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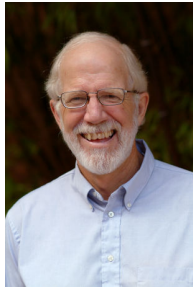
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## Message from Robert O'Brien, Department Head



This year we successfully hired a senior faculty member. **Jim Elliott** will join the department as an associate professor. His specialty areas are urban and community studies, labor market inequality, and racial and ethnic stratification. He published a recent article in the *American Sociological Review*, entitled "Race, Gender and Workplace Power" and has over a dozen and a half refereed articles in venues ranging from *Social Forces* and *Social Problems* to *Urban Geography* and *Rural Sociology*. Additionally, he received a number of teaching awards during his years as an assistant professor at Tulane University. He will be a great addition to our department. Next year we are scheduled to conduct searches for two additional positions – one involving a new Director for the Center for the Study of Women in Society.

The department is participating in both an external review and an internal review this year. This involves the department working on a document (a self study) that discusses in-depth our undergraduate and graduate programs and the research and service of our faculty members. Then, an external committee of three sociologists from other research universities will visit and evaluate the program after reading the self-study document. A three-person committee selected within the university also reviews the department as part of a review process. This sort of review is scheduled to happen about every ten years for all departments and units at the university on a rotating basis. It is a time to take stock of where the department is, where it came from, and where it plans to go. We are involved in that process this spring. Some highlights of our self study are the changes we have made over the past ten years to improve our undergraduate major. These include the requirement to take four 400-level courses and the requirement to take the department's three core courses before moving on to the 400-level courses. At the graduate level we have introduced a new requirement for the master's degree and for moving beyond the master's degree in the program.

The life of the department continues to be quite lively. During the spring, we inducted 42 students into Alpha Kappa Delta, the national honors society for sociologists. We had fifteen students inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the most widely recognized of the national honors societies. One of our graduating seniors was named to the Oregon six (one of only six students at the university to receive this honor). Throughout this year the department awarded baccalaureate degrees to well over 200 students and we have around 500 majors. Interestingly, the department awards nearly 5% of all of the baccalaureate degrees granted annually by the University of Oregon. This year we have awarded three PhD degrees.

During the coming year, a faculty member will step down after years of distinguished service. Linda Fuller will retire at the end of December 2006 after serving 17 years in the department. She has contributed immensely to the shape of the department and to its students over these many years of service. But, of course, she will continue on with us in retirement with the option of teaching two courses a year for the next five years.



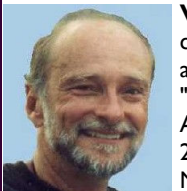


**Joan Acker's** new book, *Class Questions Feminist Answers*, was published in January, 2006. A collection of her articles will be published this summer. She and Sandi Morgen, along with Jill Weigt, expect to finish in the fall their book on welfare reform, tentatively titled, *Neo-liberalism on the Ground*. Joan will be the key-note speaker at the Critical Management Studies Research Workshop at the American Management Association's annual meeting in August 2006. She also will participate in an international conference on 'intersectionality' in Sweden in October, and will present a paper co-authored with Sandi Morgen, at the American Anthropological Association meetings in November.



**Michael Bernabé Aguilera** published several articles and received a grant from the Kauffman Foundation to conduct research on Latino self-employment. Michael had his paper "The Impact of Social Capital on the Wages of Puerto Rican Migrants," published in *The Sociological Quarterly*. He also published his paper "Immigration Policy and Employment Conditions of US Immigrants from Mexico, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic," in *International Migration* (coauthored by Katharine

Donato and Chizuko Wakabayashi). Michael will be teaching a course on Mexican Migration in Morelia, Mexico in the fall and welcomes visitors.



**Val Burris** continues to do research in the areas of corporate power structure, social movements, class analysis, and social networks. His article "Interlocking Directorates and Political Cohesion Among Corporate Elites," was published in the July 2005 issue of the *American Journal of Sociology*. In November 2005, he was a keynote speaker at an international conference on "Wealth and Power,"

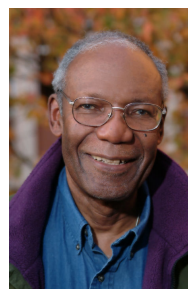
sponsored by the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation in Berlin. This winter term he taught a special seminar in the Clark Honors College on "The New Science of Networks," and in April 2006 he was an invited speaker at a workshop on "The Social Dynamics of Campus Change," held at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, DC. Among his forthcoming publications is an essay on "Fordism and Positivism in U.S. Sociology," to appear in *Social Science History* in the fall.



**Yvonne Braun** has had an enjoyable and productive first year at UO. She published two articles with a third in press, including: "Resettlement and Risk: Women's Community Work in Lesotho," "Selling the River: Gendered Experiences of Resource Extraction and Development in Lesotho," and "Large Dams as Development: Restructuring Access to Natural Resources in Lesotho." She also has several manuscripts in progress and under review. This year Yvonne

received several small grants and awards including a travel grant and a faculty research grant from the Center for the Study of Women in Society; New Faculty Award from the Provost's Office; the Junior Professorship Development Award from the College of Arts and Sciences; and a travel grant from the American Sociological

Association's National Science Foundation to present her work at the International Sociological Association World Congress in Durban, South Africa in July. She has also formed a Gender and Africa Research Interest Group with other African Studies colleagues and has received a grant from the African Studies Committee's Title VI Department of Education grant to develop the first sociology course with 100% African content at UO. She looks forward to her first summer in Eugene.



**Lawrence Carter** has been appointed to Portland Metros Economic Advisory Council. Metro is the regional urban planning agency for the Portland Metropolitan Statistical Area. He is also consulting demographer for the Oregon Department of Health Services Immunization Program.



**Michael Dreiling** served a second year as Graduate Director for Sociology, instituting new graduate awards and supporting a transition in the graduate curriculum. The Admissions and Awards committee, which he chaired, successfully recruited seven excellent new students to our program. Dreiling also began a collaborative research project with a visiting scholar, Professor Tomoyasu Nakamura. With two graduate student

co-investigators (Ryan Jonna and Nicholas Lougee) and one undergraduate research assistant (Andrew Harmon), Nakamura and Dreiling surveyed a broad spectrum of U.S. environmental organizations. All members of the *Emonet* team plan to attend the ASA meetings in Montreal to share the early results of this survey. They expect to jointly publish several articles from this research. Dreiling also continues to work collaboratively with Derek Darves (sociology doctoral student) on a book project, *Agents of Globalization: Corporate Networks, Trade Policy and the State*. Some of the research behind this book project will appear in an article this year in *Research in Political Sociology*. Meanwhile, he is excited about spending time outdoors with his kids this summer and working on his textbook *Social Problems: Meeting Human Needs*.



**John Foster** delivered major addresses in Mexico City (at the Fifth Colloquium of Latin American Political Economists) and in Bamako, Mali (at the Polycentric World Social Forum). He also gave talks in Los Angeles and New York. He is one of the authors of the *Bamako Appeal* ([mrzine.monthlyreview.org/bamako.html](http://mrzine.monthlyreview.org/bamako.html)), a set of proposals for sustainable world development to replace neoliberal globalization that was adopted by the Assembly of Social Movements of the World Social Forum in Caracas, Venezuela in January. His

book *Naked Imperialism: The U.S. Struggle for Global Dominance* was released this year. His article (coauthored with Paul Burkett) "Metabolism, Energy, and Entropy in Marx's Critique of Political Economy," was published in *Theory and Society* and he had several other articles published. John is editor of *Monthly Review*, president of the Monthly Review Foundation, critical essay editor of *Organization & Environment*, and president-elect of the Marxist Sociology section of

the American Sociological Association. He is working with Robert W. McChesney on a book entitled *Media and Empire* to be published by the New Press. His recent work has been translated into 15 languages.



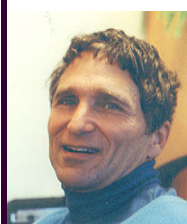
**Marion Goldman** continues to do research in the area of gender, cults, and the sociology of religion. She had "Cults, New Religions, and the Spiritual Landscape," published in *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* and she is currently working on a book on the Esalen Institute and the shaping of American Masculinity.



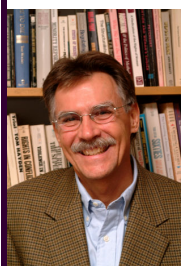
**Patricia Gwartney** has two forthcoming books: *The Telephone Interviewer's handbook: How to Conduct Standardized Conversations* (2006) and *Managing the Survey Process* (2007, with John Tarnai). Along with former graduate student Tony Silvaggio, Patricia has recently written two articles, one appeared in *Bulletin de Methodologie Sociologique* and the other has a revise and resubmit in a top methods journal. Finally, her 60-page "Demographic History of Oregon" is a forthcoming chapter in *Oregon Mosaic: A Multiethnic History of the State*.



**Jocelyn Hollander** has presented her ongoing research on women's self-defense training to a number of groups, including the Center for the Study of Women in Society and the UO's Sexual Wellness Advocacy Team. She has presented research on UO students' experiences and understandings of diversity (with Ellen Scott and members of the Psychology Department) at two conferences sponsored by the Center for Diversity and Community. Her article, co-authored with recent Ph.D. Hava Gordon, "The Processes of Social Construction in Talk," is forthcoming in the journal *Symbolic Interaction*.

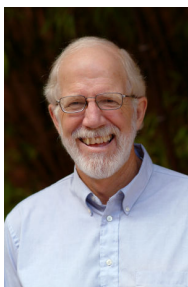


**Ken Liberman** has been selected as a Senior Fulbright Scholar in Sociology, a post that will involve him in 4-6 week duration methodology workshops for sociology faculty and graduate students in third world countries. In June, he will be flown to Amsterdam to present some of his Tibetan debating research to the International Society for the Study of Argument. Best of all, Ken survived his second aortic valve replacement surgery, performed in January.



**Greg McLaughlan** continues his work in the areas of urban, environmental, and social movements sociology. In 2004, Greg co-authored "A Program for Jobs and A Healthy Eugene Economy," Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy's sustainable development program, which is now being implemented and has attracted national attention. He serves as an advisor to Mayor Piercy and as a consultant to local and state non-profit

organizations in the areas of land-use planning, economic development, and environmental policy, and is currently working on a book manuscript, "Citizen Canines: How Activists Watchdog Transnational Corporations, Polluters, Government Bureaucrats, Land Speculators, and Other Threats to Livability".



**Robert O'Brien** is at the beginning of his last three year term as Department Head. He knows this, because he will retire in June of 2008. On the teaching front, he is now teaching the graduate level Quantitative Methods sequence for the first time in ten years. It provides a wonderful challenge to figure out how best to teach this material to a new cohort of graduate students and they were willing to work very hard – a gratifying experience.

On the research front, two articles appeared in print this year, both coauthored with Jean Stockard. The first one appeared in the *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* (Stockard and O'Brien), "Cohort Variations in Suicide Rates Among Families of Nations: An Analysis of Cohorts Born from 1875 through 1985." The second paper appeared in *Social Forces* (O'Brien and Stockard): "A Common Explanation for the Changing Age Distribution of Suicide and Homicide in the United States: 1930 to 2000." A third paper (O'Brien, Hudson, and Stockard) is scheduled for publication in *Sociological Methods and Research*, "A Mixed Model Estimation of Age, Period, and Cohort Effects." O'Brien organized the Quantitative Methods sessions for the American Sociological Association last summer, and organized the Measurement and Methodology sessions for the American Society of Criminology for the fall of 2006. O'Brien is also chairing the Hindelang Book Award Committee for the American Society of Criminology.



**Ellen Scott** has been working with Robert O'Brien as the associate head for the department. She published "Models of Integration: The Promises and Pitfalls of Combining Quantitative and Qualitative Research," with Andrew London and Saul Schwartz in *World Development*. She presented papers from her new research on the conflicts between wage work and care work in families caring for children with disabilities at an international conference on carework at York University, Toronto, Canada and at Linn Benton Community College. With Jocelyn Hollander, she presented work on diversity at the University of Oregon on a panel at the University of Oregon conference, "What is Cultural Competency?" organized by Mia Tuan. At the American Sociological Association last summer, she was a discussant in a Regular Session on Gender and Politics and a co-organizer (with Carework Steering Committee) of a Mini-Conference, "Social Security Reform: Implications for Gender and Carework."



**Jiannbin Shiao** has had a productive sabbatical this past year. He made progress on his second book, "Choosing Ethnicity, Negotiating Race: Korean Adoptees in America," (with Mia Tuan), drafting chapters on ethnic explorations in early adulthood, dating and marital histories, and ethnic involvements and identities in adulthood. They also have three journal articles either under submission or in revision. In addition, he began a third book project on the role of interracial intimacy in ethnic

assimilation and social segregation.



**Caleb Southworth** is an economic sociologist and methodologist. He has two substantive areas, the post-Soviet economy linked to his fieldwork in Russia and U.S. historical studies of social movements and unions. His studies of Russia aim to understand the conditions under which market forces lead to the development of capitalism and how cultural factors can result in non-capitalist institutions. A recent study shows that widespread reliance on household agriculture in Russia interrupts labor market formation (*Rural Sociology*, 2006). Another paper, with former graduate student Leontina Hormel (now Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Idaho), explores temporary work migration from the Ukraine and concludes, contrary to expectations, that work migration is mostly to Russia rather than to Europe. A recent publication from his U.S. historical work uses geographic methods to show that churches function as organizational resources, especially for working-class, urban neighborhoods (*Social Science*, 2007). Southworth has also developed a new project on unionization rates and competition (funded this summer by the College of Arts and Sciences). Time-series techniques are used to show that competition has a positive effect on membership and that union democracy is more likely to develop in a competitive environment (*Politics & Society*, 2007).



**Mia Tuan** has had a busy year. As Director of the Center on Diversity and Community (CoDaC), she has been working on various campus diversity initiatives including the University's five year Diversity Action Plan and providing professional development training to increase multicultural effectiveness among university faculty and administrators. Her book *Prejudice in Politics*, (Harvard University Press), co-authored with Lawrence Bobo, also just came out this spring. Meanwhile, she is still working on her book,

*Choosing Ethnicity, Negotiating Race*, with Jiannbin Shiao. The book is based on interviews with Korean adoptees raised within White families and explores racial/ethnic identity development amongst this fascinating population. With any luck, it will be completed by the summer.



**Richard York** in January of 2006 became co-editor of the peer-reviewed journal *Organization & Environment* published by Sage. Over the past year, he has published (or had accepted for publication) articles in *Human Ecology Review*, *Monthly Review*, *Organization & Environment*, *Theory & Society*, and *The Sociological Quarterly*. Most of these articles were co-authored with Brett Clark, a graduate student in the UO Sociology Department.

## GRADUATE PROGRAM

### Comments from the Graduate Program Director – Michael Dreiling

I want to take a moment to acknowledge graduate student recipients of University and Department awards during this last academic year. Many graduate students applied for these awards and fellowships (as

well as other outside fellowships, grants and awards). Internally, our admissions and awards committee remarked several times at the quality of graduate student applications for these awards. I look forward to more progress next year. Meanwhile, congratulations to the recipients of the following Sociology Department awards:

**Juyeon Son and Lora Vess** — G. Benton Johnson Sociology Dissertation Research Award

**Shannon Bell** — Data Collection and Presentation Award

**Mikhail Balaev** — Runner-up Data Collection and Presentation Award

**Marie Ralstin-Lewis** — Graduate Student Teaching Award

**Joel Schoening** — Graduate Student Publication Award

The Sociology graduate program currently enrolls 49 students

**Brett Clark** has had several articles published and forthcoming with Richard York in 2005-2006 including: "Natural History and the Nature of History," *Monthly Review* 57(7); "Marxism, Positivism, and Scientific Sociology: Social Gravity and Historicity," *The Sociological Quarterly*; "Debunking as Positive Science: Reflections in Honor of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Stephen Jay Gould. The Mismeasure of Man," *Monthly Review* 57(8); "Science and History: A Reply to Turner," *The Sociological Quarterly*; "Carbon Metabolism: Global Capitalism, Climate Change, and the Biospheric Rift," *Theory & Society* 34(4): 391-428; "Dialectical Materialism and Nature: An Alternative to Economism and Deep Ecology," *Organization & Environment* 18(3): 318-337. He also published with **Rebecca Clausen**, "The Metabolic Rift and Marine Ecology: An Analysis of the Oceanic Crisis Within Capitalist Production," *Organization & Environment*;

**Khaya Clark** presented a paper with Chuck Tate (Psychology Department) at the Hawaii International Conference on the Social Sciences, Honolulu, HI. and had a poster presentation at the Association for Psychological Science New York, NY. on "Direct evidence for the primacy of skin tone in children's racial classifications." Khaya was also a Session Presider at The Pacific Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA (April 2006) for "Exploring the Frontiers of Asian Transracial Adoption." She was awarded a very prestigious American Sociological Association Minority Fellowship Dissertation Award (\$15,000) and served on the Nominations Committee for the Oliver C. Cox Award (2006), American Sociological Association.

**Sarah Cribbs** published the following article: L. Allen Furr, D. Mark Austin & Sarah E. Cribbs, "The Effects of Neighborhood Satisfaction on Perception of Safety Among Refugees From the Former Soviet Union," *Sociological Spectrum*, 25:519-537, 2005.

**Derek Darves-Bornoz** will complete the Doctorate Program this summer for his thesis "Corporate Trade Policy Activism: Network and Organizational Determinants." He will enter the General Theological Seminary (Episcopalian seminary) in New York City in the fall.

**Sandra Ezquerro** received several grants including the International Cultural Service Program Award, Office of International Programs (\$6,000); General University Scholarship

(\$1,200); South East Asian Studies Grant, Graduate School (\$1,000); and the Professional Grant from the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies (\$250.00). Sandra also presented the following papers: "The Gendered Role of the State in the Age of Globalization: Philippine Migration to the San Francisco Bay Area," at the 4th Center on Diversity and Community Graduate Research Conference (read by Lora Vess); "An Intersectional Analysis of the State: The Construction of Filipina Migrants in the San Francisco Bay Area," at the 2006 Pacific Sociological Association (PSA) conference in Hollywood, California and "Filipina Migration, the State, and the Production of Caregivers in San Francisco," at the 4th Annual Summer Institute on International Migration in UC-San Diego. Further, Sandra organized the panel "Gender and Immigration in the Era of Globalization" at the 2006 PSA conference in Hollywood, California. She has been accepted into the 4th Annual Summer Institute on International Migration in UC-San Diego, which is part of the UC-San Diego's Center for Comparative Immigration Studies and the Social Science Research Council's International Migration Program. She is spending spring and summer terms at UC-Berkeley's Sociology Department as a Research Student Researcher.

**Allison Hurst** has completed the Doctorate Program for her thesis "Loyalists, Renegades, and Double Agents: Making Sense of Working-Class Identities in College."

**Andrew Jones** will complete the Doctorate Program this summer for his thesis "How the Media Frame Global Warming: A Harbinger of Human Extinction or Endless Summer Fun?" Andrew and **Ann Strahm** completed research for The Ford Family Foundation. The \$6,000 grant was to develop and administer a survey of alumni scholars who had received scholarships from the Foundation, and present the findings to the Board. One of the more important findings was the fact that poor, working-class students have higher undergraduate completion rates when provided adequate resources (such as scholarships provided by The Ford Family Foundation), than do those who must rely only on federal financial aid (Pell Grants, loans, etc.). Additionally these graduates, having lower educational debt, were able to take jobs that were more personally fulfilling, rather than accept positions solely based on the level of pay.

**Brandon Olszewski** has the following publication in press: Brenda Nulty, Mimi McGrath, Brandon Olszewski, Jennifer Doolittle, and Brigid Flannery, "Postsecondary Academies: Helping Students with Disabilities Transition to College," *Teaching Exceptional Children*, in press.

**Marie Ralstin-Lewis** published, along with Kerry Smith, Brady Smith, Sherri Groh, Roberty Kentta, and Meredith "Laci" Day, "Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians 2005-2015 10-year Comprehensive Plan." It was a project funded by a grant through the Administration for Native Americans through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and she was also the data analyst on the project. Marie has received her Master's Degree this year.

**Joel Schoening** has an article published "Cooperative Capitalism: Reconciling Democratic Values with Business Demands at a Worker-Owned Firm," in *Worker Participation: Practices and Possibilities*, Vicki Smith (ed.), special issue of *Research in the Sociology of Work*, volume 16. Oxford: JAI/ Elsevier Press.

**Ann Strahm's** chapter, "FCC Ownership Review - The Debates," is published in Phillips, Peter and Project Censored (Eds.) *Censored*

2006, Ch. 12, 2005.

**Xiao Sun** received her Master's Degree this year.

### New Graduate Students

**Shannon Bell**, BA, Religion; BS, Biology, Washington & Lee University, Lexington, Virginia; MSW, West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia; MA, Future Generations College, Franklin, West Virginia.  
Areas: social change, environmental sociology, gender, community development

**Matthew Eddy**, BA, Religion, Austin College, Sherman, Texas; MDIV, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey.  
Areas: political and economic sociology, social theory, stratification, religion

**Andrew Edwards**, BA, History and Political Science, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.; MS, Education, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.  
Areas: environmental/ political sociology

**Clay Grantham**, BA, Sociology, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana.  
Areas: political and economic sociology

**Hannah Humphrey**, BA, English and Sociology, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma.  
Areas: political economy, political sociology, environmental sustainability

**Katie Rodgers**, BA, Sociology and Religion, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; MA, Sociology, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey.  
Areas: race/racism, religion, education

**Ann Shirley**, BA, Sociology and Music, Truman State University, Kirksville, Missouri.  
Areas: political economy, social change, and policy

### UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

#### *News from the Undergraduate Program Director – Eleen Baumann*

Our 2006 graduates are a remarkable group. It has been a pleasure to work with them as an instructor and as Departmental Undergraduate Advisor. Below is a brief review of their accomplishments.

Of the 240 majors graduating this year, 15 are members of Phi Beta Kappa; 16 received University Honors; 42 were inducted into Alpha Kappa Delta, an international Sociology Honors Society founded in 1920; and four received Departmental Honors. With guidance from a faculty advisor, departmental honors students completed theses based upon original research of their own design. Their topics included criminal justice response to women sex offenders, men's anti-pornography organizations, the racial and gender basis of class consciousness, and sexual abstinence among college students.

Over 5000 students enrolled in the 62 undergraduate courses offered during the 2005-2006 academic year. Topics ranged from general

courses on social inequality to special topics on forests and fires, families, work and welfare, and war and peace.

The department offers ten concentration options that allow students to tailor their coursework to reflect their interests within sociology. Numerous students completed concentrations in areas such as crime and delinquency; environment, population and society; and race, ethnicity and social change. Other students, taking advantage of the numerous offerings in the College of Arts and Science, completed second majors or minors in subjects as wide-ranging as Psychology, French, Philosophy, Substance Abuse Prevention, and Landscape Architecture.

Internships offer students an opportunity to combine course-based knowledge with practical experience. Dr. Leslie Hall, Internship Coordinator, supervised 58 students in diverse organizational settings. Students gained valuable experience in governmental offices such as the U.S. District Court, Eugene Police Department, Juvenile Corrections, and Human Services. Numerous interns provided recreational, educational and mentoring support for children. Others focused on environmental issues in Oregon, British Columbia and Australia.

Academic advising plays an important role in student success. All tenured and tenure-track faculty serve as official advisors to our 500+ majors. Faculty help students create a meaningful academic plan and assist advisees with plans for employment or graduate work. Student peer advisors also are an essential part of the department's support system for majors. Majors often consult with peer advisors about the nuts and bolts of departmental requirements.

Graduate Teaching Fellows are an indispensable part of the instructional team, particularly in courses with large enrollments. Whether leading discussion sections or talking with students during office hours, GTFs offer undergraduates valuable academic and personal support. Students routinely give our departmental faculty and GTFs high marks on course evaluations. This year Marie Ralstin-Lewis received the department's Distinguished Graduate Student Teaching Award.

The department's capable office team of Chris Blum, Mary Redetzke and Shelley Carlson is essential to our instructional success. Students praise Chris' ability as Undergraduate Coordinator. He deals with every kind of undergraduate predicament from course registration problems to decoding credits for international course work. An accessible, informed, witty problem-solver is Mr. Blum.

Our graduates will make considerable contributions to our communities. For some, the future at this point is uncertain. Others will continue with advanced work in sociology, teaching, law school, mass communications, social work, and nursing. They will work in diverse occupations – in law enforcement, business, banking, and youth organizations. Several graduates plan to travel to places such as Nepal, Europe, South America, India and even southern California. One student will receive her commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Army. Several graduates will be teaching English in Japan and Europe. Two students will enter the Americorps program, while another will join the U.S. Handball Team and reside in New York. Our graduates are an accomplished and caring group.

The sociology department faculty and staff congratulate the class of 2006 and wish them success in their future endeavors. We hope they

keep in touch and send periodic updates on their activities to sociology@uoregon.edu.

### Latin Honors for Sociology Undergraduates

Graduating with Latin Honors this spring are the following sociology undergraduate majors:

*Summa cum Laude:* Katie Arlene Coombes, Jaimee Anne Scheffler

*Magna cum Laude:* Randi Chi Nguyen, Kristen Ann Opsahl, Makena June Poresky, Lindsay Katherine Trapp

*Cum Laude:* Megan Kathryn Campbell, Megan Danielle Cobb, James Robert Crittenden, Malia Robin Crouse, Morgan Harter, Joseph Austen Lear, Paul-John H Paschelke, Melissa Shalom Summers, Jessie Lourene Woodcock

### Alpha Kappa Delta Initiates New Members

The AKD May 8 initiation ceremony honored 42 new members of Alpha Kappa Delta, the national Sociology Honor Society. Members were given teal cords to wear during graduation ceremonies.

AKD emphasizes student interests in intellectual activism and sociological issues. It provides the opportunity to become more involved in the field of sociology and is a step toward introducing members to the professional community of sociology. Undergraduate and graduate AKD members can apply for travel grants to conferences and enter paper competitions. Winning papers are published in the society's quarterly journal *Sociological Inquiry*.

Assistant Professor Dr. Yvonne Braun gave a wonderful talk this year. Drs. Leslie Hall (Peer Advising Supervisor), Eleen Baumann (Undergraduate Coordinator), and Bob O'Brien (Department Chairperson) spoke about the department and the history of AKD.

After the ceremony, initiates enjoyed refreshments and congratulations with family, friends, and faculty.

This year's initiates are: Norah Jean Al-Wetaid, Rustie A. Anderson, Rachel Leona Baldwin, Nora Billie Barnett, Antoni Pierre Bellavia, Kathleen Rea Bruns, Kanoelehua Maluhia Cathcart, Megan Danielle Cobb, Matthew Aaron Crovitz, Ryan Craig Davis, Daniel Christopher DeFreez, Vanessa Anne Elkan, Elena Marie Fracchia, Molly Kathryn Goodling, Llewynn John Grayston, Christopher Michael Hatch, Emily Susanne Hayes, Kelly Ann Huckestein, Fletcher Hodges Johnson, Chenoa Ann Lane, Joseph Austen Lear, Kira Yah Fun Lee, Travis Wayne Maret, Michael Allen Marteney, Leslie Marie Morrison, Caitlin Rose McGuan, Tyler Fletcher Nall, Jenna Valeri Osekowsky, Kristen Marie Pavlukovich, Shannon Courtney Pawol, Rachel Olga Pratter, Kristen Patricia Rutherford, Yoonwa Fou Saechao, Lindsey Ellen Scholten, Michael Aaron Schwartz, Sara Ruth Taylor, Elizabeth Ann Vrooman, Chad Lee Woodward and Rebekah Lynn Young.

The Peer Advisors who helped set up and host the event included: Kathleen Bruns, Malia Crouse, Sarah Estes, Elena Fracchia, Morgan Harter, and Joe Lear. Chris Blum, Shelley Carlson, and Mary Redetzke in the department office also helped.

### Phi Beta Kappa News

Congratulations to the following sociology majors who were elected to *Phi Beta Kappa*, the oldest and most prestigious honor society in the nation: Stacey Lee Ann Axling, Megan Danielle Cobb, Katie Arlene Coombs, Vanessa Anne Elkan, Christine April Finley, Brian James Frost, Naomi Hernandez, Emily A. Jeffrey, Joseph Austin Lear, Christy Marie Mercer, Randi Chi Nguyen, Paul-John H. Paschelke, Andrea Lynn Peruzzi, Makena June Poresky, and Melissa Shalom Summers. Christine Finley was also selected as one of the Oregon Six, six students chosen because of the extraordinary breadth of their coursework, and excellence in upper-division liberal arts courses with very high grade point averages.

### ALUMNI NEWS

**Nell Best (BA 2005)** is an Americorp Member at Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS). Nell co-facilitates middle and high school presentations in classes on topics like sexual assault and sexual harassment. She was the community fundraising coordinator for Take Back The Night, among other projects. Nell is also the info booth coordinator for events and fairs and is helping to create the survivor library at SASS.

**Carlos Castro (PhD 2004)** has accepted an assistant professor position at Clark College in Vancouver, Washington.

**Hava Gordon (PhD 2005)** has accepted an assistant professor position in the Department of Sociology and Criminology, at the University of Denver, Denver, Colorado.

**Leontina Hormel (PhD 2004)** has accepted an assistant professor position in the Department of Sociology at the University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho.

**Mark Hudson (ABD)** has accepted an assistant professor position in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology at Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pennsylvania.

**Allison Hurst (PhD 2006)** has accepted an assistant professor position in the Department of Sociology and Legal Studies at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio.

**Paul Prew (PhD 2005)** has accepted an assistant professor position back in his home state at Minnesota State University, Mankato, Minnesota.

**Barbara Sutton (PhD 2004)** has accepted an assistant professor position at the State University of New York-Albany, New York, Department of Women's Studies. She was also awarded a fellowship from the Latin America Program of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars to conduct research on racism, citizenship, and democracy.

### VISITING SCHOLARS

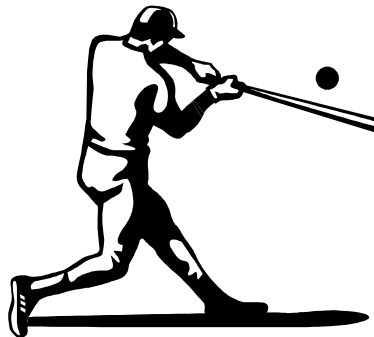
**Tomayasu Nakamura**, a visiting scholar from Japan's Senshu University, is currently studying boycott strategies in the environmental movement and is particularly interested in the use of the internet by movement activists.

**Rozita Moayedfar** received a prestigious award from the Ministry

of Science, Research and Technology of Iran to work on her dissertation titled, "A Study of Social Capital Changes and its Economic Consequences in Iran."

### Post Doctoral Fellow

**Sung Choi**, Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles. His dissertation was on Korean-Black Conflict in Inner City Los Angeles: 1994 to 2003, and he published that work with Routledge Press in 2005: *'Trouble City': Korean-Black Conflict in Post Insurrection Los Angeles*. He is continuing that work with additional qualitative interviews of African Americans in Los Angeles.



You can do a lot with a Sociology BA. Geoff Blum, a sociology graduate from UC Berkeley, hit a home run that won Game 3 of the World Series for the Chicago White Sox. He undoubtedly calculated the probability of the pitch because of intro stats.

### A Selection of Famous Sociology Majors

Rev. Ralph Abernathy  
 Dan Aykroyd  
 Saul Bellow  
 Shirley Chisholm  
 Rev. Jesse Jackson  
 Rev. Martin Luther King  
 Alonzo Mourning  
 Regis Philbin - yes, sadly, he is one of ours  
 Ahmad Rashad - Go Ducks!!!  
 Ronald Reagan (double major in sociology and economics)  
 Paul Shaffer  
 Dinah Shore  
 Joe Theisman  
 Dr. Ruth Westheimer  
 Robin Williams



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### **ALUMNI NEWS**

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