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CHAIR'S COLUMN

Hello from the Department of Sociology and Criminology!

Greetings friends!

Another year has flown by, and we are skipping along with our commitment to teaching, research and service in the department. I have some news to share that should be interesting to you. First, we welcomed four new assistant professors to the department in August 2007. Erin Farley joins our department from her doctoral program at the University of Delaware; Yunus Kaya comes to us from Duke University; Shannon Santana joins us after spending a few years at Florida International University having completed her

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DEPARTMENT NEWS

Sandy Rogers Retires

Sandy Rogers, an administrative assistant in the Department of Sociology and Criminology, retired after 27 years of service. Sandy began working at UNCW in May 1976 as a temporary employee in the computer center. She became a permanent staff member Sept. 1, 1976. On Jan. 31, 2008, the department celebrated Sandy's retirement. Faculty, staff, students and family members were among those who attended the party to celebrate her many years of dedication to UNCW and to say goodbye. A very big and wonderful surprise for Sandy was to see her two sisters at the celebration. Her sisters, one from California and the other from Florida, were flown in secretly to attend the retirement party.

Although we are sad to see Sandy leave us, we are happy to welcome two new administrative assistants. We thought we would present them with a couple questions to answer so that we can all get to know them! Here is what they wanted us to know about them.

Kateri Bruno

Seahawk experience: Kateri graduated from UNCW with a B.A. in psychology and worked as a work-assistant in the sociology and criminology department while she was attending school. The department hired Kateri as a full-time office assistant in February 2007.

Interests and hobbies: Kateri enjoys small towns, the way libraries smell, eating at diners, cooking large meals, flea markets, fishing boats and reading novels. She also enjoys talking to bus drivers and riding subways, old luggage, jungle gyms, clear blue water and cut flowers. Kateri collects thrift store books and tacky belts.



Daniella Polich

Seahawk experience: In 2005, Daniella earned her bachelor of science degree in sociology at East Carolina University with a concentration in marriage and family. She began her career at UNCW in the Registrar's Office but has been working in the Department of Sociology and Criminology office since late January 2008. She was a cast member of the UNCW production of *The Vagina Monologues* by Eve Ensler, and she also played in the UNCW intramural softball league. Daniella moved to Wilmington in October 2007 and is excited to live near the beach. Prior to her move, she lived in Raleigh, where she worked at NC State University and with the Wolfpack Club.

Interests and hobbies: Daniella enjoys cooking, trying new and exotic foods, rollerblading, traveling, writing letters, doing laundry and going to the movies.



CHAIR'S COLUMN CONTINUED

doctoral training at the University of Cincinnati; and Jean-Anne Sutherland comes from the University of Akron. We also welcomed two new lecturers: Ann Rotchford-Perez and Chelsea Starr. The department is growing and thriving. We had a wonderful retirement celebration for Sandy Rogers who had been an administrative assistant in this department for 27 years. We wish her the very best in her retirement, and from what I hear, she's as busy as ever taking care of her loved ones. We miss her. We also welcomed Kateri Bruno and Daniella Polich to the department as our new administrative assistants, and they are a terrific team!

Second, after many years of hard work and diligent planning, we welcomed our first cohort of graduate students into our master's program in criminology and public sociology. It may not be apparent

to most observers, so let me proudly proclaim our program as a pioneering and nationally renowned program. We have benefited by terrific publicity from the American Sociological Association, the American Association of Colleges and Universities and internally from the College of Arts and Sciences for the innovative approach we are taking in our graduate program. Drop by and check it out. If you have any questions about our graduate program, I encourage you to browse our Web site and also to contact Mike Maume or Leslie Hossfeld, co-directors of the graduate program.

Third, we have established a major overhaul to our undergraduate curriculum from criminal justice to "criminology and criminal justice." This change reflects the best skills, talents and interests of our faculty and fully prepares students to graduate with a

broad education in understanding and analyzing crime and justice issues. We also had excellent success, in our sociology program with the recently revised curriculum in public sociology. There is never a dull moment!

Finally, effective July 1, 2008, we are the Department of Sociology and Criminology. We are excited about this name change as it more accurately identifies the broad range of emphasis among the scholars in our department and better serves the students.

I hope you will keep in touch with us!

With our warm regards,

Kimberly J. Cook, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair

Masters in Criminology and Public Sociology (CAPS Program)

The UNCW Masters in Criminology and Public Sociology (CAPS) had a successful inaugural year with its first cohort of eleven CAPS students. Two students, Raven Bruno and Katie Gay, received internship placements. Raven interned with the Southeastern North Carolina Food Systems Program (SENFCS) serving as coordinator for this regional food system project. SENFCS program began in January 2007 as an economic development project for southeastern North Carolina. Katie received an appointment as an intern in spring 2008 at Free Press in Massachusetts. Free Press is a national, nonpartisan organization that works toward media reform. They engage in

education, organizing and advocacy in an effort to enhance independent media ownership and strengthen public media and universal access to communications. These internships were exciting for both students as they were excellent scholarly fits for the research agenda of both graduate students. In addition, both Raven and Katie had their scholarly research accepted and presented at academic conferences this year. Katie attended the National Conference on Media Reform where she presented her paper, "Student Activist Awareness and the Media Democracy Movement." Raven represented the Southeastern North Carolina Food Systems Program at three conferences this year: the

Kellogg Foundation Conference in Arizona, the Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group Annual Conference in Louisville, Ky., and the Carolina Farm Stewardship Annual Meeting in Durham, N.C. Raven had her paper "Community Food Systems and the Politics of Inclusion" accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems in Boston, August 2008.

In fall 2007, the first cohort of MA CAPS students conducted research on poverty in the region. As a means of disseminating their findings, they crafted an opinion piece and distributed it to regional papers on the topic of poverty in southeastern North Carolina.

New faculty

Erin F. Farley

Where were you prior to taking this position at UNCW?

Before moving to Wilmington, I was working as a research assistant at the Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies (CDAS) in Newark, Del. I began working at CDAS early in my graduate career in 2001. Over the years I worked on a diverse number of research grants, but my primary research involved examining tobacco, alcohol and other drug use among Delaware fifth, eighth and 11th graders.

How would you describe your first year in Wilmington?

The first year in Wilmington has been exciting and full of many firsts. I bought my first house, adopted two puppies, ran my first marathon and bought my first surfboard. (I have yet to catch my first wave!) It has been an enjoyment getting to know other faculty in the department and my new neighbors. Everyone has been so welcoming.

What have you enjoyed most about your move to Wilmington and to UNCW?

Moving here has really been an easy transition! Everyone in the department has been so friendly and UNCW is located in such a great city. There seems to be a little bit of everything here, including a great downtown and beautiful beaches. I take every opportunity to let family and friends, who live far away, know what they are missing. I get great enjoyment with sending them pictures of the beach!

What research projects were you involved in this past year?

In collaboration with Dr. Lanier and UNCW Crossroads in spring 2008, we surveyed the introductory courses in the department measuring students' use and perceptions of alcohol and other drugs. The research project included the development of the instrument as well as administration of the survey.

I am currently collaborating with Valerie Hans, B. Michael Dann, David Kaye and Stephanie Albertson on a research paper titled, "Science in the Jury Box: Jurors' Views and Understanding of Mitochondrial DNA Evidence."



Farley



Santana

Shannon Santana

Where were you prior to taking this position at UNCW?

Prior to coming to UNCW, I taught at Florida International University in Miami for three years.

How would you describe your first year in Wilmington?

Busy (trying to sell house in Florida, waiting for my husband to move here, teaching new classes, meeting new people, learning my way around Wilmington, trying to find good restaurants in Wilmington, etc.)

What have you enjoyed most about your move to Wilmington and to UNCW?

Faculty camaraderie, friendly people and less traffic!

What research projects were you involved in this past year?

I collaborated on several papers including a paper with Rob Guerette titled "Explaining the Effects of Victim Self-Protective Behaviors on Crime Incident Outcomes: A Test of Opportunity Theory," which will appear in an upcoming issue of *Crime and Delinquency*. I also co-authored a paper with Francis Cullen and others titled "Public Support for Faith-Based Correctional Programs: Should Sacred Places Serve Civic Purposes?" which will appear in the *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*.

NEW FACULTY, CONTINUED

Yunus Kaya

Where were you prior to taking this position at UNCW?

I received my Ph.D. degree at Duke University in July 2008 before moving to Wilmington in August last year.

How would you describe your first year in Wilmington?

I spent my first year in Wilmington adapting to the new environment and my new role as a university professor.

What have you enjoyed most about your move to Wilmington and to UNCW?

In Wilmington, I enjoyed most the laid-back yet lively atmosphere of the city. The thing that excited me most about UNCW has been the developing vision to become an institution where faculty engage in serious research activity while keeping the tradition in undergraduate education.

What research projects were you involved in this past year?

I continued to work on my dissertation subject, which included an analysis of industrialization with a sample of 64 less developed countries, and an analysis of social class structure of Turkey during the latest wave of economic globalization. I started working with a colleague on a new project assessing the determinants of cross-national variation in partner violence against women.

Jean-Anne Sutherland

Where were you prior to taking this position at UNCW?

In the arctic north. Akron, Ohio. Specifically the University of Akron.

How would you describe your first year in Wilmington?

Chaotic. Sunny. Frenetic. Delightful. My daughter's and my transition to UNCW and Wilmington was made wonderful by a department full of genuinely caring colleagues and a welcoming University community.



Sutherland



Kaya

What have you enjoyed most about your move to Wilmington and to UNCW?

Sun. Actually the people I have met – good friends and colleagues who quickly made Wilmington feel like home to me and to my daughter. I've enjoyed the students in our program: graduate and undergraduate. And, the beach down the road is a brilliant perk!

What research projects were you involved in this past year?

My research spans two areas of sociology: sociology through film and sociology of mothering. I have been busy working on a book I am co-editing titled *Cinematic Sociology: Social Life in Film*. I am continuing my work on mothering, guilt and shame. I have a chapter titled "Ideal Worker, Ideal Mama: Negotiating Guilt and Shame in Academe" that appears in the recently released *Mama Ph.D.: Women Write about Motherhood and Academic Life*.



Joining our department this year is **Kristen DeVall**

Kristen DeVall is a native of Kalamazoo, Mich. She received her doctorate from the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at Western Michigan University (WMU). During her graduate work at WMU, she worked part-time as a case manager with the Kalamazoo County Office of Community Corrections (an alternative to jail program for individuals awaiting sentencing). Her areas of interest within the fields of sociology

and criminal justice include: drug courts, social policy, juvenile delinquency, applied sociology, research methods and statistics. DeVall served as assistant evaluator for three drug court programs in Kalamazoo (juvenile, men's and women's) and was the lead evaluator for the Van Buren County Unified Drug Court Program in Paw Paw, Mich.

our new alumni

SOC	<i>Danielle Therese Aldrich</i>	CRJ	<i>Bonnie Ellen Ansley</i>	CRJ	<i>Austin McDuffie Long</i>
SOC	<i>Stacie C. Allen</i>	CRJ	<i>Stephen M. Barmann</i>	CRJ	<i>Danielle Elizabeth Lutz</i>
SOC	<i>Alta Gwynda Andrews</i>	CRJ	<i>Matthew T. Black</i>	CRJ	<i>Eilzabeth Lee Massey</i>
SOC	<i>Sandra Ann Boeh</i>	CRJ	<i>Cassen R. Bolick</i>	CRJ	<i>Timothy J. Maura</i>
SOC	<i>Kyna M. Brockett</i>	CRJ	<i>Brittany D. Burns</i>	CRJ	<i>Daniel J. McCraw</i>
SOC	<i>Jonathan T. Cantrell</i>	CRJ	<i>Tonya T. Caddle</i>	CRJ	<i>Norman McCullough</i>
SOC	<i>Marc A. Carter</i>	CRJ	<i>Kimberly Ciesco</i>	CRJ	<i>Antario S. McDonald</i>
SOC	<i>Tristan Brandon Cherry</i>	CRJ	<i>Shannon R. Cobb</i>	CRJ	<i>Samantha Joyce McNeill</i>
SOC	<i>Lindsey L. Cloaninger</i>	CRJ	<i>Jeffery A. Collins</i>	CRJ	<i>Aaron David Mininger</i>
SOC	<i>Mary C. Eller</i>	CRJ	<i>Ryan Kenneth Conklin</i>	CRJ	<i>Matthew G. Moorcones</i>
SOC	<i>Amy-Lynn Meri Gerber</i>	CRJ	<i>Jennifer Cook</i>	CRJ	<i>Sarah E. Moore</i>
SOC	<i>Sarah E. Gray</i>	CRJ	<i>Kelly Lee Currin</i>	CRJ	<i>Brandon Christopher Murphy</i>
SOC	<i>Timothy S. Haggerty</i>	CRJ	<i>Sara A. Dasilva</i>	CRJ	<i>Kendall Joanne Murphy</i>
SOC	<i>Elizabeth A. Hammond</i>	CRJ	<i>Ashley M. Dawson</i>	CRJ	<i>David Lawrence Nelson</i>
SOC	<i>Kristen L. Harrison</i>	CRJ	<i>Niki L. Depalma</i>	CRJ	<i>Samantha Ashley Norris</i>
SOC	<i>Keithan Keonte Hawley</i>	CRJ	<i>Davida Andrea Elleston</i>	CRJ	<i>Christina Leigh O'Neal</i>
SOC	<i>Daniel E. Hervey</i>	CRJ	<i>Jillian D. Faville</i>	CRJ	<i>Charlotte Michelle Offenbacher</i>
SOC	<i>Samuel David Huff</i>	CRJ	<i>Kelley Rae Figg</i>	CRJ	<i>Marie Oliva</i>
SOC	<i>Erich Michael Hyneck</i>	CRJ	<i>Paul Fitzpatrick</i>	CRJ	<i>Brandy L. Osborne</i>
SOC	<i>Karen Rochelle Kearney</i>	CRJ	<i>Joseph B. Fournier</i>	CRJ	<i>Jonathan Kurt Randall</i>
SOC	<i>Megan M. Keels</i>	CRJ	<i>Erin T. Fox</i>	CRJ	<i>Holly S. Reeves</i>
SOC	<i>Jason Lewis Kenuk</i>	CRJ	<i>Terry Michael Gaines</i>	CRJ	<i>Ashley Marie Robinson</i>
SOC	<i>Haywood F. Knapp</i>	CRJ	<i>Barbara M. Garrison</i>	CRJ	<i>Brooke Michelle Rowe</i>
SOC	<i>Retba Regina Melvin</i>	CRJ	<i>Quisha L. Gilliam</i>	CRJ	<i>Erin Dorothy Saunders</i>
SOC	<i>Blair A. Mincey</i>	CRJ	<i>Sean Philip Granville</i>	CRJ	<i>Peter D. Schwarz</i>
SOC	<i>Jeffrey Alan Olgiate</i>	CRJ	<i>Cheryle L. Griffen</i>	CRJ	<i>Michael Temple Shell</i>
SOC	<i>Brendan M. Roth</i>	CRJ	<i>Nicholas S. Hales</i>	CRJ	<i>Tamara Renee Shepard</i>
SOC	<i>David A. Rowland</i>	CRJ	<i>Taylor L. Handzel</i>	CRJ	<i>Fatima Eulalia Shuler</i>
SOC	<i>Vincent Phillip Sanfilippo</i>	CRJ	<i>Jessica Leigh Harrison</i>	CRJ	<i>Donnie R. Smith</i>
SOC	<i>Casey Leigh Simmons</i>	CRJ	<i>Jennifer Lee Hendrickson</i>	CRJ	<i>Eve M. Smith</i>
SOC	<i>Tyler S. Simmons</i>	CRJ	<i>Nathaniel C. Hodge</i>	CRJ	<i>Jennifer C. Smith</i>
SOC	<i>Katie M. Snyder</i>	CRJ	<i>Bradley Ronald Hodges</i>	CRJ	<i>Shannon Renee Smith</i>
SOC	<i>Matthew Joshua Starks</i>	CRJ	<i>Daniel W. Hodges</i>	CRJ	<i>Dexter D. Springfield</i>
SOC	<i>Scott W. Story</i>	CRJ	<i>Nicholas W. Hoffman</i>	CRJ	<i>Christopher R. Starling</i>
SOC	<i>Andrew H. Stout</i>	CRJ	<i>Michael Grant Holland</i>	CRJ	<i>Dylan Blake Stephenson</i>
SOC	<i>Mandilyn E. Thompson</i>	CRJ	<i>Stephen Matthew Holley</i>	CRJ	<i>Rebecca J. Stevens</i>
SOC	<i>Christy Nicole Turner</i>	CRJ	<i>Christopher Allen Hudson</i>	CRJ	<i>Abbey Stoessel</i>
SOC	<i>Paige M. Wakefield</i>	CRJ	<i>Motice E. Humphreys</i>	CRJ	<i>Michael S. Supernaw</i>
SOC	<i>Alison R. Walton</i>	CRJ	<i>Jason Lee Huneycutt</i>	CRJ	<i>Grayson Francis Swain</i>
SOC	<i>Suzanne Rose Wilber</i>	CRJ	<i>Brittany D. Hunt</i>	CRJ	<i>Thomas M. Szyper</i>
SOC	<i>Kristina A. Wilkerson</i>	CRJ	<i>Dustin Lee Ide</i>	CRJ	<i>Ashley Marie Taylor</i>
SOC	<i>Catherine Denise Worlds</i>	CRJ	<i>Christina L. Jacobs</i>	CRJ	<i>William Brent Thomas</i>
SOC	<i>Michael Yaeger Young</i>	CRJ	<i>Mitchell B. Jernigan</i>	CRJ	<i>Suzanne Elizabeth Thomasch</i>
Public Soc	<i>Justin S. Anderson</i>	CRJ	<i>Daniel Frank Johnson</i>	CRJ	<i>Courtney Marie Tremul</i>
Public Soc	<i>Allen A. Conner</i>	CRJ	<i>Douglas Brandon Klutz</i>	CRJ	<i>Kristie Louise Trombley</i>
Public Soc	<i>Morgan Grauman</i>	CRJ	<i>Jacob David Kornegay</i>	CRJ	<i>Elizabeth Valdez</i>
Public Soc	<i>Jessica L. MacDonald</i>	CRJ	<i>Andrew Steven Kovacs</i>	CRJ	<i>Vanessa Vigil</i>
Public Soc	<i>Stacy M. Scott</i>	CRJ	<i>Lindsay G. Larris</i>	CRJ	<i>Jordan Thomas Wilkerson</i>
Public Soc	<i>Christy N. Turner</i>	CRJ	<i>Jean P. Laurenceau</i>	CRJ	<i>Patricia Anne Wilson</i>
Public Soc	<i>Angie B. Wang</i>	CRJ	<i>Zachary T. Leach</i>	CRJ	<i>Candace Gray Wilson</i>
Public Soc	<i>Mary B. Williams</i>	CRJ	<i>Amelia Mare Long</i>		
CRJ	<i>Justin S. Anderson</i>	CRJ	<i>Emily Grace Long</i>		

Congratulations!

Department faculty

Mike S. Adams, Ph.D.
Babette Boyd, J.D.
Susan Bullers, Ph.D.
Kimberly J. Cook, Ph.D.
Kristen DeVall, Ph.D.
T. David Evans, Ph.D.
Erin J. Farley, Ph.D.
Gary Faulkner, Ph.D.
Leslie Hossfeld, Ph.D.
Darrell Irwin, Ph.D.
Yunus Kaya, Ph.D.
Sangmoon Kim, Ph.D.
Donna L. King, Ph.D.
Randy LaGrange, Ph.D.
Christina Lanier, Ph.D.
Diane Levy, Ph.D.
Mike Maume, Ph.D.
Stephen J. McNamee, Ph.D.
Robert K. Miller Jr., Ph.D.
John Rice, Ph.D.
Shannon Santana, Ph.D.
Lynne L. Snowden, Ph.D.
Chelsea Starr, Ph.D.
Jean-Anne Sutherland, Ph.D.
Anita R. Veit, M.S.
Angela Wadsworth, Ph.D.
Adam Watkins, Ph.D.
Cecil L. Willis, Ph.D.

Public sociology undergraduate program

Leslie Hossfeld Coordinator

Each year the public sociology program offers a year-long community-based participatory research project for students. During fall 2007 and spring 2008, public sociology students worked with community partners on the Southeastern North Carolina Food Systems Project conducting a community food security assessment for New Hanover County. Students received Institutional Review Board Certification, reviewed literature on food systems and food security, modified USDA food security survey instruments, tailoring them to regional needs, and collected data.

The five primary goals of the community food assessment and the community-based participatory research project were to:

1. Survey a sample of restaurants in the county regarding their interest in buying local
2. Map the distance residents in low-income and high-income neighborhoods must travel to find affordable foods
3. Survey limited-resource farmers in the region to assess their interest in integrated food systems and to identify barriers to participation
4. Survey a sample of low-income residents on food security questions from a modified USDA survey
5. Organize UNCW food service provider, Aramark, to buy local.

Students worked in teams on their data collection and as a larger group on the “buy local” action campaign. Also, public sociology students cosponsored two very successful farmers markets on campus in addition to their work at the community garden at Sunset South all year.

Based on their research, public sociology students created a PowerPoint presentation and presented it to the UNCW Student Government Association for support of the “buy local” campaign. In January 2008, they worked with the UNCW nutritionist to assist Aramark in promoting the “buy local” effort on campus. In March 2008, students developed a research protocol to document access to affordable foods by residents of low-income neighborhoods using Wilmington Transit Authority WAVE bus routes.

Students and professors traveled in teams documenting the time spent on the bus to access affordable grocery stores, the location of bus stops, the condition of bus stops and the distance from bus stops to grocery stores. Coupled with findings from the food security survey, farmers’ survey and restaurant survey, the group gained a more complete understanding and better assessment of community food needs in New Hanover County.

Research findings may be viewed at www.uncw.edu/soccrj/news.html. Students presented their findings at two conferences, Colonial Academic Alliance Undergraduate Research Conference in Boston in April 2008 and the Carolina Collegiate Conference on Sustainability at UNCW. Public sociology students sought to further disseminate their findings by presenting their research to the Wilmington City Council (wilmington.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2) and to the Southeastern North Carolina Food System Council and the Northside Resource Center. Their research was accepted for presentation at the UNCW Undergraduate Research Symposium and five poster presentations were made at the symposium in April. Their research was featured in the *Tidal Creek Newsletter* and the monthly regional journal *Awakenings*. Findings from this year-long research project are being submitted as a scholarly article to a peer-reviewed journal.

Congratulations to these students

Sociology, criminology, and criminal justice students honored

Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, was established in 1942 to recognize outstanding students in criminal justice and today has more 280 chapters in colleges and universities nationwide. Alpha Phi Sigma is affiliated with the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and holds its annual meeting in conjunction with the ACJS meeting. The faculty advisor for Alpha Phi Sigma at UNCW is Randy LaGrange.

Outstanding criminology and criminal justice students inducted into Alpha Phi Sigma for the 2007-08 academic year were **Stephen Barmann, Hannah Huffman, Lara Ostapiej, Holli Reeves and Raymond Wallace II. Brielle Danese and Joseph Hemby** received the department's bookstore scholarships.

Awards presented by the criminology faculty at the May 2008 graduation ceremony included the Academic Excellence Award given to the graduating senior with the highest overall GPA. For 2007-08, three outstanding graduates were

recognized: **Erin Fox, Holli Reeves and Eve Smith**. The Troy Carr Student of the Year Award, given in memory of ALE agent Troy Carr '92, who was killed in the line of duty on May 14, 1994, went to **Brendan Roth. Angie Wang** received the John Scalf Outstanding Sociology Graduate Award, named for the founder of the department and granted annually to one senior who exhibits excellence in sociology. **Jessica MacDonald, Katie Snyder, and Mary Brady Williams** received the Sociology Academic Excellence Award.

2008 John Rice Scholarship and Ben David Scholarship

The department awarded its second John Rice Scholarship and Ben David Scholarship in spring 2008. The John Rice Award was given to **Alex J. Myers**, and the Ben David Award was given to **Lara M. Ostapiej**. Congratulations! We are grateful to Dave Robertson and Mark Griffis for their donations to support these scholarships.

Applicants are required to complete an application form and submit it with a short essay and supporting documents to the Department of Sociology and Criminology. Recipients are awarded a

scholarship of \$1,000 for one year.

For more information, contact Donna King, chair, Scholarship Committee, kingd@uncw.edu, 910.962.3574.

Student news

Christopher Pierce, a political science/criminal justice major, was selected from a competitive applicant pool of nearly 600 students to participate in the North Carolina State Government Internship Program. Christopher will be working as a legislative intern in Raleigh this summer. We congratulate Christopher and wish him good luck!

Recent graduate **Brandon M. Roth** was one of the 18 recipients of the Department of Homeland Security Fellowship Program. The award includes full tuition and fees for any graduate university to which Brandon is accepted and \$2,300/month for the duration of graduate school, a paid internship at a DHS-approved host facility for the summer between his first and second year in graduate school and a one-year paid service commitment to any department, agency or research facility relating to homeland security.

We want to hear from our department's alumni about their lives after uncw. Any accolades, jobs or just a friendly note can be sent to the department at brunok@uncw.edu for publication in this newsletter.

Keep an eye on the department's Web site for news and events in

www.uncw.edu/soccrm

Southeastern North Carolina Food System Program

In January 2007, Leslie Hossfeld, UNCW Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, and Mac Legerton, director of community action in Lumberton, co-founded the Southeastern North Carolina Food Systems (SENCFS) Project as an economic development project for high poverty counties in southeastern North Carolina. The project has developed into a partnership of public and private institutions and agencies among six counties along and adjoining the I-74 corridor, east of I-95. SENCFS includes both rural and urban counties and seeks to maximize market opportunities and profits from sales of local farm products to both local and regional markets.

The major project goals are:

1. Expand the local and regional institutional buying and direct marketing of local farm products in rural and urban counties along the I-74 corridor in southeastern N.C.
2. Increase local production, marketing and profit of local farm products in rural and urban counties in southeastern N.C.

3. Sustain and expand employment and income on limited resource farms
4. Link rural farmers to rural and urban markets and consumers through new infrastructures and networks created through the SENCFS
5. Expand farm and food-related jobs through the expansion of businesses that produce, distribute, market and sell farm products in southeastern N.C.
6. Increase the opportunity and capacity of limited resource farmers to meet the demand for local farm products in the expanded local and regional markets
7. Provide fresher, healthier and safer farm products for local and regional consumption, increasing the biodiversity of farm production and consumer health and safety
8. Keep a greater percentage of the food dollars spent within southeastern N.C. in the area, increasing local and regional wealth through the multiplier effect of expanded markets, sales and profits.

Over the past year, Hossfeld has written grants to fund this initiative, receiving \$70,000 from the Golden LEAF Foundation and a \$10,000 technical assistance grant from the Southern Sustainable Agricultural Working Group. Public sociology students in both the graduate and undergraduate programs work with SENCFS collecting and analyzing data to inform the project's goals and mission. Community partners working with the SENCFS program in the six county region include: N.C. Cooperative Extension, Bladen County Family Resource Center, Family Support Program of Bladen County, Shelton Herb Farm, Farmers Market, Southport Riverfront Market, Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina, Town of Sandyfield, Columbus County Healthy Carolinians Columbus Hospital, N.C. Step, and the DREAM Center, Tidal Creek Food Cooperative, Wilmington Housing Authority, Northside Resource Center, Community Action and Robeson County Family Support Program.

Media Reform and Democracy

Master's students in criminology and public sociology spent the summer laying the groundwork needed to create media reform in Wilmington. The students in Donna King's Media and Democracy Class were driven by their *public* disposition to accompany their heavy media critiques with an active engagement in solution-oriented work. To quench their thirst for change, the class decided to reach out to the community in an attempt to raise consciousness about media issues and create a grassroots media advocacy campaign. Their hook was Time Warner Cable and its virtual monopoly. Using street interviews, the criminology and public sociology students spoke with residents about the lack of cable choice

and the absence of a public access channel in Wilmington. Most people were upset that the city is in effect denying their right to a competitive cable market and a public access television channel through which they can express their freedom of speech. To further investigate, contacts were made with the secretary of state, attorney general, the city attorney and public access TV stations throughout the nation to learn more about franchise agreement laws. Two students in the class, Katie Gay and Kyle Wehmann, attended the National Conference for Media Reform in Minneapolis, Minn., where they gained critical knowledge about pressing media concerns, media policy and grassroots organizing. To inform the community about these issues, an opinion

op-ed piece was written and disseminated to local and national media outlets. In addition, the students solicited local talk radio stations as well as UNCW's Hawkstream to broadcast these issues. Because the students are seeking to affect change, the opinion piece ended with a call to action and directed residents to contact Katie Gay and Samantha McNeill if they are interested in pursuing a public access channel in Wilmington. The students recognize that the efforts of this project must extend far beyond the length of the class. They have decided to continue to work as a media advocacy group with the aim of making public access television a reality in Wilmington.

Katie Gay and Raven Bruno



Dr. Bullers with women's study faculty at Mysore University, India

Study abroad in India, May 2009

Susan Bullers, Department of Sociology and Criminology and former director of the Women's Studies and Resource Center, and Paige Tan of the Department of Public and International Affairs traveled to India in May to organize a two-week study abroad trip to South India for spring 2009. The course is being offered through the Public and International Affairs (PIA) and Women's Studies (WMS) Programs, for both graduate and undergraduate credit. We are looking into making the course available as a Sociology Directed Individual Study (Soc DIS). It includes several meetings during the spring semester which will include readings and discussions followed by a two-week trip to southern India immediately following graduation. The three-credit, multidisciplinary course emphasizes international development, environment, gender, and globalization in India.

The trip will start in the state of Karnataka, where we will visit the high-tech offshoring hub of Bangalore. From there, we will go to Mysore, known for palaces, spices and sandalwood, where we will meet with students and faculty from the women's studies and sociology programs at Mysore University. We will then visit temple villages, including Belur and Halebid, as well as a biofuel research station.

Next, we will enjoy a couple of days at Nagarhole Wildlife preserve to learn about eco-tourism and preservation in India. Finally, we will head south to the state of Kerala (one of fifty "must-see" destinations of a lifetime according to *National Geographic Traveler*). Highlights in Kerala include visits to an ancient seaport, the opportunity to volunteer at an orphanage for abandoned girls and an overnight houseboat cruise of the rural rice-paddy "backwaters."

Please visit the trip Web site

people.uncw.edu/tanp/StudyAbroadIndia.html

for up-to-date information or contact Paige Tan, tanp@uncw.edu

UNCW Participates in International E-Communication Exchange

Spring 2008 marked the third spring semester of collaboration between UNCW and partnering institutions in the United Kingdom and the U.S. on the International E-Communication Exchange (IEE) project. Mike Maume involved his introductory criminal justice students in this Web-based assignment that requires students to engage in "threaded" discussion with their peers on both sides of the Atlantic. One new feature this year was the introduction of videos welcoming students to the project.

Partner institutions included UNCW, California State University Fresno, University of West Florida, Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU), Brighton University, Westminster University, and newest partner Glasgow Caledonian University in Scotland. More than 500 students from the partner institutions participated, discussing issues related to cybercrime, terrorism and trafficking. In April 2008, Helen Jones of MMU, the IEE project director, visited Maume and presented a lecture on the contrasts between the U.K. and the U.S. criminal justice systems. In addition, department Chair Kim Cook hosted a reception for Jones to meet other faculty in the department. The department hopes to further develop the partnership between UNCW and MMU. Overall, Maume reports very positive feedback from the students who completed the project. In the words of one UNCW student, "This project was so unique because it was not just about education and learning...it also allowed us a chance to communicate with people from around the world. I talked to people that I would have never met otherwise."

2007-08 Reel Girls

This year saw the second successful run of the Reel Girls project. Reel Girls is a cross-disciplinary project that brings together faculty and students from film studies, sociology and criminology, women's studies and theatre.

The project is a directed independent study, which gives UNCW students, under the guidance of faculty, the opportunity to mentor D.C. Virgo Middle School girls in the production of their own short independent documentary films. The girls consider media images of women and femininity and learn to approach media with a more critical eye, aware of the ways in which women are encouraged to conform to certain styles and looks. Equipped with a video camera, the girls create footage that captures what being a "real girl" means to them. UNCW students then work with the girls on filmmaking techniques and film editing, resulting in a three-minute video that captures the individuality of the girls.

In April, the D.C. Virgo filmmakers premiered their movies at UNCW's Lumina Theatre and held a question-and-answer session for parents, friends and guests.

The Reel Girls program was presented at the April 2008 Southeastern Women's Studies Association meetings in Charlotte.

The project was the brain-child of Shannon Silva, assistant professor of film studies. Other professors involved included Susan Bullers, director of the Women's Studies Resource Center and associate professor of sociology; Mariana Johnson, assistant professor of film studies; Donna King, associate professor of sociology; Jean-Anne Sutherland, assistant professor of sociology, and Kindra Steenerson of the theatre department.

This year's students, representing film studies, women's studies and sociology were: Autumn Beam, Ajouli Butler, Ashley Green, Jess MacDonald, Natalie Martin, Liz Wilson and Katie Gay.



Left to right: Raven Bruno, Katie Gay, Christina Lanier, Kyle Wehmann, Mike Maume and daughter Tess, Erin Farley

DEPARTMENT NEWS

relay for life

Undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and family participated in Relay for Life to raise money for cancer research April 25-26 at Ashley High School. Opening ceremonies and walking began with the survivors' lap. Events included the luminary ceremony at 9 p.m. and the kid's walk the following morning. The weather was perfect and bands played into the wee hours of the night.

Faculty teammates included Kim Cook, Erin Farley, Leslie Hossfeld (and son Cassius Hossfeld), Sangmoon Kim, Donna King, Christy Lanier, Diane Levy (and dogs Dixie, Mocha and Pippin), Mike Maume, Rob Miller, John Rice, Shannon Santana, Jean-Anne Sutherland, Adam Watkins and Cecil Willis.

Graduate teammates included Katie Gay, Raven Bruno, Kristi Hartbrodt, Christopher Johnston, Taylor McBride, Elizabeth Mosch, Jill Palumbo, Pamela Pokraka, Katie Psychos, Kyle Wehmann and Keegan White.

Undergraduate teammates included Nina Browoski, Andrew Cappelletti, Jason Griess, Leah Ranieri, and Madison Vakos.

With all three teams combined the department raised \$3,185.00. Thanks to everyone who donated and participated.

Returning Graduate Students

Helene "Raven" Bruno

Bruno has been working with the Southeastern North Carolina Food System Council as coordinator since August 2007. She will continue to work with the council to explore and evaluate the viability of farm-to-institution relationships in southeastern N.C. to develop direct market opportunities for limited resource farmers and incorporate healthier foods into the community. This summer she presented at the SSSP annual conference with Leslie Hossfeld.

Michelle Deming

Deming's areas of interest are sexual assault and rape myths among college women. Her thesis will explore rape myth acceptance among college women.

Katie Gay

Gay's area of specialization concerns the mass media as it relates to democracy. Her thesis will explore the role of alternative media in the media reform movement. This past year she presented a paper at the National Conference for Media Reform titled "Student Activist Awareness and the Media Democracy Movement." Katie is active in the formation of a media advocacy group of UNCW students and Wilmington residents seeking a public access channel and challenging important media issues locally and globally.

Samantha McNeill

McNeill's concentration area concerns intimate partner violence among college students and femicide. She plans to do an internship in the spring with a state government agency.

Abby Reiter

Reiter's areas of interest are social inequality, social psychology, sociology of education and race/ethnic relations. Her thesis will explore the relationships among teachers' stereotypes of students, teachers' expectations, self-fulfilling prophecies that impact student academic performance and life chances. This spring, she contributed to an essay, "Inheritance," collaborating with Miller and

McNamee. This work will be published in an upcoming edition of the *Encyclopedia of Death and the Human Experience*. She also contributed to the updated edition of Miller's and McNamee's *The Meritocracy Myth*.

Miranda Reiter

Reiter's areas of interests include social inequalities, including those rooted in gender, race/ethnicity, SES, appearance and age. She is also interested in the mass media and popular culture as these impact people's attitudes, opinions and behaviors. Her thesis explores the relationship between sex-role ideology and the development of eating disorders in college women. She hypothesizes that women who see themselves as possessing many popular feminine personality characteristics will be more likely to take measures to mirror the popular female thin ideal portrayed and popularized through media images.

Tina Marie Swanno

Swanno's concentration is criminology. She is a former police officer from New York and teaches Criminal Justice at Cape Fear Community College. Her thesis utilizes social learning theory in exploring seat belt use among 16- to 24-year-olds. Her intention is to present her findings to the state legislature in Raleigh in order to expand education regarding the lack of seat belt use among this age cohort and the subsequent loss of lives.

Kyle Wehmann

Wehmann is working with professors Christy Lanier and Mike Maume on a research project examining the social, psychological, medical, legal and economic costs faced by victims of intimate partner violence and domestic violence in southeastern North Carolina. She will be presenting a poster at the 2008 ASC conference titled "Assessing IPV in rural North Carolina: An Exploratory Study." Wehmann will have an internship at Voices Latinas in Wilmington, an agency that helps with the acculturation and empowerment of the Hispanic/Latino community.

Faculty highlights

Kim Cook

Publications include “Feminist Research Methods in Theory and Practice: Learning from Death Row Exonerees” in *Criminal Justice Research and Practice: Diverse Voices from the Field* with Sandra D. Westervelt.

Cook presented “Framing Innocents: The Wrongly Convicted as Victims of State Harm” at a conference on State Crime in the Global Age in May 2008 in Onait, Spain. She also presented “Life after Death Row: A Needs-Based Analysis of Life Post-Exoneration” with Sandra Westervelt at the American Society of Criminology annual conference in November 2007 in Atlanta.

Cook received the 2007 North Carolina Criminal Justice Association Founders Award for Outstanding Contributions to Criminal Justice Education in North Carolina.

Erin J. Farley

The paper “The Jury Perspective: Reasonable Doubt Instruction and Commonsense Justice” was presented at the American Society of Criminology meeting in November 2007 in Atlanta.

Leslie Hossfeld

Leslie Hossfeld is a research associate for the U.S. Gender and Trade Network, a participant in the WIDE International Network.

Hossfeld was invited keynote speaker at the Agribusiness Accountability Initiative North American Annual Conference – Responses to Corporate Power in the Global Food System in March 2008 in Durham, N.C. The title of her lecture was “Shifting Power in the Agri-food Supply Chain: Perspectives of Women and People of Color.”

Hossfeld was also an invited speaker at:

- The Women in Development Europe (WIDE) Conference in June 2007 in Madrid, Spain. She addressed economic recovery for displaced female textile workers in the North Carolina and capacity building projects for women in the U.S.
- The 2008 Andrew Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar titled, “The Fate of Food: Agriculture Production in the Fourth World Regime” in April 2008 at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. She participated in a panel session titled “A Civil Society/University Collaboration to Rebuild Local Food Systems in North Carolina: Assessing the Potential.”
- A press conference and public forum on poverty reduction and economic recovery in North Carolina held June 17 at the N.C. Legislative Building to discuss legislation sponsored by N.C. Rep. Garland Pierce and co-sponsored by Reps. Angela Bryant, Bill Faison and Jean Farmer-Butterfield. House Bill 2687 creates a Poverty Reduction and Economic Recovery Legislative Study Commission.

Donna King

Participated on a panel about the UNCW Reel Girls project with Susan Bullers, Mariana Johnson and Shannon Silva at the Southeastern Women’s Studies Association annual meeting in April 2008 in Charlotte. King also presented a paper on teaching cultural studies to U.S. undergraduates at the Cultural Studies Now international conference in July 2007 in London, UK.

Randy L. LaGrange

Randy L. LaGrange’s publications include, “Police Consolidation Revisited: Implications for American Law Enforcement,” Law Enforcement Executive Forum.

UNCW Care and the Department of Sociology and Criminology welcome
MICHAEL KIMMEL

*“Mars and Venus – or Planet Earth?
Women and Men and the New Millenium.”*

• THURSDAY, NOV. 6
• CIS BUILDING, ROOM 1008
• 7 P.M. - 9 P.M.

Christina Lanier

Christina Lanier and Mike Maume with undergraduate Eve Smith presented a paper titled “Intimate Partner Violence and Social Isolation across the Rural/Urban Divide” at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Lanier was awarded a Charles L. Cahill award to conduct preliminary research on intimate partner violence (IPV) in rural southeastern North Carolina. Along with Maume, Leslie Hossfeld and graduate students, this project has completed four focus groups with IPV survivors in four rural counties in the area. In addition, the research team is collecting data on IPV from law enforcement agencies in the four counties. The objective is to better understand the social dynamics of intimate partner violence in the rural/urban South and the unique characteristics of this violence in rural counties.

Diane Levy

Diane Levy presented the paper “A Trip of One’s Own: Women’s Tours and Empowerment” at the Gender 2007: East Meets West Conference, University of York, U.K. This was part of Levy’s larger study involving women’s travel and tourism. She was also appointed to the steering committee of the Wilmington Circle of Friendship Bridge, a nonprofit microlending organization to assist women in Guatemala in sustaining businesses and supporting their families.

Mike Maume

Mike Maume’s publications included an article on the role of guns in violent conflicts, published in the November 2007 issue of *Homicide Studies*, and an article on self-control and classroom behavior published with a former undergraduate student in the *Journal of Criminal Justice*. Maume appeared on WWAY-TV to comment on the validity of official crime data and reported declines in the crime rate.

Rob Miller

Stephen McNamee and Robert Miller received a contract from Roman & Littlefield Publishers to write a second edition of their book, *The Meritocracy Myth*. Along with Angela Wadsworth, Miller co-wrote “An Involuntary Ethnography of a Stay in the Hospital: Being Sick in a Sick Place” which Wadsworth presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. Miller, along with Christy Lanier, organized the first annual “career workshop” for sociology and criminology/criminal justice seniors.

Steve McNamee

Steve McNamee returned full time to the department on July 1 after serving five years as associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences. His publications include “The Social Construction of Life Meaning: The 2007 North Carolina Sociological Association Presidential Address” in the fall 2007 of *Sociation Today*.

Chelsea Starr

Chelsea Starr presented a paper entitled, “How Does a White Woman Become Chicana and other Questions of Identity” at the Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting Feb. 21 in New York City.

John Rice

John Rice presented “‘Overcoming the Fetichism [sic] of the Alphabet’: Romanticism, Teacher Preparation and the ‘Reading Wars’” at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting in April in Richmond. John is principal investigator on a collaborative afterschool reading program for at-risk kids at Hillcrest Community Center. Collaborators include: Leslie Hossfeld, Raven Bruno and Jess MacDonald, as well as Martin Kozloff, Eric Irizarry and Monica Campbell from the Watson School of Education.

Shannon Santana

Shannon Santana’s published articles include “Explaining the Effects of Victim Self Protective Behaviors on Crime Incident Outcomes: A Test of Opportunity Theory” with Rob T. Guerette in *Crime and Delinquency*; “Public Support for Faith-Based Correctional Programs: Should Sacred Places Serve Civic Purposes?” with Francis T. Cullen, Jennifer A. Pealer, Bonnie S. Fisher, Brandon K. Applegate and Kristie R. Blevins in the *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*.

Jean-Anne Sutherland

Jean-Anne Sutherland’s publications include, “Ideal Worker, Ideal Mama: Negotiating Guilt and Shame in Academe,” in *Mama PhD: Women Write about Motherhood and Academic Life*.

Angela Wadsworth

Angela Wadsworth presented a paper titled, “An Involuntary Ethnography of a Stay in the Hospital: Being Sick in a Sick Place” with Robert K. Miller at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society in April 11 in Richmond.

She presented “The Functions of Roadside Memorials and Spontaneous Shrines in the Grieving Process within United States’ Culture” at the annual meeting for the Society for the Study of Social Problems in August in Boston. Wadsworth is chair-elect for the Accessibility Committee in the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

SOCILOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY CLUB

Faculty advisor, Dr. Lanier

2007-08	POSITION	2008-09
Adonicca M. Mcallister	President	Adonica M. Mcallister
Beth Braxton	Vice President	Shelly Pearce
Leah Ranieri	Secretary	Justin Morris
Heather Sangtinette	Treasurer	Heather Sangtinette

Past events fall 2007 - spring 2008

- Hosted a guest speaker from Wilmington Residential Facility for women
- Supported resume building
- Participated in Clothesline Campaign presented by CARE
- Raised money for local organizations (Rape Crisis Center)
- In conjunction with SGA, collected gently used clothing and new toiletries for Wilmington Domestic Violence Center
- Held a clothes drive with Student Government Association
- Participated in basketball tournament "Hoops for Hunger," a campaign which raises awareness about homeless and hunger
- Adopted a family for the Thanksgiving holiday

Planned events fall 2008 - spring 2009

- Volunteering in community
- Faculty workshop
- Resume building
- Career workshop
- Tutoring underclassman
- Poster presentation

Information about upcoming meetings will be posted in the Department of Sociology and Criminology. Meetings are held biweekly, and new members are always welcome.

Alpha Kappa Delta

The department has a chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, a non-secret, democratic, international society of scholars dedicated to the ideal of Anthropon Katamanthanein Diakonesein – “to investigate humanity for the purpose of service.” AKD seeks to acknowledge and promote excellence in scholarship in the study of sociology, the research of social problems and such other social and intellectual activities as will lead to the improvement of the human condition. AKD was founded in 1920 at the University of Southern California by Emory S. Borgardus, professor of sociology.

There are active chapters of AKD at more than 500 colleges and universities, and AKD has more than 50,000 lifetime members. The UNCW chapter inducted its charter members in spring 1980. Since then, more than 140 sociology majors have become members. To be eligible for membership in the UNCW chapter, NU of North Carolina, students must meet or exceed the following requirements:

- Be an official declared sociology major
- Have junior or senior standing (62 or more credit hours passed, including transfer credits)
- Have an overall grade point average of 3.00 or better
- Have completed four or more sociology courses with a grade point average of 3.00 or better in sociology courses

The initiation fee for life membership is \$40. Each initiate receives a certificate of membership, as well as one-year subscription to *Sociological Inquiry*, the official journal of AKD. Rob Miller, who founded the chapter and Stephen McNamee, are faculty co-sponsors.

Changes to Criminal Justice Curriculum

Starting fall 2008, the department will offer two options for students. A new criminology option was added to the revised criminal justice option. The changes are designed to better meet the diverse interests and needs of students and the expertise of faculty. The curriculum revisions also blend well with the new M.A. in criminology and public sociology.

A noticeable difference in the new curriculum is that all course prefixes have been changed from CRJ to CRM (for criminology). Some course numbers are different in the new curriculum, and CRM 495 Senior Seminar was added as a required capstone course. Current majors are “grandfathered” into their catalogue year and will not have to alter their basic degree requirements. However, because of the added flexibility of the new curriculum, current majors may find the new curriculum to their benefit and should discuss the curriculum changes with their advisor.

Notable department events for 2007-08 academic year

Oct. 31, 2007

Juan Melendez spoke to a victimology class about his personal experience serving more than 17 years on death row for a crime he did not commit. Melendez is also a participant in Kim Cook’s research on death row exonerations.

Oct. 31, 2007

Donna King hosted guest speaker, Gail Dines, professor of sociology and chair of American studies at Wheelock College. Dines gave a classroom and an evening public lecture titled, “Sex(ism), Identity and Intimacy in a Pornographic Culture.”

Feb. 4, 2008

Both faculty and the department’s first cohort of graduate students attended the Criminology and Public Sociology (CAPS) inaugural event which marked the creation of the new master’s program in the sociology and criminal justice department. Speakers included Lynn Chancer from Hunter College and Phil Nyden from Loyola University of Chicago. The event was followed with a reception in the Clocktower Lounge.

April 29, 2008

Sociology and public sociology students from Diane Levy’s Tourism and Society class, Susan Bullers’ Sociology of Food class and Leslie Hossfeld’s Public Sociology class presented posters based on their community-based research and senior seminar projects at the Senior Seminar Poster Symposium.



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