

## Letter From The Chair



As one of the top five programs in sociology in the United States, as indexed by the US News & World Report survey, we maintained our standing by being very active professionally: publishing, engaging in service to the profession, and mentoring our junior faculty and graduate students. Bernadette Gray-Little, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost,

sent us a letter in May, congratulating us on our “stellar ranking” in the US News and World Report listing. She wrote, “While I realize that such rankings have their limitations, the visibility and reputation they bring are well worth celebrating. I hope your students, faculty, and staff take a moment to share the pride of accomplishment that this ranking reflects. In times of budgetary stress, good news is worthy of special recognition and I consider this very good news! Please know how appreciative I am of your hard work in the fine accomplishments which have brought your program such praise. You help make Carolina a wonderful place to work and study and I send my heartfelt thanks.”

In addition to the usual yield of journal articles (48), chapters (22) and books (8), we participated in regional, national, and international professional associations. Particularly notable this year were the more than 90 talks given to professional and public audiences, as well as the many people who held offices in regional and national professional associations. Our members served on dozens of editorial boards, thus playing a central gate-keeping role in the flow of information in our discipline.

These achievements are in keeping with the department’s astonishing record, for a social science department, of raising millions of dollars in external funding for research. The department’s level of outside support per capita placed it first in the College over this past year.

We hired three new faculty members this year. Our search to “replace” retired Odum Distinguished Prof. Glen Elder was successful (of course, Glen is irreplaceable!), as we hired Kyle Crowder away from Western Washington University. He brings a wonderful sense of energy and purpose to the department with his research program and he’s already been recognized for his contributions by being elected to the department’s Executive Committee. On the junior level, we hired two assistant professors. Tony Perez, now a post-doc at the University of Washington studying ethnic identity, adds strength to our population studies area and will be a Fellow at the Carolina Population Center. The other junior person hired is Yong Cai, now an assistant professor at the University of Utah. His major research project investigates the one child population planning policy of China and he also will be a Fellow at the CPC.

Our members continued to win recognition for their achievements. Last August, Arne Kalleberg completed his one-year term as president of the American Sociological Association, and Kathie Harris began her term as president of the Population Association of America. Ken Bollen was elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Larry Griffin received several awards for his outstanding scholarship on the sociology of the South. Philip Cohen sustained a tradition of department members winning distinguished career awards from American Sociological Association sections, as he won an award from the Family Section.

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We capped the year with an outstanding commencement celebration on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, filling the auditorium in Hamilton Hall with family and friends of the graduating seniors. We call it a “celebration” because we invite and encourage people to applaud their graduates and to come down to the front of the auditorium to pose for photographs with them. Over the past few years, since we adopted this format, attendees have consistently reported that it is the most enjoyable graduation ceremony they’ve ever attended. Please come join us next year!

## New Faculty Members

*The UNC Department of Sociology welcomes three new members to our faculty. Kyle Crowder joined us starting in the spring 2009 semester. Yong Cai and Anthony Perez join us starting in the fall 2009 semester. Read more about them below.*

### Kyle Crowder



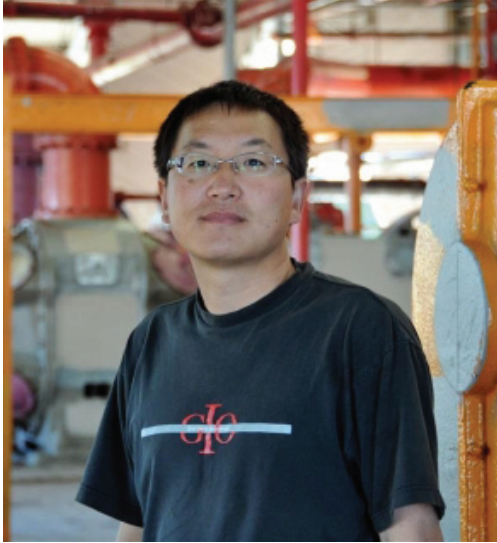
Kyle Crowder arrived at UNC in January, moving to Chapel Hill from Bellingham, Washington. Kyle earned his B.A. in Sociology in 1990 from the University of Washington and then worked for several years as a probation officer and counselor/caseworker for at-risk kids in Seattle. In 1997 he earned his Ph.D. in Sociology from SUNY-Albany and returned to his home state in 1998, accepting a position at Western Washington University in Bellingham.

At Western, Kyle developed a strong love for teaching and curricular development, leading the reconstruction of the department’s statistics-methods training sequence and serving on the college’s curriculum committee. He was also an active participant in faculty governance, serving multiple terms in the university’s Faculty Senate and chairing the Faculty Affairs Council for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. He was a founding member of the United Faculty of Western Washington and served on the union’s Executive Committee and Bargaining Team.

Kyle’s central research interests relate broadly to the causes and consequences of residential stratification. Stemming from this interest, his past work has included research on the historical migration of African Americans from the South to northern and western cities, and related patterns of residential segregation in metropolitan areas. Much of his recent work has dealt with questions related to racial and ethnic differences in residential mobility outcomes and neighborhood attainment, as well as the effects of community context on individual behavior. He is currently engaged in several large-scale research efforts, including a project to examine racial and ethnic differences in exposure to neighborhood environmental hazards, as well as the inter-neighborhood mobility processes that sustain these differences. In another ongoing project, Kyle is working to expand the study of contextual effects on educational and family-formation outcomes by developing and testing stronger measures of both the duration of exposure to particular neighborhood conditions and the characteristics of surrounding neighborhoods. He is also currently developing a new project, in collaboration with colleagues at UNC and the University of Colorado, examining the effects of proximity to pollution and other neighborhood influences on individual health outcomes.

Kyle has already received his first introduction to work with the outstanding students at UNC, teaching an undergraduate urban sociology course during the winter semester. He has also begun advising several of the department’s graduate students on their research projects and is looking forward to expanding these efforts in the fall with his first graduate seminar.

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Yong Cai joins the department after three years on the sociology faculty at the University of Utah. Growing up in rural China, and in an era marked with rapid social and political transformations, he developed early on his interest in the origin of social institution and the dynamic process of social change. He received his Ph.D. in sociology in 2005 from the University of Washington.

Yong's research interest ranges from social demography, to comparative and historical sociology, and to sociology of health, with a theme on the interplay of social forces and demographic variables. He is currently working on a project (funded by the MacArthur Foundation and the Ford Foundation) aimed at facilitating China's transition away from its "one-child" policy. Using a multi-method approach, the project seeks to understand the social forces behind China's below replacement fertility, and to disentangle the complexity between speedy fertility decline, rapid socioeconomic development,

and restrictive government policy in the context of global low fertility. Preliminary results from a longitudinal survey on Chinese family's reproductive intentions and plans suggest that the below replacement fertility in China is more a result of familial choices than a result of repressive policy.

Under the terms of the Freeman Foundation grant to UNC that made his position possible, Yong will be teaching two courses per year that have a substantial East Asian content. He will teach an undergraduate course on contemporary Chinese society and a graduate seminar on fertility.

## Anthony Perez



Anthony Daniel Perez is a social demographer with research interests in the areas of race/ethnicity, stratification, and quantitative methods. Dr. Perez received his Ph.D in Public Policy and Sociology from the University of Michigan in 2006, and has spent the last three years working as a postdoctoral fellow at the Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology at the University of Washington. This fall, he will join the department as an assistant professor of sociology and a faculty fellow at the Carolina Population Center.

Dr. Perez's recent research on race/ethnic classification and measurement has appeared in *Population and Development Review*, *Sociological Methodology*, and *Racism in Post-Race America: New Theories, New Directions*, Charles A. Gallagher, ed. His current research focuses on the overlap between first and third person measures of race/ethnicity, and the causes and consequences of divergence between the two.



## Jackie Hagan, Professor; Ted Mouw, Associate Professor; Sergio Chavez, Post-Doc

The U.S. economic crisis and the nation's stricter enforcement policies are shifting established migration patterns between the United States and Mexico. Not only are fewer Mexicans heading north because of declining U.S. job prospects and the dangers of crossing, but many Mexicans with established residential and work histories in the United States are also returning to their communities of origin. Some have been forced home carrying deportation orders, which have tripled in the last decade. Others, wishing to avoid the prospect of lengthy detention stays and subsequent family separation, have opted to return home voluntarily. Still others, facing dwindling employment prospects, have decided to return home and try their luck there. Return migration to Mexico has always been high, and the flow has always been selective. Nonetheless, it remains the neglected child of international migration. To narrow this research gap, Jackie Hagan, Ted Mouw, and Sergio Chavez are conducting a study that examines return migration in the Mexican state of Guanajuato with an eye towards understanding changing conditions of exit and the relative role of U.S. work experience and skill development, social capital, and participation in government programs for return migrants in explaining the labor market pathways and outcomes of return migrants.

The project builds over two stages with the goal of developing a research design to conduct a longitudinal study of return migration among a representative sample of migrants that have returned to Mexico since 2006, a turning point in U.S. economic conditions and immigration policy. In Stage One (February-March 2009), with funds awarded by the Institute for the Study of the Americas, Hagan and Chavez conducted preliminary in-depth interviews in the Guanajuato municipio of Juventino Rosas, a major sender of Mexicans to North Carolina. They met with government staff that work with return migrants and conducted interviews with returnees. Several themes emerged from the research, including: 1) changing conditions of exit and long term settlement plans, 2) transnational labor markets, and 3) the emerging role of the Mexican government in integration processes. Chavez, Hagan, and Mouw returned to the field in summer 2009 to further explore these themes. Rafael Gallegos Lerma, a second year graduate student in the department, joined them. Stage Two of the fieldwork was funded by a seed grant from the Carolina Population Center.

## Margarita Mooney, Assistant Professor

Margarita Mooney, Assistant Professor of Sociology, published two books in 2009. The first book, *Faith Makes Us Live: Surviving and Thriving in the Haitian Diaspora* (University of California Press 2009) is based on nearly two years of fieldwork she conducted for her dissertation at Princeton University. Drawing on extensive interviews and including rich details of everyday life, she explores the struggles and joys of Haitian Catholics in three very different cities: Miami, Montreal, and Paris. She finds that religious narratives--especially those about transformation and redemption--provide real meaning and hope in what are often difficult conditions. However, Mooney also finds that successful assimilation into the larger society varies from country to country. In the United States, the Catholic Church is able to offer services and advocacy that help immigrants succeed, but it is not able to do the same in France or Canada. In a blurb written for the book jacket, her colleague Andy Perrin calls *Faith Makes Us Live*, "An exemplar of theory-driven ethnographic research. Professor Mooney provides an ambitious, comparative study at once rich in detail and grand in scope. By systematically comparing three countries on two continents, this book uncovers crucial patterns of relationships among church, state, and civil society and how they affect immigrants on the ground." With the book release scheduled for August 1st, 2009, Dr. Mooney has already lined up three panels at different conferences in the summer and fall of 2009. She has also designed a blog to accompany her book that contains much of the visual material she collected for her fieldwork. See: <http://faithmakesuslive.blogspot.com>.

In April 2009, Professor Mooney also published a co-authored book (with Camille Z. Charles, Mary J. Fischer, and Douglas S. Massey) entitled *Taming the River: Negotiating the Academic, Financial, and Social Currents in Selective Colleges and Universities* (Princeton University Press). In this book, they examine the reasons for the minority achievement gap at elite institutions of higher education. Just prior to the release of the book, Dr. Mooney and her co-authors wrote an article featuring their book that appeared in the March 27, 2009 issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* that should help ensure that the book will be widely read and cited.

# Faculty Honors, Awards, and Books

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**Andy Andrews** - Selected as a Faculty Fellow of the Institute for the Arts and Humanities in the 2009-2010 academic year. As an Institute for the Arts and Humanities Fellow, Andrews will be working on a book about the campaigns to desegregate public facilities in the South prior to the 1964 Civil Rights Act that examines why movements succeed or fail.

**Judith Blau** - Asked to chair the Education Committee of AAAS's Human Rights Initiative. The Center for Human Rights created by Judith is a place for undergraduate hands-on learning as well as an advocacy and service NGO.

**Kenneth Bollen** - Named fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and won the Post Baccalaureate Teaching and Mentoring Award.

**Neal Caren** - Selected as the CURS Scholar-in-Residence for the spring 2010 semester. He will be studying why some areas in the US have higher levels of environmental inequalities based on race and class than other places, and under what conditions have local community organizations successfully mobilized to reduce pollution burdens in poor and non-white areas, either by stopping new facilities or cleaning up old ones. This project seeks to answer this set of related questions by combining new data on environmental hazards and environmental justice organizations and policies with census demographic data for large US cities annually from 1990 to 2005. Academically, the project will contribute to our understanding of stratification and environmental inequalities; social movement outcomes; and policy implementation.

**Philip Cohen** - Won the 2009 ASA Sex & Gender Best Article Award for his article with Matt Huffman entitled, "Working for the Woman: Female Managers and the Gender Wage Gap." In the article, they asked whether the gender characteristics of managers affect inequality for the non-managerial workers beneath them. Using a unique nested data set drawn from the 2000 Census, they found narrower gender wage gaps where there is greater representation of women in management, but only for high-status female managers.

**Glen Elder** - The journal *Research in Human Development* recently published a special issue celebrating Glen H. Elder, Jr.'s research on life course studies. The special issue, entitled "Glen H. Elder, Jr., and the Importance of Lived Experience," was edited by Michael J. Shanahan, a former CPC postdoctoral scholar and currently a Professor of Sociology at UNC-CH.

**Larry Griffin** - Received the Charles S. Johnson Award at the 2009 Southern Sociological Society meetings, given, according to the SSS webpage, "by the SSS to an individual in recognition of distinguished scholarly contributions on race and the South. The individual's contribution may be an exceptional single work, several pieces of work, or a significant career of professional achievement."

**Guang Guo** - Approved by the College of Arts and Sciences as the Odum Distinguished Term Professor in the Department of Sociology, effective July 1, 2009. This is a five-year appointment.

**Jackie Hagan** - Recently promoted from associate to full professor. Published book *Migration Miracle: Faith, Hope, & Meaning on the Undocumented Journey* (Harvard University Press, 2008). Received seed funding from the Institute for the Study of the Americas and from the Carolina Population Center for a project on return migration to Mexico (see Page 4 for more on this project).

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**Charles Kurzman** - Charles Kurzman's *Democracy Denied, 1905-1915* (Harvard University Press, 2008) examines a wave of democratic revolutions that consumed more than a quarter of the world's population in the years before World War I. Drawing on archival sources, contemporary newspapers, memoirs, and secondary materials, the book argues that the social carrier of democracy at this time was the emerging class of modern intellectuals, whose democratic alliance soon crumbled when intellectuals attempted to govern in accordance with their positivist ideology.

**Victor Marshall** - Received the Evelyn Shapiro Mentoring Award from the Canadian Association on Gerontology "in recognition of his contributions to the mentoring of students, new academics, and emerging scholars in the field of aging." He is also PI on a training grant from the National Institute on Aging to support CPHAR: the Carolina Program in Health and Aging Research. It provides funds to support two postdocs and four predocs.

**Margarita Mooney** - Selected as one of three new fellows in the "Engaged Scholars Studying Congregations" fellowship program. She also won a Junior Faculty Development Award.

**Andrew Perrin** - Appointed as the new Associate Chair starting in the Spring 2009 semester. Awarded the Phillip and Ruth Hettleman Prize for Artistic and Scholarly Achievement by Young Faculty at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Hettleman Prize, which carries a \$5,000 stipend, recognizes the achievements of outstanding junior tenure-track faculty or recently tenured faculty.

**Mike Shanahan** - Recently promoted from associate to full professor. He has been awarded a WN Reynolds leave for the spring semester of 2010 during which he will continue to examine issues related to molecular genetics and the life course, with an emphasis on education and health disparities. He has also been awarded a \$400,000 grant from NICHD to study gene-environment correlations involving social capital. It is a 2-year project looking at specific genes and their relationships to forms of social capital associated with schooling. For the project, he will use Add Health data.

**Cathy Zimmer** - Elected to be Vice President of the Southern Sociological Society.

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**Katherine Duncan**, BA, is currently a nurse at UNC hospitals. She said she went out into the world and did a variety of jobs including nanny, buyer/retail manager, purchasing officer for local government, and website designer/editor. After taking a class and becoming an EMT, she said she was inspired to become a nurse (also knowing the job market in this was excellent). She attended Watts School of Nursing and took her first job at the Burn Center at UNC Hospitals, later transferring to radiology nursing.

She said the biggest skill is empathy, which she attributes to the synergies between sociology and nursing. "There is no greater defining characteristic of a compassionate and thoughtful nurse than empathy for another person and the dilemmas of society." This is played out in care, but also in triaging needs, where she serves as the patient's advocate assessing the full person and family, education and communicating with the larger medical community.

She also said it is her hope to continue her education and possibly become a nursing instructor. She currently teaches CPR to hospital staff and community members. Her résumé lists extensive community service with the PTAs, scouts, schools, and Orange County Public Health Reserve Corps Nurses.

**Abbott Ferriss**, PhD 1950, is currently Professor of Sociology Emeritus at Emory University and has held that title since 1982. Dr. Ferriss is now under contract with Springer Publications for a book on *Approaches to Improving the Quality of Life*.

**Katherine Giuffre**, PhD 1996, is currently associate professor and co-chair of the Department of Sociology at Colorado College. Her book, *Collective Creativity: Art and Society in the South Pacific*, was published by Ashgate Publishing in May 2009.

**R. Wayne Kernodle**, PhD 1951, and **Ruth Lynch Kernodle**, MA 1943, both retired from teaching two decades ago. Wayne is a professor emeritus from the College of William & Mary, and his wife, Ruth, is a professor emerita from Christopher Newport University. After retiring from teaching, they founded the Christopher Wren Association (CWA) at William and Mary. The CWA is a volunteer-run lifelong learning program for retired members of the community.

**David George Morris**, BS Industrial Relations 1962, died April 9, 2007.

**Madeline Kay Perry**, BA 1975, graduated from the UNC School of Dentistry in 1978 and has been operating a solo dental practice in Jamestown, NC for 30 years. She has one son, age 12, and is an assistant Boy Scout leader. She wrote, "I am still interested in 'social patterns.' I have used some of my learned knowledge from both sociology and psychology courses over the years in dealing with people. I am a believer in an education that takes us through exposure to many disciplines."

**Dianne Reid**, BA 1973, is currently President of the Chatham County Economic Development Corporation.

**T.P. Schwartz-Barcott**, PhD 1975, has written a book published by Cambria Press in September 2008 entitled *After the Disaster: Re-creating Community and Well-being at Buffalo Creek since the Notorious Coal-Mining Disaster in 1972*.

**George Paul Vuckan**, MA 1949, died January 27, 2008. He taught for many years in Sunnyvale, CA. He previously taught at Wayne University, Detroit and Raleigh, NC public schools. He took very early retirement and spent the following years with his wife, in travel around the world. His wife, Norma, was Dr. Howard Odum's former secretary and friend.

*If you would like your alumni news included in the next issue of our newsletter, please fill out the "Alumni Notes" form on the last page of the newsletter. Include pictures, extra pages, and contact information as needed. We are always interested in what our alumni have accomplished.*



## Gay Capouch Kitson, PhD 1972



Gay Kitson, 67, who died Monday, July 21, 2008, was a retired professor of sociology at the University of Akron, and a former Case Western Reserve University teacher and researcher. Kitson died at Judson Park Retirement Community of complications from multiple myeloma, her family said.

She joined the University of Akron faculty in 1989, specializing in Sociology of the Family and Medical Sociology. She retired in 2003.

While at Case from 1968 to 1989, she was the principal investigator in several nationally funded sociology research projects. Some included how women coped with the violent deaths of loved ones, and family life adjustments following divorces. Her book, *Portrait of Divorce: Adjustment to Marital Breakdown*, won the 1994 American Sociological Association Family Section's William J. Goode Book Award for the most outstanding book-length contribution to Family Sociology.

She was an associate professor at Case in the departments of Sociology and Anthropology, and Family Medicine and Psychiatry in the School of Medicine.

In the late 1980s, Kitson received a grant from the National Institute on Aging to conduct a study among Greater Cleveland wives and children who were victims of violent crimes. She also received grants from the National Institute of Mental Health. She also wrote, or participated, in 26 papers in journals, 12 book chapters, and made more than 50 presentations to various groups around the country.

Kitson is a past president and board member of the National Council on Family Relations, an academic organization that focuses on family studies. She served on the editorial boards of several journals and as the editor of *Sociological Focus*, a publication of the North Central Sociological Association. Kitson is a past chairman of the Family Section of the American Sociological Association.

She was born in Chicago, and raised in Libertyville, Ill. She received a journalism degree from Northwestern University, and masters and doctorate degrees in sociology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Kitson had a life-long interest in the British Royal Family. In 2003, she went to London by herself for the 50th anniversary of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Kitson enjoyed traveling, and made a point to tour areas when she visited a city for a convention or meeting. She and her husband, James, traveled to Europe, Australia, New Zealand, China, Africa, as well as most of North America.

She and her husband lived in Shaker Heights, Ohio for 38 years.

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In 2004, Gay and her husband, James Kitson, named the Department of Sociology as a beneficiary of their estate plans in the amount of a half-million dollars to establish the James T. and Gay C. Kitson Graduate Fellowship Fund. This very generous planned gift is the largest the department has ever received to support graduate education and is an indication of how strongly Gay felt about the education she received at Carolina.

*Excerpted from www.cleveland.com obituary, originally posted Tuesday, July 22, 2008.*

## In Memoriam

Charles F. “Chuck” Longino, Jr., PhD 1967



Dr. Charles F. Longino, Jr., (Chuck) the Washington M. Wingate Professor of Sociology and Director of the Reynolda Gerontology Program at Wake Forest University, died on Dec. 25, 2008 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina following a brief illness. Longino, a prolific scholar, speaker, and author who was a world-renowned expert on aging and retirement migration research, was also Professor of Public Health Sciences at the Wake Forest School of Medicine.

Known to his students as Dr. L, Chuck was born in Mississippi and was an Eagle Scout. He taught at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University of Virginia, University of Kansas, University of Miami, and Wake Forest University. He was past president of the Gerontological Society of America and the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education. He was Editor of the *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*. He was North American chair of the

International Association of Gerontology.

Chuck loved travel, books on tape/CD, opera, movies, Civil War history, and art. Chuck was a Master Judge with the Kansas City Barbeque Society and traveled throughout the central east coast judging BBQ contests. For a wonderful tribute to Chuck, see the WFU article by Kevin Cox and Cherin Poovey at this website link: <http://www.wfu.edu/wowf/2008/20081226.longino.html>.

Chuck is survived by his wife of 44 years, Dr. Loyce White Longino; his daughter Laura, MSW, LCSW, and her partner Becky; son Charles III, Certified Financial Planner and owner of Guilford Capital Management in Greensboro; daughter-in-law Jackie, Ad Traffic Coordinator for *Our State* magazine; and two grandchildren Charles Freeman Longino, IV (Chase) (8) and Brynn Nolan Elizabeth Longino (3).

*Excerpted from obituary in the Winston-Salem Journal, www.journalnow.com, originally published Sunday, December 28, 2008.*

## Albert Edwin Lovejoy, PhD 1957



Albert Edwin Lovejoy, age 85, died March 8, 2009. He was born in Meredith, N.H., April 19, 1923, to John Augustus Lovejoy and Mary Blanche Knowles Lovejoy. He grew up in Meredith and graduated from high school there. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he received his training to teach sociology at the college level. He was on the faculty at Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, Va., from 1950 to 1957 and on the faculty at Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio, from 1957 to 1988.

In 1988, he and his wife, Eunice, moved to Prescott, Ariz., following his retirement from teaching. He took classes at Yavapai and Prescott Colleges, usually in creative writing, American and English literature, and philosophy. He was active in the local chapter of the Archaeology Society, the Prescott Audubon Society, the Prescott Art Docents, the Prescott Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and the Granite Peak

Unitarian Universalist Congregation. His hobbies were tent camping, hiking, reading, writing, gardening, traveling and people-watching.

After his service in the Army Air Corps as a weather observer, 1943 to 1946, he became an enthusiastic supporter of the United Nations and was in several organizations supporting the UN. He saw the UN as humankind's best hope for peace, stability and prosperity in the future.

Dr. Lovejoy is survived by his wife of 62 years, their sons and their families: Ed and Susan of Tucson and Ed's daughter Elisa of Madison, Wis.; David and Amparo Rifa of Prescott; and Stephen and Cathy Stamper of Gambier, Ohio; their daughter Adrea and her husband Rudy Rodriguez of Columbus, Ohio, and their child and Albert's first great-granddaughter, Adela Beatrice, born on March 11. Albert was always very proud of his wife, his sons and their families.

*Excerpted from obituary in The Daily Courier, [www.dcourier.com](http://www.dcourier.com), originally published Saturday, March 14, 2009.*

## Duncan MacRae, Jr., William R. Kenan Jr. Professor Emeritus, Political Science and Sociology

Duncan MacRae, Jr., was appointed Kenan Professor of Political Science and Sociology at the University of North Carolina in 1972 and served in that capacity until his death as emeritus professor in July 2008. Duncan's arrival in Chapel Hill from the University of Chicago in 1971 was auspicious in multiple ways. His grandfather had been Dean of the University of North Carolina (UNC) law school and his father a 1909 graduate of UNC at age 18.

Duncan was a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a Fulbright Research Scholar; he received the Woodrow Wilson Award of the American Political Science Association, and the Donald T. Campbell and Harold D. Lasswell Awards of the Policy Studies Organization. Internationally recognized as one of the founders of public policy analysis, Duncan was among the earliest scholars to distinguish between the methods of social science research and those of public policy analysis. Rather than specializing in a particular policy field, Duncan devoted his career to the methods of policy analysis and its application to a wide range of policy issues, including education policies for handicapped children, policies to contain the AIDS epidemic, and the provision of water supplies in developing countries.

Below are reflections presented at a memorial service, titled "Duncan MacRae, Jr., An Inspirational Odyssey."

"I am privileged, honored, and humbled beyond words by the invitation from Amy MacRae to share reflections and recollections about the inspirational life, character, and scholarship of Duncan MacRae whose Scots clan surname means 'son of grace.' Grace and gracefulness epitomized Duncan's personal demeanor and scholarly deftness."

"Besides being an esteemed colleague and an admired scholar, Duncan was a golfing friend and partner with several of us. To me and to colleagues who joined in those endeavors, it was time enjoyably well spent. Indeed, any time in every venue with Duncan was time well spent. A colleague commented, 'Two things always stood out to me about Duncan, one his devotion to students, the other his incredible golf swing.'"

Merle, the UNC recruitment intermediary, described Duncan as follows: "Duncan MacRae Jr. was a master scholar of international reputation and a great, great teacher. He was the most actively helpful professor I have ever known. Duncan sat on hundreds of dissertation committees during his long career and used his enormous talents in the service of his students. Duncan combined world-class intelligence with great personal kindness and Scotch practicality. Above all, he was a wonderful person who led a life of integrity, purpose, and achievement."

Even in the final days when illness limited Duncan's communication capacities, he admirably demonstrated these features as he smiled when I spoke to him about undergraduates in public policy analysis and about golf: To live in the minds and hearts of those who remain behind is not to die. Duncan truly lives on.

Deil S. Wright, University of North Carolina

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# Graduate Student External Awards and Honors

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**Jonathan Daw** - Awarded \$1,000.00 by the Graduate School from the Graduate School Transportation Grant Fund.

**Matt Ezzell** - Co-recipient of the 2008 Stanford M. Lyman Memorial Dissertation Scholarship from the Mid-South Sociological Association. This award is given to a Ph.D. candidate working on a dissertation which reflects the work of S.M. Lyman in sociological theory, symbolic interactionism, race relations, law, or ethics. Matt won the award for his dissertation, "Reproducing Inequalities in a Therapeutic Community: Emotions, Ideology, and Masculinity."

**Beth Latshaw** - Received the 2009 Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching by Graduate Teaching Assistants. She also received the Paul Hardin Dissertation Fellowship for 2009-2010.

**Hedy Lee** - Awarded the Ford Foundation Diversity Pre-Doctoral Fellowship. Through its program of Diversity Fellowships, the Ford Foundation seeks to increase the diversity of the nation's college and university faculties by increasing their ethnic and racial diversity, to maximize the educational benefits of diversity, and to increase the number of professors who can and will use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students. Predoctoral fellowships are awarded in a national competition administered by the National Research Council (NRC) on behalf of the Ford Foundation. The awards are made to individuals who, in the judgment of the review panels, have demonstrated superior academic achievement, are committed to a career in teaching and research at the college or university level, show promise of future achievement as scholars and teachers, and are well prepared to use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students.

**Kyle Longest** - Awarded \$250.00 by the Graduate School from the Graduate School Transportation Grant Fund. Kyle used the grant for travel to the Society for Research in Child Development's Biennial Meeting in Denver, CO. At the conference, he presented a paper entitled "Popularity Lost: Identity Status and Its Consequences in the Transition to Young Adulthood" as part of a symposium on "Identity Development in Young Adulthood." Additionally, he was awarded Best Graduate Student Paper by the Sociology Education Section and the Children and Youth Section of the ASA for that paper. He was awarded Best Graduate Student Paper by the Aging and the Life Course Section for his paper entitled "Integrating Identity Theory and the Life Course Perspective: The Case of Adolescent Religious Behavior."

**Kim Manturuk** - Received the Graduate School Impact Award. The Impact Award recognizes and encourages graduate students whose research is making a difference to the state of North Carolina. Her research assessed the state of the household credit market since legal payday lending was de-authorized in North Carolina. She found that most people were unaffected by the ban due to the existence of alternative options. Manturuk's findings were referenced by the North Carolina Office of the Commissioner of Banks in its policy recommendation not to re-authorize payday lending in the state. Her findings can also encourage lenders to offer alternatives to payday loans and thus expand the range of credit options available to moderate-level income families.

**Emily McKendry-Smith** - Received the Religious Research Association Constant H. Jacquet Research Award and the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Student Research Award. She used these research grants to fund her research on social change and women's religious practices in Nepal.

**Mairead Moloney** - Received a predoctoral fellowship from the National Institute on Aging through the UNC Institute on Aging Carolina Program for Health and Aging Research.

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**Vanessa Ribas** - Awarded a Graduate School Off-Campus Dissertation Research Fellowship for the fall 2009 semester. This fellowship will allow her to conduct dissertation research in the Eastern North Carolina area, where she will be studying work-based social relations in meatpacking, healthcare, and food service jobs between Latino migrants and established residents. Work-based social relations are critical to understanding how migrants are incorporated in the broader community. The Graduate School Fellowship for fall 2009 will allow her to conduct research full-time in the communities she will be studying. She was also awarded a Graduate Summer Research Grant in the amount of \$1500 by the Center for the Study of the American South. This summer grant will allow her to make trips to her research site to attend various community events, meet with contacts, and make preparations for her late-summer move there.

## Graduate Student Departmental Awards

Daniel Adkins and Michele Easter are co-recipients of the Odum Award for Excellence. The Odum Award for Excellence is given to a graduate student who has successfully defended a dissertation proposal and completed all comprehensive examinations in a timely manner and with excellence; who plans to be on the job market in the Fall of the year that the Award is given to the student; and who has a record of creativity, productivity, and professionalism that holds exceptional promise for a career of distinction.

- In response to winning her award, Michele said “I was deeply grateful for the endorsement of the UNC-CH Sociology faculty via the Howard W. Odum Memorial Award. The faculty’s decision to grant me this award was a wonderful boost for my confidence and for my career. I am also badly in need of a new computer and the gift of \$500 will help immensely! Please accept my sincere thanks.”
- In response in winning his award, Daniel said “Receiving the Odum award was, of course, a tremendous honor. It was particularly significant to me because it was bestowed by the UNC Sociology faculty, many of whom I deeply respect and admire. These professors have served as my mentors and role models throughout my graduate school experience. To have my work recognized by them somehow validated the difficulties and sacrifices I made in devoting myself to the pursuit of academic excellence. Graduate school often feels like a thankless trudge, but there are certain moments when that long deferred gratification rushes in - a well-received presentation, an accepted article, a funded grant application - and makes the toil seem worthwhile. Receiving the Odum Award has been one of the greatest of those moments I have yet experienced. It was also nice to get the cash.”

Raj Ghoshal received the E.K. Wilson Award. The Wilson Award for Excellence in Teaching is given to honor Everett K. Wilson, a scholar who devoted his entire career to the advancement and dissemination of sociology as an intellectually challenging and broadly relevant discipline. In 1968, Wilson came to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He had already established himself as an outstanding pedagogue and scholar. He designed and was the initial coordinator of the Department’s first-in-the-nation formal program for teaching graduate students how to teach sociology.

- In response to winning his award, Raj said “I was pleased to receive the E.K. Wilson Award because I hope to teach at a college with high-performing, highly engaged students, and this recognition may be helpful in my job search. I also can use the financial part of the award to help with summer travel for my research on commemoration of racial violence in the United States.”

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor who set up the Howard W. Odum professorship and graduate student funds, the department has been able to fund student travel to professional meetings. We provide up to \$400 per student to attend professional meetings each academic year. As can be seen in the responses of students who were funded this past year, given below in their own words, this small amount of money can make a substantial difference in our students' professional education.

**Shawn Bauldry** - The travel funds provided an opportunity for me to present research I'm doing in collaboration with Mike Shanahan at the Southern Sociological Society meetings in New Orleans. It turned out to be a great opportunity to get feedback on the work, which we are incorporating into our revision of the manuscript. Attending the meetings also allowed me to meet a few people active in this area of research who I otherwise would not have known.

**Raj Ghoshal** - I used travel funding to present a paper about the impacts of racial violence commemoration movements on public opinion about redress for historic injustices at the 2008 ASA meeting in Boston. I also presented a paper on the trajectories and reception of such projects at the 2009 SSS meeting in New Orleans.

**Jessica Hardie** - This year, department funding for travel allowed me to attend the Eastern Sociological Society's (ESS) annual meeting in Baltimore and the Population Association of America's (PAA) annual meeting in Detroit. I presented one of my dissertation chapter's at the ESS meeting. I presented another chapter and a paper with a fellow graduate student at PAA, receiving feedback from discussants and audience members which, I believe, improved both papers. In addition, at PAA, I was able to meet with faculty members at other universities and attend interesting presentations of research related to my own work.

**Clinton Key** - I used travel money from the department to travel to and participate in the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. The annual meeting provides an important opportunity to stay abreast of the latest ideas in the field and to interact with members of other top departments from around the country. Without funds from the department, I would not have been able to present my work and to hear about the latest work being done in the discipline.

**Ashton Verdery** - I received a travel grant that helped me attend the annual meeting of the International Network for Social Network Analysis. At the meeting I presented recent work on missing data in network analysis, received very constructive feedback which will improve the paper's chance for publication, and met several key researchers in the field. More than an opportunity to present my work and network, the meeting also afforded me the chance to hear about cutting edge research in network analysis. One of the sessions I attended directly inspired a paper which I will submit for course credit this semester. In all, the meeting was an excellent opportunity for me as it allowed me to receive feedback on my research, develop new ideas on cutting edge topics, and have a great time engaging with an important sociological subfield.

## Recent PhD's

**Tyson Brown** - Post Doctoral Fellow, Duke University

**Jessica Hardie** - Post Doctoral Fellow, Penn State

**Dohoon Lee** - Post Doctoral Fellow, Princeton University; starts as Assistant Professor at NYU in Fall 2010

**Hedwig Lee** - Robert Wood Johnson Post Doctoral Fellow, University of Michigan, 2009-2012; starts as Assistant Professor at the University of Washington, Seattle in 2010

**Kyle Longest** - Assistant Professor, Furman University

**Kimberly Manturuk** - Post Doctoral Fellow, Center for Community Capitalism, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Michael Roettger** - Post Doctoral Fellow, Bowling Green State University

**Eve Veliz** - Assistant Professor, Providence College

**Victor (Lin) Wang** - Post Doctoral Fellow, Carolina Population Center, UNC-Chapel Hill

## Incoming Student Cohort

Name	Interest	Undergraduate University
Brandon Gorman	Political Sociology	Georgia State University
Maria Carmen Huerta	Immigration	Santa Clara University
Mohammad Kadivar	Social Movements	University of Tehran
Autumn McClellan	Inequality and Stratification	Ferris State University
Abigail O'Leary	Religion	Barnard College
Karen Phelan Kozlowski	Inequality and Stratification	Wittenberg University
Charles Seguin	Methods	University of Minnesota
Lucas Sherry	Theory	Moravian College
Shradha Shrestha	Inequality and Stratification	Salem College
Jordan Travis	Inequality and Stratification	Duke University
David Uthlaut	Culture	US Military Academy

## Undergraduate Honors

The Sociology Department would like to recognize the following Sociology and Management & Society majors who were initiated into the Alpha of North Carolina Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa during the Spring 2009 semester:

**Emily Susan Schrag**  
**Brittany Mel Dorman**  
**Sarah Kay Meredith**  
**Forest Glen Woodward**

*Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest undergraduate honors organization in the United States. The society has pursued its mission of fostering and recognizing excellence in the liberal arts & sciences since 1776.*

The following undergraduate students made paper presentations at the Southern Sociological Society Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 1-4, 2009:

**Parfait Gasana**, *How Demographic and Urban Area Characteristics Influence Mass Transit Ridership*  
**Laurie Graham**, *The Experience of Vicarious Trauma in Rape Crisis Center Volunteers*  
**Jessica Webb**, *Social Stressors Associated with Raising a Child with Down Syndrome*

The Howard Odum Undergraduate Award was established in 1967 in honor of Professor Howard Odum, who founded and first chaired the UNC Sociology Department. Odum was a pioneer in American sociology and a major influence on the discipline. The Department faculty selects the recipient of the annual Award on the basis of grade records and other demonstrations of academic talent and accomplishment as an undergraduate. The following undergraduate students received this year's award:

**Parfait Gasana**  
**Laurie Graham**

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-Howard Aldrich  
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