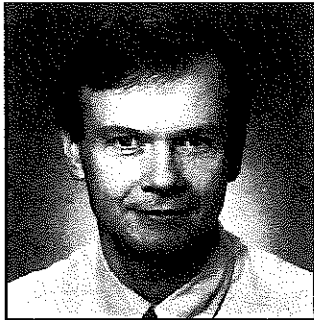




Special 10th Anniversary Edition

The Chair's Page . . . *it is gratifying to find that our former faculty and alumni remain friends and supporters of the Department for many years after leaving Northwestern.*



This issue marks the tenth anniversary of our departmental newsletter. As I looked back at the nine previous issues, I was struck by the dynamic character of Northwestern Sociology. The first issue, published when Chris Winship was chair, hailed the award of a major grant to Christopher Jencks to head a training center on the study of urban poverty; the appointment Arthur Stinchcombe as the John Evans Chair; the arrival of new faculty members Nicola Beisel, Bruce Carruthers, and Wendy Espeland; and a list of newly completed dissertations that included Kathryn Edin's, "There's a Lot of Month Left at the End of the Money: How Welfare Recipients in Chicago Make Ends Meet," a project that eventually led to Edin's path breaking books on mothers living in poverty.

Northwestern Sociology is an extraordinarily vibrant Department in its current incarnation.

The intervening years saw the retirement and departure of several colleagues and, under the chairship of Aldon Morris, the beginning of a

major rebuilding effort that in the last three years brought a new tier of senior scholars to Northwestern – Gary Fine, Wendy Griswold, John Hagan, Ann Orloff – and an exciting group of junior scholars – Vilna Bashi, Eric Klinenberg, Jeff Manza, and Mary Pattillo-McCoy. Throughout this decade of change Northwestern has a "home", not just a "hotel," for some of the most interesting and important sociologists working in our field. I have been extremely gratified to find that our former faculty and alumni remain friends and supporters of the Department many years after leaving Northwestern. All of our alumni, undergraduates, graduates, and former faculty, make up the extended community of Northwestern Sociology. We share an intense interest in a sociological perspective and a commitment to each other as scholars and friends.

Northwestern Sociology is an extraordinarily vibrant Department in its current incarnation. The centerpiece of our intellectual life is the Thursday colloquium. Workshops on culture and gender; an ethnography support group; graduate programs in law and social science, organizational studies, comparative and international studies, and poverty research offer opportunities for ongoing intellectual exchange.

We have a bumper crop of eighteen new graduate students, the result of a jump in the acceptance rate of fellowship offers. The pages that follow list a remarkable number of prizes won by faculty and students for scholarship during the last year. I want to single out two

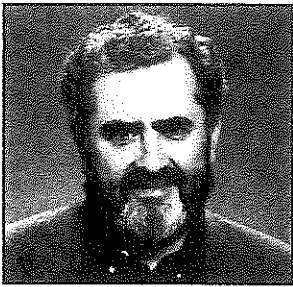
Charles Moskos was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a recognition of Charlie's enormous contributions to military sociology. Sarah Babb (Ph.D. 1998, new assistant professor at University of Massachusetts) won the American Sociological Association's (ASA) award for the best dissertation in sociology. It was a special Northwestern moment at the 1999 ASA awards ceremony as William Finlay (Ph.D. 1985, now Professor at University of Georgia), chair of the prize committee, presented Sarah Babb the prize (The text of Bill's remarks are reprinted on page 9.) Congratulations to Sarah and the chair of her committee, Bruce Carruthers.

Finally I want to offer a special note of thanks to Julia Harris-Sacony, our indomitable departmental assistant, whose many accomplishments include the production of this newsletter. The newsletter, like the Department, has grown and matured under Julia's caring stewardship.



Sarah Babb receiving her award at the 1998 ASA Conference in Chicago.

The 'Quotable' Sociologist



Bernard Beck, is a 'reporter's go-to guy'. Many years ago, on late Friday afternoons, journalists who were rushing to meet a deadline on topics such as beepers, sidewalks, and student strikes, would contact the Department and ask, "of the professors, who is the expert?"

Because Bernie never seemed to mind and was always readily available to answer their questions, and the staff 'assumed' he would

have the information or answers, they would forward these calls to him. Since then, Beck has been quoted more than 200 hundred times in the last three years in media papers such as *Arizona Republic Guardian*, London and *Chicago Tribune*.

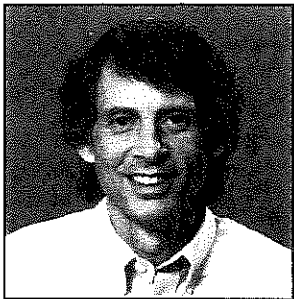
In the last ten years, Beck has become the "go-to" guy in the Chicago-land area and nation-wide. "He's a Swiss Army knife source," says *Chicago Tribune* technology writer James Coates. He has developed a reputation as an academic who can speak about popular culture so that the general public can understand and relate. Also, he has made countless appearances on NBC's *Today* and local television news.

"I will often realize that a thing that seems so new and so unusual is actually part of a longer-term pattern."

Beck has a number of methods to gain insight into a popular trend, phenomenon or event. Cell phones, for instance, aren't just a new technological innovation but a part of a trend dating back to the Pony Express. "They are another step in a series of changes in communications technology that create new obligations for us by forcing us to be more accessible," he observes.

Portions taken from the Northwestern PROFILE, Spring '98, by Kevin Johnson (Freelance writer based in Chicago and correspondent for *USA Today* since 1987)

New Faculty



John P. Hagan (Ph.D. University of Alberta, 1974) accepted a position as the John D. MacArthur Professor of Sociology and Law at Northwestern and a Senior Research Fellow at the American Bar Foundation. Hagan came from the University of Toronto as a

professor of sociology and law. His most recent book, Mean Streets: Youth Crime and Homelessness (with Bill McCarthy, Cambridge University Press, 1998), received the 1998 C. Wright Mills Award from the Society for the Study of Social Problems and the Michael J. Hindelang Award of the American Society of Criminology. In 1998, Hagan also received a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship Hagan's theoretical and research contributions are internationally recognized for illuminating the ways in which law alters and influences the trajectories of human lives. His work provides a unique lens for understanding how legal structures and institutions shape the social contours of life course development.

Hagan has accomplished this through innovative theoretical and empirical work on three topics: criminal sentencing, delinquent and criminal behavior, and the legal profession. He has used sophisticated social statistics and highly original longitudinal panel designs to trace individuals over extended periods of their lives and to develop new theoretical understandings of the law's impact on life chances. Hagan's research specializations are deviance and criminology, sociology of law, and the life course.

Eric Klinenberg (Ph.D. Berkeley, 2000). Interests include the metropolis and urban inequality; race as a principle of vision, division, and domination; media and the cultural production of news; sociological theory; and the sociology of extreme events and social systems. Klinenberg is currently completing a book, tentatively entitled Heat Wave: A Social Autopsy of Disaster in Chicago (forthcoming from the University of Chicago Press), which examines how emergent forms of isolation, vulnerability, and social insecurity contributed to the deaths of several hundred Chicagoans during a catastrophic week in 1995.

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Klinenberg continued

He is a co-editor of The Making and Unmaking of Whiteness (Duke University Press, forthcoming in 2001) and of a special volume of Body and Society focusing on the commodification of the body; and he has published articles in journals including Theory and Society; Information, Communication, and Society; and Le Monde Diplomatique. Klinenberg's new major project is an ethnographic study of newsrooms, part of which he is conducting as part of a six nation, comparative

international study of regional news systems. He has been awarded the Shils-Coleman prize for sociological theory from the American Sociological Association (1999), and is an Individual Project Fellow of the Open Society Institute (2000-1) and a Faculty Fellow at the Institute for Policy Research. Beginning in the fall of 2000, he will be organizing an interdisciplinary workshop on Chicago and Urbanism at Northwestern.

WELCOME

Adjunct

Dorothy Roberts (JD Harvard Law School, 1980) was offered an adjunct appointment in the Sociology Department. She joined the faculty of the School of Law in the Fall of 1998 where she received an Outstanding First-Year Course Professor Award by the NU School of Law Class of 2000. Also, she received an appointment as a Faculty Fellow of the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern, to conduct research on the child welfare system and Black families. Roberts is a leading figure in feminism, race, and the politics of reproductive rights and regulation. Killing the Black Body: Race, Reproduction, and The Meaning of Liberty, (Pantheon Books, 1997), and Constitutional Law: Cases, History and Dialogues, (with Donald E. Lively, Phoebe A. Haddon, and Russell L. Weaver, Anderson Publishing Company, 1996) are her most recently published books. Roberts was selected as a recipient of the 1998 Radcliffe Graduate Society Medal. This award is to women who have been affiliated with Harvard or Radcliffe post-graduate programs that have made distinguished contributions in their fields. Roberts teaches criminal law, civil liberties, family law, and women and criminal law.

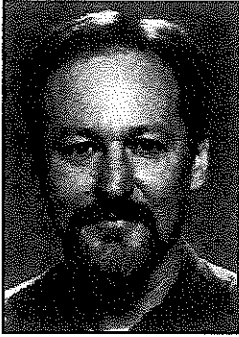
... and Visiting Assistant Professors

Melissa Herman has held a postdoctoral fellowship at the Institute of Policy Research (IPR) for the past two years since graduating from Stanford with a Ph.D. in sociology. In Fall 1999, she became a faculty fellow at IPR and a visiting assistant professor and lecturer in the Department of Sociology. Her research interests include adolescence, education, neighborhoods, and peer groups.

"The Influence of Family Regulation, Connection, and Psychological Autonomy on Six Measures of Adolescent Functioning," (with Sanford M. Dornbusch, M. C. Herron, and J. R. Herting, Journal of Adolescent Research, Vol., 12, No. 1, 1997) is Herman's most recent publication. Her major research and teaching areas are education and inequality, family and adolescence, quantitative and qualitative research methods, stratification, and social psychology.

Susan Thistle (Ph.D. University of California-Berkeley, 1992) is a visiting professor and lecturer as of Fall 1998, and a Faculty Associate at the Institute for Policy Research for the academic year of 1998-99. She has expanded her affiliation with Northwestern by accepting a Faculty Associate position at the Women's Residential College for the 1999-2000 academic year. Susan has been working on her book manuscript, "From Marriage to the Market: The Transformation of Women's Lives in the Late 20th Century United States." She addresses the relationship between gender and economic and political development, providing an understanding of the deeper structural alterations underlying women's movement into the labor force in the years after World War II, and the profound changes in family structure, gender relations, and social policy which have accompanied these transitions. This year Thistle has taught and developed a graduate level course titled "Race, Gender, and Welfare State Formation: A Comparative Analysis," and an undergraduate course titled "Poverty in Post-World War II America." She formerly was an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

International Teaching



In addition to his appointment as a professor at Northwestern University, **Charles Ragin** also holds an appointment as a part-time professor of sociology at the University of Oslo in Norway. He teaches short courses at the University of Oslo in the summer



or early fall, before classes start at Northwestern. These courses usually meet intensively, with two to four sessions per day over a period of a week or two.

Often, Professor Ragin lectures at University of Oslo's International Summer School in Comparative Social Science Studies, a program that draws faculty and Ph.D. students from all over Europe and North America. The International Summer School is especially valuable for comparative study because students from many countries come together to discuss core issues in comparative social science. Also, the program is interdisciplinary, with faculty from sociology, economics, political science, geography, and education. All courses are intensive, meeting for only one week,

and are conducted in English.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities at the University of Oslo, Professor Ragin also mentors graduate students from the University of Oslo when they visit Northwestern. Funds are available through the University of Oslo to support any Oslo graduate student who wishes to study abroad for up to two quarters. Work these students do at foreign universities, such as Northwestern, counts toward their degrees at the University of Oslo. Northwestern is one

One question people often ask Professor Ragin is: "How's your Norwegian?" The answer is: "Almost all Norwegians are fluent in English."

of a small number of universities in the U.S. that has been identified by the Department of Sociology at the University of Oslo as a "target" university for their students. Currently, there are eleven sociology graduate students from the University of Oslo studying at Northwestern. Because of this flow of students from Norway to Northwestern, our Department has an opportunity to influence an entire generation of Norwegian sociologists.

The book that made an impact on the direction of my sociological research...

The book is Sara Orne Jewett's (1849 – 1909), The Country of the Pointed Firs. Jewett was a Maine spinster, a doctor's daughter, a lesbian (apparently), and a writer who was part of a brilliant literary set based in Boston. A masterpiece of regional fiction, Country of the Pointed Firs was part of an outburst of American regional and local color writing in the late nineteenth century, and it provoked my curiosity about what makes cultural regionalism arise (rather like a social movement) and flourish in some times and places but not others. This quest has led me to write on cultural regionalism in Norway, Italy, the United States, Nigeria, and even on the Internet (via the National Geographic Survey 2000 with James Witte and graduate students, Lisa Amoroso and Nathan Wright) as well as to teach a course on

"Sociology of Time and Place." The maiden lady from Maine might be surprised at having such a direct impact on sociology a century after she wrote her book, but I hope she would approve as well.

Wendy Griswold

There is not just one book that affected the direction of my sociological work, but rather a collection of books and essays by Zora Neale Hurston. Although Hurston was an anthropologist trained by renowned Franz Boas at Columbia University, her work is now mostly studied as "literature" rather than ethnographic research. Yet, reading her reflections on being an anthropologist doing ethnography, and then reading her final products, impressed upon me the importance of correctly representing the vibrancy and emotion of the fields we study. Also, her desire to study "non-morbid Negroes" as she put it - - or black folk in their everyday selves - - inspired me to stay away from the extremes. I'm sure I haven't reached the heights of Zora's literary genius, but I keep her as a model for how to write engaging, funny, rhythmic, and faithful narratives.

Mary Pattillo-McCoy

The book that made an impact on the direction of my sociological research...continued

When finishing my doctoral thesis, I ran across a widely touted book by Edward Banfield, The Heavenly City. It was a conservative analysis of how the programs for the poor had failed, because of a culture of poverty among the poor, which led to them creaming funding from social programs, without meeting the goals of such programs. Banfield suggested that the poor had no sense of the future, and merely sought instant gratification (a frequent conservative analysis). At the same time I read this book, the Nixon administration scuttled the funding of the Legal Services Foundation, which was a progressive agency designed to provide an

adequate safety net. I suddenly realized that such welfare programs had repeatedly been cancelled, despite (or because of) their social redistributive achievements. For poor people, this represents the bait-and-switch of such programs, and a rational person would "get what you can" as soon as the program appears, because there was no stability of programs. This profoundly altered my view of "expert" views, as opposed to the experiences of actual participants — and has shaped much of my later work.

Allan Schnaiberg

Challenges Facing the National Baptist Convention



Religion has always been central to African Americans. The Black experience in America has been characterized by two hundred and fifty years of slavery followed by another century of Jim Crow segregation. Over these centuries Blacks tried to come to terms with why they were the victims of such pain and suffering.

Blacks developed a unique version of Christianity to address their suffering and their aspirations

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to be free. The Black church became their major institution. It developed music of hope and its preachers designed sermons that spoke of the day when justice would come. The Black church also became the vehicle through which major social movements were organized to overthrow racism and racial inequality. Additionally, the church

engaged in economic development and became the central reservoir of Black culture.

The National Baptist Convention (NBC) was organized in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. It rapidly became both the largest Black religious denomination and the largest Black organization in the world. Its purpose was to carry out the mission of the Black church on a grand scale. Recently the NBC has been rocked by scandals that landed its president in prison. It is also clear that gender inequality is rampant in this institution that has struggled for social justice. There are real questions as to whether the NBC is too wedded to tradition and therefore unable to capture the imagination of the younger generation. Others argue that the NBC is no longer relevant to the historic Black struggle because of its growing conservatism. In fact, many observers have begun to question its viability. Still others argue that maybe it is time for this grand old institution to simply die.

These critiques and concerns

about the NBC rest on shaky speculations. No major study of the contemporary NBC exists. This is surprising and regrettable given the historic importance of this denomination and given that such an institution is sorely needed in the Black community today. Shayne Lee and I are currently engaged in a comprehensive study of the NBC. We have interviewed its key leaders and conducted intensive archival research. We are turning up some revealing findings that we hope will lead to a rethinking of this major denomination. We conclude that the NBC is still a very valuable social institution. But we also issue a warning that if the NBC is not able to modernize and to root out its deeply rooted sexism it may not survive. We plan to complete our research early this year and to complete a book on the NBC by next year. Stay tuned.

Aldon Morris

Workshops bring Graduate Students and Faculty together to develop their research

Fields Methods Support Group



The Department of Sociology under the faculty leadership of **Gary Alan Fine** and **Mary Pattillo-McCoy** has organized a "Field Methods Support Group" for faculty and students involved in ethnographic or field research. This biweekly group, currently in its third year, is designed to provide a supportive environment in which researchers can discuss and get advice on research that they are planning, collecting data for, or writing up. The sessions are split between discussions of general issues involving field research practices (ethics, field notes, entree into the field, exiting a research site) and discussions of particular research projects. Participants include first-year graduate students, Ph.D. candidates and senior faculty, and, as a result, this is one of the few places in the department in which faculty and students meet on an equal ground. Students from other departments and programs also attend on occasion, including faculty from Northwestern's Traffic Institute, Divinity School, and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Gary Alan Fine

Culture and Society Workshop

Now in its third year, the Culture and Society Workshop has become a Thursday afternoon fixture for those whose research centers on the connections between society and culture. While the workshop's core is from sociology, regular participants come from communications, music, theatre, comparative literature, with occasional visits from anthropology, French, political science, religion, Kellogg, you name it. At most of our weekly meetings, workshop members present their own research, in any stage from half-baked idea to article draft to practice job talk to chapter-of-my-next-book, with the rest of the workshop offering criticism and suggestions.

This year we're discussing everything from Civil War reenactments to same-sex marriages to media presentations of slaughter in East Timor to Star Wars. Occasionally, we have visitors; this year Thomas Gieryn (Indiana University) talked about his work on "Truth Spots" in science, and Karen Hansen (Brandeis) talked about cultural contacts between Native Americans and Norwegians in the Great Plains.

Wendy Griswold



Sociology of Gender



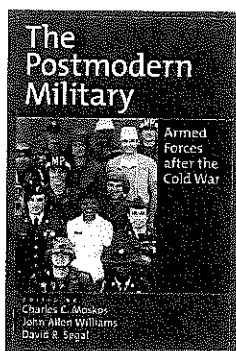
A new workshop in the sociology of gender, organized by Professors **Ann Orloff** and **Nicki Beisel**, has been meeting during fall and winter quarters, drawing both graduate students and faculty (mainly but not only in Sociology). Members of the workshop have read the work of and met with several prominent scholars in gender studies who focus on comparative social policy and gender – Professor Trudie Knijn of the University of Utrecht, the Netherlands; Professor Sonya Michel, director of Women's Studies at University of Illinois-Urbana; and Professor Kathryn Edin of the University of Pennsylvania Department of Sociology. (All later spoke to the departmental colloquium.) They have also discussed additional topics in gender studies and their own research. In spring, two additional speakers on the theme of comparative social policy and gender will visit with workshop members, and give talks in the departmental colloquium: Professor Lynne Haney of the New York University Department of Sociology, and Professor Fiona Williams of Leeds University in the United.

Ann Shola Orloff

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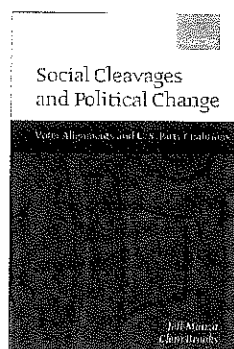
Sociology Library



**The Postmodern
Military**
Armed Forces after the
Cold War

Charles Moskos

Oxford Univ. Press,
1999



**Social Cleavages and
Political Change**
Voter Alignments and
US Party Coalitions 1950's-1990's

**Jeffrey Manza
and Clem Brooks**

Oxford Univ. Press, 1999

Legalizing Gender

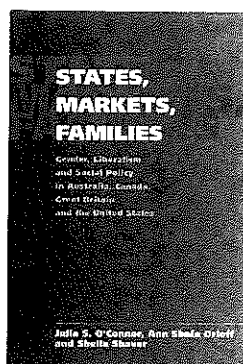
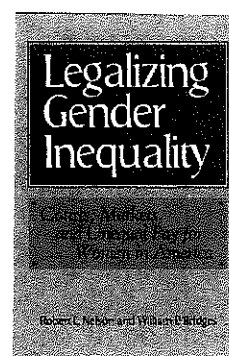
Inequality

Courts, Markets and Unequal Pay for Women in America

Robert L. Nelson

and William P. Bridges

Cambridge Univ. Press, 1999



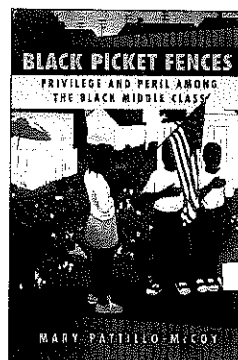
States, Markets Families

Gender, Liberalism and Social
Policy in Australia, Canada,
Great Britain, and
the United States

Ann Shola Orloff

and Julia O'Connor
and Sheila Shaver

Cambridge Univ. Press, 1999



Black Picket Fences
Privilege and Peril Among the
Black Middle Class

Mary Pattillo-McCoy

Univ. of Chicago Press, 1999

KUDOS:

Nicola Beisel was the recipient of the 1998 Best Book Award by the Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section of the ASA for her book Imperiled Innocents: Anthony Comstock and Family Reproduction in Victorian America (Princeton Univ. Press, 1997). Her book also was a finalist for the American Sociological Association's award for the best book.

Wendy Espeland received the Best Book Award from the Culture Section of the ASA for 1999 (co-winner), The Struggle for Water: Politics, Rationality and Identity in the American Southwest (University of Chicago Press, 1998).

Gary Alan Fine's book, Morel Tales (Harvard University Press, 1998) received the 1999 Charles Horton Cooley Award of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction.

John Hagan's book, Mean Streets: Youth Crime and Homelessness (coauthored with Bill McCarthy, Cambridge University Press, 1998) won the 1998 C. Wright Mills Prize given by the Society for the Study of Social Problems and the Michael J. Hidelang Award of the American Society of Criminology.

Carol Heimer and Lisa Staffen were finalists for the 1999 C. Wright Mills Prize for their book For the Sake of the Children: The Social Organization of Responsibility in the Hospital and the Home (University of Chicago Press, 1998) given by the Society for Study of Social Problems.

Faculty Recognition



Vilna Bashi was awarded a Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship for Minorities. Bashi plans to take a leave of absence during the 1999-2000 academic year to work on her book manuscript that compares West Indian immigrant social networks in New York and in London. She will conduct her research at the Center for Globalization Studies that Dr.

Saskia Sassen is developing at the University of Chicago.

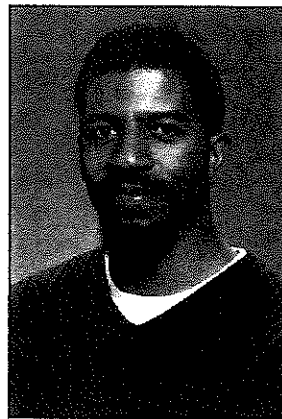
Thomas D. Cook was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Russell Sage Foundation. Cook was invited by the Johann Jacobs Foundation in Zurich to plan and chair international conferences to be held in Switzerland in October 1999 and February 2000 entitled Transitions to Early Adulthood. His collaborators are Richard Breen of the European University in Florence, Marlis Buchmann of the University of Zurich, and Frank Furstenberg of the University of Pennsylvania.



Wendy Griswold has been appointed the Jean Gimbel Lane Humanities Professor in the Alice Berline Kaplan Center for the Humanities for the academic year 1999-2000. Griswold will be teaching the graduate Humanities Seminar on "Arts and Publics." This will involve inviting visiting scholars to give public lectures.

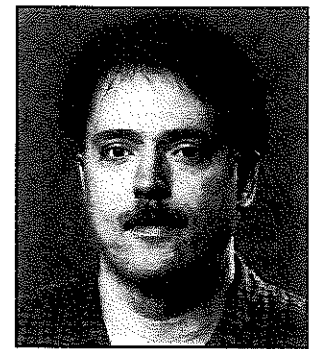


Albert Hunter was awarded a position as a Fellow of the International Social Science Institute at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland for the fall of 1998.

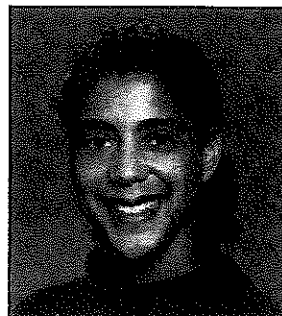


Orville Lee received the 1999 Best Article Award from the Culture Section of the American Sociological Association. Article title: "Culture and Democratic Theory: Toward a Theory of Symbolic Democracy," Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory, vol. 5, no. 4, pgs 433-455, December 1998.

Jeff Manza's article, "The Religious Factor in U.S. Presidential Elections, 1960-1992," won two awards: The Best Article Award of the Political Sociology section of the American Sociological Association for an article published in 1996 or 1997; and the Distinguished Article



Award of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. He also received a three year grant from the National Science Foundation to study the origins and consequences of felon disfranchisement laws.

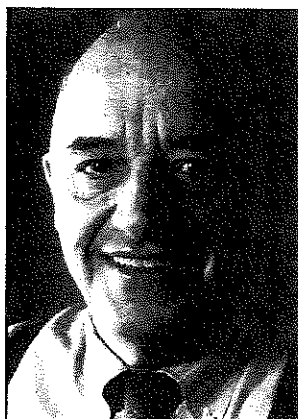


Mary Pattillo-McCoy received a three-year research grant from the MacArthur Foundation to study a mixed-income community on Chicago's South Side.

Farewell to Faculty

James Witte has left the Sociology Department to take a faculty position at Clemson University, in Clemson, South Carolina. Witte is also Co-Director of the Clemson University Survey Research Lab. Clemson is the state's land grant university with 16,000 students located in a town of 13,000 residents in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Witte is continuing his work on comparative analyses of the U.S. and German labor markets and will spend part of the coming summer in Berlin with funding from the German Ministry for Education and Training and the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.

Witte is spending an increasing amount of his time on Internet related research and has submitted a proposal to NSF for Survey2001, a follow-up to the Survey2000 web-based survey research project he conducted on the National Geographic Society's website. The Internet has also become an increasing part of Witte's teaching efforts. He is in the process of developing a new course on the sociology of the Internet and beginning next fall will include a web-based survey component in his graduate survey methods course. "All in all, besides the azaleas in early March, there is a good deal to like about my new home in the South."



Special Recognition

Charles C. Moskos was elected Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (the Harold H. and Virginia Anderson Chair) in May of 1999. He joins more than 3,300 fellows who have been honored by the academy for their distinguished contributions to science, scholarship, public affairs and the arts. George Washington, John Adams, and other leaders of the republic founded the academy in 1780 to cultivate the arts and sciences.

Moskos, one of the nation's leading authorities on the military, is often called to testify before congressional committees. He constructed the Citizenship and National Service Act introduced to Congress in 1989, and President Clinton cited him in announcing the compromise on gays in the military.

Portions taken from NU Observer, May 13, 1999

Professor Finlay's presentation of the ASA Dissertation Award

I am delighted to have the opportunity to say a few words about Sarah Babb's dissertation, which is titled, "The Evolution of Economic Expertise in a Developing Country: Mexican Economics, 1929-1998." Babb begins with a couple of questions that have long aroused the curiosity of those who have followed Mexican politics and policy-making: (1) why, since the early 1980s, has Mexican economic policy followed the free-market strategy known as "neoliberalism" and (2) a related question, how did it come about that this policy was implemented by economists with graduate degrees from prestigious U.S. universities, who had achieved a dominant position within the Mexican policy-making bureaucracy.

She argues that Mexican economic policy and Mexican economics, as an academic discipline, have been shaped by what she terms a "complex process of legitimation." By this, she means the way in which economic expertise in Mexico has been influenced by both domestic constituents and foreign agencies.

Because Mexico is a resource-poor developing country, however, it is the latter—the foreign agencies—who have been the most influential—especially during periods of economic crisis. Thus, the rise of foreign-trained economists within the Mexican government was a direct outcome of the debt crisis that began in 1982 and Mexico's consequent need to cater to the standards of international investors, financiers, and policymakers.

Babb's dissertation not only examines the role of economists in Mexican policy-making but contains a fascinating analysis of the respective evolutions of Mexico's two famous economic programs: the School of Economics of the public National University (UNAM) and the economics program of the private Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico (ITAM).

The result is a convincingly – argued, well-written dissertation that I hope and expect will be turned into a very good book.

1998-1999 Colloquia Speakers Presented on Varied Social Issues

Peter S. Bearman, Columbia University, "Three Studies on Adolescent Sexual Networks, Behavior and Identity: The Structure of Sexual networks; Virginity Pledges and the Transition to First Intercourse; Peer Influence on Pregnancy."

William Brustein, University of Minnesota, "Roots of Hate: Popular Anti-Semitism in Europe before the Holocaust."

Daniel Chirot, University of Washington, "Genocide."

David Collier, University of California-Berkeley, "Democracy and Dichotomies."

Kathryn J. Edin, University of Pennsylvania, "New World of Welfare."

Nina Eliasoph, University of Wisconsin-Madison, "Avoiding Politics: How Americans Produce Apathy in Everyday Life."

David R. Harris, University of Michigan, "All Suburbs are Not Created Equal: A New Look at Racial Differences in Suburban Location."

Carol Heimer, Northwestern University, "The Social Organization of Responsibility."

Melissa Herman, Northwestern University, "Crowds, Clubs, and Tracks: Exploring the Effects of Status Generalization on Achievement in High School."

Joshua Gamson, Yale University, "Producing 'Freaks': Daytime Talk Shows and Sexual Boundary-Making."

Guillermina Jasso, New York University, "Studying Justice:

Principles, Procedures, and New Findings."

Ranjay Gulati, Northwestern University, "Where Do Interorganizational Networks Come From?"

Paul Jargowsky, University of Texas-Dallas, "Suburbs and Slums: Metropolitan Development Patterns and Central City Decline."

Rebecca Chiyoko King, University of San Francisco, "On Beauty Pageants and Being Japanese American."

Michele Lamont, Princeton University, "The World in Moral Order: Working Men Evaluate Blacks, Immigrants, the Poor, and the Upper Half."

Daniel Lichter, Pennsylvania State, "Will Welfare reform Reduce Child Poverty?"

John Markoff, University of Pittsburgh, "Where and When was Democracy?"

Sally Merry, Wellesley College, "Colonizing Hawaii: The Cultural Power of Law."

Pyeong Gap Min, City University of New York-Queens College, "Struggle for Ethnic Identity: Narrative by Young Asian Professionals."

Calvin Morrill, University of Arizona, "Institutional Change and Interstitial Emergence: The Growth of Alternative Dispute Resolution in American Law, 1965-1995."

Aldon Morris, Northwestern University, "Oppositional Consciousness and Collective Action."

Paul Nieuwbeerta, Utrecht

University, The Netherlands, "Class, Mobility and Voting in Eastern and Western - European Democracies."

Bernice A. Pescosolido, Indiana University, "Rethinking the Connection between Communities and Institutions: How Social Networks Shape Patterns of Care for Mental Health Problems."

Charles Sabel, Columbia Law School, "Towards Backyard Environmentalism? A New Model of Experimental Federalism."

Brian Uzzi, Northwestern University, "The Benefits of Relationships and Social Networks in the Acquisition of Cost of Capital: The Case of the Small Business Lending."

Linda Waite, University of Chicago, "The Social Institution of Marriage."

Edward Zajac, Northwestern University, "The Political and Social Determinants of Stock Buy-Backs."

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Pierre Bourdieu, 1990

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Alumni News

Lila (Skouge) Fraizer (1951) immediately upon graduation attended Garrett Theological Seminary for one year then went to Lucknow, India as missionaries of the Methodist Church. Since the mid 1970's she has been a freelance writer. Her current project is research concerning Evanston CORE in 1946, as well as other information regarding sit-ins, school discrimination, and business hiring policies.

Carmen Nelson Aldon Cunningham (1956) resides in South Carolina with her husband, Bill. She had lived and worked in Los Angeles as a secondary teacher and administrator in Latin American International Schools and is now enjoying her retirement years.

Steven Glenn Olswang (1968) (Ph.D. 1977, Univ. of WA) and Lesley Barrett Olswang have a son, Benjamin, who is an Electrical and Computer Engineering student at NU, and a son, Harrison, attending high school. Steven is the Vice-Provost for Academic and International Affairs for the University of Washington. He is also Professor of Higher Education Law, Area of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, in the College of Education.

Mark T. Brown (BA 1974) is a captain and a commanding officer of the Naval Transportation Support Center in the U.S. Navy in Norfolk, VA. He is married with two children and looking forward to the 25th reunion at Northwestern this year.

Timothy Mlsna (JD 1974), husband of Kathryn, is the President of McDonald's U.S.A. They reside in Oak Brook with their three children B 17, 12 and 10 years old.

Dale W. Pine (1976) is proud to say that he has a son, Ross Pine, applying for admission at

Northwestern University in the Fall of 2000. Dale has established himself in Florida as a chiropractic physician.

Jim Coverdill (Ph.D. 1991) was promoted and awarded tenure as an associate professor at the University of Georgia. His research areas are industrial sociology, social organization, and work and labor markets.

Derek Greenfield (Ph.D. 1991) is a full-time sociology instructor at Highline Community College in Washington. In addition, he operates an educational and motivational consulting practice, provides dynamic nationwide training on issues ranging from team building to youth empowerment to cultural competence. Recently, there was an article in *The Source*, December 1998, on Derek as one of a few college teachers in the nation pioneering a new field: Hip-hop studies. In the article, Derek was quoted as saying that hip-hop offers his students "an opportunity to do a serious exploration of vital social issues."

Heath Eddy (1993) is currently a Senior Zoning Planner with the City of Bloomington, Indiana. He is also the Secretary of Board of Directors of the Indiana Chapter of American Planning Association and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (A.I.C.P.).

Helen Shepherd (M.A. 1993, JD 1999) accepted a position in Washington, D.C. for a firm that specializes in electrical industry issues on behalf of rural cooperatives and municipalities. "I'd have had no personal life for the past three years of school if it weren't for loyal, wonder-boyfriend, Robert."

Ginger Lyons Brown (1995) is taking a two-year leave of absence from A.T. Kearney (where she

worked since graduating from NU) to pursue her MBA at the University of Chicago. She anticipates graduating in June 2000. On May 2, 1998, she married Brad Brown, a fellow NU alumnus from the class of 1995.

Gerald E. Lewis, Jr. (1996) currently is a sales representative and retail banker for Bank One while actively pursuing a commercial airline pilot career in Denver. His sister, Lachelle Lewis, will be graduating from Medill School of Journalism in June 2000.

Elizabeth Clifford (Ph.D. 1997) presently resides in Connecticut with her husband and two small children. In 1997, she was appointed as a visiting assistant professor at the Connecticut College.

Rosemary D. Ramsey (1998) is a research associate in the healthcare consulting division of APACHE/National Health Advisors. Ramsey is currently attending classes as a part-time student at George Washington University and plans to complete her MBA/MHA majoring in long-term care management.

Alumni Gifts Received

A thank you to **William G. Bittler** and **Derek F. Greenfield** for their continuing and generous support.

Once again, we have the opportunity to thank **Floraine S. Dumez** for her charitable donation.

Also, a special thank you to **Carl M. Frisen** for his generous gift.

The contributions will help us accomplish our mission of teaching and research. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to the many alumni who shared their career moves and outstanding accomplishments. Please continue to send your news to NUSociology, 1820 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, IL 60208-1330 or email, sociol@northwestern.edu.

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Richard Chrisman (1959) self-published a book entitled, Grace, Grit and Gumption: The Story of a Wabash Valley Pioneer (1999). The book deals with the development and expansion of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ from the East through Ohio, Indiana and Illinois in the 19th century, and the life of one of their ministers, Reverend John Hoobler.

Claire W. Gilbert (Ph.D. 1966) who is great grandmother, is still publishing Blazing Tattles. It is in it's 8th year. You may review it at <http://www.blazingtattles.com>.

George A. Kourvetaris' (Ph.D.1969) textbook, Political Sociology: Structure and Process, (Allyn and Bacon, 1977), was translated into Korean in 1998. His recent book, Studies on Modern Greek Society and Politics, was published by East European Monographs, Boulder, 1999. George presently is a full professor at Northern Illinois University.

Clint Sanders (Ph.D.1972) just recently published a book titled Understanding Dogs: Living and Working with Canine Companions (Temple University Press, 1999 - a volume in the "Animals, Culture and Society" series). Clint is a full professor of sociology at the University of Connecticut.

Kathryn Kimura Mlsna (1974, JD 1977) was appointed as a managing counsel and group leader of marketing practice group in the Legal Department of McDonald's Corporation in Oak Brook, IL. She is the co-author of the chapter, "Planning and Legal Promotion:

Sales Promotion Law and Regulations," pp. 700-733, 8th Ed., on the laws governing promotion marketing for The Dartnell Sales Promotion Handbook, Dartnell Corporation, Chicago 1994.

Caleb Rosado (Ph.D. 1985) has accepted the Principal Lecturer in Sociology and Head of the Behavioral Sciences positions at Newbold College in Bracknell, England. His latest research and publication is an article titled, "The Multiple Futures of Racism: Beyond Color and Culture, Toward a New Paradigm for Resolution in the Third Millennium," forthcoming in the Futures Research Quarterly, 1999.

Mary Patrice Erdmans (Ph.D. 1992) was recently promoted to a tenured associate professor at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. Her research areas are race/ethnic/minority relations, collective behavior and social movements, and qualitative methodology. Mary's book, Opposite Poles: Immigrants and Ethnicity in Polish Chicago 1976-1990 was published by Penn State University Press in March 1998.

James V. Fenelon (Ph.D. 1995) just moved to California State University-San Bernardino, as an assistant professor of sociology with his wife and son. He recently completed a book, (based on his dissertation) Culturicide, Resistance and Survival of the Lakota 'Sioux Nation'. Fenelon also had articles published in *American Indian Culture and Research Journal* and *Journal of World Systems Research*.

Alumni Honors

Adam Weinberg (Ph.D. 1995) was awarded the Phi Eta Sigma, Professor of the Year for 1998.

Mitchell Stevens (Ph.D. 1996) received the Class of 19630 Excellence in Teaching Award from Hamilton College, where he is currently teaching.

Christopher Wellin (Ph.D. 1997) received the 1999 Robert Boguslaw award for Humanistic Scholarship on Technology presented by the Environment and Technology Section of American Sociological Association.

Alumni Special Recognition

Jack Nusan Porter (Ph.D. 1971) has been nominated for the 1999 Distinguished Career Award of the Washington, D.C. - based American Sociological Association and its section on "Peace, War and Social Conflict." Porter, an adjunct professor of sociology at University of Massachusetts-Lowell, is the author of The Sociology of the Holocaust and Genocide (ASA Publication 1999) and The Sociology of Jewry (ASA Publication 1999). He was also nominated for the Haskell Teaching Prize at University of Massachusetts.

Graduate Student News

1999 Cohort

The Department was fortunate to receive applications from an exceptional group of people. More than 150 applications were received for the nine university fellowships that were available. Members of the entering cohort come from diverse backgrounds, and each one in his or her own way demonstrates enormous promise as a sociologist.

The following students are members of the 1999-2000 cohort: **Jamie Anderson**, University of Chicago; **Laura Ariovich**, Universidad de Buenos Aires; **Ellen Berrey**, Columbia University; **Robert Clayton**, College of Wooster; **Lara Schissel**, Mount Mercy College;

Rebecca Culyba, University of London; **Alan Czaplicki**, University of Pennsylvania; **Alva Hayslip**, Mount Holyoke College; **Steven Hoffman**, University of California-Irvine; **Benton McCune**, University of N. Carolina-Chapel Hill; **Faiza Mustaq**, McGill University; **Amit Nigam**, Yale University; **Pavel Osinsky**, University of Iowa; **Amin Panjwani**, University of Michigan; **Nehal Patel**, University of Wisconsin-Madison; **Juliegh Petty**, University of Illinois; **Anthony Spencer**, Pennsylvania State University; and **Tania Vega**, University of California-Davis.

ASA 1998-99 presentations and ...

The Department was represented by the following graduate students at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Chicago: **Algernon Austin**, **Neeraja Aravamudan**, **Sarah Babb**, **Marcus Britton**, **Cheris Shun-Ching Chan**, **Barry Cohen**, **Regina Deil**, **John Diamond**, **Brian Donovan**, **Sarah Gatson**, **Timothy Hallett**, **Paul Hirschfield**, **Kathleen E. Hull**, **Pei-Chia Lan**, **Eric Petersen**, **Mathew Reed**, **Michael Sacks** and **Michelle VanNatta**.

worldwide presentations

Academy of Management Meeting, IL: **Michael Sacks**, American Society of Criminology, DC: **Paul Hirschfield**, Asian-American Studies Conference: **Neeraja Aravamudan**, History and Culture of Taiwan Conference, WA: **Pei-Chia Lan**, International Studies Assoc., DC: **Philip Howard**, Law and Society Meeting, Chicago: **Michelle Landis Dauber**, **Sarah Gatson**, **Kathleen E. Hull**, **Paul Hirschfield**, Mid-South Sociological Assoc. Meeting: **Antonio Chiareli**, **Timothy Hallett**, Mid-West Sociology Society Meeting, MN: **Mariame Kaba**, **Michelle Van Natta**, Northeastern Popular Culture Association Conference: **Timothy Hallett**, Pacific Sociological Association, OR: **Michael Sacks**, Political Sociological Meeting: **Paul Hirschfield**, Roosevelt University, Chicago: **William Corrin**, **Regina Deil**, Society for the Study of Social Problems Meeting, IL: **Regina Deil**, **Pei-Chia Lan**, **Patricia Zamudio-Dunn**, University of Washington, 4th Annual Conference on the History and Culture of Taiwan: **Pei-Chia Lan**.

Winch Memorial Award

The Eighth Annual Robert F. Winch Memorial Awards for outstanding graduate student papers and outstanding teaching were presented in September 1999. The Winch Awards were established in 1992 by Mrs. Winch to honor her late husband, Robert F. Winch, Professor and Chair of the Department of Sociology at Northwestern University. The awards are presented each year by the Department of Sociology in recognition of outstanding achievements by graduate students in the Department.

In the category of outstanding second year paper, **Kendra Schiffman** received this award for her paper titled, "The State-by-State Diffusion of Woman Suffrage Legislative Success from the Western United States." Honorable mention went to **Marcus Britton**, **Timothy Hallett** and **Monique Payne**.

Pei-Chia Lan received the outstanding presented paper award. Lan presented her paper, "Disciplinary Capitalism: 'Network Control' in Direct Selling," at the 1999 American Sociological Association Conference in Chicago.

The award for outstanding teaching assistant went to **Chong-Anna Rumsey** and **Laura Leffingwell**. Honorable mention went to **Timothy Hallett**, **Philip Howard** and **Michael Sacks**.

In the category of outstanding lecturer, the award was presented to **Patricia Zamudio-Dunn** and **Alicia Kostecki**. Honorable mention went to **Neeraja Aravamudan**, **Gibb Pritchard** and **Amy Wong**.

Fifth Karpf Peace Prize awarded for research work on domestic violence

Michelle VanNatta, sociology graduate student, received the "Karpf Peace Prize," that was awarded by the Department. The prize is in recognition of VanNatta's work. Her work deals with institutional responses to domestic violence. Her early research examined shelters for abused women. Her dissertation studies abused women who kill their abusers and how they are dealt with by the criminal justice system. By illuminating the conditions that lead to such violence, as well as how the law defines criminal responsibility in these cases, the research can advance understanding of domestic violence and its consequences.

Maurice J. and Fay B. Karpf established the Karpf Peace Prize. It is to provide an award for studies and manuscripts "involving original contributions to the subject of the promotion of universal peace, goodwill, tolerance and understanding among the peoples of the Earth." This prize is an excellent mechanism to reward persons doing outstanding work pertaining to peace and human tolerance.

Grads' endeavors . . .

Awards . . .

Lisa Amoroso was awarded a Sociology/Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Clog Scholarship to participate in the 1999 ICPSR Summer Program.

Timothy Hallett won 1st place in the Midwest Sociological Society's Annual Student Paper Competition (Graduate Division) for his paper titled "Structure and Interaction at 'Dave's Diner': Impression Management or Emotional Labor? Towards a Theory of Interactional Emotion Change."

Kathleen Hull received the following awards: Dissertation Year Fellowship, NU and the Martin P. Levine Award for "Wedding Rites, Marriage Rights: Same-Sex Marriage as Cultural Practice and Political Goal."

Pei-Chia Lan received the following awards: Dissertation Year Fellowship, Northwestern University; Dissertation Year Grant, Northwestern University; and an International Research Grant, Center of International and Comparative Studies, NU.

Michael Sacks received the following awards: Dissertation Grant from the Heizer Center for Entrepreneurship Studies and the Dean's Teaching Commendation from Northwestern University, Kellogg.

Giel Stein received a Dissertation Year Grant, from NU.

Kudos

Sarah willie (Ph.D. 1995) has been awarded tenure at Swarthmore. "...my gratitude to all those folks in the Sociology Department at NU who gave me such good training!"

Publications . . .

Cheris Shun-ching Chan, "The Dynamical Relation between the New Religious Order and the Modern Capitalist Society: A Case Study in Hong Kong," *Asian Profile*, vol. 27(2): 107-124, 1999. "Cults" *The Sixties in America*, Salem Press, pp.204-207, 1999.

Brian Donovan, "Political Consequences of Private Authority: Promise Keepers and the Transformation of Hegemonic Masculinity," *Theory and Society*, December 1998.

Timothy Hallett, "Competing Powers, Conflicting Ideology: The Myth and Meaning of Star Wars," *Plumblin* subtitle *A Journal of Ministry in Higher Education*, August 1999.

Philip Howard, "The Case of Chiapas, Mexico," with Thomas Homer-Dixon, in Thomas Homer-Dixon and Jessica Blitt (Eds.), *Ecoviolence: Links among Environment, Population, and Security*, Oxford: Rowman & Littlefield, 1998.

Kathleen E. Hull, "Cross-Examining the Myth of Lawyers' Misery," *Vanderbilt Law Review*, 52: 971-983, 1999. John P. Heinz, Kathleen E. Hull and Ava A. Harter, "Lawyers and Their Discontents: Findings from a Survey of the Chicago Bar," *Indiana Law Journal*, 74: 735-758, 1999.

Michael Alan Sacks, Kara Reichart, and Trexler Proffitt, "Broadening the Evaluation of Dispute Resolution: Context and Relationships Over Time," *Negotiation Journal*, October 1999.

Ph.D.'s Awarded

Congratulations to our most recent Ph.D. graduates who authored the following dissertations:

Sarah Louise Babb, "The Evolution of Economic Expertise in a Developing Country: Mexican Economics, 1929-1998," (December 1998).

Amy Binder, "When Midgets Battle Titans, Cultural and Organizational Resonances Matter: Afrocentric and Scientific Creationism Challenges to American Public Schools, 1980-1995," (December 1998).

John B. Diamond, "Reproduction, Resistance, and Parent Involvement in Two Urban Elementary Schools: Toward a Theory of Strategic Resistance," (December 1998).

Sharon A. Groch, "Pathways to Protest: The Making of Oppositional Consciousness by People With Disabilities," (December 1998).

Michael D. Lounsbury, "From Trusteeship to Fund Family: Organizational Form Transformation and the Integration of Mutual Funds into the U.S. Field of Finance, 1924-1991," (June 1999).

Meredith M. Phillips, "Early Inequalities: Development of Ethnic Differences in Academic Achievement During Childhood," (December 1998).

Laurie Scarborough -Voss, "Dangerous or Disadvantaged? Juveniles Prosecuted as Adults," (June 1999).

Lori Gail Waite, "Overcoming Challenges and Obstacles to Social Movement Mobilization: The Case of the Chicago Freedom Movement," (December 1998).

Graduate Placement

Brian Gran, assistant professor, University of Kentucky.
Sarah Gatson, assistant professor, Texas A & M University.
Timothy Koponen, Kenyon College.
Judith Levine, assistant professor, University of Chicago.
Meredith Phillips, assistant professor, University of California-Los Angeles.
Laura Scarborough-Voss, Fort Lewis College.
Debra Schleef, assistant professor, Mary Washington College.
Ira Silver, Wellesley College

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