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## *Daniel Myers, Departmental Chair*

What an exciting year for the Department of Sociology at the University of Notre Dame! Excellent faculty hires, faculty awards, graduate student and undergraduate awards, a record number of PhDs graduating, successful placement of graduates, and outstanding production of research publications and grants all contributed to a year for the record books.



We are extremely pleased to welcome four new faculty members to the department this fall. **Michael Emerson** will be joining us as a full professor and will be heading to a new Center at Notre Dame for the Advanced Study of Religion and Race. The new center represents a major development for the Sociology Department and more broadly for the Social Sciences at Notre Dame. Michael outlines his vision for the center on page three. We also welcome **Juli Sobolewski** and **Erika Summers-Effler** to the faculty as assistant professors. Juli earned her PhD from Penn State University and she concentrates in the area of marriage and the family. Juli already has a number of publications including a piece in the *American Sociological Review* that examines the effects of marital discord on children's well-being. Erika Summers-Effler returns to Notre Dame after earning her PhD at the University of Pennsylvania. Erika also comes to us with a very well developed record having published several excellent pieces concerned with emotions, social movements, and culture. **Larissa Fast** will be joining the department and the Kroc Institute for Peace Studies as a visiting professor for at least the next couple of years. Larissa is also a Notre Dame Alumnus, having graduated with an MA in Peace Studies in 1995. She then earned her doctorate at George Mason University and will be teaching conflict resolution courses jointly for Sociology and the Kroc Institute. We are looking forward to the contribution from all of our new faculty members.

Present faculty have not been idle either and, in fact, have had banner years. Their individual accomplishments are detailed starting on page twelve, but a few items deserve special note. **Maureen Hallinan** was selected as the 2004 recipient of the Willard Waller Award for her work in the field of Sociology of Education; a well-deserved honor, indeed. Kevin Christiano was elected President of the Association for the Sociology of

## WE WELCOME NEW FACES

### **Michael Emerson**

#### **Full Professor**

Michael received his PhD from the University of North Carolina in 1991. He spent the last five years at Rice University, where he most recently was the R.A. Tsanoff Professor of Public Affairs and Sociology. He has published widely in the areas of race and ethnic relations, religion, and urban sociology. His recent work has centered on the relationships between race and religion. His book, *Divided by Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America*, co-authored with Christian Smith, won the 2001 Distinguished Book Award from the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. He recently completed a five year study of multiracial religious congregations. This project has resulted in several articles and three books, including *United by Faith*, and two due out in 2005. Emerson joins Notre Dame as a Professor of Sociology and Director of the DuBois Center for the Advanced Study of Religion and Race. He is married to Joni and together they have four children.

### **Bernadette Escamilla**

#### **Administrative Assistant to**

#### **Michael Emerson and the DuBois Center**

Bernie was born and raised in Fort Worth, Texas. She previously worked for the Fort Worth Independent School District in Research and Elementary Management. She is a great supporter of the multicultural arts in Fort Worth. She plans on being a part of any arts organization that she can find here in South Bend. She has two dogs Henri-Matisse, French bulldog and Cooper, English Bulldog back in Fort Worth. She loves to fish. She also loves to paint on anything: furniture, dishes, vases, and the occasional canvas.

## *Letter from the Chair, continued*

Religion. The ASR is the oldest and largest scholarly society in its field. Kevin will serve as President-Elect in 2004-2005 and President in 2005-2006. **Michael Emerson** and **David Sikkink** received a \$3.4 million grant from the Lily Foundation for a longitudinal study of religion in everyday life. Michael and David will be conducting the first wave of this panel study during 2004-2005.

Congratulations to our graduate students who have been very busy with teaching and research this past year. From the pile of awards and job offers (see page eight) coming in, they are apparently doing an excellent job! **Sarah McMillen** received a \$500 Midwest Sociological Society Scholarship Development Award for her work on religion and narratives of grief. **Eugene Walls** won a Clogg Scholarship to attend the Summer Program in Quantitative Methods at ICPSR. Eugene also won the Kaneb Center's Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award. **Brooke Fischer** won a \$5,000 grant from the Farabaugh Fund for the Study of Substance Abuse to study alcohol consumption by first year college students. **Matt Loveland** won a prestigious dissertation fellowship from the Louisville Institute for his project on congregational dynamics and civic engagement.

Not to be outdone, our undergraduate students also impressed with their achievements this year. **Justin Golbabai**, winner of the 2004 Margaret Eisch Memorial Award for the outstanding graduating senior majoring in Sociology, received a number of honors this year. He was named a Junior Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences, winning the North Central Sociological Association's Student Paper Competition with his paper "A Quantitative Analysis of Police Departments and Riot Severity, 1964-71," and winning an Undergraduate Research Award from the American Academy of Political and Social Science. His was one of 10 papers recognized in this national competition. **Hye-Jin Kim** won the 2004 Sociology Senior Essay Award given each year for the best essay or research paper submitted by a graduating senior. Her essay, "The Trajectory of African American-Korean Conflict in Los Angeles Before and After the Los Angeles Riot in 1992," is currently being revised for publication. Both Hye-Jin and Justin, along with **Kristen Rodriguez** and **Teresa Paulus** presented their research at the Midwest Sociological Society meetings and the North Central Sociological Association meetings, receiving accolades from their discussants and fellow panel members.

In the midst of all of these accomplishments and advances, there have been losses as well. In particular, everyone on the faculty wishes a fond farewell to **Vibha Pingle** and **David Yamane**. David will be joining the faculty at Wake Forest University next year and Vibha will be continuing work on a long term research project at the Institute of Developmental Studies at the University of Sussex in the UK. We will miss them both.

*New Faces, continued*

**Donna Ring**  
**Program Research Specialist**  
**DuBois Center**

Donna is originally from the Warsaw area; about an hour south of Notre Dame. She has lived in Indy, Lancaster, PA, the former Yugoslavia, and Seattle. She has a BA in teaching and an MA in Public Administration. She worked in Flanner before with the Pew Younger Scholars Program where she headed up the Graduate Summer Seminars, the Mentoring Program, and the Christian Lecture Series.

**Juli Sobolewski**  
**Assistant Professor**

Juli received her MA from Arizona State University in 2000 and her PhD from Pennsylvania State University in 2003. She grew up in Los Angeles, California, and then spent 10 years living in Arizona, then moved on to Penn State for four years. Two years ago she married Curt, whom she met at Arizona State. Professionally, Juli is interested in family sociology; especially parent-child relationships, co-parenting, and work and family. Personally, Juli likes running, yoga, sewing, making salsa, eating salsa, and going to the movies.

**Curt Sobolewski**  
**Adjunct Assistant Professor**

Curt was born in Munster, IN and attended Indiana University where he received a BA in Sociology and Philosophy. He completed his MA in Sociology at Baylor University and his PhD in Sociology at Arizona State University. Curt taught one year in the Sociology Department at California State University-Bakersfield and spent the last four years as a lecturer in the Sociology Department at Penn State University. His research interests are attitude-behavior consistency and he is currently doing research on rape myth acceptance by men who have been arrested for soliciting a prostitute. Raised in Northwest Indiana, he was socialized to love Notre Dame and hate USC and this hatred continues today. Curt is Juli's spouse.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW CENTER!**

**DUBOIS CENTER FOR THE ADVANCED  
STUDY OF RELIGION AND RACE**

Through the support of Notre Dame and with the aid of the Lilly Endowment, Inc. the Department of Sociology will begin the Du Bois Center for the Advanced Study of Religion and Race (D-CARR). Directed by Michael Emerson, the center seeks to advance knowledge in our understanding of religion in social life, the role of race and ethnicity in societies, and the interrelationships of religion and race. The center will serve as a hub for research, speakers, and graduate student training. In the tradition of scholar W.E.B. Du Bois, the center also aims to use knowledge for the benefit of society. Donna Ring has been hired as programs director and community liaison to help bridge the worlds of academia, politics, church, and community. At the beginning of the center, its featured research project will be the Panel Study of American Religious Life, a study that aims to follow a sample of 3000 racially diverse Americans for the next 20 years.

As part of its mission to contribute to the advanced study of religion and race, and to gain publicity for the center and Notre Dame sociology, The Du Bois center recently worked with the Racial and Ethnic Minorities (REM) section of the American Sociological Association to increase their membership. The Du Bois Center offered to pay the ASA and section membership fees for 100 graduate students not already members of the REM section. Within two days of the announcement, over 250 applications were received, and 100 scholarships were awarded. Recipients will become part of the DuBois Center mailing list and the center will keep them informed about exciting things happening in the department.

Notre Dame will house the Panel Study of American Religion Life (PS-ARL), directed by Michael Emerson and David Sikkink. The first wave and early activities of this study have been generously funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc. through 2007. This project aims to understand religious change in individuals and families over the course of their lives and across generations. Its purpose is to increase knowledge of how religion and faith work, and to aid congregations in their work of encouraging the spiritual formation and growth of individuals and families in the midst of a rapidly changing world. The PS-ARL will accomplish these goals through an unparalleled approach to understanding religious change, a study that follows an ethnically and religiously diverse group of Americans (500 African Americans, 500 Asians, 500 Latinos, and 1500 Whites) over the course of their lives. By focusing on processes of religion change, and the reciprocal relationship of social and religious change, the PS-ARL will provide researchers and religious leaders fresh and unique understanding in such areas as faith formation, congregational involvement, public service, racial justice, and religion in public life.

## *New Faces, continued*

### **Erika Summers-Effler**

#### **Assistant Professor**

Erika received her PhD from the University of Pennsylvania in 2004. Her central theoretical concern is social change. She has shaped her theoretical and empirical projects around investigating the relationship of shared meanings and the social position of actors to social change. Her dissertation is a comparative ethnography of two altruistic social movement organizations. In her analysis she explores how the interaction between values and face-to-face interaction generates group identities and styles. She has published in the areas of social movements, theory, culture, and gender.

Erika grew up in Syracuse, New York where she lived until she came to Notre Dame as an undergrad. She studied psychology and gender studies with the intention of becoming a clinical social worker. One year in the trenches, she made a hasty retreat to the ivory tower. She's married to Aaron, also an ND alum, and has a 6 year-old son named Alexander.

### **Larissa Fast**

#### **Visiting Assistant Professor**

Larissa received her MA in Peace Studies from the University of Notre Dame and her PhD in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason University in 2002. Larissa holds a joint appointment with Sociology and the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. Her primary research focuses on humanitarian security. Other interests include the nexus between development and conflict, and conflict transformation at various levels. She is also actively involved as a trainer and consultant in conflict transformation and peace building. Her recent publications include a co-edited book about conflict, *Conflict: From Analysis to Intervention* (Continuum Publishers, 2003).

## **Kevin Christiano Elected President of the Association for the Sociology of Religion**

- by Richard Williams

Congratulations go out to Kevin Christiano, who has been elected President of the Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR). Kevin will preside over the ASR's annual meetings in New York City in August, 2006.

The ASR is an international scholarly association that seeks to advance theory and research in the sociology of religion. Formed in 1938 as the American Catholic Sociological Society, ASR is the oldest and largest scholarly society in its field and today claims more than 800 members from across the world.

Kevin joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1983 after receiving his PhD from Princeton University. In addition, he has been a visiting scholar in the Department of Sociology at Princeton (1986-1987) and in the Canadian Studies Center at Duke University (1994-1995). He is the author or co-author of three books. *Religious Diversity and Social Change: American Cities, 1890-1906* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1987) was hailed by *Contemporary Sociology* as "a model for the analytic sociological use of census data" while the *American Historical Review* called it a "sophisticated study... [that] link[s] complex statistical analysis to supple sociological theorizing." *Pierre Elliott Trudeau: Reason Before Passion* (Toronto: ECW Press, 1994 and 1995) has been reprinted in large type and used as a course text in Canadian Studies. *Sociology of Religion: Contemporary Developments* (co-authored with William H. Swatos, Jr. and Peter Kivisto; Walnut Creek, Calif.: AltaMira Press, 2002) was praised by *Teaching Sociology* as "an excellent book [that] may well be the best text on the sociology of religion in print". His articles have appeared in the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Archives de sciences sociales des religions* [Paris], *The American Review of Canadian Studies*, *Social Science History*, *Teaching Sociology*, and several collections.

Kevin has served on the Executive Councils of the Association for the Sociology of Religion and the Section on the Sociology of Religion of the American Sociological Association, and as a Director-at-Large of the Religious Research Association. He serves currently as President of the American Council for Québec Studies (2003-2005), and is a member of the boards of the *American Review of Canadian Studies*, *Mens: Revue d'histoire intellectuelle de l'Amérique française*, *Sociological Focus*, and *The Sociological Quarterly*. A current project of his compares the political uses of religious identities in the United States and Canada, while another examines the roots of decline in Roman Catholic institutions and devotion since the Second World War in the province of Québec.

**WE WELCOME THE  
INCOMING GRADUATE  
STUDENT COHORT**

**Elizabeth Covay** – BA in Sociology from Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, Ohio. Her interests include research methods and statistics.

**Clint Elison** – MA from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. His interests include methods, statistics, and family.

**Brandon Feasel** – MA from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. His interests are in social psychology and media effects.

**Anjan Ganguly** – BA from University of Texas at Austin. His interests are in the sociology of education.

**David Hartman** – BS from Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana. He is interested in the sociology of education

**Keiry (KeKe) Langkamp** – BA from Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She also attended the Army Logistics Management College in Fort Lee, Virginia.

**Brett Daniel Lantz** – BS from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. His interests are in education.

**Valerie Lewis** – BA from Rice University in Houston, Texas. She is interested in race and ethnic relations.

**Ge (Catherine) Liu** – PhD in Economics from University of California in Irvine, California. Her interests are in sociology of education.

**Brian Miller** – BA from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois. He is interested in cultural sociology.

**Amanda Hill Pasch** – MA from the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She is interested in social movements.

**Nicolas Somma** – MA from Universidad de la Republica in Montevideo, Uruguay. He is interested in political and historical comparative sociology.

**JULIAN SAMORA LEGACY PROJECT  
DEDICATED TO LEGENDARY SOCIOLOGIST**

*by Carmen Samora*

Colleagues, students, friends and family of the late Julian Samora have created an initiative in his name to make a new generation of students, scholars and community leaders aware of the legendary University of Notre Dame sociologist's many contributions to Latinos in the United States. A pioneering scholar of Mexican-American studies, Samora paved the way for Latinos to understand and study themselves at the university and policy-making levels, to understand the complex relationships between Mexicans and Mexican-Americans, to begin the study of Mexican immigration, and to ready the United States for the reality of Latinos as the nation's fastest growing minority.

The Julian Samora Legacy Project most recently created a consortium of partners to develop, catalogue and distribute material from the Julian Samora Archive at the University of Texas. Under the direction of the University of New Mexico Political Archives, the material will be microfilmed and digitized, and research will be done to develop a curriculum guide, a leadership series, and a video biography and book on Samora. In addition to the Benson Library at Texas, other consortium partners are the Institute for Latino Studies at Notre Dame, the National Council of La Raza, the University of New Mexico (UNM), and the Julian Samora Research Institute at Michigan State University.

Emmy Award-winning producer and director Raul Rios has completed one phase of the video project. Work remains to be done on a student version for distribution to high school and middle school students.

The book, tentatively titled "Julian Samora: An Intellectual History of Mexican American and Chicano Studies at the University of Notre Dame, 1959-1984," will be composed of essays by men and women who studied under Samora in the Mexican-American Graduate Studies Program at Notre Dame. The editors—Barbara Driscoll de Alvarado from Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Alberto Pulido from the University of San Diego, and Carmen Samora, the sociologist's daughter and a graduate student at UNM – have been invited to present a panel discussion on Samora at the National Association of Chicano and Chicana Studies conference April 1 and 2 at UNM.

## ***Julian Samora Legacy Project, continued***

In conjunction with the conference, the Samora Legacy Project hosted a reunion of Samora's students April 2 and 3 (see page six for more information). In addition to the archival work, UNM also recently announced the creation of a graduate fellowship in Sociology in Samora's name in its Center for Regional Studies. For more information on the consortium, reunion and other Samora Legacy Project activities, visit [www.samoralegacy.com](http://www.samoralegacy.com).

A native of Colorado, Samora completed his studies at Washington University in St. Louis in 1953 to become the first Mexican-American to earn a Doctorate in Sociology and Anthropology in the United States. He taught and conducted research at Notre Dame from 1959 to 1985, during which time he helped found the National Council of La Raza and served on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Prior to coming to Notre Dame, Samora served on the faculties of the University of Colorado and Michigan State.

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### **STUDENTS REMEMBER JULIAN SAMORA WITH REUNION** *by Carmen Samora*

On April 2 and 3, 2004, friends, family, and former students of Professor Julian Samora gathered in what is hoped to become a biennial reunion. This was the first reunion organized since the students held a retirement symposium for Dr. Samora in May of 1985. The reunion was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico during the annual NACCS (National Association of Chicano and Chicana Studies) conference.

The Mexican American Graduate Studies Program was housed at Notre Dame from 1971 to Dr. Samora's retirement in 1985. Fifty-eight people were admitted to the program in economics, government, history, law, psychology, and sociology. Most program students earned advanced degrees and are now engaged in a variety of professional pursuits that allow them to carry forward Dr. Samora's work by mentoring another generation of scholars, researchers, community leaders, and policy makers.

Sixty people gathered for an informal party at the home of Carmen Samora, Dr. Samora's daughter, on Friday night, April 2, 2004. There was a mix of emotion, nostalgia and excitement as friends greeted one another, many for the first time since 1985. The best description overheard about the gathering at the party was that it reminded the observer of the many parties he had attended at Betty and Julian's home; good food and wonderful conversation late into the night.

A panel discussion was held the next morning at the NACCS conference concerning Dr. Samora's scholarship. Participants were: Panel Moderator, Dr. Christine Sierra of UNM who coined the term "Samorista" as she introduced Dr. Samora's former students; Dr. Barbara Driscoll '74, '81 History; Dr. Alberto Pulido '84, '89 Sociology, Dr. Frank Castillo '81, '90; Dr. Rudy Sandoval, who was a law professor at ND and Carmen Samora '81, Fine Arts. That evening, April 3, 2004, there was a formal dinner at the Political Archive at UNM. The participants previewed a video directed by Emmy Award-winner Raul Rios about the life of Julian Samora. Samoristas were invited to share memories of their Notre Dame years.

Samoristas in attendance who graduated from the Sociology and Anthropology Department include: Dr. Jorge Bustamante '70, '75; Dr. Gilberto Cardenas '72, '77; Dr. Alberto Mata '78; Ms. Delfina Landros '74; Dr. Miguel Carranza '77; Dr. Estevan Flores '75; Dr. Victor Rios '77, '83; Dr. Tony Cortese '76, '80; Dr. Paul Lopez '84; and Dr. Alberto Pulido '84, '89.

The reunion of the "Samoristas" was co-sponsored by the National Council of La Raza, Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies, The Julian Samora Research Institute at Michigan State, the Latino-a Research and Policy Center of the University of Colorado at Denver, The Chicano Studies Department through the Center for Regional Studies at the University of New Mexico, and the Julian Samora Legacy Project (see Legacy Project).

## ADVANCED DEGREES, PhD 2004

**Bond, Carolyn Beck**

“Does Increasing Black Homeownership Decrease Residential Segregation?”

**Bompadre, Viviana**

“Sources and Processes of Cultural Innovation: A Comparison Between Center and Border Communities in the Making of Mercosur”

**Bossarte, Robert**

“A Contextual Effects Approach to Current Methods of Ecological Inference”

**Buoye, Alexander**

“Capitalizing on the Extra Curriculum: Participation, Peer Influence and Academic Achievement”



Pictured above: Eugene Halton and Xioa-qing Wang

**Downs, Andrew**

“The Factors that Determine Mayoral Election Outcomes”

**Magro, Paul**

“The Police and Prejudice: Sentencing Outcomes by Police Toward African Americans”

**Park, Jerry**

“The Ethnic and Religious Identities of Young Asian Americans”

**Rodriguez-Gusta, Ana Laura**

“Evaluative Ratings and Gender: the Dynamics of Assessing Employee Performance in Three Organizations in Uruguay’s Public Sector”

**Rumbo, Joseph**

“The Marketed Mind: Meaning, Culture, and Consciousness in Marketing Communication”

**Stromberg, Eric**

“Bridging the Social Worlds of Religion and Labor”

**Wang, Xiao-qing**

“How Has a Chinese Village Remained Catholic? Catholicism and Local Culture in a Northern Chinese Village”

**Ziembroski, Jessica**

“Social Support, Socioeconomic Status and the Health of Retirement-Age Women”



Pictured above: Jerry Park and Advisor, Kevin Christiano

## ADVANCED DEGREES, MA 2004

**Boyd, Karen**

“The Association Between Student Perceptions of Safety and Academic Achievement: the Mediating Influence of Absenteeism”

**Ellison, Brandy**

“The Impact of Social and Academic Experiences in High School on College Graduation by Gender”

**Gao, Rui (Mei)**

“Socialist Heroes’ to Virtuous Wives and Good Mothers’ – A Case Study of Change in Women’s Image in China”



Pictured above: Karen Boyd

**Hill, Jonathan**

“The Evangelical Advantage: A Test of Subcultural Identity Theory of Religious Strength”

*Advanced Degrees MA 2004, continued*

<b>Lupton, Paul</b>	“Masculine Gender Identity: New Dimensions and Contextual Variations”
<b>Meidinger, Nicole</b>	“The Conditional Effects of Training and Law Enforcement”
<b>Neblett, Carl</b>	“Masculinity, Dominance, and Political Mobilization: Erotica and the Discourse of Gay Male Identity”
<b>Nicholson, Bridget</b>	“Disordered Eating and Religiosity in Adolescent Girls”
<b>Roesch, Abigail</b>	“Covenants, Contracts, and Stewards: Exploring Definitions of the Public Good and the Potential Effects of Legalization on American Prostitution”
<b>Tanner, Rebecca J.</b>	“Use of Conventional and Complementary and Alternative Medical Services in the United States: A Comparison of Four Types of Users”
<b>Wynne, Maureen</b>	“Public Opinion and the Political Re-polarization of Northern Irish Citizens Since the Good Friday Agreement”
<b>Zhou, Quan (Doris)</b>	“Achievement Differences Between Chinese and Non Chinese Asians in America: Linking Parental Involvement with Student Academic Achievement by Race-Ethnicity”

**GRADUATE STUDENT CORNER**

*Stephanie Arnett & David Ortiz  
Graduate Student Representatives*

**Stephanie M. Arnett** is *finally* ABD! In addition to writing her dissertation, she received the 2004-2005 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship from the Kellogg Institute for International Studies which funds her study of Latin American economics and politics, as well Portuguese language courses.

**Dan Boudon** taught Introduction to Sociology and Marriage and Family courses at Suffolk Community College during the summer 2004.

**Karen Boyd** presented a revised version of her Master’s Thesis, "The Association between High School Students Perception of Safety on Academic Achievement: The Mediating Influence of Absenteeism" at the Midwest Sociological Society in Kansas City in April.

**Brian Conway** participated in the Irish Seminar in Dublin on the question “Ireland: Boston or Berlin?” in the summer of 2004. He presented three papers in the spring semester: a paper on discourses about immigration in the national press in Ireland at the University of Ulster, Magee campus, Derry, Northern Ireland in March; a paper on horses in Irish Traveller Culture at the Midwest Sociological Society meetings in Cleveland; and a paper with Lyn Spillman on texts, bodies and the memory of Bloody Sunday at a conference on Collective Memory and Symbolic Interaction organized by Gary Alan Fine at the Department of Sociology, Northwestern University. His paper on horses in Irish Traveller culture is forthcoming in the journal *Nomadic Peoples*, the official journal of the International Commission on Nomadic Peoples. He defended his dissertation proposal on the commemoration of Bloody Sunday in April 2004 and was awarded a Philip Moore dissertation year fellowship for the academic year 2004-2005.



### *Graduate Student Corner, continued*

**Maria Diaz** assisted Rory McVeigh with the Race, Ethnicity, Activism and Protest undergraduate research workshop, and Dan Myers in his duties as book review editor for Mobilization. She also participated in the Research in Stratification and Education and Study of Politics and Movements groups, and submitted a book review for Mobilization.

**Brandy Ellison** presented a paper entitled "The Effects of Parental Aspirations on Educational Attainment by Gender" at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society in April. She also has three forthcoming publications with Maureen Hallinan:

Ellison, Brandy J. and Maureen T. Hallinan. "Ability Grouping in Catholic and Public Schools." to be published in *Catholic Education: A Journal of Inquiry and Practice*.

Hallinan, Maureen T. and Brandy J. Ellison. "The Ability Group Debate: Historical Roots, Contemporary Practices, Empirical Findings." a chapter for the book entitled *The American High School: An Encyclopedia*.

Hallinan, Maureen T. and Brandy J. Ellison. "Sector Differences in the Practice of Ability Grouping." a chapter in the forthcoming *School Sector and Student Outcomes* edited by Maureen Hallinan.

**Matt Lerner** accepted a Dissertation Year Fellowship and a summer research stipend from the Sociology Department, has presented at the Midwest Sociological Society and will present at the American Sociological Association this summer.

**Sarah Macmillen** is now ABD: her culture and theory exams and dissertation proposal were all completed in the hellish academic year of 2003-2004. She is currently working on ethnographic research for her dissertation, "Religion and Narratives of Grief and Death." Sarah spends her "spare" time working with the Graduate Student Union as its Vice President, and starting a program for inter-religious dialogue along with the Center for Social Concerns and Rabbi Michael Signer in the Theology Department. In Summer 2004, she attended an Institute on Religion and Public Life in Sarajevo, and she attended the meetings of the British Society of Gerontology in September 2004 where she presented the findings of her Master's thesis, on the connection between Trauma and Belief in Life After Death. In May 2004, she was awarded the Midwest Sociological Society's Development Scholarship for her dissertation project.

**Nicole Meidinger** attended the American Society for Criminology meeting in Denver, Colorado in November 2003. She successfully defended her master's thesis in November, entitled "The Conditional Effects of Training and Law Enforcement on Hate Crime Reporting." She also presented research results to the Queer Studies Research and Reading Group in November 2003.

**David G. Ortiz** received the 2004-2005 Kellogg Institute's Dissertation Year Fellowship in International Studies and won the inaugural Jeanine A. Becker Memorial Award for Best Graduate Student Paper in the Department of Sociology. In addition, he visited Venezuela during the summer of 2004 to monitor the recall election process of President Chavez in the role of an international election observer with the Carter Center.

**Brooke Underwood Fischer** received the Farabaugh Grant for research in substance abuse, and she instructed her first course: Undergraduate Statistics.

**Eugene Walls** passed the Social Psychology area exam and his oral candidacy exam for his dissertation, "Modern Forms of Prejudice in the Social Dominance Theory Framework: Positively-valenced Attitudes as Hierarchy-enhancing Legitimizing Myths." He was awarded the Clifford C. Clogg Scholarship for attendance of the Inter-collegiate Consortium for Political and Social Research summer program and a Philip Moore Dissertation Year Fellowship for the upcoming year. He received the "2003-2004 Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher Award for Excellence in Teaching" for his teaching of the Statistics for Social Research course in the Fall of 2003. He presented a number of papers at professional

### *Graduate Student Corner, continued*

conferences, including “Determinants of Movement Participation and Protest” at the 2003 American Sociological Association meeting (co-authored with Matthew Loveland, Daniel Myers, David Sikkink and Ben Radcliffe); “Gendered Heterosexisms: Exploring Gender Differences in the Social Psychological Function of Anti-Lesbian/Anti-Gay Attitudes” at the 2003 North Central Sociological Association meeting; “Gay Male Identity Imposition in a Zero-acquaintance Condition: The Influence of Characteristics of the Observer and the Target” at the 2003 Midwest Sociological Society meeting, and “Police Departments and Riots, 1964-1971” at the 2004 American Sociological Association meeting (co-authored with Daniel Myers). Additionally, he organized the session, “Sociology of Sexuality” at the 2003 Midwest Sociological Society meeting. Eugene was a presidential appointee to the University Committee on Women Faculty and Students, a grant reviewer for the Center for Social Concerns and became a member of the editorial board and a peer reviewer for *The Journal of Children and Poverty*.

**Xiaohong Xu** is involved in research on the social interpretation of the connection between the possessions and the possessors with Professor Eugene Halton. Xiaohong’s Masters thesis, which would deal with the relationship between education and attitudinal polarization, is also on his immediate agenda. Meanwhile, Xiaohong is accumulating literature about the development of the research methods in the history of American sociology, which will probably come to be the subject matter of his dissertation.

## THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

*by Ann Power, Director of Undergraduate Studies*

The Sociology Department is home to over 200 undergraduate majors, who stay very busy with course work, research, and other academic opportunities within the department, such as *Sociological Voices: a Journal of Research by Undergraduates at the University of Notre Dame*, which is looking forward to seeing its second annual volume in print soon. A total of 75 seniors **graduated in 2004** (8 in Jan., 64 in May, and 3 in Aug.) – 38 of them with academic honors!

**Justin Golbabai**, a double major in Economics and Sociology, was the department’s **2004 Margaret Eisch Award Winner**, having distinguished himself in many ways. During his time in the major, he won two UROP grants to support his research on how police departments affected the number and severity of race riots in the 1960s. His research into this topic led to his being named a 2004 Junior Fellow by the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences, and he won first place in the North Central Sociological Association’s Undergraduate Research Essay Contest for his honors thesis entitled, “A Quantitative Analysis of Police Departments and Riot Severity 1964-71.” Justin’s plans are to pursue a Master’s in Public Administration at the University of Kansas, in order to become a city manager. **Hye-Jin Kim** received this year’s **Best Essay or Research Paper Award** for her essay entitled “The Trajectory of African American-Korean American Conflict in Los Angeles Before and After the Los Angeles Riots 1992.” Hye-Jin plans to go to law school after a year’s internship with the American Federation of Teachers where she will serve as a research assistant. The department wishes all of its graduates a bright future.



### **EISCH AWARD WINNER 2004**

Pictured above left to right: Ann Power, Justin Golbabai, Eisch Winner, and Dan Myers, Chair

**Alpha Kappa Delta:** The following undergraduates were inducted into **AKD**, the international honors society in sociology, during the department’s annual senior recognition ceremony: **SENIORS:** Jessica Bechtold, Justin Brandon, Katharine Conklin, Denise de la Rosa, Brendan Dwyer, Laura Fante, Katherine Molly Francis, Justin Golbabai, Kimberly Gowen, Jeneka Joyce, Kristin Kinder, Diane Lane,

*The Undergraduate Program, continued*

Katherine Lutkus, Tiffany Mah, Robert McBride, Laura McDonald, Kevin Moses, Erin Mulvaney, Sarah Novak, Jessica Reddinger, Sarah Resch, Kristen Rodriguez, Shanida Sharp, Tad Skotnicki, Edward Smith, Mary Kate Stickel, Andrew Troeger, Anna Villanueva, & Stephanie Yahn;

**JUNIORS:** Shannon McGonigle, Jennifer Nokes, Cara Spicer, and Anne Stolz. The seniors who were inducted last year as juniors were also honored at the ceremony. They include John Bascik, Colleen Gannon, Cole Huth, Elizabeth Kopko, Christine Nowak, Emily Oess, Laura Rimkus, & Lindsay Slevinski.



**SENIOR ESSAY AWARD 2004**  
Pictured: Dan Myers, Chair, and Senior Essay Winner, Hye-Jin Kim

Front row, left to right:  
Sarah Resch, Kristen Rodriguez, Anna Villanueva, Lindsay Slevinski, Denise de la Rosa, Justin Golbabai, Shanida Sharp;  
Middle Row:  
Cara Spicer, Dan Myers, Jessica Reddinger, Katharine Conklin, Stephanie Yahn, Laura Rimkus, Justin Brandon;  
Back Row: Tad Skotnick, Jeneka Joyce, Robert McBride, Katherine Lutkus, Edward Smith



Our 2004 **Alpha Kappa Delta Guest Speaker** was **Mary Beckman, PhD**, Associate Director of Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns and concurrent professor of Economics and Policy Studies. Dr. Beckman addressed the seniors on the topic of social science research for the benefit of society, which is the central mission of AKD.

Mary Beckman,  
Associate Director of  
Center for Social  
Concerns



## VISITING SPEAKERS 2003-2004

**Neil Smelser**, Emeritus Director, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, and University Professor of Sociology, Emeritus, University of California gave a talk on April 26, 2004. Neil's talk was entitled, "Patterns of Scientific, Intellectual, and Ideological Adaptation in the Behavioral and Social Sciences."

One of the most eminent social scientists of our time, Neil Smelser, has made important contributions in social theory, comparative historical sociology, collective behavior, economic sociology, and psychoanalysis, among other fields, in more than fifteen books and over a hundred articles and essays. His books include *Economy and Society* (1956, with Talcott Parsons), *Social Change in the Industrial Revolution* (1959), *Theory of Collective Behavior* (1962), *The Sociology of Economic Life* (1963), *Essays in Sociological Explanation* (1968), *Comparative Methods in the Social Sciences* (1976), *Social Paralysis and Social Change* (1991), *Problematics of Sociology* (1997) and *The Social Edges of Psychoanalysis* (1998).



**Edward Tiryakian** gave a guest lecture this past academic year. His talk was entitled, "Assessing American Hegemony". In more than two hundred articles and books spanning almost fifty years, **Edward Tiryakian**, Professor of Sociology at Duke University, has written on nationalism, ethnic conflict, social theory, modernity, religion, globalization, and the history of sociology, among many other topics. He is currently Distinguished Leader of the Fulbright New Century Scholars Program on sectarian, ethnic, and cultural conflict within and across national borders. He has previously served as President of the American Society for the Study of Religion, of the International Association of French-Speaking Sociologists, and as chair of the Theory Section of the American Sociological Association.

## FACULTY NEWS

**Joan Aldous**, the William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Sociology continues to enjoy her teaching and research. This academic year she finally and gratefully completed two research projects that have been absorbing her attention for what seems like all too many months. One was on whether students who volunteer while at Notre Dame are more likely to do so after they graduate as compared with students who do not volunteer. One of the interesting findings was that many in the comparison group who had not taken the sociology courses offered by retired Professor Richard A. Lamanna where students were required to do service work were also likely to have engaged in such non-paying helping activities. It also appeared that the factor that seemed most to influence current volunteering was support from partners, parents, friends, and work-mates, not job-holding or hours on the job, marital status, number of children or their ages. The Atlantic Philanthropies provided the funding for the research, which involved a number of graduate students to do the telephone interviews.

Aldous and graduate student Brooke Underwood Fischer have also written up the findings from their study of how parents influenced the scores of a national sample of immigrant children's reading comprehension and mathematics test scores. The children were either Asian-Pacific Islander, European, or Hispanic immigrants or the children of immigrant parents from these areas. Aldous is delighted to have these research projects in a state where she can declare them to be completed. It is a tremendous intellectual load off her mind. She especially thanks Katie Callaghan, her Research Assistant this year, for her work on the projects and Jocelyn DeLaruelle for her continuing skillful record-keeping endeavors that made the achievements possible.

**Bill Carbonaro** spent the 2003 – 2004 year working on numerous research projects (see the CREO insert for details on publications). He also presented papers at numerous conferences, such as ASA and AERA. In the fall of 2003, Bill was invited to present a paper ("Parent, Peer, and Teacher Influences on Student Effort and Student Achievement") at a conference in Amsterdam sponsored by the Royal Academy of Sciences of the Netherlands.

### *Faculty News, continued*

In non-academic matters, Bill performed as a percussionist in the University Band in the fall and spring semesters. In addition, Bill ran two half-marathons. Bill's family, Sara, Christopher (7), and Matthew (2), are doing great and enjoying life in South Bend.

**Kevin Christiano**, Associate Professor of Sociology has been elected President of the Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR). Currently president-elect, Christiano will serve as president from 2005 to 2006. He will preside over the 2006 annual meeting in New York City. (See article on Christiano for more details.)

The ASR, which seeks to advance theory and research in the sociology of religion, was formed in 1938 as the American Catholic Sociological Society. It is the oldest and largest scholarly society in its field and claims more than 800 members worldwide.

A member of the faculty since 1983, Christiano is president of the American Council for Québec Studies and has served on the executive councils of the Association for the Study of Religion and the section on the Sociology of Religion of the American Sociological Association. In addition, he is a Director-at-Large of the Religious Research Association and member of the boards of the American Review of Canadian Studies, *Mens: Revue d'Histoire Intellectuelle de l'Amérique Française*, *Sociological Focus*, and the *Sociology Quarterly*.

**Leonard F. Chrobot** delivered a lecture on Polish American Christmas customs at the annual Christmas Wafer (Oplatek) Dinner for the local Polish American Community at Z.B. Falcons on January 18, 2004. On February 15<sup>th</sup>, he delivered a lecture at the Notre Dame Library on "Polish American Pride" on the occasion of the sculpture exhibit of artist Marian Owczarski sponsored by the University's Polish Club.

On March 28<sup>th</sup> he led a retreat for the parishioners of Saints Patrick and Hedwig Catholic Community, with an introductory lecture on the representation of the crucifixion of Christ through history and the influence of Catherine Emrich on Mel Gibson. The group then attended the movie *The Passion of the Christ* at a local theater. The day ended with a discussion of the way various cultures approach the representation of the Passion and people's reaction to the movie.

On May 24<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup> he led a retreat for priests of the Western Province of the Polish National Catholic Church at Fatima Retreat House with presentations of the movement in society from folk culture to urban culture and the sociological functions of religion. On June 6<sup>th</sup>, he delivered a lecture, "Reflections on the Status of Polonia in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" at the monthly Polish Day at the Galleria of the Orchard Lake Schools, Michigan.



Pictured above: Father Len Chrobot and Dan Myers, Chair, celebrating Fr. Chrobot's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination

**Robert M. Fishman** had a busy, enjoyable year. In April, Cornell University Press published his new book, *Democracy's Voices: Social Ties and the Quality of Public Life in Spain*. During the course of the year Robert has been engaged in several projects including editing (with Tony Messina) *The Year of the*

*Euro*, a volume based on a conference held at Notre Dame during the previous academic year. Robert has continued work on two other ongoing projects: 1) a comparative analysis of the major contrasts in democracy and labor markets between Portugal and Spain that focuses on the enduring legacies of revolution (in Portugal) and reform (in Spain); and 2) a collaborative project with Sociology Department PhD student, Keely Jones, on determinants of cross-national variation in the evolution of priestly vocations.

During the spring semester Robert delivered papers at a conference at the University of Montreal on the Hundredth Anniversary of Weber's Objectivity Essay; a seminar at the Institute of Social Sciences in Lisbon; and an interdisciplinary seminar on work and welfare in Europe and the United States held at Erice, Sicily.

**Maureen Hallinan** has been selected as the 2004 recipient of the Willard Waller Award for her career's work in the field of Sociology of Education. Maureen received her award at the ASA meetings in San Francisco this past August. See page seventeen for more on Maureen's accomplishments.

### *Faculty News, continued*

**C. Lincoln Johnson's** work of the past year was interrupted by illness that took him out of the classroom for part of the fall semester. He continued working with the World Hunger Coalition, while fasting efforts contributed \$30,000 to healthy related action and educational programs. He also worked again with World Food Day activities, sponsored in part by the Food and Agriculture Organizations. ND for Animals also had active service and information programs throughout the course of the year.

This summer was a transition time for him. Having worked at Notre Dame for 33 years, he plans to retire after the 34<sup>th</sup>. According to a rough count, he has taught at least 16 course titles, often teaching a course overload. He spent considerable years as Director of the Laboratory for Social Research and the Computer Applications Program, as well as serving the Department in other capacities such as Undergraduate Program Director.

He hopes to be an active retiree in other capacities and will be involved locally with various social service agencies. He also plans to focus on family, including his 93-year-old mother, who may need some extra attention in the near future.

**Rory McVeigh** has been both busy and productive since arriving at Notre Dame in the fall of 2002. He has developed and taught three new courses and he has assumed the primary teaching and mentoring role for the sociology department's undergraduate research team. He has served on the faculty recruiting committee for three years, acting as the chair of that committee for the past two years. Rory published two articles in *Social Forces*. The first is titled "Structured Ignorance and Organized Racism in the United States." The second, co-authored with Dan Myers and David Sikkink, is titled "Corn, Klansmen and Coolidge: Structure and Framing in Social Movements." Rory also published "Hate Crime Reporting as a Successful Social Movement Outcome" with Michael Welch and Thor Bjarnason, in *American Sociological Review*.

Rory has presented several papers at academic conferences, including a presentation at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society in a special session honoring the memory of Peter Blau. Rory also published two book reviews in *Mobilization*, and has book reviews forthcoming in *Contemporary Sociology* and the *American Journal of Sociology*. Several other papers are currently under review or are in progress.

**Dan Myers** had an extremely busy year learning the ropes as the new department chair. He also continued as the Book Review Editor for *Mobilization* and is finishing his term as Secretary-Treasurer of ASA's Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section. Dan was also very pleased to be promoted to the rank of Professor this year.

Dan's textbook, *Social Psychology* (co-authored with John Delamater and Andy Michener) was published this year and he is currently finishing a book with Ralph Conant, *The Future of Urban Poverty*. He also authored a number of articles this year including "Corn, Klansmen, and Coolidge: Structure and Framing in Social Movements," in *Social Forces* (with Rory McVeigh and David Sikkink); "All the Rioting That's Fit to Print: Selection Effects in National Newspaper Coverage of Civil Disorders, 1968-1969," in the *American Sociological Review* (with Beth Caniglia); "Feminist Attitudes and Support for Gender Equality: Opinion Change in Women and Men, 1974-1998," in *Social Forces* (with Catherine Bolzendahl); "Fanning the Flames? Riot Commissions and the Mass Media," in *Race, Gender and Class* (with Tony Perez and Kimberly Berg). Dan also completed work on and edited the volume, *Authority in Contention* (JAI Press) drawn from the social movements conference recently held at Notre Dame.

**Lyn Spillman** continued her research on "Meaning and Markets." She received an award from the American Sociological Association/NSF Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline for the development of a publicly available dataset of contemporary American business associations; work she pursued with the help of Felicia LeClere, Rui Gao and Georgian Schiopu. She wrote, with Mark Jacobs, an essay on "Diffusing Cultural Sociology: Possibilities and Limits" for their forthcoming jointly edited special issue of *Poetics*. With Brian Conway, she wrote "Texts, Bodies, and the Memory of Bloody Sunday," a paper for an invited presentation on "Nations as a Problem in Cultural Analysis" for a plenary session at the American Sociological Association meetings in Atlanta in August 2003. Also, she invited discussions for panels on "Cultural Globalization" at the same ASA meetings and on "Habermas' Public Sphere" and "Expert Values" at the Social Science History Meetings in Baltimore in November 2003. She also coordinated a discussion on Theory and Measurement for the Culture Section mini-conference on meaning and measurement in Atlanta in August 2003, and participated in a Research Workshop on "Institutions, Conflict, and Change" at Northwestern University in September 2003. Her new University seminar for first-year students continued to engage her teaching interests, as did the independent research by students in her senior seminar in cultural sociology. Advising on many interesting masters theses and dissertations, and several senior theses also served to engage her teaching interests. She served on the Arts and Letters College Council, the Arts and Letters Undergraduate Studies Committee, and the Committee on Appointments and Promotions and the Colloquium Committee within the department.

### *Faculty News, continued*

During the 2003-2004 academic year, **Samuel Valenzuela** co-organized with E. Tironi and T.R. Scully, C.S.C. four workshops on the intersections between families, welfare institutions, and markets in Chile. This resulted in a book, a first of its kind in Latin America, to be published in July 2005 (Editorial Taurus, Santiago). With T. Scully, Valenzuela also began a new research project on religion and politics in Chile. He conducted focus groups on the subject in November 2003, and wrote a survey to be applied to a national sample of 1,400 respondents that will examine the connection, if any, between religious beliefs and political options for the first time ever in the country.

Valenzuela gave the following formal presentations: "From Nüremberg to Santiago: Human Rights in Transitions to Democracy," at the University of Texas at Austin on September 11, 2003 and the University of New Mexico, November 14, 2003; and "Labor Movement Formation in Europe" at University of Concepción, Chile, on October 31, 2003.

As part of Valenzuela's continuing work advising an as-yet undeclared presidential candidate for the 2005 elections in Chile, he wrote a speech on how to change Chilean social policies. He gave the speech on December 16, 2003.

Valenzuela's ideas on how to reform the Chilean electoral system were presented in an op-ed article, "Cómo reformar el sistema electoral chileno," in *La Tercera*, Santiago (December 22, 2003), p. 2. He also wrote an article on voluntary voting ("¿El voto voluntario fortalece o debilita la democracia?") published in a virtual magazine, *Asuntos Públicos*, no. 399 (June 2004). This paper was widely read by Chilean policy makers and legislators, and influenced congressional discussions on a government bill to institute voluntary voting in the country. He also published "Making Sense of Suffrage Expansion and

Electoral Institutions in Latin America; A Comment on Colomer's 'Tiger'," in *Latin American Politics and Society*, vol. 46, no. 2 (summer 2004), pp. 59-67. Among his forthcoming publications are the ninth reprint of "Modernization and Dependency: Alternative Perspectives in the Study of Latin American Underdevelopment," in a third edition of M. A. Seligson and J. T. Passé-Smith, eds., *Development and Underdevelopment: The Political Economy of Global Inequality* (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner; and a fourth revised version of "Chile: The Development, Breakdown, and Recovery of Democracy," in Jan Knippers Black, ed., *Latin America, its Problems and its Promise: A Multidisciplinary Introduction*, Boulder, CO: Westview Press, third edition (both these papers with Arturo Valenzuela).

**Andy Weigert** and Vik Gecas' article, "Symbolic Interactionist Reflections on Erikson, Identity, and Postmodernism," is forthcoming in *Identity*. Andy's end time manuscript may end its journey soon with Mellen publishers. He continues musings on topics such as "Fused Identity," with Vik Gecas, an article attempting to present a sociological perspective on hope and other mythical futures. He received a Notre Dame Vocation Initiative grant to prepare a course on identity and universal appeals of vocation in today's anti-vocational times.

Coming off a term as department chairperson, **Mike Welch** has been having a productive year. Three papers made it into print and two are forthcoming. The first paper entitled "Hate Crime Reporting as a Successful Social Movement Outcome," was co-authored with colleague Rory McVeigh and former student Thor Bjarnason (PhD 2000), and appeared in the December, 2003 issue of the *American Sociological Review*. Thor was also the co-author on another paper, "Father Knows Best: Parishes, Priests, and Catholic Parishioners' Attitudes Toward Capital Punishment", that appeared in vol. 43, 2004 of the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. Mike, Thor, and co-authors Thorolfur Thorlindsson and Inga Sigfusdottir also have another paper entitled "Familial and Religious Influences on Adolescent Alcohol Use: A Multi-Level Model of Students, Families, and Social Communities," that is forthcoming in *Social Forces*. A fifth paper is slated to be published in the Winter, 2005 issue of *Sociological Spectrum*. The paper, "But Everybody Does It: The Effect of Perceptions, Moral Pressures, and Other Counteractive Forces on Tax Cheating", uses multi-level structural equation modeling to investigate individual community level forces that affect the decision to commit tax evasion. A string of former students are co-authors: Yili Xu (PhD, 2000), Thor Bjarnason (PhD, 2000), Tom Petee (PhD, 1989), Patty O'Donnell-Brummit (PhD, 1994), and Paul Magro (PhD, 2004).

Several papers are currently under review. Mike, distinguished criminologist Charles Tittle (Goodnight-Galazo Welcome Endowed Chair in Sociology, North Carolina State University), and Harold Grasmick (Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma) have collaborated on two papers; one ("Religiosity, Self-Control, and Social Conformity") that is being reviewed at *Social Psychology Quarterly*, and another ("Social Integration, Self-Control, and Misbehavior") that is being evaluated at *Social Problems*. Former graduate student Nicole Meidinger (MA, 2004) is co-author of that paper.

Mike is also working on another paper from the Social Structure of Hate Project. The paper focuses on how religious organizations influence the dynamics of hate crime enforcement and reporting.



## Center for Research on Education Opportunity (IEI-CREO)

Maureen T. Hallinan, Director

Under the direction of Professor Maureen T. Hallinan, the Center for Research on Educational Opportunity completed its third year of the five-year project *Comparative Analysis of Best Practices in Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools*. This project, funded by a \$2.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education, has progressed through two waves of data collection. In the spring of 2002, we surveyed principals, teachers, and students in the elementary and secondary schools in the Archdioceses of Chicago. Our partners in the project, the Consortium on Chicago School Reform, scanned and analyzed the surveys in 2003, and distributed Summary Individual School Reports to participating Chicago Catholic schools and to the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Schools. In the spring of 2004, we surveyed the principals, teachers, and students from these Catholic schools a second time. Additionally, we obtained standardized test scores for most of the students in the sixth through eighth grades in these schools. These data will enable us to relate school, teacher, and student characteristics to student growth in achievement.

This has been an active year for publications and presentations by CREO faculty. Professor Hallinan co-edited *Stability and Change in American Education: Structure, Process, and Outcomes* in which she wrote the "Preface" and a chapter titled, "School Organization and Response to Systemic Breakdown." She published the "Prologo" and a chapter titled, "Efectos Sobre la Educación Católica Estadounidense del Cambio en la Iglesia Católica," in the volume *Religión y Sociedad en España y los Estados Unidos: Homenaje a Richard A. Schoenherr* (José Pérez Vilariño, Ed., Centro de Investigaciones Sociológicas, Madrid). Maureen's most recent publication is "A Necessary but Insufficient Solution: A Review of Abigail & Stephan Thernstrom's *No Excuses: Closing the Racial Gap in Learning*," in *The Journal of College and University Law*. She is the editor of a forthcoming book, *School Sector and Student Outcomes* (University of Notre Dame Press), which includes a chapter by Maureen and graduate student Brandy Ellison. Professor Hallinan and Brandy have two additional forthcoming publications in *The American High School: An Encyclopedia* and in the *Journal of Catholic Education*. Maureen also has a forthcoming article in *Education Next* titled, "The Detracking Movement." In connection with CREO's U.S. Department of Education project, Professor Hallinan presented "Cross-Sectional and Longitudinal Analyses of the Catholic School Survey" at the annual meeting of Chicago Catholic school principals, and "Survey Research on Catholic and Public Schools" to the Notre Dame Advisory Council.

Professor Bill Carbonaro published "Sector Differences in Student Learning: Differences in Achievement Gains across School Years and During the Summer" in the *Journal of Catholic Education*. Bill has a forthcoming chapter in Professor Hallinan's edited volume, *School Sector and Student Outcomes*, and forthcoming articles in *Social Science Research* and in *Sociology of Education*. Professor Carbonaro gave an invited lecture titled, "Teacher, Peer, and Parent Social Capital: Influence on Student Effort and Academic Outcomes," at the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences and presented papers at the International Sociological Association, American Educational Research Association, and American Sociological Association conferences.

Professor David Sikkink had several publications, including, "The Hidden Civic Lessons of Public and Private Schools," in the *Journal of Catholic Education*. David co-authored "What Does It Profit a College to Add More Students? The Relationship Between Enrollment Growth and Financial Strength" in *Christian Higher Education*, and the "Social Predictors of Retention in and Switching from the Religious Faith of Family of Origin: Another Look Using Religious Tradition Self-Identification," in the *Review of Religious Research*. Professor Sikkink has forthcoming chapters in Professor Hallinan's edited volume, *School Sector and Student Outcomes*, and in the *Handbook on Religion and Social Institutions* (Helen Rose Ebaugh, Ed., Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers). David is also the co-author of forthcoming articles in *Social Forces* and in the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

Warren Kubitschek co-edited the book *Stability and Change in American Education: Structure, Process, and Outcomes*, along with Maureen Hallinan. Warren received a promotion to Associate Professional Specialist this year. CREO faculty received several grants and awards. Professor Hallinan is the 2004 Willard Waller award recipient from ASA for her career's work in the field of sociology of education. Maureen also received an IEI grant titled *Seminar on Current Educational Issues*.



## ***Center for Research on Education Opportunity (IEI-CREO), continued***

Professor Carbonaro is the recipient of a National Academy of Education Postdoctoral Fellowship and a grant from AERA to study the effects of racial/ethnic differences and students' high school experiences on college graduation. Bill and Warren Kubitschek received an IEI grant titled, *Conference on Class and Race Differences in the Home and School Environments and the Home-School Connection*.

Professor Sikkink, co-principal investigator, along with Michael Emerson, principal investigator, received a three-year \$3.4 million Lilly Endowment entitled *The Panel Study of American Religion in Everyday Life*.

CREO graduate students were also active this year. Julie Reed Kochanek, CREO's post-doctoral student, has a forthcoming book titled *Building Trust for Better Schools* (Corwin Press). Julie has taken a position at Southern Oregon University as an assistant professor of sociology. She will also be involved in the School of Education's efforts to develop an Ed.D. program in institutional leadership to help train school principals for the region. This year Brandy Ellison co-authored three forthcoming publications along with Professor Maureen Hallinan. Quan (Doris) Zhou and Jonathan Hill received their MA degrees in May, and Gail Mulligan took a job at the National Center for Education Statistics, Department of Education, in Washington, D.C. In October, Jonathan presented the paper, "The Evangelical Advantage: A Test of the Subcultural Identity Theory of Religious Strength," at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. At the Midwest Sociological Society annual meeting in April, Brandy presented "The Effects of Parental Aspirations on Educational Attainment by Gender," and Yuting Wang presented "The Religious Conversion of Students from the People's Republic of China in the New Century: A Case Study in Iowa City, IA."

## **FAREWELL TO FACULTY**

**Monique Payne**, Visiting Assistant Professor during the 2003-2004 academic year, has accepted a tenure-track position at DePaul University in Chicago.

**David Yamane**, Assistant Professor, has accepted a tenure-track position at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

## **ALUMNI NEWS**

**Thor Bjarnason (PhD '00)** has accepted a position as Full Professor at the University of Akureyri in Iceland. Thor's work has appeared in *Acta Sociologica*, *Addiction*, *American Sociological Review*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Journal of Studies on Alcohol*, *Sociological Spectrum*, and *Social Science and Medicine*. He has also published several books and book chapters, and his work has been translated into Arabic, Greek, Icelandic, and Spanish. His new email address is thorodd@unak.is.

**Tony Blasi (PhD '74)** spent several weeks in Washington, DC at Catholic University doing research on the history of sociology in the CUA Archives. Tony has a book forthcoming, titled *Transition from Vowed to Lay Ministry in American Catholicism* (Edwin Mellen Press). The book is based on surveys and interviews

with former and (as a control group) current members of three religious communities (one of priests, one of brothers, one of sisters). The strategy was to find from their formation what persisted in the lay lives of former members as an indicator of how lay ministers should be formed.

**David Brunsma (PhD '98)** has accepted a position of Assistant Professor Sociology/Black Studies at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He has received credit for his past work and should be up for tenure the next academic year. David has a new book coming out this summer, *The School Uniform Movement and What it Tells Us About American Education: A Symbolic Crusade* (Scarecrow Press). He also has an edited volume, *Negotiating the Color Line: Doing Race in the Color-Blind Era and Implications for Racial Justice* (with Lynne Renner Press). Third, Dave has a book under contract called *Evaluating Public School Uniforms: A Decade of Research* (with Scarecrow Press/Rowman & Littlefield).

*Alumni News, continued*

**Tom Burkemper (PhD '02)** is still working at Annheuser-Busch in St. Louis and was recently promoted to the position of Director, Retail Planning and Category Management (that's code for he tries to help customers sell more beer profitably). Tom has a group of 11 people reporting to him who do a fantastic job. He keeps busy working and helping his wife with her business "Sitting Pretty" which provides elegant chair covers and table linens for weddings, parties, and special events. As far as the kids: Tom's oldest daughter, Krysti just graduated from the University of Texas in Austin with a degree in Communications and Tom's youngest daughter Karyn is entering her senior year in high school. All the family is doing well.

**Neal Christopherson (PhD '00)** received Coach of the Year from Whitman College Student Athletic Committee. He is still Assistant Director of Institutional Research at Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA, and is an instructor in Sociology. He is Assistant Coach of the Whitman Cross Country Team.

**William E. Fenton, Jr. (BA '74)** is Vice President of Institutional Advancement at Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida, where he is responsible for fundraising, public relations and alumni relations. After receiving his undergraduate degree in Sociology from Notre Dame, he received his MA degree in Education from Stanford University. William then spent twenty years with the American Red Cross as a national instructor in fundraising and disaster relief and as executive director of three chapters (Manassas, VA; Alexandria, VA and Palm Beach, FL). He is past president of the Notre Dame Club of Palm Beach and lives in Boca Raton with his wife and two daughters. William is now writing his dissertation for his PhD in Higher Education Administration at Barry University. His email address is wfenton@mail.barry.edu.

**Kim Galipeau (MA '02)** married Ben this past August. After the wedding they moved out to the Boston suburbs to be closer to both their jobs. Ben will begin as a U.S. History teacher at Woburn High School and Kim is currently

working as a Research Analyst in the Institutional Research department at Bentley College in Waltham, MA.

**Jay Howard (PhD '92)** is nearing the end of the first year of a 4-year term as Deputy Editor of Teaching Sociology. He is responsible for all book and film reviews in the journal. Jay was also elected to the Bartholomew Consolidate School Corporation of Trustees. He carried 51% of the vote in a three way race for the 5<sup>th</sup> district seat. Jay was also selected to be a 2004-05 Fellow of the Mack Center at Indiana University of Inquiry on Teaching and Learning. He also received an award for "Exemplary Service as the Secretary-Treasurer" by the Section on Teaching and Learning in Sociology of the American Sociological Association in August 2003. Jay was named "Institute Scholar" for "Opening Lines: Developing SOTL Scholars" institute at Rockhurst University, Kansas City, MO. Finally, Jay was interviewed on NPR's "Talk of the Nation" regarding contemporary Christian music in this past June.

**Michelle Janning (PhD '00)** has an article forthcoming in *Journal of Family Issues* during 2005. Michelle also received a teaching award from Whitman College, The Robert Y. Fluno Award for Distinguished Teaching in Social Sciences, this past May. She is still Assistant Professor of Sociology at Whitman College, and she will be working on a family sociology textbook (with Rowman & Littlefield Publishers) this upcoming spring during her one-semester sabbatical. Michelle and **Neal Christopherson, (PhD '00)** are busy since the birth of their son, Aaron Janning Christopherson, born March 11, 2004.

**Mike Keen (PhD '85)** has been promoted to Full Professor. He left the Chairship of Sociology and became the Director of the Master of Liberal Studies Program at Indiana University, South Bend. Mike's book, *Stalking Sociologists: J. Edgar Hoover's FBI Surveillance of American Sociology* has been republished in paperback by Transaction Publishers (2003). Mike has also published a co-edited book with Janusz Mucha, *Sociology in Central and Eastern Europe: Transformation at the Dawn of a New Millennium.* This latter book was one of five books featured at "Meet the Author" sessions at the 2003 meetings of the European Sociological Association in Murcia,

Spain. Mike has just published another article with Professor Mucha, "Sociology in Central and Eastern Europe in the 1990s: A Decade of Reconstruction," in *European Societies* (2004: 1234-48). *European Societies* is the official journal of the European Sociological Association. Mike and Professor Mucha's article was the lead article around which the issue was organized, and it also included reviews of their two books on the history of sociology in Central and Eastern Europe. Finally, last year (2003), Mike served as the Chair of the American Sociological Association's History of Sociology section.

**Frances Kominkiewicz (PhD, '00)** has been promoted to Associate Professor with tenure at St. Mary's College, in the Department of Anthropology and Social Work. Unlike most of our students, Fran worked almost full-time while she was in graduate school, so it is great to see her efforts rewarded! You can contact Fran at kominkie@saintmarys.edu.

**Peter Nardi (BA '69)** was elected President of the Pacific Sociological Association for 2005-2006. He has just completed a four-year term as Editor of *Sociological Perspectives* and recently published *Doing Survey Research: A Guide to Quantitative Methods* (Allyn & Bacon, 2003). Peter is Professor of Sociology at Pitzer College, a member of the Claremont Colleges in the Los Angeles area.

**Roshin Sen (MA '01)** currently works in FAS (www.fas.ie), a semi-state body which is Ireland's training and employment authority. Roshin works in occupational forecasting, formulating policy recommendations to ensure that the state's portfolio of education and vocational training programs are consistent with the realization of economic and social objectives. Recent publications can be found at www.skillireland.ie/press/reports. Roshin recently accepted a permanent position in which her main task will be evaluating the effectiveness of FAS training programs for different groups, specifically in terms of employment outcomes. She will be managing a wide range of client surveys.

**Don Swenson, (PhD '89)** finished an article, "Linkages Between Religion and the Family" with Sharon Houseknecht and Jerry Pankhurst. Don is finishing a book in press, *Theories in Family Sociology: A Neo-Functionalist and*

*Synthesis*, Edwin Mellen Press. Also in press is *Sourcebook on Family Theory and Research*, Edited by Vern L. Bengtson, Alan C. Acock, Katherine R. Allen, Peggye Dilworth-Anderson and David M. Klein, Sage Publications.

**Marek Szopski (PhD '01)** has received a full-time position as an adjunct professor at the American Studies Center of Warsaw University. Marek is also teaching in the Sociology Department at Warsaw University. He teaches Social Theory and Culture of the Media. He also lectures on multiculturalism at the Warsaw School of Social Psychology. They are publishing a textbook and Marek has a chapter on Multiculturalism in European Magalopolis. Marek regularly teaches summer school courses at the Comm. Dept. of ASU in Boone, North Carolina. Marek was also awarded a Gold Order of Merit in Education by the President of Poland.

**Xiao-qing Wang (PhD '04)** has accepted a position at Cal Tech (California Institute of Technology).

**Kathleen Maas Weigert (PhD '72)** has learned to say "Hoya" as quickly as "Domer," having completed three and a half years as Director of the Center for Social Justice (CSJ) and Research Professor in both Sociology and Anthropology and the Program on Justice & Peace at Georgetown University. Two exciting collaborations are (1) one between the CSJ, the Office of International Programs and the Department of Sociology & Anthropology to create six pilot programs where students can do academically credited "community-based learning for justice" courses; and (2) another between CSJ, the Office of Mission and Ministry and the Jesuit community to co-sponsor an immersion trip in Kenya this past June 8-21 for eight Georgetown faculty/administrators/staff.

#### BABIES!

Anjan and Sarah Ganguly are the proud parents of Truman Kumar Ganguly. Truman was born September 20, 2004. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19½" long.

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