

# NU Sociology



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## From the Chair

In 1995, The Department of Sociology experienced significant achievements and faced new challenges. We ended the academic year ranked as one of the best sociology departments in the nation. At the same time, the Department lost very important faculty to retirements and to other universities. Through it all, we eagerly embrace the challenges of the future.

In September of 1995, the *New York Times* published the results of a four year study intitled "Research - Doctorate Programs in the United States." The study was mandated by Congress and conducted by the National Research Council. The purpose of the study was to provide a national ranking of graduate departments in terms of scholarly quality and effectiveness of Ph.D. programs. Northwestern's Sociology Department placed high in the rankings. Indeed, in terms of scholarly quality, the Department ranked ninth nationally. With respect to effectiveness in teaching Ph.D. candidates, the Department ranked tenth. In short, we are very proud of the fact that Northwestern's Sociology Department ranked in the top ten in both categories. We are especially pleased that the Department is doing an excellent job in training Ph.D. students for they are the sociologists of the future.

These rankings are important as external measures of quality. But what is more important is that the members of the Department pursue excellence in their research and teaching. We believe that our discipline provides important and unique perspectives on human societies of the past and present. Insights drawn from these perspectives, are relevant to grasping where the human community is headed in the future. Sociological analyses help to reveal the vast possibilities open to the

human world. For the astute philosopher, an unexamined life is not worth living. For the inquiring sociologist, an unexamined society is not worth having. The recognition of the need to produce and disseminate original and useful knowledge of human societies is the drive that pushes Northwestern Sociology toward excellence. This remains our challenge and we are pleased that the national rankings suggest that we are doing our job well.

The quality of an academic department is largely determined by the quality of its faculty. Over the last decade the Department of Sociology has had the good fortune of having an outstanding faculty. Over the last two years we have lost some important members of the faculty. Professor Mark Granovetter went to Stanford this past year and Christopher Jencks will head to Harvard next academic year.

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### Arthur Stinchcombe Retires

Art Stinchcombe retired this September, and has been hired back at quarter time for the next three years to teach one course a year and to work with graduate students. Stinchcombe came to the Department of Sociology in 1983, having previously held appointments at Johns Hopkins, Berkeley, Chicago and Arizona, and visiting appointments in England, Chile, The Netherlands, Norway, Australia, and at Stanford.

Stinchcombe has concentrated his teaching efforts in the graduate program on theory, advanced statistical methods, social organization, stratification and comparative and historical sociology. He also served a term as graduate director. For undergraduates he has mainly taught courses for juniors and seniors, including the thesis seminar, industrialization, sociology of the economy, statistics, political sociology, and sociology of science. He has held joint appointments in Political Science and Organizations Behavior. He Helped found the Business Institutions



interdisciplinary minor (and was its first director), and he founded the joint Ph.D. program with the Organization Behavior Department in the business school. Stinchcombe says his main purpose in retiring is to concentrate on what he is good at and likes, namely doing research and writing and supervising graduate students.

He is working on a project as an visiting fellow at the American Bar Foundation on the causes, effects, and functions of formalization in law and in organizations. At the moment, Stinchcombe is writing a paper with Asst. Professor Bruce Carruthers on the social basis of liquidity of money and other resources (and how formalization helps create liquidity),

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## WELCOME...

Dr. Lester Kurtz joined us in the summer as a visiting scholar from the University of Texas at Austin, where he is an Assoc. Prof. of Sociology and Asian Studies. While on sabbatical, he is writing a book - *Gandhi's Paradox* - based on research in India where he interviewed taxi drivers, former prime ministers, scholars, politicians, and the Dalai Lama. He is putting the finishing touches on a volume he edited with Prof. Jennifer Turpin (University of San Francisco) - *The Web of Violence* (University of Illinois Press) and struggling with *The Geography of Nonviolence* which he is editing with Sarah Asher. Finally, in addition to launching a 4-volume *Encyclopedia of Violence, Peace and Conflict* (Academic Press), and chairing the Peace Studies Association and the Peace and War Section of the American Sociological Association, he is taking care of two daughters (Poeta and Patience), two cats and his wife, Sarah, who is attending the Chicago Medical School.

## Burawoy Returns to Berkeley

Michael Burawoy was a visiting professor in the Department during winter and spring quarters. During his time at NU Burawoy led a graduate seminar in advanced field methods that included all sorts of strange and exotic subjects: maize pricing in Zimbabwe, home education in America, gender squabbles among third graders, genetic counselling, the bodily torture of music students, women lawyers' struggle for part-time work, uncertain passages from vocational schools, the demise of curators in the Field Museum, the confused ideology of the CHA about women on welfare, the panoptical success of Lake Parc Place, the

Harvard of community colleges, and the redistribution of skills in the transformation of work. He taught an undergraduate course in social theory that took students breathlessly through Smith, Marx and Gramsci and finally left them scrambling around in the Foucaultian abyss. Burawoy marvelled at the wit, imagination and brilliance of his colleagues; cradled the cutest babies; dined out at Chicago's most expensive restaurants; and watched the Bulls lose. He would like to thank Professor Aldon Morris for his leadership, and for finding the African

museum where Burawoy stayed and hosted the Department's Rites of Spring. Finally, he'd like to thank the staff - Cheryl, Stephanie, Lucy and Julia - for providing every possible convenience and comfort. He had an enjoyable and stimulating time and returns to Berkeley with only fond memories.

## Granovetter Accepts Position at Stanford

After dropping in from Stony Brook for three years, Mark Granovetter succumbed to further westward pressures-- he accepted an offer from Stanford, beginning September 1995. Granovetter says that his move could be characterized as "all pull and no push", and attributes it in part to vibrations from sitting in Howie Becker's old office, all of whose occupants moved west. He also finds himself doing qualitative sociology in odd [sic] moments without meaning to.

He will carry with him many warm feelings toward colleagues, staff and students, as well as the more tangible tie of numerous NU dissertations whose chapters will pursue him across the Continental Divide.

## American Bar Foundation and Sociology--A Fruitful Marriage

Founded in 1952, the American Bar Foundation (ABF) is a nonprofit national institute that conducts empirical research on law and legal issues ranging from unfair wages to neonatal intensive-care decisions. ABF research, which is published in national journals and books, is conducted by a select group of research fellows. Northwestern sociologists Associate Professors **Robert Nelson** and **Carol Heimer** are among these ABF fellows, along with Assistant Professors **Bruce Carruthers** and **Wendy Espeland** and Department of Sociology graduate students.

ABF research fellows are able to study law-related topics in-depth, using grants from such public and private organizations as the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the National Science Foundation. Nelson conducted research in 1994-95 on such varied topics as law practice in Chicago; corporate lawyers' values and career experiences vs. those of corporate executives; care of critically-ill newborns; and sex-based wage discrimination.

Bruce Carruthers is working on a joint project with Terence Halliday of ABF on bankruptcy law in the U. S. and Great Britain. Wendy Espeland is a visiting scholar at ABF. Carol Heimer's research examines law and social control in neonatal intensive care.

The Department's graduate students **Brian Gran**, **Kathy Hull** and **Carlos Manjarrez** are research assistants on the Chicago Lawyers project with John Heinz and Robert Nelson. **Sarah Gatson** is an ABF pre-doctoral fellow. **Elizabeth Locke** is a research assistant working with Carol Heimer.

## Feminist Symposium

On April 3, 1995, Professor Carol Heimer served as responder to panelists at the fourth annual Feminist Symposium at the School of Law. The symposium, entitled "Breaking the Contract with America: Feminist Perspectives on Welfare Reform," included the perspectives of a panel of scholars whose work focuses on issues of welfare and poor families.

## Race, Poverty and Urban Inequality

Graduate students from the Department of Sociology are enrolled in an interdisciplinary training program on race, poverty, and urban inequality, run jointly by Northwestern's Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research and the Harris School of Public Policy Studies at the University of Chicago. The program, directed by Professors Christopher Jencks at Northwestern and William Julius Wilson at Chicago, has been funded by the National Science Foundation from 1990 through 1996.

Established on the premise that no one discipline can provide a full understanding of America's racial and economic problems, the program allows students to take courses in economics and public policy, and involves them in faculty research on various aspects of urban inequality.

The program also sponsors a regular speaker series, run jointly with the University of Chicago. For the past four years, experts from around the country have debated their ideas at this series with both students and faculty.

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and a paper on the fragmenting of the theory of cultural change owing to various and quite different processes (one of which is the formalization of

culture). He is also trying to wrestle his lectures on the theory of social organization into book form, but they are resisting valiantly.

# Departmental Update

## ASA Honors Daniels' Career

This past August at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Conference, the ASA Committee paid tribute to Professor Emeritus Arlene Kaplan Daniels' lifelong work. ASA's Jessie Bernard Award recognizes scholarly work that has enlarged the horizons of sociology to encompass the role of women in society. Two Jessie Bernard Awards are given each year: one for a book and one for an entire career.

Daniels, who retired in June 1995, has had an impressive career. In 1969 she was one of the founding mothers, with Jessie Bernard, of Sociologists for Women in Society. She remained active in the organization, serving as vice president and president. She was also the society's "Ms. Manners," writing a column on how women should behave toward each other in order to help one another.

## Film Review Editor

Associate Professor Bernard Beck has returned to sociological film reviewing, an activity he pioneered as film review editor of the magazine *Society* in the early 1970s. He has become associate editor for media reviews of the journal *Multicultural Education*, published by the National Association for Multicultural Education and edited by Priscilla Walton, leading education professional. He will also begin writing movie reviews and essays for the coming "Internet Review of Books", edited by former Northwestern sociologist Howard Becker and others.

## White House Dinner

On March 6, 1995, Professor Charles Moskos was invited to speak at a small dinner (24 people) hosted by President Bill Clinton at the White House. The topic was affirmative action, and

Moskos had been asked to speak on policies in the armed forces. The evening began at 6:30 with a reception, and concluded after midnight.



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*Moskos was particularly impressed by the fact that, despite a fair amount of wine, water and coffee, the President did not get up once to use the facilities. (Moskos went three times.)*

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## ... globe trotting

In the summer of 1995, Moskos was invited to speak at the Czech Military Academy. While, in the Czech Republic he was also knighted by Znomo, a town maintained in the medieval style. He attained this distinction by out shooting several younger men in a crossbow contest.

Following the Czech visit, Moskos went to Israel, where he was a keynote speaker at a conference fostering civilian youth service on the part of both Jewish and Arab Israelis. This was a first in Israel's history and may augur something greater for the future.

## Is Time a River? My Return to Asia

by Prof. Allan Schnaiberg

When I was a pre-doctoral student at Michigan, I spent a year co-directing a family survey in Malaysia. In the intervening 30 years, I had not been back to Asia-- until last January. While my trip was mostly non-professional, I travel with both a "sociological eye" and an interpersonal one.

I returned to Penang, an ethnically-Chinese city near the Thai border, for a short period.

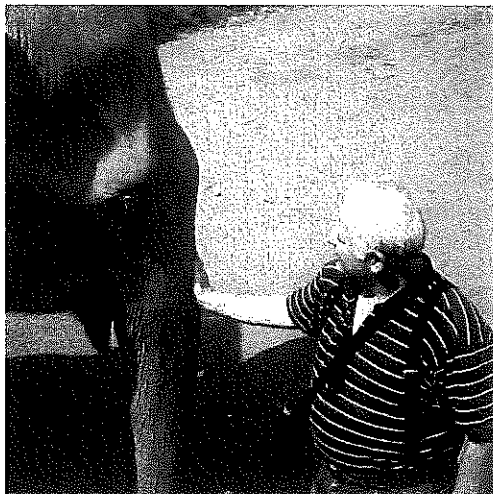
The city, which had been dominated by motorcycles in 1965-66, now has many private autos (as well as buses and pedicabs). Older Chinese shophouses had hardly changed in three decades. But

the Commonwealth Forces that had been stationed there to protect against the indigenous Communist insurgency and Indonesian incursions were now replaced by phalanxes of electronics factories, with Commonwealth and U.S. investors dominating the labor scene.

My local informants (taxi driver and a satay stall owner/jeweler/money changer) told me that most of these electronic "labor elite" workers - who earn \$400-\$600 Malay yearly (about \$150-\$300 U.S.) - were recruited from nearby villages, and bused to and from work every day, in part to inhibit labor organizing. Ironically, many of the Islamic Malay women who work in these factories have head scarves on - which I attributed to growing conservatism and fundamentalism. Not so, said the satay seller: they wear such scarves

to prevent sexual harassment by male supervisors!

Thailand, dominated by bicycles 30 years ago, is now in the motorcycle age. The air quality in both northern Chiang Mai and southern Bangkok reflects this change. But Bangkok's terrible air pollution appears to be more a product of new investment in agribusiness. While fertile fields are a tourist attraction in northern Thailand, much of the subsistence agriculture of both the indigenous southern and northern Lanna Thais has been undermined, and proletarianization in countryside and city is increasing rapidly.



*Tourism has also grown, with similar displacement of indigenous urban and rural enterprise, and the cities are dense with tourist buses and "trekking" pickups.*

On our trip into Bangkok from Chiang Mai, I developed severe respiratory problems. After several minutes of my confusion over this reaction, my wife said, "Must be the air pollution." NU's leading environmental sociologist couldn't tell the difference between pollution and a bad cough. The pollution is due to the fact that Bangkok exports high-volume, low-value primary produce, while Penang exports high-value, low-volume electronic parts.

Two enduring professional outcomes of this trip were: (1) a far more grounded sense of how useful my model of the *transnational treadmill of production* really is in understanding the transformation in the lives of workers around the world, and (2) a renewed sense of empathy with the peoples of Asia, both in the Pacific Rim and in the United States.

## Women's Conference in China

Professor Emeritus Arlene Kaplan Daniels gave herself a present this summer: a trip to the People to People International Women's Conference in China. "The flight was the only ghastly part of the trip," Daniels says.

*She cheerfully adapted to sharing bus caravans with 500 women throughout her stay in Beijing, and waiting at the Great Wall for her comrades to finish shopping.*

The conference Daniels was attending overlapped with the Non-Governmental Organizations conference in Huairou, giving her the chance to meet with Chinese scholars. Interpreters were on hand to aid the Chinese and American presenters at the many simultaneous groups. Daniels decided to attend a group led by Florence Howe, the publisher of the Feminist Press. "Unfortunately, all the Chinese women assigned to our discussion group were hard scientists in crystallography, engineering and the like," she says. "They were resolute on the advantages of their careers, positive about the opportunities to have both careers and families, and blind to any possibility of discrimination."

One day later, Daniels got the chance to meet with some Chinese women writers, whom she invited to her hotel for an informal talk session. However, she says, "The arrangement turned into a nightmare. We never thought to clear this with the Chinese officials." Daniels and the women had to be content to talk while surrounded by government officials, who stood around with crossed arms and scowling faces.

Daniels did get to see the Emperor's Summer Palace, the Temple of Heaven, and the Great Wall. "This last blew my mind," she says. "Climbing up to it and seeing it stretch into the horizon made me want to run up and down, lean over the battlements, take pictures and generally lapse into touristomania."

## Windbells at Arcosanti

by Prof. Albert Hunter

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*In the deserted high desert an hour's drive north of the suburb of Scottsdale, Arizona, lies a cluster of concrete arches, domes, and cubicles called Arcosanti.*

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Arcosanti first appears as a faint mound on the horizon with an entry sign proclaiming it as "An Urban Laboratory." Only as you wind closer down a dusty road do you begin to hear the hundreds of brass windbells. All of this is the utopian creation of the Italian architect Paolo Soleri. This is the trip I took this past year to do observation and interviewing as part of my ongoing research on utopian communities.

Soleri, a wayward student of Frank Lloyd Wright, rebelled against pastoral and suburban sprawl. He argues for the positive benefits of high density, the pedestrian proximity of home and work, and mega-structures that blend both visually and ecologically into the landscape.

The community is home to approximately 50 full-time residents (planned to reach 5,000), but volunteers, visitors and an elder hostel vary the numbers. Buildings are built by volunteers, many of them architecture and planning students drawn from around the world. The community gives academic seminars and internships which along with the hostel and the visitors center provide some income, but its largest source of income is from the Soleri windbells. Though it has a faint flavor of commune days of the Sixties, a hint of the seriousness of Arcosanti and the realization that it may be the harbinger of the future is found in the computer terminal sitting right inside the door to the visitors' center, and in its business cards that include an e-mail address.

Why build a high-density urban experiment in the desert? Soleri says that it was necessary to avoid the land speculation and influence of existing urban design, and to provide the freedom to create a new and ecologically sound pattern of human settlement--what he calls "arcology."

## "This is the Place"

by Martha Winch

The following is a brief history of the Winchs' life together.

Martha and Robert Winch were introduced to each other in Ohio, as both were about to set out separately for the University of Chicago to earn advanced degrees. Martha decided to share the ride with Robert in his old Plymouth convertible, and by September of that year (1938), the two were happily married. Not long after that, Robert successfully earned his Ph.D. in Sociology and Martha got an M.A. in Social Work.

The couple's high degree of schooling brought them into great demand during World War II. Robert, who had joined the Navy, taught at Dartmouth and at naval bases in Florida; Martha worked for the American Red Cross as a counselor. After the war, the couple spent two years teaching at Vanderbilt University before Robert was offered a position at Northwestern.

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*Martha says that when she and Robert arrived on campus, they said --almost in unison, "This is the place."*

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During Robert's long years at Northwestern, he authored 11 books, received two Guggenheim Fellowships, and, Martha says, "liked his job enormously."

His area of specialty was the structure and function of the modern family.

Martha initially worked as a case supervisor, then spent 22 years as the executive director of Family Service of South Lake County, overseeing that agency's rapid growth.

Robert Winch died of cancer a year before his retirement, after nearly forty years of marriage to Martha. Martha Winch currently lives in a retirement community in Philadelphia, where, at the age of 86, she is physically active and volunteers her time helping the visually impaired.

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Arlene Daniels retired last year while Art Stinchcombe decided to become partially retired. These are important loses.

Nevertheless, these individuals have made contributions to the Department that will endure through time. Moreover, each of them continues to be valuable sources of information and advice. On behalf of the Department, we wish to thank these scholars and to wish them well in their new ventures.

The Department is excited about new faculty possibilities. We have already begun the process of recruiting new outstanding faculty members. We fully expect this recruitment will have the result of interjecting new intellectual vitality into the Department. The Department enjoys, and is thankful, for the support it receives from North-

western's administration. Northwestern's president, Henry S. Bienen and provost, Lawrence B. Dumas as well as the new acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Neena B. Schwartz, have pledged their continuing support of the Department. They recognize that it is one of the best in the country and that sociology is an important discipline in the social sciences.

The Department is aware of the continuing and significant support it receives from alumni. We acknowledge your faith in us and welcome your participation. You link us with our history.

Equally important, we are thankful for the support and participation of our students. We especially welcome our new Ph.D. students, for you are the most recent link to our future.

## Colloquia Speakers Presents a Wide Range of Views and Analyses

### Julia Adams

University of Michigan, "What Happens When Principal-Agent Theory Meets Patrimonial Patriarchs?: A Telling Encounter in the Dutch East Indies"

### Lisa Avalos-Bock

Northwestern University, "Outside the Abortion Debate: Language, Women's Voice and the Experience of Abortion"

### Pamela Barnhouse-Walters

University of Indiana, "Citizenship and Public Schools: Accounting for Racial Inequality in Education in the Pre- and Post-Disenfranchisement South"

### Kathleen Blee

University of Kentucky, "Using Oral History to Study Organized Racism"

### Linda Blum

University of Michigan, "Contemporary Constructions of Motherhood: Comparing Low-Income Black and White Women"

### Joe Feagin

University of Florida, "The Sociology of White Racism"

### William Gamson

Boston College, "Safe Spaces and Social Movements" and "Social Movements and Cultural Change"

### Janet Hart

University of Michigan, "Gender and the War of Position: Nationalism and Resistance in Greece, 1941-1964"

### Laura Hein

Northwestern University, "In Search of Peace and Democracy: Post-War Japanese Economic Debate in Political Context"

### Michele Lamont

Princeton University, "Colliding Moralities: Morality and Identity Among Black and White Workers"

### Robin Leidner

University of Pennsylvania, "Security Blankets: Parents' Use of Child-Care Advice Literature"

### John Meyer

Stanford University, "An Institutional Perspective on the World System"

### Lars Mjose

Institute for Social Research, Oslo, "Comparing the Strength of British and U.S. Hegemonies - A Macro-Historical Analysis of the Contrasts Between the Leading Great Powers of the 19th and 20th Centuries"

### Karl Monsma

Northwestern University, "Agency Without Law: Absentee Ranchers and their Managers on a 19th-Century Frontier"

### James Oakes

Northwestern University, "The Rhetoric of Reaction: Justifying a Proslavery Constitution"

### Theodore Porter

University of California-Los Angeles, "Statistics, Social Science, and the American Culture of Objectivity"

### Deborah Posel

University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, "Gender, Power and 'Tradition': Struggles Over the Regulation of African Customary Marriages in South Africa, 1910-1970"

### Ben Schneider

Northwestern University, "Big Business and the Politics of Economic Reform in Mexico and Brazil"

### Gerhard Schutte

University of Wisconsin-Parkside, "Racism Without Race: Race Relations in the 'New' South Africa with Comparative Notes on the U.S."

### Margaret Somers

University of Michigan, "We're No Angels: History and Sciences, Networks and Narratives in Sociological Analysis"

### Mitchell Stevens

Northwestern University, "Institutionalizing Childhood"

### Michael Wallerstein

Northwestern University, "How Social Democracy Worked"

### Susan Watkins

University of Pennsylvania, "Will She or Won't She?: Women's Ambivalence About Fertility Change in Kenya"

### Christopher Winship

Harvard University, "I.Q. versus Family Background: A Re-Analysis of *The Bell Curve*"

### Erik Wright

University of Wisconsin-Madison, "Marx, Weber, and the Shmoo"

### Camille Zubrinsky

Grinnell College, "Attitudes Toward Residential Integration: Perceived Status Difference, Mere In-Group Preference, or Prejudice?"

"Sociology has been in vogue for some time. Today this word, little known and almost discredited a decade ago, is in common use. Representatives of the new science are increasing in number and there is something like a public feeling favorable to it. Much is expected of it. It must be confessed, however, that results up to the present time are not really proportionate to the number of publications nor the interest they arouse."

Emile Durkheim, *Suicide*

## NU's First Woman Sociologist

Neva Leona Boyd was considered a pioneer in the field of play and game theory and leadership; her methods of working with groups began the movement toward social work during the early 1930's. Believing that recreational leaders should be professionally trained, she established the Chicago Training School for Playground Workers in 1911. She became the director of the Recreation Training School of Chicago located at Hull House in 1920. Boyd joined the newly created Sociology Department in 1927 as an assistant professor and taught her courses in play theory, leadership and group organization until her retirement in 1941 at age 65. In 1976 the Department of Sociology and the Program on Women sponsored Neva Leona Boyd Day, a day-long symposium featuring such speakers as Jessie Bernard and Arlene Kaplan Daniels.

# ALUMNI NEWS

**Mary Armstrong Birdlebough** (1929) remembers when the Northwestern University Department of Sociology was new. During her sophomore year she volunteered at the Northwestern University Settlement House in Chicago and resided at Hull House.

**Jean J. Anderson** (1953) is currently involved in the Family Crisis Center and the Marble Falls Shelter for Battered Women in Horseshoe Bay, Texas. She was instrumental in the development of the Letot Center in Dallas. She has received numerous awards for her work as a community volunteer.

**E. Garty Jaco** (1954) was awarded the Certificate of Appreciation by the Medical Sociology Section Council of the American Sociological Assoc. It is the highest honor awarded by the Council to its members.

**Martin Marcus** (1955) is writing a book on advertising after spending over 30 years as a creative director with major advertising agencies.

**Carmen Nelson Alden Cunningham** (1956) is a retired teacher and administrator who lived in Latin America for 26 years.

**Richard Chrisman** (1959) is the pastor at the United Methodist Church in Mason City, Illinois.

**Kristen Lentfer Pancner** (1961) is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

**Susan Weiss** (1965) is self-employed, providing services around adoption issues.

**Barbara Ayers Parker** (1968) is a systems analyst for the Clerk of the Court in Dade County, Florida.

**Janice Liebling Rosenberg** (1968) is a freelance writer and contributing editor at the newspaper *Talking to the Boss*. She has also coauthored two books of essays: *Reinventing Home* and *Reinventing Love* (Plume).

**Jeanette Meier** (1969) is the executive vice president, secretary and general counsel for Sterling Software, Inc. in Dallas.

**Herman W. Smith** (1970) has received his second Fulbright award. He will research Affect Control Theory in Japan.

**Jack Nusan Porter** (1971) is the director of the Spencer Institute in Newton, Massachusetts. His newest book is *The Agunah: A Source Book on the Chained Wife in Judaism* (Jason Aronson, 1995).

**John P. Thompson** (1971) is a physician assistant for the Canadaigua Orthopaedic Association.

**Peter M. Becker** (1972) continues to teach at and direct the Center for Social Research at Concordia University, River Forest, Illinois. He has also held numerous offices in the Illinois Sociological Assoc. (ISA), as well as other professional organizations.

**Peter R. Meyers** (1972) practices law in Chicago and serves as a labor arbitrator and mediator throughout the United States.

**Dale J. Walther** (1972) is a partner in a personal-injury law firm in Anchorage, Alaska.

**Denise Renee Guillebeaux Harris Martin** (1973) is the associate principal of Evanston Township High School.

**John B. Day** (1973) is the chief labor counsel for Praxair, Inc. in Danbury, Connecticut.

**Demie Kurz** (1976) is the co-director of women's studies and also has an appointment in the sociology department at the University of Pennsylvania. Her new book is *For Richer, For Poorer: Mothers Confront Divorce* (New York: Routledge).

**Diane Biordi** (1984) is a full professor at Kent State University and was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing in honor of her accomplishments and scholarship.

**Mark Daniel Stovsky** (1986) received his M.B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh and his M.D. from Northwestern. He is currently doing his residency in urological surgery at the University Hospitals in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Karen Dunivan** (1988) is a lieutenant colonel in the United

States Air Force. She conducts recruiting analysis and has written articles on military culture and gender issues.

**Robin Leidner** (1988) has recently been promoted to associate professor in the sociology department at the University of Pennsylvania.

**John P. Walsh** (1988) is the author of a new book titled *Supermarkets Transformed: Understanding Organizational and Technological Innovations* (Rutgers University Press). Walsh's book, based on his study of the evolution of the U.S. supermarket, shows how changes in the grocery industry effectively parallel those in society at large.

**Michael T. Emmons** (1989) is doing his residency in Family Practice in Lansing, Michigan after graduating from Michigan State University, College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**Jeanne Anne Barr Morley** (1989) is a doctoral candidate in Sociology at Stanford. Her adviser is Sandy Dornbusch.

**Stephen Wisniewski** (1990) feels fortunate to have studied Sociology and says the critical analysis skills he developed at Northwestern have served him well in his career as a transportation planner and policy analyst for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

**Derek Greenfield** (1991) is a project coordinator for the I Have a Dream Foundation; visiting professor at Concordia University, and a national consultant on youth/education issues. He is also a coach in the "controversial" Midnight Basketball league in Chicago.

**Laura P. Juran** (1992) is a survey specialist at the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago.

**Haleh Tabrah** (1992) is entering her 4th year of medical school and plans to do her residency in surgery, hopefully in Chicago.

**Gayle Borden** (1993) is a graduate student in counselling psychology at Fordham University in New York.

**Jennifer Lindgren** (1993) is an environmental analyst for Dudek and Associates, an engineering and environmental

services firm, in San Diego.

**Juliene A. Britz** (1994) has completed her first year at Northwestern University's School of Law.

## CONDOLENCES

The Department wishes to extend condolences to the family of Scott Greer, late Professor of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and husband of Ann Lennarson Greer, also a Professor of Sociology at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (Ph.D. Northwestern University 1970). Professor Greer received his Ph.D. from U.C.L.A.-Santa Barbara in 1952. He was a professor in both the Sociology and Political Science departments at Northwestern University from 1967 to 1974.

## Alumni Gifts Received

The department wishes to thank friends and alumni Richard Chrisman, Floraine Dumez, James Foerster, Barbara Ayers Parker and Martha Winch for their generous donations to Sociology during the 1995 academic year.

The contributions will provide needed equipment for the graduate students' computer lab. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

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*Thanks to the many alumni for sharing their career moves and outstanding accomplishments. Please continue to send your news and/or contributions to NU Sociology, 1810 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60208-1330.*

## Low Quantity, High Quality Cohort

The graduate applicant pool in sociology appears to be remaining fairly constant these days. Applicants for the fall of 1995 numbered 205, only a few more than the previous year. It appears that the recent upward surge in applicants has slowed, at least for the time being.

Though the applicant pool continues to be large, the Department of Sociology at Northwestern wound up with a slightly smaller cohort than normal this year. 1995 gave the Department 10 new students, compared to a normal entering cohort of 12 or 13.

Professor Thomas Cook, the Chair of the Graduate Recruitment Committee for the second year, postulates that this is due, at least in part, to increased aggressiveness on the part of other sociology departments engaged in the

graduate recruitment process. He commented, "It seems the cohort was smaller this year because, first of all, three people deferred admissions until 1996. Secondly, this year's cohort had fewer minority students than usual, largely due to the greater competition than in previous years led by Berkeley in particular. Thirdly, the quality of

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the students is very high, both in paper, scholarly, and human terms."

The 1995 cohort includes students from as far away as Taiwan and as near as Chicago. They are: Shay Gregory (Rice University), Paul Hirschfield

(University of Michigan), Mariame Kaba (McGill University), Abigail Koch (Colorado College), Alicia Kostecki (Loyola University), Pei-Chia Lan (National Taiwan University), Eric Petersen (University of Michigan), Kristina Smock (Swarthmore College), Brigitte Stanley (University of Nebraska), and Amy Wong (San Francisco State University).

In spite of the paucity of male entrants this year, the Graduate Recruitment Committee was very pleased with the results of the recruiting season. "This year's cohort continues to reflect the high quality of women candidates, as in the last few years. They continue to constitute the majority of people who we accepted and who accepted us," Professor Cook noted.

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## Grad News: Publications, Presentations, Fellowships/Scholarships

### Publications...

Celia Berdes and Jane Karnes Straker, "Medicaid's Personal Needs Allowance Inadequate, Dehumanizing," *Brown University Long-Term Care Quality Letter* 6(11) : 4-5, 1994. Elizabeth Clifford, "Hanging In There: Behavioral, Psychological, and Contextual Factors Affecting Whether African-American Adolescents Stay in High School." (With James Connell, Bonnie Halpern-Felscher, Warren Crichlow, and Peter Usinger.) *Journal of Adolescent Research*, January, 1995. Hitoshi Kawano, "Studies in Historical Sociology/Social History of Education in the United States: Theory and Methods in 'Expansion of Education' Series," pp. 55-79 in *Journal of Educational Sociology*, October 1995. (Edited by the Japan Society of Educational Sociology; main text in Japanese). Laura Miller, "Creating Gender Detente in the Military," pp. 15-18, *Minerva: Quarterly Report on Women in the Military*, Spring 1995; "Humanitarians or Warriors? Race, Gender and Combat Status in Operation

Restore Hope" (with Charles Moskos), *Armed Forces and Society*, Summer 1995; and "Fighting for a Just Cause: Soldiers' Attitudes on Gays in the Military," chapter in *Gays and Lesbians in the Military: Issues, Concerns, and Contrasts*, edited by Wilbur J. Scott and Sandra Carson Stanley, New York, Aldine de Gruyter, 1994. David Shulman, "Dirty Data and Investigative Methods: Some Lessons from Private Detective Work," *Journal of High Contemporary Ethnography*, Vol. 23, pp 214-253, July 1995. Lisa Staffen, "Interdependence and Reintegrative Social Control: Labelling and Reforming 'Inappropriate' Parents in Neonatal Intensive Care Units," (Co-author Carol Heimer). *American Sociological Review*.

### Reviews...

Celia Berdes reviewed *Making Gray Gold: Narratives of Nursing Home Care*, by Timothy Diamond. *Journal of Long-Term Care Administration* 22(2):38, 1994. Sarah Gatson

reviewed Willard Gatewood's book *Aristocrats of Color: The Black Elite, 1870-1910*, in *Contemporary Sociology*.

Brian Gran reviewed *Neighbourhood Organizations and the Welfare State* by Shlomo Hasson and David Ley, 1994. *The American Journal of Sociology*, May 1995. Laura Miller reviewed Sandra Pollock Sturtevant's and Brenda Stoltzfus' book *Let the Good Times Roll: Prostitution and the U.S. Military in Asia*, in *Gender & Society*, February 1995.

### Special Recognition to..

David Harris serves as a manuscript reviewer for *Sociological Inquiry*.

Sharon Groch, was a runner-up for the 1995 Graduate Student Paper Award in the Collective Behavior and Social Movements section of the American Sociology Association. Groch's paper, entitled "Oppositional Consciousness: Its Manifestations and Development - A Case of People with Disabilities," was published in *Sociological Inquiry*, Vol. 64, Issue 4, 1994.



## Presentations...

### *ASA Presentations...*

The Department boasted a wide range of presentations by graduate students this past August at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Following are the names of graduate students who presented papers:

**Lisa Avalos-Bock, James Fenelon, Brian Gran, David Harris, Karen Haskin, Angela Irvine, Timothy Koponen, Laura Miller, David Maurrasse, Lisa Park, David Pellow, Laurie Scarborough, David Shulman, Ira Silver, Matthew Smith-Lahrman, Lori Waite and Christopher Wellin.**

Nicole Turner participated as a presider in a special session on "Perspectives on the Black Middle Class: Rage vs. Assimilation."

### *..and other Presentations throughout the U.S. and Canada:*

**Karen Haskin**--American Educational Research Assoc. Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA. **David Shulman** with Kent Grayson from the London Business School--Assoc. for Consumer Research Annual Conference in Minneapolis, MN. **John Diamond**--Black Studies Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. **Patricia Zamudio**--Canadian Assoc. for Latin American and Caribbean Studies XXVI Congress, Toronto, Canada. **Elizabeth Clifford**--Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada. **Antonio Chiareli**--Inter-American Foundation, Arlington, VA. **John Diamond** --International Reading Assoc. Conference. **Fernando Filgueira**--Latin American Studies Assoc. XIX International Congress in Washington, DC. **Elizabeth Clifford, Brian Gran, Debra Schleef**--Law and Society Assoc. Annual Meeting in

Toronto, Canada. **Karen Haskin, Angela Irvine, David Pellow and Ira Silver**--Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL. **Mark Ellis**--Midwestern Assoc. of Graduate Schools Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

**James Fenelon**--National Assoc. For Bilingual Education Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ. **Brett Stockdill**--North American Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Studies Annual Conference, University of Iowa. **David Harris**-- Population Assoc. of America Annual Meeting. **Mark Ellis**-- Preparing Future Faculty Conference, Colorado Springs, CO. **Alan Dahl** with Professor Nicola Beisel--Social Science History Assoc. Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. **Brian Donovan**--Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and Religious Research Assoc. Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO. **Timothy Koponen**--Society for the Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

### Awards...

**Sarah Babb** received a Fulbright Fellowship to do research work in Mexico for one year. She plans to do a dissertation on economic ideology in Mexico. Babb also won the Rhinehardt Bendix Award, an ASA section award, for the best graduate-student paper in the area of comparative history.

**David Boden** was on the Northwestern University Associated Student Government Faculty Honor Roll for 1995.

**Antonio Chiareli** was awarded an Inter-American Foundation Doctoral Fellowship for field research. He will spend the 1995-1996 academic year conducting ethnographic research on peasant cooperatives in southern Brazil.

**Sarah Gatson** received a two-year Dissertation Fellowship from the American Bar Foundation.

**Brian Gran**, with Professor Charles Ragin, won a National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship. He also received the Canadian Studies Graduate Student

Fellowship for the Canadian Embassy.

**Fernando Filgueira**, along with Andres Perez received a grant from the Institute for Development and Research Centre, Canada.

**Judith Levine** was awarded a National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Grant.

She also won the distinguished Northwestern University Dissertation Year Award.

**Laura Miller** received the 1995 Elise Boulding Student Paper Award, which is given by the Peace and War Section of the American Sociology Association Meeting.

**Lisa Sun-Hee Park** was awarded the American Sociological Association predoctoral minority fellowship.

**Jorge Rodriguez** was awarded a grant from Centro de Investigaciones Sociologicas (Spain).

**David Shulman** and Kent Grayson were awarded a grant from the Centre of Marketing (London Business School).

**Ira Silver** received an Amherst College Memorial Fellowship.

### *Grad Attends University of Oslo*

**Brian Gran** successfully applied for the chance to attend the University of Oslo Summer School in Comparative Social Science Studies, held in Oslo, Norway. Gran participated in a workshop held by Gosta Esping-Andersen, a renowned specialist in comparative social policy, political sociology, and welfare-state research.

### *Dissertation Year Grants...*

The following graduate students received a Dissertation Year Grant from The Graduate School at Northwestern University: **Elizabeth Clifford, Brian Gran, Judith Levine, and Jorge Rodriguez.** The grant assists graduate students with expenses they incur while compiling and writing their dissertations.

## Winch Prizes Presented to Ten Sociology Grads

The fourth annual Robert F. Winch Memorial prizes for outstanding graduate student papers and teaching were awarded this fall.

Laura Miller received the prize for outstanding paper, while Elizabeth Lock won the award for best second-year paper.

In the category of lecturer, Judith Levine won the award for outstanding lecturer. Elizabeth Clifford and Brett Stockdill both received honorable mention in this category.

In the category of outstanding teaching assistant, Laurie Scarborough and Lori Waite each received an award for outstanding teaching assistantship, with honorable mention going to Kasandra Pantoja, Ira Silver and Curtis Askew.

The Winch prize is made possible by a generous gift from Martha Winch in honor of her husband, Robert, who was a faculty member of the Sociology Department from 1948-77.

## First Recipient of the "Karpf Peace Prize"

Jorge Rodriguez received the "Karpf Peace Prize," awarded for the first-time by the College of Arts and Sciences. The prize is in recognition of Rodriguez's work on how a violent political regime in Spain was transformed into a democracy, promoting equality and peaceful social conflict resolution during the middle 1970s.

The Karpf Peace Prize was established by Maurice J. and Fay B. Karpf. It is to provide an award or awards 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."

## Grad Students Awarded Summer Fellowships

In the summer of 1991, the Department of Sociology began a new experimental program in which the department provided funds to support graduate students to work with faculty on collaborative research projects. The purpose of the program was to encourage students and faculty to coauthor work.

This past summer was the fifth year of the summer research fellowship. The following graduate students received these fellowships:

Curtis Askew is working with Assistant Professor James Witte on a project resulting from the large number of recent surveys and reports pointing to a decline in the number of minority students who are opting for post-secondary education, and the more frightening decline in the number who are finishing once they start. Their general analytical strategy will be to view student retention from a survival analysis perspective.

Algernon Austin is working on a research project, "The Sociology of Knowledge of Black Feminist Thought," with Assistant Professor Orville Lee in the area of historical sociology of race. The research will build on a previous article Lee completed concerning the changing structure of racial difference in the post-Brown era.

They plan to examine the influence of black nationalism on the discourse of black feminism; their goal is to study black feminist thought from within a sociology of knowledge framework and as a cultural product.

Elizabeth Clifford, along with Assistant Professor Wendy Espeland, is working on a project titled "Conflicted Lawyers: Professional Ideology and Practice Among Chicago's Early Corporate Lawyers." Their project investigates the relationship between professional ideology and the content and context of work from the vantage

point of late 19th-century Chicago lawyers.

Kathleen Hull is working with Associate Professor Robert Nelson on an analysis of gender inequality in the legal profession. Nelson, along with colleagues Jack Heinz, Ed Laumann, and Paul Schnorr, has finished collecting a very rich dataset on the social organization of lawyers in Chicago for the Chicago Lawyers II Study. The study replicates and expands on the Chicago Bar Project, a similar study conducted 20 years earlier by Heinz and Laumann.

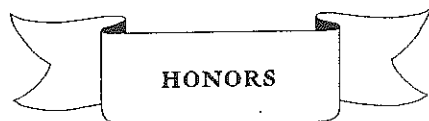
Xiaoli Yin has been working with Assistant Professor Bruce Carruthers on analyzing data, obtained from the original company stock ledgers, consisting of all trades among shareholders of Bank of England and East India Company stock for the year 1712. Carruthers found that trading in East India Company stock in the early-18th-century London stock market was clustered around political groups.

Lisa Amoroso, William Corrin and William (David) Stevens are working with Professor Thomas Cook on a collaborative project for the Evanston YMCA Youth Task Force. The purpose of the study is to assess the social and recreational needs of Evanston youth ages 7 to 18, and to probe how well those needs are being met by a variety of public and private sources. The study design employs the three primary methods of data collection: survey, focus groups and interviews, and diary records.

As a team, the hope is to fulfill the Task Force's goals while also taking advantage of this unique opportunity to meet research needs in sociology, especially with questions concerning the ways in which home, school and peer influences change in form and importance as children grow older.

# Undergraduate Update

## Departmental Honors



The College of Arts and Sciences awarded Departmental Honors to six sociology majors at the June convocation. The recipients were Anuradha Deshmukh, Alison Krumbein, Carolyn Pironti, Latha Sundaram, Laura Vernon, and Scott Winship. The CAS College Committee on Superior Students and Honors reviews students' grade point averages, senior honors theses and faculty recommendations to determine who shall receive Departmental Honors.

## Exum Awards Presented

On May 26, 1995, three undergraduates received awards at the Eighth Annual William Henry Exum Award Presentation.

Omar Daghestani and Allison Harned tied for first place. Daghestani's paper was titled "Redlining: Chicago's Industrial Residue" and Harned's was titled "Social Mobility at Jobs for Youth." An honorable mention was awarded to Jill Saito for her paper, "Forty Years Later: Involvement of Sansei and the New Ethnicity in the Redress Movement."

The William Henry Exum Award is given annually in honor of the late associate professor who served in the Department of Sociology and African American Studies. Committee members included Professors Bernard Beck, Arlene Daniels, Raymond Mack and Aldon Morris, with Marisa Alicea and Helen Rosenberg representing the graduate student alumni who had worked with Exum. This year also marked the last year that Professor Arlene Daniels served as Chair of the Exum Committee.

## C94 Senior Linkage Seminars

This past year, the Department offered three senior linkage seminars. These included The Political Economy of the American City, taught by Kirk Harris, executive director with the Center on Fathers, Families and Public Policy at the Family Resource Coalition; The Roles of Nonprofit Organizations in American Society, taught by Dr. Marcia Lipetz, secretary of the WPWR-TV Channel 50 Foundation and director of Special Community Projects for WPWR-TV; and Civil Rights and Social Policy, taught by Dr. Isidro Lucas, director of the Office for Hispanic Programs and coordinator of Special Projects for the President at Chicago State University.

Seminars are designed to bring students into contact with instructors who have extensive non-academic experience. These seminars also offer students a chance to see how academic theories and concepts are instituted in the business world. The Seminars generate great student interest and continue to be among our most popular course offerings.



## Network Comes to Classrooms

The FirstClass conferencing system offers Northwestern instructors the ability to post assignments, lecture notes, class handouts, and other printed and graphical material on NUNet for students' easy retrieval from their computers at any time. It also provides students the ability to engage with each other in electronic "conversation" on course topics, either privately or in groups, and to share such things as lab data and paper drafts.

## Senior Thesis Award

Fourteen undergraduate students were awarded the Senior Thesis with Distinction Award. The recipients were Benjamin Bard, Laura Benson, Nathan Daschle, Anuradha Deshmukh, Swati Gunale, Alison Krumbein, Virginia Lyons, Patrick Mosolf, Amy Olson, Carolyn Pironti, Carol Shedlin, Latha Sundaram, Laura Vernon and Scott Winship. These awards are given to students for their outstanding work on the senior research project.

## CIC SROP

This summer, Corey Fields worked with the Sociology Department as part of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP). Working with Assistant Prof. Nicola Beisel, Corey studied how college men construct their ideas about masculinity. He also attempted to connect men's ideas about masculinity to their attitudes about abortion.

Also, Assistant Prof. James Witte served as a faculty supervisor for Michelle Garcia, a Northwestern undergraduate, who was selected to participate in SROP. Garcia's research project deals with minority student retention, in particular Hispanic students.

## New Course

This spring quarter, Visiting Professor Michael Buroway, taught C76 - Special Topics: Social Theory: Marx, Gramsci, and Foucault. This course highlights the distinction between modernist and post-modernist thought as expressed in the break between Marx to Foucault, mediated by Gramsci. Buroway systematically compared the theorists to one another to show their similarities and differences, and to place their theories in some developmental sequence.

## Department Awards Ph.D.s

The most recent Ph.D. graduate students from the Department wrote the following dissertations:

**Pamela Brandwein:** "Reconstructing Reconstruction: The Supreme Court and the Production of Historical Knowledge."

**Kelly Devers:** "Triage in Adult Intensive Care Units: How Organizations Allocate Resources."

**Mary Kate Driscoll:** "Body Boycotts"

**Wendell Johnson:** "Carrying a Stick: Homelessness Among African-American Injecting Drug Users in Chicago."

**Won Kim:** "When Socialism Meets Capitalism: Post-Socialist Transition and Labor Relations in Hungary."

**David Rhodes:** "Decision Frames: Parental Education and Paying for College."

**Sarah S. Willie:** "When We Were Black: The College Experiences of Post-Civil Rights Era African-Americans."

### SPECIAL DELIVERY

Both graduate students and faculty members became parents this year. **Karen Haskin** and **Andrew Rosenau** welcomed **Seth Haskin** in December 1994. **Wendy Espeland** and **Bruce Carruthers** became parents for the second time with the February 1995 birth of **Esther Jane**. **Beth Clifford** and **Marlon Williamson** celebrated the March 1995 arrival of their new son **Quincy Michael**. **Theresa** and **Antonio Chiareli** are the proud parents of **Isabella Ann**, born in July 1995. **Albert Hunter** and **Renee Weber-Hunter** celebrated the arrival of **Adam McKeagan** in September 1995.

## Recent Ph.D. News

**Lisa Avalos-Bock** received a lecturer position at the Univ. of Memphis, TN, Fall 1995.

**James Fenelon** accepted a tenure-track assistant professorship at John Carroll Univ. in Cleveland, OH, Fall 1995.

**Won Kim** accepted a lecturer position in the Department of Sociology at Beloit College, Beloit, WI, Fall 1995.

**Laura Miller** received a Post Doc at the John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, Harvard Univ., MA, Fall 1995.

**Mitchell Stevens** is teaching at St. Lawrence Univ. in NY, Fall 1995.

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