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A Message from the Chair

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This has been another busy year and I am grateful for the assistance of our new Graduate Director, John Zipp, Kathy Feltey (Undergraduate Director), Tammy Dixon (Administrative Assistant), and for the help of many others. So many people consistently go beyond the call of duty and it really makes my job a lot easier.

As you can see from reading the newsletter, we have had another productive year. Highlights include the significant media attention and awards received by faculty (pp. 2-4). In addition, John Zipp won the election for President of the Akron Chapter of the American Association for University Professors and both Kathy Feltey and Stacey Nofziger were elected to Faculty Senate. Be sure to check out the articles on pages 7 to 12, including Baffour Takyi’s essay on Ebola, religion, and health, John Zipp’s essay on faculty as the foundation of an excellent university, a summary of research by Rob Peralta and graduate student Meghan Novisky on the consequences of mandatory arrest in domestic violence cases, and an update on the “Pay it Forward” service-learning/philanthropy project used by Kathy Feltey and graduate student Marcella Mulhollem in their Hunger and Homelessness class.

I would also like to direct your attention to our Featured Alumni section, including an article on David Delgado (pp. 18-19) and additional alumni updates on page 17. Graduate student accomplishments can be found on pages 20 and 21, including our most recent three PhD graduates (Dr. Peter Barr, Dr. Jamie Chapman, and Dr. Nicole Rosen). Congratulations to them all!

On a sad note, the Department suffered the loss of three colleagues, including Carlo Bersani, Lynn Metzger, and Tim Gallagher (p. 6). Times like this remind us to make the most of our time together and take nothing for granted. We also experienced the joy of new life, including the births of Sadie Joanne Colyer (p. 17), Darryl Lamptey and Maria Rose Shaw (p. 28).

Enjoy reading the rest of the newsletter and please stay in touch with us. We love hearing from you. Thanks again to Dr. Takyi for putting this together.
**DEPARTMENTAL, FACULTY AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

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**Dr. Rebecca Erickson**

Becky's article published in the 2005 issue of the Journal of Marriage and Family (67, No. 2, pp. 337-351) was referenced in a recent article that appeared in the Guardian newspaper (UK) titled: "Women are just better at this stuff": Is emotional labor feminism’s next frontier?" [http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/nov/08/women-gender-roles-sexism-emotional-labor-feminism](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/nov/08/women-gender-roles-sexism-emotional-labor-feminism)

Dr. Erickson was invited by to present her research to the following: Northeast Ohio Women in Surgery Career Symposium, American Association of Critical Care Nurses, Akron Bar Association, and Innovations in Cardiovascular Nursing 2015, 22nd Annual Denise L. Carrabine Memorial Lecture.

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**Dr. Janette Dill**

Dill, Janette. 2015-2016. Subcontract from Georgia State University from a grant from the Hitachi Foundation titled, "Care Team Redesign: National Evaluation Project."

Janette was quoted in a recent article in McKnight’s, which I noticed was listed in UA's daily news digest:


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**Dr. Kathy Feltey**

Kathy has been elected to the UA Faculty Senate (3 year term). In addition, she will serve on the curriculum committee.

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**Dr. Adrianne Frech**

Adrienne attended a workshop on "Integrating American Community Survey Topics into Undergraduate Courses" at the Population Studies Center /Institute for Social Research at Ann Arbor, Michigan (June 23-25).

A study coauthored by Adrienne that looked at women’s health at midlife and the timing of first childbirth was spotlighted in *Science Daily*. Online at [http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/12/151214092720.htm](http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/12/151214092720.htm)

NB: The same article has also been spotlighted by *Georgia Newsday, The Medical News* and *Science Newsline*.

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**Dr. Jodi Henderson-Ross**

Jodi was hired to teach "Advanced Springboard Training" for UA faculty and staff. The training occurred on October 9th and was part of a three-part series with Beginning and Intermediate training preceding.

Jodi for was invited attended SAGE’s first annual Technology Summit at their DC office on December 4th, 2015 as a VIP guest with all expenses paid. This recognition and affirmation shows Jodi’s expertise in the area of technology and teaching.

Jodi facilitated workshops on the effective use of learning management systems at both the departmental and university-level. These workshops included "Technology + Pedagogy = Increasing Student Engagement" and "Advanced Springboard Design."

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**Dr. Stacey Nofziger**

Member, UA Faculty Senate
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Dr. Matt Lee

Matt gave the presidential address at this year’s NCSA annual meeting in Cleveland.

Matt was an invited panelist for a meeting organized by the Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education conference in Washington DC (October 10). The title of the workshop was “Creating Beloved Communities: Academic Capitalism, Adaptive Leadership, and the Contemplative Project.”

Matt’s research was cited in the following:


Matt is coauthor of research highlighted by MedicalXpress into how the recovery of socially-anxious youth may be benefited by service activities.


Dr. Robert Peralta

Rob was interviewed on Seoul, South Korea’s 90.5 FM, a popular English-language morning talk show. The topic was alcohol-related violence and crime.


Meghan Novisky’s (a PhD candidate at Kent State University) and Dr. Peralta’s work on domestic violence victims’ and their hesitance to seek police assistance is noted in WAKR-AM; Medical News Today (Medical News Today); Phys.org (Phys.org); Eurekalert (http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2015-03/uoa-dvv032615.php); Sciencenewsline.com (Sciencenewsline.com); UA’s digest (http://www.uakron.edu/im/news/mandatory-arrest-laws-may-hurt-domestic-violence-victims); WKYC (http://www.wkyc.com/story/news/features/domestic-violence/2015/04/26/mandatory-arrest-laws-create-more-fears-for-domestic-violence-victims/26419997/); WOIO TV 19 (https://twitter.com/danderoos19/status/585846537533714432), (http://www.19actionnews.com/story/28753421/are-domestic-violence-laws-more-harmful-than-helpful).

Spring Interview: Quoted in WalletHub story on the “Most Diverse Stories”

Rob is serving on UA’s Committee on Sexual Assault Resource and Education
Dr. Baffour Takyi

In the area of public health, discussion about the role of religion in combating Ebola has become imperative given the overarching influence of religion in the lives of people in the most infected areas. This is what Dr. Baffour's piece on Ebola titled "What Ebola can teach us about the complexities of religion and health in Africa" attempts to do. This paper written by a small grant from the Templeton Foundation/ARDA was published during the peak of the Ebola Crisis earlier in the year. The paper was published by the Association of Religion Data Archives (ARDA).

Online at the following sites: (ARDA)
The International Association of Religious Reporters.

Editor: GlobalPlus with its accompanying resources are sent directly in English and Arabic to more than 500 global journalists, including some 140 in Africa.

Baffour served as one of the academic program reviewers for the University at Binghamton's (SUNY) Africana Studies Department (Nov 9-11).

Baffour served as the external reader for a Sociology PhD candidate's dissertation from Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada (completed, December 2015).

Member, UA Strategic Directions Committee- (Social Sciences), Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. John Zipp

John is the newly elected President of the Akron chapter of the American Association for University Professors (AAUP).

Editor: Akron AAUP represent faculty members on campus.

John wrote a commentary on the University board selection process in Ohio titled: “University board selection process needs shake-up.” This piece was published by the Columbus Dispatch. Online at: http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/editorials/2015/12/08/1-university-board-selection-process-needs-shake-up.html

Dr. Juan Xi

INVITED RESEARCH TALK

Juan presented “Quantifying Resettlement Effect: In the Case of the Three Gorges Project-Induced Resettlement.” Presented at the Centre for Resettlement Research at the Hohai University. Nanjin. China.

Juan gave a talk on “Causal Inference and Research Design.” Presented at the School of Public Health at the Huazhong University of Science and Technology. Wuhan. China.

Juan was invited to speak on “Quantitative Methods in Social Science Research.” Presented at the School of Statistics at the Hubei Economic and Management University. Wuhan. China.


Xi, Juan. “Quantifying Resettlement Effect: In the Case of the Three Gorges Project-Induced Resettlement.” Presented at the School of Economic Management at the Three Gorges University, Yichang. China.
Other Noteworthy News

Dr. Mark Tausig

Mark, who also served as Associate Dean for Graduate School retired from the department in June 2015. As a New Yorker at heart, Mark has moved back to the East Coast a (Brooklyn in New York City to be specific) with Betty. Mark couldn't enjoy his hard earned retirement as he is the new Associate Dean of the School of Health Sciences, Human Services and Nursing at Lehman College of CUNY. Congratulations!!

Dr. Rudy Fenwick

Rudy retired from the department in June 2015. He is still in the Akron area and pops in every now and then to the department.

Dr. Cheryl Elman

Cheryl is doing fine in North Carolina and says she is thankful for the slower but steady pace of work. Though she is still working for 40+ hours, she contend that this is work dealing with her own stuff—as she puts it!! She reports that she really does miss her colleagues and students and plans to visit the department and UA sometime in the spring and hopes to see you all!

Virginia L. Smerglia

Ginny, an adjunct faculty member (and also alumni) and certified gerontologist, will be the panel member representing social gerontology in a seminar and discussion titled "Defining Dementia Care." The upcoming discussion to be held at Hanover House in Massillon, Ohio will be moderated by Dr. Lauren Seifert of Malone University.
IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Carlo A. Bersani

Dr. Bersani, professor emeritus and former chair of the department (1976-80) died on Sept. 24, 2015. He was 86. A native of Detroit, Mich., Bersani joined UA in 1965 after teaching at both Winona State and Drake universities. He is credited with helping establish the modern sociology program here as well as the Akron-Kent Joint Ph.D. program, the M.A. program, and the undergraduate degree programs in law enforcement and corrections.

He earned his Ph.D. from Iowa State University, an M.A. at University of Michigan and a B.A. at Eastern Michigan University. He served in the U.S. Army and retired in 1993 from The University of Akron with 28 years of service. Though retired, he continued to teach on a part-time basis at UA until 2000.

The author of many research articles and scholarly presentations on various aspects of crime and deviance, his classes in criminology, corrections, juvenile delinquency, and deviance were central to the department’s curriculum. He also worked closely with local law enforcement agencies, correctional agencies, courts, and intervention centers.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Carol; daughter, Lisa Bersani of Tallmadge, as well as daughter and son-in-law Michele and Mark Stasitis of Akron, who both work at UA. Other survivors include grandchildren Anderson and Harper Stasitis.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in his memory to the Dr. Carlo Bersani Endowed Sociology Scholarship Fund at The University of Akron Foundation. Donations can be sent to PO Box 2203, Akron, OH 44398-9649.

Dr. Lynn Metzger

Lynn, a former faculty member in the department (prior to the establishment of the Anthropology and Classical Department) passed away on July 24th, 2015. She was 78 at the time of her passing. She was the loving wife of Mr. Edward Metzger and mother to Michael (Julie), Anne Kelly (Bob), Barbara (Kevin Hillery) and Mary Croft (Tom).

Lynn was born in Suffield, Ohio and grew up working on a dairy farm in Crossingville, Pa. She earned her undergraduate and masters degrees from the University of Akron. After that, she enrolled at the Case Western Reserve University Anthropology program where she completed her PhD in 1989.

Lynn taught and mentored students at the University of Akron (UA) for nearly two decades. She was awarded the Buchtel Award in Humanities in 2008 for her services.

Dr. Timothy Gallagher

Our colleague based on the Kent State main campus passed on April 12, 2015. He was 54 years old. Born in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, Tim spent 19 years at KSU where he taught a variety of courses, including Medical Sociology, and Quantitative Methods. He is the author of several publications and presentations on health and other sociological topics.

Tim earned a BA (Communications, French), MA (Communications), and PhD (Sociology) from Western Michigan University, and a MPE (Psychiatric Epidemiology) from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Timothy was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at both Washington University School of Medicine and the University of Michigan.

Tim enjoyed running, playing classical guitar and spending time outdoors with his family. Timothy is survived by his wife, Jill; daughters, Kelly, Jesse, and Casey all of Tallmadge; parents, Joan and Richard Gallagher; brothers, Dan (Mary Kay) Gallagher and Richard (Joelle) Gallagher all of Grosse Pointe, Mi.
What Ebola can teach us about the complexities of religion and health in Africa
By Dr. Baffour K. Takyi

More than 8,200 reported Ebola deaths in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. A mortality rate above 50 percent for people contracting the virus. Searing images of individuals being turned away at medical centers, and children about to be orphaned ministering to dying mothers and fathers.

It is no wonder that so many individuals in sub-Saharan Africa have turned to religion to seek hope and some form of understanding in the face of the Ebola crisis.

Religion permeates all aspects of African society and culture; roughly nine in 10 people or more in nations such as Liberia and Nigeria and many other countries in West Africa reported that religion is very important in their lives, a Pew Research survey found.

In the area of public health, discussion about the role of religion in combating Ebola has become imperative given the overarching influence of religion in the lives of people in the most infected areas.

For starters, faith-based organizations have a critical role to play in the Ebola prevention effort. They already have an established loyal following and existing infrastructure to reach people. They have access to resources, especially social capital and networks that can be used for Ebola outreach and preventive efforts. The leadership can also use their influence and pulpits to draw attention to the way the disease is transmitted.

Similar to the HIV/AIDS pandemic, Ebola is also producing new populations of stigmatized individuals who find themselves abandoned by the side of the road, including widows and orphans who often have few places to seek help other than faith-based organizations.

At their best, faith-based organizations and religious communities have embraced victims with loving care, heedless of their own safety in treating the suffering and working with public health officials in education and prevention efforts.

Still, amid the uncertainty that has gripped governments, world health officials and religious groups alike, responses have been varied over religious rituals such as Muslim and traditional African burial practices encouraging the washing of the dead, Christian practices such as exchanging hugs and handshakes and receiving Communion orally and the reliance on traditional healers that provide sources of comfort and hope to believers but also pose public health risks.

So we ask: How have African religious institutions, leaders, practitioners, activists, and theologians responded to the crisis? The answers are complex.

Religion and health
Several studies in the rapidly growing field of religion and health have indicated that belief in a loving God, along with the support of being part of a social network whose members care for one another, leads to positive physical and mental health outcomes, including lower rates of depression and anxiety and greater overall happiness.

Spiritual resources offering hope, optimism and connection can be especially helpful to those suffering from Ebola, a potentially fatal disease with no known effective cure that is transmitted through direct contact with the blood or body fluids of an infected person. The fear and uncertainty surrounding Ebola has led to levels of stigmatization somewhat similar to those faced by people with HIV/AIDS during the initial years of that pandemic.

Yet, just as in the medical world, where inadequate infrastructures in many nations forced care workers to turn some people away or offer only minimal services, so too have many religious groups struggled to come to terms with how best to comfort and support their members without taking risks that may lead to the spread of the disease.

The considerations begin with practices as elemental as gathering for worship, whether it be for Friday afternoon prayers in mosques or Sunday services in churches. Deciding who should be asked to stay home, including family members and caregivers, presents difficult choices for religious communities committed to providing compassionate public support for already stigmatized victims.

This is particularly challenging for faith groups, such as Pentecostal and Catholic communities, accustomed to caring for the sick in large charismatic healing services. But it also surfaces in questions over more common expressions of communal devotion such as the exchange of hugs and handshakes before, during and after services.
Other issues of religion and health are more particular to different religious groups. Consider these cases:

**Communion:** The Catholic Church, as do some other churches, offers the option of receiving the host believed to the body and blood of Christ by hand or by mouth. But the concern of spreading Ebola through saliva led some religious leaders to ban the option of distributing Communion orally.

**Washing of the dead:** African religious practices and Islamic customs calling for the washing of the dead are being reconsidered since the virus can be transmitted through direct contact with an infected individual who is deceased. In a letter to the medical journal The Lancet, two Saudi Arabian scholars noted that under “the Principle of Injury and Harm, one of the five grand principles of Islamic Law, it is permissible not to wash corpses if washing them would expose washers to harm.”

**“Health and wealth” theology:** There are thousands of different expressions of Christianity in Africa, including some that place a particular emphasis on the temporal benefits and punishments associated with religion. Where it can become a public health concern is when some Christian leaders take theology to such an extreme that they make explicit promises of healing that can discourage individuals from seeing doctors, or claim the virus is a punishment from God, further stigmatizing victims.

**Traditional healers:** Throughout highly religious West Africa, Christianity and Islam co-exist side by side with African belief systems. Unfortunately though, in addition to healers who work in concert with the medical profession, the West African region abounds with individuals who go around peddling all sorts of spiritual healings, ointments and anointing oils that are supposed to cure Ebola and several other diseases to some of the most vulnerable and marginalized populations in the region.

**Partnership power**
The experiences of religion's role in addressing the AIDS epidemic and decades of research in the field of religion and health in Africa in general conclude the most effective care and prevention outcomes occur when religious groups, medical officials and governments work together.

Faith groups not only need to continue offering hope, compassionate care, and outreach to the most vulnerable segments of Africans hit hardest by Ebola. They also have a responsibility to use their influence to educate their members about how Ebola is transmitted and to seek professional care, being bold in preaching against false religious claims and untested medications.

There are gratifying reports from West Africa that many religious leaders are actively involved in education and prevention efforts.

For example, Catholic and Anglican leaders in Nigeria told priests to deliver communion elements into the cupped palms of worshippers, and some discouraged parishioners shaking hands during services. Muslim and Christian leaders in Liberia have appeared on the radio encouraging safe mortuary practices. And while some Christian and Muslim leaders expressed concern that the Sierra Leone government was insensitive in imposing a three-day quarantine during the worship days of Friday through Sunday, they cooperated with the national shutdown to allow health workers to conduct home visits throughout the country.

Faith matters to the people of sub-Saharan Africa. And so it will matter in providing effective care for all those impacted by the Ebola crisis, from being a source of social support and connection for all those suffering from the disease to enlisting an international humanitarian response that calms fears, encourages the sharing of scarce medical resources and lifts West Africa out from under a pariah status that has created economic losses and instability throughout the region.

The good news at the beginning of this New Year is that the Ebola crisis has been contained somewhat. The improved outlook can make many African countries complacent. However, it’s not over yet so there is the need for sustained and increased efforts in stopping the spread of Ebola in West Africa. This effort requires a holistic approach. The efforts of religious social groupings would come in handy in any attempts at curtailing the spread of the disease.

**Editor:** This piece was published by the Association of Religious Data Archives (with funding from the Templeton Foundation) in January 2015 at the height of the Ebola epidemic.


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Excellent universities begin with excellent faculty.

By Dr. John F. Zipp

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On May 15, President Scott Scarborough unveiled the University of Akron’s new rebranding campaign at the City Club of Cleveland. In his speech, Scarborough talked about the need for the university to improve its image and reposition itself for new markets.

He repeatedly mentioned “achieving excellence,” and spoke specifically about “shoring up our teaching mission.” Because these are important issues that affect faculty, we at the Akron-American Association of University Professors would like to respond.

No one knows whether the rebranding as “Ohio’s Polytechnic University” is the right decision or whether or not it will work. What we do know, however, is that in the past 15 years, the University of Akron has had four provosts, two presidents and a series of strategic initiatives that have had three things in common: considerable initial fanfare about their transformative powers, relatively little meaningful faculty or student input and results that fell far short of initial expectations.

We agree with President Scarborough that the university may be on an unsustainable path. However, what we see as unsustainable are exorbitant increases in tuition (up 135 percent between 1999 and 2014) and general fees (up 340 percent). This increase in fees coupled with an increase in students (up 22 percent in the same period) produced revenues that in turn funded an increase (up 23 percent) in staff members and administrators.

There was, however, essentially no increase in the number of full-time faculty (up less than 1 percent). In 2014, as in 1999, there was one administrator or staff member for every 12 students, but by 2014, there was only one faculty member for every 23 students. Today, it is twice as likely for a student to encounter an administrator or staff member at UA than an actual full-time faculty member. Put simply, the teaching and research missions are taking a back seat to other priorities. That is what is unsustainable.

In his speech, Scarborough told the story of being advised, by a UA board of trustees member, that his job was simple: to move the university to “the right side” of a napkin on which were written two lists of Ohio universities. On the right side were Ohio State, Cincinnati and Miami. On the left side was every other state university.

Scarborough also lauded three prestigious tech schools: Virginia Tech, Georgia Tech and Texas Tech, but neglected to mention the almost shocking differences between them and UA in terms of the high percentage of full-time faculty vs. part-time faculty. At UA, just 46 percent of the faculty are full-time, while at these other universities the share of the faculty who are full-time ranges from 83 percent to 87 percent.
Scarborough didn’t refer to UA faculty whatsoever in his speech, other than noting that we must “shore up the teaching mission.” One is left to wonder what the president means by this phrase, especially because we are down 38 full-time tenured/tenure-track or non-tenure track in the past five years. With additional retirements and separations this year, it is even more critical that UA commit to a plan on how to address these losses. If we are truly to become a great university, polytechnic or not, there simply is no way to get there without substantial investments in full-time faculty.

Students spend a lot of time and money on college. It is not unreasonable for them to expect that universities will provide opportunities for them to become more educated citizens and to improve their career paths. Again and again, surveys of employers of college graduates have told us that “broad learning” — regardless of what a student majors in — is the best preparation for long-term career success.

This broad learning includes oral and written communication skills, the ability to work with others, critical thinking, ethical decision-making and an ability to apply what students learn in real world settings. Rather than simply focus on job skills, a university education is expected to provide students with life skills that enrich them in ways that extend far beyond the workplace.

The Akron-AAUP believes that our students, and our community, deserve no less than this. We applaud President Scarborough’s public pledge to making UA a great public institution, and we share that goal with him. We remain committed to working with the administration as a true partner to make the University of Akron a university that meets the needs of our students and community today and tomorrow.

Dr. Zipp is a professor of sociology at the University of Akron, a former senior associate dean in the Buchtel College of Arts & Sciences and currently President of Akron AAUP

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Mandatory arrest laws may hurt domestic violence victims

By Robert Peralta & Meghan Novisky

Just call the police, they have to do something,” is sometimes the advice given to a woman who reveals that she is a victim of intimate partner violence (IPV), more commonly called domestic violence. The thinking behind the advice is a positive opinion that mandatory arrest – a policy that was created in an effort to curb domestic violence – is an effective way to stop the abuse.

The law, active in 22 states including Ohio, says that police officers responding to a call for help would no longer need to determine whether one person was truly violent or out of control; every time someone reported abuse, the police would simply be required to make an arrest. But research suggests that the law may be intimidating victims from actually calling the police to report an instance of abuse.

A recent study by sociologists Dr. Robert Peralta at The University of Akron and Meghan Novisky of Kent State University looked at how victim perceptions of mandatory arrest policies, perpetrator substance use and presence of children are related to decisions to invoke law enforcement assistance. In “When Women Tell: Intimate Partner Violence and the Factors Related to Police Notification,” published in January 2015 in the journal Violence Against Women, the researchers evaluated survey responses of 101 women receiving care in domestic violence shelters.

Unintended consequences

Their study found that as victim support for mandatory arrest increases, the odds of law enforcement notification of the abuse also increases. But accordingly, mandatory arrest may simply be reducing the probability of reporting intimate partner violence (IPV) among those who do not support the policy.

“A reason a woman may not report abuse because of mandatory arrest policies is that they fear retaliation by the abuser may be worse because an arrest is mandatory,” comments Novisky. Another reason is that a woman may believe the police will mistakenly arrest her as the aggressor, so she won’t report it. This reasoning supports the data that mandatory arrest policies result in higher arrest rates of battered women, which could deprive them of the support they need.

While their study focused only on three factors, Peralta asserts that “it is important to note that race, ethnicity, sexuality and social class background may also shape or inform decisions to contact the police.” Based on their findings regarding mandatory arrest, he continues, “Variations in experiences and attitudes toward police should also be considered in the development and implementation of policy decisions that will have a direct impact on the safety and well-being of members of our community.”

Peralta and Novisky conclude their study with a caution that mandatory arrest policies may be increasing perceptions among women that the costs of reporting are too high for the consideration of involving law enforcement. “The utility of mandatory arrest for the long-term assistance of victims of IPV must be questioned,” they write.
Dr. Kathy Feltey and Experiential Learning

For the 2nd year, Professor Kathryn Feltey and Graduate Teaching Associate Marcella Mulhollem incorporated a “Pay it Forward” service-learning/philanthropy project into a Special Topics Sociology class on Hunger & Homelessness. Through funding the UA Institute for Teaching and Learning received from the United Way of Summit County, the students had $1000 to award to a local nonprofit organization. The associate director of ITL, Dr. Theresa Beyerle, provided support and training for students to work with community nonprofit organizations serving homeless and/or hungry populations in the greater Akron area.

Seven student groups competed for the $1000 grant. The student group who delivered the best presentation (advocating for the nonprofit they represent) won the grant to award to their nonprofit organization. Judging the student projects were: David Lieberth, former deputy mayor of the city of Akron; Kathy Booth, past president of the Women’s Endowment Fund of the Akron Community Foundation; Katie Smucker, Co-Chair of the Grants Committee of the Women’s Endowment Fund of the Akron Community Foundation; and Bernard Rochford, Executive Vice President of Administrative Services and Business Relations, Oriana House.

The student groups made their presentations on Monday, May 4, 2015, and the judges awarded the $1000 grant to Nazareth Housing. This team was led by students Samuel Endrizzi, Scott Swiatek, Gabrielle Schramm, and Jelena Bogunovic. Nazareth Housing is a faith-inspired, non-profit, community housing developer engaged in the planning, development, and construction of single family homes for low and moderate income families in Summit County.

Sam, Scott, Gabby, and Jelena volunteered with Nazareth Housing, helping to clean up, tear down, and contribute to the mission of the organization. Nanci Self, Executive Director of Nazareth Housing, and staff member, Keith Harris attended the presentations and were presented with the $1000 check by the group members and Professor Feltey.
Faculty Research and Publications, 2015

Valerie Callanan


Janet Dill


Dill, Janette. 2015-2016. Subcontract from Georgia State University from a grant from the Hitachi Foundation titled, "Care Team Redesign: National Evaluation Project."

Presentations


Rebecca Erickson


Presentations


Cheryl Elman


Presentations


Kathy Feltey

Kathy taught a special topics course this Fall titled Sociology of the Hunger Games. The course focused on two areas of central interest in sociology: 1) social inequality, and 2) collective behavior and social movements. These are critical areas of sociological inquiry because we live in a world defined by systems of inequality, globally and nationally, and social movements have been a force for creating (and resisting) social change. Using the Hunger Games series by Suzanne Collins, Kathy’s course explored the society of Panem to develop our sociological skills of observation and analysis.

Feltey, Kathy. “Primary Texts and Film Resources for Social Studies” at the Pitt Sociology for Social Studies Workshop at the University of Pittsburgh (October)
Adrianne Frech


Presentations


Jodi Henderson-Ross

Instructional

Jodi A. Henderson-Ross was hired to teach "Advanced Springboard Training" for UA faculty and staff. The training occurred on October 9th and was part of a three-part series with Beginning and Intermediate training preceding.

Developed the General Education Core online Introduction to Sociology course over the summer. It passed Quality Matters (QM) peer-review last month. It is the only Sociology course with QM designation and one of only handful in the College of Arts & Sciences.

Matthew T. Lee


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Presentation


Stacey Nofziger

Presentation


Rob Peralta


Awards: NHSN R25 Travel Award to Attend the College on Problems of Drug Dependence conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico. June

Presentations (* Denotes current or former UA graduate student; ** denotes UA undergraduate student)


Peralta, Robert L., & Jeannette Wade.* “Social Determinants of Alcohol Abstention on Campus.” North Central Sociological Association, Cleveland, OH. April

Peralta, Robert L., Peter Barr* & Chris Mugnaini,** “Masculinity and The Co-Occurrence of Problem Alcohol Use and Disordered Eating Behaviors among College Students.” North Central Sociological Association, Cleveland, OH. April 2015.


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**Baffour Takyi**


**Presentations**


**Lia Chervenak-Wiley**

**Presentations**


**Juan Xi**


**Presentations**


Xi, Juan. “Project-Induced Displacement and Mental Distress.” Presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology annual meetings. March 22-March 26, Pittsburgh PA.

**John Zipp**

**Dr. Peter Barr**

Peter is currently serving as a postdoc at the Virginia Institute for Psychiatric and Behavioral Genetics. This is a great opportunity for him and another example of the excellence of our graduate students.


**Demario Brantley**

Demario has been appointed to a tenure-track faculty position at Monroe Community College in Rochester, New York.

**Dr. Jamie Chapman**

Jamie won the outstanding graduate student paper award from the Pennsylvania Sociological Society for her article entitled, "The Nursing Timescape and Work-Family Spillover"

**Dr. Marci Cottingham**

Marci has moved to Europe! She is now an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

**Dr. William Hauser**

Bill, assistant dean and director of graduate programs in the College of Business Administration, is quoted in a Cleveland Jewish News story on the value of earning a Master of Business Administration.

**Dr. Kasey Lansberry**

Kasey has accepted a tenure track position at Kent State University at Geuga, OH

**Dr. Nicole McElroy**

Nicole is now a full-time faculty member at Cleveland State University. She reports that she is teaching stats, deviance, social control, criminology, race, class, and gender.

**Dr. Rachel Stein**

Rachel became a new mom in June. Sadie Joanne Colyer was born around 10:20 am on June 6, 2015 (8 lbs, 6 ounces. 20 inches).
Featured Alumni: David Delgado (BA, 2015)  
[Former President, Sociology Club, 2014-15]

High school dropout becomes celebrated scholar here

After David Delgado finished his junior year at Wooster High School, he never returned. Family issues, a wrecked car and no motivating force in sight led Delgado to a five-year stint without a diploma or opportunities to advance. Enough was enough. Delgado found his stride at The University of Akron, where his professors challenged him to excel, and he did. Delgado will graduate on Saturday, Aug. 15, with a 3.25 GPA, a bachelor’s degree in sociology and an acceptance letter to graduate school.

“I was a high school dropout working minimum-wage jobs that were very unfulfilling,” says Delgado. “Just getting by at the moment, which entailed working as much as I could to pay my bills, is about as far into the future as I looked.” He explains that his life as a child, raised with six siblings by a single working mother, left little time or financial means for college dreams.

With nudging from his wife, Aryene, and an empathetic co-worker, Delgado earned his GED. He and Aryene applied for and received admission to UA’s Wayne College and together, pursued nursing degrees. While Aryene stayed on course with the program and will enter her senior year in nursing this fall, Delgado’s interests gravitated toward sociology and psychology.

“The subject matter was really enticing. It felt like a natural fit for how I try to approach everyday life,” says Delgado, who spent a full semester contemplating his decision to declare sociology and psychology as his majors.

Delgado’s thoughtful move led him to a world of engaging subject matter, research opportunities and academic achievement. “For the first time in my life, I excelled academically,” says Delgado, who was named on the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s List for six semesters.

Source: http://share.uakron.edu/mailAll/Digest/archive/139638#article1218938 (August 13, 2015)

Editor: David is now one of our new graduate students in the department. Congrats!

Addendum: GradNation Dropout Prevention Summit

David Delgado will be a featured speaker at the Jan. 7 GradNation Dropout Prevention Summit (see attached (next page) and register by Dec. 12 if you are interested in attending). David will be delivering a 20-30 minute talk, tentatively titled "Real Life Chances" where he will discuss his life trajectory and how the efforts of specific people, including some in our department, have made a difference.
Education, Business, and Community Leaders in Akron, Ohio Gather for “Choices Not Consequences” GradNation Community Summit

Akron, Ohio Summit One of 100 Nationwide that Will Examine Challenges and Solutions for Raising High School Graduation Rates and Preparing All Young People for Success

Akron, Ohio – Summit Education Initiative announces its “Choices Not Consequences” GradNation Community Summit being held Thursday, January 7, 2016 at Quaker Station in Akron, Ohio. Community officials, business leaders, educators, parents and youth will come together to examine local data and identify what’s working and where challenges remain in the area’s efforts to prepare young people for success in and out of school. The Summit will also serve as a launching pad for the development of a multi-year community action plan that outlines how Akron, Ohio will accelerate efforts to raise the high school graduation rate.

“The economic and overall wellbeing of Akron, Ohio can only get stronger when we come together to support our children and youth,” said Derran Wimer, Executive Director of Summit Education Initiative. “This Summit is a great opportunity to put together a plan that builds on and strengthens what we are already doing so we can more effectively serve more children and families and increase rates of graduation and opportunities for youth.”

The Summit will feature two keynote speakers. The morning speaker is Wes Moore, New York Times Best-Selling Author & Youth Advocate. Moore is a veteran, Rhodes Scholar and the founder of BridgeEDU. An incredibly successful and sought-after speaker, Moore entrances audiences with his infectious zest for life. He has the rare ability to enthral, inspire and engage, and captivate. He has been featured by USA Today, Time Magazine, People Magazine, Meet the Press, The Colbert Report, MSNBC and NPR, among many other media outlets. Moore is also the host of Beyond Belief on the Oprah Winfrey Network, and the executive producer and host of PBS’s Coming Back with Wes Moore, which focuses on the re-integration of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and their return home. Moore doesn’t just profess his dedication to social justice — he creates real positive change to better lives.

The lunch time speaker is David Delgado. David Delgado grew up in Wooster, Ohio with his mother and 6 siblings. He attended Wooster High School through eleventh before deciding school was not for him. After 5 years of working minimum wage jobs with no signs of advancement, he decided to reengage in his education. David is now 26 years old, married, and has a 7 year old daughter. He received his bachelor’s degree in sociology and psychology from The University of Akron, where he is a full-time graduate student assistant in The Department of Sociology. David is currently working towards a master’s degree in Sociology, focusing on Social Psychology and Medical Sociology.

The Summit is part of 100 that will be held around the country through 2016. The Summits are co-sponsored by America’s Promise Alliance as part of its GradNation campaign, a national movement of dedicated individuals, organizations and communities working together to raise the national high school graduation rate to 90 percent by 2020 and increase postsecondary enrollment and completion.

About Summit Education Initiative

Summit Education Initiative (SEI) strives to improve personal and regional prosperity through increased educational attainment. The mission of SEI is to ensure that all students in Summit County graduate from high school well prepared for successful careers and/or higher education. http://seisummit.org/
GRADUATE STUDENTS’ NEWS Brief 1

Jamie Chapman

Jamie presented a chapter of her dissertation at a roundtable session at ASA titled: ”Gender and Work-family Spillover among Registered Nurses.”

Peter Barr


Enoch Lamptey


Marcella Mulhollem


Jennifer Steel


Breanna Stewart


Stewart, Breanna C. College Students, Gender Orientation, and Interpersonal Violence: An Exploratory Study. American Society of Criminology meeting

Jeannette Wade

GRADUATE STUDENTS HIGHLIGHTS 2

Congrats to our recent graduants! We are proud of you!!! Keep in touch and let’s hear from you wherever you may be!!!

PhD Graduates, 2015

Dr. Peter Barr

Topic: “Neighborhood Context and Mental Health Over the Early Life Course”

COMMITTEE:
Co-Chair: Dr. Adrianne Frech, Sociology (UA)
Co-Chair: Dr. Matthew T. Lee, Sociology (UA)
Dr. Robert Peralta, Sociology (UA)
Dr. Joann Xi, Sociology (UA)
Dr. Richard Adams, Sociology (KSU)
Dr. William Lyons, Jr., Political Science (UA)

Dr. Jamie Chapman

Topic: “The Influence of Roles, Emotional Labor, and Timescape on Work-Family Spillover among Registered Nurses.”

COMMITTEE:
Chair: Dr. Rebecca Erickson
Dr. Kristen Marcussen
Dr. Manacy Pai
Dr. Clare Stacey
Dr. James Diefendorff

Dr. Nicole Rosen

Topic: “Gendered Differences in How Children Experience, Explain, and Cope with Bullying.”

COMMITTEE:
Chair: Dr. Stacey Nofziger
Dr. Robert Peralta
Dr. Kathy Feltey
Dr. Matt Lee
Dr. Claire Stacey
Dr. Jennifer Miliam

Graduate Student's Brief

The following students in the College Teaching course had their class activities accepted (after peer-review) by TRAILS (ASA’s Teaching Resource Center):

1. **Katie Newton**: “Criminological Theories through Rap Music.”

2. **Marcella Mulhollem**: “Exploration Of Merton’s Innovator And Blocked Opportunities.”

3. **Courtney Blue**: “Students’ Accounts for Drinking and Driving: Applying Excuses and Justifications to Explain Behaviors.”

Presentations

**Rania Issa & Racheal Pesta**

Issa, Rania & Racheal Pesta. “A Comparative Case Analysis of Homicides and Suicides in Cuyahoga County from 2004 to 2014.” American Society of Criminology Meeting
THE 2015 AKD BANQUET

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Sarah Fenstermaker, Professor of Women's Studies and Sociology at the University of Michigan and Research Professor Emerita of Sociology and Feminist studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Was the keynote speaker of this year’s AKD annual banquet and awards ceremonies. Her topic was titled: “Handling Contradiction: Trans Bodies and the Troubling of Gender.”

Dr. Fenstermaker has served as Director of the Institute for Research on Women and Gender since 2012 when she joined the Michigan faculty. She received her PhD from Northwestern University and her current research focuses on transgender prisoners in the California prison system.

Dr. Fenstermaker’s research on women and work, domestic labor, family violence, and the workings of gender, race, and class has resulted in a long list of publications. Her coauthored article, “Doing Difference” (with C. West), was honored by the American Sociological Association with its “Distinguished Article in Gender” award. Her publications also include an edited volume, Individual Voices, Collective Visions: Fifty Years of Women in Sociology and Doing Gender, Doing Gender, Doing Difference: Inequality, Power, and Institutional Change. With UC Berkeley colleague Nikki Jones, she recently edited Sociologists Backstage: Answers to Backstage: Answers to 10 Ques-

Fall 2015 Graduate Students

We welcome our Fall 2015 incoming students. They are:
1. David Delgado
2. James Carter
3. Molly Hartsough
4. Nusrat Islam
5. Kaitlyn Root

AKD Award Recipients, 2015

Outstanding Graduate Student
- Nicole Rosen

Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award
- Jeannette Wade

Outstanding Graduate Student Service Award
- Marcella Mulhollem

Patricia Conley Peer Mentoring Award
- Rania Issa

Faculty Mentor Award
- Dr. Stacey Nofziger

Barbara Stephens Dissertation Award
- Corey Stevens

AKD Officers, 2015-16

- President: Dawna Wensel
- Vice-President: Melody Sherard-Redman
- Treasurer: Claire Kovach
- Faculty Advisor: Dr. Adrianne Frech

Up: Jeannette Wade presenting her paper at the NCSA Meeting, Cleveland OH
Sociology Club Events and Activities

FALL 2014

Beyond the biweekly meetings and networking/discussion nights, members of The Sociology Club also attended several campus events, including Jackson Katz lecture on sexism and the sexual harassment/assault of females, the Career Center's Etiquette Dinner, and Make a Difference Day 2014. Each of these events were not only interesting in of themselves, but they also provided excellent networking opportunities early on. Additionally, the executive committee coordinated with representatives from the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Illness (ADM) Crisis Center; Portage Path Psychiatric Emergency Services; and The Oriana House Detoxification Center to organize tours of the facilities. Each center provided us with brochures and other information, thorough walkthroughs of the buildings, and one on one time with various professionals.

Since our visits, one member (Chris Mugnaini, Past Treasurer and Secretary) has secured an internship with Portage Path Psychiatric Emergency Services, another member (Christopher Boylan) has been hired by Oriana House Detoxification Center as a Resident Supervisor, and they have invited the Sociology Club to plan more visits in the future.

SPRING 2015

During our second semester, members of The Sociology Club presented original research at 3 venues:

- The University of Akron Student Innovation Symposium (UASIS) at UA
- The North East Ohio Undergraduate Sociology Symposium (NEOUSS) hosted by Kent State University
- The North Central Sociology Association (NCSA) Annual Meeting in Cleveland

NEOUSS Overview

On Saturday, March 14th, members of The Sociology Club of The University of Akron visited Kent State University to attend the North East Ohio Undergraduate Sociology Symposium (NEOUSS). UA presenters were all assisted by Associate Professor of Sociology and Club Advisor, Dr. Robert Peralta. Dr. Peralta helped students throughout the entire research process from choosing topics to organizing their presentations. Undergraduate presenters worked with the data available in Dr. Peralta’s recent health behaviors survey with further assistance by sociology graduate students Marcella Mullhollem, Cory Stevens, Bree Stewart and Jeannette Wade. Topics included substance abuse, gender roles, and intimate partner violence.

Right Picture: Dr. Peralta, Dr. Mark Tausig and SOC Club President David Delgado at UASIS Presentations
Sociology Club (SOC Club) Activities

SOC Club: SPRING 2015

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Student Presenters at the North East Ohio Undergraduate Sociology Symposium (NEOUSS).

- **David Delgado**: (Double Major, Sociology & Psychology): Title: “Disparities in Health Behaviors among College Students.”
- **Chris Mugniani**: Treasurer/Secretary of The Sociology Club (Major: psychology): Title: “Gender and the Co-Occurrence of Problem Alcohol Use and Disordered Eating Behaviors among College Students.”

University of Akron Student Innovation Symposium (UASIS) Apr. 9th-10th 2015.

Two undergraduate student took part in UASIS. David presented an oral presentation on the sociology of self injury while Prescilla presented on the role of gender orientation on intimate partner violence among college students. Each of these two students won an award for best oral and best poster presentation respectively.

- **Delgado, David.** “Substance Abuse and Nonsuicidal Self-Injury among College Students.” (Advisor(s): Dr. Robert Peralta & Breanna Stewart)
- **Benavides, Prescilla.** “The Role of Masculinity and Condom Use in Reports to Intimate Partner Violence among College Students (Advisor(s): Marcella Mulhollem & Dr. Robert L. Peralta)
  *Winner best poster in session.

NCSA Meeting, Cleveland OH, April

- Stewart, Breanna (Sociology Graduate Student) & **Febe Yeshak.** ‘Nonmedical Use of Prescription Drugs in Emerging Adulthood: Differentiating Sex from Gender as a Risk Factor in a College Student Sample.”
- Peralta, Robert L., **Peter Barr & Chris Mugnaini.** “Masculinity and the Co-Occurrence of Problem Alcohol Use and Disordered Eating Behaviors among College Students. “North Central Sociological Association, Cleveland, OH. April 2015.
- **Delgado, David.** “Motivation, Emotion Regulation, and Well-being among Medical Students.” (Faculty Advisor: Dr. Rebecca Erickson)
Students' Research in Pictures

Below: Prescila (undergraduate) during her NEOUSS presentation

Below: SOC Club President David Delgado, Jeannette Wade, Dr. Peralta, Prescila & Marcella Mulhollem at NEOUSSS
Undergraduate Students' Research in Pictures

Left: Prescilla Benavidas and Mercella at the NEOUSS Conference

Below: Dinner Break: NCSA Meeting, Cleveland OH: SOC Club Executives and their Advisor Dr. Peralta
Undergraduate Students’ Research in Pics

Right: Feben & Breanna Stewart (graduate student) presenting their paper at the NCSA Meeting in Cleveland, OH

Left and Below:
Student’s from Dr. Jodi Henderson-Ross’s Social Psychology class presenting their group project, Dec 1, 2015

Left (up): Antonio RossRichards & Ella Miceli-Speicer presenting their work in the Social Psychology class
MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

THE BENJAMIN ROSE INSTITUTE RESEARCH AWARD

This award is awarded yearly to a qualified applicant with an interest in gerontology, family, health and life course issues. Under the award, the recipient have the opportunity to fulfill their research assistantship at the Benjamin Rose Institute, an internationally known gerontology research center in Cleveland, Ohio. This award is generally offered to Ph.D. student, but a qualified second year MA may be considered.

THE ROGLER MERIT ASSISTANTSHIP

The Rogler Merit Assistantship is a 12-month Ph.D. assistantship, named "The Rogler Merit Assistantship" may be awarded yearly on a competitive basis by the Department Chair in consultation with the Graduate Studies Committee. Students who have successfully completed their comprehensive exams and have started work on their dissertation proposal or the dissertation itself are the most appropriate applicants for this award. The assistantship recognizes students who have excelled in their course work, exams, and departmental and disciplinary activities. This assistantship is a signal honor that also assures summer funding for teaching and student-directed research. It is awarded depending on the committee’s decision about the availability of a worthy recipient.

The GROWING SOCIODY Family

1. Maria Rose Shaw, 5lb, 12 Oz. Born 11/19/15 at 2:44pm to Daniella Shaw (PhD graduate student)
2. Darryl Lamptey, born on October, 9 2015 at 7:25am. He weighed 8 pounds to Enock (PhD student) and Angela Lamptey

THE BARBARA J. STEPHENS AWARD

This award provides financial assistance to graduate students conducting dissertations in the areas of health and social policy research. It was set up by Professor Richard Stephens (Emeritus) in 2003 in memory of her wife who passed away in November 1, 2001 from breast cancer. Each year collaborating departments select student applicants who are reviewed by a selection committee at UA's Institute for Health and Social Policy. The award is to be used for dissertation research expenses and is based on the academic merit of the proposed project.

CHARLES C. ROGLER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Charles C. Rogler Endowed Scholarship was founded in 1977 by Charles C. Rogler, Professor Emeritus of Sociology (1949-1962). His wife, Margaret F. Rogler, Emeritus Assistant Professor of Marketing (1948-1972) and son Lloyd Rogler support and continue his efforts for the scholarship. Academic excellence and financial need are the criteria for the award. Scholarship award of $1,000.

THE MARK B. TAUSIG AWARD

This Fund was established in 2014 through a generous gift from Professor Tausig to the Department. The Fund is designated to support graduate student development.
**Miscellaneous NEWS**

**Departmental Awards and Scholarships for Graduate Students**

**Sociology Alumni Society Dissertation Award**

The Sociology Alumni Society created *The Sociology Alumni Society Dissertation Award* to benefit students enrolled in the doctoral program in the Department of Sociology at the University of Akron. This scholarship will assist students working on their dissertations.

*The Sociology Alumni Society Dissertation Award* recipient should be an ABD student enrolled in the doctoral program in the Department of Sociology. The scholarship award is to help fund research endeavors pertinent to completion of the scholar's dissertation.

**Janet C. Fisher Endowed Scholarship**

**Undergraduate/Graduate:** Undergraduate  
**Amount:** $500-1,000  
**Distribution:** Annual Award

The Janet C. Fisher Endowed Scholarship is awarded to sociology majors based on the criteria of scholastic achievement and leadership characteristics. Recipients are nominated by the Department’s faculty.

**Schmidt, Dr. Robert Endowed Scholarship in Sociology**

Dr. Robert Schmidt enjoyed a 13-year career at The University of Akron as both an administrator and faculty member in the Department of Sociology. He came to the University in 1967, during the first year of Akron’s expansion from a municipal university to a state university. He retired in 1980.

Dr. Schmidt established *The Dr. Robert Schmidt Endowed Scholarship in Sociology* in 2011 and it will perpetuate his history of service to students. Application is open to sociology majors who will be sophomores, juniors, or seniors. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and be in good standing at The University of Akron. Renewal is possible provided criteria is maintained. Selection will be made by the department head of the Sociology Department in The University of Akron's College of Arts and Sciences or the appropriate designee.

**Dealing with disruptive behaviors in the classroom**

Disciplinary issues should not be confused with disability concerns or issues. All UA students, regardless of disability, have the responsibility of meeting the Code of Student Conduct by adapting their behavior to the educational environment.

If disruptive behavior persists or a student violates a provision of the Code of Student Conduct, the issue should be defined as a disciplinary issue and a referral should be made to the Department of Student Conduct and Community Standards. Should you have issues with students you believe to be in crisis (i.e., mental health concerns or issues of potential harm to self), please contact the CARE Team.
From Our Archives: Some Former graduate Students Standing in Front of Olin Hall, Circa 2008
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