

# SOCIOLOGY

## Note from the chair

As we look back on the past year, a lot of good things have happened in the Department of Sociology. Many of these good things are detailed in this newsletter. I'll briefly mention a few of them here.

We had two new colleagues join us in 2005. Jorge Chavez is an assistant professor in the criminology/deviance area. Madeline Duntley has a joint appointment with the American Culture Studies program; she teaches our Sociology of Religion course for us. And we had a successful recruiting season. Ranae Evenson, a social psychologist from Vanderbilt University, will be joining us in the fall. Our growth will continue next year, when we expect to be recruiting for positions in criminology/deviance and demography. We will also be looking for a senior scholar in the area of adolescence and emerging adulthood, funded by an internal "Research Enhancement Initiative" grant spearheaded by Wendy Manning and others in the Center for Family and Demographic Research.

Our undergraduate program also continues to prosper. We have added a number of full-time instructors to our teaching staff. In the past year, Linda Cornwell, Donna Kauffman, Meredith Porter, and Dan Shope joined our team. Martha Mazzarella (our undergraduate advisor) and Margaret Weinberger continue to do their usual fine job, and Michelle Kowalski does outstanding work with our on-line courses. Student

evaluations of our teaching have never been higher. We've also been contributing greatly to the university's values initiative, with eight sections of Principles of Sociology taught in the BGeXperience program last fall and nine scheduled for next fall.

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Our graduate program has not experienced growth in the number of students, but the composition has changed. Several years ago, two thirds of our graduate students were in the master's program. This year, two thirds are doctoral students. We continue to see increases in the number and proportion of our M.A. graduates who go on to our doctoral program, which is a very good thing.

Next fall the department will embark upon the second round of "program review." This is a process that each unit on campus undergoes every seven years. It begins with a substantial "self-study," which is our report on the progress and conditions of our undergraduate, graduate, and research programs; we're working on this now. In late fall semester of 2006 we will host two senior scholars from other institutions who will serve as external program reviewers. Their

report will be reviewed by an internal committee, which will then make a report to the administration. This is a big job; it will take the better part of a year.

Our first program review occurred in 1999-2000. Our external reviewers (Alan Booth from Penn State and Frank Scarpitti from the University of Delaware) did a terrific job and made suggestions that resulted in both new resources for the department and improvements to our programs. The process is an opportunity for us to take stock of the department, get input and advice from some of the best people in the field, and communicate both our strengths and our needs to others in the campus community. The outcome of the program review will influence the directions of the department for at least the next seven years. So it's a very important and valuable process, but it's a lot of work! We'll update you on the outcome in next year's newsletter.

Although we think we've done very well in both teaching and research over the years, we're all working hard to do even better. Our faculty continue to be highly productive, our graduate students are a talented and motivated group of young scholars, and our undergraduates are doing better than ever. This is an exciting place to be.

Gary R. Lee  
Professor and Chair



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## AWARDS & BIG EVENTS

### Roebuck Bulanda has a Big Year!

Jennifer Roebuck Bulanda was named the 2005 recipient of the BGSU Sociology Department Adamchak Award. Susan and Donald Adamchak received graduate degrees from the Sociology program. Susan has directed that an endowed scholarship for outstanding achievements by demography students be created to honor Donald's memory. Jennifer's research on how racial/ethnic and life stage and aging variation in union formation and cohabitation affects relationship and personal well- and ill-being make her a worthy recipient of the Adamchak award. Jen has truly been a great student in our program. She has had three publications in the last year alone. She served as an Editor of a special international issue of *Journal of Marriage and Family* in 2003/2004. And she recently earned a job in the Department of Sociology and Gerontology at the Miami University of Ohio.



*Jennifer, receiving her award from Frank Goza, with Laura Sanchez, Zhenmei Zhang, and Susan Brown in attendance.*

### Manning Earns University Mentorship Award

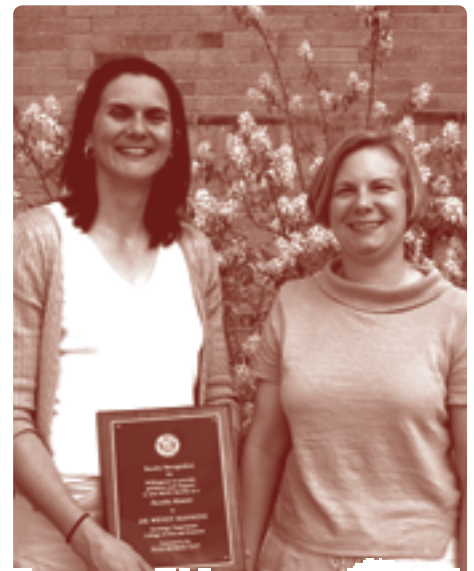
Congratulations to Wendy Manning for earning a Faculty Research Award from the Provost and Faculty Senate for her mentorship of her colleagues this past spring. Susan Brown was her principal nominator, but the list of those who benefit from Wendy's generosity, good spirits, and unparalleled research smarts is longer than a demographer can count! Wendy serves as a mentor on Susan's prestigious K01 Mentored Research Scientist Development Award from the NIH, so she knows from personal experience the level of care and enthusiasm Wendy brings to mentorship of research. As Susan's own nominating letter said, "Wendy Manning champions and promotes the research of BGSU faculty. Her willingness to sacrifice time from her research to create opportunities for other scholars is amazing and admirable." Wendy has been instrumental in mentoring faculty at all levels, from assistant through full, and

through CFDR has created mechanisms for faculty's professional enhancement. She has created a Faculty Development Award, a seed grant program to spur grant application submissions. And she has created a Faculty Training Award to provide

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funds for faculty skill development, such as taking a statistics or research program at the Michigan Summer Programs. She's an inventive, nurturing scholar who loves the life of science. As Susan puts it best, "Wendy is very committed to helping others generate high-quality, fundable research."



*Wendy, with Susan Brown, enjoying the moment after receiving her well-deserved faculty mentoring award.*



# CFDR and Sociology Host Two Symposia

In 2005, CFDR and Sociology co-sponsored and hosted two major symposia. In April 2005, along with the Social Philosophy and Policy Center, Sociology Graduate Students' Association, and the College of Arts and Sciences, CFDR and Sociology hosted a symposium called "Same-Sex Marriage: On the Frontiers of Legal and Social Change." They brought legal and social science experts with diverging views on this contemporary social issue for a lively exchange in front of a large university community audience. Invited speakers were Katherine Spaht, Jules F. and Frances L. Landry Professor of Law at Louisiana State University, Andrew Koppelman, Professor of Law and Political Science at Northwestern University, Jennifer Roback Morse, Research Fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution, and Judith Stacey, Professor of Sociology at New York University. This symposium came on the heels of the 2004 election in which 12 states, including Ohio, passed constitutional bans against gay marriage. Judith Stacey, a well known alternative and gay families researcher, presented her critical evaluation of the social science research on the effects

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JUDITH STACEY

of gay and lesbian family structure and processes on children's well-being. She closed her impressive argument with a pessimistic view on gay marriage, arguing that gay marriage would not ruin children's well-being or bring the end of the Western world, but that gay marriage might simply be bad for gays, given our patriarchal and inequitable world of contemporary marriage.

In Fall 2005, in the face of the devastation in the Gulf Coast caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, CFDR and Sociology, along with 10 other co-

sponsors quickly pulled together and hosted a symposium called "Surviving the Hurricane Katrina Disaster: Poverty, Race and Class in New Orleans." Not including their children, more than a million adults were dispossessed of their homes because of the hurricanes. Thus, CFDR and Sociology wanted to focus intellectual energy on these at-risk families. We hosted three colleagues from Tulane

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PETRICE SAMS-ABIODUN

and Loyola Universities, universities profoundly affected by Katrina. Joel A. Devine and James R. Elliott, Chair and Associate Professor respectively of the Tulane University Sociology Department, and Petrice Sams-Abiodun, Research Director of the Lindy Boggs National Center for Community Literacy at Loyola University, attended. Joel talked about the history of the levee systems, the racial distribution of deaths, and showed moving photos of the destruction. Petrice talked about the "Big Uneasy," the lingering effects of racial tensions and discrimination in New Orleans, and how those prejudices worsened everyone's plight after Katrina – from the lower to middle classes and all races. Jim discussed recent data on evacuees, sharing how both race and class dynamics affected post-disaster consequences. The best part of their visit was the graduate student breakfast in which our talented young scholars gave our guests the gift of their first chance to talk about their personal evacuation experiences and scientific pursuits with people who had not been through it. In next year's newsletter, look for news about our Spring 2006 CFDR symposium on "The Social Contexts of Adolescence."



**Top,** Our fabulous graduate students hosted a breakfast for our Katrina visitors!

**Bottom:** Left to Right: Jim Elliott, Joel Devine, Elena and Emma Berg, Daphne Lofquist, and Petrice Sams-Abiodun.

**Seated:** Aurea Osgood and Laura Sanchez.

## T'JUAN JONES

### Jones Earns Commendations

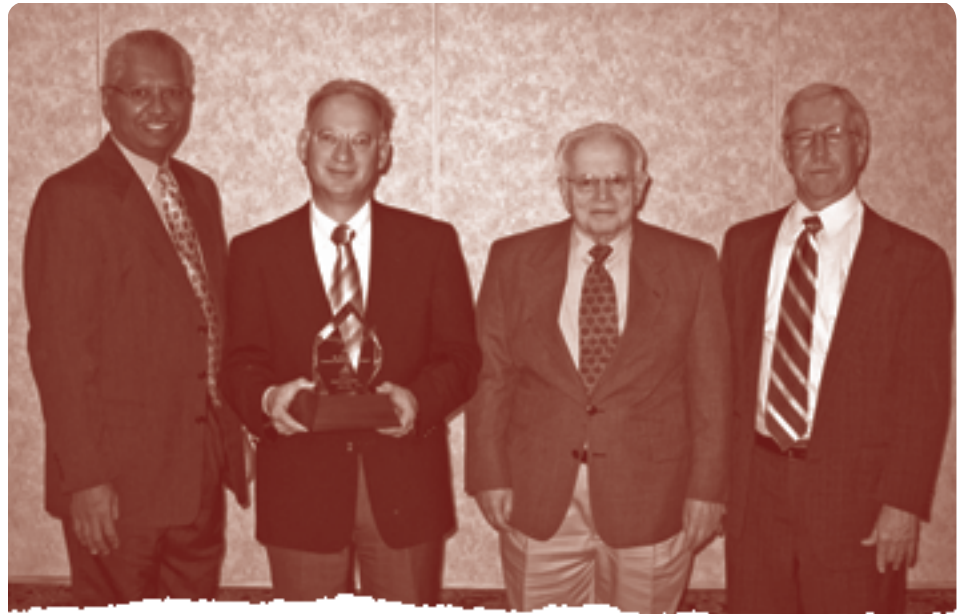
During the past year, T'Juan Jones was selected for inclusion in the 2006 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* and earned the Winifred O. Stone Graduate Award.

### Jacoby earns Simon Dinitz Award for Criminal Justice Research

At this past October's Criminal Justice Research Conference organized by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Joseph Jacoby earned the Simon Dinitz Award recognizing excellence and career achievement in the field of criminal justice research. Joe was recognized for his research at the interface of law and mental illness, in particular his work on the harm mentally ill offenders both cause and suffer. Another branch of his research recognized by this award is his work on the social structure of the public's attitudes toward punishment and especially attitudes and knowledge about execution.

*This award recognizes his work on the social structure of the public's attitudes toward punishment and especially attitudes and knowledge about execution.*

Joe's also been very busy working to improve the quality, accessibility and use value of our research space. He spearheaded a renovation of our Grad Computer Lab and redesigned the space into a much more consumer-friendly and efficient place to compute and research. He is also working with faculty, grad students, and staff from Sociology, Political Science, and History to renovate the Grad Student Bullpen in the basement of Williams Hall. The renovation plan is a great design which should really improve the work environment for graduate students! Last, Joe richly merits the faculty leave he is scheduled to take next year. He's going to be developing a new research project, comparing the effects of restorative versus retributive responses adopted by family members of victims of violent crime.



Joe is shown from left to right with Reginald R. Wilkinson, Ed.D., Director, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC), Joe himself, Simon Dinitz, Emeritus Professor of Sociology, the Ohio State University, and Ed Rhine, Deputy Director, ODRC, Office of Policy and Offender Reentry.



Here's our beautiful new computer lab. Thank you, Joe, and the rest of the renovation committee!



## An Outstanding Cluster of Scholars



*Susan Brown, center, with her two students, Lauren Rinelli and Jennifer Roebuck Bulanda, all Shanklin Award finalists!*

This past spring, Susan Brown and her graduate students were identified for their great research skills by becoming finalists for prestigious BGSU year-end awards. Both Jennifer Roebuck Bulanda and Lauren Rinelli were finalists in a large field of applicants for the Graduate Student Senate Charles E. Shanklin Awards for Research Excellence. For the final presentations, Jen presented a chapter from her dissertation entitled “Marital Status, Marital Quality and Health.” Lauren presented a research paper she prepared for Al DeMaris’ Research Design

seminar. Her paper was entitled “Explaining the Difference in Physical Violence between Married and Cohabiting Couples: The Role of Mismatching and Status Incompatibility.” Both young scholars took to the podium with great skill, ease, and straightforwardness in their oral presentations, showing that they are scientists to the core! Not surprisingly, Jen and Lauren do not fall far from the tree. This year, for the second year in a row, their chief mentor, Susan Brown, is a finalist for the GSS Outstanding Contribution to Graduate Education Award.

## Lin Earns Wisconsin Longitudinal Study Award

I-Fen Lin has been a busy traveling scholar in the past year. Last year, she spent part of the summer at Princeton University to work with Sara McLanahan. She then earned a grant from the Center for Demography of Health and Aging’s Wisconsin Longitudinal Study. Her application on “Divorce, Intergenerational Solidarity, and Perceived Support” examines the consequences of divorce and remarriage for older parents’ perceptions of potential support from their adult children in times of need and to understand the mechanism through which divorce and remarriage may affect parental

perceptions of support availability. Since she expects that divorce and remarriage may have different impacts on mother-child and father-child relationships, gender differences are a strong focus of her study. In January, she traveled to Madison, Wisconsin to present some preliminary findings for Director Bob Hauser and his WLS research team. She will return to Madison in August for another research briefing. We are also happy to note that I-Fen was invited to serve on the Journal of Marriage and Family editorial board, starting January 2006.

## Mirchandani serves as Culture and Society Scholar-in-Residence



Rekha Mirchandani was Scholar-in-Residence at the Institute for the Study of Culture and Society at Bowling Green State University in Fall 2005. Rekha’s work focuses on

the role of the legal in relation to the state, the issue of domestic violence along with women’s issues in general, and the concept of the social problem-solving court. In her ethnographic study of a domestic violence court, Rekha explores the direction of social and cultural change in the new courts, as well as the challenges these courts present for existing conceptions of social control and the state. Ultimately, she suggests that this new turn in justice reveals important channels of mutual influence between democratic social movements and the state. As part of her fellowship, she presented a university community talk, “Hitting is Not Manly: Domestic Violence Court and the Re-Imagination of the Patriarchal State” at the Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

## Zhang Earns Research Award

This spring 2006, Yuanting Zhang earned the Women’s Studies Program Outstanding Graduate Research Award for her creative multi-method paper, “Chinese Women and Extramarital Affairs – Praised or Condemned?” She presented this paper at the Women’s Studies Research Symposium.



*Yuanting at the WS Spring Research Conference with Vikki Krane, Director of the Women’s Studies Program.*

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## FACULTY GRANTS

*Left to Right:  
I-Fen Lin, Wendy  
Manning, Al  
DeMaris, Monica  
Longmore, Peggy  
Giordano, Stephen  
Cernkovich, and  
Jenny Van Hook.*



### Giordano, Longmore, and Manning Secure Funding for 3rd and 4th Waves of the TARS

Peggy Giordano, Monica Longmore, and Wendy Manning have received \$1.7 million from NICHD to conduct the 3rd and 4th waves of the Toledo Adolescent Relationships Study (TARS). The TARS initially interviewed 7th, 9th, and 11th grade Toledo adolescents in order to better understand the nature of adolescents' romantic and non-romantic relationships. Peggy, Monica, and Wendy are now following up on these adolescents, who are now in young adulthood, in order to understand the relationship contexts within which sexual risk-taking occurs. They are collecting detailed interview data with a sample of 1,200 young adults. In addition, they are collecting detailed relationship narratives and information about identities, attitudes, and social experiences from 100 respondents, roughly half of whom have engaged in high-risk sexual behaviors, and half who have been identified as being likely to engage in high-risk behaviors but have not. Peggy, Monica, and Wendy's research is highly innovative because they are examining the social contexts within which sexual behavior does (and does not) occur. The results of their work will add new knowledge about adolescents' trajectories in risk-taking behaviors, including behaviors related to HIV/AIDS and other sexually-transmitted diseases.

### Cernkovich Takes Well-Deserved Sabbatical and Earns Grant

To fund part of his research during his sabbatical in Fall 2005, Stephen Cernkovich received a grant from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research to conduct research with his collaborator, Nadine Lanctôt. Nadine is the recipient of the prestigious Canadian research chair of Male and Female Juvenile Delinquency, an award in Canada that grants outstanding young researchers full support for their first five years of their career. Cernkovich and Lanctôt are examining the relationship between physical/sexual abuse in adolescence and crime in adulthood. They are currently analyzing interview data from adolescents who were institutionalized in Ohio in 1982, which were originally collected by Stephen Cernkovich and Peggy

Giordano. The unique feature of the data is that Steve and Peggy followed up these adolescents later in life in 1995 and again in 2004. These data include true prospective data on conditions in adolescence and outcomes in adulthood, and thus do not suffer from many of the problems that occur with retrospective data. Steve and Nadine plan to compare the Ohio data with similar data collected from a sample of adolescents in Quebec in future work. So far, they have found that physical/sexual abuse in adolescence does not predict delinquency among girls, but does predict adult crime. They also find that institutionalized adolescents have worse adult outcomes than others, and girls who are institutionalized have by far the worst outcomes.

MONICA LONGMORE

### Longmore Grant on Teen's Identity and Sexuality

Monica Longmore has received \$278,000 from the National Institutes of Health to conduct research on the association among adolescents' social relationships, identities, and sexual behavior. While numerous studies have examined the linkage between social influences and adolescents' sexual behaviors, little attention has given to the

role of identity development. To fill in this research gap, Monica proposes to add a series of questions on identity processes to the planned fourth wave of the Toledo Adolescent Relationships Study and collect in-depth interviews of 100 adolescents. This new data collection effort will assess how the reflected appraisals of parents, peers, and romantic partners affect adolescents'

self-identities, and in return, how self-identities affect adolescents' involvement in risk sexual behavior. This 2-year project will provide a conceptual and descriptive portrait of specific adolescent identities associated with variations in heterosexual sexual experience. Her research should have practical implications for prevention and intervention programs.

JENNIFER VAN HOOK

## *Van Hook Studying Unauthorized Migration*

Jennifer Van Hook and her colleagues Jeffrey Passel (Pew Hispanic Center) and Frank D. Bean (UC-Irvine) currently have a contract with the U.S. Census Bureau to evaluate and improve estimates of the size, growth, and composition of the unauthorized foreign-born population resident in the United States. It is not easy to count or describe accurately the unauthorized population, and differences of opinion become exacerbated when estimates

based on erroneous assumptions or faulty methodologies enter the public domain. However, through careful analysis and triangulation of multiple data sources, including US and international Census and survey data and birth, death, and legal immigration records, Jenny, Jeff, and Frank have constructed quite consistent pictures of the size, growth, and characteristics of the unauthorized migrant population in the United States. We know now, for example, that approximately 10.3 million — 29

percent of foreign born — were unauthorized migrants in 2004, and that this population has been growing annually by about 450,000 during the 2000-2004 period. One part of the project has developed a new method for estimating the rate of emigration of the foreign born based on matched CPS files. This work has resulted in a forthcoming Demography article and the development of methodology that may in the future be adopted by the Census Bureau.

JENNIFER VAN HOOK

## *Immigrant Incorporation Grant*

For many years, Jennifer Van Hook has examined the effects of shifts in the U.S. economic and policy context on the adaptation of immigrants and their children. This research is motivated by the fact that the U.S. receiving context is changing. New developments include increased militarization of the U.S.-Mexico border, the criminalization of unauthorized residence, restriction of welfare benefits and other social services to newly arrived immigrants, increasing levels of Hispanic segregation, and the increased demand for low-wage immigrant labor in a broader set of industries in both traditional immigrant states and in other less traditional immigrant destinations. The incorporation of newcomers is therefore likely to be affected by these changes. Jenny's work with Kelly Balistreri, Jason Snyder and Igor Ryabov, has shown, for example, that the

socioeconomic and racial composition of schools attended by immigrant children has changed significantly in the past 15 years in ways that could adversely affect student learning outcomes. Her work with Susan Brown and Maxwell Kwenda on child poverty shows that shifts in the economic context have made it more difficult for immigrant parents to lift their families out of poverty than was the case thirty year ago. Her most-recently published research (with Kelly Balistreri) shows that welfare reform was associated with increased levels of food insecurity among children of non-citizens. In current research funded by the Foundation for Child Development, Jenny is examining with Kelly Balistreri the levels and patterns of obesity among the children of immigrants. The research specifically explores the relationship between acculturation and obesity and how this relationship varies by parental socioeconomic status and characteristics of children's schools.

In a second project funded by NIH (R03), Jenny and her colleague Jennifer Glick (Arizona State University) are engaged in research on the dynamics of extended family living arrangements among immigrants. The migration literature has generally embraced the idea that kinship networks provide tangible resources and benefits to individuals. However, in a new project, Jenny and Jennifer are finding that extended family living arrangements among newly arrived immigrants tend to be highly unstable and thus may not be as valuable as often assumed. Furthermore, a binational comparison of Mexican-origin persons in Mexico and the United States suggests that the patterns observed among recently-arrived immigrants in the U.S. are not extensions of family forms in the Mexico but rather appear to be unique to immigrants.



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## FEATURE NEWS



Al in his office with a Cubist painting created by Gabrielle, his wife.

### DeMaris Teaches Categorical Data Analysis at ICPSR

Every year ICPSR (Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research), located at the University of Michigan, invites distinguished statisticians and methodologists in the country to teach research design, statistics, data analysis, and state-of-the-art methodology. Al DeMaris is invited this year to teach categorical data analysis at the Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research. In this four-week course, Al will cover various techniques handling categorical data, including logit, probit, multinomial, ordered responses, count data, censored and truncated data, and survival analysis. Not only will the statistical justification of each modeling strategy be presented, the applications to survey data and hands-on computer exercises will also be illustrated in class. Teaching materials will be drawn heavily from the second half of his latest, well-received statistics book, *Regression with Social Data: Modeling Continuous and Limited Response Variables* (2004), published by Wiley Press.

SUSAN BROWN

### Brown Stirs up Controversy with her Contexts Article

Susan Brown published a prestigious paper in the American Sociological Association journal *Contexts* in Summer 2005, exploring how cohabitation is “changing the contours of American families.” In this piece, she explores how most young adults cohabit, how cohabitation precedes most marriages, how the divorced are more likely to cohabit than remarry, and how contemporary children and adults are spending fewer years in marriages and more in cohabitations than in the past. *Contexts* is a great interdisciplinary general audience journal which allows preeminent scholars to think about the implications of important findings in their scientific areas of expertise. We are proud of the attention Susan received by her invitation to write for this journal.

Her detailed and lucid article drew the attention of Bridget Maher of the Family Research Council. Maher entered into an exchange with Susan in the pages of *Contexts*, arguing that Susan misunderstands the importance of marriage and fails to appreciate that most Americans believe that marriage and not cohabitation is best for children. In Susan’s respectful and nuanced response, she discusses with authority and precision what we can know from the scientific literature about whether marriage causes health and social benefits. She also simply states that regardless of the fact that most Americans still want to marry, the tandem social fact is that cohabitation is now part of the terrain of American families. Of her experience with this intellectual and political dialogue with a representative of the Family Research Council, Susan says, “In a published exchange with Arlie Hochschild, I was accused of being conservative. Now, the Family Research Council maintains that my research has a liberal bias. I figure I must be doing something right!” We think the public is lucky to have such a reasoned scientifically measured voice as Susan’s.



## Oates Earns Tenure and Promotion

This spring we're delighted to report that Gary Oates earned tenure and promotion. Since he joined BGSU Sociology, he has published in *Social Psychology Quarterly* and *American Journal of Sociology*. Currently, he is close to completion on a longterm project in which he is using Hierarchical Linear Modeling to explore different explanations for the Black/White gap in scholastic performance. He is also close to completing a project on the impact of the intersection of race and gender on attitudes and policies related to gender and racial inequality. In this specific project, he is exploring how the intervening mechanisms of attitudes toward gender and race inequality influence gender- and race-based attitudes toward Affirmative Action policies.

Gary says that he's looking forward to a new project which is a beginning collaboration with a recent graduate from our program, Jennifer Duette-Goode. Jennifer Duette-Goode is working at Howard University and Gary served on her dissertation committee. The idea for their collaboration sparked during a conversation he and Jennifer had during his job interview visit a few years back. Their project will investigate the interrelationship between race, religiosity, and the implications

of self-efficacy for mental health and socioeconomic accomplishment. Since the notion that personal fate is ultimately outside of one's control is intrinsic to religiosity, the potency of self-efficacy (the antithesis of a rigid belief in the determinancy of fate) as a motivating force and coping resource may be less pronounced among the religious. Constrictions on self-efficacy's motivational and coping power in the face of stressors may be especially apparent among the African-American religious as compared to White religious, given religion's unique historical role in elevating the salience of the hereafter (rather than stressors and injustices in the now) among African-Americans. Their investigation will draw on the National Longitudinal Study of Youth and the National Survey of Families and Households.

Gary is also beginning a new project with his old employer, good friend, and longterm research collaborator, Carmi Schooler. Gary first met Carmi when he was a post-doctoral Fellow at the National Institute of Mental Health. They have had several important publications on the effects of complex, demanding, and satisfying work on mental health functioning among older adults. Their project branches in a new direction. They now begin with the social problem that Jamaicans in the U.K. fare worse than



Jamaicans in the U.S. Gary and Carmi will explore whether these differences are associated with structural opportunities rather than selection issues.

Gary is also being promoted to another important status in the coming year. This spring he became engaged to the lovely Juliette Potter, an attorney from Antigua. They will marry in July 2007. She will be getting a fine chef in Gary. We in Sociology have benefited from his skills as a gourmet chef. He's prepared Jamaican delicacies for several of our job search and grad recruitment events. And this spring he also prepared his world famous Jerk Chicken for the Caribbean Student Association "CariFest," an annual cultural extravaganza!

## Zhang's New Research on China's Oldest-Old



Population aging is quickly becoming a major social issue in many developing countries. It is estimated that two-thirds of dementia cases are now found in developing countries. However, little attention has been paid on this pressing issue. As a scholar from a developing country, Zhenmei Zhang is working on several papers exploring the risk factors of cognitive impairment in China. In one paper recently published in *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, she examined the gender differentials of the prevalence and incidence of cognitive impairment of the oldest old in China. She found that among the Chinese oldest old, women were at higher risk than men for having cognitive impairment both at baseline and at a 2-year follow-up, controlling for age, activities of daily living, disability, and rural residence. Women's disadvantages in socioeconomic status,

social network, and participation in leisure activities partially accounted for the gender differentials in cognitive impairment. In collaboration with Danan Gu from Duke University and Mark Hayward from University of Texas, she is looking at the association between early-life conditions and the onset of cognitive impairment among the oldest old Chinese. We are sad to report that Zhenmei will be leaving us in the fall to pursue another exciting appointment as an Assistant Professor of Demography in the Department of Sociology at Michigan State University. We so enjoyed our brief time with Zhenmei, and wish her and her lovely family, husband Bin and son Oliver, well. Though we will miss her greatly, we are happy that she will remain an affiliate of our Center for Family and Demographic Research.

## CFDR Takes it to the Next Level



*Left to Right: Aurea Osgood, Amanda Kruse, Wendy Manning, and Kelly Balistreri.*



*Left to Right: Roger Thibault (Associate Dean, Arts & Sciences), Wendy Manning, John Folkins (Provost), and Donald Nieman (Dean, Arts & Sciences).*

Wendy Manning and the many CFDR affiliates took our research center to the next level of successful productivity in the last year. Wendy's tireless efforts to earn a major 5-year National Institute of Health population research center award paid off. A little history about this major achievement is worth noting. Wendy first earned a three-year population research center infrastructure award for the development and nurturance of a new research center. She used this award to bring the Center to life in the last few years. At the end of that 3-year award, she and the affiliates needed to compete with larger established centers. Our productivity, grantsmanship and scientific contributions are such that we earned this highly competitive 5-year NIH award.

In the past year, the administration at BGSU provided a research suite to CFDR in the basement of Williams Hall and Wendy and Kelly Balistreri designed and created a beautiful work and research space. In October, we had an official Grand Opening and the accompanying photos are from that event. Also in the past year, the CFDR hosted two major research symposia, and co-sponsored another.

The Center also hired two new staff members, Libby Allen-Dachik as an administrative assistant, and Meredith Porter (a recent Sociology graduate) as a programmer. Libby is a breath of fresh air to

the center, bringing great organizational skill to many of the bureaucratic tasks once faced by the Center's faculty affiliates. Meredith will bring substantial skills as a social science researcher and data programmer to facilitate further research productivity among the faculty affiliates of CFDR.

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A core group of CFDR faculty affiliates also capitalized on a new Research Enhancement Initiative sponsored by BGSU. Wendy Manning, Peggy Giordano, Susan Brown, Steve Demuth, Eric Dubow, Jean Gerard, Molly Laflin, Monica Longmore, Valerie Simon, Jenny Van Hook, and Margaret Zoller Booth all prepared an application requesting funds to conduct a search for an outstanding senior-level scholar with a focus on adolescence

research and a talent for coordinating inter-disciplinary grant-sponsored projects. CFDR earned those funds and in Spring 2006 held a major Adolescence research symposium designed to complement the job search for that senior-level hire. More on this ongoing story in next year's newsletter! Last, CFDR also received permission to conduct a search for a senior-level demography hire in the coming year.

Each of these single pieces of news is splashy, but meanwhile, CFDR's usual outstanding productivity continued without interruption. Annette Mahoney, Al DeMaris, and Ken Pargament's major Templeton grant went into the field for its first wave of data collection. Wendy Manning, Monica Longmore, and Peggy Giordano prepared to enter the field for their next wave of Toledo Adolescent Relationship surveys. Frank Goza was busy conducting funded research with Somali immigrants in the U.S. and Canada. Susan Brown began a major transition in her K01 award by preparing herself for the qualitative data collection with cohabiting parents. I-Fen Lin earned a Wisconsin Longitudinal Survey grant which required travel to Madison, Wisconsin. And Jennifer Van Hook continued to produce significant advances on immigrant research for her several grants and contracts. These are just a few examples of CFDR's big research year!

## Demuth Earns Tenure and Promotion



We are delighted to report that Steve Demuth earned tenure and promotion this spring. He is an outstanding colleague who brings great energy, enthusiasm and care to his research, teaching and service responsibilities. We are proud to have him on the faculty. His continuing research explores how racial and ethnic stratification and inequality impact societal responses to crime. He remains particularly focused on the treatment of Hispanic defendants at various stages of the criminal justice process. In a recent Criminology article, he shows that Hispanic arrestees are more likely to be detained before trial than either white

or black arrestees. He demonstrates that the most important contributor to this disparate outcome appears not to be bias in the decision making of judges (although that seems to exist, as well), but rather the inability of Hispanic arrestees to pay bail in order to obtain release. His current research explores this issue further by examining additional factors such as income, residency, employment, and marriage that might explain the different outcomes of Hispanics, blacks, and whites at the pretrial release stage.

Steve is also extending his prior research on race/ethnicity and sentencing by examining the role of citizenship status in the federal courts. One hypothesized explanation for the harsher treatment of Hispanics is that recent high levels of immigration exacerbate perceptions of Hispanics as an economic, cultural, and criminal threat. However, there is little discussion in the sentencing literature of the possible influence that citizenship status may have on sentencing outcomes despite the strong relationship between Hispanic ethnicity and noncitizen status in the U.S. Furthermore, it remains unclear whether citizenship status is or legally should be considered a relevant factor in the determination of sentences under the federal sentencing guidelines.

Steve is also a key contributor to our teaching program. We know students are made into better scientists by his undergraduate and graduate research methods courses. He strives to make students more critical consumers of information and to help them understand the limitations of research and science. He also enjoys teaching undergraduate corrections, seeing it as a rare opportunity to expose a class of predominately criminal justice majors to a sociological perspective on crime and punishment. People who sit in his lectures know that he brings a great historical perspective, cutting-edge research, and a comprehensive view of his substantive topics.

When not conducting research or training students, Steve indulges his athletic nature by running in Wintergarden Park. He enjoys most sports, but can't wait for baseball season. And his colleagues marvel at his overflowing stock of knowledge about contemporary global political and economic issues. He's always good for a daily debate to shake up the work routine! Congratulations on your well-earned tenure and promotion, Steve.

## Sanchez Serves CFDR as Interim and Associate Director for Five Years

After five years of outstanding service to the Center for Family and Demographic Research as interim director (for one year) and associate director (for four years), Laura Sanchez is stepping down. She will devote more time to her research on covenant and gay marriage (including a book in progress with Steven Nock). Dr. Sanchez' energy, organizational talent, and artistic flair were critical to the early development, growth, and ultimate success of the CFDR. Among her many accomplishments, Laura coordinated the CFDR speaker series, was instrumental in organizing the symposia on the Katrina Disaster (Fall 2005), same-sex marriage (Spring 2005), marriage promotion (Spring 2004), and welfare reform featuring William Julius Wilson (Spring 2002). She also worked tirelessly on the CFDR website,

served as the contact between CFDR affiliates and Information Technology Services (ITS), and generally worked hard behind the scenes in countless ways to ensure the Center has been a success.



Laura Sanchez at a surprise party given in recognition of her five years of service to the CFDR. Left to Right: Laura, Daphne Lofquist, Heidi Lyons, and Aurea Osgood.

### UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

#### Kudos for High Achieving Undergraduate Scholars

Congratulations are due to four talented undergraduate sociology majors at BGSU. Each year, the Department of Sociology at BGSU presents awards to its best undergraduate majors. This year, Mike Shaffer won the Dr. Aida Tomeh Memorial Award for best graduating senior; David Kuebeck won the Senior Seminar Research Paper Award; Brett Dorsten won the Theresa Delorto Memorial Scholarship for best rising senior; and Susan Lovalley won the Dr. Joseph Kivlin Memorial Scholarship for best rising junior. Martha, thank you for nurturing our fine undergraduate scholars!



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## NEW FACULTY



**Ranae  
Evenson**

Ranae Evenson, a social psychologist and medical sociologist, will join the Sociology faculty this fall. She graduated from the Sociology Department at Vanderbilt University in 2005. Her dissertation research focuses on the impact of identity process on adolescents' mental health. Her recent article entitled, "Clarifying the Relationship between Parenthood and Depression" that appears at the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, has received media attention across the country. With Robin Simon from Florida State University, Ranae found that unlike other major adult social roles in the United States, parenthood does not appear to present a mental health advantage for individuals. Although parents of all types report more symptoms of depression than nonparents, married parents residing with their own minor children actually report less depression than other types of parents. Ranae's arrival to BGSU is expected to strengthen our social psychology program and enhance the department's research on adolescence. She will teach courses in the areas of social psychology, mental health, and medical sociology.



**Madeline  
Duntley**

We welcomed a new associate professor, Madeline Duntley, to our department this year. Madeline came to BGSU with a joint appointment in Sociology and American Culture Studies. Previously, she taught for 14 years at the College of Wooster in Ohio. Her area of expertise is the qualitative study of religion. She has published several studies of Japanese American Catholics, Protestants, and Buddhists in 19th and 20th century Seattle and Japan. She also teaches, publishes and has research interests in Ritual & Religious Studies theory; Religion in American Culture; Native American religions; Witchcraft; New Religions/New Religious Movements/New Age; religion and marginality; Global Christianity; and sacred garments & fashion. Besides her ongoing work on Asian American religions, she is currently engaged in a transatlantic study of Benjamin Franklin and other 18th century religious misfits and their efforts at ritual reform. She has received research and teaching grants and fellowships from the Louisville Institute/Lilly Endowment, Young Scholars of American Religion/Pew Charitable Trusts, and the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion.



**Jorge  
Chavez**

Jorge M. Chavez joined our faculty this year as an assistant professor in Criminology. He studied in the Criminal Justice program at the University of Albany and is a former Pre-Doctoral Fellow of the National Consortium on Violence Research (NCOVR) and former Presidential Fellow at the University of Albany. A theme which guides his research is that of integrating developmental, social, and environmental perspectives in understanding the development of aggression, violence, and mental health problems. His primary areas of research focus on life course perspectives on child maltreatment and adult outcomes, race/ethnicity differences in the comorbidity of mental health problems and violent behavior, and understanding development and change in violence within community contexts. He also focuses on expanding the conceptualization of race and ethnicity within criminological research. The majority of the criminological literature has focused on race as a dichotomy or as a control variable, ignoring growing segments of the population. Considering recent immigration trends, and the changing demographics of the nation as a whole, Jorge argues that research needs to consider more than White-Black differences in crime, and consider the manner in which race and ethnicity may interact with social-structural processes to influence crime. He says that a better conceptualization of race and ethnicity will hopefully lead to a better understanding of the mechanisms which result in discrepant rates of offending and victimization. To further these goals, he participates in a prestigious National Science Foundation study group on Race/Ethnicity, Crime, and Criminal Justice. Since joining our faculty, he's been an enthusiastic supporter of our job searches and grad recruitment efforts. In his "spare" time, he can be found running through our city parks, playing soccer or taking Karate classes!

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## NEW STAFF

### ● Libby Allen-Dachik



CFDR earned a new staff position as part of its new NIH population research center award. Last fall, a job search with

over 90 applicants resulted in an offer to Libby Allen-Dachik. Libby has worked as a Secretary at BGSU since 1998, most recently working as Secretary for the Women's Center. Libby is a BGSU graduate with a Speech/Theater degree. She has only been with the Center

for a few months, but already we know she is indispensable. She has imposed order on the unruly nature of following grant budgets and expenditures, creating a system which faculty can use quickly and efficiently. She is tackling helping faculty affiliates make the transition to the National Institute of Health's electronic grant application submission process. And she is bringing her significant design skills to the CFDR research briefs and other documents. She has also greatly simplified the many tasks involved with bringing in our guests and visiting scholars. We are delighted with her skills,

initiative, and creativity. On a personal note, Libby comes with many people skills honed by her training as an actor in New York City. She misses her life in the theater, but has had some opportunities for time in the foot lights since her return to Bowling Green. She has appeared in local commercials and print ads. And just recently, she was a lead character in a BGSU theater production of All My Sons at the Joe E. Brown Theater. When she's not working hard for the Center or exercising her acting talents, she is mother to two children, 15-year-old Guy and 11-year-old Katya.

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## GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOC.

### SGSA Rocks the Sociology World!

The Sociology Graduate Student Association contributed in numerous ways to the department and Sociology graduate students this year. SGSA was indispensable to last fall's Hurricane Katrina symposium, spending many hours promoting and advertising the event and hosting the visiting scholars, and supported the Social Contexts of Adolescence conference this spring. SGSA members also create, maintain and enhance a resource library in Tomeh, supplying video and teaching resources. A large portion of their energies and money this year went into supporting Sociology graduate students in professional travel. Approximately 25 graduate students benefited from SGSA funding to attend such conferences as the PAA, NCSA, ASA, ACS and NCFR. In fact, at the PAA alone, Sociology Graduate students were a reckoning force, traveling as a powerful pack of intellectuals, a record 13 at the PAA! SGSA is also working on lighter dimensions of life, preparing a Sociology cookbook and considering t-shirts.

Meghan Henning, Liz Baker and Aurea Osgood (President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively) all report that SGSA is a "little Sociology family," providing moral support, fun, and guidance about how to keep "on the straight and narrow." Next year, SGSA members are hoping to host another visiting scholar and are planning to pull together their own "survival guide to graduate school" as a support resource for incoming students. This year's officers are a dynamic bunch. In the past year, Aurea earned the BGSU Presidential Award for Distinguished Service, served CFDR incomparably, and is preparing to defend her dissertation proposal. She also nurtured her many nieces, nephews and friends' babies. Liz presented research at the Northwest Regional Geography Association and had two posters at this year's Population Association of America Annual Meetings in Los Angeles. She also tirelessly cared for her dear cat, taking him to Columbus several times for world class veterinary care. Meghan defended her

dissertation proposal and a paper at the PAA with I-Fen. She also was part of a marathon team running for a Leukemia Lymphoma charity. These are the kind of people you want around in a crunch – sociological or otherwise!

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## GRADUATE NEWS

### Graduate Students Travel to Attend Ms. Rosa Parks' Funeral

On Wednesday, November 2nd, Daphne Lofquist, Liz Baker, and T'Juan Jones traveled to Detroit, Michigan to attend Ms. Rosa Parks' funeral. Though they were unable to get into the service, they were part of the community of mourners and gave their warm thoughts to the Mother of the civil rights movement. Ask them about their wonderful experience, as they've come back to our home department with great stories about their moment in history!



*Left to Right: Daphne Lofquist, Liz Baker, and T'Juan Jones*

### Student Publications

**Brown, Susan L., Jennifer Roebuck Bulanda, and Gary R. Lee.** 2005. "The Significance of Nonmarital Cohabitation: Marital Status and Mental Health Benefits among Middle-Aged and Older Adults." *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 60: S21-S29.

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

**Giordano, Peggy C., Jill A. Deines and Stephen A. Cernkovich.** 2006. "In and Out of Crime: A Life Course Perspective on Girls' Delinquency." Pp. 17-40, in Karen Heimer and Candace Kruttschnitt (eds.), *Gender and Crime: Patterns in Victimization and Offending*. New York: New York University Press.

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**Ryabov, Igor K. and Jennifer Van Hook.** "School Segregation and Academic Achievement among Hispanic Adolescents." Forthcoming in *Social Science Research* (forthcoming).

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**Zhang, Yuanting and Frank Goza.** "Who Will Care for the Elderly in China?" *Journal of Aging Studies* (forthcoming).

### SOCIOLOGY PH.D. GRADUATES 2005

- **Jennifer Duette-Goode**  
August 2005 (Longmore) Examining the Influence of Social Class, Individual and Social Contexts on African American Adolescents' Sexual Behavior
- **Donna Holland**  
August 2005 (Giordano) A Life Course Perspective on Foster Care: An Examination of the Impact on Variations in Levels of Involvement in the Foster Care System on Adult Criminality and Other Indicators of Adult Well-Being
- **Kathleen Lamb**  
May 2005 (Lee) Union Formation, Union Maintenance, and Depressive Symptoms: Examining the Impact of Relationship Context, Relationship Quality, and Race
- **Meredith Porter**  
August 2005 (Manning) The Invisible Teen Parent: Exploring Predictors of Teenage Fatherhood and its Consequences for Residency and Educational Attainment
- **Igor Ryabov**  
December 2005 (Goza/Van Hook) School Racial and Ethnic Composition Effect on Academic Achievement of Latino Adolescents
- **Ryan Schroeder**  
August 2005 (Giordano) Stuck in a 'Hurt Locker': Toward an Integrated Theoretical Framework on Desistance Processes



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## NEWS & NOTES

### ● NUPTIALS

**Deanna Trella and Scott Jacobson** married on March 1st, 2006 at Huelo Point Flower Farm in Maui, Hawaii. They honeymooned in Kauai. Deanna is in her second year of the Ph.D. program. Scott is a professional electrical engineer at Matrix Technologies in Maumee, Ohio.

**Kristi Salmons** became engaged to Kevin Ellenberg. They will be married May 22, 2010 in Barboursville, West Virginia. Kevin is a Criminology graduate student at Marshall University.

**Patrick Seffrin** became engaged to Susan Meyers. They will marry in August 2006.

**Gary Oates and Juliette Potter** became engaged in 2006, during our Spring Graduate Student Recruitment Weekend. They will marry in 2007.

**Krista Westrick and Matthew Payne** married in October 2003. Their son, Nicolas (Cole) Dale Payne was born November, 2004.

### ● BIRTHS

**Ryan and Jacci Schroeder** welcomed their second daughter, Nora Kay, on October 5, 2005. Nora was 17.5 inches, weighing 5lbs, 5oz. Their first daughter, Emma, turned two in February 2006. Ryan just completed his first year as an assistant professor at the University of Louisville.

**Laura Sanchez'** second niece, Clara Jane, was born in March 2006. Laura's sister, Elena, brother-in-law, Steve, and goddaughter, Emma Elizabeth, are all happy and well.

## Fund Student Futures

Few things in life are more rewarding than having a positive impact on the life of another, and students' needs for scholarship assistance have never been greater than they are today. Please consider joining your fellow Sociology alumni in helping today's students achieve their dreams of tomorrow.

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