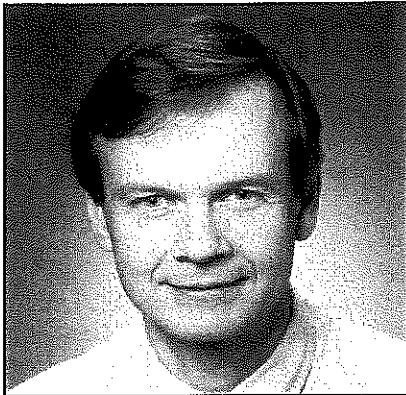




The Chair's Page . . . *honoring the past, looking to the future.*



The past year has seen both significant change within the Department and an affirmation of the traditional strengths of Northwestern Sociology. We have added four new colleagues to our ranks: John Hagan, one of the world's leading scholars on crime and social inequality, who will join us as the MacArthur chair in the summer of 1999; Ann Orloff, a major figure in historical and comparative studies of welfare states and gender inequality, who is spending the year at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy; Jeff Manza, who received his Ph.D. from Berkeley in 1995, but already is recognized as a leading scholar in political sociology; and Mary Pattillo-McCoy, who received her Ph.D. from Chicago in 1996 and is finishing an ethnography of a black middle class community for the University of Chicago Press. We also are glad to welcome back Tom Cook, Carol Heimer, Aldon Morris, and Art Stinchcombe, most of who were on leave last year in warmer climes. And we are trying to hide feelings

Nicki Beisel, who is spending the year at the National Humanities Center in North Carolina; Al Hunter, on leave this fall in Edinborough, Scotland; and Charlie Moskos, our military sociologist extraordinaire who is undertaking tours of duty in various exotic locations, perhaps yet to be determined by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The Department awarded what must be a record number of Ph.D.'s last year, some fifteen. Eight graduates took tenure track positions; another four took temporary positions, some of which may change into tenure track jobs; others took non-teaching positions.

A talented group of undergraduate majors in sociology yielded six recipients of honors or thesis distinctions. Thirteen new graduate students began their work in the Department this fall.

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As the pages that follow detail, faculty and students continue to garner awards for publishing and teaching that mark Northwestern as one of the premier programs in the discipline. One of the high points of the past year was when we gathered in San Francisco at the American Sociological Association (ASA) meetings to celebrate the

career achievements of Howard Becker, longtime faculty member, friend, teacher, and colleague, who is now at the University of Washington. Howie received the ASA's Career of Distinguished Scholarship Award. He accepted the award with characteristic grace and humility, saying it was nice that the people in his field "thought he did good work." Later that evening, alumni, friends, faculty, and students came to a special Northwestern reception and presented Howie and his wife, Diane Hagan, with a set of rolling papers and a bottle of scotch. Honoring Howie's career literally connects the Department's past with its future. We still are well known for practicing and teaching ethnographic research, one of the hallmarks of Howie's scholarship. Espeland, Fine, and Heimer published important ethnographies within the last year.

Howie's *Art Worlds* (1982, University of California Press) did much to launch the modern sociology of culture—a sub-field of growing importance within the discipline. Under the leadership of Beck, Beisel, Espeland, Fine, Griswold, and Lee, the Department now ranks in the top three departments in culture. Howie's collaboration with Charles Ragin lives on in the form of a continuing seminar on critical methodology, along with Ragin and Tom Cook's contributions to methods of social research. Perhaps a more important, if less obvious, link to the Becker

Judd A. and Marjorie Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences

Formerly known as The College of Arts and Sciences

Eric Sundquist, Dean of College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), announced on March 19, 1998, that due to a major gift for the college, Northwestern University renamed the CAS the AWeinberg College of Arts and Sciences (WCAS). This is in recognition of the generous donation, which came from the Judd A. and Marjorie Weinberg Family Foundation.

The Weinberg gift, states Sundquist, "permits us to make great strides toward several important goals: new faculty positions, innovative curriculum, advanced research, advising and career activities."

In contrast to current trends in higher education, Sundquist goes on to say, the WCAS will increase

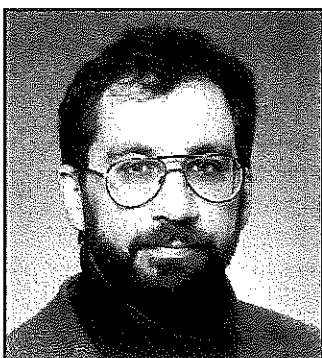
the size of its faculty while keeping the number of students constant, thus expanding signature programs and maintaining close contact between students and faculty at all levels. The magnanimous support of the Weinberg family will allow us to provide programs of the highest order in the liberal arts and sciences.

Faculty Recognition



Nicola K. Beisel has been named a 1998-99 Fellow by the National Humanities Center in Research. She was among 38 fellows chosen from more than 500 applicants. Beisel's research examines how social movements influence reproductive policies and politics.

During her upcoming residency, she will focus on the current abortion controversy by continuing to write her book on race and the politics of abortion in 19th and 20th century America. The work grows out of Beisel's book, "Imperiled Innocents: Anthony Comstock and Family Reproduction in Victorian America." The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation also recently named Beisel the 1998 Guggenheim Fellow for her work on the politics of abortion. Beisel also just completed a term as Chair of the Sociology of Culture Section of the American Sociological Association.



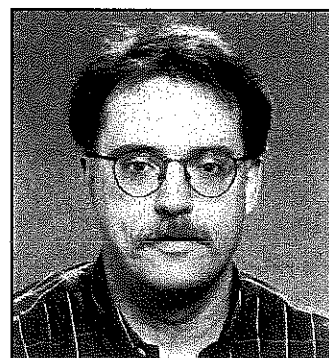
Georgi Derlugian received two research awards for his work titled, "Interpretation of Ethnoreligious Group Conflict." He received funding from the Committee on Professional Awards for Curriculum Development, and the National Council

for Eurasia and Eastern Europe Research (NCEEER) awarded him for his project "Thieves in the Law: Comparative and Historical Study of the Last Russian Saints."



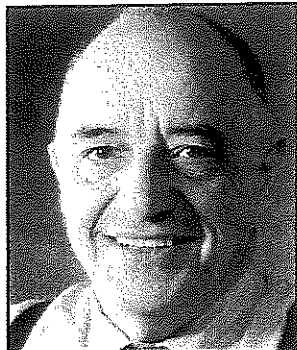
In September 1998, **Wendy Espeland** was promoted to associate professor with tenure. Her main areas of interest include culture, environmental politics, organization, theory, and qualitative methods. She is also interested in the politics of rationality, identity, and the consequences of various

forms of quantification and commensuration for how we value collective goods.



Jeff Manza, along with Clem Brooks, was chosen for the 1998 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Distinguished Article Award for their article "The Religious Factor in U.S. Presidential Elections, 1960-1992." He also won two awards from the Political Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association.

FACULTY CONTINUED, PAGE 2



This past year, **Charles Moskos** received an award from the Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences to conduct a study on "International Military Education and Training."

He also serves as the academic advisor to Vice President Gore's forthcoming international conference: "Fighting Corruption among Justice and Security Officials."

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legacy is the Department's continuing commitment to innovative study of the social world. Northwestern faculty and students are engaged in a series of critical conversations within the discipline, the academy, and intellectual and policy circles. Whether the topic is the social organization of markets, the racial politics of abortion, modes of resistance in Nigerian novels, the application of fuzzy set theory to social research, the cultural and legal significance of same-sex marriage, or the everyday struggles of welfare recipients, Northwestern Sociologists carry on a tradition that many of us learned from Howie Becker and his former colleagues.

"What Triggered Me to Be A Sociologist...?"

"As a senior majoring in urbanism, with a concentration in economics, expecting to become a city planner, I happened into the Sociology Department at Brooklyn College. I encountered Sid Aronson, the instructor of a sociology course I was taking, who was talking on the phone. His conversation suspended for a moment, and he turned and saw me. He asked, 'Are you a sociology major?' 'No,' I replied. 'Too bad,' he told me, 'you would be a good sociologist.' I never looked back."

Bernard Beck

"I went into sociology because I thought that as a sociologist I could study whatever I was interested in. So far, so good."

Bruce Carruthers

"I backed into sociology in a sense. Considering a number of alternatives, it was the disci-

pline that I felt constrained me the least, or allowed me the most breadth to pursue my intellectual interests. (I was an undergrad double majoring in sociology and zoology.) And then again, it was the Sixties and sociology in general, urban sociology in particular, was where it was at. The times they are a changing."

Albert Hunter

"I fell in love with the discipline in Albuquerque High School (where the intellectuals deeply resented the jocks). There I took a sociology course two times (breaking a rule about taking the same course twice). One teacher was a liberal firebrand, the other a religious conservative. I enjoyed both. I was hooked."

Charles Moskos

"I was doing very well in an undergraduate sociology class. One day after class, my

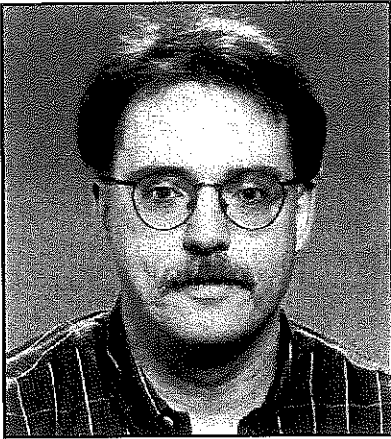
professor summoned me to his office and suggested that I pursue graduate work in the discipline. I followed his advice. Now, I have come to believe that sociologists are sociologists in work and in play. We are born with a taste for critical thinking and an addiction to analyzing our social surroundings. I think my professor saw my excitement and was simply suggesting a way for me to make a living doing what I am (we are) predisposed to do."

Mary Pattillo-McCoy

"My first exposure to the power of sociology came in an Intro class I took (while I was a chemistry major). I learned more about my family's history from the family survey we had to complete, interviewing our parents, than I had in the previous 20 years of my life! It took only about 5 years more to actually make the decision to start graduate work...."

Allan Schnaiberg

Welcome to our new faculty....

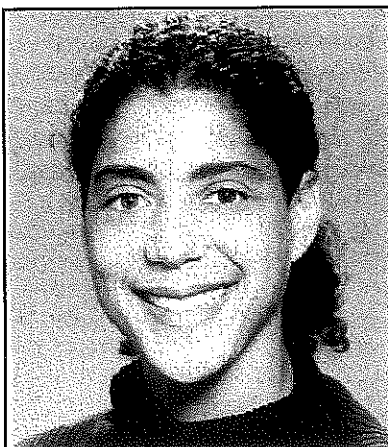


Jeff Manza joined the Department as an assistant professor in the Fall of 1998. He received his Ph.D. from the University of California-Berkeley in December 1995 and taught at Pennsylvania State University from

1996-1998. His research is in the areas of political sociology, stratification, and social policy.

Manza's main scholarly focus in the last few years has been in developing a new approach to understanding how social divisions such as class, religion, gender, and race manifest themselves in U.S. electoral politics and party coalitions. He is completing a book on this topic entitled *Social Cleavages and Political Change: Voter Alignments and U.S. Politics*.

His dissertation was an historical study of policy intellectuals and political change during the New Deal. He received the 1996 American Sociological Association's award for the best dissertation in sociology for 1995. He is also continuing research with Fred Block (California-Davis) on the feasibility of a negative income tax in the context of post-industrial economic change.



Mary Pattillo-McMoy is an assistant professor of sociology and African - American studies, and a Faculty Fellow at the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern. She comes to us from the University of

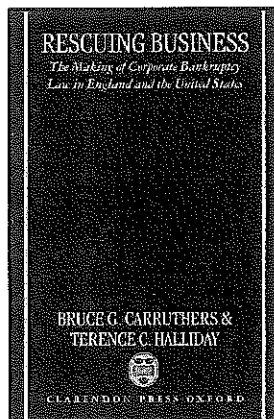
Chicago (Ph.D., 1997).

Her areas of interest include race and ethnicity, urban sociology, culture, and qualitative methods. Her current research focuses on the socio-economic fragility of the black middle class. In her forthcoming book, *Black Picket Fences* (University of Chicago Press, 1999), she examines the economic, spatial, and cultural forces that impinge upon family maintenance and youth socialization in Groveland, a black middle class neighborhood on Chicago's South Side. She is also starting a new project on gentrification and public housing demolition in Chicago.

Ann Shola Orloff is a full professor of sociology, and is also affiliated with the Departments of Political Science and Women's Studies, and the Institute for Policy Research. Orloff's areas of interest include political sociology, historical and comparative analysis, sociology of gender, and social (including feminist) theory. Her research has focused on the relationship of state-building processes, state capacities and structures, and policy legacies to the making of social policies, and on the ways in which states affect and are affected by social relations across a range of institutions. Most recently, she has worked on macro-level studies of gender relations, particularly in systems of social provision; here, her most notable contribution has been to develop an analytic framework for assessing the gendered dimensions of state welfare policies. The fruit of this work, "States, Markets, Families: Gender, Liberalism and Social Policy in Australia, Canada, Great Britain and the United States," co-authored with Julia O'Connor and Sheila Shaver, has just been published by Cambridge.

Orloff continues to co-edit the journal she helped found *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State and Society*. The journal has come to serve as a forum for research on gender, politics, and policy from all areas of the world. It was named one of the ten best new journals of 1994 by the Library Journal, and is now one of the most highly cited journals in Women's Studies.

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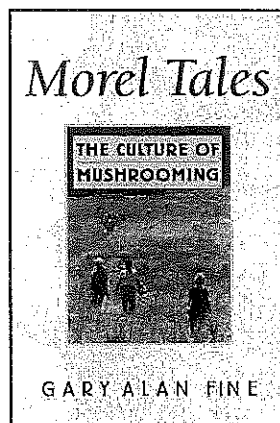


Rescuing Business

The Making of Corporate
Bankruptcy Law in
England and the United
States

Bruce Carruthers with
Terence C. Halliday

Oxford University Press; 1998.



Morel Tales

The Culture of
Mushrooming

Gary Alan Fine

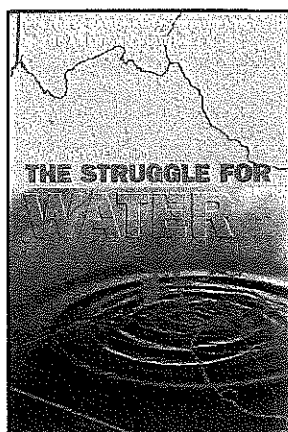
Harvard University Press;
1998.

The Struggle for Water

Politics, Rationality
and Identity in the
American
Southwest

Wendy Espeland

University of Chicago
Press; 1998.

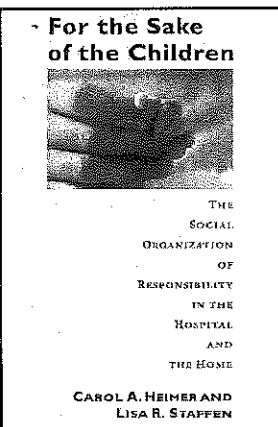
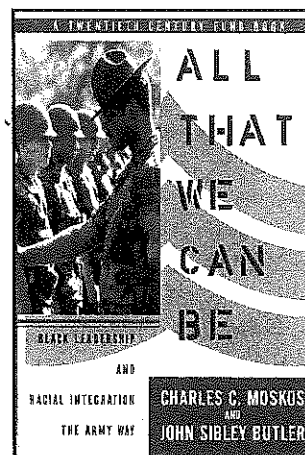


All That We Can Be

Black Leadership and
Racial Integration the
Army Way

Charles Moskos and
John Sibley Butler

New York: Basic Books,
paperback Edition; 1997.



For the Sake of the Children

The Social Organization
of Responsibility in the
Hospital and the Home

Carol Heimer and Lisa
Staffen

University of Chicago Press;
1998.

KUDOS:

Wendy Espeland was the recipient of a Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Teaching Award for 1997-98. Espeland teaches undergraduate and graduate sociological theory classes.

1997-98 Colloquia Speakers Presented Diverse Social Topics

Edwin Amenta, New York University, "Making Sense of America's First Welfare Reform: Institutional Politics and New Deal Social Policy."

Elizabeth Armstrong, University of CA-Berkeley, "Ideology and Organizational Dynamism: The Proliferation of Lesbian Gay Organizations in San Francisco 1964-1994."

Daniel Breslau, Tel Aviv University, "Instituting the Economy: The Politics of National Income Accounts."

William Bridges, University of IL-Chicago, "Older Workers: Employment Security and Employment Institutions."

Carol Brooks-Gardner, University of IN-Indianapolis, "Secret Admirers: Varieties of Interaction in Stalking >Relationships."

Elisabeth Clemens, University of AZ, "From Social Capital to Institutional Change: Lessons from the Woman's Suffrage Movement."

Georgi Derluguian, Northwestern University, "The Warlord Who Admired Bourdieu."

Parfait Eloundou-Enyegue, RAND, "Economic Crisis and Child Schooling in Africa: And of Long Crayons."

Nancy Fraser, The New School for Social Research, "Social Justice in the Age of Identity Politics."

Andreas Glaeser, Harvard, "Recognizing Self and Other through Space: The Hermeneutics of Identity in the Post Unification Berlin Police."

John Hagan, University of Toronto, "Symbols of Sovereignty: American Participation in the Canadian Vietnam War Resistance."

John Kvist, Danish National Institute of Social Research, "The

Welfare State and Employment Performance."

John Mohr, University of CA-Santa Barbara, "Mapping Meaning: A Network Approach."

Laura L. Miller, UCLA, "Feminism and the Exclusion of Army Women from Combat."

Mark Mizruchi, University of Michigan, "Institutional Isomorphism: A Case of the Social Construction of Sociological Knowledge."

Ann Orloff, University of Wisconsin, "Gender and Social Policy: Markets, Families and the State in Australia, Canada, Great Britain and the United States."

Mary E. Pattillo-McCoy, University of Michigan, "Prayer as a Strategy of Action in the Black Community."

Richard Peterson, Vanderbilt, "Institutionalizing Country Music."

Ronald Rindfuss, University of NC-Chapel Hill, "Land Use, Competition and Migration."

Dorothy Roberts, Rutgers University, "Making Reproduction A Crime."

Ronen Shamir, Tel-Aviv University, "Colonialism, Nationalism and Law: A Case Study."

Lyn Spillman, University of Notre Dame, "Explaining National Identities: The United States and Australia Compared."

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

Christopher Wellin, Northwestern University, "Managerial Construction of Workers= Knowledge: The Micro-Politics of Technical Change in Industry."

Bruce Western, Princeton, "How Unregulated is the US Labor Market? The Penal System as A Labor Market Institution."

Isabelle Wilkerson, Reporter-New York Times-Chicago Bureau, "Journalism vs. Ethnography: Qualitative Research on Urban America."

Yves Winkin, University of Liege, Belgium, "Erving Goffman: An Ethnographic Life."

James Witte, Northwestern University, "Attributes and Agency: Longitudinal Analyses of Individual Income in Institutions."

"The point is not that social science should go in for pretentious soothsaying. Man's guess into the future is fragile, even when implemented by science. But the stubborn fact remains that we sail inevitably into the future, the sea is full of dangerous reefs and shoals, and drifting is more dangerous than choosing the course that our best intelligence dictates."

If, then, social science should take the wheel, what does it know by which it can steer?"

Robert S. Lynd, "Knowledge for What?" 1939.

First African-American Professor

Walter L. Wallace (Ph.D., Chicago 1963) was the first African-American professor in the Department in 1963. In 1971, he moved to Princeton University and continued his teachings and writings in the areas of sociological theory and racial and ethnic relations. He is the author of, among other works, *The Future of Ethnicity, Race, and Nationality*, New York: Praeger, 1997.

Alumni News

Josephine Allin Raymond (1933) devotes her time to the Child Evangelism Ministry in North Carolina. She married her husband, Al (deceased, >82), in 1934. She has three children, eight grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Dorothy Miller (1939) was a school social worker from 1967-1979 before pursuing a new career as a researcher and writer on Japanese Folk Art. She is an extensive traveler and recently published *Indigo: From Seed to Dye*.

Margaret Day Anthon (1940, MA) was the Director of the Huntington Club in Syracuse, New York until 1946. Her husband, Carl Anthon, passed away in 1996. She has seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Barbara Moss Herjanic (1943) received her MD from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1950. From 1953-58 she was a medical missionary in Korea. She later studied psychiatry at Washington University and became an associate professor of child psychiatry. She married Marijan Herjanic in 1963.

James M. Gustafson (1948) is retiring after serving as faculty at Yale University from 1955-72, at the University of Chicago from 1972-88, and at Emory University from 1988-1998.

Susan Weiss (MA, 1965) received her MSW in 1971 and has worked in psychiatric and school social work settings. She is currently working in a private practice in counseling on adoption issues. She lives happily with her two adoptive daughters, Cathryn (11) and Amanda (6).

Muriel Adler (MA, 1965) was on the Social Science Faculty at Wright City College from 1965-

1974. After earning her MSW in 1975, she is currently doing clinical social work in Oregon. She and her husband of fifty-two years have two daughters and five grandchildren. They are enjoying life in the Pacific Northwest.

B.I.C. Ijomah (Ph.D., 1969) is the Chair of the Department of Sociology, Dean of the Graduate School at Edo State University in Nigeria, and chairman of the EEC/FGN sponsored research on erosion and ecological changes in Nigeria's coastal region. He also directed national research on migrant fishermen and is currently doing research work on the military in the Third World and the prospects of democracy.

George A. Kourvetaris (Ph.D., 1969) is a professor of sociology at Northern Illinois University. In 1973, he founded the *Journal of Political and Military Sociology*, which has published over 500 articles and essays. This year marks the silver anniversary of the journal.

Penny Parr Eccles (MA, 1970) conducted research and taught at McGill University. She has also been involved extensively in the Ontario community college system in educational administration, as Dean of Applied Arts, and as Executive Director of Academic Planning. Early retirement allows her to enjoy summers in Quebec and winters in the Caribbean. She has a passion for gardening and says life is good.

Noreen Feldman Orbach (1971) received her Ph.D. from UIC in 1977. Orbach founded PPO networks in five Midwest states. She is currently the regional president. She and her husband Jerome have two daughters, one of whom is attending NU.

Howard Schechter (Ph.D., 1971)

is currently a workplace consultant and has authored the book, *Rekindling the Spirit in Work*. He is also a lecturer and workshop leader.

Rev. William Steger (1972) is chairperson for the Church Renewal Team in Northern Illinois for the American Baptist Churches in the U.S. He and his wife Karen have two daughters, Michelle and Liz.

Graham Spanier (Ph.D., 1973) is the 16th president of Pennsylvania State University. He is leading a transformation of the University for the 21st Century. Among his highest priorities is putting people first and humanizing the University. He is a member of several associations, including the Presidential Advisory Board on Information Technology. He and his wife, Sandra, have two children, Brian (17) and Haley (13).

Geoffrey Fox (Ph.D., 1975) is the Director of Academic Technologies at Hostos Community College-CUNY, Bronx. His latest book is *Hispanic Nation*, and his interests include writing fiction, classical guitar, and sailing. He and his wife, Susan Torre, have two sons and two grandchildren.

Amy Olson Boettcher (1995) received her MA in International Studies at the University of Chicago in 1996. She currently works in purchasing and advertising at Supervalu, Inc. and resides in Minneapolis. She and her husband, Don, are expecting their first child.

Kari Sanderson (1995) will graduate from the NU Physical Therapy School this year. She plans to practice in Chicago upon graduation.

ALUMNI CONTINUED, PAGE 7

Sarah Susannah Willie (Ph.D., 1995) is now at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania, and will be leading the Black Studies Program as of August 1998.

Justin Vujevich (1996) is entering his third year of medical school at NU.

Cameron Anne Westwater (1997) will begin law school at the University of California-Davis in August 1998.

Thanks to the many alumni who shared their career moves and outstanding accomplishments. Please continue to send your news to NUSociology, 1810 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, IL 60208-1330. Email: Sociol@nwu.edu

Alumni Gifts Received

A thank you to **William G. Bittler** for his continuing and generous support.

Once again, we have the opportunity to thank **Martha A. Roberts** for her charitable donation.

Also, a special thank you to **Richard A. Chrisman** for his generous gift.

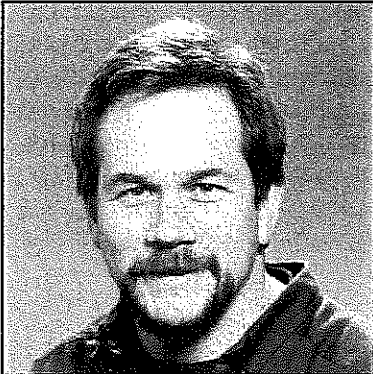
The contributions will help us accomplish our mission of teaching and research. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

In Honor of Howard (Howie) Becker

San Francisco was the site of a festive gathering this past summer during the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. A reception, cosponsored by the Department, was held in honor of Howard Becker, who reached the age of 70 this year, and who was honored by the ASA with the Career of Distinguished Scholarship Award. NU Sociology faculty and graduate students, past and present, were able to meet with Becker again. As a professor of sociology at Northwestern from 1965-1991,

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Survey questions 'community'



A groundbreaking World Wide Web survey on how mobility affects people's sense of community and cultural identity is off to a fast start.

James C. Witte, assistant professor of sociology, and a team of social scientists from across the country conducted the survey, which received more than 50,000 completed questionnaires. The goal was to get 18,000 responses in 10 weeks - significantly more than could affordably be reached using a traditional telephone survey or a questionnaire sent by mail.

"Survey 2000: Charting Communities and Change," developed in conjunction with the National Geographic Society, is examining what "community" means to people living in a fast-paced, highly mobile and highly technological age.

Witte and his colleagues expect to find answers to questions like: How solid are local communities today? How does geographic mobility affect them? What determines the closeness of our family and friends - distance or emotion, and do our tastes in food and literature reflect our geographic roots?

"I am breaking new academic ground by using the World Wide Web survey for scholarly research," Witte said. Joe Germuska, NU Information Technology Support Specialist, served as lead programmer for the project. Germuska's programming efforts allowed the National Geographic Society to include numerous cultural sections.

Taken from NU Observer, November 5, 1998.

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Becker brought many innovations to the field. He has studied the worlds of medical schools and clinics, theaters, art galleries, dance and jazz musicians, professionals, students, and youth.

Several of his works have become classics in sociology, such as *Boys in White* (1961), *Outsiders*

(1963), and *Art Worlds* (1982). Now at the University of Washington, Becker continues to take qualitative research methods in new directions. His recent book, *Tricks of the Trade* (University of Chicago Press, 1997), as yet another contribution to field research.

Graduate Student News

1998 Cohorts

The Department was fortunate to receive applications from an outstanding group of students.

More than 170 applications were received for the dozen or so university fellowships available. The members of the entering cohort come from diverse backgrounds, but each one in their his or her way demonstrates enormous promise as sociologists.

The following students are members of the 1998-99 cohort: **Tennille Allen**, University of Illinois-Chicago; **Cheryl Brown**, Oberlin College; **Cheris Chan**, University of Hawaii; **Hildie Cohen**, Emory University; **Peer Fiss**, University of Hamburg; **Suzanne Hansford**, University of Missouri-Columbia; **Antonio Jimenez**, University of Chicago; **Ryan Lancaster**, University of Michigan; **Shayne Lee**, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School; **Michael Sauder**, Pennsylvania State University; **Kendra Schiffman**, Brigham Young University; **Stephanie Sherman**, Arizona State University; **Nathan Wright**, Messiah College.

Winch Memorial Award

The seventh annual Robert F. Winch Memorial Awards for outstanding graduate student papers and outstanding teaching were presented in September 1998.

In the category of outstanding second year paper, **Barry Cohen**, "Marketing Trust: Credit Reporting and Credit Rating in the 19th Century," and **Peter Levin**, "Gendering the Market: Temporality, Work and Gender on a National Futures Exchange," were co-winners.

For outstanding published or presented paper, **Brian Donovan**, "Political Consequences of Private Authority: Promise Keepers and the Transformation of

ASA presentations and . . .

The Department was represented by the following graduate students at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco: **Neeraja Aravamudan**, **Algernon Austin**, **Regina Deil**, **John Diamond**, **Brian Donovan**, **Sarah Gatson**, **Kathleen Hull**, **Laura Leffingwell**, **Peter Levin**, **Kathryn Linnenberg**, **Mary Lopez**, **Michael Lounsbury**, **Eric Petersen**, **Michael Sacks**, and **Ira Silver**.

worldwide presentations . . .

John Diamond, Assoc. of Black Sociologists Conference, Canada; **Lisa Amoroso**, American Sociological Assoc. Methodology Conference, Chicago; **Philip Howard**, International Studies Assoc. Meeting, MN; **Sarah Gatson**, and **Michelle Landis**, Law and Society Assoc. Meeting, CO; **Pei-Chia Lan**, Labor & Monopoly Capital Conference, SUNY; **Curtis Askew**, and **Antonio Chiareli**, Mid-South Sociological Assoc. Meeting, LA; **Regina Deil**, North Central Sociological Assoc., OH; **Mariame Kaba**, Orthopsychiatric Assoc. Conference, DC; **Michael Sacks**, Academy of Management Conference, CA; **Michael Lounsbury**, Pacific Sociological Assoc., CA; **Angela Irvine**, Pedagogy of the Oppressed Conference, Univ. of NE; and **Darnell Coleman**, Urban Affairs Assoc. Meeting, TX.

Hegemonic Masculinity," *Theory and Society*, Dec. '98

The award for outstanding teaching assistant went to **Arin Nadimpalli** and **Kris Smock**. Honorable mentions went to **Neeraja Aravamudan** and **Michael Sacks**.

In the category of outstanding lecturer, the award went to **Michelle VanNatta** received first place. Honorable mentions went to **Lisa Amoroso**, **William Corrin**, **Vensive Lamb**, and **Michael Sacks**.

Fourth Karpf Peace Prize

Mary Lopez, sociology graduate student, received the "Karpf Peace Prize," that was awarded by the Department. The prize is in recognition of Lopez's work. She analyzes sociologically how people deal with serious illnesses in their own lives. The work will enlighten not only the ill, but others in society who seek to understand how to relate to sick friends, family members, and people in their community.

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

Grads' endeavors . . .

Ph.D.'s awarded . . .

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

Brian Gran, "Death and Taxes: A Comparative Analysis of Retirement-Income Systems." (December 1997)

Timothy Melvin Koponen, "Zimbabwe's Maize Commodity Chain: Embedding the Economy of Food in Race and Science." (June 1998)

Wayne Kriemelmeyer, "Career Progression in the Big Six." (December 1997)

Judy Levine, "How Poor Women Decide about Welfare and Work: Economic and Sociological Models of Choice." (December 1997)

Steven Neufeld, "Economic Development and The Local Community: Neighborhood Association and Local Development Corporations in Two African American Neighborhoods." (December 1997)

Lisa Sun-Hee Park, "Growing Up in an Immigrant Entrepreneurial Family: The Paradox of Work and Family." (June 1998)

David Pellow, "Black Workers in Green Industries: The Hidden Infrastructure of Environmental Racism." (June 1998)

Jorge Rodriguez, "Modernization and Political Cleavages in Open Party Systems. Sources of Medium Run Instability in Non-Consolidated Democracies: The Case of Spain." (December 1997)

Marjorie B. Schaafsma, "Disruptive Ambitions: Women Lawyers in Large Law Firm Practices." (June 1998)

Debra Schleef, "Elites in Training: Accommodation and Resistance to Professional Socialization in Law and Business School." (December 1997)

David Shulman, "The Social Organization of Workplace Deception." (December 1997)

Ira Silver, "Preventing Fires While Feeling the Heat: Philanthropists and Community Organizations Collaborating to Address Urban Poverty." (June 1998)

Rebecca Wallin, "Between Women at Work: 'Official' and 'Unofficial' Narratives." (June 1998)

Elijah Ward, "Boundaries in the Heart: The Sociology of Distance and Intimacy in Hospice Work." (June 1998)

Christopher Wellin, "Liberation Technology?: Workers' Knowledge and the Micro-Politics of Adopting Computer-Automation in Industry." (December 1997)

Awards . . .

Lisa Amoroso was awarded funding from the German Institute for Economic Research to attend a conference in Berlin.

Regina Deil was awarded a Spencer Dissertation Fellowship for Research Related to Education.

Philip Howard received a travel grant from the Center for International and Comparative Studies

to do research on politics in Bangladesh and Northeastern India.

Kathleen E. Hull, was the 1998 recipient of the Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Fellowship, for her paper "Wedding Rites/Marriage Rights: Same-Sex Marriage as Cultural Practice and Political Goal," which was awarded by the Sex and Gender Section of ASA.

Pei-Chia Lan's paper, "Bodily Labor in Contemporary Service Jobs: Cosmetics Retailers in Department Stores and Direct Selling," won the 1998 Braverman Honorable Mention Award, given by the Labor Studies Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

Michael Sacks received the following grants: Center for International and Comparative Studies research grant and a Dispute Resolution Research Center grant. He was also awarded the 1997-98 Outstanding Teaching Assistant award from the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences.

Laurie Scarborough-Voss received a Dissertation Year Fellowship from Northwestern University Graduate School.

Ira Silver received the 1998 award for the Best Graduate Student Published Paper from the Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section of the ASA.

Wen Wu was awarded a Summer Language Scholarship from NU Graduate School to study French.

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Undergraduate Update

Work experience for undergraduates

It is the goal of the **Chicago Field Studies Program** to provide students with hands-on experience where they learn much about an organization, about a profession, and about a career. By matching top-ranked students with a firm or agency (governmental, profit, or non-profit), the Program expects the student to serve in an internship that offers both collaborative and independent work. During the eight weeks of the quarter, participants sustain advanced research while in the field, and meet weekly with other students for intensive seminar discussions. Thirty-two hours per week are spent in the workplace, experiences and observations are documented daily in field journals, and finally, an original paper is produced based on the internship. At the end of the quarter, the student will have learned "to use the modern city as a way to study their world."

Another innovative opportunity for undergraduates is the NEXT program, which is the **Northwestern University Externship Program**. Interested students are paired with Northwestern alumni for job shadowing opportunities in the Chicago area. The alumni serve as mentors in their respective professions, familiarize students with daily responsibilities, and recommend related courses and majors. Depending on the career field, the extern may participate actively or observe. The student and mentor work together to outline goals and expectations. Though the program is short, with each externship lasting one to three days, it is a valuable opportunity to explore various career options.

Exum awards presented

The intent of the Exum Award is to honor the memory of William Henry Exum, a member of the Department of Sociology and African-American Studies. 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.

The first place winner was **Mark P. de la Rosa** for his paper "Ethnic Specific versus Ethnic Holistic: The Social Malleability and Relativity Identity." The second place winner was **Adam G. Porsh** for his paper "Jackson vs. Farrakhan: An Analysis of Political Differentiation within

National Black Politics." An honorable mention was awarded to **Vivat L. Bangura** for her submission "Title IX vs. Affirmative Action, but Tix Preferred."

Sociology senior thesis awarded

Six students were awarded the Department of Sociology's Senior Thesis with distinction Award. Recipients were **Ruchi Agrawal, Raakhee Biswas, Kathleen Blunt, Josh Klugman, Rosemary Ramsey, and Melanie Shain**. This award is based on each student's creative ability, persuasiveness and systematic way of doing research.

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.

During the fall quarter, **Achy Obejas** lectured a course titled "Politics of Performance Art." Obejas is a cultural affairs writer/critic for the *Chicago Tribune*, and a writing instructor at Columbia College in Chicago.

During 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.

Five majors received honors

Departmental Honors were awarded to five sociology majors at the June Convocation. The recipients were **Ruchi Agrawa, Raakhee Biswas, Joshua Klugman, Rosemary Ramsey and Melanie Shain**. 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 were to receive Departmental Honors. Honors were awarded to students who showed outstanding scholarship in their major course of study.

Graduate Placement

Sarah Babb, assistant professor, University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Amy Binder, assistant professor, University of Southern California-Los Angeles.

Antonio Chiareli, assistant professor, Union University, Tennessee.

Elizabeth Clifford, visiting lecturer, Connecticut College-New London.

John Diamond, post-doctoral fellowship, Northwestern University.

Sarah Gatson, visiting lecturer, Cornell College, Iowa.

Timothy Melvin Koponen, assistant professor, Beloit College, Wisconsin

Michael Lounsbury, assistant professor, Cornell University, New York.

Steven Neufeld, adjunct professor, Eastern Washington University.

Lisa Park, post-doctoral fellowship, University of California-Berkeley. Assistant professor, University of Colorado.

David Pellow, post-doctoral fellowship, University of California-Berkeley. Assistant professor, University of Colorado.

Jorge Rodriguez, visiting lecturer, University of Chicago.

Debra Schleef, visiting lecturer, University of Richmond, Virginia.

Ira Silver, visiting lecturer, Northwestern University. **Matthew Smith-Lahrman**, assistant professor, Dixie College, Utah.

Brett Stockdill, assistant professor, California State Polytechnic University.

Lori Waite, assistant professor, Trinity College, Connecticut.

Christopher Wellin, post-doctoral fellowship, University of California-San Francisco.

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