A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR
DR. JOHN F. ZIPP

The Department of Sociology at the University of Akron remains a great place to study and to work. Our current faculty, students and alums continue to excel in a variety of ways - even too much for an annual newsletter to completely capture. Let me take a stab at some of the highlights, however, with many of the details contained throughout the rest of this newsletter.

In the last year, our faculty published 17 journal articles and 6 book chapters, including five articles in some of the top specialty area journals: Journal of Marriage and the Family (2 articles), Social Problems, Criminology, and Social Psychology Quarterly. This is an extremely impressive accomplishment, rivaling the top departments in the country. Speaking of the top departments, according to the most recent (2004) data from the National Science Foundation, your University of Akron Sociology Department ranked 21st in the entire U.S. in research funding. Our faculty also maintained a high level of activity in our scholarly associations, presenting 42 papers at professional meetings and being a major sponsor of this year’s Association of Black Sociologists’ Annual Meeting. Individual faculty have taken key leadership roles in our professional associations, with Dr. Kathryn Feltey being the President of the North Central Sociological Association, and Dr. Nancy Miller finishing her fourth year term as Executive Director of Sociologists for Women in Society. Finally, five different faculty have served as Associate Editors at seven different scholarly journals. Putting this altogether provides a good indication of just how excellent our faculty is.

This high level of research productivity has been complemented by an equally impressive focus on teaching, as five different faculty members have won teaching awards in their careers. Perhaps this is part of the reason that we remain an attractive choice for students. For instance, we have more than 500 majors and awarded 51 baccalaureate degrees and 21 minors last year. We continue to have about 30 graduate students, split between our MA and Ph.D. programs. As you’ll see below, our entering cohort has six new students, including two of our 2006 B.A. grads. Our graduate students have also demonstrated a high level of accomplishment. We were fortunate enough to award four Ph.D.’s, and three Master’s degrees - with all of our graduates gainfully employed!

Finally, I would like to thank all of our alumni/ae who graciously sent us copies of your business cards last year. As you may recall, we used these to build a “Collage of Success” which is now proudly on display in the Department office (you can also see it on our website: http://www3.uakron.edu/sociology/collage/index.htm). As this collage clearly shows, our graduates have succeeded as individuals and have also made a positive impact on society, serving as educators, business and community leaders, and local, state and federal officials. Keep up the good work!

In closing, as always, thanks to Dr. Baffour Takyi and Cindy Saylor for doing such a great job in putting together this newsletter.

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NATIONAL ATTENTION FOR THE DEPT OF SOCIOLOGY

Numerous department members have been cited frequently in the local and national media, bringing valuable attention to the department and to the university.

Dr. André Christie-Mizell appeared on WVIZ PBS’s Ideas, for a segment on stay-at-home fathers for a TV production of Ideastream.

Dr. Matt Lee’s work attracted local and national attention in a variety of ways. His course on the “Sociology of Love” was profiled in numerous outlets, including The Chronicle of Higher Education, ZTV News, The Cleveland Plain-Dealer, The University of Akron Buchtellite and the Canton Repository. He was cited in Reason Magazine (Aug./Sept. 2006) in an article by Tony Snow (currently White House Press Secretary) about the relationship between immigration and crime titled, “Where’s the Mayhem? Don’t believe the neo-Know Nothing hype.” Finally, his research was also mentioned in the testimony of Dr. William F. McDonald before the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary on July 2, 2006. The title of this hearing was “Examining the Need for Comprehensive Immigration Reform.”

Drs. John Zipp and Rudy Fenwick’s recent article, “Is the Academy a Liberal Hegemony?” (Public Opinion Quarterly, Fall 2006), has been featured in a number of higher education outlets: Inside Higher Education (September 19, 2006) and lengthy interviews in “Free Exchange on Campus” (September 19, 2006; http://www.freeexchangeoncampus.org and in AFT on Campus (December 2006/January 2007). John Zipp was quoted in an article, “Spring Trading Tradeoff,” in The Arizona Republic (March 31, 2006).

ON TO THE NEXT STAGE

This semester the Department welcomed a new faculty member into our program. Dr. Valerie J. Callanan is a Criminologist and will be involved with our graduate and undergraduate criminology/deviance program. Dr. Callanan received her Ph.D. at the University of California-Riverside and joins us after spending six years teaching at California State University-San Marcos.

AKRONews asked Dr. Callanan to provide a brief biographical sketch to introduce herself to our community:

Dr. Callanan: I was a professor at California State University San Marcos until 2005, when I moved to Ohio with my husband, who chairs the Department of Sociology at KSU. I received my Ph.D. from the University of California Riverside in 2001, with specialties in criminology and socio-legal studies. As a criminologist, I have a number of research areas, but of particular interest to me is how media influences the public’s understanding and attitudes about crime, criminals, and the criminal justice system. I have examined several aspects of media’s impact on public opinion, including punitive attitudes toward criminals, perceptions of fairness in the courts and police systems, willingness to support taxes for prisons, and fear of crime. My recent book, Feeding the Fear of Crime, examines the relationship between crime-related media and public support for three-strikes sentencing. My applied work has examined the effectiveness of community-based services for parolees on recidivism and the effectiveness of gang intervention programs on reducing gang-related violence. I have been evaluating parolee re-entry programs for the Department of Corrections of the state of California since 2002. My recent book, Feeding the Fear of Crime, examines the relationship between crime-related media and public support for three-strikes sentencing.
I have to say that although I miss my friends and family, and sometimes the perpetual sunny days, I do like living in northeast Ohio. The pace of life is less stressful, and I really enjoy the change of seasons. I also think the students are more motivated. Best of all, the sociology faculty at the University of Akron are wonderful colleagues!

As we welcome Dr. Callanan, our newest addition to our faculty, we also want to take the opportunity to keep you abreast of other faculty and staff changes. Two long-time faculty members, Drs. Frank Falk and Nancy Miller, retired and moved back to Denver. Also retiring was our Administrative Assistant of 7 years, Jill France. They all know how much they are missed already. One more change has been internal: Dr. Mark Tausig is working full-time as the Associate Dean of the Graduate School. On behalf of the Department, we wish them well in their next endeavors. We also take this opportunity to thank them for their service to the Department and the University.

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We take this opportunity to congratulate our faculty and students who won grants and awards, published or presented at professional meetings during the past year. Below are some selected achievements during the past year.

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KATHRYN FELTEY


Elected Office- President North Central Sociological Association (NCSA) 2005-2006

NCSA presidential address, entitled “Doing Sociology to Make a Difference: Commitment, Values, and the Promised Land”, was published in Sociological Focus, August 2006.

MATTHEW LEE


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STACEY NOFZIGER


BRIAN PENDLETON


GRANTS

ROBERT L. PERALTA


Robert L. Peralta. 2005. “Race and the Culture of

HONORS/AWARDS
Inducted into the National Hispanic Science Network (NHSN) on Drug Abuse as a new Research Scientist member of the NHSN, 2005.

BAFFOUR K. TAKYI


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**GRADUATE STUDENT ALUMNI**

Congratulations to our recent PhD recipients. The following graduate students successfully completed and defended their dissertation during the academic year.

**Dr. Michelle Bemiller**: “Mothering on the Margins: The Experience of Non-Custodial Mothers.” Michelle is now an Assistant Professor at the Sociology Department, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.

**Dr. Rachel Schneider**: “Battered Women and Violent Crime: An Exploration of Imprisoned Women before and after Clemency Movement.” She is currently employed as an Assistant Professor at Eastern Washington University, Cheney, WA.

**Dr. Wendy Grove**: “The Experiences of Grief among Nurses: measuring, Feeling and Managing Emotion.” Wendy is now with the Community Health Services at the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM) and will be starting a position as Health Planning Administrator in the Bureau of Early Intervention Services at the Ohio Department of Health in Columbus, Ohio. She will be coordinating and evaluating the Healthy Child Care Ohio Program, as well as developing, implementing, and coordinating the review of training programs related to early childhood intervention.

**Dr. Jean-Anne Sutherland**: “What can I do Different, What can I do better? What Could you do More? Guilt, Shame and Mothering.” She is currently working with the Merz Consulting Inc. (Akron, OH).

Congratulations to our recent MA recipients:

**J. Brooke Turney** - Brooke is now the Undergraduate Advisor for the University of Akron Dept. of Sociology.

**Lenore Commissio** - Lenore is working with HumanArc helping low-income individuals (mainly elderly) receive more medical benefits through the government.

**Jessie Mann** - Jessie is now enrolled at the University of Miami Law School Miami, FL.

**GRADUATE STUDENT PUBLICATIONS**

On the research front, we have seen a gradual increase in our graduate student publications and presentations over the past couple of years. Some of the recent publications of our graduate students are listed below.


**GRADUATE STUDENT PRESENTATIONS**


C. André Christie-Mizell, Baffour Takyi, Erin Pryor, Liza Grossman, Stacey Blount & Aya Kimura at the ‘06 ABS Meeting


Graduate Student Awards

Marianne Noh was elected SWS student representative this year. Ms. Noh also co-organized a roundtable session for graduate students at this year’s SWS summer meeting in Montreal, Canada.

Aya Kimura, Suzanne Slusser, and Marianne Noh received funding from the Institute of Teaching and Learning (ITL), Sociology Department, and the Office of International Programs to interview graduate students who are teaching. The project is titled, Investigating of the Experiences of Graduate Student Instructors. Additionally, the three of them (Marianne, Suzanne and Aya) were all involved in different capacities at the Annual ABS and SSF meeting. Their ABS session was titled “Emerging Scholarship in Sociology”.

Yomoah, Ferdinand received the Harmon DeGraff Scholarship; Akron Urban League; Fall 2005.
The 2006 banquet was held at Springlake Party Center in Lakemore. The distinguished speaker was Dr. Lawrence Bobo, Martin Luther King Jr. Centennial Professor and Director, Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity and Program in African and African American Studies at Stanford University, Stanford, CA. Dr. Bobo is an accomplished researcher and author specializing in race, ethnicity, politics, and social inequalities. Professor Bobo’s talk examined the controversy surrounding the fishing, hunting, and gathering rights of the Chippewa Indians in Wisconsin. It involved the efforts of the Chippewa to assert their traditional spearfishing rights, which met with angry, racially charged, highly mobilized responses from whites.

This year’s award winners are:

Outstanding Student Award-Wendy Grove, Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award-Rachel Schneider, Outstanding Graduate Student Service-Brooke Turney, and the Patricia Conley Peer Mentoring Award-Jodi Ross.

The students awarded Dr. André Christie-Mizell with the Faculty Mentoring Award for the second time. Also, awarded was Dr. Stacey Nofziger for her continuing outstanding service as the Sociology Club Advisor.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

NEW SOCIOLOGY ADVISOR

Brooke Turney

As many of you know, Rachel Schneider successfully defended her dissertation and left the University of Akron to take a position as an assistant professor. During the summer, Rachel trained me to take over the undergraduate advisor position. I’d like to take a moment to introduce myself. I graduated in 2004 from Ohio Northern University with a BA in Sociology and Spanish. In the fall of 2004, I began my graduate studies in the Department of Sociology at the University of Akron. I graduated with my Master’s degree in sociology in the summer of 2006.

SOCIOLOGY MAJORS: PROFILE & HIGHLIGHTS

Anazette Hudson

Anazette Hudson is a junior majoring in Sociology/Criminology & Law Enforcement, and double minor in Criminal Justice and Spanish. She is from Cleveland, Ohio, and was admitted into the Honors College in 2005. Anazette is involved in several campus organizations and has received various awards and scholarships. Anazette is in the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, the Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society, and the Golden Key International Honor Society. Anazette also served as a
2006 New Student Orientation Leader. She was awarded the Outstanding Senior Award in 2005, as well as the Office of Multicultural Development's Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner. In 2006, she was awarded the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics Diversity Scholarship, as well as the McNair Summer Research Award.

During the summer, she participated in a research project under the guidance and mentorship of Dr. Christie-Mizell. Anazette recently joined the Ballroom Dancing Club, and works with international students in the English Language Institute's Conversation Partners Program.

Anazette is currently preparing to take part in a study abroad program for Fall Semester 2007 in Madrid, Spain. She plans to attend graduate school following the completion of her Bachelor's Degree.

Our 2006 Outstanding Undergraduate award was awarded to Rachel Cohen. Our Rogler Scholarship recipients are Jessica Dolezal, Kaitlyn Hart, Natalie Jacobs, and Lindsay Matousek. 2006 AKD new inductees are Angela Adkins, Kathryn Biggins, Leon Harris, Kaitlyn Hart, Peter Ipnar, Lindsay Matousek and Virgil Russell. Congratulations on a job well done.

SOCIOLOGY CLUB [SOCCLUB] NEWS

The University of Akron Sociology Club is comprised of students and faculty interested in a diverse array of topics that have, are, and/or will affect society and human interaction. Members get together to explore numerous issues, through mediums both social and intellectual, in a friendly open atmosphere. The club seeks to benefit its members by increasing student-faculty interaction and networking possibilities, as well as broadening the individual college experience through exposure to a variety of different opinions and perspectives.

The Sociology Club regular meetings are the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The first Wednesday of each month will be our video series and will start at 6:30pm. The third Wednesday of each month will be our speaker series and will start at 5:30pm. All meetings will be between 1 and 2 hours. Although below is our intended schedule, we are still confirming some of the speakers so please stay tuned for any changes. All regularly scheduled meetings will take place in the Student Union, room 316.

This semester we have had three different monthly themes. In September we focused on Terrorism, in part to commemorate the 5 year anniversary of the events of 9/11/01. We watched a video documenting the events of that day and invited Dr. Kaltenthaler, from the department of Political Science, to talk to us about media myths about terrorism. These were both well attended events that generated a great deal of discussion from the participants. October has the theme of Diversity and Discrimination. We watched segments of the video “Transeneration” for are video this month and are very much looking forward to our speaker, a transgendered student attending the University of Akron. Our theme and topics for November are Crime and Justice.

We had one an additional event on November 8th. We brought to campus the Cleveland Public Theater (CPT) Y-Haven production. Y-Haven is a program for drug and alcohol dependency treatment for homeless men. It provides a wide range of services, from primary counseling, relapse prevention, education and employment preventions, and assistance in finding permanent housing. The CPT annually works with Y-Haven participants to write and produce an original play. All their performances are free as a means of providing the audience with a unique insight into the lives of these men. In addition to the play, all the actors, who are Y-Haven clients, discuss their experiences and answer audience questions. This year’s play is titled Making it Right. Making It Right is the story of Al Anderson, a man who has successfully turned his life around yet struggles to reconcile his feelings around the stranger that he harmed in the past. It explores universal themes of regret, forgiveness and responsibility. Despite his successes and material comforts, Anderson feels obligated to take responsibility for his past by tracking down the stranger he once harmed. Making It Right follows Anderson’s attempts to
reconcile himself with the nightmares of his past in order to move forward with his future.

Although all these regular events are open to everyone, there are definite benefits of membership. We regularly travel to regional universities and colleges to hear guest speakers that are of interest to our members. We also take an annual trip to the North Central Sociological Association conference. This year that is in Chicago so if you want to attend, you need to be a regular, active member. We also have a range of members-only social events. So, if you are interested in getting more information, contact Dr. Nofziger at sn18@uakron.edu or our president Lindsay Matousek at lam44@uakron.edu

FEATURED ARTICLES

MAKING A CONNECTION: IDEAS TO INCREASE THE ENGAGEMENT OF OUR STUDENTS

DR. RUDY FENWICK
Associate Professor of Sociology, Chair of Faculty Senate and Co-chair (with Dr. Karla Mugler) of the Student Success and Retention Committee

As my colleagues and I have been going about our work on the Student Success and Retention Committee, one of our main areas of focus has been on the policies and procedures that impede students’ progress to degree attainment. As we have conducted our research, one point has become clear: students who feel connected and engaged by their academic program, and by the university more generally, tend to persist to graduation more than students who do not.

How can we increase the degree by which UA students feel engaged? The literature suggests that activities outside the classroom can be highly effective. Likewise, engagement can be enhanced by classroom activities as well as activities that link the classroom to the outside world. To think about ways we can increase the engagement of our students, we have gathered a list of best practices from The University of Akron and from other campuses. Here are some that stood out:

• Develop a culture of inclusiveness or “family” among students, staff, and faculty. The goal here is to make everyone feel that they are a valued part of the university community. Schools that promote frequent student-faculty-staff contacts outside the classroom — such as the recent Student Appreciation Day — and those that have a broad range of extracurricular activities have been able to create a culture of belonging in which students feel emotionally welcome. Although these kinds of activities have historically been associated with small liberal arts colleges, in recent years large state universities, such as Clemson and Louisiana Tech, and urban commuter schools, such as Montclair State (New Jersey), have successfully adopted these activities to increase student success.
• Develop a proactive and integrated approach to the delivery of student services. The literature on best practices suggests that schools in which faculty and student service professionals work together, especially in academic advising, can provide an “early warning” system in which student progress can be actively monitored and students can be advised and counseled at the first indication of academic difficulty, such as frequent withdrawals.

Develop more engagement through academic programs themselves. Schools that provide overall curricular coherence so that students see a rationale for the courses they take have been able to improve student success. Likewise, schools as diverse as Wisconsin-La Crosse and City University of New York have succeeded in increasing academic self-directedness and motivation among their students by linking classroom connections to the “real world” through internships, service learning, and undergraduate research.

As you can see from these examples, there is no magic bullet, no one single best path to student success. Different approaches have worked for different schools, and not all approaches will work at every school. The overriding conclusion of the literature on best practices is that the schools that have increased student success, retention and graduation rates have done so because they have understood the demographics of their students and developed policies that were best suited for their particular needs. They have succeeded because they have embraced and taken ownership of the simple idea that every student they admit can succeed, and they should hold themselves and their practices to that expectation.

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ALUMNI BRIEFS

We enjoy hearing from our alumni. Thanks to everyone who responded to our “Collage of Success” business card project. A few are summarized below.

SURENDRA BIR ADHIKARI received his PhD in ’02. Surendra is a Program Project Manager with the Ohio Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Foundation in Columbus, OH.

ANSAR AHMED received his PhD in ’89. Ahmed is an Associate Professor and Chairperson in the Department of Sociology at Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, OH.

CHARLES ARDINGO received his BA in Sociology in ’01. Chuck is a Union Representative for United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local Union 21 in Bellevue, WA.

JANNIS BACHMANN received her BA in Sociology in ’71. Jannis is the Alumni Coordinator for St. Vincent-St. Mary High School in Akron, OH.

ALLISON BALL received her BA in Sociology in ’97. Allison is a Supervisor for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Adult Probation Authority in Akron, OH.

CHARLENE CORLETT received her BA in Sociology in ’71. Charlene works with the United Way of Summit County, Akron, OH as Vice President of Major Gifts.

MICHAEL DAVIES received his MA in ’99. Mike is a Social Worker for Stark County Children Services in Canton, OH.

JOHN DIXON received his BA in Sociology Law Enforcement in ’88. John is a Lieutenant for the Bay Village Police Department in Bay Village, OH.

DARREN HENDRICKSON received his PhD in ’02. Darren was recently promoted with tenure to Associate Professor in Sociology and Anthropology at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, IL.

KRISTEN HILDRETH received her MA in ’01. Kristen is the Health Promotion Coordinator for Medina County Health Department in Medina, Ohio.

MARIA LUKINAC received her BA in Sociology in ’94. Maria is the current owner of Akron Title & Abstract Agency, Ltd., in Akron, OH.

JANET MICHELLO received her PhD in ’89. Janet is an Associate Professor at LaGuardia Community College City University of New York, Social Sciences in Long Island, NY.

HARRY MOVSESIAN received his BA in Sociology in ’68. Harry is the owner of USA Snacks, an honor box locator company. He has been honored by Vending and OCS Professionals on his 30 year anniversary in the business. He has also devoted 25 years as Commissioner of the West Akron Youth Basketball League.

DOUGLAS PECK received his Ph.D. in Sociology in ’93. Doug is currently the Dean of General Studies and Public Service Technologies Division of Stark State College of Technology in Canton, OH. He is listed in the 2006 Edition of Who’s Who in American Education.
KISHA PIERCE received her BA in Sociology Corrections in '02. Kasha is the Service Coordinator for the Alliance for Children & Families, Inc., Help Me Grow Program in Alliance, OH.

MICHELE SCHAFER received her BA in Sociology in '97. Michele is the Director of Campus Ministry at Walsh University in North Canton, OH.

JAMES SIDARI received his BA in Sociology in '73. James owns and is a Broker for James V. Sedaris and Associates, Brokers of Imported and Domestic Specialty Foods in Fairview Park, OH.

SUSAN WARNER received her PhD in '00. Susan is an Associate Professor in Sociology at Cedarville University in Cedarville, OH.

BRADFORD WILLIAMS received his BA in Sociology in '74. Bradford went on to receive his PhD and is now the Executive Director of Solutions Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. in Medina, OH.

Meet our hardworking staff at the main office whose work and dedication has been instrumental in making our department one of the best to work in at the University. Once more we say thanks for all your help and services.

Jean Garcia, Administrative Assistant  
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Linda Malachin, Administrative Secretary  
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Cindy Saylor, Computer Support  
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Jean Garcia has been with the department since December of 2000. She was just promoted to Administrative Assistant with Jill France taking early retirement.

Linda Malachin is the new part-time Administrative Secretary for the department. Linda is no stranger to The University of Akron. She attended UA from 1980-84 and received an A.A.B. degree in Secretarial Science. She also worked at the university bookstore for four years while she was a student. She was employed here full time from 1986-1999 in the Office of the Registrar and the Human Resources Department. Linda also volunteered on campus at WZIP 88.1FM for over 25 years as a community programmer on the weekends. She and her husband, Mark, live in Green and have two children and a dog: Mark, Jr. is 16, Stephanie is 13, and “Marbles” is their Yorkshire terrier.

Our student assistants for this year are Greg Ellis, Megan Hudak, Kivan Pennington, Joseph Santiago, and Sarah Stoner.

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