective on the growing body of research into the effects of parental incarceration on children. Whereas many studies have focused

on the role of incarceration itself in producing negative outcomes for children, Giordano's research shows that incarceration is only one piece of a more complex story. Viewed from the perspective of the child, incarceration is just one of many risk factors in their lives that are better characterized by the concept of family instability. The book also makes a major contribution to social learning theory by adding an emotional dimension to the social learning process. As the quotes below clearly indicate, this book is likely to make a long-lasting impact on the fields of criminology, family, and life course.

"*Legacies of Crime* is destined to become a classic life course study... both scholars and policymakers have much to learn from this masterful

study." – Candace Kruttschnitt, University of Toronto.

"Giordano presents a masterful look at how the costs of crime are transmitted across generations... This book will be of great interest to anyone who is invested in promoting the health development of at-risk children; their stories and messages are difficult to hear, but impossible to ignore."— Candice L. Odgers, University of California, Irvine.

"This is an impressive book—a qualitative and quantitative gem... Criminologists, family and gender scholars, and social scientists will be reading and talking about *Legacies of Crime* for a long time."— Darrell Steffensmeier, Pennsylvania State University.

### Swisher, Kuhl, and Chavez Join Forces for Neighborhood Change and Violence Project

Ray Swisher, Danielle Kuhl, and Jorge Chavez have been collaborating for the past year and a half on a project examining the relationship between change in neighborhoods and trajectories of violence during the transition to adulthood. The project

integrates two important trends within criminology, attention to the role of neighborhoods and other social contexts, and longitudinal studies of trajectories of crime and violence over the life course. Data for the project comes from the National Longitudinal

Study of Adolescent Health, and its newly available Wave III Contextual Database, which Swisher created under a previous grant from NICHD. In a paper presented at the PAA meetings, they examined change in neighborhood attainments across racial and ethnic groups. They find evidence of durable racial inequalities in neighborhood attainment between adolescence and young adulthood, but also that a youth's emerging life course attainments (e.g., finishing high school, going on to college) are associated with reductions in neighborhood poverty, particularly for non-white groups. In other research, to be presented at the American Society of Criminology meetings, they are examining associations between changes in neighborhood poverty and patterns of delinquency. Graduate student Andrew Wilczak is an on-going collaborator on the project, and has provided invaluable research assistance to the team.



(left to right): Jorge Chavez, Ray Swisher and Danielle Kuhl

# Stephen Cernkovich, Longtime DGS and Celebrated Research Scholar, Retires



Steve Cernkovich

Steve Cernkovich will retire at the end of the summer, following more than 35 years of dedicated service to the department and fields of sociology and criminology. Steve arrived in the department in 1975, following graduate school at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. His consistently excellent research over the years has examined the causes and consequences of antisocial behavior over the life course, with particular attention to the roles of family and peers, and to variations by race and gender. This research has appeared in more than 40 refereed articles, often within the top journals in the field such as the *American Journal of Sociology and Criminology*. Twice recently, the research of Steve and his colleagues, including Peggy Giordano, has received the James F. Short, Jr. Distinguished Article Award from the Crime, Law and Deviance Section of the ASA. Another testament to the impact of his research is more than a dozen reprints of his articles in edited volumes used by researchers and practitioners in the areas of juvenile delinquency and crime.

Within the department Steve has made a major and lasting contribution through his role as the Director of Graduate Studies for the past decade. As Steve notes, “there is no question that leaving the DGS position and working with graduate students will be what I miss most in my retirement. Some of the greatest joys in my career have involved solving problems for students, sharing happy times or just offering a sympathetic ear in times of disappointment or crisis. I treasure the friendships I have formed with so many students... Whether they know it or not,

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they have all become part of my extended family.” For future students who will not have the benefit of his everyday mentorship, he offers the following advice: “Making the jump from undergrad to graduate school is a quantum leap and takes a great deal of hard work. But be sure to find some time for yourself. Finding that right balance between research, family, and yourself is the key.”

Steve also says he will miss his working relationship with long-time collaborator Peggy Giordano. Steve and Peggy have worked together for so long, and on so many well-known papers, that they are often mistaken for being married. Steve and Peggy both recall running into colleagues at the Criminology meetings who would inadvertently reveal their misconception with comments like: “I just ran into your wife at the last session.” To set the record straight, they are not a couple. But Steve does cherish their collaborations, noting it has always been a great relationship. One of the reasons is that he and Peggy come from differing theoretical orientations, with Steve more influenced by bonding theory, and Peggy more motivated by social learning. These different, yet not incompatible, perspectives have provided useful checks and balances for their research over the years.

As a few of his long-time colleagues have reflected on Steve’s contributions, what comes through most clearly is the good humor and kindness he has generously shared with all.

**Gary Lee (Chair):** *I’ve never worked with anyone who has had such a stellar scholarly career and, at the same time, done so much for graduate students. He’s worked literally every*

day to make our graduate program better and to help individual students solve their problems and excel in their careers. He’s also made a real mark on the discipline with his research and writing. He’ll be missed by more people than I can possibly imagine. Fortunately, he’s not going far. He’s also making his mark on the golf course (mainly divots, but that’s getting better), and his taste in beer has improved dramatically over the years. We plan on taking advantage of his sound advice, good humor, and gentle nature for many years to come. And we’ll always save him a place at the lunch table.

**Peggy Giordano:** Steve is always very supportive and willing to discuss anything and everything. That is probably why I did not go crazy working in a department that was so lopsided in its sex ratio for so many years.

**Wendy Manning:** A fun Steve quality is his intense interest in all things political – he has no shortage of interest in the latest and greatest political controversy. On any random day you could take Steve to meet the president of the university— he never looks sloppy and has a great array of nicely ironed shirts.

**Al Demaris:** I will forever miss having Steve to gossip with and generally be completely irreverent and politically incorrect with about pretty much any topic; AND I’ll miss having him in my statistics class, keeping me honest in my teaching of graduate students!

**Frank Goza (Associate Dean):** Cernko is a class-act and should be missed by the entire Soc. Dept. He’s a great scholar and an even better person. His unselfishness meant that he served multiple terms as the Graduate Coordinator and mentored many. Steve, I tip my hat to you and wish you a great retirement!

**Monica Longmore:** Steve is such a caring person. He is conscientious to the extreme.

In looking toward his retirement Steve anticipates the opportunity to expand his ongoing volunteer work. One vision of this work would follow from his research, perhaps volunteering in the juvenile courts. Another potential long-term project is more personal in nature. He hopes to write a book for men whose partners are coping with terminal cancer. It would be an extension of a list-serve that he created to share the news about the experiences of he and his late wife Judy with family and friends. Finally, he looks forward to spending more time with his children and grandchildren, to traveling, and to golf.

# Peggy Giordano, ASC Research Fellow and Distinguished Research Professor, Retires

Peggy Giordano retired from the department at the end of last year, and since then has been continuing her research as a Distinguished Research Professor Emerita. Her “retirement” will apparently be a very long process, as there is no sign that her research will be slowing up in the foreseeable future.

Just recently she and her colleagues in the department received a major, multi-year grant from the National Institutes of Justice to fund a follow-up study of the youngest cohort of TARS respondents. The focus of the grant is to study teen dating violence, and will benefit greatly from the ability to identify trajectories of violence across multiple waves of data collection. She and her colleagues are also in the process of revising a grant to the NICHD for a follow-up of the older cohort. Also in the past year, her book *Legacies of Crime: A Follow-Up of the Children of Highly Delinquent Girls and Boys* was published by Cambridge University Press (see pg. 6). Peggy is rightly proud of the new book, but also points out that she could never have done it without her many collaborators, including Steve Cernkovich, Wendy Manning, and Monica Longmore.

Peggy arrived in the department in 1974 having completed her PhD at the University of Minnesota. She describes herself as a “lifer,” as Bowling Green is the only department in which she has ever worked. As she reflects back on her long tenure in the department, she emphasizes that it has always been a great place to work. It has always had good scholars, and a lively and collegial atmosphere. When she first arrived, though, it was different in being a very senior or top-heavy department, and for many years she was the only woman. One thing she has enjoyed in more recent years is the diversity offered by having more women in the department.

One person who she says helped to keep her sane in such an environment in the early days is her long-time colleague, Steve Cernkovich. Steve and Peggy arrived one year apart, and both fresh out of graduate school. Peggy was interested in doing research on female delinquency, and asked if Steve was interested in collaborating on a project. He agreed, they applied for an NIH grant (with an undergraduate student), and the rest is history. That first grant was exciting, especially given how junior both she and Steve were at the time, and the momentum just kept building from there.

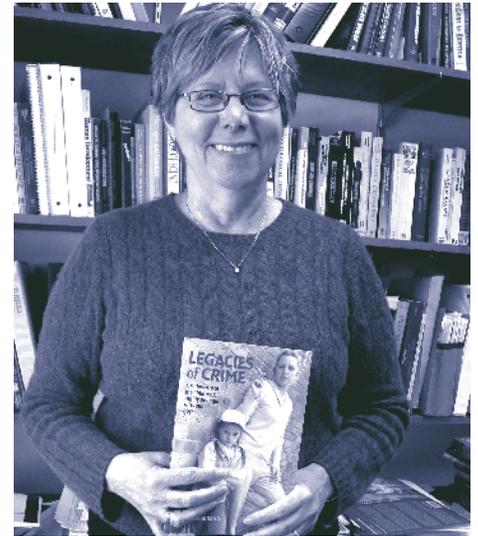
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Over the years, Wendy Manning and Monica Longmore joined as long-time collaborators. Peggy describes their work together as always very fun, intellectually challenging, and that they pushed and stimulated her in many ways.

Peggy offers two pieces of advice for graduate students. She notes that many will say that you should “do what you love,” and that there is some truth to that. But its equally, if not more important that what you love makes a real difference for other people and is of societal importance. That way people will be interested in what you have to say and you will be able to find support for your work. The other advice is Peggy’s well-known dictum that “you have to have a hook” or story for any research article or presentation. You have to have something that hooks people in to your idea and a take-away message to leave with. As she puts it: “If you can’t remember all of your findings, how can you expect anyone else to.”



Peggy Giordano

Given the many recent grants received and other on-going projects, Peggy envisions being engaged in research for many years to come. What retirement will really mean is the ability to focus on what she finds most rewarding, the intellectual challenges of research, the opportunity to work closely with her colleagues, and to mentor graduate students without all of the other administrative responsibilities of a regular faculty position. A recent trip to Florida exemplifies the new model. Getting up early in the morning to write a few pages, then exchanges of emails with students and colleagues, then a walk up the beach with Ted to plan the next lunch or dinner outing. With all of the new technologies available, she anticipates it will be very easy to remain connected, yet enjoy the new freedoms of retirement.

As the following comments reveal, Peggy’s generosity and spirit will be missed greatly by all in the department.



Steve and Peggy at the start of their research adventures!

**Gary Lee:** *Peggy and I go back a ways; we were in graduate school at the same time. We were in different programs, but took several classes together. I never dreamed at the time that she would end up leading the Western hemisphere in grants, major journal publications, and prestigious awards. She had the great good sense to come directly to Bowling Green out of graduate school (I took a roundabout route), and has had an absolutely tremendous career here. It continues, of course; she's in her office now writing the next proposal. She's been a terrific leader in*

*the department in every way imaginable. Hopefully we won't have to learn to get along without her for a very long time.*

**Al Demaris:** *I will forever miss Peggy's breathless enthusiasm about her research and how she would barge into my office with questions about interaction effects in multiple regression...pretty much whenever she felt like it!*

**Wendy Manning:** *A quick way for Peggy to win an argument is the following: "In all my 25 years at BGSU, I have never heard of that before." Peggy when she needs to do some*

*serious thinking will lay down on the floor – she will say 'don't mind me just keep going.' She can bounce from chatting about shade of green for her living room wall to quoting Mead or Hirshi. I am quite jealous of her collection of colorful cardigans and matching earrings.*

**Monica Longmore:** *Whats so fun about Peggy is that she makes everyday events seem special and fun. Just one example of this is all the little nicknames she gives us. I'm monny, or mon, or monster, but never Monica. Its too bad that junior faculty in the future won't have a chance to be christened in the same way.*

## In Economic Terms, **Martha** **Mazzarella** Retires from the Labor Force



Martha with her curling team.

Martha Mazzarella who has tirelessly run our undergraduate program since the late 1980s will retire this Spring. She's had a long and interesting career which brought a rich perspective to her mentoring and teaching of undergraduate students. She earned an M.A. in Economics and later a Ph.D. in Sociology under the doctoral leadership of Don McQuarie (who is also retiring this Spring!). She says her dissertation was about the reasons sociologists should not use economic theories in their work. From 1973-1980, she worked for the Federal Reserve Board in Washington in the International Finance Division. During this time, she earned an M.A. in Economics from George Washington University. Her B.A. is from Smith College, also in Economics. In 1980, she began working at BGSU, teaching economics for many years.

In the late 1980s, she joined our Sociology Department where she has been instrumental in teaching Theory for

years now. She feels passionately about theory and has made it a core component of our Senior Seminar. She has managed our capstone Senior Seminar for seven years. She also will be stepping down as Director of Undergraduate Studies. Over her academic career as a teacher, and as the Director of Undergraduate Studies and Lecturer in our program, she has had experience with many courses, including Minority Groups, Theory, Social Psychology, Introductory Sociology, Family, Gender, and both Macro- and Micro-Economic Theory, to name a few. We all know that she's the best sort of advisor to her students, providing them outstanding academic and career advice, serving as a kind sounding board for their successes and failures, and meeting them with rigor tempered with compassion. In fact, she says that she loves her students and has enjoyed the ways they weave her into their lives, both in and out of the classroom. She has attended weddings of her students over the years and looks forward to maintaining relationships with her students as she moves into retirement.

One of her graduating seniors speaks to Martha's wide-ranging care and mentoring. This young student says, "I just want to thank Martha for everything she has done! I really enjoyed her classes. She was also an amazing advisor! She showed so much support in getting me to graduation and getting me through the Peace Corps application. I hope that if she stumbles upon China in her post-retirement travels, she'll pay me a visit!"

Our Chair, and Martha's dear friend, Gary says, "Generations of students know a lot about sociological theory, social psychology, and sociology in general because of Martha. She has also advised

every major we've had since 1998, and done a terrific job. In addition, she's supervised countless internships and independent studies. Note that we're replacing her with two people – and I'm not sure that's enough. She's maintained her high standards for student performance in her classes throughout her career, and the students still love her.

She's also a great gourmet cook and a consummate world traveler; I suspect she'll be doing more of these things in the future. And the curling community will certainly benefit from our loss. She's not only pretty good at the game, she actually knows the rules. She even knows the rules of rugby, something very few people can say. With all these things plus the cabin in Pennsylvania, she'll have plenty to do in retirement. We'll miss her terribly."

Martha will definitely keep busy in her retirement. She plans to spend more time with her family and enjoy her new granddaughter, Amelia. She plans to visit every continent and certainly travel to see her son in Chile and her daughter in Boston. She wants to spend time with her husband, Roger, and their dog in their vacation home in Western Pennsylvania. And she's planning a second trip to Africa in September, seeing Namibia after a recent visit to South Africa. She's happy with her curling club and plans to continue with that activity. She's curled for 9 years now, and won the U.S. Senior Women's Second Event in 2004 and in December 2009 won the U.S. Women's Curling Association National Senior Bonspiel C Event. And she notes that she's even getting her piano tuned! Martha, we'll be happy to follow your retirement adventures!

# Al DeMaris: Favorable Reviews and Exciting New Findings

Al DeMaris has received a rave review for his textbook, *Regression with Social Data: Modeling Continuous and Limited Response Variables*. In a recent piece in *Sociological Methods & Research*, Glenn Firebaugh from Penn State, who plans to “test drive” DeMaris’ book in a graduate class soon, says there are “many things to like about the DeMaris text.”

Among other strong aspects of the book, Firebaugh particularly admires the book’s comprehensive coverage. “Although there are a number of fine treatments of regression with limited dependent variables, I know of no other source that incorporates regression with continuous and limited dependent variables so seamlessly and accessibly in a single text,” Firebaugh wrote.

Another feature of the text that is lauded in the review is DeMaris’ accessible, clear language. As Firebaugh speculates, the reason it’s so much better-written than the average statistics text is likely to be DeMaris’ early years as an English major and development of mathematical skills “rather late in life.” According to Firebaugh, “students will appreciate the care with which DeMaris tries to make the math clear, with accompanying “English translations” of mathematical formulations whenever possible.”

He’s also been invited to contribute again to the 2011 second edition of the prestigious Wiley Series publication, *Handbook of Psychology*, with a chapter on logistic regression. This book represents a state-of-the-art handbook for the field and his invitation noted the great feedback his chapter elicited in the first edition.

Meanwhile, DeMaris is keeping busy and productive with his current line of research on religion and marriage. In an article that is forthcoming in the *Journal of Family Issues*, DeMaris and his co-authors, Annette Mahoney and Kenneth I. Pargament of BGSU’s Psychology Department, examine the extent to which spouses—and especially wives—who “sanctify” marriage experience less distress associated with relative inequity in the marriage. The sample for the study includes 178

married couples experiencing the third trimester of pregnancy with their first biological child.

Interestingly, DeMaris, Mahoney and Pargament find that it is not only those who consider themselves to be disadvantaged relative to their spouses, or “underbenefited” in the marriage, who report “worse” outcomes for marital satisfaction, love, marital conflict, depression, and anxiety. Instead, perceived relative advantage shows a non-monotonic relationship to all of these outcomes, “with increasing advantage predicting better outcomes up to the equity point, but worse outcomes afterwards.” In addition, wives’ wellbeing is more adversely affected than husbands’ when they feel they are “overbenefited” by the relationship.

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The bottom line, DeMaris says, is that “Equity considerations seem to matter for a number of marital-quality and psychological-adjustment outcomes, even among really blissful, recently-married couples who are expecting their first child. But equity considerations don’t have anywhere near as much effect among the more spiritual couples.”

## Frank Goza Becomes Associate Dean and Sees the World

Frank Goza has recently taken on the role of Associate Dean for Faculty, Curriculum and Assessment in the College of Arts and Sciences, following a year as Interim Associate Dean. In discussing his motivations for taking on this new major challenge, Frank says that he has learned from his previous experiences as Associate Chair, Director of Graduate Studies, and other service at the college and university levels, that he seems to have the organizational and other administrative skills necessary to tackle the challenge. So when the opportunity and challenge presented itself, he felt up for the task. At the same time, Frank remains deeply committed to sociological research, teaching, and the mentoring of graduate students, and says he will be keeping his feet within both worlds. Examples of this continuing commitment are recent collaborations with graduate students Antwan Jones and Sayaka Kawamura, that led to conference presentations and subsequent journal publications. Frank remains deeply involved in his own research as well. For example, in a paper forthcoming in the journal *International Migration* he examined the remittance activities of Brazilians in the United States and Canada. The study is particularly unique in its ability to interview the most newly arrived immigrants, whereas much of the literature relies on surveys of immigrants that have been in their countries of destination for a relatively long period of time. Frank also makes an effort to keep his international research connections and language skills strong by attending and presenting at conferences such as the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (most recently in Marrakesh, Morocco) and the Brazilian Association of Population Studies. We wish him all the best in his new position.

# Patricia Carpenter Retires after 34 Years of Service

This spring, our Patty Carpenter will retire as an administrative assistant in our Department of Sociology. We were blessed to have her work for us for 34 years. She served under the leadership of four different Chairs during this time, Professors Joe Kivlin, Elmer Spreitzer, Med Pugh, and Gary Lee. She was hired as a clerk-typist right out of high school. She's a fast typist, 80 words per minute, and reports that when she was first hired as clerk-typist, she felt that typing was a game to her and that she could type all day long. She notes that she began work for our department before computers took over wordprocessing, so she has typed many a manuscript for our faculty! In those early days, she worked with three other administrative assistants, but with her leaving this Spring, we will be down to a single administrative assistant.

Pat says that she loved her job and enjoyed working for us. But that the best part of her job is that she loved the students, especially international students. She says that she loves hearing about their home countries and their lifestyles and cultures. The students have loved her too and have counted on her for support and kindness over those 34 years. Students who are now working professors remember her assistance fondly. One wrote, "Please pass on my extreme appreciation to Pat for everything she did for me over the 7 years I was there. I could always count on Pat for a smile and a quiet 'Hello.' She was always willing to listen and serve as a surrogate mother

away from home! I wish her enjoyment in her retirement years!" Another said, "I remember Pat to be extremely efficient, organized, and caring. She had to have a lot of patience to have been dealing with us, then students." One young professional notes Pat for her welcoming nature, "Whenever I talked to Pat, she gave me a sense of home. Pat cared about how I coped with being away from my family. She also cared about my family in Japan. I am sure that many international students have had similar experiences with her." And Meredith Porter, our new Co-Director of Undergraduate Studies says, "Since I met Pat when I began graduate school in 2000, she has always treated me with kindness. With all of the people she must help out and interact with during the day, it would be easy for her to treat each of us like just another member of the department. However, she has always made me feel special by asking me about my day or whatever is new in my life. I admire her dedication to her family and her religious beliefs. I hope that retirement brings her relaxation and new adventures!"

And, of course, we know that our Chair, Gary R. Lee, will miss her greatly. He says, "Pat has been with us since 1976; we were her first full-time job. She has taken care of us ever since. She knows the answer to every question – or if not, she knows who does. She's kept me on track, never lets me forget tasks and deadlines, gently corrects my errors of omission and commission, and has done more than anyone to make other people think I know



Pat Carpenter

how to do my job. She's managed our budgets, taken care of countless graduate students and their contracts, organized our voluminous files, supervised other office employees, managed faculty searches... the list is endless. She's done all this with quiet kindness, good humor, and professionalism that we can never replace. It's hard to imagine this place without Pat. It will take me a long time to figure out how to do my job without her. We couldn't have had a better secretary, and we couldn't possibly have had a better person in her job than Pat. She's certainly earned her retirement, and we all wish her the best."

Her next adventures revolve around family and service. She will take more time to help care for her 91 year-old mother, Ann, and assist her brother, Tom, on the family's working farm. In the immediate months after her retirement, she has the joy of helping her daughter, Christina, with the last tasks for her July wedding! And, of course, Pat will keep herself busy by volunteering at her church more. She wants to give of her time to the Word of Truth Christian Center of Bowling Green. We will miss Pat very much, but are glad that she's left a legacy of love in our graduate students and that she's been a part of our history for 34 years!

## Jay Teachman Visits BGSU

On September 28, 2009, the National Center for Family and Marriage Research welcomed Dr. Jay Teachman from Western Washington University, for a talk entitled, "Demographic Contours of Divorce: What We Know and What We Need to Know." In addition to his talk, Dr. Teachman generously offered his time for meetings with BGSU faculty and graduate students.

Dr. Teachman, who has been a professor in the sociology department at Western Washington since 1998, is a family demographer with a

longstanding interest in studying the well-being of families and children, with a particular focus on relationship statuses and transitions. His recent publications include journal articles on the relationship of military service to transitions into and out of marriage and cohabitation and on how the living arrangements of children influence their educational wellbeing.

Co-sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences Forum series, Dr. Teachman's talk outlined various factors associated with divorce. He focused on the most important variables that are

predictive of divorce, including social, family, personal and historic indicators. Teachman also asked why certain predictors of divorce should change over time and examined the empirical evidence for such change.

Before moving to Western Washington University, Dr. Teachman served as founding chair of the Department of Human Development at Washington State University. He is a Fellow of the National Council on Family Relations and is Chair-elect of the Family Section of the American Sociological Association.

# SOCIOLOGY

## NEW FACULTY & STAFF

### Kei Nomaguchi Joins Our Department

Kei Nomaguchi (2003 Ph.D., U. of Maryland) joined our Sociology faculty in Fall 2009. She held a post-doctoral position for one year at the University of Calgary and served on the Northern Illinois faculty before joining us at BGSU. She conducts research on work and family, gender, and parenthood over the life course with especial attention on the effects of parenthood for adults' well-being. A critical focus of her work is the meaning of parenthood in the contemporary United States and how parenthood reshapes the life course. She has used numerous data sets to explore these issues, including the NSFH, Mid-Life in the United States (MIDUS), National Study of Changing Work-Force, and the National Health Interview Survey. She is a frequent contributor to our premier family sociology journal, the *Journal of Marriage and Family*. Dr. Nomaguchi currently has a Center for Family and Demographic Research (CFDR)



Kei Nomaguchi

Faculty Development Award to help with a revision of a scored NIH R03 application which explores how child care and the difficulty finding adequate and high quality child care informs mothers' mental health and well-being. Dr. Nomaguchi makes significant contributions to our undergraduate and graduate teaching missions in gender and family. We welcome her arrival in our department!

### Michael Roettger Serves as NCFMR Post-Doc

Michael Roettger (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill 2008 Ph.D., Sociology) accepted a post-doctoral appointment directed by Dr. Ray Swisher with the National Center for Family and Marriage Research in September 2008. He has degrees in Mathematics, Economics and Sociology, with research interests in applying longitudinal methods to study stratification related to the U.S. criminal justice system. He has woven a productive research network during his time at NCFMR, greatly benefiting from mentoring by Dr. Swisher and also in collaborating with Drs. Chavez and Kuhl.

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Michael has used multiple data sets during his career, but currently focuses on AddHealth to explore how children's transitions to adulthood and experiences with drug use, delinquency, work, arrest and mental illness are associated with biological parents' incarceration. A core research interest is how an individual's release from prison affects his or her health, employment and family networks. Additionally, he is constructing a longitudinal data set for U.S. cities to study the relationship between immigration, residential segregation and arrest rates. Through opportunities provided by the Department of Sociology and the NCFMR, Michael feels his experiences have greatly benefited both his research and professional development. He greatly appreciates his interactions with the faculty, staff, and students at both institutions, and wishes to thank them for the supportive intellectual environment and collegiality extended to him during his time at BGSU.

### Hsueh-Sheng Wu Joins as CFDR and NCFMR Data Analyst

Hsueh-Sheng Wu (University of Wisconsin-Madison) joined as Data Analyst to the CFDR and NCFMR in 2008. For CFDR, he teaches workshops on statistical methods, consults those with statistical programming needs, and manages data, especially complex data sets such as Add Health. Among his workshops, he teaches how to use Stata and SAS as well as how to perform factor analysis, structural equation modeling and survival analysis. A key contribution he gives to both young and seasoned scholars is that he is producing documents on how to create and manage data sets, conduct statistical analyses, and interpret results. For NCFMR, the largest portion of his job addresses

the very important work of data management. He works with Sayaka Kawamura and Krista Westrick-Payne on two key projects which involve creating "crosswalks," informative dictionaries which document the presence of similar relationship quality and family structure variables, across multiple data sets. Add Health, CPS, Fragile Families, Panel Study of Marital Instability, Monitoring the Future, Three Cities Study, NSFH, NLSY79 and NLSY97 have been included in constructing these detailed crosswalks. He likes the "two hats" associated with his job. Both centers benefit from his extensive training in statistical techniques as well as his excellent software programming and data management skills.

# Steve Demuth Steps into Big Shoes

Steve Demuth has bravely volunteered to attempt to fill the Director of Graduate Studies shoes left empty by Steve Cernkovich's retirement this summer. As Demuth notes, "Steve's done a great job, and he's very organized, which should help facilitate a smooth transition. He's helped me to get a sense of the natural rhythms of the position," that come about due to the revolving calendar of applications, admissions, and funding for which the DGS is responsible. In addition, according to Demuth, Cernkovich has generously offered to be "on call" next year, as Demuth learns the ropes in his new position.

As he looks forward to the challenges of the job, Demuth says that a high priority for him, in these tough budgetary times, will be working to "keep a really good handle on student progress, making sure students are moving through their milestones on time," so that the

department will continue to be able to provide funding to as many top students as possible. Demuth's job will no doubt be facilitated by the "very strong pool of applicants we had this year, which is good for the program."

Outgoing DGS Cernkovich expressed his confidence that he was leaving the position in good hands. "I could not be happier that he is assuming the mantle; if the decision had been entirely up to me, he is who I would have chosen. He possesses all of the qualities that I think are essential to being an effective DGS and I know he will do a superb job. He and I have been working together this spring semester on the transition, and I plan to be available during the upcoming academic year (after my STRS-mandated 3-month period of no work, no volunteering) to help him in any way I can, even though I know he will be a quick study," Cernkovich said.



Steve Demuth and Steve Cernkovich

## Sarah Halpern-Meekin Serves as NCFMR Post-Doc

Sarah Halpern-Meekin (Harvard 2009 Ph.D., Sociology and Social Policy) accepted a post-doctoral position directed by Dr. Wendy Manning with the National Center for Family and Marriage Research in August 2009. Her expertise

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is in family sociology and social and welfare policy. Her primary project is a qualitative study of unmarried couples who are new parents and who are also participating in a skills-based relationship education program, Family Expectations located in Oklahoma. She brings an innovative qualitative orientation to the quantitative program evaluation components previously undertaken. When she is not busily collecting or analyzing this qualitative data, she has been working with Drs. Manning, Giordano and Longmore with their Toledo Adolescent Relationships (TARS) data. Dr. Halpern-Meekin values her research time with these three scholars and with the academic community associated with NCFMR.

## Lesley Wadsworth Joins the National Center for Family and Marriage Research

Lesley Wadsworth became a technical writer for the National Center for Family & Marriage Research (NCFMR) almost two years ago and has made great inroads in assisting faculty and the center with a wide range of writing needs. Ms. Wadsworth holds a Master's degree from BGSU and has worked as an instructor at both Tiffin

University and Terra Community College. She works with NCFMR staff, faculty affiliates, students, and NCFMR sponsored researchers to produce documents necessary for research dissemination goals, including research briefs, posters, reports, website material, and newsletters. Her latest big effort was to completely revamp NCFMR's website and make the transition to a

new system ([ncfmr.bgsu.edu](http://ncfmr.bgsu.edu)). She also is responsible for the monthly newsletter News and Notes and is always searching for new content. As Ms. Wadsworth notes, technical writers assist in the field of science by helping make information digestible for various target audiences, including expert, general, and those in between.

# SOCIOLOGY

## GRADUATE NEWS

### SGSA News

The Sociology Graduate Student Association continued its efforts to promote the academic and professional development of graduate students this year, while advocating tirelessly (if so far unsuccessfully) to try to increase their funding from the SBC.

Over the course of the 2009-2010 school year, the SGSA sponsored two successful workshops. In the first, NCFMR Visiting Scholar David Warner gave a two-hour, in-depth seminar on what he terms, "Lurking Variables," helping students to learn both how to recognize the different kinds of suppressors, distorters, and moderators that may "pop up" in their research and learn what to do about them and how to interpret their effects. The second workshop was designed to facilitate the transfer of wisdom and institutional knowledge regarding preliminary exams from one generation of graduate students to the next. Facilitated by Ryan Bogle, in this workshop, students who have successfully passed their prelims in each of the department's areas of concentration provided study

tips and test-taking strategies to those preparing to take them.

Outgoing SGSA president Lecinda Yevchak emphasized how pleased she was that, even though students were extremely busy with their work and studies, there continues to be enthusiastic support for the organization. "We're really grateful for the support we've had from everyone, including not just this year's officers, but older students, as well." In the wake of uncontested elections, Yevchak expects a peaceful handover of SGSA power to the incoming SGSA administration, which includes Julia Mack as president, Greg Rocheleau as vice president, Angela Kaufman as treasurer, and Unique Shaw as secretary. Ryan Bogle will serve as GSS representative next year, while the graduate committee representatives will be Tara Warner (continuing in this position) and Janelle Nannini. Katie Mead and Holly Fee will serve as faculty representatives, and Liz Jury has taken on the duty of serving as chair of the workshop committee.

### Job Placement News

Several of our graduating students found exciting job opportunities for the coming year. Antwan Jones accepted an Assistant Professor position at The George Washington University. Danielle Soto accepted an Assistant Professor position in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Southern Illinois University. Heidi Lyons accepted an Assistant Professor

of Sociology position at Oakland University. And Kristy Krivickas accepted employment as a Statistician for the Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division of the Census Bureau. Kristy recently earned a poster award for a chapter from her dissertation she presented at this year's Population Association of America's Annual meetings in Dallas, Texas.



(left to right): Antwan Jones, Danielle Soto, Heidi Lyons and Kristy Krivickas

### GRADUATES 2009-2010

#### ○ SOCIOLOGY M.A.

**Andrea Hocevar**  
MAY 2009  
(Giordano, Criminology)

**Jasmine Cao**  
AUGUST 2009  
(Swisher, Social Psychology)

**Janelle Cookson**  
DECEMBER 2009  
(Chavez, Criminology)

**Lance Gibbs**  
MAY 2010  
(Kenney, Family)

**Wendi Johnson**  
MAY 2010  
(Giordano, Criminology)

**Julia Mack**  
MAY 2010  
(Chavez, Criminology)

#### ○ SOCIOLOGY PH.D.

**Jill Doerner**  
MAY 2009  
(Demuth, Criminology)

**Aurea Osgood**  
MAY 2009  
(Brown, Family)

**Lauren Rinelli**  
AUGUST 2009  
(Brown, Family Demography)

**Patrick Seffrin**  
AUGUST 2009  
(Giordano, Criminology)

**Heidi Lyons**  
DECEMBER 2009  
(Manning, Family)

**Deanna Trella**  
MAY 2010  
(Manning, Family)

# New Co-Directors of Undergraduate Studies: Meredith Porter and Margaret Weinberger

An unwritten rule in the Department of Sociology at BGSU: In order to be Director of Undergraduate Studies, your first name must begin with "M." The challenging task of replacing beloved outgoing DUS Martha Mazzarella will fall to two new "M's," Meredith Porter and Margaret Weinberger.

Porter and Weinberger both expressed their appreciation for Martha's example. "Martha has done such a great job serving the department

and our sociology majors. She's a tough act to follow," Porter said.

Weinberger agreed with Porter's tribute to Mazzarella, and they added that they look forward to getting to know our Sociology majors better outside the classroom. Indeed, given the high level of agreement in the comments each provided for this article, they should have no trouble sharing the position! Each also said she looks forward to working with the other.



Meredith Porter and Margaret Weinberger

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## NEWS & NOTES

### BIRTHS

**Andrew Tyler Jacoby** was born on September 9, 2009 to Teresa Doncyson (Jacoby) and David Jacoby and happy grandparents, Joe and Elayne Jacoby.

**Stephen Joseph Berg** was born on February 18, 2010 to Elena and Steve Berg to the delight of his aunt, Laura Sanchez.

**Connor Collin Groat** was born to parents Liz and Andrew Groat. Grandparents Ted Groat and Peggy Giordano traveled to London to meet him.

**Emilee Mae Davis** was born on June 12, 2009 to Colleen Scott's (her grandmother's) great happiness.

**Amelia Kathryn Mazzarella** was born on January 23, 2010, the apple of her grandparents' eyes, Roger and Martha Mazzarella.

**Genevieve Hana Trella-Jacobson** was born on April 12, 1020 to Deanna Trella and Scott Jacobson. Genevieve becomes the little sister to Vivian Lily.

### NUPTIALS

**Lance Gibbs** married **Natalie Gentles** on August 8, 2009 in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. The ceremony was held at the Ocho Rios Baptist Church.

**Gregory C. Rocheleau** married **Brandy N. Adams** on March 5, 2010. The wedding was held at Cornerstone Family Worship Center in Livonia, Michigan.

**Unique Shaw** will marry **Jammie Jelks** in Summer 2011 in Riverside County, California.

**Lecinda Yevchak** will marry **Matthew Burnheimer** in 2011 in Pennsylvania.

**Heidi Lyons** will marry **Jeff Jocsak** on October 23, 2010 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Kristy Krivickas** will marry **Matthew Tuttle** in May 2011 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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