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Newsletter of the Department of Sociology at Michigan State University

NEW CHAIRPERSON OF MSU SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Raymond A. Jussaume, Jr. of Washington State University will become chairperson of our department effective August 16, 2011. Dr. Jussaume has served as chair of Community and Rural Sociology at WSU as well as International Program Coordinator of the College of Agriculture, Human and Natural Resource Sciences and University Ombudsman. He earned his PhD from Cornell University in Development Sociology. He was a Peace Corps volunteer in Niger and has conducted field research in China, Japan, and France. He is particularly interested in learning how people and their communities can engage in development strategies that serve their own, self-defined ends. His publications can be found in such journals as *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Rural Sociology*, and *the Journal of International Consumer Marketing*.



I am truly excited to be coming to MSU to take on this wonderful new challenge. During our most recent trip to East Lansing, my wife Atsuko and I were both so very pleased at the friendly welcomes we received from everyone we met. I am also so happy to be joining a vigorous department that has a longstanding and well deserved reputation for academic excellence and, thanks in part to the faculty additions over the past several years, has exceedingly bright prospects for the future.

One of the driving principles behind my leadership philosophy as chair will be that everyone in the department (students, faculty & staff) has an opportunity to explore their work passions. I place a very high value on maintaining a climate of openness and respect for others both within the Department and between the Department and those who have an interest in its work. I want to state openly that my door will always be open to any student, staff member, faculty member, alumnus, and stakeholder who has an interest in the department and its work.



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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



Xuefei Ren, Assistant Professor of Sociology was named a Woodrow Wilson International Center Fellow. She will spend the next year in Washington, DC working on "The Changing Urban Governance in China and India: 1980-2010."



Toby Ten Eyck won the College of Social Science Alumni Association Outstanding Teaching Award for 2011. The award is presented annually to a faculty member in the College who takes pride in and is committed to high quality teaching and who demonstrates substantial continuing involvement in undergraduate education.

Stephanie Nawyn has received the 2010-2011 Graduate Employment Union (GEU) Outstanding Supervisor Award. This award is given in recognition of exceptional support, guidance, and mentorship of graduate teaching assistants at Michigan State University.

Zachary Neal won the 2010 outstanding dissertation award from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Stan Kaplowitz is co-author of "The Comparative Statics and Dynamics of Beliefs: The Effect of Message Discrepancy and Source Credibility," *Communication Monographs* 75: 158-189 that was named Article of the Year Award, 2009 by the Communication & Social Cognition Division of National Communication Association.

Cristián A. Doña Reveco, who is completing a joint Ph.D. in Sociology and History, received one of eight MSU 2011 All University Excellence in Teaching Citations. He becomes the 27th Sociology teaching assistant to win the award. He also won the Julian Samora Endowment Scholarship and the Residential College in Arts and Humanities Teaching Award.

Michael Raley is the first student from our department to win an all University Senior Class Council Outstanding Senior Award. Up to 25 Outstanding Senior Awards are presented to seniors who have exemplified both academic achievement at MSU and outstanding contribution to the betterment of the university and the greater Lansing community.

Jessica Spayed, a graduate student, has won a European Union Pure Food Fellowship for the study of food and agriculture systems to do research at the University of Cardiff (Wales) on transnational corporations as developers of sustainable local food systems.

Breanne Grace, a graduate student, won a Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) scholarship covering tuition, fees and a monthly stipend.

Cameron Whitley, a graduate student, received the ASA Methods Group and the Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Clifford C. Clogg scholarship to attend the ICPSR Summer Program.

Sana Ho, a graduate student, is a junior fellow in the Academy of Korean Studies, a South Korean research and educational institute.

Graduate student **Baranda Sawyers** won the King·Chávez·Parks Future Faculty Fellowship funded by the State of Michigan to increase the pool of traditionally underrepresented candidates pursuing faculty teaching careers in postsecondary education. She also was funded by the National Science Foundation to attend the Emerging Scholars Conference in Washington DC.

Congratulations to six of our MSU Sociology graduate students and three undergraduates who have been elected to the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. The graduate students are **Shiuh-Tarng "Paul" Cheng**, **John Clements**, **Linda Gjokaj**, **Breanne Grace**, **Walakada (Dilshani) Sarathchandra**, and **Teresa Van Oosterhout**. The undergraduate students are Tyler Augst, Lauren Hayes, and Ben Jenson.

Undergraduate students **Christopher Slater** and **Samina Hamidi** and graduate students **Violeta Donawa** and **Svetla Dimitrova** were inducted into Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society.

The Sociology Employee Excellence (SOCEE) Awards went to staff members **Tammy Spangler**, **Shannon Davis**, and **Deborah Jesswein**.

The Sociology Department presented Appreciation of Service Awards to graduate students **Solly Mo** and **Cameron Whitley** who go "above and beyond" in volunteering and helping out whenever students are needed.

Khalida Zaki, Assistant Professor and Undergraduate Program Director, received a Certificate of Appreciation for Meritorious Service to the department and its students.

Nan Johnson won eight 1st place prizes, eight 2nd place prizes, and three 3rd place prizes at the National Flower Exhibition of the American Camellia Society.



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ALUMNI NEWS

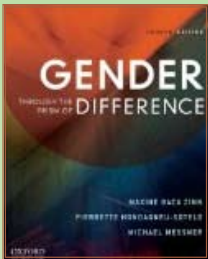
Virtually the entire issue of volume 25:3 of the *Journal of Rural Social Sciences* contains articles based on work conducted at the MSU Center for the Study of Standards in Society (CSSS, formerly the Institute for Food and Agricultural Standards, IFAS), founded and headed by Professor **Larry Busch** and based in the MSU Sociology Department. The authors are: **Jason Konefal** (PhD 2007), **Maki Hatanaka** (PhD 2006), **Arunas Juska** (PhD 1996), **Larry Busch**, **Diana Stuart**, **Carmen Bain** (PhD 2007), **Elizabeth Ransom** (PhD 2003), **Michelle R. Worosz** (PhD 2006), and **Allison Loconto** (PhD 2010).

Maki Hatanaka (PhD 2006) and **Craig Harris** were elected to the Council of the Agriculture Food and Human Values Society.

Lori Baralt (PhD 2009) and **Sabrina McCormick** have written "A review of advocate-scientist collaboration in federally funded environmental breast cancer research centers" which appeared in *Environmental Health Perspectives* 2010 118:1668-1675.

PROFESSING SOCIOLOGY - FACULTY NOTES

Sociology Faculty publish 19 volumes in 2010, more than any other MSU Department.



Maxine Baca Zinn, *Social Problems*, Twelfth Edition, Allyn & Bacon, 2010.

Maxine Baca Zinn, *In Conflict and Order: Understanding Society*, Allyn and Bacon, 2010.

Maxine Baca Zinn, *Gender through the Prism of Difference*, Fourth Edition, Oxford University Press, 2010.

Steve Gold, *The Store in the Hood: A Century of Ethnic Business and Conflict*, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2010.

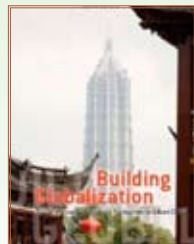
Linda Kalof (ed.). *A Cultural History of the Human Body in the Medieval Age*, Volumes 1-6, Oxford, UK: Berg/Macmillan, 2010.

Linda Kalof and William Bynum, eds. *A Cultural History of the Human Body in the Renaissance*, Volumes 1-6. Oxford, UK: Berg/Macmillan, 2010.

Zachary Neal and Anthony Orum, eds. *Common Ground? Readings and Reflections on Public Space*. New York: Routledge, 2010.

David Wiley and Robert Glew, eds. *International and Language Education for a Global Future: Fifty Years of U.S. Title VI and Fulbright-Hays Programs*, East Lansing: MSU Press, 2010, 502 pp.

Xuefei Ren, *Building Globalization: Transnational Architecture Production in Urban China* published by the University of Chicago Press, 2011.



Thomas Dietz. *Human Footprints on the Global Environment: Threats to Sustainability*, MIT Press, 2010.

Vladimir Schlapentokh and Joshua Woods (PhD 2008) *Feudal America: Elements of the Middle Ages in Contemporary Society* published by Pennsylvania State University Press.

Woods, an Assistant Professor, Division of Sociology and Anthropology at West Virginia University, is also the author of *Freaking Out: A Decade of Living with Terrorism* published by Potomac Books.

Aaron McCright and Riley Dunlap published "The Politicization of Climate Change and Polarization" in the *American Public's Views of Global Warming, 2001-2010*" in *The Sociological Quarterly* 52:155-194.

Sandra Marquart-Pyatt is a co-author with Pamela Paxton and John R. Hipp of *Nonrecursive Models: Endogeneity, Reciprocal Relationships, and Feedback Loops* (Quantitative Applications in the Social Sciences) Sage Publications, 2011.

Diana Stuart published "Native is not Guilty: Foodborne Illness and the Industrial Bagged Salad," *Sociology Ruralis* 51:158-174, 2011.

Jualynne Dodson contributed a chapter on *African Descendent Women and Religion: Diaspora in Oriente Cuba to Women and New Africana Religions*. Lillian Ashcraft-Eason, Darnise C. Martin, and Oyeronke Olademo, editors. Praeger Publishers, 2010.

Harry Perlstadt has a chapter on "Assessing European Environmental Health Action Plans," in *Sociologists in Action*. Korgen, Kathleen Odell, Jonathan White and Shelly K. White (eds). Sage Publications, 2010.



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SOC and the CITY!

ASA IN LAS VEGAS

The Department will hold its annual Soc and the City Reception during the 2011 ASA meetings in Las Vegas. Please welcome our new chair Raymond A. Jussaume at Caesar's Palace Florentine II, Promenade Level on Sunday, August 21 from 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Save the Date!

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