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University of North Carolina

Department of Sociology

FROM THE CHAIR

By Howard Aldrich

Sociology did very well in 2005-4, as we were once again rated by U.S. News & World Report as one of the top five programs in Sociology in the United States. We accomplished this by being professionally active: publishing, engaging in service to the profession, and mentoring our junior faculty and graduate students. Faculty members served not only nationally but also locally, holding many important offices at UNC-CH.

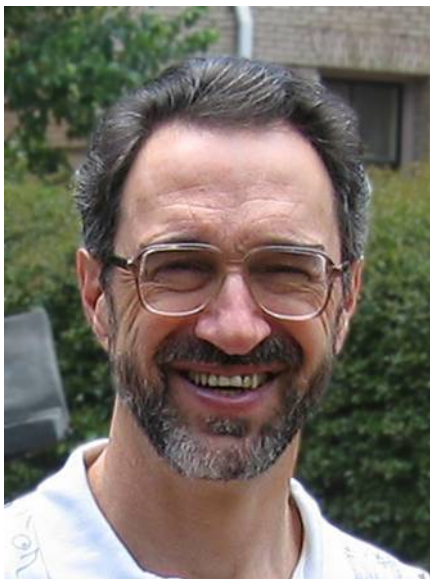
In addition to the usual crop of journal articles, book chapters, and books, we were very active in regional, national, and international professional associations. Faculty presented papers at conferences, and we had one member serving as president of the Southern Sociological Society and another as Secretary to the American Sociological Association. In addition, other members held offices in their national professional organizations, and several served on various national associations' committees.

We edit three national professional journals here: *Social Forces*, the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (sponsored by the American Sociological Association), and *Southern Culture*. In addition to our three journal editors, members served on the boards of 25 other professional journals, not counting service on our own *Social Forces*. At the university level, one member won a university teaching award, four were awarded internal research grants, and two members were awarded University leaves.

As before, our department continues to supply directors of centers and programs to the University, including the Directors of the Odum Institute, the Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, the Carolina Population Center, the Institute on Aging, the Social and Economic Justice Minor, and the Management and Society Curriculum. Another faculty member is a senior associate dean in the College.

Faculty were very active this year in public service activities, giving talks to various public, governmental, and other

nonprofit organizations and associations. They were also called upon by local and national media for comments on current events, such as the war in Iraq and trends in religiosity among youth.



Our fund-raising efforts, begun in 2003-4, began to pay off this past year. At the beginning of this academic year, we succeeded in raising enough funds to fully establish the Rachel Rosenfeld Teaching Fund and it has now topped \$30,000. Donations are still welcome. We also established another fund, the Richard L. Simpson Fund for Sociology, which is slowly growing. In January, we created the Jack W. Daum Fund for Sociology, an endowed fund which is already fully funded at \$25,000. We have begun soliciting for a fund to honor Emeritus professors from our department, called the Excellence Fund

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DEPARTMENTAL DEVELOPMENT

Jack W. Daum Fund

Penny Daum Aldrich established the Jack W. Daum Fund for Sociology in January 2005 and wrote the following explanation for her decision:

I have always thought of my father, Jack Wolfe Daum, as a “renaissance man” because he could paint, install small electrical appliances, sew (he actually completed my home economics skirt and apron projects), create rock gardens, cook, teach, build cloud chambers, and was always excited to learn something new. He had a terrific sense of humor and was very creative, helping to design some fabulous school projects for me! He was born in Far Rockaway, Long Island in 1915 and was ready for college at 16. He attended Johns Hopkins and graduated with one Masters in Philosophy and another in Chemistry. He loved traveling and reading and I am sure I have inherited these “genes,” as have his grandsons, Steven and Daniel. Daniel remembers “Opa” as “a scholar-gentleman, who while involved in epoch making history like the Manhattan Project and major advances in chemistry, always saw the world through a lens of humor and humility. His commitment to his family and his love for humanity should inspire all of us.”



Penny Daum Aldrich Jack W. Daum

Steven “recalls lots of visits (once a month for 12 years) to Ithaca, NY and Opa's jokes at the dinner table.” What he remembers most vividly about Opa was “staying at his apartment in Fort Lee, NJ and watching him stretch and do sit-ups and push-ups in the living-room before going to work in the morning.”

My father had a life-long interest in learning. I think we had a direct line to the reference desk at the public library because I can see him phoning the librarians

during many dinners to clarify a point that was under discussion. To honor my father's memory, I have created this fund, The Jack W. Daum Fund for Sociology, to encourage others to continue to learn and to seek knowledge. I chose UNC because my father was very impressed with the Morehead Scholarships which both Steven and Daniel received and which enabled them to pursue their academic interests and to travel.

Development Fund for Sociology Carolina Sociology Fund for Faculty Excellence

By Glen Elder

For more than 80 years Carolina Sociology has been regarded as one of the most distinguished programs in the country. Through research and publications, undergraduate teaching, graduate and postdoctoral programs, and sponsorship of *Social Forces*, sociologists at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill have made their presence felt around the world. However, our position is fast becoming more difficult to maintain. The costs of sustaining an internationally prominent program have increased dramatically, whereas public financial support for Carolina has not. The Department of Sociology's resources are increasingly constrained, making it difficult to recruit talented faculty. At the same time, our distinguished faculty frequently receive job offers from our peer institutions, often at salary levels Carolina cannot match. The Department must increasingly rely on private funds to recruit and retain those top faculty members who have done so much to build the reputation that Sociology at Carolina enjoys today.

Consequently, we are launching a major response to this pressing need with the “Carolina Sociology Fund for Faculty Excellence.”

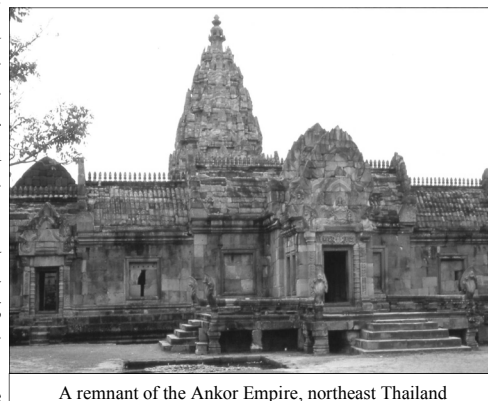
Your involvement will help to ensure the continued excellence of our Department. Our aim is to establish the Fund with \$25,000 and then to strive for an endowment of \$100,000. We urge you to join this important effort by making a contribution to the “Carolina Sociology Fund for Faculty Excellence,” UNC at Chapel Hill, CB#3210, Hamilton Hall, Chapel Hill NC 27599-3210.

NEW INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSE ON POPULATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES—SOCIOLOGY 165 AND GEOGRAPHY 165

Professor Ronald Rindfuss teamed up with his colleague in UNC's Geography Department, Professor Stephen Walsh, to offer a new interdisciplinary course on population and the environment. The course, designed for juniors and seniors, responds to the growing scientific and public recognition that environmental issues, such as deforestation and land degradation, are linked to human behavior, are place specific, and require interdisciplinary approaches. The course, Sociology 165 and Geography 165, brings together social, biophysical and geographic elements to examine environmental change. Students learn about diverse data sources, ranging from satellite images to demographic data, as well as equally diverse theoretical approaches to environmental change.

Global issues are addressed, but the course focuses on Thailand and neighboring Southeast Asian countries such as Cambodia, Laos, Burma and Malaysia. Within Thailand, special emphasis is given to Nang Rong district, Buriram province, Northeast Thailand – a district where Rindfuss and Walsh have been conducting research for more than a decade. Nang Rong was part of the Angkor empire 1,000 years ago. After the collapse of Angkor, few villages remained and most of the landscape reverted to unmanaged forest. During most of the twentieth century it was a frontier, where wild tigers roamed and people moved in from other parts of the region. Today the landscape is primarily settled agriculture and demographically it is characterized by out-migration.

The course was first offered fall 2004 and will again be offered fall 2005. Student response has been encouraging.



A remnant of the Angkor Empire, northeast Thailand

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for Sociology, with Glen Elder and Ray Mack leading the effort. I encourage you to consider contributing to this fund, as we are still short of our goal of setting it up as an endowed fund.

As I noted last year, Sociology has always been responsible for providing the bulk of support for its graduate students. As in previous years, the College provided a little over \$100,000 for our instructional budget for graduate students, and the department then raised nearly \$500,000 to fully fund our students. In addition, CPC provided support for many other Sociology students.

We spent a great deal of time this year reviewing policies for financial support of graduate students. We discussed the guidelines in a series of meetings, and I think the new guidelines will help us use our scarce resources efficiently in the coming years.

Over the past year, we reorganized the administrative and financial structure of the major journal published by our department, *Social Forces*, edited by Judith Blau. Our efforts were hampered by turnover at the managing editor and editorial assistant levels. However, we have hired a superb new managing editor and we'll have a first-rate staff from this point onward.

Our department went through two reviews this past year. First, we conducted our decennial self-study with the help of an outside review committee appointed by the Graduate School. The external committee proposed 10 recommendations which we are currently considering. Second, the five-year SACS review required us to identify instructional goals for our program and that exercise proved extremely beneficial.

We have a new cohort of 18 excellent graduate students entering the program this fall as a result of a 62% acceptance rate from the students to whom we offered admission. I believe the high acceptance rate results from our national prominence and our more aggressive recruiting stance and financial aid offers.

We capped the year with an outstanding commencement celebration on Saturday, May 14th, filling the auditorium in Hamilton 100 with family and friends of the graduating seniors. Paul Luebke, member of the NC House of Representatives, gave a keynote address and we recognized our honors' graduates and those graduating with academic distinction. It was a fitting way to end a successful year.

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Pearce Selected As a William T. Grant Scholar

Lisa Pearce, Assistant Professor of Sociology, has been selected as one of the five 2005 William T. Grant Scholars. The William T. Grant Scholars Program is designed to support early career scholars seeking to further develop research programs aimed at understanding the lives of youth. The award is accompanied by a five year research grant of \$300,000. Pearce's grant is for a project entitled, "Religion's Role in the Shaping of Self-

Image, Aspirations, and Achievement in Youth." This project will focus on how religious ideologies, practices, and salience are related to how youth perceive themselves and prepare for their futures. Survey analyses of the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979 Children and Young Adults, the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health), and the National Study of



Lisa Pearce

Youth and Religion (NSYR) will be combined with semi-structured interview analysis and in-depth case studies from the NSYR to shed light on these questions from multiple angles. Findings will offer evidence about the extent to which the same factors selecting youth into religious involvement predict more positive outcomes, highlight which dimensions of religion seem most influential for these outcomes, and describe how these processes may vary based on race/ethnicity or gender.

The National Study of Youth and Religion (NSYR)

The National Study of Youth and Religion (NSYR) is a research project being conducted at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill under the direction of Dr. Christian Smith, Professor in the Department of Sociology. This 6-year project, funded by two research grants from Lilly Endowment Inc. totaling to \$5 million, began in August 2001 and will continue at least until December 2007. The NSYR, designed to enhance our understanding of the religious lives of American adolescents, includes a national telephone survey of youth and their parents, as well as in-depth interviews with a sub-sample of these youth conducted in 45 states. The purpose of the NSYR is to research the shape and influence of religion and spirituality in the lives of American adoles-

cents in order to foster an informed national discussion about the influence of religion in youth's lives, and to encourage sustained reflection about and rethinking of our cultural and institutional practices with regard to youth and religion.

This project is designed to accomplish three major research tasks at once. First, to collect quantitative data on a "big-picture," macro scale, in order to be able to make representative national claims about youth and religion. Second, to collect in-depth, qualitative data in



Chris Smith

order to help better understand the texture and meanings of the lived experiences of youth, to sensitively interpret the quantitative data, and to generate "grounded" theories about the influences of religion in youth's lives. Third, this project is designed to maintain contact with the sampled youth, to track changes in their lives over time, in order to be able through longitudinal analyses to make stronger claims about the possible causal effects of

religion in youth's lives. The NSYR's research design achieves all three of these objectives by combining a national RDD telephone survey of 3,370 American youth and parents with 267 personal, in-depth interviews with a sub-sample of our surveyed youth, with all of whom the project is maintaining contact over time to facilitate a second wave survey of our sample. This overall approach unites some of the best in quantitative, qualitative methods, and longitudinal research to produce the strongest possible research findings.

After three years of planning, data collection and analysis, the NSYR published its first major findings based on the first wave of data collection, in *Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers* (Oxford University Press, 2005), by Christian Smith with Melinda Lundquist Denton, a graduate student in the Department of Sociology. *Soul Searching* vividly portrays complexity and paradox in the story of contemporary teenage religion. Though widely practiced and positively valued by teens, faith is also de-prioritized and very poorly understood by them. Nonetheless, religion appears to remain a significant force in shaping their lives. More broadly, *Soul Searching* describes what seems to be a major transformation of faith in the U.S., away from the substance of historical religious traditions and toward a new and quite different faith the book describes as "Moralistic

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JOURNAL OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL BEHAVIOR MOVES TO UNC SOCIOLOGY

The prestigious *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* is now housed in the Department of Sociology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Because of its interdisciplinary appeal, this medical sociology journal has a scientific impact comparable to each of the top three general periodicals in sociology, including the *American Sociological Review*. (The impact of a journal is measured in terms of citations per article by *Journal Citation Reports*.)

The journal migrated to Chapel Hill when Taylor-Williams Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Research Professor of Social Medicine Peggy Thoits joined the department in 2004. Editors typically hold terms of three years, so *JHSB* will remain at UNC until December 2007.

Thoits says readers can look forward to seeing cutting-edge research on neighborhood influences on adolescents' use of alcohol and cigarettes, race differences in obesity as a function of neighborhood composition and individual health behaviors, the long-term effects of September 11th on depression and alcohol consumption, and community variations in female circumcision rates as norms change in Kenya, all articles in upcoming issues of *JHSB*.

JHSB is a specialty journal of the American Sociological Association, and its mission is to publish empirical and theoretical articles that apply sociological concepts and methods to the understanding of health and illness and to the organization of medicine and health care. The journal features articles that are grounded in important theoretical issues in medical sociology or the sociology of mental health and that advance our understanding of the ways in which social factors and human health are interrelated.

Thoits says she wants to encourage researchers to submit papers across a wide array of topics in health, medicine, and society and using a variety of empirical methods. She would like to see more papers on changes in the health care delivery system produced by the dramatic expansion of managed care in the United States, and the consequences of these changes for patients' health, for the provider-patient relationship, and for the institution of medicine more generally. She hopes to see more articles on how social class and racial/ethnic disparities in physical and mental health and quality of care are created and maintained. The aging of the baby boomer generation is likely to generate articles on social

variations in care giving arrangements and individual, family, and institutional responses to chronic illness and disability in elders. And the genetics revolution may inspire new studies of the public's understanding of disease causality, medical treatment, and ethical and policy issues. These topics would be of special interest to *JHSB* readers, Thoits says.

Not just sociologists contribute to the journal. Researchers and academicians from a variety of disciplines -- public health, psychology, medicine, nursing -- subscribe to, publish in, and read *JHSB*. The journal receives about 140 new submissions per year and handles about 300 manuscripts annually (including new submissions, revised and resubmitted papers, and papers currently under review). About 15% of all submitted papers are eventually accepted for publication.

Because of the journal's high volume of activity, the journal has two half-time staff members; Jennifer Moren-Cross serves as the managing editor for reviews, and Gretchen Decker is the managing editor for publications. The journal office is located two doors down from Thoits' office in Hamilton

Hall, making it easy for staff and editor to consult.

Two deputy editors also serve the journal as editorial consultants: Eliza Pavalko at Indiana University and Frederic Hafferty at the University of Minnesota at Duluth. Pavalko has expertise on physical health, functional limitations, and caregiving experiences. She has background in life-course and aging research, with a special focus on gender. Pavalko has also published on workman's compensation policy in the United States and comparisons of U.S. and British health insurance systems. She has been a frequent author in *JHSB* and has previously reviewed for the journal.

Hafferty is well known for his research on the socialization of medical students and the organization of the medical profession. He has published studies in the field of disability as well. Hafferty is a qualitative researcher, and his service as deputy editor helps to emphasize the journal's receptivity to both qualitative and quantitative investigations. He has a long history of publishing in the journal and has been a member of its Editorial Board in the past.

Thirty-three scholars and researchers from universities and research institutes across the nation are members of the Editorial Board of *JHSB*. Members agree to

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Peggy Thoits

New Faculty

Jacqueline Maria Hagan, Associate Professor of Sociology, joins the department after spending the past 15 years on the faculty in Sociology and co-directing the Center for Immigration Research at the University of Houston. Born in Chile to parents of different nationalities, and as daughter of a career diplomat, she developed early on a personal and intellectual interest in the topic of international migration. After receiving her Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin in 1990, she moved to Houston and focused her research on the implications of international migration from Latin America. She has done fieldwork in migrant receiving communities in Texas and their sending counterparts in Mexico and Central America. She is author of *Deciding to be Legal* (Temple 1994) and is currently writing a second book that traces the role of religion in the migration journey. She has been an ongoing collaborator in the Center for Immigration Research's study of deaths of undocumented migrants during their journey to the United States. She has written extensively on the effects of recent U.S. immigration reform initiatives on the rights and opportunities of immigrants and their families in the United States and is currently participating in a project on treatment and detention of persons deported from the United States. Some of her most recent publications include "Contextualizing Immigrant Incorporation: Legal, Economic and Social Dimension." *Work and Occupations* (2004); "Fractured Families and Communities: Effects of Immigration Reform in Texas, Mexico, and El Salvador." *Journal of Latino Studies* (2004), and "Calling Upon the Sacred: The Use of Religion in the Process of Migration." *International Migration Review* (2003). Both she and her husband Joseph Glatthaar (Professor of History at UNC Chapel Hill) are eager to join the UNC and Chapel Hill community and are fast becoming avid Tar Heel fans.



Philip Cohen, comes to UNC from the University of California, Irvine, which he leaves as an associate professor after six years in the department. At UCI, he taught in the areas of social inequality, sociological theory, and demography. His previous research concerns

two broad areas. The first involves the relationship between families and inequality, for example, the relationship between cohabitation, earnings, and the division of household labor; and the role of family structure in facilitating or impeding women's employment. The second area involves micro-macro linkages in social inequality, such as the effects of local labor dynamics on inequality by race and gender, and the determinants of inequality within and between jobs across labor markets.

Philip grew up in Ithaca, New York, before moving on to earn his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan, and graduate degrees in sociology from the University of Massachusetts and the University of Maryland. He is moving to Carrboro with his wife Judy (an academic librarian), their one year-old daughter Charlotte (a recent immigrant from China), and their devoted boxer-chow mix Sherman. Outside his family pursuits, Philip enjoys playing pickup basketball and "GO". He's looking forward to learning new things from new people at UNC, and invites students to stop by his office to say hello.



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review papers on a regular basis for the journal for a term of three years. Many additional ad-hoc reviewers contribute their time and expertise generously to the journal. Without the professional contributions of board members and ad-hoc reviewers, the goal of publishing the very best papers in medical sociology that are submitted to the journal simply could not be fulfilled.

The awards committee of the Mental Health section of ASA has selected Peggy Thoits as the winner of the 2005 Pearlin Award. The award is for a career of outstanding contributions to the field. The awards committee cited Peggy's enormous contributions as a scholar, as a mentor, and as someone who has contributed greatly to the growth of the subdiscipline of mental health sociology.

New Staff

Paula Hendericks; Accounting Technician

Paula was born and raised in Long Island NY. She met her husband, Wayne at Norfolk, VA while they both served in the military. They have 2 children; son Wayne is 31 and lives in Burlington, NC and daughter Paula Mary is 17, lives at home, also in Burlington, and attends the School of Science and Math in Durham, NC. Her family also includes a Black Lab named Jett; Paula says "Jett has lots of energy and they feel like they are Jett propelled, especially going up hill".



Paula and Wayne attended Alamance Community College together and both received a degree in Business Administration and ran a small business for a short while. Paula also has a Secretarial Science degree from Elizabeth Seton College in Yonkers NY. In December 2003, Paula retired from The State of North Carolina and joined the Sociology Department (part-time) in July 2004. She brings with her a wide scope of experience and knowledge.

In her off time Paula enjoys reading and traveling. She loves the mountains and enjoys hiking.

Hannah Jane Shealy joined the department in May of 2005 as the Managing Editor of *Social Forces*. She has more than 20 years of experience as a writer and editor, including stints as a book editor for Wyrick & Co. and as senior editor for two national business magazines, *SUCCESS* and *Working at Home*. She has a bachelor's degree in Communications from the University of South Carolina and is currently enrolled in Duke University's Creative Writing Program. Jane has a 3-1/2-year-old daughter, Maggie, whom she adopted from China in 2002. When not at work, Jane enjoys reading, camping, beach trips with friends, cooking, and going to rock concerts and out to jazz clubs. "Fortunately, Maggie is good company for most of these



activities. I've only had to give up Saturday night dances for Saturday morning soccer games," Jane says. She also loves to travel and has visited South Africa and Kenya. Next year she and Maggie hope to travel to Australia with friends. The following year they hope to return to China for a heritage tour sponsored by their adoption agency.

Marie Fholer, Department Manager

Marie is married and has one daughter and one cat. Marie received her BA in Psychology from UNCG in Greensboro, NC in 1998. Marie has worked at UNCG in Student Academic Services, clearing students to graduate. She came to UNC to work with Academic Advising in Administrative Appeals. She later worked in the Department of Philosophy as manager. WELCOME ABOARD MARIE!

by Barbara Black

Lara Kent, Office Assistant

Lara moved from Flat Rock, NC to attend UNC Chapel Hill where she earned a BA degree in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in Environmental Communication. Lara says, "Contrary to popular belief, this degree did not equip me with the ability to talk to trees. My interests lie somewhere near the intersection of rhetoric and policy and environmentalism." To build up her science background, Lara plans to take advantage of the tuition waivers offered by UNC and continue her education; she is also working on an informal sociological study of the sociology of the sociology department.

After graduating from UNC-CH in 2003, she worked full-time at the Lineberger Cancer Research Center. In December 2004, she welcomed the chance to move to sociology, where she could be more connected with campus and students.

Lara lives in Carrboro with a roommate, an 8-month-



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Farewells

Carolyn M. Hammerle, the Sociology Department's manager (her job title was University Administrative Manager II), retired on December 1, 2004. Carolyn worked at UNC-Chapel Hill for nearly 20 years, starting as an Administrative Assistant I in the School of Public Health in 1986 and working in Public Health until she joined the Sociology Department as its manager in 1999.

Carolyn played an extremely important role in the Sociology Department during her five years here. In particular, she worked for three Chairs (myself, Rachel Rosenfeld and Howard Aldrich) and facilitated the transitions that took place from one Chair to another. Indeed, she could have retired a year earlier due to her age, but graciously stayed on for an extra year to help smooth the transition to Howard's Chairship.



Carolyn's retirement has been extremely busy and she has enjoyed it very much. Indeed, it took quite a bit of planning for me to find a time to talk to her on the telephone about her adventures, since she has been in and out so much. Right after her retirement, her tennis buddies took her to Washington, D.C., where they saw all the sights, ate great food and got a private tour of the Capitol building, courtesy of Senator John Edwards. They then went to Fargo, North Dakota to visit her daughter Lisa, son-in-law Ted Cranford and grandson Sean (she also has a son, who lives in Cary). Then it was off to Emerald Isle for their annual New Year's week with about ten friends, where the men do all the cooking and cleaning and pamper Carolyn and her women friends!

The last few months have been equally busy. She is now working on upgrading her kitchen, a project that began in January. In February, she went with friends to Florida for several weeks. March and April were devoted to taking a course at Encore at North Carolina State University (where she was also a student in the early 1980s). This is a program for seniors in which professors teach six week courses; hers was on vio-

lence in South America, and focused on a different country each week. There is a huge variety of these courses and she plans to take a lot more.

An especially neat trip was one she took to Auburn University in Alabama. As part of this trip, she learned to fly an airplane (a small Cessna) and took over the controls from the instructor one morning! She is now getting ready to go to Nova Scotia for a few weeks. (She seems to pick warm places to go in the winter and cooler places to go in the summer, which seems like a good idea!)

Carolyn continues to speak fondly of her years in the Sociology Department. She notes that it was often tough (especially the times surrounding Rachel's illness) but she liked her job and thought it was a wonderful experience.

Carolyn seems to have gotten the hang of retirement already and is excited about the adventures that lie ahead. We wish her the very best and thank her for her service to the Department.

Arne Kalleberg

In July of 2004 **Carter Murdoch** left the department to attend Virginia Tech and study Architecture. Carter had been receptionist and backup to the Student Services Assistant for the department since August of 2000. He received a BA in Psychology from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1999. While working in the department Carter continued to take classes on campus. Carter became a very valued part of Sociology and we will miss him.

Margaret Gibbs, Secretary for *Social Forces* for the past 12 years, went on leave in February 2005 and has decided not to return. She was well known for establishing cordial relationships with authors. Richard Simpson, former managing editor for *Social Forces* says "Social Forces editors knew that Margaret's technical proficiency and accuracy were excellent. Perhaps less known were her superb eye and ear for the English language. Many times while I was editor, she would ask (politely) whether the wording of a letter from me to an aggrieved or impatient author came across as courteously in tone as I wanted the journal to be. I was pleased to be asked, and whenever possible, I followed her advice. Margaret never forgot that those who got my bad news were people."

We wish the best for Margaret.

INCOMING STUDENT COHORT 2004 – 2005

Graduate Student Association

By: Gerald Lackey and Todd Wilkens, co-presidents

Chelise Anderson, BA: University of Illinois
Interest: Gender; Social Psychology; Power

Tianji Cai, BA: Lanzhou University
Interest: Methodology and Aging & Life Course

Michele Easter, BA: 1989 Oberlin College,
MA: 1995 UNC - Chapel Hill
Interest: Culture, Theory

Kristin Gibson, BA: UNC-Chapel Hill
Interest: Race/Gender/Class, Social Psychology,
Regional Sociology, and Sociology of Education .

Jessica Hardie, BA: Wellesley College
Interest: Education, Family, Demography, and
Stratification.

Anne Hunter, BA: Ohio State University
Interest: Culture, Gender, and Social Movements

Beth Latshaw, BA: William and Mary
Interest: Family, Social Psychology, Culture

Adam Long, BA: Ohio State
Interest: Religion, Social Movements, Culture,
Theory

Alexis Pankey, BA: University of Southern
California
Interest: Social Movement, Race and Ethnicity,
Political Sociology

Alexis Silver, BA: Colorado College
Interest: Demography, Mexican Migration

Kayo Suzuki, BA: Hokkaido University
Interest: Family, Poverty, Children and Youths, Re-
productive Health/Rights

Ria Van Ryn, BA: Trinity University
MA: Vanderbilt University
Interest: Religion, Culture, Adolescence, and
Theory

This has been a very active year for the GSA and we have forged new ground in the areas of graduate curriculum, list serve management, GPSF funding, comprehensive exams, and program guidelines. It has been a rewarding experience serving as your GSA co-presidents this past year and Todd and I look forward to continuing our service to the graduate students as we return to our roles as members in this community.

We wish to welcome the incoming GSA co-presidents for the 2005-2006 academic year: Jessica Hardie and Clint Key. We would also like to thank those graduate students who generously gave of their time and energy to serve the GSA and the department during the 2004-2005 academic year.

- Kyle Longest - GSA Treasurer
- Chelise Anderson - Graduate and Professional Student Federation Senator
- Youn OK Lee and Ria Van Ryn - Recruitment Weekend Coordinators
- Lindsay Hirschfeld - Social Committee Chair
- Michael Roettger and Kate Pepin - Graduate Studies Committee Members
- Jen Ashlock, Amanda Elam, Matt Ezzell, and Steve Vaisey - other service

Although too numerous to name, we'd also like to recognize and thank all of the graduate students who submitted proposals, participated in GSA meetings, and took part in the recruitment weekend.

See you all in the Fall!
~Jerry and Todd

DEATHS

David Bealmear, 1949-2003
Died June 24, 2003

Charles Gordon, a UNC Graduate, died September 27, 2004 at the Elizabeth Bruyère Centre in Ottawa of cancer.

STUDENT AWARDS/HONORS

- Initiated into Alpha of NC Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, 2003

Zachary David Addison

- Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2005-06
- Student Paper "Bridging or Bonding Social Capital as an Antidote to Crime: The Case of Religious Traditions" won:
 - ASA Community and Urban Sociology Section Student - Paper Award; ASA Crime,
 - Law, and Deviance Section Student Paper Award
 - SSSP Crime & Juvenile Delinquency Division Student Paper Award, August 2004
- Odum Award, 2005

Kraig Beyerlein

- Best Graduate Research Paper Award, Second Place, "Sociodemographic Covariates of Disability Transitions in the Older Population" University of North Carolina Institute on Aging Annual Aging Exchange, 2005,
- Best Graduate Research Paper Award, "Disability Transitions in the Older Population in the United States: Findings from the LSOA II", Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting, Hilton Head, SC, 2004

Michelle Cheuk

- Initiated into Alpha of NC Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa
- Hannah Paeth Davis**
Jacquelyn Liene Terry
Matthew Hart Ward

- American Sociology Association Section on Sociology of Religion Student Paper Award for "Gender and Marital Decision Making: Negotiating Religious Identity and Practice." *Social Forces*, 2004

Melinda Lundquist Denton

- APPLES Grant, 2005
- The Ueltschi Service Learning Course Development Award, 2005-2010

Matthew Ezzell

- Centers for Disease Control Fellowship
- Bob Faris**

- National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant; APPLES Grant, 2005
- The Ueltschi Service Learning Course Development Award, 2005-2010
- **Tonya Golash-Boza**

- Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2005-06

- Student Paper "Bridging or Bonding Social Capital as an Antidote to Crime: The Case of Religious Traditions" won:

- ASA Community and Urban Sociology Section Student - Paper Award; ASA Crime,
- Law, and Deviance Section Student Paper Award
- SSSP Crime & Juvenile Delinquency Division Student Paper Award, August 2004

- Odum Award, 2005

John Hipp

- Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, 2005

Heather L. Kane

- *Social Forces* Student Editor

Kyle Longest

- Smallwood Award

Catherine McNamee

- Everett K. Wilson Graduate Student Teaching Award, 2005

Jeff Rosenthal

- Carolina Consortium on Human Development Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

Kammi Schmeer

- National Science Foundation "Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant" 2005-2006

- National expert for POLITIS-Europe, 2004.

Ana Teixeira

RECENT PH.D.s

Tanya Golash-Boza, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Kansas

Catherine Harnois, Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Illinois, Chicago

Cheol-Sung Lee, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Utah

Stephen Lippman, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Miami University-Ohio

Michael Lynn Owens, Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Wesleyan University

FACULTY HONORS/AWARDS/APPOINTMENTS

Incoming president of Southern Sociological Society, 2005
Rachel Rosenfeld Outstanding Mentor Award, 2005

- **Judith Blau**

Honorary Degree, Doctor of Social Science from The Ohio State University, 2005

- **Glen Elder**

Excellence in Teaching Award, 2005

- **Anne Hastings**

Co-PI on a center planning grant from the National Human Genome Research Institute, Ethical, Legal and Social Issues (ELSI) Program awarded to UNC, September 2004

Co-investigator on a NIH Fogarty International Center training grant, awarded in summer 2004. Titled, "Strengthening Bioethics Capacity and Justice in Health,"

- **Gail Henderson**

Accepted the position of Senior Associate Dean for the Social Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences.

- **Arne Kalleberg**

Fellow at the Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg (Hanse Institute for Advanced Study) in Delmenhorst, Germany.

- **John Stephens**

Sociology Department Outstanding Teaching Award, 2005

- **Cathy Zimmer**

*New Staff—Lara Kent
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old calico kitten named Zoe, and her roommate's Lab-thing named Shadow. "My interests include environmentalism, feminism, vegetarianism, other -isms, fax machines---just kidding, cooking, X-Men comics, planting tomato plants and then forgetting to water them the rest of the summer, and playing the cello," Lara says. In her spare time she enjoys orchestra rehearsals, looking for houses, riding bikes, watching meteor showers, reading, hanging out with friends on patios at bars, and "not" stressing over classes.

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Rishwa Amin joined the Sociology Department (as a temp) in February as secretary for *Social Forces*. Rishwa is a native of Durham, and has lived there for the past 22 years; she is a graduate from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she also got her Master's degree. Previously, she worked in the Triangle for 7 years as a team manager for pension/401k outsourcing company. She decided to take a little time off and came back to UNC to work as a temporary employee. Rishwa plans to move to Boston in the fall with her husband, where he found a new job, and her brother lives.

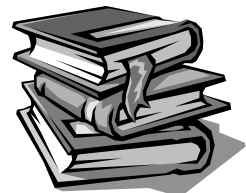
She has done a great job of working for *Social Forces* assigned to a variety of tasks as it transitioned to our new managing editor Jane Shealy.

Books Published by Sociology Department Faculty 2004/2005

Human Rights: Beyond the Liberal Vision;
Rowman & Littlefield, 2005

- **Judith Blau** and Alberto Moncada

In August 2005, Duke Press will publish a second edition of Gail Henderson et al. (ed) *Social Medicine Reader*, originally published in 1997 and based on an interdisciplinary course for first year medical students, "Medicine and Society". The success of this volume contributed to UNC School of Medicine being featured in the 2004 Institute of Medicine report, *Improving Medical Education: Enhancing the Behavioral and Social Science Content of Medical Education*. The second edition is three volumes: Patients, Doctors, and Illness; Social and Cultural Contributions to Health, Difference and Inequality; and Health Policy, Medicine and Markets. Other editors are Larry R. Churchill



- **Gail Henderson**

Soul Searching: the Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers; Oxford University Press, 2005

- **Christian Smith** with **Melinda Lundquist Denton**

Freedom is a Constant Struggle: The Mississippi Civil Rights Movement and Its Legacy; University of Chicago Press

- **Andy Andrews**

*Research Highlights
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Therapeutic Deism."

Wave II of the National Study of Youth and Religion began in January of 2005 and will run through at least December, 2007. Dr. Christian Smith, Principal Investigator of the first wave of research, is joined by Co-Principal Investigator Dr. Lisa Pearce, Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at UNC. The second wave of research seeks to re-survey the 3,370 youth who participated in the original telephone survey and to field another wave of in-depth interviews with 150 of adolescents interviewed in the first wave. The Howard W. Odum Institute for Research in Social Science, the Carolina Population Center, and the Department of Sociology of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill are helping to administer the study. Both the telephone surveys and the face-to-face interviews will be conducted in the summer of 2005. The second wave of data will be valuable for working to understand causal relationships between religion and other dimensions of social life, as well as for exploring how religious beliefs and activities change over time. Given the highly dynamic and developmentally important events of adolescence, longitudinal data collection is especially important in youth research.

COLLOQUIUM SERIES

The department had an active colloquium series during the 2004-5 academic year. The second floor library has been turned into the department seminar room, which has increased the seating capacity and added to the ambience. Colloquiums were held every other week throughout the year and the generous provision of pizza helped to increase attendance. Speakers this year included:

September 15, 2004

Cheol-Sung Lee, Odum Award Winner, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, "Income Inequality, Democracy, and the Role of the Public Sector"

October 1, 2004

John Levi Martin, University of Wisconsin, Madison, "Are Things Just What They Are?"

October 6, 2004

Jane Zavisca, Statistical and Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute, "Does Money Buy Happiness in Unhappy Russia?"

October 13, 2004

Kim Korinek, Carolina Population Center, "Contexts of Social Embeddedness and Urban Settlement among Thai Migrants"

October 29, 2004

At Duke University Sociology Department

Edward Telles, University of California, Los Angeles

November 5, 2004

Monica Prasad, Northwestern University
"Starving the Beast: The Movement to Shrink American Government"

November 19, 2004

Ira Katznelson, Columbia University

January 21, 2005

At Duke University Sociology Department

Frank Furstenberg, University of Pennsylvania
"Between Adolescence and Adulthood: Adult Transitions and Public Policy"

February 9, 2005

Francois Nielsen, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, "Plug in Macrosociology for the Emerging Synthesis Ecological Evolutionary Theory and Secondary Products Revolution"

February 23, 2005

Ron Rindfuss, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

March 4, 2005

Jan English-Lueck, San Jose State University, "Silicon Valley Entrepreneurial Culture"

March 24, 2005

Martin Ruef, Princeton University
"Entrepreneurship in the Founding of Medical Schools"

April 6, 2005

Barbara Risman, North Carolina State University,
"Gender Structure Theory: Implications for Intersectionality"

April 11, 2005

Elijah Anderson, University of Pennsylvania, "Why Poor Inner City Men Have Babies and Seldom Marry"

April 13, 2005

Philip Gorski, Yale University

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STUDENT COLLOQUIUM SERIES

Scholarship, discussion, and free pizza. Does it get any better than that? The success of this year's student colloquium series suggests that it does not. We had consistently high turnout of both graduate students and faculty which ensured lively and insightful discussion. Of course, we owe our biggest thanks to our presenters whose excellent work made this all possible.

This year's presenters were:

Kraig Beyerlein and John Hipp, "Bridging or Bonding Social Capital as an Antidote to Crime: The Case of American Religious Traditions"

Tanya Golash Boza, "Black Identity in Peru?"

Michelle Cheuk, "Sociodemographic Covariates of Disability Transitions in the Older Population and the Role of Prior Disability Status"

Steve Vaisey, "The Foundations of Community"

Kristin Kenneavy, "Denominational Affiliation, Gender Roles, and Support for Homosexuals' Civil Liberties"

Clint Key, "Occupational Change and Occupational Instability"

Gerald Lackey, "How Does One Feel Blue in Spanish: Testing the Cross-Cultural Equivalence of the CES-D in U.S. Mexican Immigrant Communities"

by: Steve Vaisey
Todd Wilkens

Faculty Away

Karolyn Tyson, Assistant Professor for Sociology will leave in September and spend 10 months at the Russell Sage Foundation in New York. Professor Tyson will combine data from several studies to write a book that challenges the dominant framing of black students' academic underachievement.

Alumni Notes

Janet Hope, PhD, 1992

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Promoted to the rank of Full Professor effective fall 2004 in the Department of Sociology. The College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University in Minnesota. Professor Hope's daughter, Liddy, is finishing her PhD. in Family Social Science at the University of Minnesota.

Thomas Robbins, PhD, 1973

Co edited with Dr. Phillip Lucas, *New Religious Movements in the Twenty first Century Legal, Political and Social Challenges in Global Perspective* (Ruthledge)
Co-editor of *Millennium, Messiahs, and Mayhem* (Ruthledge)
Author of *Cults, Converts, and Charisma* (Sage)

Bradley J. Buchner, MA, 1987 PhD, 1992

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Recently promoted to Associate Professor and elected Assistant Chair of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Department at Cheyney University - the nation's oldest HBCU. Visited Beijing, PRC this past May with Zhao Yujia, my wife of 15 years (she grew up there). Currently seeking a grant to do some research in China - tentative working title "Whatever Happened to the Revolution?" Will gather quantitative and qualitative data from elderly Chinese who experienced the revolution and are now living through the "economic miracle."

Penelope Canan, BA 1969

On leave of absence from the University of Denver; working on fostering the inclusion of the social sciences into the earth system science partnership at the Global Carbon Project located at the National Institute for Environmental Studies in Tsukuba, Japan. Working on projects sponsoring collaboration across disciplinary boundaries both within and among the social and natural sciences.

T.P. Schwartz-Barcott, PhD, 1975

University of Rhode Island, *War, Terror, and Peace in the Qur'an and in Islam: Insights for Military and Government Leaders* (Army War College Foundation Press, 2004)

It's GREAT to hear from our Alumni!!!

ARCHAEOLOGICAL COLLECTION TO BE HOUSED AT HAMILTON

After years of being hidden away in boxes on the shelves of warehouses and libraries, North Carolina's largest and most comprehensive archaeological archive finally will be on display at UNC.

The North Carolina Archaeological Collection, which contains more than 5 million artifacts documenting the history of American Indian cultures in the state and surrounding areas dating back 12,000 years, will move to the basement of **Hamilton Hall** in 2006 thanks to a federal grant awarded by the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service.

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