This is the last time I will write the chair’s letter for the department newsletter. I’ll be stepping down as chair at the end of June, and my able successor Susan Brown will take over the role as of July 1. This will be a major change for me; I’ve been chair for the past 17 years (well, 16 of the past 17; I got a year off for good behavior). The department, of course, will continue to produce and prosper under Susan’s leadership.

In some ways the department is very different than it was when I came in 1996. One of the differences is in its demographic profile. In 1996 there were three women on the faculty; now there are fifteen. In 1996 we employed a number of part-time faculty who taught one or two undergraduate courses each, but we had no full-time non-tenure track faculty. Now we have no part-timers, but we do have five full-time non-tenure track colleagues. The number of tenure-track faculty positions reached a low of thirteen in 1998, dropping from a high of 21 in 1991 due to the university’s early retirement incentive program. Now we’re back up to nineteen. So our story certainly hasn’t been one of steady growth, but we are currently staffed at a healthy level.

Our graduate program has changed quite a bit also. The total number of graduate students in the program is very similar now to what it was in the late 1990s, but the composition is different. Back then, about two-thirds of our graduate

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Susan Brown, chair elect and Gary R. Lee

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students were pursuing master’s degrees, and relatively few of those who completed those degrees continued on in the doctoral program. Now nearly two-thirds of our graduate students are in the doctoral program, and the considerable majority of those who complete the M.A. enter the Ph.D. program. In consequence, we are producing many more doctoral graduates than we did earlier.

One consistent feature of our doctoral program is that our graduates get jobs. When I talk about our placement record with chairs of other departments at national meetings, I get stares of incredulity. For many years, all of our doctoral graduates have found professional academic or research positions upon completion of their degrees. This shows that we recruit good students, and that they leave us with the skills and accomplishments necessary for success in the profession.

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Several other important characteristics of our department have not changed during my time here. One is that the department has steadfastly kept its focus on our four substantive specialties - criminology, demography, family, and social psychology - plus quantitative methods. At a university with modest resources, and in times of diminishing resources, it has been critical to our success to concentrate on what we do well and to devote whatever resources we have to maintaining our strengths. We have indeed maintained those strengths, and we are nationally known for quality programs in each of these areas.

Another thing that hasn’t changed is our continuing and consistent record of research productivity. Our faculty publish regularly in the major journals in the discipline and in their specialties. Extramural research funding continues to flow into the department and its two affiliated research centers, the Center for Family and Demographic Research (CFDR) and the National Center for Family and Marriage Research (NCFMR). The research our faculty does has generated an amazing amount of attention in the popular media, and is increasingly known and recognized throughout and beyond the academic world. It has been a real privilege to work with such accomplished scholars and researchers over the years.

I will be on a research leave for fall semester trying to finish a book I’ve been working on since I was a much younger man. Then I’m coming back to teach in the spring of 2014, and retiring at the end of the semester. I wish all the best to my friends, former students, and colleagues from all over the university for the future.

“IT has been a real privilege to work with such accomplished scholars and researchers over the years.”
Several faculty received or were awarded funding for grants in 2012-2013. Co-PIs Swisher, Kuhl and Chavez have received funding from NIH for their project Neighborhood Change and Violence in Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood. This project integrates two contemporary approaches to the study of violence and delinquency: longitudinal studies across the life course, and contextual research on violence within disadvantaged neighborhoods. Using the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health and its Wave III Contextual Database, the research team plans to examine trajectories of change in violence across the first three waves of data collection, as well as changes within the neighborhoods in which respondents were living. They will also examine how changes in violence and neighborhoods are related to residential moves (as opposed to changes in neighborhoods themselves) and to other transitions in family, education, and work during the increasingly diverse and uncertain transition to adulthood. The project team also plans to involve extensive exposure and involvement of both undergraduate and graduate students to the research process.

Kelly Balistreri was awarded a grant from the USDA, Family Structure and Time Allocation: Mechanisms of Food Insecurity among Children to examine the relationship between childhood hunger and family structure. Balistreri also received support from the State of Ohio along with Joyner for a new project examining health behaviors among women and children on Medicaid.
Over the past years, our **ALPHA KAPPA DELTA**, the international sociology honor society, initiated four students in 2012, **CHELSIE MOORMAN, CALEB TUVELL, CHELSIE VOLPE, and LINDSAY WILLIAMS**, and two students in 2013, **SARAH ADAMS** and **MATTHEW MENGER**.

**THE UNDERGRADUATE SOCIOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION** learned more about human trafficking, particularly in the northwest Ohio area and local efforts to aid the victims of human trafficking. The students also organized a non-perishable food drive for a local food pantry. And these students are focusing their efforts on learning more about the research process and career opportunities.

**Featured Undergraduate Sociology Majors**

*Nicholas Blaine* graduated in May 2012 with Majors in Sociology, Political Science, and History. He had extensive research experience, including working as a transcriber for CFDR on the TARS project and as a research coder on archival data for Political Science. He was heavily involved with our university forensics, speech, and debate team, for all four years. In his Senior year, the team placed second overall in the national tournament and won the Founders Award. Nicholas personally placed 4th

**The 2012-2013 undergraduate award winners:**

**DR. AIDA TOMEH AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATING SENIOR**
Nicholas Blaine, 2012
Theresa Thompson, 2012
Seth Williams, 2013

**DR. JOSEPH KIVLIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, OUTSTANDING RISING JUNIOR**
Sarah C. Adams, 2012

**THERESA DELORTO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, OUTSTANDING RISING SENIOR**
Chelsie A. Moorman, 2012

**DR. AIDA TOMEH AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SOCIOLOGY MAJOR**
Caleb Tuvel, 2013
Seth Williams graduated in May 2013, but will rejoin our Sociology graduate program as a research assistant this Fall. He worked as a NCFMR research assistant and is in Washington, DC this summer to work as an intern in the Strategic Communications department for Child Trends, in conjunction with the Department of Adolescent Health at the Department of Health and Human Services. In addition to Williams’ professional achievement, he was honored with two academic achievements. Williams received the BGSU Friends of the Library 2012-2013 Undergraduate Research Award for demonstrating significant growth as a scholar in his methods of research and analysis. Williams’ presentation to the review committee included originality of thought, mastery of content, clear writing, and overall quality. He was honored with a cash award and certificate of achievement at the annual Authors and Artists Celebration in April. Additionally, he was honored with the Dr. Aida Tomeh Memorial Scholarship award. Williams was recognized as outstanding graduating senior majoring in Sociology.

Julia Arroyo graduated in May 2012 as a Sociology Major and Spanish Minor. She ultimately wants a dual degree, combining a Ph.D. in Sociology with a J.D. She is currently attending the University of Florida- Gainesville where she is a Graduate School Fellow working toward her Sociology graduate degree. Her longterm interests are to work from an environmental sociology perspective with indigenous populations in Brazil and Paraguay where she hopes to address social policies to ameliorate inequalities. She will aim toward working on social justice for families with a focus on foster children and deportation issues. As an undergraduate, she enjoyed her research projects on U.S. policies and the commodification of Latina women and international relations between the U.S. and Latin American and Caribbean nations. She worked as a research assistant for NCFMR for a year and produced research on women’s ages at first birth and first marriage, reporting that the median age for marriage comes after first birth since the mid-1990s.

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Steve Demuth has settled into his position as Director of Graduate Studies and continues to take a leadership role in the university-wide discussions surrounding the organization and evaluation of graduate education and research. He is finishing up his work on the strategic planning committee organized last year to advise the Graduate College on ways to strengthen and grow graduate programs at Bowling Green. Steve strives to make Sociology a model program in achieving the university’s goals of increased efficiency and effectiveness. No more TDP forms for current students and a new, completely online submission process for applicants next year. He has also worked with ITS to improve their contracting and budgeting interfaces. Stipend and tuition budgets have gotten tighter at the university, but Sociology is making better use of its funds by admitting increasingly strong cohorts and graduating students on time. The goal is to slowly increase the number of students in the program.

In addition to his duties as graduate director, Steve continues to engage in research with graduate students. At the 2011 American Society and Criminology Meetings, PhD student Angela Kauffman presented a paper examining whether social class may account for race and ethnic differences in bail decisions. Steve and Angela find that Black and Latino defendants face worse bail decisions relative to Whites. However, while bail decisions for Black and White defendants are affected by the defendant’s socioeconomic profile, Latino defendants do not get the same benefits from socioeconomic factors. And in a new project in collaboration with Susan Brown and PhD student Greg Rocheleau, Steve is examining precursors of low self-control and delinquency from birth to age 15.

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A SAMPLING OF RECENT GRADUATE STUDENT HIRES:

**NATALEE GOODEN**
Blue Cross and Blue Shield

**ANDREW WILCZAK**
Wilkes University, Assistant Prof.

**ZAC WILLIAMS**
Southern Company, Atlanta Georgia

**BILL LALLY**
Eureka College

**GREG ROCHELEAU**
East Tennessee State University, Assistant Prof.

**NICOLE SHOENBERGER**
Penn State University - Erie, Assistant Prof.

**TARA WARNER**
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Assistant Prof.

**LECINDA YEVCHEK**
Penn State University - University Park, Instructor

**JULIA MACK**
Gannon University, Erie, Pennsylvania, Criminal Justice

**CASSADY PITT**
Spring Arbor University

**JULISSA CRUZ**
Office of Research and Evaluation, City Colleges of Chicago, Research Associate.

Jennifer Bulanda visits as an invited speaker and catches up with Susan.
## Recent M.A & Ph.D Graduates

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Sociology Graduate Student Association Continues Strong Programming.

Over the course of the 2011-2012 academic year, the SGSA sponsored two successful workshops and two service learning projects. In the first workshop, many of our graduate students highlighted various data sets that are often used throughout the department. Some of the data sets discussed were TARS, Add Health, Fragile Families, and NSFG. The second workshop featured graduate students with previous teaching experience discussing their advice, tips, and experiences about teaching. The service learning projects for this year included collecting non-perishable food items that were donated to the local food pantry and sponsoring a Silent Witness silhouette as part of the Silent Witness Project of Northwest Ohio. The Silent Witness Project is a memorial to girls and women who have been murdered as a result of domestic violence.

During the 2012-2013 academic year, the SGSA has continued its efforts to promote the professional development of graduate students. The SGSA sponsored two service learning projects and one workshop. During the fall semester, graduate students (along with faculty and staff members) collected over 30 toys that were donated to Toys-for-Tots of Wood County. This project was a great success and helped provide gifts to the over 400 kids who were signed up for Toys-for-Tots in the Bowling Green area. In the course of the spring semester, graduate students volunteered at the Blakely Care Center in Bowling Green where they interacted with elder residents by playing games, donating small personal items, and engaging in conversations. Also in the spring semester, graduate students held a workshop to discuss preparation for preliminary exams.
Karen Benjamin Guzzo

Karen Benjamin Guzzo joined our faculty in 2011 as an assistant professor. She studied at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, earning her M.A. and Ph.D. with Ronald Rindfuss’ guidance, and earning a B.A. in Sociology and Economics from Johns Hopkins University. In her two years at BGSU, she has demonstrated real leadership in the classroom and as a research colleague. She’s been teaching our graduate course in Fertility and Family Planning and our undergraduate Population and Society, the Family, and Principles of Sociology courses. She’s invested in numerous research collaborations with our graduate students, including papers with Marta Alvira-Hammond on immigrant fertility, Bart Stykes on gender differences in forming a new union after a nonmarital birth, and Sarah Burgoyne on a book chapter on family demography, among others. She’s also garnered internal support from the CFDR to receive ICPSR multi-level modeling training and a “Building Strengths” grant which permitted her to explore the contextual/variation factors of unintended fertility. She’s recently submitted a grant application with Ray Swisher and Kelly Balistreri to create a contextual data base for Wave 4 of the Add Health and to look at life course trajectories. She’s also submitted an R01 with Sarah Hayforth, Jennifer Barber and Yasamin Kusonoki to study race/ethnic differences in unintended fertility. Besides her many ASA and PAA presentations of late, this Summer 2013, she will also participate at a prestigious conference at the Institute for Research on Poverty at UW-Madison, along with Wendy Manning, Susan Brown, NCFMR Data Analyst Krista Payne, and Graduate students Bart Stykes and Larry Gibbs.
Kelly Balistreri joined the Sociology faculty in Fall 2012. Prior to this, she held a position as an Assistant Research Professor with the CFDR for three years. Her research focuses on the health and well-being of at-risk populations, with a particular emphasis on immigrant populations. She uses numerous data sets to explore issues related to socioeconomic status and health such as the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study-Kindergarten Cohort, the Demographic Health Surveys, the American Time Use Survey and the ADD Health. As a principal investigator, she has secured funding from NICHD, the USDA and the State of Ohio for various projects and has published in journals such as the American Journal of Public Health, Maternal and Child Health, International Migration Review, Social Science and Medicine, and Public Health Nutrition. She taught a graduate seminar in Migration last semester and will be teaching undergraduate Social Problems next Fall.

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Kei Nomaguchi earns tenure

Congratulations to Kei Nomaguchi on earning tenure and promotion in Spring 2012. Since joining the faculty in 2009, Kei has made outstanding contributions to the department. Recent semesters have been no exception. In 2011, she was approved for an R03 grant from NICHD funding her project, “Nonmaternal Care, Role Strain, and Maternal Sensitivity in the First Three Years.” Kei has spent two busy years digging into the project, collaborating with several faculty members and graduate students to address her research questions.

With Al DeMaris as coauthor, her first paper from this project is forthcoming at Journal of Marriage and Family. In “Nonmaternal Care’s Association with Mother’s Parenting Sensitivity: A Case of Self-Selection Bias?” Kei and Al analyze parenting quality and the use of external child care. Developmental psychological work has studied this relationship in terms of attachment theory, where nonmaternal child care is thought to lower mothers’ sensitivity in parenting. Kei and Al found that this relationship has a more limited scope than previously thought, and that much of the apparent connection between child care and parenting is spurious. More child-centered mothers are both better in parenting and more able and willing to invest effort and resources into better child care.

Kei’s other studies in progress are focused on dynamics of stress and parenting, and she draws from diverse sources of data. Using the NICHD Study of Early Child Care and Youth Development, Kei is exploring reciprocity in the relationship between stress and parenting. Previous research has looked at how stress might cause poor parenting, but Kei considers how the process of parenting can also be a source of stress, shaped in part by the parent’s position in the social structure. Working with Susan Brown and graduate student Tanya Leyman, a third paper uses data from the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study to analyze the role of father involvement for maternal stress. They find that when the parents are romantically involved, increased father involvement reduces stress. Without a romantic relationship, however, increased father involvement has no benefit for the mother’s parenting stress. A fourth paper with graduate student Amanda House looks at racial and ethnic differences in maternal parenting stress. With data from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class, Kei and Amanda find that black mothers have especially high parenting stress compared to other mothers. Both of these papers are currently under review. And this year at ASA, Kei will be presenting a paper co-authored with Wendi Johnson on employment and work-family conflict among fathers.

“Using the NICHD Study of Early Child Care and Youth Development, Kei is exploring reciprocity in the relationship between stress and parenting.”

Danielle Kuhl’s research on life-course transitions, neighborhoods, and health

In addition to having received news in February that her R15 grant, “Neighborhood Change and Violence in Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood” (with PI Swisher and co-investigator Chavez) will receive funding from NIH this summer, Danielle has been busy with various lines of collaborative research. She published a paper in the November 2012 issue of Criminology with David Warner (University of Nebraska) and our former graduate student Andrew Wilczak (Wilkes University) which explores the link between adolescent violent victimization and first coresidential marital and cohabiting unions. She is
also co-author on a forthcoming paper in Social Forces (with Swisher and Chavez) entitled “Racial and Ethnic Differences in Neighborhood Attainments in the Transition to Adulthood.” This interest in the transition from adolescence to young adulthood is also front and center on another project with Lori Burrington (Oakland University), in which Danielle uses data from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health to examine the association between family SES, educational status, gender, and drinking behavior among young adults. She and Burrington find interesting interaction effects that suggest that binge drinking in young adulthood is the result of a gendered process in which social class origins shape norms for educational attainment, and subsequently, drinking behaviors—especially for women.

Danielle’s research on neighborhoods also continues to expand beyond the above-noted research with Swisher and Chavez. She currently has research projects with other faculty and graduate students that examine neighborhood disorder and health, intimate partner violence, and alcohol use. With colleagues Bjornstrom and Ralston (U. Missouri) she uses data from the Los Angeles Family and Neighborhood Survey (LAFANS) to study the influence of neighborhood disorder, perceived neighborhood cohesion, and self-rated health. They find that perceptions of disorder and fear mediate the influence of neighborhood disorder on health and that disorder does not have a uniform effect on health across all neighborhoods—perceived cohesion moderates this relationship such that at high levels of disorder, perceived cohesion no longer has a beneficial effect on self-rated health. In another project using the Toledo Adolescent Relationships Study, Danielle is working with lead author and graduate student Jennifer Copp (and co-authors Giordano, Longmore, and Manning) to explore the association between neighborhood structure and intimate partner violence, with a focus on mediating, gendered emotional responses of anger and depression. Finally, Danielle is working with graduate student Andrea Krieg using Add Health data to examine adolescent substance use in the context of neighborhood structural disadvantage and racial composition.

Danielle has also organized a panel on Neighborhoods and Violence for this year’s annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, which take place in Atlanta in November. Here at BGSU Danielle serves as the chair of the Health Services Advisory Committee and as a member on Undergraduate Council, as well as a member of our sociology undergraduate committee. During the past year she has also been busy teaching undergraduate courses on juvenile delinquency and urban sociology, as well as two graduate seminars—theories of criminality and neighborhoods and crime.
In May 2013, Jorge Chavez earned tenure and promotion to associate professor. These past two years, he has been productive in his research collaborations. He has been an invited speaker numerous times, including twice at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice where he most recently presented at a special conference on Issues of Immigration and Criminal Justice. He also gave an invited talk at Hofstra Law School on family court and immigration, as well as was a keynote speaker at our Spring 2013 BGSU Latino Issues Conference, where he spoke about demographic changes in the U.S. Latino population. Among his several projects, he collaborates with Ruben Viramontez-Anguiano and Christine Englebrecht and two colleagues from Goshen College in Indiana. They interview immigrants in a small rural community who are of varied documentation statuses to explore how recent legislation in Indiana (in some ways more restrictive than Arizona) affects their life chances and access to resources and institutions. They find that the majority of these families have at least one undocumented family member and that these complicated legal statuses have profound effects on families’ and children’s access to health care and higher education, among other services. They address the tapestry of legal problems associated with a proliferation of piecemeal immigration laws at the local, state, and federal levels. A special focus of their work explores the particular problems of families in which the child is a documented resident, but the parent/s are undocumented. Current papers from this work appear in Family Court Review and Family Science Review, and were presented at several conferences.

In addition, Jorge wrapped up his involvement in the Toledo Gear Up Project this year. This project was part of an urban federal grant intended to target predominantly poor minority schools to facilitate a pipeline to higher education. The Gear Up Program is an intervention to help teachers think of innovative ways to help and support school children and prepare them for college. The project has ten years of administrative data and interviews with children and their families for six years, including from their Freshman to graduation year. During the study period, the Toledo community went from economically bad to worse with considerable middle class White flight and a growing percentage of poor minority children with eligibility for free or reduced lunch programs. The evaluation study demonstrated that Gear Up worked for these children, showing that disciplinary infractions went down, the graduation rate remained stable, and applications to college increased threefold, despite the fact of changing composition to more minority and poorer children.

And as noted elsewhere in this newsletter, Jorge and his colleagues, Ray...
Kara Joyner nurtures the research enterprise

As Associate Director of the Center for Family and Demographic Research (CFDR), Kara has focused on developing avenues for integrating the various disciplinary perspectives for studying social change and social problems at BGSU. In addition, Kara identifies a core goal of the CFDR is to serve as a critical resource for research affiliates by helping to identify needs, foster connections, and collaborations, and create resources and forums to better address their research needs. A successful and widely popular strategy has been the formation of CFDR Working Groups which are centered on core data resources utilized by numerous affiliates or topics of interests which allow for cross-disciplinary research. There are presently five working groups: Add Health; Crime and Violence in Context; Families, Households, and Aging; Parental Well-Being; and Grant Preparation. The working groups have served to initiate new research and invigorate ongoing research as work group meetings have served as forums for presenting work in progress, receiving feedback, developing new collaborations, and linking graduate students and research affiliates from disciplines across BGSU. The working groups have also served as the starting points for the recent symposia sponsored by the CFDR, such as the Symposium on Parental Well-Being in Contemporary Families in March 2012. The symposium brought together leading scholars on the impact of parenthood on adult well-being and was the culmination of discussion begun in the Parental Well-Being Work Group and research affiliate interest on changing trends in parenthood and the effects of parenthood on economic, psychological, and relationship well-being in the modern context.

In addition to her CFDR duties Kara was recently invited to present her research at the City University of New York Institutes for Demographic Research. This work titled “Quality of Male Fertility Data in Major U.S. Surveys,” is the culmination of a 5-year NICHD grant in collaboration with national population research centers and was published in Demography in February 2012. Kara also presented her research titled “Sibling Resemblance in Cohabitation and Marriage,” at the University of Pennsylvania as part of Sociology Colloquium Series. Kara also has been busy publishing recent papers in Social Forces, Demography and Archives of Sexual Behavior.

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Ray Swisher earns tenure

In Spring 2011, Ray earned tenure and promotion to associate professor. He has had an extraordinarily productive career at BGSU, with several publications in leading journals, four doctoral students recently completing dissertations, and having been awarded tenure in the spring of 2011. Ray’s primary research has focused on exploring the effects of paternal incarceration on child wellbeing from a life course perspective. In an article appearing in Addiction, Ray, in collaboration with Michael Roettger (CFDR Post-Doctoral Fellow), Danielle Kuhl, and Jorge Chavez, finds that paternal incarceration is associated with increased risk for marijuana and illicit drug use in adolescence and early adulthood. And in a piece appearing in Criminology, Ray, in collaboration with Michael Roettger, examines race and ethnic differences in paternal incarceration and son’s delinquency and arrest. Ray and Matt, build on this research by examining the effect of paternal incarceration on depression and serious delinquency in article that has been accepted at the Journal of Research on Adolescence. Ray plans to continue to build on this line of research by examining the intergenerational effect of paternal incarceration on son’s incarceration. Drawing on a life course framework Ray, will be exploring how social bonds may mediate and moderate the intergenerational transmission of incarceration. And in a piece at the Journal of Research on Adolescence, in collaboration with Sociology PhD student Greg Rocheleau, Ray examines the relationship between family structure, adolescent work and substance. Ray’s collaboration with Greg represents just a single example of his commitment to and collaboration with graduate students.

Al DeMaris publishes a statistics primer for physicians, and poetry

Al DeMaris’ busy and inspiring year was highlighted by completion of Converting Data into Evidence: A Statistics Primer for the Medical Practitioner (Springer Science and Business Media). The title comes from DeMaris’ definition of statistics as the science of converting data into evidence. Al’s co-author on this forthcoming Springer release is Dr. Steven Selman, head of The University of Toledo Medical Center’s urology department. The book is intended for medical practitioners, and deconstructs and interprets over 30 medical journal articles in “a very very reader-friendly way” (Al’s comforting words). Back in the sociological scholarship realm, Al published four articles in 2012 and currently has another six in press. “The Old Lady” (a villanelle inspired by his beloved mother-in-law), “The Chrysalis” (a villanelle inspired by his parents’ marriage, which ended in divorce after 37 years) and “Conversations with Immortality” (a free-verse poem, which he styles as a “reflection on the soul”), are three of the seven(!) poems Al somehow found the time to place in literary magazines this past year. Italian Americana, The Old Red Kimono, The Hurricane Review, and The Lyric are the four literary journals that will carry Al’s verses.
Frank Goza serves as administrator and researcher.

During summer 2011 Professor Frank Goza, who continues to serve as an Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences, attended Harvard University’s Management Development Program. Admission to this program is highly competitive, and the program itself is extremely intensive as classes can last up to 12 hours a day for the duration of the 13-day program. Although rather exhausted at the end of this training, he acknowledged that his participation was very rewarding on many levels. In spite of his administrative duties, Goza was also able to write three book chapters, publish two refereed articles, present three refereed conference papers, chair one completed M.A. thesis committee, and serve on several other completed thesis and dissertation committees.

Gary Oates enjoys sabbatical research

In the past two years, Dr. Gary Oates enjoyed a sabbatical leave and worked on several research papers addressing predictors and variations in religiosity. His current work explores the different meanings of self-efficacy, mastery, and self-esteem for race differences in mental health and distress, finding that religiosity is more consequential for Blacks and mastery for Whites. Several of these papers are co-authored with our former graduate student, Jennifer Duette-Goode. In other happy news, his wife, Juliette, earned an MA in Organization Development from our BGSU Business School to complement her J.D. degree. She was also recently promoted to the executive ranks of the Florida-headquartered Elite Island hotel chain.

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OBITUARY

Rekha Mirchandani, Associate Professor of Sociology at Bowling Green State University, passed away on March 8, 2012, at the age of 48, following a battle with cancer. She leaves behind a rich legacy of scholarship in the areas of sociological theory and sociology of law, as well as mentorship of numerous students in BGSU’s Sociology Department and American Culture Studies Program.

Rekha graduated with distinction from the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vermont in 1985 with majors in Sociology and English. She received her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina in 1998, where she completed her dissertation under the direction of Craig Calhoun. Rekha joined the faculty of the Department of Sociology at BGSU in 2001 after serving on the faculties of Bucknell University and the University of Utah. At BGSU, Rekha taught graduate and undergraduate courses in sociological theory, sociology of gender, sociology of law, and criminology. Rekha was particularly known for her work in teaching the required graduate theory sequence in the Sociology department; her dedication to engaging and encouraging students, providing clear direction, and explicating complex ideas in her classroom. It is rare that ‘required’ courses are so well regarded by students; yet, at BGSU, her courses were consistently popular with students. Among both students and her colleagues, Rekha was considered one of the best and most inspiring teachers in the department. Rekha excelled in working with graduate students, and successfully directed numerous theses and dissertations in both Sociology and American Culture Studies.

Rekha was also an exceptional departmental and university citizen. At BGSU, she was a faculty affiliate of the Center for Family and Demographic Research, the Women’s Studies program, and the American Culture Studies program. Rekha also served as a member of the University’s Undergraduate Council, the Faculty Senate, and the Senate’s Faculty Welfare Committee.

She was active in several professional organizations, including the American Sociological Association’s Theory section and Law and Society section, the Law and Society Association, and the Critical Theory Roundtable. Rekha’s scholarly work was published in many leading journals in her field, including Current Perspectives in Social Theory, Sociological Theory, and Law and Society Review. As a theorist, she was a leading American interpreter and scholar of the work of the German sociologist Jurgen Habermas. In addition to her scholarship in the area of sociological theory, Rekha was involved in an international multi-site study of domestic violence courts in Salt Lake City, UT, Ann Arbor, MI, and Brooklyn, NY. She was interested in these courts as an example of problem-solving institutions that mediate relationships between individuals and the state, and was the author of numerous studies examining the social effects of such mediating structures.

At work and in the community Rekha exemplified an individual at peace, and full of love, gratitude, and positive enthusiasm for fully living life. She leaves wonderful memories to her graduate and undergraduate students, sociology colleagues, friends, and her two daughters and husband.
Wendy Manning Appointed a Distinguished Research Professor
During Wendy Manning’s career so far, she has garnered over $15 million in research grants, founded two national research centers in the CFDR and NCFMR, served on countless student thesis and dissertation committees, and published in all our top tier journals. For these efforts, and many other outstanding research, teaching, and service contributions, the BGSU Board of Trustees appointed her as a Distinguished Research Professor in May 2013. Her research and service contributions are so extensive that they would spill out of this newsletter. But here are a few from recent years. In 2011, she and her colleagues, Heidi Lyons, Peggy Giordano, and Monica Longmore, earned the Hugo G. Biegel Award for “Identity, Peer Relationships, and Adolescent Girls’ Sexual Behavior” in Journal of Sex Research. Her 2009 Demography article with Susan Brown earned the ASA Family Section’s first-ever Best Article Award. And a recent publication in Journal of Marriage and Family, “Premarital Cohabitation and Marital Dissolution: An Examination of Recent Marriages” with former student and outstanding dissertation award winner, Jessica Cohen, received substantial media attention.

She advised that it’s so common to live together before marriage now that we need to think about the meaning of cohabitation and premarital relationships in new ways. “

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Montreal and the University of Groningen in the Netherlands where she also served as a dissertation committee member.

Among her greatest recent achievements, Wendy led the ASA’s review of family structure and children’s well-being research for an amicus brief filed with the U.S. Supreme Court in February, as they prepared for their DOMA and Proposition 8 decisions. The ASA’s review of the literature finds that children fare about the same in both same-sex and heterosexual parenting contexts and thus unsubstantiated fears about same-sex parenting do not justify upholding discriminatory marriage laws. As the Supreme Court rendered their decision in June, we proudly thanked Wendy for her service in bringing sociological research to bear on critical family policy and law concerns.

Susan Brown and I-Fen Lin’s Research on Unmarried Baby Boomers Garners Media Attention and Accolades. Over the past few years, Dr. Brown and Lin’s research on the marriage and divorce patterns of aging Baby Boomers received widespread media coverage. Their work appeared in CNN, The New York Times, Wall Street Journal and Atlanta Constitution, to name a few venues. Dr. Brown was also interviewed on Talk of the Nation for National Public Radio and in a spot for The Today Show. The New York Times covered Dr. Lin and Brown’s 2012 lead article in a special issue on Baby Boomers in The Gerontologist. They found that one-third of Boomers are unmarried and that unmarried boomers are more vulnerable in terms of poorer financial resources, social support, and health.
Wall Street Journal coverage referred to Dr. Brown and Lin’s NCFMR working paper, The Grey Divorce Revolution, in which they demonstrate that the actual rate of divorce for those age 50 and older more than doubled since 1990. In 1990, less than 1 in 10 people aged 50 and over were divorced, but in 2009, 1 in 4 people aged 50 or older are divorced. Susan presented an update to their research at the Ohio State University Initiative on Population Research. Of course, earlier versions of these papers appeared at Population Association of America Annual Meetings! And most recently, in May 2013, they earned the 2012 IPUMS Research Award for their The Gerontologist article, entitled “Unmarried Boomers Confront Old Age: A National Portrait.”

The CFDR and NCFMR Host Major Research Symposia. On March 26th, 2012, CFDR and NCFMR hosted a symposium entitled “Parental Well-Being in Contemporary Families.” Three leading scholars on parenting were invited to present, discussing their research. Faculty and students from the department, the university, and nearby universities were in attendance for insightful presentations and engaging question-and-answer sessions. Maureen Perry-Jenkins, Professor of Psychology at University of Massachusetts Amherst, gave a talk titled, “New Parents’ Mental Health in Socio-cultural Context.” Kristi Williams, Associate Professor of Sociology at The Ohio State University, discussed “Early and Nonmarital Childbearing, Union History, and Women’s Health at Midlife.” Kevin Roy, Associate Professor of Family Science at the University of Maryland, presented on “Taking Care of My Own: Consequences of Fathering for Young Men on the Margins of Families and Work.”

On March 12th, 2013, a symposium on “Relational Spirituality and Cutting Edge Science on Faith and Families” was launched this spring that tests new measures of incarceration in household surveys.”

Relational Spirituality Symposium, from left to right: Chris Boyatzis, Susan Brown, Melinda Denton, Wendy Manning, Annette Mahoney, Frank Fincham, Kara Joyner, and Ken Pargament.
co-sponsored by the CFDR, the Templeton Foundation, the BGSU Spirituality and Psychology Team, and the Department of Psychology. Guest panelists included Dr. Chris Boyatris (Bucknell University), Dr. Melinda Denton (Clemson University), Dr. Christopher Ellison, (University of Texas at San Antonio), Dr. Frank Fincham (Florida State University Family Institute), and Drs. Annette Mahoney and Kenneth Pargament from BGSU’s Department of Psychology.

The National Center on Family and Marriage Research expands policy-based research. Co-directors Wendy Manning and Susan Brown continue to lead NCFMR in its advancement of cutting-edge research and informed policy. Funded jointly by the Department of Health and Human Services and BGSU, the center is now in its sixth year. Its recent activities included two major research conferences.

In January 2012, NCFMR organized an invitational forum, “Measuring Incarceration in Household Surveys,” at the National Institute of Justice. Scholars, data experts, and policymakers convened to help advance understanding across fields of research in incarceration and in family life. Participants exchanged knowledge and expertise in an effort to improve the quality of data and measures, focusing especially on ways to improve measures of incarceration experiences in household data and family measures in incarceration-focused data. Ongoing research from this forum has resulted in a survey launched this spring that tests new measures of incarceration in household surveys.

In May 2012, NCFMR convened more than twenty major researchers and policymakers at the first major fathering conference in over a decade. Titled “Fathers and Fathering in Contemporary Contexts,” the conference was held at the National Institutes of Health campus in Bethesda.

In the context of changing patterns of relationships in recent years and current economic conditions, representatives of a range of disciplines and government agencies discussed groundbreaking theoretical and empirical work on fathers and fathering, including an eye toward policy decisions.

Upcoming events include a two-day conference in July 2013 on family complexity co-organized by NCFMR and the University of Wisconsin’s Institute for Research on Poverty. In addition to these major events, NCFMR is constantly involved in the production and dissemination of research on marriage, families, and well-being. Faculty, students, and center staff work to produce family profiles, research items, working papers, and new data resources. The center provides excellent research opportunities for our graduate students, including most recently Larry Gibbs, Nicole Shoenberger, Bart Sykes, and Julissa Cruz. NCFMR research, including student work, has been disseminated through media outlets including the New York Times, Washington Post, USA Today, Wall Street Journal, and major television networks.

Need to catch up with what’s going on at NCFMR? You can find out about the latest working papers, research findings, and news items in the monthly electronic newsletter, News and Notes, available by email subscription, Twitter, or on the NFCMR website.
Susan Brown’s Research expands BGSU’s prominence. In the past two years, Susan Brown’s research has brought great media attention to BGSU and advanced policy discussions about families. She and Wendy were the first recipients of the ASA Family Section’s newly-created Best Article award, for their 2009 piece in Demography, “Family Boundary Ambiguity and the Measurement of Family Structure: The Significance of Cohabitation.” And she and I-Fen Lin earned the 2012 IPUMS Research Award for their The Gerontologist article, “Unmarried Boomers Confront Old Age: A National Portrait.” This latter work appeared in numerous high profile media outlets and Susan even wrote a 2013 LA Times Op-Ed piece on grey divorce. She also presented this work at

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OSU and at Western Kentucky University for an undergraduate Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society, while she was hosted by former graduate student, Lauren McClain. She even presented a version of this work for a BGSU Alumni group in Naples, Florida in Spring 2013.

Closer to home, Susan earned a number of our University’s most prestigious awards. In October 2011, she was invited to present at our Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series, hosted by the College of Arts & Sciences. She presented a talk entitled “Partnering in Later Life: New Frontiers in Family Research.” And in 2012, Susan earned the Olscamp Research Award, an honor reserved for faculty who demonstrate outstanding scholarly productivity in the past 3 years.

Susan actively nurtures the research enterprise, primarily through her co-directorship at NCFMR where she collaborates with students, staff, and colleagues near and far. Her work helps develop primary research initiatives, translational research for policy circles, and prominent national and regional conferences. She has presented at numerous conferences and invited talks in the last few years, including most recently in Europe. Among these notable research events, she is a participant at an Institute for Research on Poverty conference at the University of Wisconsin on “Family Complexity, Poverty and Public Policy. In addition, in July 2013, she stepped up into a new role as our Department Chair! Next year we’ll have much to report about her leadership vision, as she takes up the responsibilities relieved from our accomplished Gary Lee.

The Toledo Adolescent Relationship Study Team Releases 5th Wave of Data. “We’ve been meeting like this every week for ten years.” The outstanding success of the Toledo Adolescent Relationships Study relies on the unparalleled combination of Peggy Giordano, Monica Longmore, and Wendy Manning. They credit in part the interdisciplinary character of their team, with backgrounds in criminology, social psychology, and demography. Although they have shared a great deal over the last decade, they still approach some questions and issues from very different angles. Together, Peggy, Monica, and Wendy have continued to expand and develop this innovative study.

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The fifth wave of data in the TARS project was completed in 2012 and released in 2013, supported by three active grants from NIH and NIJ. The study began in 2001 with a sample of 1,200 teenagers in the Lucas county area, and the participants are now in their mid-20s. TARS is unique in its emphasis on specific measures of the nature, quality, and dynamics of romantic relationships. With each new wave of data, the team has given special attention to one facet of research, and for the fifth wave the focus is on conflict resolution and intimate partner violence. Also new is the collection of survey data over the internet, an effort spearheaded by former graduate student Rob Lonardo. Alongside the main surveys, about ten percent of participants were contacted for in-depth interviews, and this wave includes couple interviews for the first time.

The TARS data have provided excellent opportunities for collaboration with past and current residents of the department. Graduate students have written Master’s and doctoral theses using the TARS data, and undergraduate honors students have gained valuable research experience working on the project. In just the last two years, various collaborations have involved current faculty members Kei Nomaguchi and Karen Guzzo, current students Marta Alvira-Hammond and Wendi Johnson, former students Heidi Lyons and Patrick Seffren, and former post-doc Sarah Halpern-Meekin. In service to researchers beyond the BGSU community, the first two waves have been released to the ICPSR data repository. Keep an eye out for articles using TARS data, as they appear regularly in leading journals including American Sociological Review, Criminology, Journal of Marriage and Family, and Social Forces.

Wendy Manning, Monica Longmore, and Peggy Giordano’s latest productive TARS team!
Laura Sanchez enjoys her pet project

Laura Sanchez received an internal grant from the Office of Sponsored Programs as part of the “Building Strengths” initiative to gather primary data for two projects on the role of equine companionship as young people make the transition to adulthood, among youth who identify as horse enthusiasts. She has two years of interviews with the 34 members of an English and Western Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Team, talking with them about their lives as college students and whether and how they perceive being a college athlete, and an equine competitor in particular, helps and hinders their success as students. She also has interviews with 30 families with children aged 10-23, with interviews with at least one parent and child per family, about how and whether parents use horses as a way to teach their children life values and goals, as they make the transition to adulthood, and whether children perceive horses as giving them a “leg up” or not as they manage their early life course choices. Laura has also worked as a member of the Elections Council for the National Council on Family Relations, for the past 3 years. On campus, she serves on the Joint Health Care Committee as a representative of the BGSU Faculty Association, and is a member of both the Diversity and Equity Committee and Academic Honesty Committee. She is thoroughly enjoying teaching the graduate and undergraduate Population and Society courses, and undergraduate methods and principles of sociology courses.
From August 2011 to April 2013, Gary Lee served on the bargaining team working on the first faculty union contract. The contract was approved by the Faculty Association in April and by the Trustees in May. In 2013, Laura Sanchez began service as a representative of the Faculty Association Health Care committee.

**UNIQUE SHAW** earned a Golden Key Membership.

**ANGELIKA GULBIS** defended her dissertation and earned a Phi Theta Kappa nomination.

**BART STYKES** earned the 2013 Adamchak Award for Outstanding Demography Graduate Student.

**JANELLE NANNINI** and **MARTA ALVIRA-HAMMOND** earned the Winifred O. Stone Graduate Student Development Award, in 2012 and 2013 respectively.

**APRIL MANALANG** won the 2013 Graduate College Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award.

**LAUREN MCCLAIN** earned the BGSU Graduate College 2010-2011 Distinguished Dissertation Award for “Father Involvement and Relationship Quality Among Cohabiting Parents.”

**JESSICA COHEN** earned the BGSU Graduate College 2011-2012 BGSU Distinguished Dissertation Award for “Postmarital Union Formation and Childbearing.”

**CFDR** hosted former graduate student, **DR. JENNIFER BULANDA** (Department of Sociology and Gerontology, Miami University), as a guest speaker presenting “And They All Lived Happily Ever After? Marital Quality, Marital Dissolution, and Mortality Risk during the Later Life Course.”

**SUSAN L. BROWN** and **WENDY D. MANNING** received the Best Article Award from the ASA Family Section for their article, “Family Boundary Ambiguity and the Measurement of Family Structure: The Significance of Cohabitation.” They are the first winners of this newly-created award!

**HEIDI LYONS, PEGGY GIORDANO, WENDY MANNING, and MONICA LONGMORE** earned the 2011 Hugo G. Biegel Award for “Identity, Peer Relationships, and Adolescent Girls’ Sexual Behavior: An Exploration of the Contemporary Double Standard” appearing in Journal of Sex Research.

**SUSAN BROWN** and **I-FEN LIN** earned the 2012 IPUMS Research Award for their The Gerontologist lead article, “Unmarried Boomers Confront Old Age: A National Portrait.”

**GARY LEE** is the guest editor for a special issue of the Journal of Gerontology on widowhood. It is scheduled to be published January 2014.

**JORGE CHAVEZ** is the guest editor for a special issue on youth violence for Juvenile Justice.
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