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Alumni Corner

You were once part of us, when you were a student, our student, and we want you back, not just as an Eastern alum, but as an alum of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, your home at Eastern. Become part of us again. You can, and you can in numerous ways.

First, just let us hear from you. Tell us when you graduated and what you are doing. We would appreciate posting news from you in our next newsletter so that we might share your news with your former classmates. Have you ever wondered about a former classmate? We would be glad to post your professional and personal news, even your email address if you wish.

Second, if you are employed by a public agency or a private corporation, in a setting, department, or situation that might offer internship opportunities for majors in sociology, let us hear from you. We would love to inventory the potential opportunity so that our current students might learn and grow under the direction of our former students. Share with, and nurture that next generation if you are able.

Third, if your agency, company, or corporation is advertising for a position to be filled, urge your employer to post that position

with Placement Services at Eastern, and let us know as well. How cool would it be to hire an Eastern graduate, maybe even a graduate of Sociology/Anthropology.

Fourth, if you have children that are now approaching college age, urge them to think about attending Eastern. Create that generational legacy. If they are not interested in sociology or the social sciences, that is ok. Eastern, as a comprehensive, regional university, can likely fulfill their interests, and as good a school as it was when you were here, it is even better now.

Fifth, finally, last but not least, consider becoming a donor to the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, maybe even a regular donor. **DON'T STOP READING NOW!!!** Your gift need not be large, and it need not "hurt" to make a difference. I have just completed my 26th year at Eastern. Most alums do not give, though many have been very generous, giving \$100 to \$500 per year. However, in my 26 years at Eastern, we have easily graduated an average of 75 students per year, and in just that time, if each alum gave only \$10 per year, that would approach \$20,000 per year, and every gift we receive, unless otherwise stipulated by the donor, is used to benefit students. Contact the Department, the College of Sciences, or the EIU Foundation to make a donation

In Memoriam

Karen Kay Hartbank passed away May 8, 2007, after her long battle with cancer. Proudly, for all of us, just that previous Saturday, May 5, Karen processed in with the rest of the faculty at commencement. She saw her son, Bobby, graduate from Eastern, and she greeted 34 sociology graduates, many of them her former students. Karen earned both her Bachelors of Arts and her Masters of Arts in sociology from Eastern. She then taught for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology from 1988 to 2005. Over the years, she touched the lives of numerous students, inspiring many to declare their major in sociology. She was a genuine university citizen, always seeking to do more. She was always willing and eager to take on extra courses for the benefit of students and the department, or to enroll just one more student into her already full classes. Karen's passion for teaching ensured an excellence that she consistently delivered to her students, and she was a sincere and congenial colleague who always sought to contribute to the Department, to Eastern, and most importantly, to her students. She is profoundly missed, and she will be enduringly remembered.

SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS

We are proud to announce the recipients of the 2007 Sociology/Anthropology scholarships:

Sociology/Anthropology Alumni Scholarship—John Hamilton
 Stan, Dee, and Meagan Braden Scholarship—Donald Thomas
 Richard and Kathy Hummel Scholarship—Lindsay Foster Wilson
 Robert and Luz Whittenbarger Scholarship—Brandon St. Michael
 Elisha H. and Estella Ziegler Baumgartner (College of Sciences)—Wendy Downing

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. Please see our website for pictures of the scholarship reception. www.eiu.edu/~soc1/ScholarshipInfo.php



SCHOLARSHIPS ON THE “GROW”

The Department is pleased to announce that the endowments for two of its scholarships have nearly doubled recently. Through the generosity of Richard and Kathy Hummel, the endowment for the Hummel Scholarship was recently increased to \$10,000. Thank you, Dick and Kathy Hummel.

Through the generosity of alumni and friends, the endow-

ment for the Alumni Scholarship was also increased to \$10,000. The Alumni Scholarship was literally created and later doubled through gifts ranging from \$10 to \$500, so no gift is too small to help us reach our ultimate goal of a \$20,000 endowment. Unless otherwise specified by the donor, most gifts are used to increase the Alumni Scholarship endowment, enabling recogni-

tion of student excellence and success.

The generosity of our alumni and friends, people like you, has made the creation and growth of this scholarship possible, and its continued growth is possible only through your continuing generosity. We invite you to share in this success by becoming a regular donor.

SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY DEAN'S LIST

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!

Fall 2006

Kevin Born
 John Hamilton
 Megan Kearns
 Jessica Matthews
 Mary Beth Schmitt
 Joseph Splittorff
 Michelle Tate
 Kara Taylor
 Elise Whitlatch
 Dustin Yocum

Spring 2007

Kevin Born
 Timothy Crane
 Kevin Fitzgerald
 Lindsay Foster
 John Hamilton
 Jessica Matthews
 Molly Poland
 Jennifer Reinert
 Donald Thomas
 Elise Whitlatch
 Dustin Yocum

ANTHROPOLOGY FACULTY AND STUDENTS DIG FIELDWORK

Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Don Holly, led excavations at an archaeological site on the island of Newfoundland (Canada) this past summer. Despite the fact that portions of the site were still snow covered in late May, excavations proved fruitful; several dozen artifacts and thousands of animal bone fragments were recovered. The stone tools unearthed at the site suggest that

this location was occupied by the prehistoric ancestors of the Beothuk Indians of Newfoundland sometime between AD 400 and AD 1100. The discovery of animal bone at the site was a pleasant surprise. Typically animal remains and other organic material does not preserve well in Newfoundland's acidic soils. But in this case the bone survived due to the fact that it had been charred in a

hearth after cooking. Thanks to this unique situation, it is likely that the bones will yield important information regarding the diet of the people who lived at the site and the time of the year that they there. Professor Holly hopes to conduct additional excavations at this site in the near future.



In addition to Professor Holly's work in Newfoundland, two EIU anthropology students conducted excavations of their own in the summer of 2007. Brian Thomas, who is pursuing a minor in anthropology, excavated at the nearly 10,000 yr old [Hudson-Meng Bison Kill Site](#) in northwest Nebraska, and Melissa Ortiz, who is also pursuing a minor in anthropology at EIU, worked at a middle Woodland/Hopewell (50 BC to AD 250) site in Kampsville Illinois. Students who are interested in anthropology and fieldwork should discuss research opportunities with Professor Holly.

Figure 1: Professor Holly's excavations in Newfoundland.



Figure 2: Brian Thomas (foreground) excavating the Hudson-Meng Bison Kill site in northwest Nebraska.



Figure 3: Melissa Ortiz excavating at a middle Woodland site in Kampsville, Illinois.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS RESEARCH

Bill Lovekamp, Assistant Professor of Sociology, completed research on levels of student disaster preparedness at EIU last academic year with research assistance from former Sociology major and current graduate student in Counseling and Student Development, Michelle Tate. Using survey research methods, we disseminated questionnaires to EIU students to measure perceived risk of tornados and earthquakes affecting them while in school and what they do to prepare for such events. Michelle was largely responsible for collecting the questionnaires, entering data into SPSS, running basic frequency distributions and chi square tests and entering the infor-

mation into tables for presentation. After we completed data collection and initial analysis, we presented the research findings in a Sociology of Disasters Session of the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, April 4, 2007 in Chicago, IL. The research manuscript is currently being revised, as per reviewer comments, for publication in the International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters. Professor Lovekamp will continue this research by conducting focus group interviews with students this academic year, with Sara McMahon serving as his research assistant.

EASTERN ILLINOIS CENTER FOR AMERICAN POLICY (EICAP)

With fresh insights and whole-hearted enthusiasm, sociology students are bringing a remarkable opportunity to Eastern students in the form of a new RSO.

The organization, called the Eastern Illinois Center for American Policy (EICAP), contributes to a national move to develop young people's thinking on crucial issues. For example, the Roosevelt Institution, founded in 2005, is now a national network of campus-based student think tanks. EICAP and the Roosevelt Institution share a vision: Every student has at least one good idea in their college career and these good ideas should get to policymakers. In that spirit, EICAP plans to re-

search, analyze and propose policy solutions to issues relevant to central Illinois. Other issues on EICAP's agenda are the politics of the Middle East and civil engagement across the political spectrum. EICAP members from sociology include (in alphabetical order):

Trisha Brewer (Vice-President)
Randi Brown
Jamie Flood
John Hamilton (President)
Michel Lake
Ryan Linsley (Secretary)
Ryan Morrison (Treasurer)
Brandon St. Michael
Ian Sheppard
Mike Wentzloff
Other members include, Jeremy Bowling, Mark Feimer, Chester

Feather, Matthew Niemerg, Ninos Oshana, and Sean Walker.

EICAP debuts this semester with public film showing, aimed at bringing together politically-minded folks from across the political spectrum. Also in the works is a public forum on Iran. We are pleased to feature our own Dr. Max Kashefi at this event. New members are welcome! Please contact any of the students named above or the faculty advisors, Dr. Deerman (medeerman@eiu.edu) and Dr. Hake (erhake@eiu.edu).

CRIMINOLOGY MINOR UPDATE

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 minimal

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 CLUB

The Sociology Club proudly announces the following new officers for the 2007-2008 academic year:

President: Trisha Brewer

Vice-President: John "Hollywood" Hamilton

Treasurer: Jamie Flood

Secretarial-Duo: Wendy Downing—Kaylee Nunamaker

We welcome each of them to their leadership position within the Department of Sociology & Anthropology! Thanks to all of the students who ran for office, we appreciate their participation in the election process. The Sociology Club agenda for the year includes several service opportunities, fundraising events, a movie night, and career advising for sociology majors. Keep an eye out for collection boxes marked for donations to P.A.D.S (the Charleston-Mattoon area shelter and food pantry for needy people). We will be collecting non-perishable food to help P.A.D.S in their service efforts.

Wondering about your career? This fall the Club will host a career workshop with Eastern's Office of Career Services. We are also inviting a social worker to talk about the work they do and offer their advice for students interested in pursuing a career in social work.

And, in case you are new to the Club, here's a review of last year's activities. Fall semester we ran a very successful Christmas Toy Drive. Club members collected funds to bring toys to approximately 92 families in the area.

You may still view photos from the Soc Club presentation at the Museum of Oppression in January (www.eiu.edu/~socclub). Trisha Brewer, Kiley McCormack, and Ashley Meeker (AKD) did a fabulous job presenting the difficulties of reentry into society after having served time in prison. The Soc Club hosted a guest speaker on volunteering in Charleston. Curtis Ropiequet spoke

with the Club last November about volunteering with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. As he described it, becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister makes it possible to contribute to our community by providing support and mentoring to kids in need. Internships at Big Brothers/Big Sisters are another opportunity that would provide experience for students interested in working in community agencies.

The Soc Club also hosted the Office of Career Services and Club members learned how to market their sociology background to potential employers. Our speaker, Bobbi Kingery, also described the range of career development services offered by her office and encouraged everyone to come by to take full advantage of these resources *before* senior year.

Please contact any of the Club officers for more information on getting involved, or check our website, www.eiu.edu/~socclub.

RECENT GRADUATES

Fall 2006

Arthur, Kristopher C
Burkett, Casey A.
Croucher, Chad D.
Culberson, Eric C.
Disa, Hopeton
Ebel, Erin L.
Gray, Anthony
Guerrero, Guillermo
Hillstrom, Justin
Ingram, Rapheal D.
King, Angela M.
Lyday, Christopher
Nelson, Eric James
Nichols, Nathan S.
Nichols, Zachary W.
Nyboer, Rachel A.
Power, Michael R.
Rivera, Adam M.
Roberson, Bianca C.
Schmidt, Megan M.

Splittorff, Joseph C.
Stuemke, Shannon
Sutton, Shauna L.
Wahner, Sheri L.
Williams, Lauryn J.
Wisecup, Rebecca J.
Zakaras, Michael W.

Spring 2007

Arney, Kendra
Bottorff, Patrick
Butler, Jason
Cannon, Sarah
Chagnon, Mark
Click, Allison
Coppola, Patricia
Crabb, Stephen
Crite, Erin
Fairfield, Zachary
Gioia, Matt
Jenkins, Camilla
Joyce, Lindsey

Kachmar, Nicole
Keaty, Michael
Long, Heather
Matthews, Whitney
Matthews, Jessica
McNamer, Scott
Mueller, Timothy
Pittman, Erin
Poland, Molly
Reinert, Jennifer
Scheel, James
Tate, Michelle
Vacchiano, Melissa
Valcore, Laura
Volek, Nicholas
Whitlatch, Elise

Teacher Certification

Beck, Paul SP07
Huhra, Lindsay SP07
Kuehn, Stephen SP07
O'Brien, Sean SP07
Ochoa, Nick SP07
Schmitt, Mary SP07
Buatte, Jason FA06
Shapiro, Liana FA06
Shuler, Brianna FA06

Summer 2007

Cross, Cody
Gleason, Mark
McNicholas, Kevin
Mitchell, Daniel
Owens, Charles
Patterson, Adam
Pritchard, Matthew
Rumbaugh, Jeffrey
Shick, David
Vasser, Kinisha
Veach, Kimberly

