Letter from the chair

Once again we’ve had an exciting year. Last year the excitement was largely about additions to our faculty; we added Kara Joyner, Katie Kenney, Danielle Kuhl, and Ray Swisher. This year our faculty has remained stable, except for the departure of long-time professor Joe Jacoby to retirement. We wish him well as he pursues his passion for photography (he’s amazingly good at it, as those lucky enough to attend his showing in Bowen-Thompson Student Union in August will attest), and thank him for his enormous contributions to our department. He will be greatly missed.

We are also missing another faculty member, although he’s not too far away. Frank Goza has taken over as associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences. At this point the appointment is temporary, so he may come back to us for 2009-10, but contrary to all logic he seems to be enjoying his new life. He does continue to teach his introductory statistics course for our graduate students. We wish him good fortune in the dean’s office while eagerly anticipating his return.

This year’s excitement focuses around our new research center. In the summer of 2007, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services put out a call for proposals for a National Center for Marriage Research, modeled after the National Poverty Center at the University of Michigan. There was less than a month between the announcement and the deadline, but Wendy Manning and Susan Brown got to work. There was also intense competition, from some of the best universities and programs in the country. And there would be only one winner. As we found out in late September, we’re it. We now host the nation’s only National Center for Marriage Research (NCMR), the features of which are detailed elsewhere in this newsletter. We’re very proud of the work Wendy (Director) and Susan (Associate Director) did on this, and grateful for their efforts.

We also very much appreciate the support of the University on this project. NCMR, along with its companion Center for Family and Demographic Research (CFDR), are currently housed in temporary space the university provided in the Harshman Quadrangle, which in the normal course of events is a residence hall. In the summer of 2009 the north wing of the basement level of Williams Hall will be renovated as permanent space for the two centers. This will also include restructured and improved facilities in the center portion of the basement (formerly occupied by CFDR) to house graduate student study and work space. We certainly thank the University for the resources it provided in these very difficult economic times.

Speaking of difficult times, both the University and the College of Arts and Sciences are, of course, experiencing severe budgetary problems. While overall plans for expansion have been put on hold, and many departments are losing positions, we were one of a very few programs on campus that was given a faculty line to fill for next year. As of this writing we have just begun the recruitment process, but by next year I hope to report the addition of a new assistant or associate professor in either family or demography. We’re excited and gratified that, once again, the University has chosen to invest in our department, even in the face of budget deficits. Along with everyone else at the University, we have some difficult and painful cuts to make. But we’ll come through, hopefully in a strong position for further growth.

Our graduate students continue to do well. Several of our Ph.D. students have completed (or are near completing) their degrees, and have moved to assistant professorships (Jill Doerner at the University of Rhode Island, Wendi Goodlin at the University of Southern Mississippi, Kenyatta Phelps at Prairie View A & M), or to the Census Bureau (Daphne Lofquist and Yuanting Zhang). We’re delighted with their success, and wish them well in the future. In addition, three students completed their master’s degrees, and all three moved right on to our Ph.D. program. Next year we have a much larger Ph.D. cohort finishing, and we hope for and expect similar success in placements.

There are many other success stories in this newsletter about the research and teaching of our faculty. Our productivity continues to be high on all relevant dimensions, our classes are full, and our students are succeeding. I have no doubt I’ll be able to say the same thing next year.

Gary R. Lee
Professor and Chair

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National Center for Marriage Research established at BGSU: Susan Brown and Wendy Manning are Co-Directors

Recognizing the extent of changes and variability in family patterns in recent decades, including increases in the percentage of children born out of wedlock, increased average age of first marriage, and the rise in cohabitation, the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services developed a request for proposals to establish a National Center that would bring strong research to bear on questions about how these trends may impact the health and welfare of individuals, families and communities. Wendy Manning and Susan Brown saw the request on July 3, and by the first of August had developed a 100 page document and numerous appendices that spelled out how Bowling Green would provide an ideal home for such a Center, and about their vision for it. They elicited assistance and support from 16 faculty at Bowling Green who currently conduct research on directly related topics, and developed cooperative agreements with external organizations such as the National Poverty Center at University of Michigan and the Population Reference Bureau in Washington D.C. Other faculty and students became fatigued simply watching the amount of work that was required to complete the application process. Their detailed action plan was a winner and there was much joy in the sociology department when Manning and Brown heard the news that BGSU had received the 4.35 million dollar award! BGSU is contributing the balance of the $5.5 million budget that will support the Center's work over the next five years.

The center's core mission is to foster and disseminate high quality research in this area, but Manning and Brown noted that other goals are to bring researchers and policymakers together and contribute to advances in marriage education and training of the next generation of marriage scholars. The Center recently awarded four external grants (totaling $80,000) to junior scholars that had submitted proposals focused on marital and family instability, supported three graduate students during the summer and three during the 08-09 academic year. Undergraduate students, a postdoctoral fellow, two undergraduates and four staff members will contribute to the Center's work. This summer the Center sponsored a workshop focusing on four secondary data sets that are especially useful for analyses of marriage and family patterns and changes. Brown and Manning, in collaboration with HHS staff put together an advisory board composed of world class researchers and other stakeholders, and held the first meeting of the board in Washington D.C. Susan Brown indicated that the Board members were very enthusiastic about the Center's research, training and dissemination goals, and noted that their involvement with these individuals also increased BGSU's visibility and reach.

Manning pointed out that the new Center complements the Center for Family and Demographic Research she also directs at BGSU, but noted that the two missions are distinct. CFDR has a primary goal of promoting the grant and publication activities of BGSU faculty and graduate students, while the NCMR has a national emphasis. For example, she suggested that as new measures of family instability or other key dimensions of marriage quality are developed, scholars from across the country can draw on these developments to foster greater standardization and thus impact of their individual research projects. Research dissemination will occur via workshops, conferences, seminars, and research briefs as well as through the website and targeted electronic format mailings to policymakers, academic institutions, and practitioners.

The University is renovating the lower level of Williams Hall to provide a space that will accommodate the activities of the new NCMR as well as CFDR. Meanwhile, both Centers have moved to office space in Harshman, and the co-directors and other staff members are busy planning an exciting agenda of conferences, workshops, and other activities for the upcoming year.

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WENDY MANNING & SUSAN BROWN
Alfred DeMaris Conducts Seminar on Growth-Curve Modeling

During late July and early August 2007 Alfred DeMaris, Professor of Sociology and CFDR Statistician, conducted a four day workshop at BGSU on growth-curve modeling. Eighteen people—7 graduate students and 11 faculty members—enrolled in this workshop, which was sponsored by the CFDR.

Professor DeMaris explained that growth-curve modeling (GCM) is an advanced statistical analysis procedure applied to multi-wave panel data to track patterns of change in a response variable over time. GCM is typically applied to data sets involving large samples measured at relatively few (e.g., 3-6) time points, where each survey wave includes identical measures of the same variables. The technique is used to explain how individuals’ attributes affect both the average trajectory in the response and individual variation around that average trajectory. Before the introduction of GCM, analysis of panel data was typically conducted using only two waves at a time, or using repeated measures analysis of variance, which treats time as a categorical variable. GCM has some advantages over competing techniques like latent-growth modeling via structural equations, or group-based trajectory profiling. Above all, it is relatively easy to learn for those already comfortable with multiple linear regression modeling.

Lauren Rinelli Appointed to BGSU HSRB

In August 2008 Lauren Rinelli, Ph.D. student in Sociology, was appointed to a two-year term on the BGSU Human Subjects Review Board (HSRB) by Associate Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate College Heinz Bulmahn. Ms. Rinelli is the only student-member of HSRB, but she has the same responsibilities and voting rights as the other 13 Board members.

The HSRB is the administrative and decision-making body that has University-wide responsibility for review and approval of research involving human subjects. Before any research involving human subjects may be initiated it must receive HSRB review and approval.

In commenting on Ms. Rinelli’s appointment, Board Chair and Sociology Professor Joseph Jacoby said that Ms. Rinelli is an ideal board member because she is very knowledgeable about social science research methods, is serious about protecting research subjects, and is confident in expressing her opinions in the challenging give-and-take that occurs in HSRB meetings.

Chair Gary Lee was recently elected by the membership of the National Council on Family Relations to a three-year term as Member-at-Large of the six-member NCFR Board.

The National Council on Family Relations, founded in 1938, is the oldest, multi-disciplinary, non-partisan professional organization focused solely on family research, practice and education. The NCFR’s mission is to provide an educational forum for family researchers, educators, and practitioners to share in the development and dissemination of knowledge about families and family relationships, establish professional standards, and work to promote family well-being. The NCFR publishes two scholarly journals, the Journal of Marriage and Family and Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Studies.

Professor Lee has been a member of NCFR since 1970. He served previously on the Board in the mid-1980s, as Chair of the International Section. In describing hopes for the future of the NCFR, Professor Lee stated that he would like to see the organization strengthen its emphasis on research, as well as the relationship between research and its policy recommendations.

Gary Lee
Elected to Board of NCFR

Ms. Rinelli describes her service on the HSRB as “fascinating.” She is particularly interested in learning about research being conducted by faculty and students in other University departments, and has enjoyed working with members of the Board from other University programs and the BG community. Ms. Rinelli said she wants to ensure that research subjects’ rights are protected. As a researcher herself, she is aware that subjects can be discouraged from participating in research by insensitive researchers. She therefore also wants to ensure that research subjects are treated sensitively.
CFDR Sponsors Major Symposium on Repartnering

The CFDR held a symposium on March 13, 2008 that focused on the implications of repartnering for adults and children, and featured some of the “rock stars” of family and demographic research. Speakers included Dr. Andrew J. Cherlin, Benjamin H. Griswold, III, Professor of Public Policy at Johns Hopkins University, whose lecture was titled “American Merry-Go-Round: The Causes and Consequences of Multiple Partnerships.” Frank F. Furstenberg, Jr., the Zellerbach Family Professor of Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania, spoke on “Multi-partnered Families and the Reconstruction of American Families and Kinship.” Finally, Frances K. Goldscheider, University Professor of Sociology, emeriti, University of Maryland, discussed “Men’s Multiple Routes to Parenthood: Step-, Nonresidential, Single (and of course Partnered) in the U.S.” The topics raised resonated well with current faculty and graduate students’ interests in non-traditional family forms, cohabitation, and multiple pathways into and out of marriage. Advanced family and demography graduate students and faculty enjoyed informal discussions with the visiting scholars at a luncheon in their honor.

SGSA Adopts New Constitution

Andrew Wilczak, President of the Sociology Graduate Student Association and second-year Ph.D. student, described the accomplishments of the SGSA this year. The SGSA wrote and approved a new constitution, replacing the one adopted in 2000. The purposes of the SGSA, as declared in the constitution are: To strengthen the graduate student community within the Department of Sociology through membership in a cohesive and inclusive organization; to coordinate workshops, conferences, and various other activities that promote personal, academic, and professional development; to facilitate communication and involvement with the Departments’ faculty and staff in addition to the greater BGSU community; and to encourage scholarly collaboration and promote the advancement of social science research.

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Mr. Wilczak explained that the new constitution restructures the organization and focuses its activities on helping students get more out of their graduate school experience and encourages participation of all graduate students. In Academic Year 2007-08 the SGSA sponsored six workshops, covering the following topics: Protecting human subjects of research, dealing with stress, the post-doctoral experience, writing a curriculum vitae, preparing for and taking the Ph.D. preliminary exam, and teaching for the first time. Under the newly created, SGSA-sponsored, volunteer mentorship program, every incoming graduate student is assigned a grad-student mentor to aid in the transition to graduate school.

Lauren Rinelli Wins Prestigious Scholarship

Sociology graduate student Lauren Rinelli was awarded the prestigious BGSU Board of Trustees Leadership Scholarship on May 2, 2008, at the BGSU Board of Trustees meeting. Only one BGSU undergraduate and one graduate student are selected each year to receive this scholarship. The Scholarship Committee chose her based on her leadership activities, a written essay about her leadership philosophy, and an interview with Committee members.

Ms. Rinelli is in the second year of the Sociology Ph.D. program. She received her M.A. in our program in 2006. Her major area of study is the family, and she is a research assistant in our National Center for Marriage Research. Ms. Rinelli co-organized the 1st and 2nd Annual BGSU/Ohio State University Graduate Student Conference on Population and was the lead organizer for the “Bringing Katrina to the Curriculum: Teaching Environmental Demography for the 21st Century Undergrad” Workshop at the Population Association of America Annual Meetings in New Orleans.

In the message informing Ms. Rinelli that she had been selected to receive the award, Linda Dobb, Executive Vice President & Secretary to the Board of BGSU, said: “...you really impressed all of us with your love of learning and your passion for sociology. I can’t tell you how many of us wanted to attend the lecture you spoke of after you explained the differences between support for the children of cohabiting adults in Europe and the U.S. You gave us a fascinating glimpse into your world.... Additionally, the committee saw your leadership as remarkable. It encompasses on-campus and national activities. The letters [of recommendation] from Dr. Susan Brown and Dr. Laura Sanchez were quite persuasive. After meeting you, we knew why they think so highly of you—we did too!”
Wendy Manning: BGSU's Olscamp Award for Outstanding Research Achievements

As the 2008 winner of BGSU’s prestigious Olscamp award, Wendy Manning gained the privilege of parking in a desirable, dedicated parking space on campus for the academic year. She also received a monetary award, in recognition of outstanding achievement in the area of research over the past three years. In typical fashion, Manning donated these funds to a favorite charity, but—given her hectic schedule (see other stories in this newsletter)—kept the parking space.

Wendy’s record of publication and grant success have been extraordinary. In 2000, Manning founded BGSU’s Center for Family and Demographic Research (CFDR), and in 2002, she obtained three years of additional NICHD funding from the for the center. Two years ago, in what Susan Brown described in her nomination letter was Manning’s “most significant research accomplishment,” she gained an additional five years of federal support—about $1.4 million for the center through an NICHD mechanism that funds only 15 population centers nationwide. The other 14 centers are all at institutions classified as Research 1 institutions.

Brown noted that “Manning’s success at competing with well-established centers at larger universities is a testament to her national reputation,” suggesting that her research record and scholarly standing were critical to BGSU’s success in obtaining significant federal funding from NIH for CFDR.” Manning, who also won BGSU’s Faculty Mentor Award in 2005, spends “countless hours” facilitating faculty research, grant activity and training. For example, Brown pointed out, Manning offers faculty development awards that provide extensive mentoring to faculty as they generate their first grant proposal. She’s also heavily involved in informal mentoring, trains several graduate students each year, giving many an opportunity to participate in high-quality research projects, and oversees several scholarship of engagement projects, among her other efforts at the center cited by Brown.

Supporting Manning’s nomination, department chair Gary Lee, described her “tangible assistance and inspiration to her colleagues” as her “greatest contribution.” Wrote Lee: “She has made everyone around her better.” Since 2004, Manning has been elected to leadership positions in several prominent national organizations in her field, including the Association of Population Centers and the Population Association of America; published 14 articles in refereed journals, and was first author of half of them; authored 15 paper presentations; made five invited presentations, and successfully competed for individual research grants.

Said Brown, “Over the past three years, Professor Manning has skillfully juggled eight grants, on five of which she was the principal investigator!”

“She has been amazingly successful on every dimension of performance as a researcher,” agreed Lee, saying that Manning “has made, and continues to make, a huge mark on the literature of our field. I know of no one else in the country with this kind of publication record.” She is without doubt the most accomplished scholar for her career stage with whom I have worked, and one of the leading scholars in the country in her discipline,” he asserted. “We would not be the department or university we are today without her.”

**CFDR Faculty Development Awards**

This year, the CFDR awarded two Faculty Development Awards to members of the sociology faculty. Jorge Chavez, Danielle Payne Kuhl and Ray Swisher are collaborating on a new line of research called “Violence in the Transition to Young Adulthood: Influences of Dynamic Neighborhood Contexts.” Using data from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health) they will use a life course approach to study the adolescent-to-adulthood transition, but will suggest multiple ways in which such individual transitions are influenced by neighborhood processes. Their dynamic approach to conceptualizing and measuring neighborhoods is unique, and promises to add an important layer of complexity to our knowledge of trajectories of violence and other aspects of adult well-being.

With assistance from CFDR, Peggy Giordano will examine the links between “Alcohol, Heterosexual Relationships, and HIV.” The study will lay the groundwork for collecting a fifth wave of interviews with respondents involved in the Toledo Adolescent Relationships Study (TARS). While the original study focused on dating and sexuality, the new research, continuing a collaboration with Wendy Manning and Monica Longmore will examine the ways in which alcohol use and sexual risk-taking are related, and explore the influence of romantic partners on these consequential health behaviors.
Sanchez Publishes Book on Covenant Marriage

...The experience was life-changing...

LAURA SANCHEZ

Laura Sanchez’s new book “Covenant Marriage: The Movement to Reclaim Tradition in America” was published in July 2008 and could be found prominently displayed at the Rutgers University Press book exhibit at the American Sociological Association meetings this August. In the book, Sanchez, along with her co-authors James D. Wright and Steven L. Nock, analyze the effects of covenant marriage on over 300 Louisiana couples. Covenant marriages set up ground rules for marriage including premarital counseling, a written pledge to ‘take all reasonable steps’ to preserve the marriage, and stricter requirements for divorces. Sanchez et al’s exciting findings (featured most recently in a Washington Times editorial column) include evidence that covenant marriages result in lower divorce rates. By the end of the study (conducted between 1999 and 2004), 8.6 percent of covenant couples were divorced, compared with 15.4 percent of couples with standard marriages. While there hasn’t been a groundswell of states adopting covenant marriage laws, Arkansas and Arizona followed suit, and over 20 state legislatures have considered the idea, thus starting a national dialogue on how marriage is changing in America. The project has had an impact on the author as well: The experience was life-changing. Sanchez reports, “going to each of the parishes, being in the homes of people who really wanted to make their marriages work. I very much felt the importance of being a respectful, responsible spokesperson for the voices I heard.”

David Farrington Describes his 40 Year Follow up of Delinquent Youth

This November, the CFDR hosted David Farrington, a professor at Cambridge’s Institute of Criminology, who discussed “The Development of Offending From Childhood to adulthood” at a formal lecture, and met with faculty and graduate students more informally over a two day period. Dr. Farrington is a past president of the American Society of Criminology, who also received ASC’s Sutherland award and is one of the most influential and heavily cited scholars in the field.

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Although Dr. Farrington has wide ranging research interests, his talk centered on the long-term follow-up of a sample 400 males first interviewed in the 60’s as youths and followed up to age 48. This virtually unprecedented follow-up study has had an impact on our knowledge of early risk factors as well as the later lives and criminal careers of delinquent youth.
Professor Joseph Jacoby retired from the BGSU faculty on August 31, 2008. He came to BGSU in 1981 from the University of South Carolina. His first faculty position, from 1975-78, was at the University of Houston/Clear Lake. While at BGSU he taught courses in Principles of Sociology, Corrections, Sociology of Law, and Sociology of Mental Illness. He chaired 12 dissertation and 13 thesis committees. His research focused on public knowledge and opinions about punishment and the reentry of mentally ill offenders from prison. Professor Jacoby chaired the BGSU Human Subjects Review Board for the last ten years. He also served as Director of Graduate Studies in 1984-87 and 2005, Assistant Chair of the department in 2005-06, and Acting Chair of the department in 2004-05.

In recent years Professor Jacoby acquired a deep interest in digital photography. He traveled with his wife Elayne to Italy, Costa Rica, and the American Southwest in pursuit of opportunities to refine his photographic skills. To mark his transition through retirement from professional sociologist to amateur photographer (among other roles), Professor Jacoby presented an exhibit of his photographs in August. The exhibit, entitled “Last Lecture...First Photos,” expressed through photographs and words, insights acquired during 33 years as a university faculty member. The Sociology Department sponsored a formal opening of the exhibit in the Art Gallery in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union on August 14, and the exhibit remained on display through August 25.

Professor Jacoby expresses his appreciation to the Sociology Department faculty, staff, and students for their friendship, support, and desire to learn during his 27 years on the faculty. He believes that the sense of community that has characterized the culture of the BGSU Sociology Department during his tenure is both unusual and critical to the continued success of the Sociology program. He hopes that we will sustain and nurture our community as much as our professional accomplishments, and wishes us well.

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Bringing Hurricane Katrina into the Classroom

In Fall 2007, a group of BGSU graduate students taking a seminar in Teaching Sociology asked "How can we use Katrina in undergraduate teaching? How can we bring the multiple sociological, demographic, political, and environmental issues raised by Katrina into a variety of classrooms?" The result was a workshop at the Population Association of America (PAA) meetings entitled “Bringing Katrina into the Curriculum: Teaching Environmental Demography to the 21st Century Undergraduate.” Led by Ph.D. student Lauren Rinelli, the team also included graduate students Elizabeth Baker, Jennifer Brown, Stacey Brumbaugh, Sayaka Kawamura, Kristy Krivickas, Gretchen Lamb, Heidi Lyons, Aurea Osgood, and faculty member Laura Sanchez. Because the PAA was held in New Orleans, the topic was particularly apropos and commanded the interest of demographers from the President of the PAA to the more than 30 attendees at the April workshop. The group plans to submit their project to the journal Teaching Sociology.

BGSU/OSU Graduate Student Conference on Population

The first annual Bowling Green State University/Ohio State University Graduate Conference on Population was held on October 27, 2007 at the OSU campus in Columbus. It was organized by graduate students Lauren Rinelli and Antwan Jones from BGSU and Richard Petts from OSU and sponsored by the Center for Family and Demographic Research and the Initiative for Population Research. Thirty to forty people attended including Jess Cohen, Sayaka Kawamura, and Patrick Seffrin, who presented papers. The goal is to give students an outlet for research and to facilitate dialogue and collaboration between faculty and students.

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Graduate Student Placement

Kenyatta Phelps accepted an Assistant Professor position at Prairie View A & M. Daphne Lofquist and Yuanting Zhang have moved to Washington, D.C to work as statistical consultants for the U.S. Census Bureau.

Jill Doerner accepted an Assistant Professor position at the University of Rhode Island.

Wendi Goodlin accepted an Assistant Professor position at the University of Southern Mississippi.

SOCIOLOGY M.A.
Jennifer Brown AUGUST 2007 (Giordano, Criminology)
Stacey Brumbaugh AUGUST 2007 (Longmore, Social Psychology)
Christine Flanigan AUGUST 2007 (Manning, Family)
Jessica Cohen DECEMBER 2007 (Manning, Demography)
Amy Dietrickson DECEMBER 2007 (Mirchandani, Social Psychology)
Robert Lonardo DECEMBER 2007 (Giordano, Criminology)
Danielle Soto DECEMBER 2007 (Giordano, Criminology)

SOCIOLOGY Ph.D.
Kenyatta Phelps DECEMBER 2007 (Longmore, Social Psychology)
Yuanting Zhang DECEMBER 2007 (Van Hook, Demography)
Wendi Goodlin DECEMBER 2008 (Cernkovich, Criminology)
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**News & Notes**

**BIRTHS**

William Michael Lally was born on May 28, 2008 to Bill Lally and his wife Katie in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Liam weighed in at 6 lbs 7 oz.

**NUPTIALS**

Jorge Chavez wed Christine Englebrecht on January 3, 2009 in Chicago, IL. The wedding was held at St. Francis of Assissi.

Jeremiah Frank, son of Tammy Frank, married Nicole Gilliland on November 8, 2008 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Meredith Porter wed Kevin Gilbertson on May 31, 2008 at St. Aloysius in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Danielle Payne was married to Todd Kuhl on May 16, 2008 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Joshua Frank, son of Tammy Frank, will marry Amy Whiting on June 6, 2009 in Arcanum, Ohio.