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Aldon Morris Named Chair of Sociology

Editors's Note: The Department of Sociology has a new chairperson. Aldon Morris became the twelfth chairperson on September 1, 1992 following Chris Winship's tenure in that position. The Department wishes to thank Winship for his excellent work as chairperson and looks forward to the leadership of Morris.

Aldon Morris might best be described as a "people person." And he's putting that attribute to good use in his new duties as chairperson of the Department of Sociology.

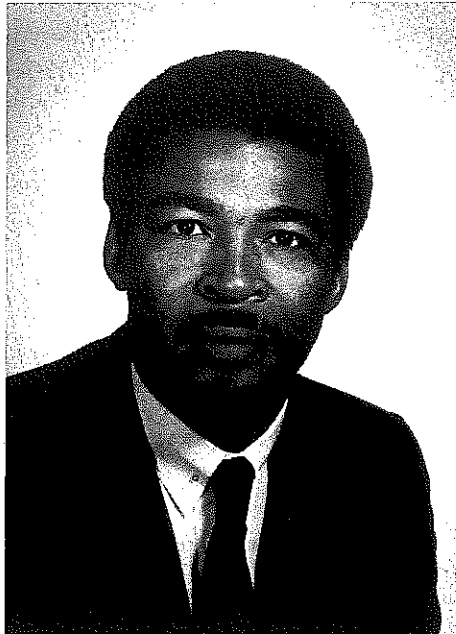
Morris began his new duties in September, taking over the reins from Chris Winship who left the Department for a one-year visiting professorship at Harvard University. Aldon will serve in the position for three years.

The new chairperson did not set out to even be a sociologist.

"I got into sociology almost by accident," explained Morris. "I went to graduate school in sociology in the early 1970s after being influenced by the social activism of that period. And being a member of an oppressed community, I was interested in the process of social change and how such change could be implemented.

"I thought I could go to the university, study the laws of social change and be an agent for it," he continued. "However, as I studied sociology and other social sciences, it became readily apparent that my views were naive about how change could take place. The more I studied, the more I learned just how little I actually knew about social change and inequality.

"And about that time, I had to make choices about what I was going to do



Aldon Morris

with my life," he said. "So along my journey, I wrote a dissertation and got a job at a university. I didn't set out to be an academic: it is what happened to me on my way to understanding social change."

Morris did his undergraduate work at Olive-Harvey Community College in Chicago and Bradley University. He received a BA in 1974, and a MA and PhD at SUNY-Stony Brook in 1977 and 1980 respectively. He then joined the faculty of the Department of Sociology at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he remained until 1988. At that time, Morris came to Northwestern as an associate professor with tenure. In 1992, he was promoted to full professorship.

While at NU, Morris has established himself as a major figure in the sociology of social movements. His

first book, The Origins of the Civil Rights Movement, is seen as a landmark study in the field of social movements. Yale University Press has just published Frontiers in Social Movement Theory, edited by Morris and Carol Mueller. That volume explores cutting edge theoretical issues in the field of collective action and social movements.

In addition, the new chairperson is working on a study of the Chicago civil rights movements in the 1960s, and conducting research on the status of historically black colleges. And he will continue to teach.

"I'm teaching a graduate seminar on the sociology of the black experience this fall and will continue teaching at the undergraduate level," said Morris. "I enjoy working with students. They're the main reason the university exists.

"Research and teaching go hand in hand as opposed to being in conflict."

As chairperson, Morris has set some goals for himself and the Department, including maintaining the academic and intellectual strength of the Department, recruiting top faculty and graduate students, and strengthening the teaching and training of students at all levels.

"I believe that this Department is poised to become one of the very best sociology departments in the nation and part of that process will involve recruiting top-flight graduate students and faculty members," the personable professor said. "I hope to enhance the social diversity of the Department to show that social diversity and intellectual strength are compatible rather than mutually exclusive.

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Department Loses Mack to Retirement

On the last day of Professor Ray Mack's "American Society" spring quarter class, his students presented him with a plaque thanking him for nearly 40 years of teaching. And for Mack, this was his finest tribute.

"Since I went to college in the first place with the specific intention of becoming a teacher, I could hardly be more pleased at the compliment - and its sources," explained Mack of the accolade presented to him by his students in recognition of "having expanded the minds of countless Northwestern students."

Mack retired last spring after devoting nearly all of his distinguished academic career to Northwestern. He joined the faculty of the Department of Sociology in 1953, serving as its chair from 1959-67; vice president of faculties at Northwestern from 1971-73; and provost of the university, 1974-87.

And he will be missed by his colleagues as well: "It is easy to be impressed by the sheer length of time and the excellence of performance in many different areas that Ray has contributed to Northwestern," said Prof. Arnold (Ackie) Feldman, who has worked with Mack during his entire career at NU. "What this misses is the multiplicative effect his efforts have had. I am most aware of these as they changed the social sciences. He was chair of sociology for seven years, and during that time he raised the department to a qualitatively higher level. It was the department that Ray built that became ranked among the top 10 departments in the country. He was the founder and head of the Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research for six years, and he so constructed that organization that it pulled all of the 'policy sciences' up to a much higher level. It became a 'bank' from which all the other departments could draw resources with which to build and reach higher levels of quality as well as increased size. The same kind of effect characterizes his tenure as provost.

"Ray was truly a faculty member and administrator whose contributions

were much greater than the sum of their parts. More than anyone else I can think of, he transformed the social sciences at NU and leaves them much enhanced. The ability to have this kind of an impact is extremely rare, and we were all fortunate that he was here during our own careers."

Looking back on his years here, Mack is pleased with the way in which the Department has changed from an all-white male faculty when he joined it to its present composition that includes blacks, hispanics and women. Another positive change in the Department, as noted by the professor, is "the fact that we are now one of the leading sociology departments in the country in terms of the number of minority students who earn their PhDs here."

As for the field of sociology, Mack feels that over the years much more emphasis has been put on "hard, data-based empirical generalizations and much less attention to grandiose systems of theory."

Although he taught many sociology classes over the years, "Social Inequality, Race, Class and Power" remains his favorite.

"Since four of my books are in this area, this class gave me the opportunity to teach in my area of greatest scholarly interest and greatest citizenly concern," he explained.

The books he authored include "Race, Class and Power" (1968); "Our Children's Burden: School Desegregation in Nine American Communities" (1968); "Sociology and Social Life" (1973) with John Pease; and "Transforming America: Patterns of Social Change" (1979) with Calvin Bradford.

The scholar received a bachelor's degree from Baldwin-Wallace College in 1949 and master's and Phd degrees from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. He received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from DePaul University in 1990.

Mack is a former president of Alpha Kappa Delta, Midwest Sociology Society, and the Society for



Ray Mack

the Study of Social Problems. He was a member of the Surgeon General's Committee on the Behavioral Sciences, the Behavioral Sciences Research Training Committee of the National Institute of Mental Health, and the Council of the American Sociology Association where he also served as vice president.

He served as a visiting scholar with the Russell Sage Foundation and has done research in the Caribbean under the auspices of the Ford Foundation.

The professor and his wife, Ann, have three daughters and one grandson, three-year-old Benjamin. Mack enjoys playing golf and beating the drums in a jazz band. Each year, his band performs during the Evanston Fourth of July parade.

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From the Chair

This past year was a good year for the Department of Sociology though one of substantial change, particularly in the demography of the Department. We said good-bye to two old veterans of the Department, Ray Mack and Ackie Feldman (see stories on page 2 and 4). Our good-byes were not too difficult in that both are remaining in the area and teaching in the Department part-time. So although they are no longer the involved colleagues that they were for so many years, they are still readily available for advice or a good chat. We wish them only the best.

After four years as chairperson, I have stepped down and am now spending the year on leave at Harvard. Although I (perhaps peculiarly) enjoyed my four years as chair, I must say that I find that being away from the day-to-day demands of the position quite liberating. I am enjoying my time at Harvard, but I do find I very much miss my colleagues at Northwestern and the warm and stimulating atmosphere of the Department.

Two new faculty have joined the Department — Ken Dauber and Karl Monsma (see stories on page 4). This means that there are now five assistant professors (Nicki Beisel, Bruce Carruthers and Wendy Espeland in addition to Karl and Ken) in the faculty which numbers approximately 20. Only two years ago, there was only one untenured member, Bob Nelson, who is now tenured. We are growing younger.

As a sign of the times, we also now have three couples in the Department — Bruce and Wendy, Nicki and Karl, and Art Stinchcombe and Carol Heimer. To complete the change in demography, several faculty had babies this year (see story on page 9).

As many of you are probably aware, the Department was ranked 10th in the country among sociology departments by the U.S. News and World Report. Although we thought we deserved a somewhat higher standing, we were quite pleased to be listed among the top departments in the country. This ranking is quite a

change from what we received in 1980 — a three-way tie for 21st — and means that we are almost back in the same position in 1970 when we were ranked 9th. As Ray Mack comments in the article on Ackie Feldman, Ackie deserves the credit for turning the Department around and putting it in a position to achieve this standing.

(I know a number of you are asking whether such polls should really be taken seriously. Probably not, but I would still prefer to be ranked 10th instead of 21st.)

Subtle changes are also occurring in the Department. We are actively seeking funds both internally and externally to provide better support for graduate student and undergraduate research. As described on page 8, the number of graduate students giving papers at professional meetings has increased considerably. We also now have a summer fellowship program to support joint faculty/student research (page 7).

I came to Northwestern in 1980. My impression is that the Department

is considerably stronger now than it was then. Both the undergraduate and graduate programs have been considerably strengthened. In recruiting graduate students, we are typically only losing individuals to Berkeley and Wisconsin and, sometimes, Chicago. Our graduate student body is also much more diverse than in the past. We are doing as good a job of recruiting minority students as any department in the country. In terms of faculty, we are competing for the best people at both the junior and senior level and more often than not we are convincing individuals to come to Northwestern.

Aldon Morris has taken over as chair (see story on page 1). My understanding from my colleagues is that he is doing a first-rate job. The Department is not only very strong now, but it has the potential to be even better. I know Aldon will make sure that Northwestern Sociology realizes this potential. I wish him the best of luck. I hope you will give him your support.

—Chris Winship

Moskos Awarded Guggenheim

Professor Charles Moskos has been awarded a John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship to study race relations in the Army and what lessons can be drawn for civilian society.

In receiving this award, Moskos joins 149 artists, scholars and scientists selected as prestigious Guggenheim Fellows on the basis of "unusually distinguished achievement in the past and exceptional promise for future accomplishments." The awards for those selected for the fellowship totaled \$3.9 million.

Moskos is a leading military sociologist and has conducted research in Vietnam, Korea, Germany, Panama, the Dominican Republic, and, most recently, Saudi Arabia. He is particularly interested in studying the role of blacks in the U.S. volunteer army. "The army is by far the most egalitarian institution in American society," he

explained. "It really is a success story for blacks."

Moskos is also the architect of the National Service Act which was introduced in Congress in 1989. He is a member of the President's Commission on the Assignment of Women in the Military and was recently elected to the Praesidium of Russian Associations on Armed Forces and Society. He has been a faculty member of the Department of Sociology since 1966 where he teaches the large introductory sociology courses and, from time to time, military sociology and the special topic of Greek Americans.

The popular professor is the author of several books including "A Call to Civic Service," "The Military — More Than Just a Job," and his newest, "New Directions in Greek American Studies."

Ackie Feldman Retires

Prof. Arnold (Ackie) Feldman retired from the Department in September, 1991 after 30 years of distinguished service to the Department.

Ackie began his association with Northwestern as a graduate student in 1952 and received his PhD in sociology from NU in 1956. He then joined the faculty of the University of Delaware before returning to NU's Department of Sociology in 1962.

During his tenure here, Feldman served as chair of the Department from 1979-85; a member of the Council on Inter-Societal Studies; and a member of the executive committee and fellow for the Center for the Inter-Disciplinary Science Research Center. He has also been a visiting professor at the University of Puerto Rico, Dartmouth, Columbia, Princeton, and the University of Pennsylvania.

Feldman has studied and written widely on the issues of change and

inequality in both Third World and industrial societies, including "Puerto Rican Fertility," the definitive "Social Class and Social Change in Puerto Rico" with Melvin M. Tumin, and "Labor Commitment and Social Change in Newly Developing Areas."

Currently, the professor is conducting studies of Spanish society including research on the problems of regional ethnicity and social class, and the process of political change during the past decade.

Feldman will continue to teach classes on "Classical Theory in Sociological Analysis" and "Dickens and the Sociology of Capitalism."

And his impact on the Department remains: According to Prof. Ray Mack, sociology, "Northwestern University's Department of Sociology is ranked among the top 10 departments in the U.S. The individual who deserves the most credit for this is

Ackie Feldman. His leadership in the Department and his administrative skill in the University brought us many of our outstanding research faculty who, in turn, attracted our outstanding graduate student body. He is a respected scholar. His most definitive contribution, in my opinion, stems from the effectiveness of his graduate teaching. He takes his obligations as a teacher so seriously that his students have little choice but to join him in the endeavor. He has introduced Northwestern PhD candidates to basic sociological theory for over 30 years. Since those former students are now widely dispersed and are instructing another generation in theory, Ackie Feldman has left an indelible mark on the discipline of sociology."

Feldman and his wife, Miriam, are the parents of two children. In his spare time, the professor enjoys playing bridge.

Monsma, Dauber Join Sociology Faculty

Karl Monsma and Kenneth Dauber have joined the Department of Sociology faculty as assistant professors.

Monsma received his MA in 1985 and his PhD in 1992 from the University of Michigan. His dissertation explored "Ranchers, Rural People, and the State in Post-Colonial Argentina."

Monsma's main interests are in political sociology, law and society, Latin American societies, historical sociology, and quantitative methods. He is continuing to work on agrarian politics and the state in 19th century Argentina. Along with a colleague, he is also studying a public housing eviction board in the contemporary U.S.

Fluent in Spanish, Monsma is a member of the American Sociological Association, Latin American Studies Association, Law and Society Association, and Social Science History Association. While at Michigan, he taught numerous graduate and undergraduate courses, and at NU, he is teaching "Revolutions and Social Change."

Dauber did his undergraduate work and received his MA in sociology in 1984 from Yale, and received his PhD in 1992 from the University of Arizona. His dissertation, "Shaping the Clay: Pueblo Pottery, Cultural Sponsorship and Regional Identity in New Mexico," examines Anglo patronage of Pueblo pottery production in New Mexico in the 1920s and 1930s focusing in particular on how notions of culture and tradition enter into regional and community politics.

Prior to joining the faculty at NU, Dauber was a lecturer at Smith College where he taught courses such as "Native Americans in the Contemporary U.S." and "Introduction to Sociology" which he is teaching this fall and winter. His areas of interest include cultural sociology, organizational theory, the sociology of art, and the social construction of space and time. He is a member of the American Sociological Association, American Anthropological Association and American Ethnological Society.

Chairs of NU 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-

Grants Awarded to Faculty Members

Prof. Thomas Cook along with Prof. Charles Payne, African-American Affairs, and Prof. Diana Slaughter-Defoe, Education and Social Policy, received a grant from the MacArthur Foundation and the Chicago Community Trust for a project on "School-Based Management Reform in Chicago."

The three-year project will evaluate the implementation of a program developed by James Comer of the Yale Medical School designed to bring teachers, parents, and school administration into close working relationship to improve the social and academic climate of public school and, eventually, the academic performance of children.

Prof. Roberto Fernandez received funds from the Rockefeller and Russell Sage Foundations to continue his research on the outcome for industrial workers when their plant relocates from a central city to the suburbs.

Hunter Spends Quarter in England

Prof. Albert Hunter spent the fall of 1991 in London as a Visiting Fellow in the Department of Sociology at the London School of Economics and Political Science, and as a Reader at the British Museum Library.

Hunter's research in England involved interviews and archival analysis of national federations of local community units such as the British Association of Settlements and Social Actions Centres, and the National Association of Counties. This is a comparative follow-up to his U.S. research on such federations as the National Associations of Neighborhoods and the National League of Cities. This research is a part of his ongoing concern with the ways in which local communal interests persist and are mobilized to affect national public policy.

In addition, Hunter spent time reading original editions and revisions of seminal works by the Scottish moralists such as Adam Smith and Adam Ferguson to further develop his theoretical interest in "civil society."

Hunter and his wife, Renee Weber, took a flat in Covent Gardens in the heart of London's theatre district, surrounded by bookstores, coffee shops, and pubs. As a committed urban field researcher, he notes that "As important as reading about civil society was the daily experience of living in a pedestrian, urbane and civil city."

Jencks' Book on Social Policy Published

Prof. Christopher Jencks is the author of a new book that has received critical acclaim.

The book, Rethinking Social Policy, includes a total of six separate essays plus an introduction by the author. The essays deal with subjects such as welfare creating the conditions it purports to eliminate; the nature-versus-nurture controversy with reference to crime; a critical examination of the urban ghetto analysis by sociologist William Julius Wilson; trends in the size of the underclass; welfare reform for single mothers; and affirmative action. The book is published by Harvard University Press.

In a review of the book that appeared in the "New York Times Book Review" this past spring, author Dennis Wrong writes: "Mr. Jencks' capacity to zero in on the relevant statistics, his down-to-earth sense of reality, his way of pinpointing areas of ignorance in which ideology often outpaces limited data, and his unpretentious moral judgments, which are utterly lacking in self-righteousness, are exemplary. Christopher Jencks, I am fully persuaded, is a national resource."

Granovetter, Yaar Serve as Visiting Professors

Mark Granovetter and Ephraim Yuchtman-Yaar are currently serving as visiting professors in the Department.

Granovetter earned his PhD in 1970 from Harvard. Before coming to Northwestern, he was professor and chair of sociology at the State University of New York-Stony Brook and taught at Johns Hopkins University and Harvard. Granovetter is a major figure in the application of network analysis and social organization issues and is interested in the functioning of social institutions such as the polity and the economic system. His 1974 book, Getting a Job: A Study of Contacts and Careers, investigated job contact networks and their impact on labor market success.

He is also involved in a collaborative study of the social origins of the electric utility industry in the U.S. and in a study of the mathematical models of collective action in "bandwagon effects." At NU, he is teaching a course in "Social Stratification" and an "Organizations Workshop."

Yaar is a professor of sociology and social-psychology and former Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at Tel-Aviv University. At NU, he teaches courses in "Complex Organizations," "Introduction to Israeli Society," and "Industrial Society." He is in the second year of a two-year appointment which also includes a joint teaching venture at the University of Chicago.

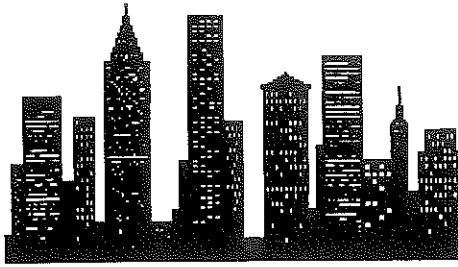
Yaar received his MA from the Hebrew University at Jerusalem and his PhD from the University of Michigan. His major fields of research are organizations, work, and social inequalities with a special emphasis on the Israeli society. Yaar is currently working on another book examining the role of the Supreme Court of Justice and its legitimacy in the context of Israel's political culture.

Sociology Home to Business Institutions Program

The Department of Sociology has a certificate program in residence. For the past three years, the Business Institutions Certificate Program, a brain-child of NU President Arnold Weber, has been housed in sociology's "Red House."

The Program is an interdisciplinary undergraduate program that enables students to learn about the institutional building blocks that are the foundation of the business world. Unlike most undergraduate business curricula, this program has a strong liberal arts base. Students are required to take a sociology course and two economics courses and then choose five other courses from a list of courses offered mainly by the Departments of Economics, Sociology, and History. As director, Carol Heimer, associate professor of sociology, informs students, "you wouldn't be able to get credit in this program for an accounting course unless you also wrote a paper discussing what accounting rules tell you about the relation between business and government." Heimer serves as the second program director of BIP; Prof. Art Stinchcombe, sociology, implemented the program and served as its first director.

About 75 undergraduates are currently enrolled in the program, and they come from a variety of major departments in the College of Arts and Sciences as well as other schools at Northwestern. The program is administered by a faculty committee with members from Economics, History, Political Science, and Sociology. Though BIP usually draws on courses already being taught in departments and other programs, Shearson Lehman Brothers has established a Leadership Fund for the Program in Business Institutions, and these funds in combination with funds associated with the Harvey Kapnick Chair (held by Ronald Braeutigam, professor of economics) have allowed the program to



develop new courses specifically designed for the Program. Three new courses are being developed: a political science course on the business of campaigning, a political science course on politics and business, and a sociology course on the institutional environment of Chicago-area business. Joanne LaBonte, a recent graduate of the Sociology PhD program, is teaching the new sociology course.

Exum Award Shared by Two Undergrads

The fifth annual William Henry Exum Award was shared jointly by sociology undergraduates Tracy Davis and Peggy Chen. The awards were presented May 13, 1992 at African American Affairs (Black House).

Davis' paper discussed "What Factors Lead to the Under-representation of Black Female Faculty at American Colleges and Universities" and Chen wrote on "Clash of Cultures: Pressures Facing Chinese American Women Today."

The award is given annually in honor of the late associate professor who served in the Departments of Sociology and African American Studies. Joining Northwestern in 1977, Exum was actively involved in scholarly work and service on behalf of minority students in higher education. He died in 1986 at the age of 37.

Committee members included Profs. Arlene Daniels, Bernard Beck, Ray Mack, Leon Forrest, and Charles Payne from the faculty with Marisa Alicea and Helen Rosenberg representing the graduate student alumni who had worked with Exum when he taught here.

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new faculty have become ever more stringent, and we wanted to target students whom we thought would be able to use their years at Northwestern to good advantage in this competitive academic market (and other changes in the sociological opportunity structure).

"We are enthusiastic that we have achieved both goals," Schnaiberg continued. "Our students are diverse in terms of schools of origin, racial and ethnic background, areas of interest, and prior academic and non-academic experiences."

The following students — and their undergraduate institutions as well as interests — are members of the 1992 cohort: Jon Godin, Grove City College (NJ), economic organizations; David Harris, Northwestern University, class/race stratification; Angela Irvine, University of California-Berkeley, poverty and policy; Joseph Jewell, University of California-Berkeley, race/class/ethnic/education; Vensive Lamb, Johns Hopkins University, minorities and media; Deborah Levenson, Bryn Mawr College, feminism and stratification; Mary Lopez, Gonzaga University (WA), race and ethnicity; Nichola Marshall, Wake Forest University, law and crime; Lisa Park, Trinity University (TX), gender/race/class/rape; Kasandra Pantoja, State University of New York-Binghamton, race and stratification; David Pellow, University of Tennessee, social movements/race; and Ira Silver, Amherst College, stratification and institutions.

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"Politics includes both a struggle for power and a struggle to limit, or resist and escape from power"

Dennis Wrong

Babb, Kawano, Stevens, Gran, Schaafsma

Grad Students Receive Summer Funding

For the second consecutive summer, the Department provided funds to support graduate students to work with faculty on collaborative research projects. The purpose of the program is to encourage students and faculty to work together and co-author publications. Five graduate students received these summer fellowships

Sarah Babb and Prof. Bruce Carruthers examined a period of American history in which money was made a major political issue.

"Unlike paper money prior to the war, the greenbacks issued by the Union government during the Civil War were not 'backed' by gold, a controversial innovation for those times," explained Babb. "The subsequent debate over whether or not to return to the gold standard is the topic of our research." The pair examined such questions as 'What rhetoric was employed around the issue of value, and how were the different positions articulated?' and 'What connection, if any, existed between the economic interests of the different sides and the arguments offered?'

Hitoshi Kawano and Prof. Charles Moskos did empirical research on the Japanese Imperial Army focusing on the sociology of combat. The issue of "why soldiers fight" was explored in terms of combat motivation, such as ideology, military leadership, primary groups, and social constraints. During the summer, Kawano conducted interviews with Japanese veterans who engaged in combat in the Chinese theater during the 1930s and 1940s. As a result of this research, they hope to make a comparison between Japanese and American combat soldiers during World War II.

Mitchell Stevens and Prof. Carol Heimer were interested in how social workers construct judgments about parents and households.

Neonatal intensive care units (NICUs) employ social workers to manage the transition of infants from

hospital to home, according to Stevens. The social workers then write about NICU babies, their parents and families, and about particular needs a child's physical condition brings to both household and child. What and how social workers write is largely structured by the potential legal function of the writing. In light of their social intent — documenting "professional" judgment and extra-medical actions taken by the hospital "in the interest of the child"— Stevens and Heimer believe they can provide a useful picture of where the organization of private spheres (household, family) meets and at times conflicts with the case-managing objectives of powerful private institutions (hospitals) and the order-keeping objectives of the state.

Last summer, they analyzed the writings of social workers about some 800 infant patients from two Chicago area hospitals.

Brian Gran and Prof. Charles Ragin had two basic aims in their research. First, they examined the variation in the levels of decommmodification (the degree of market-independence for an average worker) in old-age pensions among 18 industrial democracies at six points in time from 1960-85. High degrees of decommmodification have been found in the Scandinavian countries while low levels have been measured in Anglo-Saxon countries. One result of these findings has been that the emphasis in research has been placed on the Scandinavian countries, especially Sweden, while little attention has been paid to the characteristics of Anglo-Saxon countries that may explain their low degree of decommmodification. Thus, the second aim of their research was to examine one such characteristic, ethnic diversity, that distinguishes the advanced capitalist countries from each other.

Gran presented the paper produced from this work at the American Sociological Association's annual

meeting. Ragin and Gran plan to submit the paper to a journal for publication.

Maud Schaafsma and Prof. Jack Heinz, Northwestern Law School, are researching networks among women in the legal profession. Through a series of interviews with women in different areas of the profession, they have identified 25 women who are among the most powerful women practicing law in a midwestern city. The second stage of the research involves asking a primary sample (60 women lawyers from five large law firms) to describe the nature of their professional convictions and relationships with these notable female lawyers. The researcher introduces qualitative data into network analysis, an area of social research that has been almost exclusively based on quantitative measures. The importance of making these networks visible is to understand how women are positioned to exercise power within the legal profession.

Department Honors Senior Projects

Five undergraduate students were the recipients of the Department's new award to recognize outstanding projects in the senior seminar.

The goal of the award is not only to recognize outstanding sociological analysis but also to send out a signal to potential employers about our best student-researchers, according to Prof. Charles Ragin, a member of committee that established the honor. The award is separate from various honors awarded by the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and not linked specifically to grade point average.

The winners for the 1991-92 academic year and the title of their papers were Roxanna Harlow, "The Effect of Environment on the Educational Achievement of Young Children;" "

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Graduate Notes

Positions

Mary Erdmans accepted a tenure-track appointment at the Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina-Greensboro; **Alfonso Morales** is a member of the faculty of the Department of Sociology, University of Arizona; **Yvonne Newsome** assumed her position as an assistant professor of sociology at Vanderbilt University this fall after completing a postdoctoral fellowship at Northwestern's Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research; **Ronen Shamir** joined the faculty of Tel Aviv University; **Yuval Yonay** is completing a postdoc at Princeton and will then teach classes at Haifa University, Israel; **Kevin Henson** is working on a postdoc at the University of California-Los Angeles where he is involved in drug abuse research; **Joanne LaBonte** is teaching courses at both Northwestern and the University of Illinois-Chicago; **Sarah Willie** is a visiting instructor in the African American Studies Program and Department of Sociology at Colby College.

Publications

Hitoshi Kawano: "America Rekishi-shakaigaku no Genjo to Kadai (Theoretical Trends in American Historical Sociology)," *SHISO* 812 (February 1992): pp. 273-303; **Yvonne Newsome**: "International issues and domestic ethnic relations: African Americans, American Jews, and the Israel-South Africa debates," *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society*. 5 (Fall): pp. 19-48; **Mary Erdmans**: "The Social Construction of Emigration as a Moral Issue." In *Polish American Studies*. June 1992; **Mitchell Stevens**: "Susan Krieger's *The Mirror Dance*: Lessons of a Deficient Sociology," forthcoming issue of *Symbolic Interaction*; **Chris Wellin**: his second-year paper on careers in art worlds has been accepted for publication in an edited volume from JAI Press at the end of the year.

Papers

Chris Wellin: ASA Annual Meeting, August, 1992 - "Dilemmas of Mobility in Theatrical Careers;" **H. Mark Ellis**: American Cultural Association, Louisville, March, 1992- "Commitment and Sacrifice: The Fate of Idealism in Conservatory Music Education;" **Mary Erdmans**: Midwest Sociological Meetings, Kansas City, April 1992 - "Disentangling Ethnic Identities," and ASA Annual Meetings, August, 1992 - "Recruitment Strategies, Organizational Membership and Social Movement Participation;" **David Shulman**: Law and Society Association, May, 1992: "Executing Lawful Operations: Private Detectives and the Law;" and Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual meeting, August, 1992: "Constructing and Manipulating Identities: The Case of Private Detectives;" **Maud Schaafsma**: ASA Annual Meeting, August, 1992: "Commitment and Professionalism;" **Debra Schleef**: Law and Society Meeting, Philadelphia, May, 1992: "Thinking Like a Lawyer: The Process of Professional Socialization of Law Students."

Presentations

Carolee Larsen: Conducted a workshop at NU's first conference on "Women in Leadership: Developing the Female Advantage," February, 1992; **Mitchell Stevens**: along with Moe Meyer, Performance Studies, and Tom King, Theatre, organized CAMP/OUT '92, NU's first conference dedicated to lesbian and gay studies, April, 1992.

Grad Recruitment Nets Outstanding Cohort

This past year was an exciting and challenging one in departmental recruitment of graduate students for 1992-93.

"We screened about 160 applicants, including over 50 minority students," explained Prof. Allan Schnaiberg, chair of the graduate recruitment com-

Department Awards

PhDs to Six Candidates

The most recent PhD grads from the Department wrote the following dissertations:

Salah Bassiouni, "Aliens in Saudi Arabia: Enforcement of the Guestworkers Model."

Mary Erdmans, "Emigres and Ethics: Patterns of Cooperation Between New and Established Organizations in Chicago's Polish Community;" faculty member at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

John Freeman, "The Social Ecology of Police Discretion;" assistant to the director of Tech Corporate Partners, McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Northwestern University.

Linda Pulliam, "Social Construction of Intelligibility: Anglo Teachers and Latino Students in an American Amnesty Education Program;" faculty member of Southern Connecticut State University.

Ronen Shamir, "Managing Legal Uncertainty: Elite Lawyers in the New Deal;" faculty member of Tel Aviv University.

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Adam Hirschfelder, "Population Change and School Enrollment Change in Two Integrated Suburbs;" Vincent Ostrowski, "Analysis of Physician Cohesiveness in the Teaching Hospital Setting;" Henry Pietrowski, "A Study of Ambivalence: The Effects of Ethnicity and Family Background upon College Students' Alcohol Consumption and Attitudes about Alcohol;" and Holly Tabrah, "Interest Groups and the National Health Care Debate."

mittee. "Part of the mission for the joint faculty-student recruitment committee was to continue our recent efforts to diversify the backgrounds of our incoming students.

"At the same time, we were aware that academic standards for recruiting

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"It seems to me that the Department aims to be a national pacesetter insofar as diversity is concerned. Indeed, my appointment as chairperson is significant in that respect for I am the first African American to serve as chairperson of the Department.

"I also believe that it is crucial to motivate and strengthen our graduate students now because they are the scholars of the future; we need to provide top-level training to ensure the usefulness and viability of sociology for the 21st century. I am convinced that sociology has something impor-

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tant to say to the nation and world."

And at a time when some universities are in the talking stages of or have already eliminated sociology departments, does Morris think there is any danger of that happening at NU?

"No, not at all," he replied. "In fact, there is a great deal of support for sociology at NU and the Department has accomplished major endeavors despite its relatively small size and the fact that it does not have the resources that many large universities do. We are fortunate to be as strong as we are and to have support from administration, alumni and other members of the academic community."

As far as personal goals, Morris has remained committed to the goals that led him into sociology in the first place.

"I still see a need for social change in society," he explains. "There is no excuse today for the level of poverty and inequality that exist in the world and in American society. Human beings should not accept injustice but should struggle to make society more congruent with democratic ideals. Sociological knowledge is needed to inform such struggles."

And how does he perceive his role as chairperson?

"The chairperson of the Department

is not an individual who is a 'boss' in the traditional sense; the role of a chairperson is to enhance the cooperative nature of a community of scholars and to try to facilitate the intellectual pursuits of the members of a department," he answered.

"One of my philosophies of life is never taking one's self too seriously; one must take one's work very seriously but not one's self."

The Chicago native and his wife, Kim, are the parents of three daughters: Kiana, 12; Yondi, 10; and Kamaria, 2. Kim is currently a social worker at the Cook County Jail.

In his spare time, the new chairperson enjoys playing tennis and ping pong and watching sports. He also loves to travel as well as "interacting with people from all walks of life."

"You can really learn a great deal from them," he said.

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"Authorities and thoughtless historians commonly describe popular contention as disorderly. ... But the more closely we look at that same contention, the more we discover order."
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Charles Tilly

First Annual Winch Prizes Awarded to Grad Students

The first annual Robert F. Winch Memorial prizes for outstanding graduate student papers and student teaching were awarded this summer to Sharon Groch, Mitchell Stevens, Brett Stockdill, David Boden, Rebecca Wallin and Adam Weinberg.

Groch received the award for outstanding second-year paper for her study, "Oppositional Consciousness: Its Manifestation and Development Among People With Disabilities" while Stevens won the honor of most outstanding graduate student paper for his work, "Susan Krieger's The Mirror Dance: Lessons of a Deficient Sociology."

In the teaching category, Stockdill split the award with Boden for outstanding teaching assistant, and Wallin and Weinberg shared the prize for outstanding lecturer.

This monetary award is made possible by a generous gift from Martha Winch in honor of her husband, Robert, who was a member of the Department of Sociology's faculty from 1948-77, serving as chair from 1967-70. A family researcher who examined the structures and functions of the modern family, Winch was the author of several major publications.

Departmental Notes

The stork was busy visiting several faculty members during the past year. First to arrive was Daniel Ragin Driscoll on Feb. 4 weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces. His proud parents are Prof. Charles Ragin and his wife, Mary Kate Driscoll. Prof. Roberto Fernandez and his wife, Carol, welcomed 7 pound, 11 ounce Julia Racquel on Feb. 20. And Ian Nelson Douglass was born March 26 to Prof. Robert Nelson and his wife, Lisa Douglass. "Little " Ian weighed 9

pounds, 15 ounces. The youngest offspring was born Nov. 3 (Election Day) to Professor Al Hunter and his wife, Renee Weber. Christian Devin Hunter weighed 6 pounds and 12 ounces.

Prof. Bernard Beck and Sherry Wax chose the shores of Jenny Lake at the Grant Teton National Park in Jackson Hole, WY to tie the knot on August 31, 1992.

Former department assistant Nancy Bennett is now a student at Catholic University in Washington, DC.

ALUMNI NEWS

Catherine Hoy Roesch ('36) has spent most of her career in the real estate business, most recently in her hometown of Santa Monica, CA. She says she utilizes the group techniques learned at Northwestern University in her many volunteer endeavors. A grandmother of three, Catherine is a member of her community's NU Alumni group.

Barbara Moss Herjanic ('43) completed medical school in 1950 and then served as a medical missionary in Korea from 1953-58. Before retiring in 1984, she was on the staff of Washington University School of Medicine where she taught child psychiatry. Now retired, Barbara lives in Gainesville, FL with her husband who is a professor of psychiatry.

Patricia Murphey Rostker, ('43) returned to the workforce after marriage, family, volunteering and community activities to direct a federally-funded older worker program. After working at it for 15 years, she retired and is back doing volunteer work with aging and inter-generational activities in Pasadena, CA.

Dolores Roe Thompson ('53) has done counselling for geriatric rehabilitation as well as interior decorating. She is currently involved in volunteer projects for Chicago's Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Herm Smith ('70) promoted to full professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and spent 1989 as Distinguished Fulbright Lecturer at Tohoku University in Sendai, Japan, and 1990 as a visiting professor of sociology at Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan.

Susan Brook ('71), Williamston, MI works as administrator in the State of Michigan's Freight Division. In her spare time, she has "made my childhood dream a reality:" she owns M&M Farms whose chief focus is

breeding, showing and enjoying Morgan horses and miniature horses. As of last January, her critter collection included three Morgans, one Morab, one Welsh-Shetland pony, five miniature horses, three miniature donkeys, one Cocker Spaniel, two Aussies, and five barn cats.

Jack Porter ('71) is the director of the Spencer Group, a real estate consulting and education company. A resident of Newton Heights, MA, Jack is the author or editor of 18 books and monographs and over 250 articles and reviews on subjects ranging from Jewish and Holocaust studies to Ukrainian relations.

Judith Blau ('72) serves as a professor of sociology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Clint Sanders ('72), Storrs, CT, is currently a professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Connecticut where his research includes the social relationships between people and companion animals. His most recent work is Customizing the Body: The Art and Culture of Tattooing and Marginal Conventions: The Medical, Popular Culture, and Social Deviance.

Masako Osako ('73) received an MBA from the University of Chicago and serves as vice president of Industrial Bank of Japan in Chicago. He was recently promoted to the head of structured finance which is responsible for public finance and asset-backed transactions.

Rex Weil ('73), Washington, DC, is a painter whose work has been exhibited widely with two one-person shows planned this year. In 1988 and 1991, he received the D.C. Commission on Arts Fellowships. Rex also teaches art workshops for the developmentally disabled.

Mark Brown ('74) is a commander in

the U.S. Navy and completing a three-year tour of duty as the executive officer of the naval supply depot, Yokosuka, Japan.

Katherine Burnside ('82) is a marketing product manager and lives in LaGrange Park, IL.

Linda Cornelous Scotton ('82), Willingboro, NJ continued her education after leaving NU and received a BS in physical therapy from the Thomas Jefferson University in 1985. She is currently the director of physical therapy at a nursing health center in Trenton.

Ralph Jackson ('85), Austell, GA is a key account manager for Pepsi Cola Corporation where he is responsible for developing business opportunities with several drug store/mass merchandiser chains in the Atlanta area.

Larry Ouellet ('86) is a senior research association at the University of Illinois-Chicago where he does ethnographic research into HIV disease and injection drug use in the Uptown area of Chicago. He taught a senior linkage seminar for Northwestern University's Department of Sociology last spring.

Beth Braccio ('90) was a recent June bride and resides in Matteson, IL. She is an editorial assistant for the Encyclopedia Britannica, Compton's Editorial Division.

Claire Gilbert, Deerfield Beach, FL, is an environmental writer whose main focus is "primarily on the cover up concerning global and regional (as opposed to local) effects of the oil well fires in Kuwait."

Thanks to the many alumni for sharing their career moves and outstanding accomplishments for this issue. Please continue to send your news to NUSociology, 1810 Chicago Ave., Evanston, IL 60208-1330.

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