

SOCIOLOGY

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Once again, the Department of Sociology has had an eventful year. It has been filled with some anxieties about the budget situation, changes in the University's undergraduate curriculum, and changes in the ways that graduate students are funded. But in spite of this, we've continued our long-term successes in research funding and publication, teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, and service to the University.

The budget for BGSU has, of course, been problematic for years, and the current fiscal situation in the state of Ohio isn't helping. We are facing substantial budget cuts for next year that will be very painful across the University. However, even in the face of these impending cuts, we were given permission to hire two new faculty members for next year. Both searches were amazingly successful. Dr. **KAREN GUZZO** will be our new demographer. She comes to us with a doctorate from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, several years of very successful teaching experience, and a wonderful record of publication and research funding to her credit. **MATT VAN ESELTINE** will be joining our criminology faculty

in the fall; he is currently completing his doctorate at the Pennsylvania State University. We're delighted to welcome them aboard, and grateful to the University and the College of Arts and Sciences for making these investments in our department during such difficult times.

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BGSU is currently re-examining its undergraduate general education program, and of course this is very important to our department because we teach a large number of general education courses and students under the current system. We are working diligently to contribute to the discussion. In only her second year on our faculty, **KEI NOMAGUCHI** led the Undergraduate Committee in developing a proposal for a new course that will be an alternative to Principles of Sociology that fits into the new general education program. The details of the new program are still very much in process, and it will

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Gary R. Lee

PROFESSOR & CHAIR

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be some time before final decisions are made. We will certainly be a part of this process, and expect to play a major role in determining the shape and content of the new program.

Meanwhile, our two co-Directors of Undergraduate Studies, **MEREDITH GILBERTSON** and **MARGARET WEINBERGER**, have been working very hard in their new roles. In addition to advising our majors and minors, organizing efforts for Preview Days and Presidents' Day, developing a new brochure for the program, and the myriad other things they do, they have reactivated our undergraduate sociology club under the name "Students Association for Sociological Initiatives (SASI)." Participation and enthusiasm have been excellent. The group has done many things, including both academic initiatives and projects that benefit the community, and the students have certainly enjoyed and learned from them. We're delighted to have this organization up and running, and expect it to have a long and happy future.

Our Director of Graduate Studies, **STEVE DEMUTH**, also assumed his new role this year. This was a very auspicious time to begin; the University implemented a new funding system for graduate students just when our long-time graduate secretary, Pat Carpenter, retired. It's been a lot of work to keep things running smoothly, but Steve has managed it very well. We're bringing in an outstanding cohort of new graduate students in the fall, and our funding base is now secure and stable. Our graduate student recruitment weekend in March, under the able leadership of **DANIELLE KUHL**, was a great success.

Due to the University's dire budget situation, when Pat Carpenter retired last spring she was not replaced. This meant that our secretary **TAMMY FRANK** had to learn and take over Pat's role. She has done a great job, mastering tasks involving budgeting, the graduate program, and

many other things, all the while keeping the clerical side of the office running smoothly. This is a big job, and Tammy would be the first to say she'd be grateful for some additional help, but she has done an outstanding job of maintaining order and getting the work done. Thanks, Tammy!

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We've had a number of other accomplishments and honors this year that show our faculty are highly regarded nationally. **WENDY MANNING** is the current vice president of the Population Association of America (PAA). **AL DEMARIS** won the Hugo Biegel Award for the outstanding article published in the Journal of Sex Research in 2009; he's published two articles in this journal, and they both won the award! Overall, our faculty published exactly two dozen articles and chapters in 2010, with about twice that number in press or appearing in 2011. We have a number of new grants, and our two research centers (the Center for Family and Demographic Research, and the National Center for Family and Marriage Research) are both doing very well. It has been a productive year; I say that every year, but it's true every year.

So we have had a good year, and we hope you have too. We're looking forward to next year, with our new colleagues and new students, and we're anticipating even more success. It's nice, in these gloomy budgetary times, to be able to reflect on the things that have gone well. Thanks to the efforts of our superb faculty, outstanding students, and supportive administrators, many things have indeed gone well.

SOCIOLOGY GRANT ACTIVITY

Several faculty received or were awarded funding for grants in 2010. Brown and Manning received support from the DHHS to continue co-directing the National Center for Family and Marriage Research (NCFMR). As leaders of the NCFMR, Brown and Manning help shape the direction for new research, policy, and training in marriage and family structure. They also received funding from the DHHS and ACF to support innovative research on African American marriage and families. Manning and Joyner received funding from the NICHD to continue leading the Center for Family and Demographic Research. Balistreri and Manning received NICHD funding for their ongoing collaborative research project. Giordano and Kenney received funding from the WT Grant Foundation and Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, respectively. Two new grants were awarded to Giordano, Longmore and Manning by the NICHD and NIJ. Balistreri also received support for a new project from the State of Ohio. Nomaguchi was just awarded funding her project from the NICHD. Using the NICHD

Early Child Care and Youth Development data, she has plans to evaluate how mothers' parenting is affected by nonmaternal care. DeMaris is an investigator on this project. Nomaguchi's project was ranked in the top percentile of grants reviewed by the scientific review committee. Funding from a CFDR Development grant, as well as mentorship from Susan Brown, helped enable Nomaguchi to revise an already impressive grant application.



Sociology's 2011 Actively Funded Researchers, left to right: Kara Joyner, Peggy Giordano, Kelly Balistreri, Monica Longmore, Susan Brown, Kei Nomaguchi, and Wendy Manning.

SOCIOLOGY UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

» New undergraduate advisors and co-directors of the undergraduate program, Drs. **MEREDITH GILBERTSON** and **MARGARET WEINBERGER**, busied themselves this year learning their new responsibilities and organizing new opportunities for undergraduate students in sociology. An honorary society for sociology majors is in the works. A new organization for undergraduate students interested in sociology was registered with the university, and these first members

of the **STUDENT ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIOLOGICAL INITIATIVES** immediately set about recruiting new members and engaging in a busy roster of SASI activities. Gilbertson and Weinberger each advise between 60 and 80 majors, and share chairing responsibilities for the department's Undergraduate Committee. This year the Undergraduate Committee's focus has been on university-inspired initiatives such as creation of a capstone experience for sociology majors, and

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making sociology a vital part of the university-wide CUE program. Gilbertson and Weinberger continue to make sociology a part of all university recruiting efforts, such as Preview Days and Presidents Day events. Look for a new brochure aimed at incoming students, new internship and research opportunities for undergraduates, as well as new avenues for students to network with the sociology department... coming soon!

» A new organization for undergraduates interested in sociology was formed in the fall of 2010: **SASI—the STUDENT ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIOLOGICAL INITIATIVES**. SASI's busy first semester of activities included the hosting of a talk by (sociology department Lecturer) **DR. DONNA KAUFFMAN**. Donna focused on poverty, the dwindling monetary support for non-profit organizations, and the decline in volunteerism. Following Donna's interesting talk, SASI "adopted" a local family, and held a successful bake sale that funded the purchase of gifts and

a holiday dinner for that family. SASI's plans for spring 2011 included another bake sale and a canned goods collection benefiting a Bowling Green food pantry, as well as hosting a panel discussion by their "senior" departmental counterparts—the Sociology Graduate Student Association (**SGSA**)—focused on applying to and attending graduate school.



Margaret and Meredith revitalize undergraduate programming in their first year as co-directors.

SOCIOLOGY GRADUATE NEWS

Steve Demuth Meets DGS Challenges

Steve's activities early into this his first year as our Director of Graduate Studies included one-on-one meetings with all of our graduate students in residence. These conversations provided Steve with valuable feedback about the students' progress and concerns, and the opportunity to communicate to them personally the very challenging budgeting and funding environment that the program now faces. "Because funding has gotten tighter, it is especially important that students are making timely progress toward their degrees. My goal is to try to keep them from being negatively impacted by the economic environment. This greater efficiency also should provide us with some flexibility to accommodate students who need more time in the program," Steve said. Steve also views as central to his mission, raising the program's national profile and capitalizing on

the momentum garnered from our very attractive scholarly productivity rating in the recently published NRC rankings. He is thus spearheading our effort to routinely attract candidates to our graduate program from colleges across the nation.

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To this end, he has contacted via email approximately 1600 students nationwide identified as potentially interested in graduate study in sociology, to share the word about Bowling Green. "We got a really strong group of applicants this year and hope to continue our strong national recruitment into the future."

SGSA News

The **SOCIOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION** (SGSA) continued to engage in activities that effectively substantiate President Julia Mack's characterization of the group's mission: ensuring that the department's sociologists in training stay informed about happenings within the department as well as campus-wide, and "providing many opportunities for graduate students to develop as

professionals, scholars, and community members." In the spring, SGSA hosted CFDR Fellow, **DR. DAVE WARNER**, for a workshop focused on "Mediator & Moderator Effects." Their fall workshop, conducted by Professors Laura Sanchez and Gary Lee, facilitated by (SGSA member) Elizabeth Jury, addressed what to include, what to exclude, and structuring issues to consider when "Constructing a Curriculum Vitae."

Ryan Bogle and Holly Fee Organize 4th Annual BGSU/OSU Graduate Student Conference

In 2007 Manning (with Elizabeth Cooksey at OSU) initiated with NICHD population center funding an annual research conference for BGSU and OSU graduate students studying the well-being of children and families. Each fall semester since the conference has provided a terrific venue for graduate students to present papers and receive feedback from fellow students and faculty and promote interaction between population researchers at both institutions. As organizers of this year's event, Bogle and

Fee showcased graduate student research on family demography, population and health, and personal relationships and well-being. Jessica Cohen, Lance Gibbs, Larry Gibbs Sayaka Kawamura, and Unique Shaw presented papers, while Krista Payne and Robert Lonardo served as discussants. This year's event attracted about 50 participants. As John Casterline (the Director of the OSU Initiative in Population Research) has commented, the conference continues to be a "successful and rewarding event."

GRADUATES 2010-2011

SOCIOLOGY M.A.

Ryan Bogle
August 2010
(Manning, Family)

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Antwan Jones
August 2010
(Goza, Demography)

Kristy Krivickas
December 2010
(Sanchez, Family)

Danielle Soto
December 2010
(Demuth, Criminology)

JOB PLACEMENT NEWS

- » **SAYAKA KAWAMURA** begins a position as postdoc in May at The Japanese General Social Surveys (JGSS) Research Center at Osaka University of Commerce, Osaka, Japan.
- » **ANGELIKA GULBIS** begins a position as an Assistant Professor at the Madison Area Technical College in Madison, Wisconsin.
- » **JESSICA COHEN** begins a faculty position at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.
- » **ZAC WILLIAMS** accepted a position as a Marketing Research & Support Analyst with Southern Company Services in Atlanta, Georgia.



Boomer Symposium Participants, left to right: Professors Nancy Orel, Merrill Silverstein, Linda Waite, Susan Brown, I-Fen Lin, Kara Joyner, and Deborah Carr.

Boomer Symposium

Several faculty in the department (e.g., Brown, Joyner, Lin, and Manning) helped organize a symposium entitled **BABY BOOMERS AND FAMILY CHANGES**. Hosted by the Center for Family and Demographic Research and the National Center for Family & Marriage Research at BGSU, this symposium featured the research of three distinguished scholars who discussed the implications of the aging population with a special emphasis on how this shift will affect family organization and relationships: Linda Waite, Merrill Silverstein, and Deborah Carr. This event attracted over 50 researchers, some of whom came from nearby universities. Jennifer Bulanda (Miami University) attended the symposium. Webcasts of the event can be viewed through this link: <http://www.bgsu.edu/organizations/cfdr/page34614.html>.

EDITORIAL BOARD ACTIVITY

Faculty served on the editorial boards of leading journals in sociology and their fields of specialization: *American Sociological Review* (Manning and Giordano); *Criminology* (Giordano); *Demography* (Brown and Sanchez); *Developmental Psychology* (Manning); *Journal of Comparative Family*

Studies (Lee); *Journal of Family Issues* (DeMaris; Lee, and Sanchez); *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* (Lee); *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (Joyner); *Journal of Marriage and Family* (Brown, DeMaris, Lee, Lin, Nomaguchi, Sanchez); *Social Science Research* (Brown); and *Sociological Inquiry* (DeMaris).

GARY GATES VISIT

This year the NCFMR and CFDR co-sponsored a visit to the campus by **GARY GATES**, the Williams Distinguished Scholar at the Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law. Gates is a co-author of *The Gay and Lesbian Atlas*, and a recognized national expert on the geography and demography of the gay and lesbian population. He presented research on the demography of same-sex couples, highlighting the complexity in measuring these unions. Webcasts of his talk can be viewed here: <http://ncfmr.bgsu.edu/page78370.html>. His talk has informed the research of several sociology faculty and graduate students. Due to interest in his work, the CFDR organized a workshop on how to identify same-sex and opposite-sex unions in the APC and other data available through IPUMS.

Danielle Kuhl Pursues Funding on the Geographic Distribution of Delinquency

Danielle sustained the record of impressive activities she has established since joining the BGSU sociology faculty. She this spring submitted (in collaboration with co-investigator, graduate student Tara Warner) a grant application to the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), entitled “Beyond the City: Exploring the Structural and Situational Contexts of Juvenile Offending across Geographic Settings.” A key objective of this submission is expansion of the scope of data upon which current understanding about causes of delinquency hinges. Kuhl and Warner point out that most of the theory and empirical evidence regarding causes of delinquency is derived from *urban* sample-data. This is a potentially problematic phenomenon, since most American families have for decades resided mainly in suburban and ex-urban communities. Such neighborhoods are also home to increasing numbers of new immigrants. Kuhl and Warner propose to capture variation in places using the *Rural-Urban Continuum Code*. Use of this 9-category code facilitates finer differentiation between places than classification measures that are typically utilized. Aided by these enhanced

distinctions, Kuhl and Warner propose to then analyze juvenile crime patterns in the National Incident-Based Report System (NIBRS) data set—their main goal being “examination of offending patterns across places, and testing of arguments related to social disorganization theory that highlight the importance of structural characteristics, informal control, and peers.”

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Dr. Kuhl’s NIJ submission was preceded by an R15 grant proposal to the NIH (in collaboration with Jorge Chavez and Ray Swisher) entitled “Neighborhood Change and Violence in Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood.”

Kei Nomaguchi Secures Funding for Research on Child Care and Mothers’ Stress

Kei’s spectacular year, her second here at BGSU has included the exciting news she received in February that her Ro3 grant application, examining “Nonmaternal Care, Role Strain, and Maternal Sensitivity in the First Three Years,” will be funded by the NICHD-NIH. This project examines the association between use of child care and quality of parenting provided by mothers, and the potential mediating role of mother’s stress-level. A key goal of Kei’s in this project is the resolution of inconsistencies (in the developmental psychology literature especially) regarding the impact of day care-usage on parenting quality and mothers’ attachment and commitment.

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Among the key factors that this research incorporates is the substantially unequal level of access to quality daycare that prevails across families. The CFDR faculty development award that Dr. Nomaguchi had received last year for this same project paved the way for this NIH grant—about which Kei is (rightfully) “very excited!”

TWO NEW FACULTY HIRES

At the conclusion of our two job searches this past year, we are delighted to report that **KAREN BENJAMIN GUZZO**, Kutztown University, and **MATTHEW VANESELTINE**, the Pennsylvania State University, will join our Sociology faculty in Fall 2011. They will enhance our demography, family, criminology and methods strengths.

Faculty and students increase their presence at the PAA Meetings

This year, thirteen sociology faculty were listed on the program as presenters, and 5 were chairs or discussants. Student participation at the PAA was also impressive, with eight graduate students attending the meeting. As members of the PAA program committee, several faculty worked with researchers at the University of Michigan to organize its sessions: Balisteri, Brown, Joyner, Lin, Manning,

Nomaguchi, Sanchez, and Swisher. Tara Warner received an award for her poster (with Swisher, Chavez, and Kuhl) on the identification of neighborhood typologies. Bowling Green faculty, students, and alumni had the chance to socialize with each other at the PAA Alumni Night Party. The department is known for having one of the liveliest and most populated tables at the event.

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Susan Brown Continues to Advance the Fields of Family and Population Science

As Co-director of the NCFMR (with Wendy Manning), Brown organized conferences on financial instability, internet data collection, and measurement of family structure. (Ron Bulanda presented his research on children's family structure and transitions at the measurement conference.) Last fall Brown began

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a CFDR working group on families, households, and aging. This group provides opportunities for faculty from sociology and other BGSU departments to discuss ongoing research projects on

family relationships in later life and the demography of aging. In collaboration with members of this working group, Brown organized the annual CFDR symposium Baby Boomers and Family Changes.

Brown and Manning also helped plan Penn State's annual symposium on family issues with NCFMR sponsorship. This year's conference focused on early adulthood and involved several of our faculty and students from the department. As a lead speaker at this conference, Peggy Giordano presented collaborative research on the types and trajectories of romantic and sexual relationships in young adulthood. Brown and Manning are now finalizing preparations for the Counting Couples, Counting Families Conference to be held at the National Institutes of Health campus this summer. Like the two earlier Counting Couples conferences, this one is likely to advance research on best measurement research practices in family demography.

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Brown's contributions to research last year included several publications in leading journals. She published two papers with Lauren Rinelli and two with Sayaka Kawamura. In addition, she published a JMF decade in review piece on marriage and child well-being. This year she began a project with I-Fen Lin that focuses on the antecedents and consequences of divorce in middle and later life. Their preliminary work based on ACS data demonstrates that the rate of divorce among individuals over age 50 has more than doubled since 1990. In fact, one-quarter of people who divorced in 2008 were over age 50. This spring she is one of two former students chosen to speak in honor of Alan Booth's career as he turns 75. She will present her research on family structure, family stability, and early child well-being using ECLS-B data.

Jorge Chavez Gears Up for Community Research Collaborations

Besides his several projects with Ray and Danielle, Jorge Chavez pursued a variety of professional development and research opportunities in the last year which brought his talents to our local communities. With one of his graduate students, Janelle Nannini, he presented at the Latino Issues Conference at BGSU. The theme for this year's conference was the Latino Image Divide and their research specifically explored the relationship between immigration, education and offending. They demonstrated that the common stereotype that Latino immigrants offend at higher rates is false. In fact, immigrant youth, particularly Latino immigrant youth, have a lower risk of offending. This research is policy relevant given that 1 in 5 school age children are Latino, and in some areas this ratio is 1 in 3.

Jorge also became involved with Gear Up (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) which is a BGSU program which works in partnership with Toledo Public Schools to bring university scholars into collaboration with school teachers to conduct participatory action research which addresses retention and graduation problems for at-risk youth. Jorge, along with BGSU colleagues Christine

Brown was recognized in several ways for her significant and enduring contributions to research this year. She was invited and agreed to serve on the editorial boards for JMF and Demography, as well as the NICHD Population Sciences Subcommittee review panel. Prior to the PAA Meetings, she was one of two population scientists from Ohio invited to lobby for continued support of endeavors by the U.S. Census Bureau, the NCHS, the NSF, and the NIH. During her visit to Capital Hill, she met with senators and congressmen from Ohio to discuss the importance of data such as the ACS for addressing recent changes in families and marriage that have important policy implications.

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Englebrecht (Criminal Justice Program) and Ruben Viramontez Anguiano (HDFS), are working with Josh Flores, a teacher at Waite High School who is completing his M.A. in Education at BGSU. Their project addresses race/ethnicity differences in school failure and their work will incorporate students' views about how to implement change of local relevance to Toledo schools.

Besides his many research accomplishments, Jorge routinely teaches our undergraduate Statistics course and holds a number of important service positions. Last year, he served on the American Society of Criminology Minority Scholar/Mentor committee, participated in the Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network for which he presented at their yearly conference at Ohio State University. More locally, he represents our department by serving on the Social Sciences Curriculum Committee.

Alfred DeMaris Plans for a Sabbatic Leave

DeMaris was a recipient of the 2009 Beigel award for the best research article in the *Journal of Sex Research* last summer. His article uses prospective data from the Marital Instability over the Life Course (MILC) survey to identify factors that increase the likelihood of having extramarital sex (EMS). As previous studies of EMS have relied largely on cross-section samples and retrospective reporting, they were not able to measure factors prior to the risk of EMS. His research suggests that extramarital sex is more likely to occur in lower quality marriages. DeMaris was also a recipient of the 1997 Beigel award. He was also recognized in the 40th Anniversary Issue of *Sociological Methods & Research* (see the February 2011 issue) for having one of the 20 most-cited SMR articles for the 2000-2009 decade: "Explained Variance in

logistic Regression: A Monte Carlo Study of Proposed Measures" (August, 2002).

DeMaris plans to initiate two major projects during his sabbatic leave this fall. Following up his previous work, the first project will examine how extramarital sexual involvement influences the likelihood that a marriage is terminated via separation or divorce. He predicts that extramarital sex will be less likely to precipitate disruption for couples who are initially more religious, who are more happily married, and whose marriages are more equitable. In collaboration with Laura Sanchez and Kristi Krivickas, his second project will examine differences in the trajectory of marital satisfaction over time between those in a covenant marriage and those in a standard marriage. This study relies on multi-method longitudinal data that Sanchez collected following Louisiana's enactment of the covenant marriage law in 1997. A covenant marriage is a much more restrictive form of marriage that residents of this state could choose; covenant marriage couples must undergo premarital counseling before they can marry. If they seek a divorce, it must be for traditional grounds such as infidelity or desertion, or they must live apart for two years before being granted the divorce. Contrary to expectations, their preliminary results suggest that covenant couples have no more favorable trajectory in marital satisfaction than standard couples.



Ray Swisher Develops Two Lines of Families and Crime Research.

In this past year, Ray has developed two lines of policy-relevant research on families, neighborhood change, parental incarceration, and juvenile delinquency and offending. In the first project, with Jorge Chavez and Danielle Kuhl, they explore the interrelationship between neighborhood

change and the transition to adulthood on juvenile offending and delinquency. They are currently seeking funding streams for this ambitious project, and have already presented papers from this project at the Population Association of America, American Sociological Association, and

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American Criminological Society Annual Meetings. Their work includes student and post-doctoral collaborators.

His second project explores the effects of parental incarceration on child well-being, using AddHealth data. Jorge, Danielle, and a NCFMR post-doctoral student, Michael Roettger, have an *Addiction* publication from early stages of

this project which demonstrates that youth with incarcerated fathers are more likely to smoke marijuana and use harder drugs. Ray and Michael also have a manuscript accepted at *Criminology*.

Over the past year or so, Ray has also brought his considerable criminological and family policy perspective to rejuvenating components of our curriculum. He developed an undergraduate course, *Families and Poverty*, and a graduate seminar entitled *Crime and the Life Course*. As Ray says, “One of the things I enjoy most about my department is the fit between the faculty’s research and students’ interests. I really enjoy working with students on these lines of research.”

Gary Lee Helps Guide Department During University Restructuring

This year, Gary Lee was nominated and awarded the prestigious NCFR Fellow designation. This honor is limited to only 3% of the NCFR membership and Gary has received many warm calls of appreciation and congratulations for his achievement. Among his most recent contributions to NCFR, he serves as the liaison to the *Journal of Marriage and Family* editor search committee and to a new committee to coordinate journal editors to address common issues and concerns. Of his work on our campus in the past year, Gary is proud to have been part of securing 2 new faculty lines and helping successfully hire 2 extraordinary faculty in an era of severe budget difficulties. He’s also found it delightful to work with Steve Demuth in his first year as the Director of Graduate Studies, noting that Steve is doing a great job and throwing himself into the work with creativity and dedication.

He notes that the campus is undergoing an active live debate on the undergraduate curriculum. And he’s proud that the

Department of Sociology is a major provider of courses in the general education curriculum. He notes that we have been active participants in the dialogue about university education in the 21st century and that we will continue to lead the way in considering effective pedagogies relevant to modern students.

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When he has time amidst all his teaching and service and leadership, he immerses himself in his research project, a book manuscript tentatively titled *The Limits of Marriage: Why Getting Everyone Married Won’t Solve All of Our Problems*.

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Wendy Manning Enjoys Being Around for her “Sabbatical”

Although Wendy officially took a full-year sabbatic leave, students and colleagues in the department could have easily forgotten this. She has continued to serve as Co-director of the NCFMR (with Susan Brown) and temporarily swapped positions at the CFDR with Kara Joyner, who served this year as Acting Director. With the assistance of Joyner, Manning wrote and heroically submitted an application for a renewal of NICHD population infrastructure support for the Center. Due to a snowstorm, the university closed the day the application was scheduled to be submitted; however, BGSU security was able to retrieve President Cartwright’s letter of support from the office that supports grant activity. Even as one of the copiers broke down, Wendy remained fun and upbeat.

Manning also spent her year on several collaborative research projects with other faculty. She served as Co-PI on the Counting Families: Household Matrices with Multiple Family Members with CFDR Research Professor Kelly Balistreri. Manning and Balistreri have plans to collect and distribute new data that will provide researchers and policy makers with more comprehensive

estimates on the complex structure of American families using a web-based interview approach. Manning is the Co-PI (with Giordano and Longmore) on newly funded NICHD and NIJ projects on intimate partner violence using TARS data. Since 2010, Manning has published ten (and counting) peer-reviewed articles, almost all of which are co-authored with faculty and students from the department.

Manning continued her scientific leadership in the broader fields of population and family. Specifically, Manning served on the editorial boards of *Developmental Psychology*, *Demography*, and *American Sociological Review*. She also served as an advisory member or chair on several important committees, including the Census Bureau Same Sex Couple Relationship Committee, the Population Reference Bureau, and the NCHS Board of Scientific Counselors. Most notably, Manning served her term as Vice President of the Population Association of America. Among other activities associated with this position, she was responsible for organizing the poster sessions and judges at this year’s meetings.

The 2011 Team Members of the Toledo Adolescent Relationships Study, with seated Principal Investigators (left to right): Peggy Giordano, Wendy Manning, and Monica Longmore.



Rekha Mirchandani Engages in International Sabbatical

In late 2009, Rekha Mirchandani enjoyed a productive sabbatical as a McCormick Fellow of the Scottish Center for Criminal Justice Research at the University of Edinburgh Law School. She used her time to work on a case study and theoretical book manuscript on the democratic implications of specialized domestic violence courts and other forms of problem-solving justice prevalent in the United States and European Union. Rekha's work explores the various forms of courts and how courts differ dramatically in their underpinning about the legal and theoretical conceptions of the state.

In a second project during her sabbatical, she focused on variability in effectiveness and innovation in domestic violence courts. She cares deeply about the specific processes through which successful domestic violence courts and their effective strategies help lower intimate partner violence recidivism. She explored differences in mandatory arrest, no drop policies, no contact orders, batterer intervention programs, and coordinated community response and desistance from battering and intimate partner violence.

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Her sabbatical time in Scotland was a way to "think outside the box" about these issues, given that the Scottish government identifies domestic violence as a major national policy goal. While in attendance, she gave a formal talk at the University of Edinburgh Law School's Center for Law and Society, entitled "The Democratization of Legal Institutions as a Response to Uncertainty."

Now that Rekha has returned from her sabbatical in Scotland, she continues her work as our contemporary and classical theorist for our undergraduate and graduate seminars and is completing a multi-site research study involving domestic violence courts in Salt Lake City, UT, Ann Arbor, MI, and Brooklyn, NY.

SOCIOLOGY AWARDS & BIG EVENTS

» **Gary Lee Honored by National Council on Family Relations (NCFR).** Gary Lee was awarded the designation of 2010 NCFR Fellow. Fellow status in the NCFR is an honor awarded to relatively few members of NCFR who have made outstanding and enduring contributions to the field of the family in the areas of scholarship, teaching, outreach or professional service.

» **Al DeMaris Earns Second Hugo Beigel Award.** In Fall 2010, Al DeMaris earned the Hugo Beigel Award for the most outstanding empirical paper published in the *Journal of Sex Research*. The Foundation for the Scientific Study of Sexuality funds the award which includes an honorarium and a guest invitation to attend the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Annual Meetings where a Certificate of Research Excellence will be awarded. During his career, Al has submitted only twice to this high impact journal, but each time he published and won this award.

» **BGSU Sociology holds top JMF Spots for 2010.** In 2009, 4 of the top 5 most downloaded articles published in the *Journal of Marriage and Family* were authored by BGSU Sociology professors and students.

» **Graduate student wins Winifred O. Stone Graduate Student Development Fund Award.** Unique Shaw earned the prestigious Winifred O. Stone Award this Spring. Unique will be recognized for this honor at the Graduate Student Awards Ceremony later at the close of the semester and will receive an honorarium.

» **Tara Warner receives support from Katzner-University Bookstore Graduate Student Research and Professional Development Endowment.** Tara received competitive research support funds to enable her to present her research at this year's ASA meeting in Las Vegas, NV.

» **BGSU Sociology earns top marks for quality of undergraduate assessment and education.** The department was one of three winners in the College of Arts and Sciences and one of thirteen university-wide of the annual awards for undergraduate learning assessment sponsored by the Student Achievement Assessment Committee. Our assessment activities consisted of two parts: (1) Before-and-after tests of mastery of key concepts and material in about a dozen of our undergraduate classes; and (2) Evaluations of papers written by seniors in our advanced courses, based on their mastery of our major learning objectives. Our assessments demonstrate that our students are doing better every year in accomplishing our learning objectives.

» **Sociology and CFDR colleagues earn 2011 PAA Poster Award.** At this year's Population Association of America Annual Meetings in Washington, DC, graduate student, Tara D. Warner, and faculty, Raymond R. Swisher, Jorge M. Chavez, and Danielle C. Kuhl, earned a Poster Award for their outstanding paper, "Beyond a Variable-Centered Approach to Place: Identifying and Assessing Neighborhood Typologies."

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BIRTHS

IZAK TOMAS PAYNE was born March 26, 2009 to Krista Payne Westrick and Matthew Payne. He is the little brother of Nicolas Dale Payne.

MAGDALENE CATE GILBERTSON (7 lbs, 2 oz., 20 inches) was born on the 2nd wedding anniversary (May 31, 2010) of her happy parents, Meredith and Kevin Gilberston.

JOAN VAN RIPER KENNEY VOGEL (8 lbs, 14 oz, 21.5 inches) was born on June 24, 2010 to her parents, Catherine Kenney and Michael Vogel. She joins her older sister and two brothers!

CAROLINE GRACE FRANK (9 lbs. 7 oz., 21 inches) was born on September 24, 2010. Her parents are Josh and Amy Frank. Her grandmother, Tammy Frank, is dressing Caroline in stylish zebra loungewear!

FRANCES LOUISE CHAVEZ (6 lbs, 7 oz) was born on February 9th, 2011 to Christine Englebrecht and Jorge Chavez.

NUPTIALS

CAROLINE GIORDANO married **BRIAN WOODCOCK** on June 10, 2010 in Manchester, Michigan.

LAUREN RINELLI married **DAVID MCCLAIN** on October 2, 2010 at Heatherdowns Country Club in Toledo. They honeymooned in Grand Cayman and Cozumel.

LARRY ST. GIBBS married **LATOYA WILLIAMS** on December 27, 2010 at the Ensom City Holiness Christian Church, St. Catherine, Jamaica. His father, the Reverend Dr. Noel Gibbs, officiated. Dr. Gary Oates and his wife attended. Larry and Latoya honeymooned in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

IMPORTANT TRANSITIONS

RONALD E. BULANDA was promoted and tenured to Associate Professor in the Sociology and Gerontology Department at Miami University of Ohio.

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