

SOCIOLOGY / ANTHROPOLOGY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I would like to welcome everyone, students, alums, and friends to volume 1, issue 1 of the Department's first newsletter. It will be issued once a semester (twice a year) and will regularly feature students on the Dean's List, scholarship recipients, recent graduates, news from the Department, state of the Department, and successes of our alums. If you are an alumnus of the Department and you have recently received a graduate degree, have changed employment or have been promoted, have had a child, or have other news you would like to share, contact the department (amrroads2@eiu.edu; be sure to include your name while a student and your year of graduation). As alums and

friends, this is our newsletter, jointly owned by you and the Department. Blair Hall, home to the Department since 1990, burned in April of 2004, and after two years of being "homeless," the Department returned to Blair in April of 2006. The rehabilitated facility is a showcase, and you are invited to stop in and visit our new accommodations. A year following the fire, in May of 2005, Drs. Ron Wohlstein and Joanne Magalis retired, after some 35 years of service. In December of 2005, the departmental secretary of 12 years, Kathy Bayles, retired. On a regrettable note, Ms. Karen Hartbank, after 17 years with the Department, went on disability

this summer, battling cancer. We miss them all and we join you in wishing them well. We celebrate the successes of the Department, thanks to emeritus faculty and alumni and friends like you. Since 2000, through their generosity, the Department has received 4 endowed scholarships to honor and assist students. Check out the link and become part of that success if you are able. More importantly, explore this newsletter and either stay in touch or re-establish touch. A college major is like a tattoo. Once earned, you can't take it off or throw it away. You are part of us, and we are part of you. Embrace what you have done.

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SOCIOLOGY CLUB

Greetings! The Sociology Club had a very productive last year. Among other things, we had two cookouts and organized three major service events. In the fall we collected over \$400 in donations for an Angel Tree Christmas drive. Then, while working with a local social service organization, we purchased and wrapped gifts for 8 children who otherwise would not have received presents. In February, we co-organized and staffed a Red Cross

Blood Drive with Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology Honor Society. We collected approximately 30 units to replenish supplies at the local blood bank. Our third project was "Beyond Words: A Museum of Oppression" experience in April. We created an exhibit that highlighted many unique contributions of 'Women in the Military' and received numerous compliments about the display. Our primary goals are to provide a place to meet and discuss

Sociology, facilitate workshops and organize service projects on campus and in the community. If you are interested in joining the club, membership is open to all Sociology majors, Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology minors, and others who are interested. For more information, visit us at www.eiu.edu/~socclub or email Professor Lovekamp at welovekamp@eiu.edu or Professor Deerman at medeerman@eiu.edu.

We are on the web
www.eiu.edu/~soc1

SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS

We are proud to announce the recipients of the 2006 Sociology/Anthropology scholarships:

Sociology/Anthropology Alumni Scholarship—Shauna Sutton

Stan, Dee, and Meagan Braden Scholarship—Michelle Tate

Richard and Kathy Hummel Scholarship—Joseph Splittorff

Robert and Luz Whittenbarger Scholarship—Jessica Matthews

Elisha H. and Estella Ziegler Baumgartner (College of Sciences)—Dustin Yocum

These scholarships are made possible by the generous donations of alumni and former faculty. All scholarship donors and recipients are listed for recognition on plaques that are now hanging on our new office, Blair 3170. A reception coffee will be held for them on Saturday, October 21st, from 8-9:30 in Blair 3108.



GENDERED LABOR & THE SOCIAL VOICE OF QUILTS

The summer section of SOC 3987: Gendered Labor and the Voice of Quilts studied the use of quilts as a form of activist expression by women throughout US History. As part of the course, students individually created quilt blocks that addressed issues of gender and disaster throughout the world. The blocks were then pieced and quilted by the class during the final meeting. The quilt blocks include four

addressing Hurricane Katrina and issues such as violence and trauma against women in the shelters, the children of the disaster, the current decisions on how and what to rebuild, and the hope and care of those around the country for the victims of the disaster. Blocks were also created addressing other recent disasters such as the rebuilding of Miami after Hurri-

cane Andrew, the earthquake in Pakistan, and the Tsunami of Asia last year. There were also several general blocks addressing topics such as the types of assistance provided by the Red Cross and the impact of tragedy and disaster on personal lives. Once the quilt is finished, it will be donated to the American Red Cross Central Illinois Chapter in the Champaign, IL office later this semester.



SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY DEAN'S LIST—SPRING 2006

Students who took 12 or more graded hours during the Spring Semester, whose semester grade point averages fall in the top 10%, and who have sociology as their declared major have their names on the Dean's List. This is equal to a 4.00. Congratulations to these students!

Sarah Biswurm

Elizabeth Emery

Lindsey Joyce

Kerry Kluzek

Daniel May

Shauna Sutton

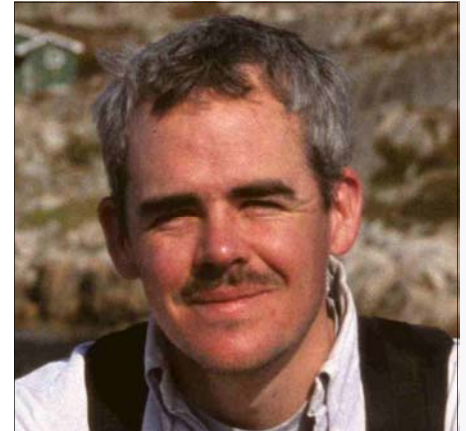
Natalie Toth

Siga Vasaitis

DON HOLLY, PHD

Professor Don Holly joined the Department of Sociology and Anthropology in the fall of 2005. He comes to us from the University of Rhode Island, where he taught for several years after earning his Ph.D. from Brown University in 2002. Professor Holly's research interests center on hunters and gatherers, the pre/history of Native North American Indians, the relationship between Anthropology and Geography, and the archaeological record

of Arctic and Subarctic North America. He has recently completed a study of vampire gravesites in Southern New England and is currently engaged in an archaeological research project on the Island of Newfoundland. Professor Holly teaches Introduction to Anthropology, Native American Cultures, Hunters and Gatherers, Human Evolution, and Archaeology of the Earliest Civilizations.

**BILL LOVEKAMP, PHD**

Professor Bill Lovekamp joined the Department of Sociology and Anthropology in the fall of 2005, after spending a year as a visiting instructor at Southern Oregon University. He completed his Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in the spring of 2006. Professor Lovekamp has substantive training in the sociology of disasters, collective

behavior & social movements, race/ethnicity and gender studies. His primary research interests include dynamics of disaster preparedness and recovery, how vulnerability to disasters is influenced by race/ethnicity, gender, and social class, perceptions of risk, and environmental racism. Professor Lovekamp currently teaches Introduction to Sociology, Research

Methods, and Sociology of Disasters at EIU, and has taught social movements and activism, popular culture, race/ethnicity, gender relations, classical theory and community studies at SOU and SIU. He is also faculty co-advisor to the Sociology Club.

**ROGER CUNNINGHAM, MA**

Roger Cunningham joined the Department of Sociology & Anthropology in the fall term of 2005. He is a graduate of both Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and Eastern Illinois University, where he completed his Master's in Sociology. He was employed as a police officer for the City of Charleston for over 25 years. During this time he served as the internship coordina-

tor, providing a "hands on" learning experience for many college students, and completed hundreds of hours of training on police and police management related topics. He specialized in community policing, completing two research projects that gave direction to the City of Charleston on how best to provide policing services to the community. In addition, he researched

and evaluated court penalties concerning the recidivism rate for convicted DUI drivers in an attempt to lower repeat offenses. Mr. Cunningham retired as the Assistant Chief of Police in 2005 and currently teaches Social Problems in Contemporary Society, Introduction to Criminology, Policing Society: A Sociological Analysis, and Corrections.



GENE DEERMAN, PHD

Professor Gene Deerman comes to us via California (where she grew up) and Michigan (where she earned her PhD at the University of Michigan in 2001 and taught in the Department of History from 2003-2005). Since moving to Illinois, Professor Deerman has discovered auctions, so let her know about any upcoming sales in the area! She has taught English as a Second Language, archival research methods, and narrative analysis of primary materials. In work on right-wing political activism, Professor

Deerman has focused on the Christian Right and on conservative think tanks. Recently, she completed a study of popular press accounts of a "chastity revolution" and she is developing that study into an historical examination how conservative ideologies enter into the public sphere. Professor Deerman teaches Introduction to Sociology, Social Psychology, and Collective Behavior and Social Movements. Additionally, she co-advises the Sociology Club.

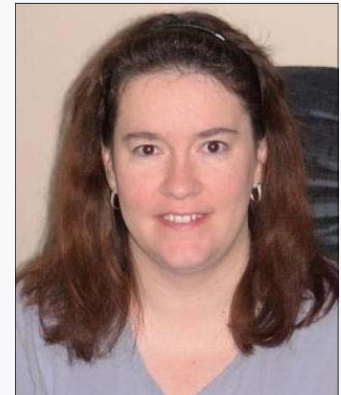


ANGIE RHOADS, SECRETARY

Angie Rhoads is the new secretary for Sociology/Anthropology. She joined the department at the start of the Spring semester, just in time for the return to Blair. Angie brings with her a strong computer and clerical background, including substantial experience

with Continuous Improvement and the creation of visual workplaces. She spent several years in a corporate business environment, the last of it with an Information Technology Department where she specialized in software including Microsoft Office and multiple

database packages. She has earned her Bachelor's degree from Eastern and is looking forward to finishing her Master's in Business Administration here in 2007.



CRIMINOLOGY MINOR

The interdisciplinary criminology minor at Eastern offers both criminal justice and criminal administration options, with coursework substantially from political science and sociology. Other departments contributing coursework to the minor include business, economics, philosophy, and psychology. Majors in either political science or sociology can complete the minor with mini-

mal additional coursework since double counting is permitted. However, the minor is relevant for other majors with career interests in law enforcement (e.g., biology majors wishing to enter conservation enforcement). The minor emphasizes the theoretical and conceptual contexts that will compliment the practical training of police academies.
Core Requirements: PHI

3070 Philosophy of Law, PLS 3543 Civil Liberties in America, and SOC 2761 Introduction to Criminology. The Criminal Justice option leans heavily toward sociology courses, while the Criminal Administration option offers many political science choices. You may view a [checklist](#) of the requirements on the Sociology website.



SOC 4240—SOCIOLOGY OF DISASTERS

Soc 4240, Sociology of Disasters, is a new course that will be offered in the Spring semester of 2007 by Professor Lovekamp. In this course, we will discuss how and why natural and technological disasters are social events that are often complicated by stratification and inequality. This is most recently evident in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Unfortunately, natural and technological

disasters are increasingly common and we are often ill prepared. We will also examine what constitutes a disaster, various types of disasters and hazards, how communities and individuals typically prepare (or don't prepare) for them, how survivors respond, myths about human behavior in disasters, the role of the media, organizational response patterns, and the role of planning and mitigation. We will also

have guests from local community organizations, emergency management professionals, and local Red Cross officials to discuss their roles in disaster planning and management. **This course will meet on Monday nights from 6-8:30.** Prerequisite: SOC 2710.



ANT 3900—HUNTERS AND GATHERERS

Hunters & Gatherers (Anthropology 3900) is a new course that will be offered for the first time in the Spring of 2007. Taught by Professor Holly, the course examines a way of living that characterized human existence for about 99% of our tenure on the planet, and that continues to play an important role in the lives of many

people today. Part survey of hunting and gathering societies (past and present) and part intellectual history of scholarship on hunters and gatherers, the course aims to expose students to a wide range of hunting and gathering societies while also introducing students to key debates in hunter-gatherer research. **The course will**

meet Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9-9:50 am. Prerequisite: ANT 2200 or permission of the instructor.



RECENT GRADUATES

Spring 2006

Mike C. Addams
Lorne P. Benjamin
Patrick M. Beurskens
Kevin P. Boudreau
Joseph C. Brennan
Kristi A. Brownfield
Jessica M. Brumfield
Thomas P. Buividas
Tara M. Coghlan
Kathryn A. Connell
Jason G. Demas
Cathianne Dobkins
Sara E. Duncan
Brandice M. Ewald
William J. Fitzgibbon

Darrell James Flynn
Daniel A. Fugazzotto
Joshua David Gomes
Kristin R. Graham
John W. Hinton
Daniel D. Jamieson
Michelle A. Jenco
Danielle E. Jones
Michele E. Kotas
Laura A. Madsen
James A. Mathewson
Daniel J. May
Erin M. Miller
Ashley E. Mundell
Katie A. Naumann
Carrie E. Neese

Amy K. Olbrisch
Erin J. Pence
Michael A. Pruski
Kathryn A. Reynolds
Bradley A. Rostron
Elizabeth A. Shields
Lucas G. Sigrist
Nickolas L. Sloat
Sarah C. Tharp
Erica K. Vanecek
Siga A. Vasaitis
Leslie M. Warren
Misty D. Wilson
Brandy B. Wolke
Teacher Certification
Brian J. Gorman

Summer 2006

Jessica Berg
Benjamin Bermingham
Sandy Croft
Tamika Hunt
Erin Hurley
Michelle Lane
Brandon McVey
Dustin Sigler
Tariisa Sneed
Brianna Stingel
Jeff Streul
Michael Sudaj
Jacquelyn Wade
Erica Walker

