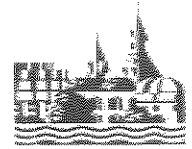




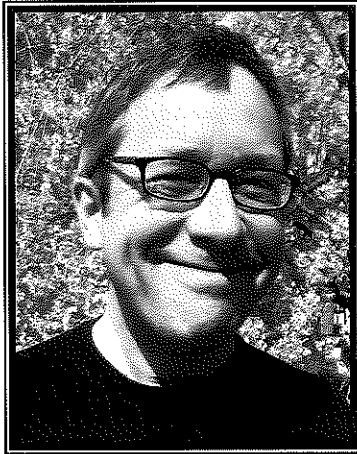
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My first year as Departmental Chair has certainly been an intense and rewarding experience. Although I've been at Northwestern since 1990, it turns out there were lots of things about how our academic community works that I didn't know about. For starters, we have a remarkably resilient department. Last year, we were hurt by the sudden departures of three of our faculty, despite our best efforts to keep them. Paula England headed west to Stanford, Kathy Edin returned to Penn, and Devah Pager moved to Princeton. Following such a series of unfortunate events, many departments would have done some demoralized soul searching, and maybe indulged in a little unconstructive finger-pointing. But we dusted ourselves off, and led by my predecessor Ann Orloff began a series of decisive senior searches that led to three offers in September of 2004. I am pleased to report that all three offers have been accepted, and that next

year we will be welcoming some new colleagues: Charles Camic (currently at the University of Wisconsin-Madison), Lincoln Quillian (also at the University of Wisconsin-Madison), and Leslie McCall (currently at Rutgers University). All three bring new distinction to Northwestern's sociology department, and will especially bolster our strengths in sociological theory, comparative-historical sociology, and the use of quantitative methods in the study of social inequality. All three will be teaching courses in the 2005-06 academic year, so students will be able to take quick advantage of their arrival on campus. We also survived the departures of three long-time office staff: we said fond goodbyes to Leslie, Craig and Katrine, and welcomed Christine Brown, Madeline Lavrentjev and Mary Acevedo to the department office. Our activities this year have been enriched by the addition of Monica Prasad, our newest assistant professor. Prasad has a

PhD from the University of Chicago, and comes to us after a post-doc at the University of Michigan, and a fellowship in Berlin. Next year, however, we'll be missing Professors Gary Fine, Jeff Manza, and Celeste Watkins. All three have received highly prestigious fellowships and so will be on leave. Fine and Manza will be in New York City at the Russell Sage Foundation, and Watkins will be at the National Poverty Center at the University of Michigan on an NSF fellowship. Our heartiest congratulations to them all! This year three of our faculty received named professorships from Northwestern. John Hagan was named the John D. MacArthur Professor of Sociology, Gary Fine became the John Evans Professor of Sociology, and Mary Patillo became the Arthur Andersen Teaching and Research Professor. A named professorship is one way that Northwestern honors its own, so this was a very

As of September 1, 2004, **Bruce Carruthers** will assume the office of department chair and Ann Orloff will resume the normal duties of a faculty member, including teaching, conducting research, and avoiding

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## NELSON NAMED AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION DIRECTOR

Robert L. Nelson, professor of sociology, who has done extensive research on the changing legal profession and award-winning work on discrimination and the law, has been named the director of the American Bar Foundation effective Sept. 1.

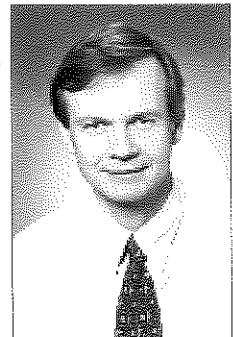
Nelson, a senior research fellow and the Robert and Connie MacCrate Chair in the Legal Profession at the ABF, will succeed Bryant G. Garth, who has served as ABF director for 14 years. Garth will remain at the ABF as a senior research fellow. The recipient of a J.D. and a Ph.D. in sociology from Northwestern, Nelson also has a courtesy appointment at the School of Law. He is a for-

mer chair of the University's sociology department and the founding director of the Center for Legal Studies, a joint enterprise of the AFB and Northwestern.

Bob will be missed at the Center for Legal Studies — where he has greatly influenced both undergraduate and graduate level programs," says David Van Zandt, dean of the School of Law. "The American Bar Foundation is the premier institution doing empirical research on law in the United States, and Northwestern has a number of faculty members who have ABF appointments. The relationship between the ABF and Northwestern, which is also known for its empirical research on law

and legal institutions, is bound to grow even stronger."

During his directorship, Nelson will retain his appointment at Northwestern, working with students and teaching up to one course per year as his schedule allows. "Bob is a fantastic choice by the ABF," said Daniel Linzer, dean of the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences. "He has a compelling vision for how law and social sci-



**Robert L. Nel-**

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### Charles Camic

Ph.D. (Sociology), University of Chicago, 1979. Areas of interest include: classical and contemporary sociological theory; sociology of ideas/knowledge; sociology of science; history of sociology and social thought; historical sociology. Prior to joining the Northwestern faculty, Camic was Martindale-Bascom Professor of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In recent years, his work has centered on examining the social processes by which the social sciences took shape and developed in the United States in the period from 1880 to 1940. He is current writing on book on the social origins of Thorstein Veblen's heterodox economics. He has recently edited (with Philip Gorski, and David M. Trubek) Max Weber's Economy and Society: A Critical Companion (2005).

Courses: 306-0 Sociological Theory, 406-0 Classical Theory

### James Mahoney

James Mahoney (Ph.D. 1997, University of California, Berkeley) is a comparative-historical researcher with

interests in national development, qualitative methodology, and macro theory. He is the author of The Legacies of Liberalism: Path Dependence and Political Regimes in Central America (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2001) and coeditor of Comparative Historical Analysis in the Social Sciences (Cambridge University Press, 2003). His work also includes articles on political and socioeconomic development in Latin America, path dependence in historical sociology, and causal inference in small-N analysis. Mahoney is currently working on a book tentatively entitled, Colonialism and Development: Spanish America in Comparative Perspective.

Courses: TBA

### Leslie McCall

Associate Professor; Ph.D., University of Wisconsin 1995. McCall's areas of interest include social inequality, economic and political sociology, methods, and social theory. Her work on rising class inequality among women in the United States, and, more generally, on how racial, educational, and gender inequality variously overlap and conflict with one other, has been

## DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW FACULTY

### Monica Prasad

Assistant Professor; Ph.D. University of Chicago, 2000. Prasad's areas of interest are political sociology, economic sociology, and historical research methods. Her book *\*The Politics of Free Markets\** (forthcoming from the University of Chicago Press) examines the rise of neoliberal economic policies in the U.S., Britain, France, and West Germany between 1973 (the first oil crisis) and 1992 (the signing of the Maastricht treaty)--what she calls the "experimental" phase of neoliberalism, when the future of capitalism in each country seemed wide open. She examines tax policy, industrial policy (privatization and deregulation), and welfare state policy by tracing the arrival of policy ideas onto the agenda and their vic-

tory or defeat in the decision-making arena. She argues that a state-centered perspective ironically explains the phenomenon of "rolling back the state" better than alternative explanations that focus on business power, the rise of ideas, the varieties of capitalism, or national culture. In particular, she argues that the adversarial policies of the U.S. and Britain proved fragile, whereas the consensual policies of France and West Germany resisted change. Prasad's new work is moving in two directions. First, she continues her historical investigation into economic policy by examining the underpinnings of the movement to defund the American state, begun by Ronald Reagan and dramatically accelerated by George W. Bush. Second, she is developing a new re-

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published in a number of journals as well as in her book, *Complex Inequality: Gender, Class, and Race in the New Economy* (Routledge, 2001), which was the first runner-up for the C. Wright Mills Book Award. Her current research includes (1) an ongoing study of economic inequality among women, (2) an analysis of the impact of corporate restructuring (e.g., downsizing, subcontracting) on rising inequality, and (3) an investigation of the political consequences of rising wage inequality, in terms of awareness of and opposition to inequality, preferences for redistributive policies, and political participation. McCall also maintains an interest in feminist social theory and methodology, in particular the conceptualization and empirical analysis of multiple dimensions of social relations from a social science perspective. Her work has been funded by the National Science Foundation, the Russell Sage Foundation, and Demos: A Network of Ideas and Action, where she is a Senior Fellow.

Courses: 576-2 Workshop: Social Inequality, 440 Stratification, Race Class

### Laura Beth Nielsen

Laura Beth Nielsen is a Research Fellow at the American Bar Foundation and, beginning in the Fall of 2006, an

assistant professor of Sociology and Law at Northwestern University. She is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley's Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program (Ph.D. 1999) and Boalt Hall School of Law (J.D. 1996). Her primary field is the sociology of law, with particular interests in legal consciousness and the relationship between law and inequalities of race, gender, and class. Her book, *License to Harass: Law, Hierarchy, and Offensive Public Speech*, (Princeton University Press, 2004) (winner of the Law & Society Association dissertation prize, 2000) studies hate speech, targets' reactions and responses to it, and their attitudes about using law to deal with such speech. She has served on the Law & Society Association's Board of Trustees (2001-2004) and as the Program Chair for LSA's annual meeting (2004); she is on the council of the Sociology of Law Section of the American Sociological Association, and served as an editor of *Law & Social Inquiry* for five years.

Courses: TBA

### Lincoln Quillian

Associate Professor; Ph.D. Harvard 1997. Areas of interest include social stratification, race and ethnicity, urban sociology, and quantitative research methods. Most of his

## FACULTY AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

**Arthur Stinchcombe** has been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences. Election to membership in the academy is considered one of the highest honors that can be accorded to a U.S. scientist or en-

gineer. Stinchcombe is a professor emeritus of sociology. His areas of interest include law and society; science and technology; and economy and society.

**Gary Fine** has been named to the John

Evans Professorship. He will also be honored with the George Herbert Mead Award from the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction.

**Robert Nelson** was named American Bar Foundation Director (See story).

**Devah Pager** received the 2002 ASA dissertation prize for her University of Wisconsin thesis, The Mark of a Criminal Record.

**John Hagan** will be receiving the Albert Reiss Award from the Section on Law,

## MOSKOS DISCUSSES "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL" POLICY DEBATE

*Charles Moskos, professor emeritus of sociology and author of the 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' policy, discusses the ongoing debate.*

**The military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy marked its 10th anniversary recently amid debate over the effectiveness of the law. According to Moskos, some Americans don't agree with it.** Certainly gay advocacy groups don't think it's effective, though it's certainly more tolerant than the previous total ban. And at the same time, even though we're losing about a thousand a year, this is a small fraction of all who are discharged prematurely. Some are even thinking some of those who say they're gay are doing it just to get out of the army in a quick and honorable way.

**Moskos says the current law is more tolerant than the previous policy.**

"Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is the defense department's policy, and that's more mild, because it states "don't ask, don't tell." Therefore you can be a homosexual so long as you don't

say it. Of the thousand or so discharges every year for homosexuality, about 85 percent of those are for telling, the other fifteen percent are mainly for people who were caught in the act in some way.



**Moskos believes American opinion about homosexuality has shifted in the last decade.**

I think there has been some change. But when you phrase the question, "Should gays and straights have equal rights," you get one kind of response. When you phrase the question, "Should people of different sexual orientations be forced to live in intimate conditions," you get a different kind of response.

**Moskos believes the policy will not change in the foreseeable future.**

It would take a congress to pass a law repealing it. This is not something that a president or a defense secretary can do by himself.

## DEPARTMENT AWARDS

### Winch Memorial Awards

The Robert F. Winch Memorial Awards, honoring outstanding graduate student scholarship and teaching, are presented in September at the opening department gathering. **Gabriel Abend's** paper, "Styles of Sociological Thought: Sociologies, Epistemologies, and the Mexican and U.S. Quests for Truth" was honored as the outstanding second year paper. **Ellen Berrey** presented her paper "Debating Diversity: A Slippery Symbol at the Heart of Neighborhood Redevelopment Politics." at The Color Lines Conference at Harvard University in August 2003. Since then, the manuscript won Honorable Mention in the 2004 Graduate Stu-

dent Paper Competition for the ASA Community and Urban Studies Section. The paper also has been accepted for publication in June 2005 in the journal *City & Community*. **Laura Ariovich** and **Amin Ghaziani** shared the award for the outstanding graduate student lecturer, with honorable mention going to **Nathan Wright**. **Wenona Raymond-Richmond**, **Alan Czaplicki**, and **Japonica Brown-Saracino** shared the award for outstanding teaching assistant, with **Johana Reed** and **Berit Vannebo** receiving honorable mentions.

### Recent Grad Placement

**Cheris Shun-ching Chan**, Assistant Pro-

### Karpf Peace Prize

**Kendra Schiffman** received the 2003-2004 Karpf Peace Prize, a departmental award honoring and supporting dissertation research that addresses issues of peace, tolerance and understanding. Schiffman's dissertation looks at the history of the American Women's suffrage movement with an emphasis on the adoption of suffrage legislation throughout the western states prior to World War I. By documenting and explaining regional patterns of suffrage adoption, failure and resistance, Schiffman shows how western suffrage successes influenced legislation adoption nationally. While western states show earlier success with fewer passing women's suffrage legislation despite social movement mobilization and continuous and increasing legislative activity. Southern state

legislatures failed to adopt women's suffrage at all prior to the ratification of the national suffrage amendment. Schiffman's research relies on data that includes all legislative activity for women's suffrage in 48 states from 1848 to 1920 coupled with qualitative, comparative analysis. Her work emphasized the impact of state government formation and institutional change, and argues that the affects of social movement activities are mediated by the institutional opportunities and constraints they face in political institutions and the state governments they seek to change.

### Undergraduate Student Exum Award

The Exum Award recognizes outstanding undergraduate papers dealing with issues of

## 2003—2004 COLLOQUIA SPEAKERS

### Fall 2003

**Marc Schneiberg**, Reed College, "Private, Public, or Cooperative? Economic Order, Institutional Embeddedness, and Organizational Form of the American Electrical Utility Industry, 1900-1950"

**Anthony Chen**, University of Michigan, "Rethinking the Origins of Affirmative Action in Employment: Public Policy and the Politics of Civil Rights in the New Deal Order, 1941-1972"

**R. Stephen Warner**, University of Illinois-Chicago, "Coloring American Christianity"

**Brooke Harrington**, Brown University, "Dollars and Difference: Values, Diversity and Workgroup Outcomes"

**Marta Elvira**, Dean, Lexington College, Chicago; Graduate School of Management, University of California—Irvine, "When is more better? The Effect of Racial Composition on Voluntary Turnover"

**Jeff Olick**, Columbia University, "The Agonies of Defeat: Collective Guilt and the Reconstruction of German National Identity after 1945"

**Troy Duster**, New York University, "Molecular Genetics and the 'End of Race' - Rhetoric vs. Practice in Medicine and Forensics"

**Monica Prasad**, University of Chicago, "Why is France so French? Explaining French Resistance to the Free Market"

**Mary Fischer**, University of Pennsylvania, "The Transition to College: Exploring Racial/Ethnic Differences in Adjustments and Outcomes"

### Winter 2004

**Brian Uzzi**, Northwestern University, "Big Networks and Imagination: The Artistic and Financial Success of Broadway Musicals"

**Lincoln Quillian**, University of Wisconsin-Madison, "Does Spatial Segregation Create Winners and Losers? An Analysis of Education"

**Charles Camic**, University of Wisconsin-Madison, "The Place Basis of Political Thinking:

Talcott Parsons and the Political Microclimate of Harvard in the 1930s"

**William Bielby**, University of California-Santa Barbara, "Managerial Discretion, Cognitive Bias, and Legal Liability for Discrimination: Can I Get a [Expert] Witness?"

**Leslie McCall**, Rutgers, State University of New Jersey, "Do They Know and Do They Care? Americans' Awareness of Rising Inequality"

**Min Zhou**, University of California-Los Angeles, "Immigrant Neighborhoods in Log Angeles: Chinatown, Koreatown, and Pico Union"

**Lincoln Quillian**, University of Wisconsin-Madison, "Has Work Disappeared? Neighborhood Joblessness since 1950"

**Karyn Lacy**, Emory University, "Uncovering Micromechanisms in the Negotiation of Racial Stigma"

**Katherine Newman**, Harvard University, "The Social Roots of School Shootings"

### Spring 2004

**Sara Babb**, Boston College, "Mission Creep in Sociological Perspective: The Case of IMF Conditionality"

**Laurie Schaffner**, University of Illinois-Chicago, "Girls, Trouble, Law: New Framings of Gender Transgression"

**Cihan Tugal**, University of Michigan, "Istanbul is the Mirror of Turkey: Urban Poor Strategies and Their Articulation to Islamism"

**Xavier de Sousa Briggs**, Harvard University, "Traps and Stepping Stones: Neighborhood Dynamics and Family Well-Being"

**Cathy Cohen**, University of Chicago, "Deviance as Resistance"

**Deirdre Royster**, College of William and Mary, "How White Networks Exclude Black men from Blue Collar Jobs"

**Michael Omi**, University of California-Berkeley, "(Mis)Understanding Race: The Racial Privacy

## 2004—2005 COLLOQUIA SPEAKERS

Initiative and the Ideology of Colorblindness”

**Ariel Kalil**, University of Chicago, “Unemployment, the Division of Household Tasks, and Psychological Well-Being among Fathers and Mothers”

### Fall 2004

**Genevieve Zubrzycki**, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, “Keep Jesus at Auschwitz! Ethno-nationalism and Religion in Post-communist Poland”

**William Brustein**, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh, “Anti-Semitism: Past and Present”

**Chris Uggen**, Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota, “Public Criminologies”

**Meyer Kestenbaum**, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, “Revolution in War: Issues in Masculinity and the Treatment of ‘The Enemy’”

**John Sutton**, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, “Imprisonment and Opportunity Structures in Modern Western Democracies”

**Daniel Diermeier**, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, “Coordination and Learning in Complex Social Networks”

### Winter 2005

**Laura Beth Nielsen**, Research Fellow, American Bar Foundation, “Rights and Realities: Studying Law, Consciousness, and Inequality.”

**Jens Ludwig**, Public Policy Institute, Georgetown University, “Neighborhood Effects on Youth Crime”

**Elizabeth Hoffman**, Department of Sociology, Purdue University, “Workplace Dispute Resolution”

**Barnor Hesse**, Department of African-American Studies, Northwestern University, “Racism as Paradox, Paradox as Universalism”

**Annette Lareau**, Department of Sociology,

Temple University

**Ruth Turley**, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin - Madison, “When Parents Want Children to Stay Home for College”

**Prudence Carter**, Department of Sociology, Harvard University, “Opening’ the Schools: Integration, Culture, and Group Dynamics in Post-Apartheid South Africa”

**Wendy Espeland & Michael Sauder**, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, “The Reactivity of Rankings: How U.S. News changed Legal Education”

**Richard Lachmann**, Department of Sociology, University at Albany, “Democracy in Decline”

### Spring 2005

**David Pellow**, Department of Ethnic Studies, University of California - San Diego, “Theorizing Racism and Environmental Harm: A Modest Proposal for a New Conceptual Approach”

**Ethan Michelson**, Department of Sociology & East Asian Languages and Cultures, Indiana University-Bloomington, “Global Institutions, Indigenous Meaning: Lessons from Chinese Law for the New Institutionalism”

**Mary Pattillo**, Department of Sociology & African American Studies, Northwestern University, “White Power, Black Brokers”

**James Mahoney**, Department of Sociology, Brown University, “Colonialism and Development: Spanish America in Comparative Perspective.”

**Dawne Moon**, Department of Sociology, University of California - Berkeley, “Emotion Language and Social Power: Homosexuality and Narratives of Pain in Church.”

**Hayagreeva Rao**, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, “Interorganizational Induction: Diagnosing West Nile and Hanta Viruses”

**Sara Helman**, Department of Sociology, Department of Behavioral Sciences, Ben Gurion Univer-

## **Sociology salon topics**

Varieties of Capitalism : The Institutional Foundations of Competitive Advantage, edited by Peter A. Hall and David Soskice

Forces of Labor: Worker's Movements and Globalization Since 1870, by Beverly J. Silver

Against Love : A Polemic, by Laura Kipnis

What's the Matter with Kansas? How Conservatives Won the Heart of America, by Thomas Frank

Women Don't Ask : Negotiation and the Gender Divide, by Linda Babcock and Sara Laschever

The DIVERSITY MACHINE : The Drive to Change the "White Male Workplace", by Frederick R. Lynch

The End of the Body: The Global Traffic in Organs,

Sociologists study systems made up of relations among people, such as families, formal organizations, ethnic groups, or countries and their politics. The Northwestern Sociology Department concentrates especially on those relations that create and maintain inequalities, looking at the social movements, legal and economic systems, institutions, organizations, and cultural forms that shape, redress, or defend these systems of inequality. We teach courses and do research on relations between men and women, racial and ethnic groups, rich and poor, and workers and managers, and the feminist, civil rights, and labor movements that grow from them. As a discipline, Sociology blends scientific and humanistic approaches. This department uses and teaches four main methods: quan-

## **The William H. Exum Award**

This prize was established to honor the memory of the late William Henry Exum, a member of the Department of Sociology and the African American Studies Department, who died in 1986 at the age of 37. William Exum was concerned with the quality of writing and research analysis in student papers. He was also interested in racial problems facing minority youths in higher education. This award continues to remind students of Exum's goals to break barriers for all minorities.

This year's first place winners: Jessica Baker: The Tale of the Talented Tenth: De-constructing Du-

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