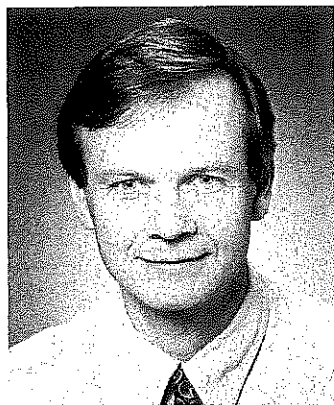


The Chair's Page ... the Northwestern difference



Greetings to students, alumni, old friends. As I write my first words "from the chair," sitting in the same room where I had my Ph.D. defense before Ackie Feldman and Howie Becker, I must admit it feels a bit strange. I grew up at Northwestern University, both as an undergraduate and a graduate student and was away only a few years before I began an academic position here. Lacking the "outsider's" perspective, perhaps it has taken longer for me to recognize the special character of Northwestern Sociology. It has become increasingly clear to me, in an era of specialization and segmentation in sociology, that Northwestern remains unique as a department committed to intellectually creative approaches to the study of social phenomena from a variety of methodological perspectives. While we are "different," we are not marginal to the discipline. We continue to confront questions about inequality and social change that are at the core of sociology. And in no small way we define the cutting edge of new theoretical and methodological approaches in sociology. Another important part of the Northwestern

difference is our commitment to each other--as colleagues, teachers, and students. We encourage debate, but acknowledge the contributions that different perspectives bring to social inquiry. We continue the Northwestern tradition of valuing diversity by recruiting faculty and graduate students from a wide range of social backgrounds. Such diversity is a source of new insights into society, as faculty and students are challenged to think deeply about taken-for-granted aspects of the social world. It is this combination of creativity, collegiality, diversity, and critical analysis that sets Northwestern Sociology apart, and makes us the envy of many of our counterparts in the discipline.

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These are exciting times in the Department and in the University. As the following pages describe, we welcome four new faculty members. Two are established figures in sociology--Gary Fine and Wendy Griswold. Their addition makes Northwestern one of the leading departments in cultural sociology. Two are junior scholars of enormous promise--Vilna Bashi, who received her doctorate from Wisconsin and who studies immigration and race, and Georgi Derluguian, who holds a doctorate in history from Moscow State University and a doctorate in

sociology from S.U.N.Y.-Binghamton and who studies revolution and societal collapse. Also new in the Department is a superb cohort of entering graduate students. As these new faculty and students join the Department, we are aggressively recruiting additional senior and junior faculty members. We are delighted to report that one of our assistant professors, Wendy Espeland, already was approved for promotion to associate professor with tenure beginning in the Fall of 1998. Carol Heimer and I were promoted to full professor last year. Carol avoided becoming the next chair by taking a fellowship in Australia. And here I am taking a stab at sociological sermonizing. Our recent crop of Ph.D.s is bringing great credit to the Department, as they rack up job offers from research universities and high quality teaching colleges.

In the University more broadly, we find ourselves in the midst of a major effort to solidify and raise the calibre of the institution. Part of these efforts involve the restructuring of graduate education and the expansion of innovative programs in undergraduate teaching and advising. The Department of Sociology figures prominently in these plans. As the Department moves to take advantage of these opportunities, we do so with a sense of purpose -- that we offer something unique to the discipline, the University, and society.

In closing, I want to express gratitude to Aldon Morris for five years of arduous labor as chair. Aldon worked hard to keep Northwestern Sociology a special place. I endeavor to do so as well.

Distinguished Recognition for Our Faculty Members

Thomas Cook, professor in the Department of Sociology and the Institute for Policy Research, recently achieved three important professional distinctions.

The American Psychological Association's Division of Evaluation, Measurement, and Statistics presented him with the 1997 Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award. He was invited to give the keynote address to the American Sociological Association's Methodology Section in Toronto. And, he was one of two speakers at the Fifth Congress on Methodology in the Social Sciences in Seville, Spain.

The American Sociological Association presented the 1997 Award for Public Understanding of Sociology to **Charles Moskos**. He was honored as the first recipient for this prestigious award which was created to acknowledge a sociologist whose scholarship has shown how sociology can enhance the public understanding of social issues. Moskos has emerged as a public figure because of the debate on the appropriateness of openly gay men and lesbians serving in the military, and because of his role in drafting the "compromise" policy known as "don't ask, don't tell."

Moskos also received the Washington Monthly Political Book Award for 1996 and the National Education Leadership Award for 1996 given by the James and Gigi Todd Foundation, Inc. of San Francisco. The Todd Foundation is dedicated to improving educational opportunities for deprived youth, principally African-Americans, in the San Francisco Bay area. John Sibley Butler was the co-recipient (Ph.D. 1974). The awards were for Moskos and Butler's All That We Can Be: Black Leadership and Racial Integration the Army Way, (Basic Books, 1996).

Arthur Stinchcombe (Emeritus) received an American Sociological Association Sociology of Law Section award for "Lustration as a Problem of the Social Basis of Constitutionalism," *Law & Social Inquiry*: 20, 1995.

Chairs of Sociology

Kimball Young, 1948-59
Raymond Mack, 1959-67
Robert Winch, 1967-70
Charles Moskos, 1970-73
John Kitsuse, 1973-74
Charles Moskos, 1974-76

Allan Schnaiberg, 1976-79
Arnold Feldman, 1979-85
Charles Ragin, 1985-88
Christopher Winship, 1988-92
Aldon Morris, 1992-97
Robert Nelson, 1997-

"Race and the military justice system."

Laura Miller (Ph.D. 1996) and **Charles Moskos** were invited to testify at the 1997 National Convention of the NAACP in Pittsburgh, PA. The panel dealt with "Race and the Military Justice System." Miller spoke about race and sexual harassment. She pointed out that personal interpretations of harassment often vary by race and that cross-racial interactions are more likely to be viewed as problematic than same-race. Miller is now an Assistant Professor of Sociology at UCLA. She also serves as a consultant on the Secretary of the Army's panel on sexual harassment. Moskos offered recommendations on how to improve the reporting of sexual harassment incidents while protecting the rights of the accused.

A visit with Ecuador's military

Charles Moskos visited Chile and Ecuador during June, 1997, under the sponsorship of the United States Information Agency. In both countries, he spoke to various military audiences and gave a public



lecture as well. His topic was "Armed Forces After the Cold War." A 15-minute courtesy call with General Montcalvo, the senior military figure in Ecuador, turned into a two-hour session as the General was a sociology enthusiast, to the surprise of his staff and the American ambassador who were also present.

Make room on your bookshelf

Nicola Beisel. Imperiled Innocents: Anthony Comstock and Family Reproduction in Victorian America. (Princeton University Press, January 1997).

Welcome to our new faculty . . .



From the piney hills of North Georgia, the Sociology Department has hired **Gary Alan Fine**, formerly Department Head at the University of Georgia and Professor of Sociology.

Fine was trained as a social psychologist at Harvard University, and served, while an undergraduate at the University of Pennsylvania, as a research assistant to Erving Goffman. In addition to social psychology, he is known for his writing and research in collective behavior, social theory, symbolic interaction, qualitative research, and the sociology of culture.

Among his publications are ten books, including With the Boys: Little League Baseball and Preadolescent Culture, Shared Fantasy: Role-Playing Games as Social Worlds, and Kitchens: The Culture of Restaurant Work. Fine is known for studying those topics that no one thought could (or should?) be studied: demonstrating that the sociology of the obscure need not be so obscure. Of all his publications, Fine is proudest of the fact that he has coauthored published papers with more than two dozen graduate students.

His current research is on the social construction of knowledge and talk in high school debate; the creation of markets in contemporary folk art; rumors and contemporary legends dealing with racial issues; and political reputations.

Fine will be teaching courses on Ethnographic Methods, Class and Culture, Social Psychology, and American Culture.



Georgi Derluguian was born in Krasnodar, in the Northern Caucasus, and educated at Moscow State University, at the School of Afro-Asian Studies, where he studied, aside from English, the languages of Hausa, Swahili, Afrikaans, and Portuguese. In 1990 Georgi defended a doctoral

dissertation in African history at the Institute of Universal History of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, and soon afterwards was invited by Immanuel Wallerstein to come

to the Fernand Braudel Center for the Study of Economies, Historical Systems, and Civilizations (SUNY-Binghamton).

Derluguian's original expertise was on Mozambique's war of independence of 1964-74. He employed a neo-Marxist angle on the interplay between social formation and political mobilization at local and global levels.

In 1994-95 he wrote the second dissertation about the ethnic wars in the southern tier of the ex-USSR and received a Ph.D. in sociology from SUNY-Binghamton. Derluguian also taught at Cornell and University of Michigan and spent a year at a Washington-based think-tank observing the scene of the other Cold War capital.

Georgi was brought to Northwestern to develop the core undergraduate course in International Studies, which he now does with pleasure. The three-quarter sequence is called Introduction to the World System.



Vilna Bashi, assistant professor (Ph.D. University of Wisconsin-Madison 1997) comes to us from a Mellon Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship position at the Population Studies Center at University of Pennsylvania. While at the University of Wisconsin, Bashi studied

demography and sociology of economic change. For her dissertation, she studied two immigrant social networks among West Indians living in New York City. She also has two masters degrees: one in International Affairs from Columbia University and one in Economics from University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Bashi's research interests are in work and family, stratification, and socioeconomic development. She is interested in research which analyzes how group membership affects the life chances of its members, particularly as groups are incorporated into local and global labor markets and economic structures.

While continuing her work on West Indian social mobility, she is beginning to study how immigrants adapt to racism in New York, and she plans to extend that study to include West Indians in London. She also plans a study of the social networks of black migrants to the North during the early part of the 20th century. She has used both qualitative and quantitative methods in her ongoing studies of race, immigration, and labor markets.

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Visiting Scholars

Daniel Breslau (Ph.D. Univ. of Chicago 1993) has joined us as a visiting lecturer. He is on leave from Tel Aviv University as a Lecturer of Sociology and Anthropology. His areas of interest are sociology of science; the welfare state; sociology of culture; and social theory. Presently, Breslau's work is on the politics of knowledge in U.S. social policy, and is the subject of a forthcoming book, "Politics by Other Means."

Andrew E. Newman (Ph.D. Stanford 1991) is a visiting scholar and lecturer. Newman's fields of research include empirical studies of internal labor markets and administrative systems in the public sector, and issues of gender in the professions. He also has interests in the areas of methodology and structural theory.

Winnifred Poster (Doctoral Candidate, Stanford) joined us as a visiting scholar and lecturer. Her research and teaching interests are race, class and gender; work and occupations; comparative social institutions; and politics and social movements. She is presently working on a cross-cultural study of gender and work in high-tech companies in India and the U.S.

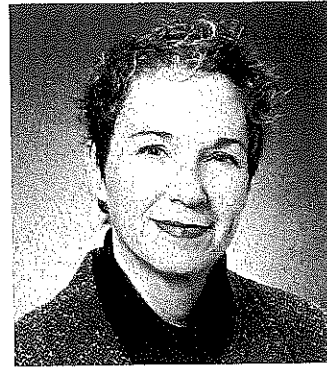
Pamela A. Popielarz (Ph.D. Cornell University 1992) has come to us as a research associate. Popielarz has received a grant from the National Science Foundation through Northwestern. Currently, she has a position as an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her fields of interest are organizations and occupations; methodology; and sex and gender.

Ronen Shamir (Ph.D. Northwestern 1992, and Tel-Aviv University LL.B-Law 1984) is visiting the American Bar Foundation as a Visiting Fellow, and the Department as a Visiting Lecturer. Shamir is an Associate Professor of Sociology at Tel-Aviv University in Israel. He has published several articles and books on law and the legal profession.

Valter Silverio (M.A. State University of Campinas-Brazil 1992) is an Assistant Professor of Sociology in the Department of Social Sciences at the Federal University of Sao Carlos. Silverio wanted to come to the United States to gain some exposure to sociology in a developed country and do research work. His major areas of interest are development and social thought and rural and urban sociology.

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This year Bashi will offer courses to all levels of students. In the Winter Quarter she will conduct a graduate seminar in Comparative Racial Structures, which looks at race theory, race, and racism in four countries. She offers the Introduction to Sociology in the spring quarter, when she will also teach a course on International Migration.



Wendy Griswold holds a Master's in English from Duke and Ph.D. in sociology from Harvard. Prior to coming to Northwestern this year, she taught for fifteen years at the University of Chicago. Her research involves sociological understanding of literature and culture, and at Northwestern she

holds a joint appointment in English and Comparative Literature as well as Sociology. She is currently finishing a book entitled *Bearing Witness: Writers, Readers, and the Novel in Nigeria*. She is also engaged in comparative research on cultural regionalism and the sociology of place.

She teaches sociology of culture, and is director of the Culture and Society Workshop. Formerly book review editor of the *American Journal of Sociology*, she is currently Chair of the American Sociological Association's Committee on Publications. She is also a section editor ("Expressive Forms") of the new edition of the *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*.

Monsma moves to Brazil

Karl Monsma is now an Associate Professor of Sociology at the Universidade Federal de Sao Carlos in Sao Paulo, Brazil. He teaches classes there on quantitative methods and social theory. Monsma continues to do research on ranch management in 19th century Argentina and Brazil, using correspondence between ranch owners and managers. He is also organizing a special issue of a Brazilian journal about economic sociology.

Research that extends beyond the usual term paper by Albert Hunter and James Witte

Much lip service is paid to the idea that research and teaching are complementary and mutually beneficial sides of the academic endeavor. However, they are often antithetical to each other as currently practiced and institutionalized. Teaching counts for little in promotion and tenure decisions, faculty and graduate students often experience research and teaching as competing claims on their time, and research "superstars" are accorded high prestige and are often rewarded by being excused from teaching.

Nonetheless, institutional practices and departmental cultures can at times lead to an intermingling of statuses and roles of professor, graduate student and undergraduate wherein teaching and research are commingled. In the Department of Sociology, there are cultural and institutional encouragement and incentives for efforts along this line. While it is commonly expected that graduate students will be involved with the research of professors, less appreciated are those arrangements where undergraduates participate in the research process -- either with faculty or graduate students.

With a revision of the undergraduate major, students are now required to take a research methods sequence, and to do a senior thesis based on primary research. These structural arrangements have resulted in a research

orientation among undergraduates who are eager to participate in and learn more about the research process.

A number of examples are evident in our Department. Faculty regularly participate in the multi-university Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP) for under-represented minority undergraduates. Most recently, **Bernard Beck** worked with Rose Barreto who studied the Hungarian community in Chicago, the methods it defines Hungarian identity, and how it keeps in touch with politics and culture in Hungary.

Nicola Beisel is currently conducting research with undergraduates in a course on gender. She and the students will conduct a survey among undergraduates and analyze attitudes and behaviors with respect to a number of gender-related issues.

Albert Hunter has worked with undergraduate and graduate students jointly on two different community studies. Both involved field surveys in the communities and conducting interviews with key institutional leaders. One is a study of neighborhood responses to gangs in three Evanston neighborhoods, and the other is a study of elites in the wealthy suburb of Kenilworth north of campus.

Allan Schnaiberg has worked with a number of undergraduates in his capacity of director of the senior

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List of Ph.D. dissertation titles from different decades by Bernard Beck

I had a chance recently to look at a list of doctoral dissertation titles of Northwestern Ph.D.s in Sociology from three different eras. The earliest period was 1938-40; next was 1968-70. The last period was recent, 1994-96. There were noticeable differences among the topics studied in the three periods.

1938-40, late in the Great Depression, shows a number of studies of juvenile delinquency and the practice of social work, for example: *Family Factors in the Ecology of Juvenile Delinquency*; *Recidivism at the Boys' Industrial School*; and *Evaluation of Standards of Low Cost and Free Camps*.

1968-70, at the height of the national movements against racism, colonialism, and the Vietnam War, dissertations often focused on work and development in the Third World, such as: *The Contemporary Officer Corps in Greece*; *Blue Collar Work and Modernization*; and *Modernization, Industrialization and*

Stratification Change in Puerto Rico.

In the most recent period, after the fall of the Berlin Wall and shortly before the millennium, many dissertations dealt with social movements of the oppressed and excluded; here are some examples: *Outside the Abortion Debate: Language, Women's Voice, and the Experience of Abortion*; *When We Were Black: The College Experiences of Post Civil Rights Era African Americans*; *Culturicide, Resistance, Survival: The Cultural Domination of Lakota Oyate*; *Multiple Oppressions and Their Influence on Collective Action: The Case of the AIDS Movement and Constructing Deaf Behavior*.

Two things never changed through all these periods. The first was the great variety and originality of the topics. The second was the enduring commitment of Northwestern sociologists to research that dealt with struggles to improve social life.

1996-97 COLLOQUIA SPEAKERS PRESENTED VARIED SOCIAL TOPICS

Walter Allen

University of California-Los Angeles, "Skin Color, Ethnic Identity and Racial Discrimination: Blacks and Chicanos in the U.S."

Tomas Almaguer

University of Michigan, "Masculinities, Homosexuals and Chicano Gay Men."

Margaret Andersen

University of Delaware, "Diversity Without Oppression: The Need for a Sociological Perspective on Race, Gender and Class."

Elizabeth Clifford

Northwestern University, "Race Matters: Immigration Policy in the U.S. and Canada."

Karen Cook

Duke University, "Exchange, Solidarity and Trust."

John Comaroff

University of Chicago, "Post Colonial Politics and Discourses of Democracy in Southern Africa: Anthropological Reflections on African Political Modernities."

Tracy Davis

Northwestern University, "'Filthy - nay - Pestiferous': Sanitation and Victorian Theatres."

Paula England

University of Arizona, "Factors in the Sex Gap in Pay in the Contemporary U.S."

Lowell Hargens

Ohio State University, "'Real Science' the Advance of Knowledge: Indications in the Research Literatures of Scientific Specialty Areas."

Robert M. Hauser

University of Wisconsin-Madison, "Mental Ability and the American Dream: Has Anything Changed in the

Sources of Occupational Success?"

Rosanna Hertz

Wellesley College, "Living on their Own: Single Mothers and their Children."

Michael Hout

University of California-Berkeley, "Inequality by Design: Data, Myths, and Politics."

Christopher Jencks

Harvard University, "Did We Really Lose the War on Poverty?"

Louise Lamphere

University of New Mexico, "From Mill Town to Multinational: Gender, Family and Policy in American Working-Class Communities."

Paul Lichterman

University of Wisconsin-Madison, "What It Means to Speak Out in Suburbia."

Carole Marks

University of Delaware, "Dark, Hidden Beauty: Constructing Race, Class and Gender in the Harlem Renaissance."

Michael Omi

University of California-Berkeley, "Race Identity and the State: Contesting the Federal Standards for Classification."

Ann Orloff

University of Wisconsin-Madison, "Motherhood, Work and Welfare: Gender and Social Policy in the U.S., Britain, Australia and Canada."

Barbara Reskin

Ohio State University, "Now You See 'Em' Now You Don't: Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in Labor Market Research."

Sonya Rose

University of Michigan, "Cultural Analysis and Moral Discourses: Episodes, Continuities, and Transformations."

W. Richard Scott

Stanford University, "Studying Profound Institutional Change: The Field

of Medical Care Organizations in the San Francisco Bay Region."

Judith Seltzer

University of Wisconsin-Madison, "Father by Law: Effects of Joint Legal Custody on Nonresident Fathers' Involvement with Children."

Karl Sivesind

University of Oslo, "Legitimation of Wages and Authority: A Comparison of German and Norwegian Factories."

Aage B. Sorensen

Harvard University, "Toward a Sounder Basis for Class Analysis."

Judith Stacey

University of California-Davis, "Dadaism in the 90s: Decoding Baby Talk About Fatherlessness."

Arthur Stinchcombe

Northwestern University, "Sociological Careers in the Old Days and Today: Intellectual and Labor Market Considerations."

Verta Taylor

Ohio State University, "Gender and Social Movements."

Sudhir Venkatesh

Harvard University, "From Gang War to Drug War: The Social Organization of Gang Activity in the Robert Taylor Homes."

Marc Ventresca

Northwestern University, "Institutions, Organizations, and Industry Formation."

Mary Vogel

State University of New York at Stony Brook, "The Social Origins of Plea Bargaining: Social Conflict and the Law in the Process of State Formation, 1830-1860."

David Williams

University of Michigan, "Race, Racism and Health."

First Ph.D. William Whitcomb Whitehouse (Ph.D. 1927) was the first person to receive a Ph.D. in the field of sociology. His dissertation title was "Principles of Community Organization." Whitehouse accepted a professorship of economics and sociology at Albion College in Michigan in 1922. During the years of 1929-39 he was the Dean of Albion College of Liberal Arts, and left Albion to become the Dean of The Liberal Arts College of Wayne University. He returned to Albion in 1945 as President. Whitehouse was named the Northwestern University's John C. Shaffer Foundation Lecturer, and delivered a formal address here in 1938. He was listed in Who's Who in America in 1956-57.

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

Alumni News

Margaret Day Anthon (M.A., 1940) is the director of the Huntington Club in Syracuse, NY. She married Carl Anthon (1996) in 1949, and has two children and one grandchild.

Elaine Frohman Krumbein (1946) earned an M.S.W. at the Loyola University School of Social Work in 1975. She has a twenty-year practice in individual, group, and marital therapy.

Norma Nissenson (M.A., 1948) has a private practice in Highland Park, IL, as a clinical psychologist. She has two daughters, Carol and Mary.

Jean Jensen Anderson (1953) was the Director of Volunteers in Dallas from 1977-80. From 1994-97 she was the President of Board for Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center. She enjoys playing golf, traveling, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Carmen Alden Cunningham (1956) worked in Latin America as a certified secondary Social Studies teacher and administrator. After retiring, she volunteered for the International Executive Service Corp. in Columbia, then in Asia and Russia.

Joyce Wilhelmi (M.A., 1959) has been a research consultant, researcher (survey), university lecturer, and program developer. She received her D. Crim. from Berkeley.

Patricia Hoxie Flynn (1964) for the last 20 years has been a guidance counselor at Bangor High School, MI, and will retire in 1998. She has also volunteered at the South Haven Area Hospice for the past five years. She and husband of 31 years, Ron, have one son, Andrew.

Sharon C. Kraemer (1965) earned her M.S. in Mass Communication from San Diego State University in 1981. She currently lives in the Atlanta area and is employed by "In Touch Ministries." She has two children and two

grandchildren.

Malcolm Spector (Ph.D., 1968) is currently an attorney with Legal Services for the Elderly in New York City.

George A. Kourvetaris (Ph.D., 1969) is a professor of Sociology at Northern Illinois University. He published a textbook on Political Sociology with Allyn and Bacon in 1997. Also, his poem "I Can No Longer Go Home" received an award from the National Library of Poetry, and was published in an anthology on *Sunshine and Daydreams* (1996).

Mary Sheridan (1969), after 20 years in social work, is now developing a bachelor's degree program in social work at Hawaii Pacific University. She has authored/edited eight books and twenty or so articles.

Samuel A. Mueller (Ph.D., 1970). Emeritus Mueller took early retirement from the University of Akron in 1996. He is currently enjoying the sun and contemplating the mysteries of the universe in Mesa, AZ.

Ronald L. Kissel (1971) is presently an M.D. in Obstetrics and Gynecology, and resides in Evanston with his wife Susan and two children.

Clint Sanders (Ph.D., 1972) has recently written the following books: *Regarding Animals* (with Arnold Arluke), Temple Univ. Press, 1996; and *Cultural Criminology* (with Jeff Ferrell), Northeastern Univ. Press, 1995.

Steve Buff (Ph.D., 1973) just completed a five-year "tour" in the Office of Inspector General in the Peace Corps. At present, he is active in a program evaluations for the Department of Commerce I.G. in Maryland.

Mark T. Brown (M.B.A., 1984). Captain, SC, USN, is the assistant director of Financial Operations for the Department of the Navy in Washington D.C. He attended the

NU Kellogg School Executive Management Program in 1995. He is married and has two sons.

G. Scott Falknor (1975) is associate counsel in Litigation and Employment Law for Allstate Insurance Company in Northbrook, IL. He is married and has four children.

Geraldine Coleman (M.A., 1981) is currently the Associate Principal of Hillcrest High School in Country Club Hills, Illinois. She received her Ed.D. from Northern Illinois University in 1994, and is also the author of *African American Stories of Triumph Over Adversity* (Greenwood Publishing Group, 1996).

Diana Luskin Biordi (Ph.D., 1984) is now a professor and Assistant Dean for Research and Graduate Affairs at Kent State University School of Nursing. In 1995 she was made a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. She is currently chairing an AHEC (health education) Board.

Twyala D. Carner (1984) works as an engineer for the Structured Products division of G. E. Plastics. She received a BSME in 1994 from the University of Evansville, and is looking forward to receiving an MBA in 1998 from the University of Southern Indiana. She and Guy E. Carter II were married in May 1996.

Netta Gilboa (M.A., 1985) has been the publisher of *Gray Areas* magazine since 1991 in Pennsylvania.

Daryl Newell (1986) is currently the Personal and Commercial Financial Services Branch Manager for Harris Trust and Savings Bank in Chicago. He earned an M.B.A. from the Keller Graduate School of Management in 1991. His wife, Barbara, is the Director of Communications at Illinois ARC.

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Larry Ouellet (Ph.D., 1986) is research director of the Community Outreach Intervention Projects in the School of Public Health at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He recently received a 5-year \$2 million grant to examine needle exchange as an HIV prevention strategy.

Jenny Y. C. Cheng-Serfass (1991) received a J.D. in 1995 from Temple University School of Law. She is currently Judicial Law Clerk to the Hon. John P. Lavelle, Presiding Judge of Court of Common Pleas of Carbon County, PA. She and Steven R. Serfass, Esq. were married in June 1996.

Helen Shepherd (M.A., 1991) is currently attending Northwestern Law School, class of 1999, and is planning to pursue antitrust law.

Gayle Borden (1993) is working on her dissertation in a Ph.D. program in Counseling Psychology. She was married in New York City in August 1997.

Jennifer Lindgren Suvari (1993) received a Master of Planning degree from University of Virginia's School of Architecture in 1995. She worked as an environmental planner in CA. Her husband's acceptance at

Kellogg has brought her back to Chicago, where she will work as a Community Reinvestment Specialist for LaSalle Bank.

Sorrel Sammons (1994) pursued a career in marketing research and strategic planning after one year of graduate work in sociology at University of N.C.-Chapel Hill. She is currently a Research Account Executive at Draft Direct, an advertising agency.

Kari Sanderson (1995) started the Masters program in Physical Therapy at Northwestern in September 1996.

Sarah Willie (Ph.D., 1995) is thrilled to be joining fellow NU alums, full professors Joy Charlton and Jennie Keith, in a tenure-track position in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Swarthmore College beginning with the 1997-98 academic year.

Gerald E. Lewis Jr. (1996) is a Retail Banker for CORUS Bank in Chicago. He is pursuing F-16 pilot training for the Air National Guard in IL, TX, CA, and FL.

Hitoshi Kawano (Ph.D., 1996) is a lecturer in the School of Social Sciences at the National Defense Academy in Yokosuka, Japan.

Alumni Gifts Received

A thank you to **Madeline Westwater**, wife of alumnus **Doug Westwater** (1967) and mother of alumnus **Cameron Westwater** (1997) for her generous contribution.

And, a special thank you to **Richard A. Chrisman** and **Floraine Skoules Dumez** for their yearly contribution, and to **Andrew E. Theodore** for his generous gift to the Department.

Also, a thank you to **William G. Bittler** for his charitable donation.

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 to NUSociology, 1810 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, IL 60208-1330.
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"What blindness, what deafness, what density of ideology would have to weigh me down to prevent me from being interested in what is probably the most crucial subject to our existence, that is to say the society in which we live, the economic relations within which it functions, and the system of power which defines the regular forms and the regular permissions and prohibitions of our conduct. The essence of our life consists, after all, of the political functioning of the society in which we find ourselves."

- - - Michel Foucault

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thesis seminar. These students have often conducted case studies of neighborhood organizations and institutions ranging from health care clinics to environmental organizations to battered women's shelters. Undergraduates have worked with **James Witte** on several projects including a study of a school-based, drug prevention program on Chicago's south side and the analysis of job applicant data in preparation

for expert witness testimony in an EEOC discrimination case.

In projects such as these, undergraduates express an eagerness to "learn by doing" and genuinely appreciate the opportunity to contribute time and effort to "meaningful" intellectual activity. In the process, they produce research that extends well beyond the usual term paper at best often relegated to a parent's attic.

Graduate Student News

Varied Background for 1997 Cohort

The Department received applications from an extraordinarily talented pool of students. More than 170 applications were received for the dozen or so university fellowships available. The members of the entering cohort come from varied backgrounds, but all demonstrate great promise for achievement in the discipline.

The following students are members of the 1997-98 cohort: **Marcus Britton**, Kalamazoo College; **Minna Bromberg**, Simon's Rock College of Bard; **Darnell Coleman**, Chicago State University; **Timothy Hallett**,

College of Wooster; **Philip Howard**, London School of Economics & Political Science; **John Hurley**, United States Military Academy; **Lori Langdoc**, Indiana University; **Laura Leffingwell**, Smith College; **Kathryn Linnenberg**, University of Virginia; **Aravinda Nadimpalli**, University of Southern California; **Monique Payne**, Duke University; **Antonia Randolph**, Spelman College; **Chong-Anna Rumsey**, Michigan State University; and **Wen Wu**, Beijing Foreign Studies University.

Winch Memorial Award Presented to Eleven Grads

The sixth annual Robert F. Winch Memorial Awards for outstanding graduate student papers and outstanding teaching were presented September 1997.

In the category of outstanding second year paper **Pei-Chia Lan**, "Selling Bodies, Laboring Bodies: The Body Discipline of Cosmetics Saleswomen in Taiwan," and **Kristina Smock**, "Neighborhood Revitalization and Community Control: Community Organizing and Development in a Capitalist Society," tied for first prize.

In the category of outstanding published or presented paper at professional meetings, **Sarah Babb**, "A True American System of Finance: Frame Resonance in the U.S. Labor Movement, 1866-1886," *American Sociological Review*, 1996, won first place. And, honorable mention was given to **Sarah Gatson**, "Labor

Policy and the Social Meaning of Parenthood," *Law and Social Inquiry*," Volume 22, No. 2, Spring 1997, and **Laurie Scarborough Voss**, "Teasing, Disputing, and Playing: Cross-Gender Interactions and Space Utilization Among First and Third Graders," *Gender and Society*, 1997.

In the category of outstanding teaching assistant **Lisa Amoroso** and **Michael Sacks** tied for first place. **Peter Levin** received honorable mention.

In the category of outstanding lecturer, **Amy Binder** and **William Corrin** tied for first place, and **Lori Waite** received an honorable mention.

The Winch Award 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.

Third Karpf Peace Prize

Fernando Filgueira, a Sociology graduate student, received the "Karpf Peace Prize," that was awarded by the Department. The prize is in recognition of Filgueira's work on the painful political and social transformations that accompany development in an area of South America that has experienced internal conflict in the recent past.

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

Grads endeavors . . .

Special Recognition . . .

The Best Student Paper in the American Sociological Association in the Sociology of Law Section, was awarded to **Brian Gran** for, "A Bugaboo for Social Policy: The Influence of Legal Systems on Public Pension Development."

The Best Student Award in the American Sociological Association in the Sociology of Children Section, was awarded to **Laurie Scarborough Voss** for, "Teasing, Disputing, and Playing: Cross-Gender Interactions and Space Utilization Among First and Third Graders."

Michael Lounsbury was awarded a National Science Foundation Dissertation Grant.

A Graduate Research Award from the Center for International and Comparative Studies (CICS) was awarded to **Michael Sacks** for, "Structural Holes in the World System: Structural Autonomy and Nation Status in the Global Economy, 1965-1980," (co-authors Brian Uzzi and Marc Ventresca).

The James D. Thompson Award for an Outstanding Paper by a Graduate Student was awarded to **Michael Lounsbury** for, "Compliance and Commitment in Institutional Theory: College and University Recycling Program Variation and Diffusion, 1970-1995."

Fellowships . . .

Sarah Babb and **Amy Binder** was awarded a Northwestern Graduate School Dissertation Year Fellowship.

Alison Nixon was selected to receive a National Science Foundation Minority Graduate Fellowship award.

Lisa Park received an American Sociological Association Minority Fellowship.

Lisa Amoroso, **William Corrin**, **Regina Deil**, **Peter Levin**, **Michael Lounsbury**, **Gibb Pritchard**, **Mathew Reed**, and **Kristina Smock** were recipients of a Departmental Summer Collaborative Fellowship.

Publications . . .

Celia Berdes, "Driving the System: Long-Term-Care Coordination in Manitoba, Canada," *Journal of Case Management*, 1996. And **W. Andrew Achenbaum** and **Celia Berdes**, "Looking at Our Future Selves: Neugarten as Gerontology's Seer," *Adulthood and Aging: Research on Continuities and Discontinuities*, 1996.

Amy Binder and **James Rosenbaum**, "Do Employers Really Need More Educated Youth?" *Sociology of Education*, 1997.

Sarah Gatson, "Labor Policy and the Social Meaning of Parenthood," *Law and Social Inquiry*, Spring, 1997.

Brian Gran and **Jeremy Hein**, "International Migration,

Ethnopolitics, and the French Nation-State: Explaining Natives' Views of Immigrant Assimilation," *Social Sciences Quarterly*, 78(2), 369, 1997.

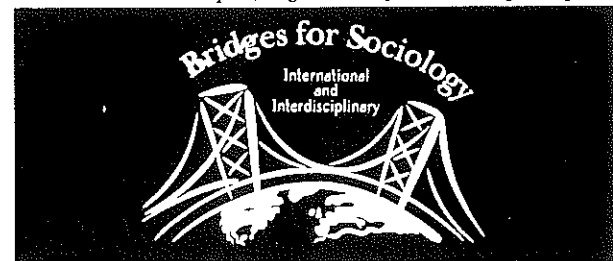
Michael Lounsbury, "Exploring the Institutional Toolkit: The Rise of Recycling in the U.S. Solid Waste Field," *American Behavioral Scientist*, vol. 40, no. 4, 1997.

Lisa Park, "Navigating the Anti-Immigrant Wave: The Korean Women's Hotline and the Politics of Community," *Community Activism and Feminist Politics: Organizing Across Race, Class, and Gender*, 1997.

Laurie Scarborough Voss, "Teasing, Disputing, and Playing: Cross-gender Interactions and Space Utilization Among First and Third Graders," *Gender and Society*, 11:238-256, 1997.

Christopher Wellin, "Teaching as Modeling Inquiry," *1996 2nd Edition of an ASA Manual on Training Teaching Assistants*, 1996.

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ASA Presentations and . . .

The Department was represented by the following graduate students at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Toronto: **Lisa Amoroso**, **Sarah Babb**, **Amy Binder**, **Brian Donovan**, **Sarah Gatson**, **Brian Gran**, **Kathleen Hull**, **Michael Lounsbury**, **Eric Petersen**, **Michael Sacks**, **David Shulman**, **Ira Silver**, **Lori Waite**, **Christopher Wellin**, and **Xiaoli Yin**.

worldwide presentations

Michael Lounsbury, Assoc. For the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Montreal; **Pei-Chia Lan**, Association for Asian Studies, Chicago; **Patricia Zamudio**, Coloquio sobre la Region Norte de Jalisco, Huejuquilla el Alto, Jalisco, Mexico; **Sarah Gatson**, and **Kathleen Hull**, Law and Society Assoc. Meeting, St. Louis; **Eric Petersen**, Metropolitan Conference on Public Transportation Research, Chicago; **Angela Irvine**, Pedagogy of the Oppressed Conference, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Undergraduate Update

Nine majors received honors

Departmental Honors were awarded to nine sociology majors at the June Convocation. The recipients were **Jamie Bjune, Lisa Blonigen, Michelle Garcia, Jenny Han, Holly Herckis, Grace Hwang, Shauna Runchey, Michael Vates, and Kimberly Weber**. The College of Arts and Sciences Committee on Superior Students and Honors reviewed students' grade point average, 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

The intent of the Exum Award is to honor the memory of William Henry Exum, a member of the Sociology and African American Studies Departments. Exum was especially interested in racial problems in higher education. However, students were not limited to this interest or to a sociological approach in preparing their submissions. This award is open to all undergraduate students from all disciplines.

There were two first place winners: **Cara Hendrickson** for her paper "What Have We Learned?" and **Myra C. Jones** for her paper "The First and Second Waves of Twentieth Century Biraciality: Questioning the Formation of a Biracial Identity." Honorable mentions were awarded to **Sapna Cheryan** for "What Welfare Queen?," **Christine Ngeo** for "The Melting Pot? A Mixture of Stratification Effects on Interracial Relationships," and **Carrie L. Sipple** for "Re-Casting the Roles: African Americans in American Theater."

Summer research opportunities

In the summer of 1997, **Rose Barreto** participated in the Committee on Institutional Cooperation Summer Research Opportunities Program (CIC SROP). **Bernard Beck** served as Barreto's mentor as he has done many times before with other undergraduate students. This program is sponsored by the Graduate School as a way of informing minority undergraduates at Northwestern and at historically Black colleges and universities about the possibilities of academic careers. Rose comes from Kingston, New York and has a Puerto Rican background, but her research project this summer focussed on ethnic identity of a different kind. She studied the Hungarian community in Chicago, the methods it defines Hungarian identity, and how it keeps in touch with politics and

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 played out in the business world.

In the Fall Quarter, **Dr. Marcia J. Lipetz** lectured a course titled "Social Problems and Problem Solvers: The Roles of Non-Profit Organizations in American Society." Lipetz is the Director of Special Community Projects at WPWR-TV Channel 50 Foundation.

For the Winter Quarter, **Dr. Kirk Harris** taught a course titled "The Political Economy of Post-Industrial America: Race, Class, Poverty and Community." Harris is the Director of the Center on Fathers, Families, and Public Policy in Chicago.

During the Spring 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.

culture in Hungary. She was able to use her familiarity with Hungarian culture that began during a study abroad period.

Sociology senior thesis awarded

Twelve students were awarded the Department of Sociology's Senior Thesis with Distinction Award. Recipients were **Jamie Bjune, Lisa Blonigen, Jack Chen, Michelle Garcia, Jenny E. Han, Holly Herckis, Grace Hwang, Kimberly Rodgers, Shauna Runchey, Timothy Spilker, Michael Vates, and Kimberly Weber**. This award is based on each student's creative ability, persuasiveness and systematic way of doing research.

Students honor a sociologist

The Academic Committee of the Associated Student Government (ASG) named **Joanne LaBonte**, a sociology graduate of Northwestern, to the Faculty Honor Roll for 1997. The Honor Roll commends Northwestern professors who receive high ratings from students for their individual classroom performance and for their activities with students outside the classroom.

Ph.D.s Awarded

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

Elizabeth Clifford: "Racing the Nation: Immigration Policy, Race, and National Identity in Canada and the U.S., 1905-1925," (1997).

David Harris: "Race, Class, and Social Problems: Determinants of White Residential Mobility," (1997).

Joan Vitek Hiller: "The Emergence of Interpretive Agencies in Social Service Settings," (1996).

Hitoshi Kawano: "A Comparative Study of Combat Organizations: Japan and The United States During World War II," (1996).

Carolee Larsen: "Discourse and Political Power: The Case of the Family and Medical Leave Debate in the United States Congress," (1996).

Matthew Smith-Lahrman: "Selling-Out: Constructing Authenticity and Success in Chicago's Indie Rock Scene," (1996).

Mitchell Stevens: "Kingdom and Coalition: Hierarchy and Autonomy in the Home Education Movement," (1996).

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Elizabeth Clifford and Marlon Williamson adopted a baby girl, Ella Joyce Clifford Williamson, on May 16, 1997.

Janine Corrin and **William Corrin** welcomed Maya Rose Corrin on December 18, 1996.

Kassandra Pantoja and Kirk Wright became parents to Elijah Speedy-Amad Wright on September 29, 1996.

Lisa Sun-Hee Park and **David Pellow** celebrated the December 16, 1996, arrival of their new son, Jin-Young Park Pellow.

Lisa Staffen and Pat Kerpan are proud parents of a baby girl, Elisabeth Staffen Kerpan, born August 15, 1997.

Graduate Placement

Elizabeth Clifford, Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Illinois, Chicago.

Antonio Chiareli, Assistant Professor, Union University, Jackson, Tennessee.

Brian Gran, Robert Wood Johnson Post-Doctorate, Yale University, New Haven.

Kevin Henson, Assistant Professor, Loyola University, Chicago.

Wayne Kriemelmeyer, Human Resource Consultant, The Hay Group, Chicago.

Judith Levine, Robert Wood Johnson Post-Doctorate, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

David Shulman, Assistant Professor, Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania.

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