

# *Summer 2009 Newsletter*

## *Department of Sociology*

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#### *Message from the Chair*

*“Sociology...because we investigate the institutions and social processes that shape*

*human behavior, histories, and opportunities.”*

One of my first tasks as I began the Chair position in 2002 was to write a departmental program review. These kind of “internal” self-studies rarely produce anything but a weighty tome that likely never sees the light of day over in Strong Hall. Dean Joe Steinmetz was wise enough to see this and instituted a new process which included an external review of academic units. In February of 2008, we were one of the first departments in the College to undergo this review and we were very fortunate to recruit for the task two prominent sociologists, Kathleen Blee, Distinguished Professor at Pittsburgh, Judith A. Howard, Dean of Social Sciences at the University of Washington, as well as Political Scientist Paul Schumaker from KU. The review team spent two days visiting with groups of faculty and graduate students and in March submitted a detailed report on their assessment of our program.

We think that the team offered a comprehensive, thorough, and fair review of our program. We were delighted that they saw fit to highlight a number of key strengths of our department: a talented group of research-oriented faculty, quality instruction in academic programs, a high-degree of satisfaction among graduate students, and a consensus-oriented, collegial, and supportive culture. The team also drew attention to a several issues they thought deserve our attention. These concerns centered on our graduate program where our time to degree is well above average, problems defining ourselves in terms of substantive areas and future directions, especially in light of the number of recent hires, as well what appears to be a lack of structure and coherence in our undergraduate program. They also identified some faculty development issues regarding formal mentoring mechanisms. And finally, feedback suggested that we need to enhance the intellectual life of the department and cultivate and encourage participation.

While none of these issues were a big surprise to us, we took the team’s observations quite seriously. We began a year-long deliberative process about the above points, including a day-long faculty retreat. In response, we have re-structured our graduate program so that students should be able to move from BA to PhD in six years (2 years to MA and 4 years post-MA to PhD). We have also instituted a system of student “Professional Portfolios” that are, much like faculty Promotion and Tenure dossiers, a place where students document their academic progress, including areas of competence in “primary” and “secondary” research areas. The portfolios eliminate the need for traditional qualifying exams. After considerable discussion regarding our identity, we continue to lean towards inclusiveness, especially making room for recent faculty hires. We think this list captures who we are and what we do: Culture, Knowledge, and Religion; Family and Life Course; Gender and Sexualities; Global and Transnational Studies; Medicine and Health Politics; Conflict, and Social Change; Race and Ethnicity; Social Inequality and Stratification; Economic Sociology. We continue to discuss our future direction, identifying “clusters of excellence” which are tied to larger intellectual trends, build on current faculty strengths, will direct future hires, and support initiatives at the College and University levels. Examples include Global & Transnational Studies and the themes of migration and immigration, political and economic transitions, and global environmental change and Social Inequalities linked to gender, race/ethnicity, social class, health, and age.

In terms of our undergraduate curriculum, we have been re-structuring required major and substantive elective courses to have levels with appropriate prerequisites. At each succeeding level, courses will increase in both depth and integration in the major while providing multiple opportunities for students to develop higher order thinking skills. We are developing a mission statement a set of shared, measureable learning goals and outcomes connected

to multiple courses. Regarding faculty development, we assign formal mentors to junior faculty and hold “orientation” meetings for all junior faculty. We will now ask faculty mentors to meet with junior colleagues after receiving their annual report from the Chair and create a written plan for their research, teaching, and service goals for the year and discuss strategies for tenure review. Finally, the external evaluators suggested that we should do more to increase the intellectual life of the department. In response, we have instituted an active and lively department colloquia series where faculty, graduate students, and visitors present their work and we have set new norms of participation for graduate students. In the end, we feel that the external review process went very well and we thank the review team for their effort and sage advice.

In October, the tenth annual Carroll D. Clark Lecture was delivered by Bruce Western, Professor of Sociology and Director of the Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Western's work has focused on the role of incarceration in social and economic inequality in American society. He shows the link between incarceration and unemployment, which leads to fundamental social and economic inequalities. In his talk, Bruce took the diverse crowd of faculty, students, and criminal justice practitioners through a set of empirical illustrations that documented not only the explosion of the prison population in the United States—now over two million people and counting, including vastly disproportionate numbers of minorities—and the serious social and economic consequences it has wrought. His talk was lively, accessible, and compelling. We thank Bruce for sharing his work with us. A revised version of the lecture will appear in a future issue of the KU Sociology Department graduate student journal, *Social Thought and Research* along with a response to the lecture and an interview with Western. Other visitors to campus this past year include Isidor Walliman, University of Basel, who spoke on “From Scarcity to Global Warming & Back to Scarcity,” Professor Jan Thomas, Kenyon College shared “Birth by Design: Comparative Research on Childbirth Policies & Practices” with us, and Hannah Britton, Women's Studies & Political Science at KU spoke on “Feminist Pragmatics in Southern Africa: State-NGO Alliances for Addressing Gender Based Violence.” Finally, the first speaker in the new Graduate Student Sponsored Lecture Series was Robert Jensen, Professor of Journalism at the University of Texas, Austin, who discussed “Pornography and the End of Masculinity.”

In other news, two veterans of the department have begun their retirements and I would like to recognize these significant transitions. **Lew Mannerick** retired at the end of this past academic year. Lew spent his entire academic career at KU, forty-one years, after

receiving his Ph.D. from Northwestern University. He has been a specialist in the sociology of education, social change, social inequality, and qualitative methods. Lew also served what surely must be a record of thirty-three years as Associate Chair, working with at least six department chairs over this time. I thank him very much for his hard work and sage advice over the course of my time I have been chair. **Jack Weller**, who has been on phased-retirement for the last four years, took full retirement at the end of the semester. Jack committed thirty-five years to sociology at KU after taking his Ph.D. from Ohio State University. He has studied and taught classes in social movements, collective behavior, and social organizations. We wish both of these colleagues well in their endeavors in their post-KU years.

I remain very proud of our department's sustained commitment to our primary goals of educating students and advancing research. The credit for this achievement goes to my colleagues and our staff for their cooperative spirit and dedication. Thanks to **Janelle Williams**, **Erin Dietz**, and **Kristen Huerter** and our Undergraduate Advising Specialist **Cortney McKay** for all their good work supporting our mission.

Best wishes,

Bill Staples



**Sandra Albrecht** continues her research on gender and the labor movement, focusing on the right to strike.

**Bob Antonio's** “Climate Change, the Resource Crunch, and the Global Growth Imperative” was accepted for publication in *Current Perspectives in Social Theory: Nature, Knowledge, & Negation*, and his “Absolutizing Particularity” will be published in *Fast Capitalism*, and will later be reprinted in a collection by Ben Agger and Tim Luke, *The Legacy and Impact of Telos*. Bob's review of Laurence McFalls (ed.) *Max Weber's 'Objectivity' Reconsidered* appeared in *Contemporary Sociology*. He also presented papers at the Midwest Sociological Society meetings and at the International Social Theory Consortium.

In October 2008, **Kelly H. Chong's** book *Deliverance and Submission: Evangelical Women and the Negotiation of Patriarchy in South Korea* was published

by Harvard University Press. The book was awarded the 2009 Distinguished Book Prize by the ASA Sociology of Religion Section. In December 2008, her article, "Coping with Conflict, Confronting Resistance: Emotions and Identity Management during Fieldwork in a South Korean Evangelical Community," appeared in *Qualitative Sociology*. Kelly Chong is currently working on several new publications; her new article, "Theorizing Women's Consent: Familism, Motherhood, and Middle-Class Feminine Subjectivity in Contemporary South Korea" is currently under review in a peer-reviewed journal, and she is working on a book chapter to be included in an upcoming collected volume entitled *Religion on the Edge: De-Centering and Re-Centering the Sociology of Religion*.

During the 2008-2009 academic year, Kelly also carried out a bulk of her field research in Chicago and New York for her new project on Asian Americans, intermarriage, and the politics of race/gender. She is currently analyzing her data and preparing a peer-reviewed article based on this research. Over the next academic year, she will continue her data gathering for this project and generate other publications. Over the past year, Kelly also delivered a lecture at the Center for Korean Studies, University of Michigan, and was a seminar participant in the "Religion at the Edge: Expanding the Boundaries of the Sociology of Religion" conference held at the Center for the Study of Religion at Princeton University. She is also the recipient of the 2008 KU General Research Fund award.

**David Ekerdt's** NIH-funded project on older people and their management of possessions has gone into the field in the Lawrence/KC area and also in Detroit. With the able assistance of Sociology GRA's **Aislinn Addington** and **Gabriella Smith**, the team from KU and Wayne State University is studying how people downsize possessions for residential moves. Gabriella's analysis of self-help books for elder downsizings will be presented at the ASA meeting in August. Dave's explanation of "Dispossession" was included as a chapter in a book that he co-edited with two social gerontologists from the UK, Ian Rees Jones and Paul Higgs, titled *Consumption and Generational Change: The Rise of Consumer Lifestyles*. He also contributed a cross-national analysis of "Population Retirement Patterns" to the 2009 *International Handbook of Population Aging*.

**Tanya Golash-Boza** is excited to begin a new research project on the transnational ties of deportees this summer. With funding from the U.S. Department of Education Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad and the General Research Fund of the University of Kansas, 2009. She will travel to Jamaica, Guatemala, Brazil, and the Dominican Republic between June 2009 and August 2010 to interview people who have been deported from

the United States. Tanya is also continuing to write both about blackness in Peru and immigration policy in the US. This year, she published three articles: "Blackness in Mestizo America: The Cases of Mexico and Peru" (Christina Sue, first author) in the *Latino (a) Research Review*, and "The Immigration Industrial Complex: Why We Enforce Immigration Policies Destined to Fail" and "A Confluence of Interests in Immigration Enforcement: How Politicians, the Media and Corporations Profit from Immigration Policies Destined to Fail" both in Volume 3 of the *Sociology Compass*.

**Eric Hanley's** current research focuses on the social and economic drivers of greenhouse gas emissions and the impact governmental policies have on such emissions. He is currently involved in an interdisciplinary research project, funded by the National Science Foundation, examining the cultivation of fuel crops in the Midwest.

**Shirley A. Hill** was on a research sabbatical during the Fall of 2008, and returned in the Spring semester to teach medical sociology and a graduate seminar on social inequality. She has published a chapter, "African American Mothers: Victimized, Vilified, and Valorized," in *Feminist Mothering* (edited by Andrea O'Reilly, State University of New York Press). She is currently writing an article for *Gender & Society* on the cultural factors that affect the health of African American women and a book that is tentatively entitled *Families in Class Perspective*. Along with John Rury (School of Education), Shirley is collecting oral history and archival data on the experiences of African Americans who attended high school between 1940-1970. This research, funded by the Spencer Foundation, is a national study that explores social factors that were related to the closing of the racial gap in high school attainment during these decades. Some preliminary findings from the study were presented at the Association of Black Sociologists meeting in Boston last year. As President of Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS), Shirley is working on the program for their summer meeting, to be held in San Francisco. In addition to professional development workshops and awards banquet, the program will feature a talk by Feminist Lecturer award winner, Paula England.

**ChangHwan Kim** spent his first year at KU teaching Sociology of the Economy and Elements of Statistics and Data Analysis. He published four articles last year in *American Sociological Review*, *Work & Occupations*, *Social Science Research*, and *Korean*

*Journal of Sociology* and expects two additional articles forthcoming in *Annual Review of Sociology* and *Sociological Forum* this year. He is currently working on two conditionally accepted papers in *Sociological Methods & Research* and *Sociological Perspectives* along with one R&R paper in *Work & Occupations*. His research was featured by KU Oread magazine in June 8 edition.

**Meredith Kleykamp** published "A Great Place to Start? The Effect of Prior Military Service on Hiring." in *Armed Forces and Society* (2009) and had her article (with Jake Rosenfeld, University of Washington) "Hispanics and Organized Labor in the United States, 1973-2007" accepted at the *American Sociological Review*. She was also a co-author of the monograph *Military Enlistment of Hispanic Youth: Obstacles and Opportunities* (2009) summarizing a two-year RAND research project on Hispanic representation in the armed forces. She was awarded grants from the National Science Foundation and ASA Fund for Advancement of the Discipline for her project "From Warriors to Workers: How Employers Moderate the Transition from Military to Civilian Work". She continues data collection on this multi-method project with graduate students **Brian Meier** and **Kevin Chiang** assisting with a hiring audit and in-depth employer interviews. She presented initial findings from this project at the RAND Manpower Seminar and the Population Association of America annual meeting. She is looking forward to a productive summer and academic year.

**Tracey LaPierre** is looking forward to the publication of her paper "Marital Status and Depressive Symptoms Over Time: Age and Gender Variations" in a special Family and Health issue of *Family Relations* this summer. This paper won the 2008 National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) Family & Health Section Student/New Professional Award and was presented at the NCFR annual meeting. Data collection continues for her pilot study on grandparents raising grandchildren and will be completed this year. She is also working on a project that looks at how older married couples cope with hearing loss. On a personal note, Tracey and her husband Matthew welcomed their son Davian Paul Copeland into their family on December 20th, 2008.

**Lew Mennerick** is retiring after 41 years on the faculty, 33 years as Associate Department Chair, and 5 periods as Acting Chair. Although he will no longer be teaching, Lew will continue to be active in professional associations and in research, including spending one month this summer working on research in the Republic of Azerbaijan and then returning again to Azerbaijan for the full fall semester.

**Joane Nagel** spent the past year on climate change research and interdisciplinary collaboration as director of a 5-year \$3 million NSF IGERT (Integrative Graduate Education & Research Traineeship) grant, C-CHANGE: Climate Change, Humans, and Nature in the Global Environment. The C-CHANGE program is training bioscience, geoscience, social science, and engineering PhD students in the techniques and models used by different disciplines to answer questions about the causes, extent, and consequences of global climate change and the options for mitigating and adapting to various outcomes. C-CHANGE trainees are taking 4 courses with week long field components in Kansas, Greenland, and Mexico, and the first 5 trainees (in geology, biology, sociology, public administration, and geography) spent the month of June working with Haskell Indian Nations University undergraduate interns in a newly-funded NSF EPSCoR summer climate change program at the Haskell Environmental Research Studies (HERS) Center, directed by KU Soc grad, Dr. Dan Wildcat. Joane just published an NSF workshop report, *Sociological Perspectives on Global Climate Change*, which contains papers by 30 leading environmental sociologists discussing the current state of sociological knowledge about global climate change and setting an agenda for future research that identifies the most promising and pressing research questions to be asked, the most important tools needed, and the next steps in bringing sociologists into greater dialogue with researchers working on the human dimensions of global change. The workshop report can be found at: [http://ireswb.cc.ku.edu/~crgc/NSFWorkshop/Reading/NSF\\_WkspReport\\_09.pdf](http://ireswb.cc.ku.edu/~crgc/NSFWorkshop/Reading/NSF_WkspReport_09.pdf) and includes a paper by Joane on "Genders, Disasters, and Climate Change." She has presented this research at the 2008 ASA meeting, KU, and University of Central Missouri. In the fall 2009 she is a Keeler Intra-University Visiting Professor in KU's Geography Department where she hopes to get training in spatial social science and its application to sociological research.

**Mehrangiz Najafizadeh** is continuing her research on gender in Azerbaijan, while also continuing to participate both in the Center for Latin American Studies and the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies. Mehrangiz organized a session related to gender and global issues at the Midwest Sociological Society meetings in Des Moines, and she also presented a paper on women and development in Asia with Linda Lindsey. Further, Mehrangiz was a recipient of a Council on Eurasian Studies grant for research in Azerbaijan

during May-June 2009, and as part of her continuing efforts during the past several years, beginning when she was a Fulbright Scholar in Azerbaijan, Mehrangiz has overseen the completion of Agreements of Cooperation between KU and two major universities in Azerbaijan. The final agreement documents were signed this past May by Chancellor Hemenway and Associate Vice Provost Gronbeck-Tedesco, and by the President of Khazar University and the Rector of Baku State University in Azerbaijan. In addition, Mehrangiz was awarded an American Council for International Education/U.S. State Department Fellowship and will spend fall semester 2009 in Azerbaijan working on her research on gender issues.

**Ebenezer Obadare** was named the Virginia and Derrick Sherman Emerging Scholar for the year 2008 by the Department of History at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. The award honors promising new scholars in the fields of modern history, politics, and international relations. A monograph based on Dr. Obadare's lecture at the University of Wilmington on 16 October 2008, titled, *Africa Between the Old and the New: The Strange Persistence of the Postcolonial State* has just been published by the University of North Carolina Wilmington. Dr. Obadare's other writings in the past year included: "The Uses of Ridicule: Humour, 'Infrapolitics' and Civil Society in Nigeria." *African Affairs* 108/431: 241-261 (2009); and "The Backlash Against Civil Society in the Wake of the Long War on Terror" (with Jude Howell, Armine Ishkanian, Hakan Seckinelgin, and Marlies Glasius) *Development in Practice* 18, 1: 82-93 (2008). *Encountering the Nigerian State*, the collection of essays which he co-edited with Wale Adebawo, is scheduled for publication next year by Palgrave-Macmillan.

Professor **David Smith** will serve as Associate Department Chair, beginning in 2009-2010. He will also serve for a year as a Senior Administrative Fellow in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. In 2008-2009, Professor Smith delivered papers to the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association and the Midwest Sociological Society and he published (or completed for publication) articles on antisemitism, labor, and sweatshops.

A high point of this past year for **Joey Sprague** was being inducted into the KU Women's Hall of Fame in March. Joey continues her study of the social organization of the production of knowledge in the academy and in our discipline. An article out of that project, "Sociology: the Good, the Bad, and the Public," appeared in *Gender & Society* last December. She presented "Gendered Barriers to Sociology for Women in the U.S.," at the World Forum of the International Sociological Association, in Barcelona, Spain, in September. With **Shelley Koch**, she has been

working on a feminist critique of the construction of knowledge in economic sociology, "Economic Sociology vs. Real Life," which they will be presenting at this summer's ASA meeting. **Kelley Massoni** and Joey are reviving their research on how gender enters into the evaluation of teaching and the consequences thereof. Joey continues to serve as Director of Undergraduate Studies for the department, this is the final year of a 3 year term in the leadership of Sociologists for Women in Society, and continues to co-edit *The Gender Lens*, monograph series (Rowman & Littlefield) with Judith Howard and Barbara Risman.

**Bill Staples** spent the past year serving as Department Chair as well as co-editing *The Sociological Quarterly*, with Brian Donovan, and teaching his seminar in Historical Methods in Sociology. Bill published, "'Where Are You and What Are You Doing?' Familial 'Back Up Work' as a Collateral Consequence of House Arrest" in *Who's Watching: Daily Practices of Surveillance among Contemporary Families* for Vanderbilt University Press. He is an Advisory Editor for *The Right to Privacy*, a Digital Imprint of University of Massachusetts Press, published reviews in *Contemporary Sociology*, *American Studies*, and *Surveillance and Society*, and gave talks at the Fifth Annual Social Theory Forum in Boston and the Midwest Sociological Society meetings. Bill is working on a new edition of his book, *Everyday Surveillance* and will continue to serve as Department Chair and TSQ co-editor in 2009-2010.

**Jessica M. Vasquez** has settled into her second year here at KU Sociology by teaching 310 Methods and 536 Sociology of Latinos in the US for both Fall and Spring terms. Throughout the year she worked on revising her book manuscript, *Across Borders, Across Generations: Immigration, Assimilation and Racial Identity Formation among Multi-Generational Mexican Families* (the book needs a new title, so let her know if you get any lightning-bolt ideas). She has gotten positive feedback from a couple publishers and is revising further this summer. Trying to get a presence in the journal world as well, Jessica heard good news this year that a co-authored article got accepted to *Ethnic and Racial Studies* and a solo authored article got accepted to *Sociological Perspectives*.

**Mary Zimmerman** continued work on her long-term project of understanding how social policies create and maintain relations of inequality, collecting data in Sweden on fathers' use of state-supported parental leave. Her paper with graduate student **Elizabeth Legerski**, "Gender Regimes as a

Key Concept in the Sociology of Gender,” was presented at the 08 ASA meetings. Mary published two articles in early 2009, “Living and Loving with Dementia: Negotiating Spousal and Caregiver Identity through Narrative” (*Journal of Aging Studies*), co-authored with former advisee **Jeanne Hayes**, PhD 2003, and “Residential Outcomes for Nursing Facility Applicants Who Have Been Diverted: Where Are They Five Years Later?” (*The Gerontologist*) co-authored with colleagues from the KU School of Social Welfare. She also gave several talks on comparative health policy and national health reform strategies during the year, including a keynote address on universal health care and women at the annual winter meeting of Sociologists for Women in Society. Graduate students in her Social Policy and Gender seminar worked on a series of six dual author papers, each comparing two countries in terms of a specific social policy. Many of these papers have been presented at various meetings over the past six months. In January 2009, Mary began using much of her 50% appointment in the School of Medicine to direct a new PhD in Health Policy and Management.



**Eric Hanley** will continue as Director of Graduate Studies for the coming year. Other faculty members on the committee for 2009-2010 are **Elif Andac, Meredith Kleykamp, David Smith, and Jessica Vasquez.**

Currently, there are 7 students in the Master’s program and 26 students in the Doctoral program. We are expecting an incoming cohort of 7 students (5 Master’s and 1 PhD) this fall.

The following graduate students received awards throughout the academic year.

Centennial Award

**KuoRay Mao**  
**Mehrangiz Najafizadeh**

E. Jackson Baur Award for Research and Study of Social Conflict and Conflict Resolution

**Yi Song, Communication Studies**

Carroll D. Clark Award for Teaching Excellence

**Pooya Naderi**  
**Carrie Wendel-Hummell**

Carroll D. Clark Pre-MA Award

**Aislinn Addington**  
**Ada Van Roekel-Hughes**

Carroll D. Clark Post-MA Award

**Brian Azcona**

Christopher Gunn Graduate Student Scholarship in Sociology

**Elizabeth Legerski**  
**KuoRay Mao**

Morris C. Pratt Dissertation Award

**Elizabeth Legerski**

Morris C. Pratt Travel Scholarship

**Aislinn Addington**  
**Christy Craig**  
**Robert Hughes**  
**Elizabeth Legerski**  
**Pooya Naderi**  
**Nicole Perry**  
**Ray Sin**  
**Ada Van Roekel-Hughes**

**Aislinn Addington** defended her MA on October 14, 2008.

**Brian Azcona** met his Secondary Field Requirement, Spring 2009.

**Bruce Carruthers** met his Primary Field Requirement in Social Movements, Spring 2009.

**Stephanie Decker** passed her Oral Comprehensive Exam May 15, 2009.

**Melissa Freiburger** served as presidential aide to Shirley Hill, for Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) in Spring 2008. In addition to organizing paper presentations for the winter meeting, Melissa presided over and presented a paper for the parenting roundtable. Her paper, “Decisions, Decisions: The Educated Choices of ‘Crunchy Mamas’ and Conventional Mothers” draws from her dissertation research, an institutional ethnography of a parent education program. She wrote two entries for *The Encyclopedia of Motherhood* and looks forward to presenting a paper at the International Carework Conference in San Francisco, CA in August. Melissa will be teaching Sociology of Families in the fall as she finishes writing her dissertation.

**Robert Hughes** defended his MA October 10, 2008.

**Anna Kern** defended her MA on April 20, 2009.

**Shelley L. Koch** defended her dissertation "Shopping is Work: An Institutional Ethnography of Grocery Shopping" in April and is waiting for the job market to rebound. In the meantime she is lecturing in the Sociology Department at KU.

In March 2009 **Liz Legerski** successfully passed her Comprehensive Oral Exam and began work on her dissertation examining low-income women's health insurance instability. In April 2009 Liz also won the Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) Feminist White Paper Competition for her paper examining gender, race, and class inequalities in health care access and reform. In addition, Liz was awarded a 2009 Summer Research Fellowship from the KU Office of Graduate Studies as well as the 2009-2010 Pratt Dissertation Scholarship. Beginning in July, Liz will be working on her dissertation from Omaha, Nebraska, where her spouse will be completing an internship in Clinical Child Psychology at Boys Town. Liz hopes to use her dissertation research to contribute to the movement for comprehensive health care reform in the US and plans to defend during the Spring 2010 semester.

**Ophra Leyser-Whalen** finally has her PhD! In March she defended her dissertation entitled "'Choosing' Parenthood through Fertility Treatments: the Importance of Biological Children and the Difficult Roads in their Pursuit." She also has several forthcoming encyclopedia entries on the topics of motherhood and/or infertility in "The Encyclopedia of Motherhood," "The Historical Encyclopedia of Women's Reproductive Lives: From Ancient to Modern," and "The Multimedia Encyclopedia of Women in Today's World." She is currently on the academic job market.

**KuoRay Mao** defended his MA December 2, 2008.

**Jose Martinez** defended his Terminal MA September 10, 2008.

**Ayako Mizumura** defended her PhD on April 28, 2009.

**Nicole Perry** defended her MA on August 14, 2009.

**Uros Petrovic** met his Secondary Field Requirement in Cultural Sociology, Fall 2008.

**Christopher Read** defended his MA on April 17, 2009.

**Ray Sin** is doing an internship at a non-profit organization called OutFront Minnesota and is working on their Marriage Equality Campaign.

**Gabriella Smith** defended her MA on April 23, 2009.

**Ada Van Roekel-Hughes** defended her MA November, 14 2008.

Recent M.A. recipients **Aislinn Addington** and **Gabriella Smith** are continuing their work for David Ekerdt in the Gerontology Center. They are currently conducting interviews for his NIH funded project "Downsizing Possessions for Residential Moves in Later Life." Right now they are interviewing older people who have moved to smaller residences – be they smaller homes, apartments, or residential housing specifically for seniors – and asking questions about how people handled going through and thinning their possessions. Aislinn is currently staying on at KU as a PhD student and is working on her primary area portfolio. In July, Gabriella will be relocating to Virginia where her husband is a Professor of Religious Studies at Radford University. She plans on continuing her education at the doctoral level at a school on the east coast in the fall of 2010. Project staff are pleased that current M.A. student **Ben Hayter** will be taking over Gabriella's vacated position in August. Ben and Aislinn will be ushering in new phases of the Downsizing project, following elders through the planning and execution of residential downsizing.

*Undergraduate  
Program*

**Joey Sprague** will continue to be the Director of Undergraduate Studies for the coming year. Other faculty members on the committee for 2009-2010 are, **Brian Donovan, Kelly Chong, Mehrangiz Najafizadeh, Ebenezer Obadare, and ChangHwan Kim.**

The following undergraduate students were recognized at our Undergrad Awards Ceremony this past May:

Harley S. Nelson Family Scholarship

**Nicholas Mott  
Matthew Etzel**

Marston McCluggage Award

**Sandra Yoder  
Samantha Williams**

Alpha Kappa Delta Inductees

**Jessica Burger  
Kristen Cowan  
Matthew Etzel  
Amy Gretencord  
Elizabeth Helweg  
Christie Jones  
Daniel Parker  
Christian Watkins  
Sara Whisler**

*Alumni  
Notes*

**Kevin Gotham** returned to Tulane University in August 2008 after serving from January 2006 to July 2008 at the National Science Foundation as a program director. In 2008 he was promoted to full professor and hired as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the School of Liberal Arts. His book, *Authentic New Orleans: Race, Culture, and Tourism in the Big Easy* (New York University Press), won Honorable Mention for the Robert Park Outstanding Book Award, American Sociological Association Section on Community and Urban Sociology in 2008. He also won the 2008 Community and Urban Sociology Section's Jane Addams Award for best scholarly article in community and urban sociology published in the past two years. "The Secondary Circuit of Capital Reconsidered: Globalization and the U.S. Real Estate Sector." *American Journal of Sociology*. 112(1): 231-75. July 2006. He was appointed as a Consulting Editor for the *American Journal of Sociology*. He also published the following articles:

"From 9/11 to 8/29: Post-Disaster Recovery and Rebuilding in New York and New Orleans." (Co-authored with Miriam Greenberg). *Social Forces*. 87(2): 1037-62. December 2008.

"From Culture Industry to the Society of the Spectacle: Critical Theory and the Situationist International." (Co-authored with Dan Krier). *No Social Science Without Critical Theory*. Edited by Harry Dahms. *Current Perspectives in Social Theory*. 2008. Vol. 25.

"Housing Policy, the Low Income Housing Crisis, and the Problem of Homelessness" (with James D. Wright and Amy M. Donley). Robert McNamara, editor, *Homelessness in America*. Volume 2. New York: Greenwood Publishing. 2008.

**Lisa Cox Hall** has accepted an offer from North Dakota State University. She'll begin as Assistant

Professor in August 2009. Thanks, of course, to Bob, Mary, and Janelle!

**Dean Katerndahl** is currently the Director of the Government Innovation Forum at the Mid-America Regional Council. He works with city and county managers in a nine-county, bi-state area around Kansas City. One of Dean's many projects involves working with inner ring suburbs to address issues of aging housing stock and retail flight. He has also been quite involved in assisting cities and counties in accessing and effectively using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. Their emphasis has been on strategic use of funds to promote energy efficiency and sustainability. Dean is now coordinating an initiative of Congressman Emanuel Cleaver's to focus ARRA initiatives on an inner city neighborhood, the Green Impact Zone. The idea is to intensely coordinate the many different resources that will be coming into the community in such a way as to significantly impact the community. He is working closely with a number of neighborhood leaders on this initiative. Dean is also working on an initiative to improve health care to the uninsured and medically underserved by building cooperative initiatives among the health care community. Finally, Dean is part of an initiative to demonstrate new, more effective ways to engage the public, in the case on the future sustainability direction of the region. The initiative is called Imagine KC and featured a wide array of different engagement techniques coordinated around a single theme. They have partnered with a number of folks on this initiative including the public TV station and the KU Planning Department. Dean and his wife live in downtown Parkville, MO in an old Victorian house and he is Chair of the local planning commission. His son is in graduate school at the University of Minnesota in Immunology.

**Mary Kelly** became the Director of the Center for Women's and Gender Studies at the University of Central Missouri in the summer of 2008. She also became the secretary/treasurer of the section on Race, Gender, and Class of the ASA last summer.

**Dr. Daniel Krier** has become the newest associate professor of sociology with tenure at the Department of Sociology at Iowa State University. Dr. Krier received his master's in sociology (1992) from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and his Ph.D. in Sociology (2001) from the University of Kansas. He previously held an assistant professor

position at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia (1999-2004). He joined the Iowa State faculty in 2004. Dr. Krier's research, including his 2005 book, *Speculative Management: Stock Market Power and Corporate Change* (SUNY Press), explores the social consequences of speculative capitalism. He has also published several articles in higher-education journals on the integration of technology enhancements into courses delivering historical and theoretical content. Dr. Krier has received numerous awards for teaching at Iowa State University including the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Award for Outstanding Teaching (2006), the Emory Bogardus Teaching Award (2006) and an Exceptional Support Recognition Award for assisting undergraduate students (2009).

**Stuart Shafer** was selected Chair for a three-year term for the newly official Sociology Department at Johnson County Community College. JCCC is moving towards a more traditional academic model and the Sociology Department is serving as a model for the change. Previously the department was part of the larger "Social Sciences and Social Services" program. He was selected as one of four College Scholars this year at JCCC and gave two presentations: one titled "Sustenance: Food and the Roots of Sustainability", and the other titled "What Does Sustenance mean to JCCC." Stuart is playing an active role in JCCC's new Sustainable Agriculture Program by having been asked by the Advisory Committee to take on a directorship role in the program.

This past year **Jean Van Delinder** served as Chair of the General Faculty at Oklahoma State University. This is an elected position for one year. Jean was also promoted to Full Professor. Her book "Struggles Before Brown: Early Civil Rights Protests and their Implications for Today" was published by Paradigm Press in 2008. Jean is the P.I. on a NSF grant "OSU ADVANCE Partnerships for Adaption, Implementation, and Dissemination: Gender Equity in STEM in Oklahoma State University. This is a three year grant and the award amount is \$452,596.00.


Emerita Professor **Carol Warren** continues as a consultant to Assisted Living grants at KUMC, with three papers published in journals and two more in preparation. The second edition of *Discovering Qualitative Methods*, with Tracy Xavia Karner, was published by Oxford University Press (2010). A revised, updated edition of *Pushbutton Psychiatry: A Cultural History of Electroshock in America*, with Timothy Kneeland was published by Left Coast Press (2009). Professor Warren also continues to do freelance work in marketing and advertising, and volunteer work in emergency and disaster preparation. With Emerita

Professor Kathi Kirigin of the former HDFL, she enjoys travel, sailing with our Vandal racing team (of the 10 team members, 4 are from KU!), and tennis.

*We'd love to hear from you!*

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