MESSAGE FROM LAWRENCE CARTER, Department Head

This has been a very busy year for the Department. We had three promotions this year: John Foster and Kenneth Liberman to full professor and Arlene Stein to associate professor with tenure. We welcome a new addition, assistant professor Ken Tudor, a new Ph.D. in sociology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Ken will be responsible for conducting our required graduate program sequence in quantitative methods. At this same time, we are anticipating the loss of Arlene Stein who has accepted a position at Rutgers University beginning fall 2001. We will miss her greatly and wish her the best in her new position. Then, too, we are planning a search for a new faculty member next year, one as a replacement for Stein. So, in balance, we should remain stable.

We are in our second year of undergraduate curriculum reforms and our majors are adapting to it very positively. Last year, we improved our honors program and I am happy to report that this year it is really coming of age. Not only has the number of majors in our program increased, but the number of majors in any department speaks positively to the attractiveness of our program. Our graduate program continues to attract highly qualified students; this coming year, we are admitting a cohort of 9, a healthy number given with which we have only graduated in the past.

Our faculty research productivity remains high with a plethora of research articles and books published in prominent refereed journals and presses. A strength of these works can be gleaned from the individual profiles that follow. I invite you to visit our website to see the sample of work being produced.

Our faculty service commitments are substantial with positions on important committees central to the planning and administration of the University and the department, and we are active in regional, national, and international professional associations—holding elective office, organizing sessions, presenting papers, and participating in meetings where research innovations are shared. These activities enhance the teaching and research we impart to our students.

This spring Professor Ellen Barker of the London School of Economics and Political Science addressed the Alpha Kappa Delta induction ceremony, met with graduate students studying culture and religion, and gave a public lecture on the role of religions in the old Soviet Bloc. Professor Barker has chaired the Sociology Department at LSE and also served as Dean of Undergraduate Studies. She recently received an Order of the British Empire for her pathbreaking research, policy development, and social action involving cols, aid members, and their families.

The department is co-hosting (with International Studies) Fulbright scholar, Dr. Mahmoud Dhaboush, a sociologist from the University of Tunis. See his note following. And news that doesn't quite fit in other categories: Piet Sellek, an exchange student from the University of Stuttgart, Germany is visiting our department for three terms. The exchange program is sponsored by the States of Oregon and Baden-Württemberg, Germany.

I am very pleased with our accomplishments this year. A lot of hard work by a number of people has contributed to our continued success. I especially want to thank our staff who always "keep the trains running on time": Barbara Luton, Office Manager, Mary Redoizko, Graduate Secretary, Marnie McElhiney, Undergraduate/Department Secretary, Nora Reynolds, work-study office worker, and Ken Yamashita, student computer support person. I look forward to another prosperous year. I hope you will keep abreast of our doings.

Message from Mahmoud Dhaboush

I am a sociologist from the University of Tunis, Tunisia, on a Fulbright Scholarship (2000-01) hosted by the Sociology Department and the International Studies Program. My research focuses on the state of American sociology today.

I received my B.A. in psychology and M.A. in sociology from the University of Oregon, Portland. My Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Maine. I have taught at a number of universities in Canada, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, and Tunisia. I have written and published in many areas of the social sciences: the "Other Underdevelopment," the universe of Cultural Symbols, Ibn Khaldun's Deserts, Tunisian society, and Arabic-Islamic thought. I have authored and contributed chapters in 12 books, in both Arabic and English. I have published numerous articles and book reviews in refereed journals, respected magazines, and newspapers, in English, Arabic, and French. Since 1985 I have devoted much research to the nature of why I call "Cultural Symptoms" (CS): language, thought, beliefs, knowledge, science, cultural values, and norms. Based on CS, I have developed the concept of "The Other Underdevelopment" (In: Sociology, vol. 13, no. 1, 1988) and have written a report paper in which I explain through CS why humans live longer than most other species. I plan to present several talks/lectures in the department on these topics.

FACULTY NEWS

Jean Archer is the Maria-Adhia Distinguished Feminist Professor at the University of Bochum, the Ruhr, Germany for spring 2000, traveling and lecturing throughout Germany. In the fall she will be a visiting professor in Australia.

Lawrence Carter was the dissertation for the year. Mathematical Demography, and Chair for the session, Statistical Demography, at the 1999 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, March 21-23. He was a visiting scholar at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research in Rostock, Germany, August where he collaborated with Dr. Alice Feuerhake-Prikkwitz on a manuscript, "Examining Structural Shifts in Mortality Forecasts Using the Lee-Carter Method" which was presented at the 2000 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America in Los Angeles in March. A revised version of this paper will be presented at the 2000 Annual Meeting of the International Symposium on Forecasting in Lisbon in June. His paper, "Initial Condition Sensitivity in U.S. Mortality
Michael Deepling has served a second year as the Undergraduate Coordinator for the Department. In that capacity, he advises students, launched two substantial changes to the undergraduate curriculum, and supervised an outstanding group of Peer Advisors. His recent scholarship includes an article in Social Problems (May 2000) and the revision and publication of his dissertation as a book, Solidarity and Consent: The Politics of Class and Sustainability in the NAFTA-Conflict (Garland, expected fall 2000). During the last year, Deepling has appeared on national television and other national media as a commentator on the protests against the World Trade Organization (WTO). He continues to serve as editorial associate for the journal Organization & Environment.


Dick, Susan, and Booker Gale are happily dividing their retirement time between Florence, Oregon and Laguna Niguel, California. Dick concentrates on cooking and learning to play the piano.

Marion Goldman's book Passionate Journeys: Why Successful Women Joined a Cult was published by the University of Michigan Press in December 1999. As a recipient of an Oregon Council for the Humanities Chautauqua grant, she has lectured throughout Oregon about the Rajneeshes. Her new research, "Eslam Institute and the Shaping of American Spirituality," has received support from The University of California at Santa Barbara and from the University of Oregon Summer Research Grant Program.

Patricia Gravettty spends well over half her time in managing 30-35 projects a year for the Oregon Survey Research Laboratory (OSRL), which she founded in 1994. Many sociology undergraduates and graduate students receive OSRL's research training each year, and use OSRL's survey data for classroom assignments, exams, research papers, and theses. OSRL's activities are described at http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~oril. OSRL publishes many technical reports on its website as well. Gravettty currently has three papers under review at scholarly journals, all using OSRL data: "Measuring the Long-Term Impact of a Community Conservation-Building Project," "Respondent and Interviewer Characteristics and Item Nonresponse in Telephone Surveys," "Attitude Constrain and Family Values." At professional meetings this year, she presented three research papers, chaired three sessions, organized one session, and was a keynote speaker. Also this year she reviewed 55 promotion and tenure files for the university-wide committee and chaired the department's hiring committee, which had 120 applicants. She currently chairs three dissertation committees and serves as a committee member on four others.

Joelina Hollander will have several articles published in 2000: "Social Psychological Theories on Social Inequality" (with Judith Howard) in Social Psychology Quarterly in December, "Evaluating Social Movements: Cultural Images and Movement Dynamics," "September issue of Gender & Society, "Vulnerability and Danger: The Construction of Gender Through Conversation About Violence" (with Rachel Eitewohrer and Tonsa Olase), to be published in the December issue of Gender and Society, and "Fear Journals: A Strategy for Teaching About the Social Consequences of Violence" in Teaching Sociology. She was a panel member at the 2000 Pacific Sociological Association meeting on "Graduate Education at the Millennium," she presented a paper "Gender and Discursive Construction of Vulnerability" at the International Gender and Language Association Conference, April 2000, and presented a paper "Resisting Violence: Women's Self-Defense and the Reconstruction of Gender" at the Nsg's Heart Conference on Research on Violence Against Women, in May 2000.

Kenneth Liberman was promoted to full professor. He was the local coordinator of the 38th Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPFEP), held at UO in October 1999. The conference celebrated the centennial anniversary of the birth of Alfred Schutz, the founding theorist of social phenomenology. Four hundred scholars from 17 countries attended the conference. The Yugoslav cultural philosopher Slavoj Zizek and Australian postmodernist Genevieve Lloyd were the keynote speakers. Liberman also served as local coordinator for the meeting of the International Association of Environmental Philosophy. Liberman successfully recovered from heart surgery during term. During spring and summer terms Liberman is finishing the final chapters to his book, Rationality and Dialectics in Tibetan Philosophical Culture: An Ethnomethodological Inquiry into the Capture of Formal Being.

Greg Macluskist has written a series of policy papers published by Friends of Eugene, including "Agnus for a Livable Eugene," "A Livable Downtown for Everyone," and "A Congestion and Pollution Reduction Alternative for Transit." He also authored a series of op-ed articles in the Register-Guard and Eugene Weekly on topics of urban planning, inequality, and livability. Book chapters include "The Contemporary Significance of the Military-Industrial Complex" and "Big Missions and Big Business: Military and Corporate Science and Science Policy" (with Greg Hooks). He is currently serving on the City of Eugene's Strategic Visioning Committee for Down Town, and as an advisor to the Williamette Valley Alternative Energy Project. In 1999 he received the Friends of Eugene Award for community service, and in 1998 he was recognized as one of Oregon's "Outstanding Citizen Activists" by 1,000 Friends of Oregon.

Sandra Morgan, along with Joan Acker, Jill Weigt and Lin Gonzalez, is in the final stage of collecting data about families that have lost cash assistance or the Food Stamp program in Oregon. The research is part of a larger project, funded by the Oregon Department of Human Resources and the Center for the Study of Women in Society at the University of Oregon, combines ethnographic fieldwork, a large random sample telephone survey of families who left public assistance programs in early 1998, and in-depth interviews with 80 families to explore questions about how families are doing economically and otherwise. Morgan and Acker gave a colloquium about the study in April and are slated to give papers at professional meetings in upcoming months.
Jiasshin "J" Shiao spent his second year on faculty balancing his research, teaching, and service agendas. His main research areas are 1) intercultural authenticity, in more relations, and 2) racial/ethnic identity among transnational adoptees. In addition to a book review in Social Forces, he has a chapter under review at Temple University Press, and an article with Mia Tuan in revision for Annual Review of Sociology. "J" presented papers and served as discussant in three professional meetings and gave these invited presentations at UO. He also designed two new courses in his field of race and ethnicity and served on search committees for three faculty hires and three other committees devoted to enhancing ethnic studies and diversity at UO.

Arlene Skin was promoted to associate professor with tenure. She is editing a reader on sociology of gender and sexuality with Christine Williams of the University of Texas at Austin. In July 2000, she will be teaching in London as part of the Northwest Council on Study Abroad. She will extend her stay in London through winter term to use British archival materials for a new research project investigating the intersection of biography and social change using diaries of 500 men and women for 1937-1945. She has accepted a position at Rutgers University beginning 2001.


Don Van Houten has been assisting the Provost by coordinating internship programs across campus. This is the first time there has been any campus-wide coordination. The perception of internships has been broadened to Participatory Learning Experiences (PLEs) to include research conducted by faculty. The main purposes of the centralized effort are to improve the quality of programs, increase opportunities, and make PLEs more accessible to students. Minimum requirements have been established for PLEs and a website is on-line. It is hoped that the Oregon University System will, in the next biennium, seek special funding to support internships.

Anita Weis was promoted to full professor fall 1999. She had three articles published during the past year, presented three papers at various conferences, and is the recipient of several teaching and fellowship awards, including support to conduct research in Malaysia, summer 2000. Her book Islam, Gender, and Human Rights: State Responses to International Agreements in Progress and under negotiation with a major university press. She is coeditor (with Clifague Gilmour) and contributor in Power and Oral Society in Pakistan, Oxford University Press (expected winter 2000). She is a member of the Editorial Board of Citizenship Sociology, a refereed journal on work on contemporary issues of citizenship, human rights, and democratic processes. She is an elected member of the Board of Trustees of the UO Foundation, 1999-2002, and has served as consultant in several IES cases.

ADJUNCT FACULTY NEWS

Julia Fox has accepted a ten-track position at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. She and her family will move there this summer. Her chapter “Women’s Work and Resistance in EPZs: A Comparative Analysis of Mexico, South Korea and the Philippines” will be published in Labor, Capital, and the State: The Labor Process and the Changing Nature of Work in the Global Political Economy (Prager) summer 2000. She presented two papers at the 1999 PAA meeting: "Contingent Academic Labor" and "The Rise of Paleoconservatism and Anti-immigration Policies." She also made several local presentations on welfare reform and hunger among the working poor in Oregon.

Leslie Rall will present her research on theological notions of respect/mutuality/equality in the division of household labor as it relates to gender, at the Society of Pastoral Theology annual meeting in Atlanta, GA in June.

GRADUATE PROGRAM

The Sociology graduate program currently enrolls 48 students. This year two candidates completed the Ph.D. Marilyn Carter and Shelley Kowalski, and three have completed the Master’s degree this year: Andrea Cooks, Joel Schoening, and Hava Gordon.

In the academic year 1999/2000 we welcomed 8 new graduate students: Marie De la Torre, Laura Earnes, Mara Eidel, Allison Hurst, Terry Jones, Bernard Navarro, Lara Ven, Daniel Wilson. For 2000/2001, 2 candidates for the Ph.D. degree have been admitted to the graduate program from a pool of 65 applicants. This acceptance rate of 14% is higher than previous record and speaks to the overall competitiveness of our program in attracting excellent students, as we maintain our commitment to increased diversity in our graduate program. The 2000/201 cohort members are: Eric Edwards, Mark Hudson, Andrew Jones, Dean Le Breet, Jeremy Schwengker, Jayson Son. Xiaoe Sun, Scott Yamamoto, Jagyna (Michael) Yang.

GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

Bert Burraston and wife, Debbie, welcomed a baby son, Alberto, on January 6, 2000.

Andrea Cooks presented a paper at the Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, October 1999. She completed a descriptive comparison of classrooms in Walla Walla and Thurston, Oregon middle schools as part of an ongoing program evaluation of the Springfield, Oregon public schools. She also organized a panel entitled "The Sociological Import of the Narrative: Expanding Our Research Horizons" for the 2000 Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting in March.

Rossane Gerbrandy, Hava Gordon, Gwen McKoy, Jay Straughfield, and Barbara Sutton presented papers at a panel on issues with gender at the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting in March 2000 in San Diego.

Hava Gordon will be studying Spanish at the University of Havana, Cuba for the next month this summer in a program sponsored by Global Exchanges, a non-profit organization.

Scott Harris received a Charlotte W. Newcombe dissertation fellowship for the year 2000/01. He helped organize (with Name, Amir Mezghani, Kari Norgard, and Kenneth Lowman) the 38th Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, held at UO October 1999. Harris was elected to the Executive Board of the Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences. His article "Meanings and Measurements of Equality in Marriage: A Study of the Social
Constitution of Equality," has been accepted for publication in Perspectives on Social Problems of IAI Press. His article "The Social Construction of Equality in Everyday Life" has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Human Studies.

Craig Hunteletter is currently working as a researcher for the Minnesota State Legislature while he finishes his dissertation. He presented papers at the International Conference on Survey Nonresponse (with Patricia Gwartyne), and the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society. Craig currently has two articles under review, both co-authored with Patricia Gwartyne.

Leontina Horlom has returned to Eugene after a year's study in St. Petersburg, Russia. She is teaching SOC sociology courses during the academic year 2000-01.

Shelley Kowalski was awarded the Ph.D. with distinction and has assumed a position as program evaluator for the Multnomah County Department of Support Services, Evaluation Research Unit.

Gwen McEvoy, Name, Kari Norgaard, and Barbara Sutton, each were recipients of a University Scholarship. McEvoy will be transferring to UCLA's sociology department next fall, where she plans to pursue her primary research interests in gender and work in Poland and Eastern Europe. She was awarded university fellowships for the fifth and fifth years, as well as three years of TARÁ funding in between.

Ami Menahar has accepted a teaching position at Pinzer College in southern California beginning Fall 2000.

Bernard Navarro and wife Jean welcomed a baby son, Bernard, on April 15, 2000.

Name presented a paper at the Society for Psychometrics and the Human Sciences, October 1999, entitled "Reclaiming the Desire of the \"Higher\" Lacanian Psychoanalytic Theory and Italian Women's Psychoanalysis."

Kari Norgaard received grants from the Fulbright Foundation and the American Scandinavian Foundation for dissertation work in Norway (she declined the Fulbright). She also received a research support grant from the UO Graduate School to support preliminary research conducted in spring 2000. She will be in Norway for the year beginning June 2000 conducting a qualitative study of how people experience, normalize, deny, and respond to environmental problems.

Sergio Rosner took a year off from graduate studies to assume a position at the Eugene office of the 2000 Census as Assistant Manager of Recruiting. He is responsible for recruiting, testing, hiring and training applicants from six southwestern Oregon counties.


NEW UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

Comments from the Undergraduate Coordinator - Michael Dreiling, Assistant Professor

In my second year as Undergraduate Coordinator, it is evident that the Sociology undergraduate program offers an exciting major. Our new concentration and revised honors programs are off to a fine start. I express gratitude to my colleagues who helped implement these changes: Jocelyn Hollister, Janninh Shias, and Mia Tuan. Team's role in establishing and teaching the first honors seminar in sociology at the UO is particularly noted. They improved 6 honors students in exemplary scholarship and guided them through the development of solid research proposals. These 8 students worked diligently throughout the year to complete their theses and graduate with honors. To me this perspective, there are more honors students graduating this year than is the last four years combined! Similarly, the optional concentration program has attracted much interest as students pursue their field of choice in sociology, allowing them to understand both the "grand scope" of sociology while delving deeper into a particular area of sociology.

On other notes, sociology remains a dynamic of an undergraduate major: 543 majors, 293 graduates this year, 8 senior honors students, 34 new ABD members, a University-recognized peer advising program, continued recognition of a model internship program, teaching excellence by our faculty, instructors, and TAs, a visionary department head, a creative and helpful staff. In the better place are the applied and theoretical dimensions of sociology wed that in our distinguished internship program. In that Program, Professor Don Van Houten who is new coordinating the University-wide internship opportunities, passed the baton to Dr. Leslie Holt who has taken his spots in our internship program. In all, we can be excited about these developments as they add opportunities and direction to our majors and the World now intend to shape these wishes to our graduates!

Alpha Kappa Delta Initiates New Members

The University of Oregon Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society inducted 34 new members into its chapter. Dr. Silver Barker, OBE, Professor of Sociology, London School of Economics and Political Science, was the keynote speaker at the induction ceremony in April. Sociology Department Head, Lawrence Carter, also spoke briefly on sociology at Oregon.


ABD emphasizes undergraduate interests in intellectual activism and sociological issues. As a National honor society, it provides the opportunity to become more involved in the Sociology
Department. It is one of the first steps in introducing its members to the professional community in sociology.

Phi Beta Kappa News

Congratulations to the following sociology majors who were elected to Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest and most prestigious honor society in the nation:

Megam Patrice Boone
Lai Ng Chen
Tamara Linnea Home
Susan Jennifer Silver
Iayshay Elizabeth Jereet Smith
Katherine Louise Strickoff

Latin Honors for Sociology Undergraduates

Graduating with Latin honors this spring are the following sociology undergraduate majors:

Sawana cum Laude: Megan Boone, Richard Cook, Sean Potter, Iayshay Smith
Mequaga cum Laude: Elizabeth Jay Friedrich, Arwen Maus, Despain
Cum Laude: Aen Ehinor, Tamara Home, Melisha Jones, Laura Elizabeth Mattiusse, Natalie Masada White, Jodie Meyer

Sociology undergraduates receiving department honors are:

Honor: Sandra Colton, Richard Cook, Jackson Jeyanayagam, Melanie Jones, Rachelle Panas, Anna Peterson
High Honors: Iayshay Smith
Highest Honors: Robin Tiedeman

ALUMNI NEWS

Katherine A. Black (BS '83 magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa) is the Occupational Health and Safety Director for American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), District Council 47, in Philadelphia. PA which represents technical and professional employees, most of whom work for the City of Philadelphia. She is also President of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) and serves on the National Executive Board of CLUW. She sends best wishes to anyone who remembers her.

James Dickson-Brown (BS '72) completed a four-year tour as Cultural Affairs Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in August 1999 and began a two-year tour as a Program Officer at the Foreign Press Center in New York City in September 1999.

Abby Ferber (PhD '94) received early promotion to Associate Professor with tenure at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.

Ann Travers (PhD '96) accepted a tenure-track Assistant Professor position at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, B.C.

Leslie Hendrickson (MA '67, PhD '70) is currently an Assistant Commissioner in the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services. He supervises Medicaid long-term care programs including nursing facility and home and community-based services.

Harry L. Humphries (PhD '84) Associate Professor of Sociology at Pittsburg State University, has a new contribution to Sociology: Relationships That Make a World (Kendall/Hunt 1998) co-authored with Marjorie E. Donovan and Jane L. Gottman. Dr. Humphries is also past president of Pittsburg State University/Kansas National Education Association that represents the award and tuition-earning faculty in collective bargaining at Pittsburg State University.

Fida Mohamed (PhD '94) and his wife are expecting their second child. Fida is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Eastern New Mexico State University.

Wendy Ng (PhD '89) is an Associate Professor at San Jose State University, Department of Sociology and Asian American Studies Program. She is on sabbatical leave for 1999-2000 at the MIT's College Women's Leadership Institute in Oakland, California. Her second child, Natalie Suyoko Jee, was born in December 1999. Her first child, Justin is 7.5 years old.

John Scanlon (PhD '64) has just published Designing Families: The Search for Self and Community in the Information Age. Pine Forge/Sage.

SOCIETY HONOR ROLL

Dooms from July 1, 1998 to present

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