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Moskos and Miller Gather Info in the Field

It's hard to keep a budding sociologist down.

When she finally reached Mogadishu after three days of travel aboard a military plane and a temperature change of at least 100 degrees, grad student Laura Miller collapsed. However, after a hastily infused IV, she quickly recovered and got right to work.

"She literally came out of the bunk interviewing the soldiers who were treating her," explained renown military sociologist Prof. Charles Moskos. Miller accompanied Moskos on a 10-day visit to the desert hot-spot last March; she to examine female GIs in the field, he to study race relations among soldiers on a peace-keeping mission.

Moskos' interest in the post-modern military led to the invitation from the Army Chief of Staff to study, first-hand, the troops in Somalia.

"We were testing the theory that gender problems disappear when troops are sent overseas because they are just too busy to make differences, and that is pretty much what we found."

Miller also found that everything was pretty much equal in the camp. (Miller bunked with the female GIs in "camp" — converted rooms in what used to be the University of Somalia — while Moskos lived with the male soldiers.)

"Facilities were gender separated for practical purposes (showers, bathrooms), but basically everything was equal," she said.

"All in all, men and women interacted with each other, respecting each other in their roles as soldiers in the field. We heard no gender-based com-

Prof. Charles Moskos (2nd from right) and grad student Laura Miller (2nd from left) pose with military personnel outside their camp in Somalia.



plaints."

Female GIs were treated differently than their Somali counterparts by Somali men and were considered inappropriate for combat.

"The Somalis believe that when an army attacks, they strike at the weakest link," the graduate student from Phoenix stated. "Therefore, since females are considered to be weak, they would be the first target and so should not be allowed to serve."

(Miller also noted that several times male Somalis would attempt to trade a camel to the male soldiers for a female GI.)

As far as race relations were concerned, Moskos said that the troops got along very well. However, what the African Americans did not expect was that they would be discriminated against by the Somalis.

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From the Chair

Sociology thrived during the past year at Northwestern. The faculty, students, and staff of the Department realize they are part of a dynamic intellectual enterprise worthy of their best efforts. Additionally, we have received vital assistance and support from the Dean's Office and the University's Central Administration. Moreover, we have received important encouragement and financial gifts from our alumni. We are especially appreciative of the support from alumni, for we recognize it is derived from the heart, given its voluntary nature. We will continue to pursue academic excellence and thus earn your support and respect.

This year the Sociology faculty has been strengthened considerably by our hiring of an eminent senior sociologist: Mark Granovetter. Professor Granovetter is a leading sociologist of economic phenomena. Granovetter's appointment is important because it further solidifies our joint program with the

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Granovetter Joins Sociology Faculty

Mark Granovetter has joined the faculty of our Department.

Granovetter, former professor and chair of sociology at SUNY-Stony Brook, served as visiting professor at NU during the past academic year. He 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. 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."

Granovetter's 1974 book, *Getting a Job: A Study of Contacts and Careers*,

investigated job contact networks and their impact on labor market success. His book-in-progress, *Society and Economy: The Social Construction of Economic Institutions*, will give a sociological slant to some of the core subjects usually treated by economics. He is also the editor of a Cambridge University Press series, *Structural Analysis in the Social Sciences*.

Besides his position at SUNY, Granovetter has taught at Johns Hopkins and Harvard, and has been a visiting professor at the Stanford Business School. He received his PhD from Harvard in 1970.

At NU, Granovetter will teach social stratification and economic sociology.

Colloquia Promotes Diversity

The Department's 1992-93 Colloquia series featured a distinguished list of speakers who helped promote social and intellectual diversity.

Prof. Wilmot James visited in October to present "A Sociology of Racism: South African Materials." James is a visiting scholar at the American Bar Foundation and holds the position of head of the Department of Sociology at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. He returned in May to discuss "Residential Segregation in South Africa."

In December, Prof. John Hagan, University of Toronto, presented "Born to Bill: Dynamic Models of Gender, Work, and Income Inequality Among Lawyers," while Prof. Ada Baskina, Moscow State University, spoke on "Women Today in Russia"

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Hunter Promoted to Professor

Albert Hunter was promoted to professor of sociology last spring.

Long associated with Chicago Field Studies and Urban Studies — he served as director of both programs for six years — and those great ethnic tours of Chicago, Hunter's name has become synonymous with "the city."

"My awe and ambivalence to the city was autobiographically inspired by the culture shock of moving from a small working-class town in western Pennsylvania to Evanston and Chicagoland in junior high school," said Hunter. "It was solidified by the University of Chicago's tradition of treating 'the city as a laboratory' which I encountered in graduate school."

His current research interests are threefold: urban sociology with a focus on local communities and neighborhoods; political sociology with a focus in part on linking local and national politics and the construction of civil society; and re-

search methods, especially the sociology of knowledge as reflected in questions of rhetoric and politics.

Hunter has several written projects in the works. He is completing the final draft of the book, "Pragmatic Liberalism" (with Carl Milofsky), a study of the significance of local institutions in creating a civil society; and is working on the book, "Instituting Ethnicity," (with grad students), which features case studies that explore the role of ethnic institutions and the dilemma of simultaneously promoting ethnic assimilation and isolation. Another tome of case studies, "Suburban Sojourn," will discuss culture, ecology and politics of four Chicago suburbs while "Neighbors and the Gangs" is a comparative study of the organized response of three Evanston neighborhoods to gang problems.

The professor is also Master of the Residential College of Cultural and Community Studies where his duties include programming contact between

students and various ethnic groups in the city, and overseeing their philanthropic activities.

Hunter received his PhD from the University of Chicago and taught at Wesleyan and the University of Rochester before joining the faculty of NU in 1976. Since that time, Hunter has also taught classes in the University College, NU's night school program. By day, he teaches courses on The City, Analysis of Social Data, Sociological Analysis, College Teaching, and Topics in Sociological Analysis, among others.

Hunter has served as editor of Urban Affairs Quarterly and elected chair of the Urban and Community section of the ASA. He has been a visiting faculty member at Yale University and the London School of Economics and Political Science. He has been named to the Associated Student Government Teaching Honor Roll, an award based on teaching excellence and decided by student ballot.

Morris Travels to South Africa to See First-Hand Country's Struggle for Independence

By Aldon Morris Chair of the Department

This past July I had the privilege of visiting South Africa for two weeks. While there I spent time in Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban. I was accompanied by Donald Brown, a Chicago attorney. We both have had a long standing interest in South Africa, especially in terms of the oppressive nature of its regime and the real possibility that fundamental change may be imminent in this troubled land. In particular, my interest centers around understanding the dynamics of South Africa's internal liberation struggle for democracy. Attorney Brown is keenly interested in how law — especially constitutional law — is being utilized to affect change in South Africa.

Because of the substantial overlap of our interests, Donald and I decided to visit South Africa and conduct research on these issues during one of the most tumultuous periods in the country's history. Towards this end we were allowed to conduct formal interviews with important activists, politicians, legal experts and scholars. I had the privilege of presenting lectures on the state of race relations in the United States at the University of Cape Town, Witwatersrand University in Johannesburg, and the University of Durban-Westville. These lectures were important for our research for they generated interesting and useful dialogue concerning the profound differences and similarities in race relations between the two countries. Many South Africans are especially interested in the racial history and experiences of the United States for they believe them to be relevant to the great social issues currently confronting them. Indeed, they plan to have their first democratic election in April of next year.

In the limited space remaining, I will share some of my observations

gleaned from our research and experiences in South Africa. First, we were shocked to discover the degree to which most South Africans avoid discussing the race problem in their country. It seems that most of them feel that if it is ignored in conversation, it will somehow disappear. Second, the level of political violence throughout the country is incredible. It is not unusual for the headlines of the daily newspaper to be filled with stories of multiple murders and other forms of political violence.

One comes away with the eerie feeling that violence is not only expected but has become a way of life in this weary country. It is commonplace for whites to have six-foot high walls and fences around their homes with signs proclaiming the presence of alarms and guard dogs.

Third, neither of us had ever witnessed the kind of poverty and human degradation we encountered in Black Townships throughout the country. We were both very familiar with the deplorable and unjust conditions in inner cities of America. Yet, the human sufferings in the Townships is of a deeper level. Young children play in pools of urine while thousands of poor, unemployed adults mill about aimlessly like starving sheep. Living quarters are so crowded that people must sleep three hours at a time so as to free up a bed for someone else. In many instances, 5000 people have access to only one water tap. Most of all, many of the people trapped in these conditions seemed to have been robbed of their human dignity to such an extent that they had lost all hope in humanity. I have never felt as unsettled as I did when I looked into the

eyes of the people in the Townships. Nor have I ever felt so helpless.

Fourth, we were struck by the contrast between how the white minority live in comparison with the Black majority. South Africa is a beautiful and rich land. It is highly industrialized and there are wonderful hotels, homes, restaurants, and amenities for those with the "right" skin color and the wherewithal to afford them. It is the size of the gap between the "haves" and the "have nots" in South Africa that is so striking and troubling.

Fifth, it is clear that change is imminent in South Africa. The only question is what kind of change it will be and what will be the price of it. It is a highly politicized society where fundamental issues are being debated. South Africans must decide what

type of government they are to have, which rights will be included in and protected by a new constitution, how Blacks, whites, and Indians are to relate to each other in a new social order based on egalitarian principles, and how the nagging ghosts of the past will be buried. In a sense, South Africa must start over again. By visiting South Africa at this historical juncture, one gets a glimpse into the kind of issues and dilemmas that confronted the framers of our own Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Reflecting on my visit to South Africa I have come to a conclusion: human freedom and equality are the most precious values we can embrace. Moreover, freedom and equality should never be taken for granted for they are obtained through costly and painful struggles. South Africa is a vivid reminder of this reality.

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SROP Gives Prospectives a "Taste of Grad School"

While many professors spent their summers doing research in exotic places, Nicki Beisel spent part of hers overseeing graduate level research for an undergraduate student at NU. And she did it willingly.

"I volunteered to do this because of the opportunity it gives me to work with a smart, motivated student," she explained.

Beisel was one of three sociology professors who participated in this year's Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP). The program, conducted on the campuses of 14 universities, seeks to encourage minority students to attend grad school by teaching research and time management skills.

"We are promoting graduate school," explained sociology graduate student Mark Ellis, who also serves as director of educational programming for NU's SROP. "But more importantly, we're teaching these students the skills they will need to succeed once they get there."

A total of 32 students are enrolled in NU's eight-week program which provides a stipend and research expenses to the soon-to-be juniors and seniors. Each student is paired with a faculty mentor who works with the student on a project which has been jointly defined.

For Beisel that meant spending time with Robert Dixon researching the

ethno-history of abortion in 1850-1900, or the time during which abortion was made illegal.

"We are taking the media discourse angle — how the framing of mass media affect public opinion," she explained. Beisel met Dixon in her freshman seminar and the two clicked. Although a German studies and math major, Dixon wanted to work with Beisel and between the two of them, they came up with the project and Dixon was accepted into the program.

"I had a lot of fun with this," said Dixon, a resident of Kansas City, KS. "It's opened up a whole new area for me, and I've gained a sense of empowerment." They eventually hope to co-author a paper on their findings, and Beisel will use the material in her upcoming book on how abortion was made illegal in the 19th century.

In addition to the day-to-day research end of the program, participants attend weekly workshops pertaining to such topics as NU's Writing Center, applications to grad school, GREs, race relations in academe, and basic research methods. The program culminates in a dinner at which the students present their findings to the group.

"Many of these papers are then used as writing samples when applying for grad school," Ellis pointed out. "And the mentors often provide letters of recommendation for the same process.

It's a great networking opportunity."

The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC), the university provost, the dean of the Graduate School, as well as private funds from the Coalition to Increase Minority Doctorates, Coppin State College (McNair Grant), Environmental Protection Agency, Ford Foundation, Lilly Endowment, Mellon Foundation, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the Sloan Foundation.

Past and present sociology faculty mentors include Profs. Bernard Beck, Al Hunter, Tom Cook, Roberto Fernandez, Ray Mack and Aldon Morris.

Jencks Named Fellow of AAAS

Prof. Christopher Jencks has been named a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Jencks, one of the nation's leading experts on economic hardship and social class structure, has several books to his credit. His 1974 book, *Inequality: A Reassessment of the Effects of Family and Schooling in America*, won the Sorokin Award from the American Sociological Association that year for the best book in sociology. *Rethinking Social Policy*, his most recent book, was published in 1992. His book on homelessness will be published in 1994.

Jencks was also named to the *Chicago Tribune's* "All-Professor Team of Academic Champions" in February along with Prof. Charles Moskos.

Winship Accepts Position at Harvard

Prof. Christopher Winship resigned from the Department to take a position on the faculty of Harvard University. He spent the past academic year as a visiting professor there.

Winship holds a PhD from Harvard and worked at the University of Wisconsin and the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago until he joined the faculty of Northwestern in 1980.

While at NU, he served as chair of the Department from 1988-92; research associate, Economics Research Center, National Opinion Research Center, University of Chicago; research associate, Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research; and director, Program in Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences.

The Department wishes him well in his new position.

Donations Received

The Department wishes to thank Dr. Winifred Levy, Kristi Peck and Andrew Theodore for their generous donations to Sociology. Your kindness is much appreciated.

King Lecture Established

The Department has established the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Lecture to examine important issues related to social inequality and social change efforts. Prof. Lawrence Bobo presented the first lecture on Jan. 15, 1993.

"It is striking that the Department does not formally honor the national birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., even though both he and his main lieutenant, Dr. Ralph Abernathy, received their undergraduate degrees

in sociology," explained Prof. Aldon Morris in his announcement of the new lecture. "Sociology taught them that human inequality was socially constructed through systems of social stratification.

"This insight, coupled with religiously inspired moral indignation, moved them toward social action," Morris continued. "Thus, sociology played an important role in one of the great social movements of the 20th century."

Bobo, a professor of sociology at the University of California at Los Angeles, spoke on "King's Dream, the L.A. Rebellion, and America's Race Problem." His presentation included first-hand observations and original data collected before and after the 1992 L.A. riots.

Winch Prizes Awarded Nine Sociology Grads

The second annual Robert F. Winch Memorial prizes for outstanding graduate student papers and teaching were awarded this fall to David Harris, Mary Kate Driscoll, Amy Binder, Elizabeth Clifford, Nicola Turner, Naomi Braine, David Maurrasse, David Boden, and David Shulman.

Harris received the award for outstanding second-year paper for "But What about the Kids? Exploring the Determinants of Adult Black Identity," while Binder took the prize for "Constructing Racial Rhetoric: Media Depictions of Harm in Heavy Metal and Rap Music." Driscoll received the award for outstanding graduate paper for "Work: Women and Nonconformity in the Gender Margins."

In the category of outstanding graduate student lecturer, Braine and Maurrasse took the honors. The outstanding teaching assistant awards went to Clifford and Turner with Boden and Shulman receiving honorable mentions.

This monetary award is made possible by a generous gift - increased from last year - 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 1968-77. A family researcher who examined the structures and functions of the modern family, Winch was the author or several major publications.

Professor Addresses Homelessness

Prof. Christopher Jencks addressed the problem of homelessness during his inaugural lecture as the latest John D. MacArthur Professor in February. During the lecture, he discussed the growth of this domestic problem and offered possible solutions to it.

During his presentation, "Homelessness: Why It Increased and How to Reduce It," Jencks blamed the growth of homelessness in the 1980s on the changes in the labor market and the collapse of the mental health care system. Neither of these problems lend themselves to easy remedies.

"The spot labor market of the 1950s which made it easier to find jobs on a need basis is gone," explained Jencks. "And employers are more interested in hiring reliable people without personal problems."

Nor does he see easy solutions.

"In a nation where laissez-faire is almost a religion, we're not going to be able to do much about the labor

market," he continued. "And even though we're spending more money today on mental hospitals, no one really seems willing to force the mentally ill to sleep in them."

However, Jencks does call for a new approach to shelters and a subsidized system of "flop houses" which are large buildings with very small, inexpensive rooms.

"A graduated system where one could move from a shelter to a flop house to an even better flop house may be a more realistic idea for the homeless to work up to," he said.

Winners of the Exum Award

Four CAS seniors won honors in the sixth annual William Henry Exum awards competition held May 28th at African American Affairs.

Top prize went to sociology major Kristen Oyama for her "Nisei: The Link Between the Past and the Future" while Gayle Borden, also a sociology major, won second prize for "The Holocaust Survivor: Issues of Religion and Social Transformation." Rounding out the other honors were sociology senior Maisha Goss for "Separate But Equal: An Examination of Value Formation and Career Choices Among African-American Law Students" and Hannah Streich for "Environmental Racism: The Lead Poisoning of Chicago's Minority Children."

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. Bernard Beck, Arlene Daniels, Ray Mack and Aldon Morris, with Marisa Alicea and Helen Rosenberg representing the graduate student alumni who had worked with Exum.

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Sidney Mayer (MA '22) is a retired clergyman having served in that capacity in Ohio for 40 years. Now a resident of San Diego, he is 98 years old and "learning what it means to grow old — something I failed to learn during college days."

Andrew Theodore (BS '30, MA '33), Bethesda, MD, worked for the Illinois Department of Public Welfare after receiving his MA. After a stint as a captain in World War II, he joined the staff of the U.S. Public Health Service's Center for Disease Control where he worked until he retired in 1973. Presently, he volunteers at the National Institutes of Health, continues the study of French, and visits his home in Greece every year.

Harold Jacoby (MA '32) received his PhD from the University of Pennsylvania in 1937 and subsequently served on the faculty of his alma mater, University of the Pacific, until retiring in 1976. Since then, he has published two books, neither of which dealt with sociology per se. Although he has not visited Evanston in quite some time, he still "looks back upon my NU experience with pleasure and appreciation and am happy to receive word from time to time about development in the areas of sociology." Jacoby resides in Stockton, CA.

John Holmgren ('40) served as executive director for the Catholic Health Association, Topeka, before retiring this year. He has published two books since leaving NU: Purchasing for the Health Care Facility and Purchasing and Material Management for the Health Care Facility, and enjoys tennis, books, and free-lance writing. He and his wife, Mary, have one daughter. Holmgren would like to hear from his former classmates.

Hazel Weiss Blumenthal ('41) is the former professional director of volunteer services for various institutions and associations. A resident of Port Charles, FL, she is active in civic

associations and serves as a consultant to several quasi-government associations. She has two daughters.

Joyce Walker Free ('45), Littleton, CO, has just retired from a long career in nursing. In addition to her NU degree, she is a registered nurse and has a Master's in education. Her retirement hobbies include bridge, golf, bowling and gardening. A widow since '89, Free has four children.

Marian Wuestenfeld Killam ('46) has spent most of her career as a nurse's aide and currently serves as a volunteer music director for 10 retirement facilities. A resident of Medina, OH, Killam also is the "story-telling lady" for the Easter Seal's speech therapy clients. She has helped to raise two young men and two young women and has six grandchildren.

Austin Creed ('50) has been on the faculty of University of Florida since 1957. He went from NU to Colgate Rochester Divinity School (BD '54) and Yale University (MA '57; PhD '59). He is currently president of the National Council on Religion and Public Education, an organization seeking to foster the proper academic treatment of religion in public school courses in history, literature, humanities and the social sciences, and in phased retirement from UF. A widower since 1985, Creed is the father of two children (daughter Kathryn is a NU graduate). He enjoys spending time at a cabin in the woods near Charlottesville, VA, on what was once his grandparents' farm.

Janet Goan-Burdick ('58) was a caseworker for the Milwaukee Department of Public Welfare before quitting to raise a family. She has held various volunteer positions using her social work skills including that of parent aide for "at risk" parents at the Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse. Goan-Burdick lives in Fox Point, WI.

Earl Bogdanoff ('60) is a retired professor of sociology at California State University, Northridge, where he holds the title of professor emeritus. He is now busy catching up on reading, camping and his hobbies of ethnoastronomy and archaeoastronomy. Bogdanoff's wife, Gail, is a professor of environmental family science. He has "four very grown children and two very small grandchildren."

Patricia Hoxie Flynn ('64) is in her 16th year as a high school counselor and also works as a bereavement counselor at an area hospice. Flynn resides in South Haven, MI, has been married 27 years, and has a son, Andrew.

Richard Cohen, MD ('67), Grants Pass, OR, has followed what he describes as "probably not the typical NU sociology career path:" that of a private practice physician specializing in otolaryngology-head-neck surgery. He is also a clinical instructor of otolaryngology at an Oregon health science university and enjoys coaching baseball, basketball, and football; playing tennis; and white-water kayaking.

Dottie Jacobson Miller ('67) received an MSW at New York University and has practiced psychotherapy almost continuously in her private practice in San Antonio, TX. The mother of three, she is also active in community politics. Her husband, Sam, is an endocrinologist.

Jeannette Meier ('69) graduated from the NU School of Law with a JD in '72. She is now a senior vice president and general counsel of Sterling Software, Inc., Dallas.

Robert Emerick ('71), San Diego, is a professor of sociology at San Diego State University. He recently authored several articles including "Self-help Groups for Former Patients: Relations with Mental Health Professionals" and "Group Structure and Group Dyna-

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mics for Ex-Mental Patients." His wife, Carol, owns and operates a bed and breakfast.

Adrienne Goodman ('71) has committed all professional activities to government service and the political arena including the administration of Chicago's late Mayor Harold Washington. Currently, she is a program coordinator for the Illinois state treasurer and serves as the elected Democratic state committeewoman for the 9th Congressional District.

Susan Kelly ('71), Austin, TX, received her JD from the University of Texas in 1976. She currently serves as appeals judge, Texas Workers' Compensation Commission (TWCC); and has worked as general counsel for TWCC as well as assistant counselor, comptroller of public accounts, and hearing attorney. Married to John Thomas, Kelly has three children.

Paul Levinson ('73) is a partner in the New York law firm of Leavy, Rosenweig & Hyman which is known for its representation of clients in the entertainment, literary and communications fields. A resident of Rye Brook, NY, Levinson specializes in civil and criminal litigation having formerly served as an assistant district attorney in Brooklyn.

Robert Fogel ('74) received his law degree in '77 from DePaul and is currently a partner in the Chicago law firm of Hilfman & Fogel. He was active in the Clinton campaign at the state and local levels as a member of the National Finance Committee and trustee of the Democratic National Committee. Fogel and his wife, Eudice, are the parents of three children.

Samuel Wong ('74) has been the deputy assistant administrator for administration, Office of International and Cooperation Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA),

Washington, DC, since 1989. Prior to that time, he served in other capacities with the USDA as well as the Associate General Secretary, Commission on Religion and Race, the United Methodist Church. Wong, who lives in Springfield, VA, has published a series of articles on Asian Americans in various journals and magazines. He and his wife, Philipina, have three children. "The legacies from Allan Schnaiberg, Charlie Moskos, Ray Mack . . . and Bernie Beck continue to enrich my professional life," writes Wong.

James Swan ('81) is an associate professor in the Department of Health, Administration and Gerontology at Wichita State University. His recent publications include the subjects of "When parenting becomes caregiving; caring for the terminally ill child," and "IV drug use, dementia, and nursing home care of PWAs." Swan, his wife, Sandra, and son recently moved back to the mid-west from California for professional reasons.

Lydia Morrissey ('82) has been in commercial real estate leasing in Chicago since graduation. Married with one daughter, Morrissey lives in Evanston.

Adrian Levell-Peart ('85) is a guidance counselor at a Brooklyn, NY, elementary school. She completed a MS in counseling and is pursuing a PhD in counseling psychology at New York University. Levell-Peart has one daughter, Lauren.

Jennifer Wallace ('78, PhD '86) is a tenured associate professor at Lake Forest College. She resides in Skokie, IL.

Takehiko Kariya ('88) is an associate professor on the Faculty of Education at the University of Tokyo. He has recently published two books on the sociology of education in Japan and is currently working on school to work

transition with Prof. James Rosenbaum, Northwestern.

Gina Cerimele ('91) received a Master's of Social Work this spring from Case Western University's Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences. At MSASS, she continued her study of cultural diversity which was begun at Northwestern. She hopes to work as an advocate for women and minorities.

Derek Greenfield ('91) serves as a supervisor of a substance abuse prevention program operating in four Chicago schools and four community-based sites and as an instructor of sociology at Robert Morris College. He is also the education committee co-chair of Black Expo Chicago's City-Wide Basketball League and Mentor Program.

Sarah Willie (ABD) has had two autobiographical essays accepted and read on "Maine Things Considered," Maine Public Radio; and delivered a paper, "Not-Woman, Not-Black: Benefits and Costs of Demystifying and Disentangling Race from the Sex Gender System," and chaired a session, "Clarence Thomas, Anita Hill: One Year Later," both at the Eastern Sociological Society meetings held in Boston last March. Willie resides in Waterville, ME.

The Department would like to extend its condolences to the family of James K. Skipper, Jr., who passed away in early 1993. Skipper, who received his PhD in sociology from NU in 1964, was on the faculty of the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.



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

1993-94 Cohort Represents Diversity

The challenge for the Graduate Recruitment Committee selecting the 1993-94 cohort was to make very hard decisions in a pool of unusual backgrounds, according to Prof. Allan Schnaiberg, chair of the graduate recruitment committee. Well over 200 students were screened, including academically talented students from a diversity of ethnic, racial and school backgrounds. Equally impressive was the range of post-college experiences—in teaching, research, policy analysis, and a wide range of employment—that these students were bringing with them. Finally, a number of the applicants, including those who are finally entering the Department, are unusual in that they have had professional achievements that offered strong career options.

“Our expectations had been that more mature students applying to graduate schools would disproportionately be ‘discouraged workers’ who had been squeezed out of career tracks,” said Schnaiberg. “In sharp contrast, we found that many of our most attractive applicants chose to come to NU Sociology despite having serious career options. We are even more enthusiastic, therefore, that students will bring to their research and teaching at Northwestern (and beyond) parts of their rich backgrounds, to ground their sociology

work in the ‘real world.’”

The following students — and their undergraduate institutions as well as interests — are members of the 1993 cohort:

Curtis Askew, Northwestern University - military sociology, race relations; Algernon Austin, Wesleyan University - racial identity, racial and gender stratification; Chien-Nien Chung, Chinese Cultural Academy - organizations, economic sociology; Charles DeBoer, Concordia Teachers College - political-historical-cultural studies; Regina Deil, Syracuse University - gender and ethnicity; Stefan Griffin, University of Illinois-Chicago/Northwestern Law School - structure and culture of welfare policies; Michele Landis, University of Illinois-Chicago - sociology of law and professions; Elizabeth Lock, Rice University - racial and social stratification, family; Lisa Penelton, University of Illinois-Chicago - feminism and social welfare policy; Laurie Scarborough, University of Denver - gender and social psychology; Lori Waite, University of Tennessee - comparative-historical social movements; Xiaoli Yin, Beijing Foreign Studies Institute - comparative analysis, organizations; Patricia Zamudio, University Autonoma Metropolitana Iztapalapa - social theory and social movements and human rights.

Two Collaborate on Environmental Book

Prof. Allan Schnaiberg along with Prof. Kenneth Gould (NU '91 PhD) are co-authors of a new book, Environment and Society: The Enduring Conflict, which was published this year.

“Despite global Earth summits, a resurgent environmental movement, the election of an environmentalist vice-president and 25 years of environmental policy-making, the state of the natural environment is deteriorating more rapidly than ever before,” according to Schnaiberg. His book analyzes the social causes of ongoing and accelerating ecological decline, the social impacts of this decline, and the possibilities for reversing such dangerous trends.

Challenging existing social beliefs, the authors explore the enduring nature of the conflict between economic and socio-environmental interests. Employing a theoretical framework that connects environmental issues to daily life, Schnaiberg and Gould examine the interrelated social and ecological problems created by the industrial treadmill of production. They explore why this socio-economic system of industrial production produces increasing poverty and increasing ecological damage, despite the widely held belief that increased economic expansion will solve social problems.

Kudos to . . .

Prof. Arlene K. Daniels who is in the middle of a three-year term as secretary of the American Sociological Association. In this position, she oversees the fiscal management of the ASA as well as the performance of the major officers and the executive office. She served an apprentice year in 1991-92.

Daniels and Prof. Rae Moses (Linguistics) who were awarded a faculty grant for Innovative Teaching from the Searle Center for Teaching Excellence. The grant will be used to develop pedagogical materials to

counsel instructors on how to manage difficult situations that arise when high emotional affect topics are introduced into courses. In particular, they will focus on courses which touch upon issues of race, class, ethnicity, gender and sexuality.

Finally, **Daniels** was chosen to be the College of Arts and Sciences Lecturer to the faculty for 1993-94.

Prof. Nicola Beisel for her article, “Censorship, the Politics of Interpretation, and the Victorian Nude,” which was the lead article in the April issue of the American Sociological Review.

Biesel who was also selected for the NU Associated Student Government’s Faculty Honor Roll for the ‘92-’93 school year. The award is based on teaching excellence.

Prof. Al Hunter who delivered a presentation on Toynbee Hall — the first English settlement house still operating in London’s East End — before the Society for the Study of Voluntary Action at the London School of Economics and Political Sciences in January, 1993.

Grads Busy With Publications, Papers, Awards

Publications

Celia Berdes (with A. Zych), "Geragotics: European Research in Gerontological Education and Educational Gerontology, special issue of Gerontology & Geriatrics Education, vol. 13 no. 1/2 which has also been published as a book . . . Elizabeth Clifford (with J. Connell and W. Crichlow) "Why Do Urban Students Leave School?: Neighborhood, Family, and Motivational Influences" in Greg Duncan and Jean Brooks-Gunn, Neighborhood and Family Influences on Individual Development of Poor Children and Adolescents, forthcoming from the Russell Sage Foundation, 1994 . . . James Fenelon, "Counseling Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students" (with P. Hkoxayo, J. Kwiat, B. Rodriguez), Illinois Schools Journal, Chicago State University Press, 1993 . . . Brian Gran, David Shulman, Adam Weinberg and Prof. Charles Ragin, "Between Complexity and Generality: A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Village Republics," Sociologi . . . Jorge Rodriguez' second-year paper was accepted for publication in the Spanish journal, Revista Espanola de Investigaciones Sociologicas, June-Sept., 1993, issue under the title "Social Mobility and Social Change in Spain" . . . Shulman, "Dirty Data and Investigation Methods: Some Lessons from Private Detective Work," Journal of Contemporary Ethnography, forthcoming . . . Weinberg (with K. Gould) "Public Participation in Environmental Regulatory Conflicts: Treading through the Possibilities and Pitfalls," Law and Policy, vol. 15 pp. 139-167, and (with A. Schnaiberg and K. Gould) "Legitimizing Impotence: Pyrrhic Victories of the Modern Environmental Movement," Qualitative Sociology, vol. 16 pp. 207-246; . . . Christopher Wellin, second-year paper, Research in Work and Occupations, vol. 8 "Creators of Culture," JAI Press, edited by Muriel Cantor.

Papers

Clifford, "The Decisions Economically Disadvantaged Youth Make About Leaving High School", Midwest Sociological Meetings (MSS) held April, 1993 in Chicago . . . Audrey Davis presented "Turned to Stone: Life and Sleep in Awakenings" at the Popular Cultural Association's annual meeting in April, 1993, in New Orleans, LA . . . John Diamond, "Culture and the Structure of Sociological Analysis: Implications for the Study of African Social Reality" at the National Alliance of Black School Educators Research Roundtable, November, 1992, Chicago . . . Fenelon, "Urban Indians: Discrimination and Social Change in Chicago's Community," (MSS) . . . Sharon Groch, "Oppositional Consciousness: A Case Study of People with Disabilities," (MSS) . . . Ira Silver, "Marketing Authenticity in Third World Countries" (MSS).

Awards/Honors

Mark Ellis received a dissertation year fellowship from The Graduate School at Northwestern . . . Fenelon was elected president of the board of directors, American Indian Economic Development . . . Amy Lusk received a fellowship to the John D. Rockefeller Grad Summer Fellowship Program through the Program on Non-Profit Organizations at Yale last summer . . . Carlos Manjarrez was awarded a fellowship to participate in the SSRC/ICPSR Latino Research Issues Workshop at the University of Michigan last summer . . . Diamond, Gran, Manjarrez, and David Harris were accepted into the Center for Urban Affairs program for the study of urban poverty . . . Gran, Shulman, Weinberg, and Prof. Charles Ragin received a NU International Studies Program Governing Committee grant to support their Comparative-Historical Methodology Working Group . . . Brett Stockdill received

third place in the Western Social Science Association's National Student Paper Competition for his second-year paper, "Racist Violence: A Structural Analysis," which was also presented at their 1993 annual conference in Corpus Christi, TX . . . Rebecca Wallin received a NU Alumnae Fellowship.

ASA Presentations

The following grad students made presentations at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association held Aug. 13-17 in Miami Beach:

Joanne Englehart, "Coupling: A Defining Process" . . . Fernando Filguera, "Political Parties and the Military in Two Coups d'Etat: Argentina and Uruguay in the 1930s". . . Gran, "Three Worlds of Old-Age Decommodification?: A Comparative Analysis of Inequality, Ethnicity, and Support for the Elderly Using the Luxembourg Income Study Database". . . Won Kim, "Privatization and the Internal Differentiation of Workers in Hungary" . . . Laura Mandala, "Processing Change: What Happened to Advertising?" . . . John Reynolds, "Patriarchy and Pensions in Ten Capitalist Democracies, 1960-1985" . . . David Rhodes, "Risk and the College Investment" . . . Mitchell Stevens (with Prof. Carol Heimer), "Social Work, Medical Work and an Organizational Model of Caring". . . Weinberg, "Sociological Narratives: A Case for a Pragmatic Based Study of Environmental Movements" . . . Wellin, "Realist Accounts and the Performance of Ethnography;" Wellin also lead a practicum on problems in conducting field studies for the ASA Honors Program.

Congratulations to Weinberg who was awarded the "Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award" by the ASA's Environment and Technology Section for his aforementioned presentation.

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Organizational Behavior Department of Kellogg Graduate School of Management. Indeed, during the past year, two new assistant professors—Brian Uzzi and Ranjay Gulati, who are also sociologists of the economy— were hired at Kellogg. Along with Granovetter, they join Paul Hirsch and Jerry Davis, both of whom are major sociologists of the economy in the Organizational Behavior Department, in strengthening ties with Kellogg. Given this constellation of economic sociologists, the Department of Sociology looks forward to revitalizing its joint PhD program with Organizational Behavior.

A major objective of this Department is to build it to the point of being one of the very best sociology departments in the world that is at the same time socially diverse. We think diversity is important, not merely because we should be composed of people of color, women, and foreign scholars. Rather, we believe that social diversity is crucial, for without it we cannot have an intellectually rich and relevant sociology. Sociology is that social scientific discipline which seeks to understand past, present, and future human societies holistically. Among the social phenomena we study are why social classes exist and how they shape human life; what the causes and consequences of poverty are; what the determining factors of racial, ethnic, and gender conflicts are; which social factors generate revolutions that transform the human experience; and how we understand the intimate but diverse inner life and experiences of the individual.

The need to understand these kinds of profound human questions was the reason sociology was developed. When sociology fails to answer or illuminate these types of questions, it has outlived its usefulness. It seems to me that the probability of generating knowledge about the deep issues of humanity increases greatly when gifted and well-trained scholars from socially diverse backgrounds assemble, debate, and conduct research underneath the umbrella of a creative, and intellectually critical, academic

department. This is the rationale and hope that guide this Department as it pursues an intellectual excellence that is derived from the serious exploration of critical social issues.

This year the Department is pleased about its new cohort of PhD students. It is a diverse cohort that is exceptionally qualified to pursue graduate study in sociology. We look forward to the additional intellectual stimulation they will bring to an already exciting group of continuing graduate students.

I would like to thank the former Chair, Chris Winship, for his support and advice over the past year. Although Chris has left the Department to take an appointment at Harvard, we still value his friendship and contributions to the Department. On behalf of my colleagues, it gives me pleasure to thank our alumni and other interested parties for sharing thoughts and ideas with us over the last year. This communication provides a vital link between our present and past. Currently, the Department is in excellent shape, and we want you to know that you are an important part of our community.

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Compared with the U.S.”

Prof. Linda Burton visited in November to discuss “Assessing Neighborhood Contexts, Family Process, and Outcomes for African American Teenage Mothers” before a large audience. Burton is an associate prof. at Pennsylvania State University’s Department of Human Development and Family Studies.

NU alumnus Prof. John Butler (PhD ’74) arrived in April to present “Standing on Shoulders: The Impact of ‘Self-Help’ on Future Generations of Black Americans.” Butler is chair of the Department of Sociology, University of Texas-Austin.

Prof. Ibitola Pearce, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria, spoke on “Imparting the New Reproduction Technology: The Impact of Underlying Models of the Family, Women and Female Bodies of Nigeria,” in April; while Prof. Johanness Leroke, University of Wiumwatersrand, South

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“The Somalis believe that if you are not Somali — even though you are black — they could not identify with you,” he explained. “The Somalis are anti-everything that is not Somali.”

Moskos also found that the American soldiers were far better behaved than any other armies there — they came from Italy, France, Belgium, Canada, Nigeria, Botswana, Pakistan, Morocco — and they were the only multi-racial group. He also pointed out that the troops were there in an humanitarian effort, not for combat reasons.

“This is a peace-keeping effort, not a war, but because people are shooting, it is often seen as a war,” he continued.

This is also the army of the 1990s and Miller dressed - and ate - with the GIs: helmet, flack jacket, MREs and all.

“MREs are the ‘meals ready to eat,’” she pointed out, “and they were pretty bad. They’re foods out of packets rather than cans, and are high caloric, heavy selections like cheese, meat, and peanut butter.”

Many of the soldiers were disillusioned in Somalia because they thought they would be distributing food to starving orphans when in fact they were there to secure safe passage for CARE and other relief workers as well as the NGOs (non-governmental organizations). Nonetheless, they were very disciplined.

“The soldiers were very shocked at the lack of almost everything they were familiar with, from electricity to jails to cemeteries,” said the military sociologist. “What they did find was an abundance of weapons.”

Nevertheless, the GIs often saved extra rations to share with the Somalis, and they volunteered to teach English to the orphans.

All totaled, the sociologists interviewed or surveyed some 250 soldiers in the field, and they gathered data from the troops before they left for and when they returned from Somalia. Moskos and Miller plan to publish their findings in both professional journals and more general magazines.

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NU Sociology PhDs Awarded 1992-93

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

David Brown: "The Rise of the U.S. Undergraduate Education: A Sociology of College-founding, System-building, and Centralism 1800-1930." Faculty member at University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire.

Joanne Peterson Englehart: "Insurance Risk Manager: An Occupation at Risk." (risk analyst for a major insurance company)

Kevin Henson: "Just a Temp: The Disenfranchised Worker." (post-doc at UCLA Drug Abuse Research Center)

Alfonso Morales: "Informal Markets in Modern Economies: A Case Study of the Maxwell Street Market." (fac-

ulty member at the University of Arizona.)

Paul Schnorr: "Denied a Sense of Community: Race and Class and the Construction of Community and Identity." (American Bar Foundation)

Marc Swatez: "Machers: Fundraising and Leadership in the Chicago Jewish Community" (Asst. Prof. at Jepson School of Leadership Studies Univ. of Richmond, VA.)

Jerry Van Hoy: "Prepackaged Law: The Political Economy and Organization of Routine Legal Work at Multi-Branch Legal Services Firms." (adjunct lecturer at Northwestern)

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Africa, discussed "Violence and Ethnicity in Contemporary South Africa: The Making of a Discourse, 1980-92."

In May, Prof. Ruth Simms Hamilton spoke on "Emerging Global Consciousness in the African Diaspora" before a large gathering. Hamilton is the director of the African Diaspora Research Project at Michigan State University.

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