



## From the Chair ... *thank you for the opportunity to chair one of the best and unique sociology departments in the world.*

Nineteen Hundred Ninety-six was an unusually challenging year for the Department of Sociology. In my "From the Chair" column last year, I pointed out that we were losing some very important faculty members to retirements and to other universities. During the past year these losses have been deeply felt. Throughout the year we have had to function with approximately a third few faculty members than in the past. Moreover, our losses were concentrated within the most senior ranks of our faculty. Most organizations do well when circumstances are favorable and when they are able to function at full strength. Yet, the real character of an organization is most evident when it must face uncertainty and wrestle with unfavorable circumstances.

Over the past year the Sociology Department has proven that it has a stellar character. Its faculty, students and staff have made the necessary sacrifices required to move forward. As a result, we are still a top ranked department and important actions are underway to ensure that this remains true in the future. A great deal of energy has gone into faculty recruitment during the past year. We are pleased to announce that as of this writing three new faculty members will join us in the fall of 1997. They are professors Gary Fine, Vilna Bashi and Georgi Derlugian. Gary Fine is currently Professor of Sociology at the

University of Georgia. He is one of the leading senior qualitative sociologist in the nation. Vilna Bashi has just completed her Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of Wisconsin and is currently conducting research as a post doctoral fellow at the University of Pennsylvania. She specializes in the study of race and immigration. Georgi Derlugian received his Ph.D. from the State University of New York at Binghamton. He is currently a Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Michigan. Derlugian is a political sociologist with expertise in international relations. At Northwestern he will have a joint appointment in Sociology and the Center for International and

Comparative Studies. We welcome our new faculty.

There is more good news. Over the past year our faculty came together and made some remarkable decisions. Responding to support and challenges from the offices of the Dean, the Provost and President, our faculty searched the nation for the best senior faculty we would like to hire. In addition to Professor Fine, we have decided to make offers to four outstanding senior sociologists. If they decide to join us we will have one of the premier departments in the nation. Such offers require a great deal of resources. We are thankful that the

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## Jencks returns to Harvard--a great loss to the Department

A New York Times book reviewer called him "a national resource. Thoughtful and meticulous, whose striking ability to see past accepted truths and ask uncomfortable questions left an indelible mark on social policy research during his 17 years at Northwestern."

This fall Christopher "Sandy" Jencks relinquished his John D. MacArthur Chair in Sociology to return to Harvard as professor of public policy at the Kennedy School of Government. Jencks, who taught at Harvard from

1967 to 1979, joins William Julius Wilson from the University of Chicago, among others recruited by Harvard to bolster its impact on national social policy.

Ironically, Jencks and Wilson departed the crest of their success at NU where they were instrumental in winning a \$7.5 million grant to establish the joint Center for Poverty Research. During his long tenure at Northwestern, Jencks solidified his reputation as one of the

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## Welcome...

Professor Mary E. Vogel (Ph.D. Harvard, 1988) is a visiting scholar and lecturer for the 1996-97 academic year. Professor Vogel is a comparative/historical sociologist specializing in 19th century politics and law. She comes to us from the Sociology Department at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

She has received grants and fellowships from the Mark deWolfe Howe Fund at Harvard Law School, the American Philosophical Society, the Nuala McGarr

Drescher Fund and the Bunting Institute at Harvard University. Her earlier work on plea bargaining won an American Society of Criminology prize. Mary is also a visiting scholar at the American Bar Foundation. It was her invitation to the American Bar Foundation that initially drew her to Chicago though she has particularly enjoyed the chance to meet colleagues and renew acquaintances at Northwestern University.

## Faculty Travels Around the World

Karl Monsma received a Fulbright American Republics Research Fellowship. His primary activity was research on labor relations on ranches in southern Brazil during the 19th century. This is part of a comparative project about the influence

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of law on everyday relations of power in frontier areas of Argentina and Brazil. He is focusing on relations among ranch owners, managers, free workers, and slaves in comparable areas of the two countries.

To do the research, Monsma had to gain access to archives that had been off limits to professional historians since the late 50s or early 60's because local elites thought they would write the "wrong" version of history. Once he talked his way in, the director of the library holding the archives had to open them to the local academic community as well to avoid appearing to favor foreigners.

Spring of 1996 found Charles Moskos in Australia and Asia. In Australia, Moskos was a keynote speaker for a conference on armed forces and society in Southeast Asia.

Following Australia, he went to Indonesia where he was a guest of the American embassy and met with senior Indonesian military officers. From there, he went to Shanghai, China where he was hosted by Wen-lung

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Chang, a 1971 Ph.D. in our department. Moskos then traveled to Beijing where he talked with leaders of the People's Liberation Army to discuss changes in the Chinese military.

Bosnia was his next stop where he interviewed American soldiers in the NATO force.

The last stop was in Berlin where Moskos was a keynote speaker at a conference on civil-military relations in former communist countries.




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James Witte was a visiting scholar at the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW) in Berlin. The DIW is a leading policy research center and is the central site for the German Socio-Economic Panel (GSOEP).

The GSOEP began (1984) by interviewing approximately 12,000 adult members of a nationally representative sample of households. The survey content covers a variety of topics with particular emphasis on labor market, income, demographic events, political attitudes and personal satisfaction. In 1990, 2,000 former German households were added to the panel making the GSOEP a unique source of data on the changing behavior of individuals in a time of large-scale social change.

### Three new books on the shelves this year

**Bruce Carruthers:** City of Capital: Politics and Markets in the English Financial Revolution (Princeton University, 1996)

**Charles Moskos with John Sibley Butler:** All That You Can Be: Black Leadership and Radical Integration the Army Way (Basic Books, 1996).

**Allan Schnaiberg with Kenneth A. Gould and Adam S. Womberg:** Local Environmental Struggles: Citizen Activism in the Treadmill of Production (Cambridge University Press, 1996)

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nation's most respected and sought after expert on economic hardship, social welfare, and social class structure.

Jencks' early reputation was built on analyses of higher education, racial inequality, and measures of success in such works as *The Academic Revolution*, *Inequality*, and *Who Gets Ahead*. Three recent books, *The Urban Underclass* (1991), *Rethinking Social Policy* (1992) and *The Homeless* (1994), and a series of long scholarly articles, have given him a national voice on social policy issues. Jencks says it was very difficult to leave a place with so much collegiality and freedom to do his research. His colleagues, in turn, will clearly miss his insightful critiques and fresh viewpoints.

## Promotions

Nicola (Nicki) Beisel and Bruce Carruthers were promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor with Tenure.

Nicki Beisel arrived at Northwestern in 1990 from the University of Michigan. Her main areas of interest include cultural sociology, sex and gender, comparative sociology, and macro-sociology.

She is the author of *Imperiled Innocents*, (Princeton University, 1996) a book which examines 19th century censorship movements, and she is working on a study of how abortion became illegal in the 19th century. Her current interests include the role of ethnicity and class in constructions of gender, and racial and gender ideologies in constructions of contemporary political issues such as capital punishment and assisted suicide.

Bruce Carruthers came to Northwestern in 1990 from the University of Chicago. His main areas of interest include comparative sociology, macro-sociology, economy and society and political sociology.

Carruthers recently authored a book titled, *City of Capital: Politics and Markets in the English Financial Revolution*, (Princeton University, 1996). Currently he is coauthoring a book on the politics of bankruptcy law in the U.S. and U.K. Carruthers' current research projects include double-entry bookkeeping as a form of rhetoric; the relationship between political parties and public finance in early 18th century England; the relationship between states and markets in the revision of American and British bankruptcy laws, and the tax systems of American states in the 1930's.

## Special Recognition to our Professors and ...

Nicola Beisel was elected to chair the Sociology of Culture section of the American Sociological Association. It will begin in August 1997.

Bruce Carruthers took on the role of Consulting Editor to the *American Journal of Sociology* this year and is looking forward to contributing to this publication.

Charles Moskos was selected as the S.L.A. Marshall Research Chair at the U.S. Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences during the academic year of 1995-96.

## Acknowledgments

Nicola Beisel was on the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Honor Roll for the 1995-96 academic year which was presented by the Academic Committee of the Associated Student Government.

Charles Moskos received the prestigious College of Arts and Sciences' Harold H. and Virginia Anderson Professor Award in recognition of outstanding undergraduate teaching.

## COLLOQUIA SPEAKERS PRESENTED A WIDE-RANGE OF SOCIAL TOPICS

### **Vilna Bashi**

University of Wisconsin-Madison,  
"Survival of the Knitted: The Social  
Networks of West Indian Immigrants"

### **Benjamin Campbell**

Northwestern University, "Biosocial  
Models of Adolescent Sexual Behavior:  
Zimbabwe and the U.S."

### **John Campbell**

Harvard University, "Busted Budgets:  
Fiscal Reform in Post Communist Poland,  
Hungary and Czechoslovakia"

### **Frank Dobbin**

Princeton University, "The Rights  
Revolution and the Invention of Human  
Resource Management"

### **Gary Fine**

University of Georgia, "Reputational  
Entrepreneurs and the Memory of  
Incompetence: How Warren Harding  
Became the Worst American President"

### **Neil Fligstein**

University of California, Berkeley,  
"Markets as Politics"

### **Nancy Fraser**

The New School for Social Research,  
"Redistribution or Recognition? Dilemmas  
of Justice in a 'Post-Socialist' Age"

### **Kathleen Gerson**

New York University, "Moral Dilemmas  
of the Gender Revolution"

### **Wendy Griswold**

University of Chicago, "Stories  
for Generals"

### **David Grusky**

Stanford University,  
"Are Class Models Salvageable?"

### **Sidney Halpern**

University of Illinois at Chicago,  
"Organizational Risk and Research Ethics"

### **Lester Kurtz**

University of Texas-Austin, "Gandhi's  
Paradox, Realism and the Sociological  
Imagination"

### **Susan Mayer**

Harris School of Public Policy Studies,  
"How Parents' Income Influences  
Children's Outcomes"

### **Doug McAdam**

University of Arizona, "Toward a Broader,  
More Comparative Understanding of  
Contentious Politics"

### **Connie McNeely**

University of California, Santa Barbara,  
"Human Rights, Democracy, and  
Education: Discursive Categories and  
International Organizational Careers"

### **Stuart Michaels**

National Health and Social Life Survey,  
NORC, "Queer Counts: The Sociological  
Construction of Homosexuality via Survey  
Research"

### **Christena Nippert-Eng**

Illinois Institute of Technology,  
"Embracing Rembrandt: Theory,  
Ethnography, and Sociological Writing"

### **William Ocasio**

Northwestern University, "Boards as  
Normative Arenas: The Routines of  
Corporate Governance"

### **Simonetta Piccone-Stella**

University of Rome, "Youth, Drugs and  
Rehabilitation in Italy"

### **Jill Quadagno**

Florida State University, "Race and the  
American Welfare State"

### **Francisco Ramirez**

Stanford University, "The Political  
Incorporation of Women: A Comparative  
Institutional Perspective"

### **Leslie Sabinger**

University of California, Berkeley,  
"Engendering Work: Labor Control in  
Four Mexican Export Processing Factories"

### **Robin Stryker**

University of Iowa, "Beyond History  
versus Theory: Strategic Narrative and  
Sociological Explanation"

### **Marta Tienda**

University of Chicago, "Race and Ethnic  
Variation in the School to Work Transition"

### **Mia Tuan**

University of California, Los Angeles,  
"Forever Foreign" or "Honorary White?"  
Ethnic Salience and Multigeneration Asian  
Ethnics"

### **Marc Ventresca**

Northwestern University, "Counting  
States: International Attention and  
Organization in the Making of the Modern  
Census"

Our Thursday brown bag Colloquia Series is well known around the country for its distinguished speakers.

## In 1926, the newly created Department of Sociology had its first departmental chair

Professor Arthur J. Todd became the first Chair of the Department of Sociology in 1926. At the time of his retirement in 1943, the Department had grown to be one of the largest at the University.

Todd served as consultant for several government agencies, he was an arbitrator for labor disputes in the 1940s, and Vice President of the American Sociological Society. His primary field of interest was in public administration. He was best known for his participation in

the Community Chest, a survey of New York City's financing of social work agencies, and in the Chicago Recreation Commission in the late 1930s. From this time onwards he devoted himself to understanding the recreational needs of cities. Dismayed by his discovery that a large percentage of Chicagoans spent their "fun budget" on gambling and liquor, he created the Leisure Foundation in 1941 as a way to provide wholesome recreation for the working people.

## The Continuing Comer School Development Program by Audrey Chambers

A group headed by Thomas Cook at the Institute for Policy Research Program (IPR) will synthesize data from four geographically dispersed school districts as the next step in its long-term evaluation of the Comer School Development Program. The Rockefeller Foundation has awarded Cook a two-year grant to evaluate the schools' success in implementing the reform program and its effect on school climate and student performance.

The Comer program is an innovative school-based management strategy designed to foster learning by improving the social climate within a school. It tries to build a sense of community by encouraging parents, teachers, principals, and support staff to collaborate on academic planning

and to take an active role in school activities and problem-solving. The program was developed by James Comer of Yale and first implemented in two New Haven K-8 schools in 1968.

Two of the four datasets in Cook's meta-analysis will be drawn from 23 middle schools in Prince George's County, Maryland, and 20 K-8 schools in Chicago.

Cook is directing the Maryland study and, together with Charles Payne (IPR-African-American Studies) and Diana Slaughter-Defoe (IPR-Education), is overseeing the work in Chicago.

The other sites are in New Orleans and Cleveland where ABT Associates is collecting data from surveys of seven Comer schools and seven control

schools. New Orleans and Cleveland State Universities are implementing the programs in their respective cities. Cook may draw additional data from Washington, D.C., and Detroit schools.

None of these studies, taken individually, has enough schools to provide a sensitive test of what happens in a Comer school, according to Cook. But taken collectively, he says, "they should be more than enough for us to be able to analyze the district and school features associated with better implementation and to learn the conditions under which the Comer program is more or less effective." Graduate students William Corrin and Robert Murphy, and post doctoral fellow David Hunt, are assisting in the data analysis.

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Dean's Office, as well as Central Administration, have expressed a great deal of confidence in us and backed that confidence with precious resources. We hope that at this time next year we will be able to report that all of our recruitment efforts were successful. One thing we are sure about is that we will continue our recruitment efforts until they bear the kind of fruit that will enable this Department to fulfill its mission of excellence in scholarship and teaching well into the new Millennium.

A crucial way in which a department ensures its future is to successfully promote and tenure young assistant professors who excel in scholarship and teaching. I am extremely pleased to inform you that Nicola (Nicki) Beisel and Bruce Carruthers were

promoted during the past year from assistant professors to associate professors with tenure. Beisel and Carruthers are top notch scholars and teachers. They both have new books published by Princeton University Press (see **Promotions** on page 3). Carruthers is the new Graduate Director for the Department. He succeeds Robert Nelson who did a superb job as Graduate Director for the last four years. The Department is proud of the achievements of Beisel and Carruthers. We congratulate them and look forward to the contributions they will make in the future.

Alumni support has been especially helpful over the last year. A number of you have made financial contributions and many others have communicated your ideas and support. We thank you

for all your efforts and ask that you continue to keep us in mind. Your participation is valuable.

Finally, this is my last year as Chair. At the end of this academic year I will have served five years as Chair. It has been a privilege and a very rewarding experience. I am especially grateful for the support I received from my colleagues, students, the Dean, Central Administration and the departmental staff. Your understanding, work, and support made the job special. I am confident that the next chair will do an excellent job in leading this Department into the new century. I wish that chair all the best.

Once again, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to chair one of the best and unique sociology departments in the world.

## The Death and Diffusion of Sociology by Albert Hunter

Auguste Comte, the nineteenth century founder of modern sociology, had a vision of the discipline as the Queen of the social sciences integrating and synthesizing the more specific foci of its sister disciplines. More recently, critics, among whose numbers are a good many sociologists themselves, have more often berated the field for its lack of cohesion, its disarray and its loss of mission. Some have gone so far as to suggest that Alvin Gouldner's proclaimed "crisis of sociology" will soon result in the demise of the discipline. I would like to suggest an alternative interpretation, but one which is closer to Comte's vision. An interpretation which, if the discipline's death is to be pronounced, respectfully requests that it be recorded as "death by diffusion." In short, I declare that sociology has won the sometimes competitive battles between disciplines institutionalized in different departments, schools, and colleges.

What were previously departments of psychology now have strong programs of social psychology, departments of government have become departments of political science, and anthropology, history, and economics now emphasize

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*"Sociology is not dead, it just appears less unique because everyone is doing it."*

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contemporary social anthropology, social history, and social economics, respectively. The professional law schools, medical schools, and business schools have sociology departments and courses embedded in their curricula and count sociologists among their faculties. It is not that sociology has lost its mission, but rather the permeable boundaries between disciplines have allowed sociological concepts, methods, and

practitioners to diffuse into related units and to redefine their missions as sociological ones.

Such diffusion is a healthy sign for the intellectual growth of ideas, and is closely parallel to Donald Campbell's evolutionary "fishscale model" of epistemological development. The Sociology Department at NU is therefore happy to note its contribution to a number of critical linkages which it has with other disciplines, schools, colleges and institutes -- some institutionalized into specific interdisciplinary programs. These institutionalized linkages bode well for the discipline of sociology and for the larger realm of ideas. However, it is important to note that they are but the structural form of the personal interaction and exchange of ideas that occur among those who not only tolerate but champion all comers committed to the honest development of ideas.

### Small representation of our Department's interdisciplinaries

#### Program in Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences

The Program in Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences (MMSS) enables students to combine the study of social sciences with training in mathematics, statistics, and computer techniques.

Last spring, James Witte began teaching a redesigned version of Math C92-3 for MMSS students. The fundamental premise of the course is that an understanding of dynamic social processes requires data over time, rather than simply describing statistic outcomes. Students are working with two well known longitudinal data sets, the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) and the

German Socio-Economic Panel (GSOEP).

Witte uses these data sets (as well as the Department of Education's *High School and Beyond*, a longitudinal study of the high school class of 1982) in his own research. Last year he started a new research project that is part of an ongoing evaluation of a drug prevention program run at eleven Chicago public schools with 1,000 fourth graders at some of Chicago's most troubled inner-city schools.

#### Department of Organization Behavior

The joint doctoral Program in the Departments of Sociology and Organization Behavior (OB-J.L.

Kellogg Graduate School of Management) combines Sociology's emphases on social organizations, inequality, and comparative historical studies with OB's focus on complex organizations. The program is designed for students who want to gain a disciplinary base in sociology while focusing their doctoral research on organizations and their environments. The advantages of this training is that it allows the competencies of both programs to be formally coupled, and it provides students with an expanded choice of career and research options in professional schools and schools of art and sciences. Bruce Carruthers and Carol Heimer are most closely affiliated with the doctoral program.

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## ALUMNI NEWS

**Harold S. Jacoby** (1932, M.A.) has written a book titled "Tule Lake: From Relocation to Segregation" (Comstock Bonanza Press). His goal was to provide the public with an understanding of what took place at the relocation centers for Japanese Americans during World War II.

**Helena Samuel Medoff** (1937) hopes to return next year for her 60th Class Reunion. She has been working as a family and adoption social worker and a synagogue administrator for fifteen years.

**Astrid Aronson Monson** (1937, M.A.). Her 45 years of work in urban research and city planning have taken her to Detroit, New York City, Seattle, Nairobi, and Taipei. Since her retirement, she has been Chair of City Planning and Zoning in Honolulu.

**Louise Enstrom Daily** (1938) has been married to Joe Daily, from the class of 1936, for 56 years. They reside in Florida.

**Marie Klopsteg Graffis** (1939) worked with many professionals regarding Ushers Syndrome-Retinitis Pigmentosa. All three of her adult children cope with this disability. She has recently published "The Sociology of Disabilities."

**Helen R. Skolnik Zeman** (1942) worked in the Social Service Dept. of Cook County Hospital, Chicago, IL. (1942-43). She had traveled extensively, accompanying her husband around the world on his lectures. He was a surgeon and a professor at the Univ. of Illinois and passed away two years ago.

**Barbara Moss Herjanic** (1943) worked in Kalamazoo, MI for two years doing social group work at a community center. She received an M.D. at the University of Michigan in 1950 specializing in child psychiatry

and eventually retired in 1984.

**Mirabel Hansen Deming** (1946) applies her general sociology education while actively participating in her community. She organized and directed a county-wide Meals on Wheels program, worked in anti-hunger political advocacy, participated with education on the United Nations, and family organizations.

**Seymour J. Adler** (1952) is currently the Dir. for the Kenosha County Department of Human Services. He and his spouse of 38 years, along with their three daughters have all earned their M.A. in Social Work.

**Claire W. Gilbert** (1966, Ph.D.) has been the publisher of *Blazing Turtles* since 1991. This is a monthly publication concerning the impacts of pollution on health, weather, ecosystems.

**Dottie Jacobson Miller** (1967) is currently a private practice psychotherapist in Santa Cruz, CA. She is a community activist for city planning for drainage, traffic, environmental and population density impact considerations.

**Judith Lee Stone** (1967) has been living in Washington, D.C. since graduation. She is President of the Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, a coalition of consumer and insurance organizations that lobbies for public policy change.

**Steven Olswang** (1968) earned his Ph.D. in Higher Education in 1977 from the University of Washington. He is currently a professor in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at the University of Washington.

**George A. Kourvetaris** (1969, Ph.D.) is the founder of the *Journal of Political and Military Sociology* and

has recently published the books *Social Thought*, 1994 and *Impact of European Integration* (1996).

**Steve Wilson** (1970) has been the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for CF Industries, Inc., in Long Grove, IL. since 1991.

**Diana Hall** (1971) earned her M.A. of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University, LA. in 1996. She is now Senior Attorney and specializes in employment law at The Williams Companies in Tulsa, OK.

**Susan Kessler** (1971) is currently a writer in the Los Angeles, CA.

**James P. Pitts** (1971, Ph.D.) has recently begun a new position as Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs at the University of N.C. at Asheville.

**William Steger** (1972) is now the Sr. Pastor at the First Baptist Church of Momence, IL.

**William L. Jarocki** (1975) recently received one of Vice President Gore's National Performance Review "Hammer" Awards which is in recognition of "contributions to building a government that works better and costs less." He received the award for his role as project director in reinventing regulatory compliance requirements for rural communities that face multiple federal and state environmental protection mandates in Idaho.

**Natasha Matza** (1976) is working as a team leader for the Illinois Dept. of Public Aid.

**Frank R. "Chip" Wood** (1982, Ph.D.) is currently an independent management consultant for organizations in both the public and the private sector. His past positions include Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of National Strategic Studies, Director of Executive Leadership Development for Senior

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Executives in the Federal Government, Internal DOD Consultant, and Associate Professor at the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has also written several publications, including "The Military: More Than Just a Job?" (Pergamon-Brassey, 1988).

**John Mahady** (1982) is a Chicago cabaret performer working at the Royal George Theatre and the Toulouse Cognac Bar on the Park. He also has a baking venture, "Vincent Van Dough."

**Kent Willis** (1991) is an underwriter in General Star Management Company, and is attending Georgia State University Law School.

**David K. Brown** (1993, Ph.D.) is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin in Eau

Claire. He has published a book, *Degrees of Control: A Sociology of Educational Expansion and Occupational Credentialism* (Teachers College Press, 1995).

**Kari W. Davis** (1993) is currently a Development Research Associate at the American Museum of Natural History in Manhattan, NY.

**Lisa R. Avalos-Bock** (1995, Ph.D.) Has taken an Assistant Professor of Sociology Position at Grinnell College.

**Swati Gunale** (1995) is working as a Job Developer with Seguin Services in Chicago, IL. Seguin is an agency that serves adults with developmental disabilities.

**Amy L. Olson** (1995) is now a graduate student working toward an M.A. with the Committee on International Relations at the University of Chicago, IL.

## Alumni Gifts Received

The Department wishes to thank friends and alumni's **Derek F. Greenfield, Tyler Stevens, and Martha Winch** for their donations to Sociology.

The contributions will help us accomplish our mission of teaching and research. 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 contribution to NUSociology, 1810 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60208-1330*

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## J.D./PH.D. Program

Northwestern has long been a leading center for the interdisciplinary study of law and society. Several current faculty are doing research that touches on law including **Bruce Carruthers, Wendy Espeland, Carol Heimer, Karl Monsma, and Arthur Stinchcombe**. Some faculty members hold joint appointments at the American Bar Foundation (ABF). ABF has a staff of twenty and a research budget of more than \$3 million a year. It is housed next to the Law School on the downtown campus. Several sociology graduate students hold fellowships or research assistantships at ABF. One of the components of interdisciplinary work is the J.D./Ph.D. program, which currently is directed by **Robert Nelson**. Students in the program pursue both a J.D. and Ph.D. in

sociology. Graduates of the dual program have gone on to teaching and research positions.

## CICS

In the fall of 1994, the Center for International and Comparative Studies (CICS) was created as the campus center for research and information on international affairs. It was established to coordinate university-wide research and scholarship programs as well as to disseminate information and resources throughout the Chicago area. One of the grants included a three-year grant from the Ford Foundation. It was awarded to **Charles Ragin, Jane Guyer** (African Studies) and **James Schwoch** (CICS) to administer the Critical Methodologies Seminars in conjunction with the Program of African Studies. These seminars provide a forum for faculty and graduate students to explore methodological issues in international,

comparative, and area studies. Northwestern is one of twenty research universities nationwide selected by the Ford Foundation for this award. The Foundation's goal is to enrich graduate training in international and comparative research at universities with strong international programs.

*There would be no social sciences if there were not perplexities in living in culture that call for solution. And it is precisely the role of the social sciences to be troublesome, to disconcert the habitual arrangements by which we manage to live along and to demonstrate the possibility of change in more adequate directions.*

Robert S. Lynd



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# Graduate Student News

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## Diversity for 1996 Cohort

Applicants for the fall of 1995 again numbered over two-hundred. Our graduate recruitment efforts are part of an endeavor to enhance the national visibility of the Department.

Tom Cook, Chair of Graduate Recruitment for 1995-96, speculates that the high pool of applicants was due to the Department's growing reputation: "Our most recent rating from the National Research Council was 9th in Graduate Education, moving up from 22nd in 1983. According to *U.S. News and World Report* we moved up from 10th in the country to 8th this year. We believe these are understatements. Moreover, we are the smallest department within this top-ranked national set."

The Department continues to aggressively pursue qualified

minority and mature students to broaden the intellectual diversity in inequality, comparative-historical, and conventional programs. In Fall of 1995, we received far more applications from mature students who had been successful in their postgraduate careers, but who were freely choosing a more rewarding career in sociology.

The following students are members of the 1996 cohort: Barry Cohen, Massachusetts Institution of Technology; Lisa James, University of Illinois-Urbana; Peter Levin, University of Southern California; Alison Nixon, Princeton University; Mathew Reed, Wesleyan University; Nikki Stewart, Spelman College; Raymond Westbrook, Columbia University; and Nicole Markwald, Visiting Graduate Student from Freie University, Berlin, Germany.

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## Preparing Future Faculty

"Teaching is at least as important a mission as a scholarship," James Brennan, Dean of Loyola's Graduate School.

In the last academic year, Mark Ellis a Sociology Graduate Student was the project coordinator of the Preparing Future Faculty program (PFF). This is a two-year experiment at five clusters of U.S. colleges and universities in the Midwestern states led by Northwestern and Loyola University. It was set up because of the need

for doctoral students to learn the "how to" of academic teaching. The Department's participants and the academic school they had taught at for the 1995-96 year was: Lisa Amoroso and Lori Waite, Northeastern Illinois University; Neeraja Aravamuden, Oakton Community College; Michael Sacks Chicago State University; Michelle VanNatta Lake Forest College; and Celia Berdes was a workshop participant.

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## Winch Award Presented to Thirteen Grads

The fifth annual Robert F. Winch Memorial Awards for outstanding graduate student papers and outstanding teaching were presented September 1996.

In the category of outstanding second year paper Michelle Van Natta won the first prize and Gibb Pritchard received an honorable mention award.

Special recognition to Regina Deil who received an honorable mention

award 1994-95.

In the category of outstanding published paper Judith Levine and Ira Silver won first place and Brian Donovan received an honorable mention award.

In the category of outstanding teaching assistant Neeraja Aravamudan and Vensive Lamb won first place and Lori Waite received an honorable mention award.

In the category of outstanding lecturer Michelle Landis and David Pellow won first place and Elizabeth Clifford, Angela Irvine, and Brett Stockdill received an honorable mention award.

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 Department from 1948-77.

## Grads endeavors

### Publications ...

Sarah Babb with Bruce Carruthers, "The Color of Money and the Nature of Value: Greenbacks in Postbellum America," *American Journal of Sociology*, Summer 1996.

Celia Berdes, "The Quality of Life of Polish Immigrant and Polish American Ethnic Elderly" (with Adam Zych), *Polish American Studies*, Spring 1996.

Fernando Filgueira, "A Century of Social Welfare in Uruguay: Growth to limits of the Uruguayan Social State," *Democracy and Social Policy Series*, Spring 1995.

Kathleen E. Hull with Stephen M. Shortell, "The New Organization of the Health Care Delivery System" in *Strategic Choices for a Changing Health Care System*, 1996

Christopher Wellin, "Life at Lake Home: An Ethnographic Performance in Six Voices; An Essay on Method, in Century," *Qualitative Sociology*, Winter 1996.

### Fellowships ...

Abigail Koch--National Science Foundation Fellowship.

Judith A. Levine--Alumnae Fellowship for the 1996-1997 academic year.

Mary D. Lopez--National Multiple Sclerosis Society Dissertation Fellowship.

William Stevens-- Social Science Research Council International Predissertation Fellowship.

### Special Recognition ...

Christopher Wellin was one of the principal organizers for *Critical Methods in the Study of Culture* conference at Northwestern in October 1995. It was supported by a grant from the Ford Foundation (see Center... on page 8). The discussants were Howard S. Becker (Sociology, University of Washington) and Dwight Conquergood (Speech Performance Studies, NU). The conference consisted of graduates' research on culture covering an array of research styles across the social sciences and humanities.

### ASA Presentations and ...

The Department was represented by the following graduate students at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in New York: Amy Binder, Elizabeth Clifford, Regina Deil, Mark Ellis, Brian Gran, Judith Levine, Elizabeth Lock, Mary Lopez, Michael Lounsbury, Lisa Park, David Pellow, Meredith Phillips, David Shulman, Ira Silver and Xiaoli Yin.

### ...Worldwide Presentations

Sarah Gatson--International Law and Society Conference, University of Strathclyde, Scotland. Kathleen Hull--International Sociology Association, Peyresq, France. Fernando Filgueira --Latin American Sociological Association Congress. Eric Petersen--Mephistos Conference, University of Toronto, Canada. Elizabeth Clifford and Bridgitte Stanley--Midwest Sociological Society Meeting, Chicago, IL. Elizabeth Clifford and Brian Donovan--Social Science History, New Orleans, LA.

### Second Karpf Peace Prize

Lori Waite received the "Karpf Peace Prize," which was awarded by the College of Arts and Sciences. The prize is in recognition of Waite's work on how Martin Luther King, Jr. and the nonviolent civil rights movement of the 1960s worked in northern cities--especially Chicago--to achieve racial equality through the use of peaceful protesting.

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."

### *Visiting Scholar from Brazil*

María da Glória Bonelli is an Associate Professor with the Department of Social Sciences at the Universidade Federal de São Carlos in São Paulo State of Brazil. She is working on a project concerning professions in the legal world: "I plan to write a book comparing the Brazilian and American legal worlds, focusing on the relationship between the legal profession and the state in these countries."

# Undergraduate Update

## Senior Thesis Award

Fourteen students were awarded the Department of Sociology's Senior Thesis with Distinction Award. Recipients were Sarah Agne, Caroline Berman, Michelle Ekanemesang, Brian Fletcher, Kyu Hahn, Adam Kay, Kristin Keller, Andrew Knight, Pearl O'Rourke, Yvette Pettee, Peter Schaefer, Pamela Sfikas, Joseph Thiags, and Justin Vujevich. This award is based on the students' creative ability, argument of persuasion and systematic way of doing research.

## Departmental Honors

Departmental Honors were awarded to eight sociology majors at the June Convocation. The recipients were Caroline Berman, Michelle Ekanemesang, Brian Fletcher, Kyu Hahn, Kristin Keller, Andrew Knight, Pamela Sfikas, and Justin Vujevich. The College of Arts and Sciences College Committee on Superior Students and Honors reviews students' grade point averages, senior research theses, and faculty recommendations to decide which students are awarded Departmental Honors. Honors are awarded for students who showed outstanding scholarship in their major course of study.

## Exum Awards Presented

There were two First Place winners: Michelle T. Garcia for her paper titled "The Latino Student Movement at the University of IL-Urbana-Champaign and the Chicago Student Movement: A comparison of Motivation, Goals, and Tactics" and Kimberly L. Johnson for her paper titled "(De)Constructing AIDS: The Continued Devaluation of Black Female Bodies." Honorable Mentions were awarded to Brooke Dombek, Heather Ladner, and Heather Leiran for their paper titled "The Asian-American Studies Game" and Jimmie L. Sanders for his paper titled "A Sea of Blackness: An Analysis of the Million Man March."

## Senior Linkage Seminar

As the name implies, the C94 Senior Linkage Seminars are designed to "link" students with instructors who have non-academic experience. Thus, it gives students a chance to see how academic theories and concepts are instituted in the business world.

In the Fall Quarter, Donald Brown, J.D., taught a course titled "The Law and Civil Rights." Brown is a practicing attorney with training and interests in sociology.

For the Winter Quarter, Dr. Isidro Lucas taught "Civil Rights and Social Policies." Lucas is currently Director of the Office for Hispanic Programs, and Coordinator of Special Projects for the President at Chicago State University.

During the Spring Quarter, Lawrence Ouellet taught a course titled "Illicit Drug Use, Poverty and AIDS in Chicago." Ouellet is the Senior Research Specialist with the AIDS Outreach Intervention Project at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

## CIC SROP

In the summer of 1996, Michele T. Garcia and Deanna Burrell participated in the Committee on Institutional Cooperation Summer Research Opportunities Program (CIC SROP).

Michele studied Mujeres in Accion, an organization devoted to improving the lives of Chicanos. Her work focused on how the women at Mujeres constructed the meaning of "feminism" in their lives and as an organizational goal, in particular, on how women

simultaneously negotiated ethnic and gender identities and concerns. Professor, Nicola Beisel, served as Garcia's mentor.

Deanna's research focused on the amount and type of media coverage of underclass issues by *Time* magazine and the economy of the United States. These issues have shifted through the years, from a war on poverty to our present day war on welfare. Professor, Bernard Beck, served as her mentor.

## Ph.D.s Awarded

The most recent Ph.D. graduates authored the following dissertations:

**Karen B. Haskin:** "Implementing Democracy in Hostile Organizations: An Ethnography in Inner City Schools."

**James V. Fenelon:** "Culturicide, Resistance, Survival: The Cultural Domination of Lacota Oyate."

**David J. Maurrasse:** "Revolutionary Enough: Black Power and State Repression."

**Laura L. Miller:** "Soldiers Managing Conflict in the U.S. Army."

**Brett C. Stockdill:** "Multiple Oppressions and Their Influence on Collective Action: The Case of the AIDS Movement."

**Abraham Untermeyer:** "Constructing Deaf Behavior."

### SPECIAL DELIVERY

**Angela Irvine and Shawn McMurray** had a baby boy, Adrian Dalton, May 1996.

**Shay Gregory and Timothy Koponen** had a baby girl, Casey Petra Gregonen, August 1996.

**Debra Schleef and David Rhodes** had a baby boy Eric James, December 1995.

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## Graduate Placement

**Mark Ellis**--Assistant Professor, William Paterson College, Wayne, NJ.

**David Harris**--Assistant Professor, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

**Kevin D. Hensen**--Visiting Assistant Professor, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME.

**Htoshi Kawano**--Lecturer, Japanese National Defense Academy, Yokosuka, Japan.

**Carolee Larson**--Assistant Professor, Millsaps College, Jackson, MS.

**David Maurrasse**--Assistant Professor, Yale University, New Haven, CT.

**Laura Miller**--Assistant Professor, University of California-Los Angeles.

**Mitchell Stevens**--Visiting Lecturer, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY.

**Brett Stockdill**--Post Doctorate, University of California-Los Angeles.

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