

# SOCIOLOGY

## Note from the chairs

It has been a long time since our last newsletter, probably because our faculty have been preoccupied teaching and researching. In consequence, there is much to cover. We will be producing a newsletter on an annual basis from now on, to avoid extended gaps in the information flow. For now, though, we will try to catch you up on the many things that have happened since the last newsletter in 2001.

Although the University has been in a very slow growth mode for the past several years due to state budget difficulties (as have state universities all across the country), we have been able to hire five new faculty members. Professors Rekha Mirchandani (theory, criminology) and Laura Sanchez (demography, family) joined us in 2001, and Professors Gary Oates (social psychology, race relations) and Zhenmei Zhang (demography, aging) came in 2003. Jorge Chavez (criminology/deviance) will be joining our faculty in August 2005. You can read more about them in the pages that follow. We have also hired a visiting assistant professor, Robert Garot. Our department is clearly growing and improving.

We are also very happy to report that the department continues to be enormously productive in its research program. We are among the top departments at the University in the receipt of extramural grants, and our funded research expands each year. The Center for Family and Demographic

Research, under the leadership of Wendy Manning, is now funded by a major grant from the National Institutes of Health. Many other federal and foundation grants fund the research of faculty members. Several of these grants are described in this newsletter, although we don't have space to discuss them all! Publications by our faculty and graduate students appear consistently in the leading journals in the discipline. This is an exciting time to be a faculty member or student in this department.

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Our undergraduate and graduate programs continue to prosper. Martha Mazarella ably guides our undergraduate program, which now has about 150 majors. Steve Cernkovich directs the graduate program, and has more slots to fill every year because faculty members' grants fund an increasing number of graduate students (we have nearly 50 in residence now). We have maintained our commitment to focus our graduate program on the

four substantive areas of criminology/deviant behavior, demography, family, and social psychology. Each of these areas is vibrant and growing. They are supported by a strong theory core and a program in quantitative methods that is both extensive and intensive.

Our faculty's accomplishments over the past couple of years are numerous, and we certainly can't brag about them all in this space. But one in particular deserves special mention: Peggy Giordano and Steve Cernkovich, along with our doctoral recipient Jen Rudolph, won the 2004 James F. Short, Jr. Award from the Crime, Law, and Deviance section of the American Sociological Association for the "outstanding research article of 2002 and 2003." This is a tremendous honor, and we are all very proud of them!

We hope you enjoy reading about our faculty, students, and programs in the pages that follow. Although the challenges are many, we are working hard to improve the department every year, and we think we're succeeding. We hope you do too.

Gary R. Lee  
 Professor and Chair  
 (On Faculty Improvement Leave,  
 Academic Year 2004-05)

Joseph E. Jacoby  
 Professor and Acting Chair

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## AWARDS & BIG EVENTS

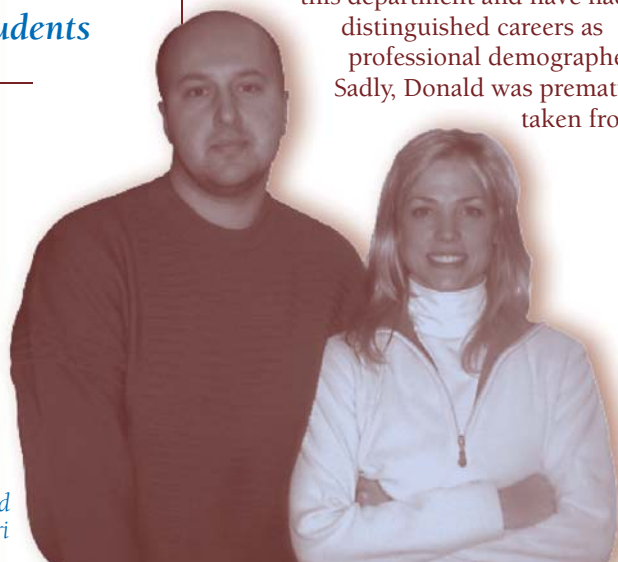
### Adamchak Graduate Student Award in Demography Established

This prestigious award annually recognizes outstanding accomplishments by our demography graduate students

The generosity of the Adamchak family has made possible the establishment of an endowed award to recognize both potential and achievement in the area of demography. The Donald J. and Susan E. Adamchak Graduate Student Award in Demography will be awarded annually and this honor also comes with a significant cash prize. Both Donald and Susan possess graduate degrees from this department and have had distinguished careers as professional demographers. Sadly, Donald was prematurely taken from us

when he passed away in 2000. However, his memory and that of Susan will now continue to inspire us as we annually recognize outstanding accomplishments by our demography graduate students.

Since its generous inception, the Adamchak award committee is pleased to announce that this award has now been twice awarded. In 2003 the first recipient of this award was Kelly Balistreri, a Ph.D. student in the department. In addition to preparing her dissertation, Kelly also serves as the director of the State Data Center, which is housed within the Sociology Department. Kelly has already published several peer-reviewed articles, including a co-authored piece in the journal *Demography*. In 2004 the second recipient of the Adamchak award was Igor Ryabov, also a Ph.D. student in the department. In addition to completing his dissertation, Igor also serves as the CFDR Data Programmer. Igor currently has several articles under review at prestigious demography journals. Award winners received a significant student honorarium and a plaque of recognition.



Igor Ryabov and Kelly Balistreri

### DeMaris Book on Regression Modeling Published

In September, 2004 Al DeMaris let out a joyous yell that you may have even heard. At that time Wiley & Sons, Inc. officially released Al's new book *Regression with Social Data: Modeling Continuous and Limited Response Variables*. He's currently testing it out on the students in his Intermediate Statistics class. Contact Al directly if you'd like your very own signed copy.

● LAURA SANCHEZ

### Sanchez Guest Edits Special International Issue of Journal of Marriage and the Family

In 2004, Laura Sanchez guest edited a special "International Perspectives on Families and Social Change" issue of *Journal of Marriage and the Family*. The editorial board consisted of graduate students in Sociology. The editorial board consisted

of Ron Bulanda, Miranda Colegrove, Erin Crane, Jill Deines, Aurea Osgood, Alyssa Powers, and Jennifer Roebuck-Bulanda. Gary Lee and Padma Srinivasan contributed an article on India's dowry system to this special BG Sociology issue!

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## NEW FACULTY

### Laura A. Sanchez



Laura joined the faculty in Fall 2001. She earned her BA, MA, and Ph.D at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the Department of Sociology in the Center for Demography and Ecology. Sanchez

held two positions before joining the BGSU team—one at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she got her first taste of Women's Studies and one in the Department of Sociology at Tulane University. Her position at Tulane is what led to her current interests in the family and the welfare state. Sanchez came to BGSU with a National Science Foundation and private foundation funded project called "Marriage Matters." Marriage Matters looks at recent legal reform that is attempting to change the quality of marriages for people. Marriage Matters is currently in its third wave. Sanchez is a horseback rider and yogi. Sanchez has three cats and a dog and has recently added a horse to her family of pets.

### Zhenmei Zhang



Zhenmei joined the faculty in the fall of 2003. She received her B.A. from Nanjing University and her M.A. from Foreign Affairs College in China. She earned her M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology and

demography from the Pennsylvania State University in 1999 and 2003 respectively. Her current research interests include family, aging and the life course, morbidity and mortality, and racial and ethnic inequality in health. She has published several articles in books and in journals such as the *Journal of Gerontology: Social Science*. She and her husband Bin have a son, Oliver, who was born September 13, 2002.

### Gary Oates



Gary joined the faculty in fall 2003. He earned his BA in sociology and MS in social research from Hunter College, CUNY in 1988 in an accelerated BA/MS Program. His PhD, earned in 1993, is from the University

of Maryland, College Park. His training also includes a 4-year post-doctoral fellowship in the Laboratory of Socio-Environmental Studies at the National Institute of Mental Health. Oates' current research is motivated by an interest in the impact of structural factors on orientations and behaviors that may be deemed socially problematic. Race, racial context and socioeconomic privilege figure prominently among the structural variables he studies, while the self-concept, scholastic performance, attitudes toward inequality, and psychological functioning comprise the orientations and behaviors of current interest. Oates has published articles in such leading sociological journals as *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, and the *Sociological Quarterly*. He has served as an Editorial Board Member of *Social Psychology Quarterly* and held an American Sociological Association Minority Fellowship from 1992-3. In his spare time, he enjoys chatting with his friends, listening to music (mostly Reggae with some classic R&B and Rock thrown in), following politics and sports, and vacationing in his native Jamaica.

### Rekha Mirchandani



Rekha joined the faculty in Fall 2001. She earned her BA in Sociology and English from the University of Vermont and her MA and Ph.D. from University

of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1989 and 1998, respectively. Mirchandani's background is in sociological theory, and her research attempts to bridge social theory and empirical studies on topics related to law and to gender. She is currently engaged in a project exploring how the critical social theoretical characterizations of the modern state as technocratic, patriarchal and therapeutic are simultaneously reflected and transformed in problem solving, specialized courts, like domestic violence courts. Mirchandani's research has appeared in *Sociological Theory*, *Law and Society Review*, *Current Perspectives in Social Theory* among others. She enjoys spending free time with her husband Albert and her two young daughters Kiran and Neena.

### STEVE CERNKOVICH

#### *New Director of Graduate Studies*

Since August 2002 the Sociology Department has had a new Director of Graduate Studies. At that time the DGS mantle and the position of Associate Department Chair were passed from Frank Goza to Steve Cernkovich. Because Steve served as the DGS from 1988 to 1991, he had a rather easy

time getting back into the swing of things. Under his guidance the department continues to recruit excellent students, not only from NW Ohio, but also from around the world. After a five year term as DGS and Associate Chair, Goza was happy to dedicate more time and effort to his research.

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## FACULTY GRANTS

### Lin Grant

Assistant Professor I-Fen Lin received a grant (\$136,200) from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development for her project entitled "Family Structure and Next Generation Parenting." She will use Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) and the 1997 Child Development to examine whether growing up in a single-parent family has long-term consequences for the succeeding generations. This grant runs from July 7, 2003 to April 30, 2005.

### Longmore, Giordano, and Manning Grant

In early Spring 2005, Professor Monica Longmore in collaboration with Professor Peggy Giordano and Wendy Manning, received a two-year grant from the Department of Health and Human Services for \$278,000 to build upon their research on adolescent sexual risk-taking.

### Manning Grant

Professor Wendy Manning, in collaboration with Associate Professor Pamela Smock of the University of Michigan, was awarded a grant entitled "The Meaning of Cohabiting Unions in the U.S." The project is part of the research team's continuing endeavor to understand the implications of unmarried cohabitation, marriage, divorce, and childbearing in the contemporary United States among diverse populations. The grant, awarded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, is for a total of \$880,000 and will run from June 1, 2003 through May 31, 2006.

### Brown and Lee Grant

Associate Professor Susan L. Brown (principal investigator) and Professor Gary R. Lee (co-investigator) received two years of funding (\$90,000) from the National Institute on Aging for their project, "Union Transitions and Cohabitation among Older Adults." The investigators will use longitudinal data from the Health and Retirement Study to examine entry into and out of cohabitation among adults over age 51.

### Giordano and Longmore Grant

Professor Peggy Giordano and Professor Monica Longmore were recipients of a \$150,000 grant from the Templeton Foundation for a project entitled "Spiritual Transformations and Desistance from Crime." The primary aim of this project is to qualitatively enumerate the mechanisms through which spiritual transformations provide a new sense of direction and a plan to move away from a life of crime.

### Van Hook Census Grant

Associate Professor Jennifer Van Hook received a two-year research contract (\$176,000) from U.S. Census Bureau for a project entitled "Estimates of the Foreign-born Population of the United States by Migration Status and Geography." This project uses multiple data sources to produce estimates of the number, geographic distribution, emigration, and internal migration patterns of children of the foreign-born in the United States by broad legal status categories of the children's parents (undocumented, refugee/asylee, non immigrant, and legal permanent resident).

#### FRANK GOZA

### Ohio Department of Education Grant

Associate Professor Franklin Goza in collaboration with Dr. Eric Jones, School of Intervention Services, received one grant from the Ohio Department of Education for \$48,000 to study entry-year mentoring in Ohio's public schools.

This grant ran from March 1, 2004 to October 31, 2004. Goza and Jones received a second grant from the Ohio Department of Education for \$35,000 to evaluate the Ohio Comprehensive School Reform Initiative. This grant ran from May 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004.

### Somali Refugee Influx Study Grants

Frank Goza has received two small grants to enable him to study the Somali refugee influx to North America. The first is a Faculty Development Award provided by the Center for Family and Demographic Research to conduct a pilot study of the adaptation and

adjustment experiences of Somalis in Columbus, Ohio. The second, a grant from the Faculty Research Program of the Canadian Government's Academic Relations Office, will permit him to conduct a parallel pilot study among Somali refugees in Ontario, Canada.



**Left to Right:**  
Wendy Manning,  
Monica Longmore,  
Peggy Giordano

## Manning, Longmore, and Giordano Grant

Professor Wendy Manning, Professor Monica Longmore, and Professor Peggy Giordano (in order of appearance) have received funding for a project entitled “Generations of Risk: Parenting Experiences of Adolescent Female Offenders.” This \$560,000 grant was funded by the W.T. Grant Foundation. The primary aims of this study include determining the nature and extent of risk to children born to individuals who, during their adolescent years, evidenced serious, recurrent involvement in antisocial patterns of behavior, and assessing the relative impact of high levels of maternal and paternal deviance on the nature and extent of child risk.

## Brown Grant

Associate Professor Susan L. Brown received a five-year career development grant from the National Institutes of Health. The K-01 Mentored Research Scientist Development Award will provide her with funds to enhance her research skills as a family demographer through mentoring and training in child development. She will use two secondary data sources (Add Health and SPD) and qualitative data from semi-structured interviews to extend prior research on the effects of family structure on child development to include those living in cohabiting families. Her mentors are Professor Ann C. Crouter (Human Development and Families Studies, The Pennsylvania State University) and Professor Wendy D. Manning (Sociology, Bowling Green State University).

### JENNIFER VAN HOOK & KELLY BALISTRERI

#### Welfare Reform Study Grant

Associate Professor Jennifer Van Hook in collaboration with Kelly Balistreri, State Data Center Coordinator for the Center for Family and Demographic Research, received a grant from the Joint

Center for Poverty Research for \$40,000 to study the longer-term effects of welfare reform on food security among immigrant children. The grant runs from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.

#### Immigrant Childhood Obesity Study Grant

Associate Professor Jennifer Van Hook in collaboration with Kelly Balistreri, State Data Center Coordinator for the Center for Family and Demographic Research, received a grant from Foundation for Child Development for \$150,000 to examine the prevalence of obesity among the children of immigrants. Van Hook and Balistreri use growth curve models to estimate the levels and changes in children’s body

mass index and to detect how children’s trajectories in BMI vary across groups and social contexts. By examining how schools affect obesity, Van Hook and Balistreri’s research focuses on institutions that have the capacity to implement and coordinate interventions. By focusing on young children, their research targets a group for whom obesity remains highly treatable. The grant runs from June 1, 2005 to May 30, 2008.

## Van Hook and Glick Grant

Associate Professor Jennifer Van Hook (principal investigator) and Assistant Professor Jennifer E. Glick (co-investigator) of Arizona State University received two years of funding (\$100,000) from the National Institute on Health for their project entitled “Stability of Extended Family Living Arrangements among Mexican Immigrants.” They will examine the extent to which Mexican immigrants and natives enter into and remain in extended family households as well as the social and economic determinants of entry into and stability of such living arrangements.

## Center for Family and Demographic Research (CFDR)

### *Receives Prestigious NIH Funding*

The BGSU Sociology Department's Center for Family and Demographic Research (CFDR) has recently acquired funding from the National Institutes of Health. The CFDR is one of only eighteen such funded centers in the country, making this a truly notable accomplishment. Some of the other universities on this list include the University of Michigan, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Johns Hopkins University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a few other elite research institutions.

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HEINZ BULMAHN  
Vice Provost for Research  
and Dean of the Graduate College

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Their [the sociology department's] recent success in securing highly competitive funding for our Center for Family and Demographic Research from the National Institutes of Health provides national recognition of what we already knew," says Donald G. Nieman, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, "BGSU has one of the top demography programs in the country."

The CFDR has been very successful in creating an interdisciplinary research center that provides a wide range of services for faculty and students from a variety of programs – especially Human Development and Family Studies, Psychology, and Sociology.

Recent NIH funding also allows the CFDR to do many things, such as providing its own internal grants, bringing well-known scholars to BGSU, and running seminars on various research-oriented projects.

"Through grant support, Center faculty have done a tremendous job in furthering BGSU's interdisciplinary research activities across disciplines," comments Heinz Bulmahn, Vice Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate College, "and they have offered a host of important workshops and seminars that have brought nationally known experts to campus for the benefit of all interested faculty."

## RECENT SYMPOSIA INCLUDE:

CFDR along with Sociology and other co-sponsors, was delighted to host a March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002 symposium titled "Welfare Reform and the Well-Being of Children." Distinguished presenters included: William J. Wilson, Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, speaking on "Welfare Reform in a Weak Economy," Laura Lein, University of Texas-Austin, School of Social Work and Department of Anthropology whose topic was "Welfare Reform, Medicaid and Health Care: An Ethnographic Approach," Ronald B. Minncy and Chien-Chung Huang, Columbia University, School of Social Work talking about "The M Word: The Rise and Fall of Interracial Coalitions on Fathers and Welfare Reform," and Theodora Ooms, Washington, D.C., Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) speaking on "Welfare Reform and Marriage: Strange Bedfellows?"



On March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003, Min Zhou, Chair of Asian-American Studies and Professor of Sociology, UCLA spoke on "Immigrant Neighborhoods in Los Angeles: Structural Constraints and Ethnic Resources for Inner-City Adolescents."



On April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2003, the CFDR in collaboration with the BGSU Department of Psychology hosted a debate on the topic "Can President Bush's Marriage Promotion Initiatives Save the U.S. Family?" Two notable scholars presented a point/counterpoint debate about the marriage promotion, marriage education, and counseling programs that are being written into federal and state welfare

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laws. Dr. Robert Emery, University of Virginia, Director of the Center for Children, Families and the Law, and Director of Clinical Training in Psychology, presented his own research on how court-ordered mediation and marital therapy counseling can reduce divorce in the United States and benefit children from troubled families. Dr. Pamela J. Smock, University of Michigan, Associate Director, Institute for Social Research, Associate Professor of

Sociology, and Senior Associate Research Scientist, presented her evaluation of research relevant to marriage strengthening initiatives, arguing that the evidence so far provides little support for the idea that these measures will ultimately reduce poverty and benefit poor children in the U.S.



On February 10, 2005, the CFDR hosted a conference titled "Cohabitation: Advancing Theory and Research." Invited speakers included Pamela J. Smock (University of Michigan), R. Kelly Raley (University of Texas-Austin), Melinda Mills (Frije Universiteit, The Netherlands), Scott Stanley and Galena H. Kline (Denver University), Kathryn Edin (University of Pennsylvania), Wendy Manning (BGSU), Susan Brown (BGSU), Seth Sanders (University of Maryland), and Lynne Casper (NICHD). This prestigious working conference was the brainchild of Susan Brown and Wendy Manning and focused on improving our theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of cohabitation and was attended by top researchers in the field.

### NEW GRANT AWARDED

## *DeMaris, Mahoney, and Pargament Grant*

**Professor Alfred DeMaris in collaboration with Associate Professor Annette Mahoney (PI) and Professor Kenneth I. Pargament from the department of psychology received a grant of \$1,070,090 from the John Templeton Foundation for their project entitled "Through a Sacred Lens: Creating New Spiritual Knowledge about**

**Marriage, Pregnancy, and the Transition to Parenthood."** The primary aim of the study is to test theoretical models regarding the impact of the sanctification of marriage and the sanctification of pregnancy on a number of marital and child outcomes. The grant runs from May, 2005 to April, 2009.

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## RECENT PH.D GRADUATES

### **Susan Stewart**

May 2000 (Manning) Step parenting and the Effect of Stepchildren on U.S. Couples' Fertility Decisions

### **Ami Moore**

Aug. 2000 (Rao) Demographics and Patterns of Socioeconomic Attainment of African Immigrants in the United States: A Comparative Study

### **Harold Dorton**

Dec. 2000 (Longmore) Job Exit and the Meaning of Work in Declining Industries: Comparing Retirement, Displacement by Retirement, and Displacement by Layoff at Weirton Steel Corporation

### **Dawn Jensen**

May 2001 (Jacoby) Social Environment of Community Treatment Facilities: an Examination of Perceptions

### **Allen Lowery**

May 2001 (Giordano) A Long-Term Follow-Up of Serious Female Offenders

### **Debarun Majumdar**

Dec. 2001 (Manning) Social and Familial Determinants of Risky Sexual Behavior Among Adolescents

### **Padma Srinivasan**

Dec. 2001 (Lee) Children Child-Services and the Well-Being of the Widowed Elderly in Developing Countries: Re-examination of the Old-Age Security Value of Children

### **Daryl Stone**

Dec. 2001 (Jacoby) Juvenile Delinquency, Union Stability, and Adult Crime

### **Jason Ford**

Aug. 2002 (Cernkovich) The Impact of Alcohol and Illicit drug Use on Criminal Behavior Over the Life Course

### **Eric Bronson**

Dec. 2002 (Jacoby) An Investigation of the Prison Community: Friendships, Codes, Statuses, and Argot

### **Michelle Pryor-Kowalski**

May 2003 (Cernkovich) Learning Disabilities, Juvenile Delinquency, and the Family: An Exploratory Study

### **Jennifer Rudolph**

August 2003 (Longmore) Pathways of Well-being: Adolescent Girls and their levels of Sexual Activity

### **Maxwell Kwenda**

May 2004 (Van Hook) Rural-Urban Differences in Infant/child Morbidity and Mortality in Sub-Saharan Africa

### **Christopher Bradley**

August 2004 (DeMaris) Veteran Status and Marital Aggression: Does Military Service Make a Difference

### **Ronald E. Bulanda**

August 2004 (Manning) Poor Parents, Poor Parenting? The Influence of Poverty

### **Virginia McGovern**

Dec. 2004 (Jacoby) Racial Bias or "Blameworthiness": Sentencing, Offense Seriousness, and Time to Recidivism of Whites, Blacks, Hispanics, and Mexican Immigrants

### **Deirdre Sommerlad-Rogers**

Dec. 2004 (Jacoby) Understanding Hate Crime Victims in Canada

#### MEREDITH PORTER

### **Sociology Graduate Student Wins Distinguished Thesis Award**

Meredith Porter, a Ph.D. student in the sociology department, recently won the BGSU Graduate College's Distinguished Thesis Award for her thesis entitled "Adolescent Contraceptive Use: The Effects of Risk Perceptions." This Award honors outstanding

research at the master's level and consists of a student honorarium, a certificate of citation, and an award of recognition for the thesis advisor Susan Brown. Other thesis committee members included Monica Longmore and Wendy Manning.

#### JENNIFER DUETTE-GOODE

### **Sociology Graduate Student Wins ASA Fellowship**

Jennifer Duette-Goode, a Ph.D. student in the sociology department, recently received the American Sociological Association's Minority Fellowship. This fellowship, which began on August 1, 2002, trains and mentors minority graduate students interested in research on the social

dimensions of mental health. Jennifer's research examines arenas in which African American youth are able to sustain a strong sense of self, and the social psychological processes that protect and enhance African American self conceptions.



# Sociology Graduate Student Association

## *Active on Campus*

Since beginning in 1999, Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA) has had an active five and one-half years. The SGSA's mission has been to enable greater solidarity among sociology graduate students, as well as to provide proper representation for the concerns of sociology graduate students. SGSA has been able to facilitate financial support to students attending regional and national conferences, both as presenters and participants. Every year many sociology graduate students present their original research at conferences around the nation, while many others attend these same conferences as participants.

The SGSA has also co-sponsored the visits of various important speakers to the BGSU campus. These distinguished speakers included Morris Dees of the South Poverty Law Center, Dr. Min Zhou of UCLA, Dr. Pamela Smock of the University of Michigan, and Dr. Robert Emery of the University of Virginia.

More recently, the SGSA has been involved in the development of a resource library. This library will include videos, scholarly journals, reference materials, teaching aids and other publications.

This collection of material is intended to help sociology graduate students find resources when they need them and to help them learn how to become better teachers and scholars. The SGSA is also currently updating the SGSA website to include job postings, links to professional organizations, university links and other professional development resources.

### Presently the SGSA Officers are as follows:

#### **PRESIDENT**

Megan Henning

#### **VICE PRESIDENT**

Liz Baker

#### **SECRETARY/TREASURER**

Aurea Osgood

#### **GRADUATE COMMITTEE REPS**

Mim Northcutt

Jen Brown

#### **FACULTY/DEPARTMENT REPS**

Kristi Salmons

Tia Stevens

#### **GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE REPS**

Deanna Trella

Stacey Brumbaugh



*A few of our great graduate students: Aurea Osgood, Jill Deines, and Jennifer Roebuck Bulanda*

## First-Year Graduate Student Wins Scholarship

Antwan Jones was awarded the William Lawson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 at the 17th annual National Black Graduate Students Association Conference held in Charlotte, North Carolina in March 2005. He is the second recipient of this prestigious scholarship. Named for one of the former Executive Board members who passed at an early age, the scholarship is awarded to one person who writes the best essay based on the

theme of the conference. The 2005 conference theme was "Mission Possible: Taking Back the Black Community." His essay was titled "Taking Back the Black Community: Initiation and Reflection," and expressed his thoughts about how individuals in the African-American diaspora can work together to combat "undercover prejudice" and social injustice. Antwan will receive the scholarship in the Fall 2006.



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## UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

MARTHA TERRIE MAZZARELLA

### *Mazzarella Receives Distinguished Adviser Award*

Martha Terrie Mazzarella, undergraduate student advisor and a Lecturer of Sociology since 1996 was presented with the a Distinguished Adviser Award in November, 2004 to recognize the quality faculty advising that she provides her students.

University deans nominated people whom they deemed best exemplified the values for excellence in advising. The award winners received a plaque and \$300 deposited into their office's account to be used for professional development around advising or scholarly activities.

### *Undergraduate Paths: Notable Sociology Undergraduate Majors 2000-2004*

Graduates from the sociology department's undergraduate program demonstrate a wide range of interests and abilities.

#### **Shauna Cohen**

Works for Cincinnati Insurance Companies and is training to become an underwriter.

#### **Dana Haddox-Wright**

A research analyst for NFO WorldGroup. She is also a graduate student working for a M.A. in applied demography at BGSU. Dana feels that a large part of her success has stemmed from the training she received at BGSU in statistics and demography.

#### **Andrea Hertzfeld**

Graduated from law school at Harvard. She is now working for a law firm.

#### **Erin Young**

Works for the American foundation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) in Washington D.C. The AFSCME is a labor union that represents members in all levels of local government around the country. Erin also attributes much of her current success to the strong research experience she received at BGSU.

#### **Torrie Saunder**

Employed in Cuyahoga County (Cleveland area) as a caseworker for children's services. Torrie hopes to eventually return to school to pursue studies in marriage and family counseling.

#### **Heather Odle**

Hired by the psychology department at Clemson University as a research specialist whose main function is to manage research projects. Some of the projects she has worked on include studies on the effects of sleep deprivation on performance on cognitive tests and the effects of stress on the digestive system. Heather plans to take her immense research experience to graduate studies eventually.

## New Undergraduate Minor in Demographic Studies

*The minor in Demographic Studies will provide BGSU students with an important advantage in an increasingly competitive job market, as employment opportunities in the area of demographic research and analysis are rapidly increasing and well remunerated*

The Sociology Department is proud to announce that a new undergraduate minor in Demographic Studies has recently been approved. The minor in Demographic Studies will provide BGSU students with an important advantage in an increasingly competitive job market, as employment opportunities in the area of demographic research and analysis are rapidly increasing and well remunerated. Other students will find that such a minor will make it easier for them to gain admittance to some of the more select graduate programs around the country. Furthermore, BGSU is one of just a few universities nationwide to offer such an undergraduate minor. This offering is made possible at BGSU because of the unique concentration of demographers already present who teach and do research on this campus. This interdisciplinary minor will draw students from a variety of majors. Those opting for this minor will complete three required sociology courses and four elective courses offered by departments such as: Economics, Geography, Gerontology, Legal Studies, Marketing, Political Science, and Public Health.

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## NEWS & NOTES

### ○ WEDDINGS

**Ronald E. Bulanda and Jennifer Roebuck** wed on June 26, 2004 at the English Chapel at Ohio Northern University. They met as graduate students in the Sociology Program! Ron now works as an Assistant Professor at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Jennifer is completing her dissertation.

**Doctoral student, Kathleen Lamb** wed **Todd Good** on August 10, 2002 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Kathleen is now completing her dissertation and works as an instructor in the Department of Sociology at UW-Stevens Point. Todd is an advisor in the Collaborative Degree Program at UW-Stevens Point.

**Doctoral student Deirdre Sommerlad** wed **Jason Rogers** on May 19, 2002 in Santa Cruz, CA. Jason works for NASA's Human Factors branch in Mountain View, CA, as a research assistant and a web developer.

### ○ BIRTHS

**Doctoral student Maxwell Ndigu Kwenda** and his wife **Mary Elizabeth** are the proud parents of a 9 lbs 7 oz boy. **Madiro Kindred** was born on April 14, 2002.

**Recent Ph.D., Susan Stewart** gave birth to a daughter, **Gwendolyn Margaret**, born on 26 June 2003 and weighing 6 lbs, 3 oz. Gwenny is the first child of Susan and her husband, Timothy.

**Assistant Professor Rekha Mirchandani** gave birth to a daughter, **Kiran**, on October 2, 2001. Kiran is the first child of Rekha and her husband **Albert W. Dzur** and weighed in at a hearty 8 lbs 8 oz. To add to their joy, Rekha delivered her second child, **Neena**, on 17 June 2004, another hearty girl of 8 lbs 6 oz.

**Doctoral student Ryan and Jacci Schroeder** are the happy parents of **Emma Marie** who was 6 lbs, 6 oz at her birth on February 6, 2004.

On October 19, 2004, **Laura Sanchez** became a godmother when her baby sister, **Elena Maria Berg** and Elena's husband, **Steve**, delivered their first child, **Emma Elizabeth Berg**.

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