



LETTER FROM THE CHAIR:

KENNETH (ANDY) ANDREWS

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I am happy to share the latest news from UNC Sociology!

This year, we welcomed Kate Weisshaar, who joined the faculty as Assistant Professor of Sociology and a fellow of the Carolina Population Center. Kate's research focuses on gender and labor markets, and you can read more about her work on the following pages. Elizabeth Frankenberg will be joining UNC this fall as Professor of Sociology and Director of the Carolina Population Center this July. Elizabeth's innovative research program is in the areas of family, health, population, and the environment, and she has held prior positions at Rand, UCLA and Duke.



UNC faculty continued to win major awards, fellowships, and grants in 2016-7. Howard Aldrich will be presented with the American Sociological Association's Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award at the 2017 meetings in Montreal. We include a more detailed description of the award and Howard's teaching career below. Earlier this year Glen Elder was presented with the DuBois Award at the ASA meetings in Seattle.

In September, Barbara Entwisle, Kathie Harris, and Ron Rindfuss were presented with the Golden Goose Award at the Library of Congress in recognition of their work in the late 1980s and early 1990s to design and execute the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health. The Golden Goose Award honors scientists whose federally funded work has resulted in significant benefits to society.



We created a new graduate student award this year – the Katherine Jocher Graduate Student Paper Award – that recognizes outstanding scholarship by UNC students. The award is named after Professor Jocher who was a key figure in the Department, Institute for Research in the Social Sciences (Odum Institute), and Social Forces. Jocher was recruited to UNC in 1923 and completed her dissertation in 1929, and she was the first woman to advance through the ranks to full professor at Carolina. Her scholarship focused on research methods, family, and the Sociology of the South, and her career was also marked by significant contributions to building research infrastructure and to the larger discipline – serving two terms as president of the Southern Sociological Society, Social Forces editor from 1951 to 1962, and as Vice President of the ASA in 1942.

At our spring picnic, we recognized the winners of three graduate student awards. Daniel Auguste's paper is the first winner of the Jocher award. Ricardo Martinez won the Everett K. Wilson Award for Teaching Excellence, and Joshua Wassink won the Howard Odum Award.

We were saddened by the news that Professor Henry Landsberger passed away in February. We have included an essay highlighting his life and career in the newsletter written by Richard Cramer.

You can read more updates in the pages that follow. Please send us your latest news as we are eager to hear from alumni and friends of the Department. Stay in touch!

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FACULTY NEWS

UNC SOCIOLOGY WELCOMES NEW FACULTY MEMBER: KATE WEISSHAAR

Kate Weisshaar joined UNC Sociology in fall 2016. Kate's research focuses on gender and economic stratification processes within families, workplaces, and society, with an interest in developing critical tests of causality by leveraging data and methods. She is particularly interested in how macro-level inequalities in the labor force are reproduced through micro- and meso-level processes in the workplace, in families, and in the work-family intersection. Her recent work examines labor market outcomes associated with intermittent labor force participation, with a specific examination of how periods of unemployment or "opting out" of work for family reasons affect labor market outcomes upon re-entry, such as hiring prospects, wages, and occupational prestige. She has experience collecting her own data through field experiments, original surveys, web scraping, and survey experiments, in addition to working with existing longitudinal data.

Kate grew up in Madison, Wisconsin, and attended Northwestern University as an undergraduate, majoring in sociology and minoring in math. She received her PhD in Sociology from Stanford University in 2016, and worked with David Grusky, Michael Rosenfeld, and Shelley Correll. For fun, she enjoys hiking, indoor rock climbing, and spending time with her dog.



HOWARD ALDRICH WINS AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION'S DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEACHING AWARD



Howard Aldrich will receive the ASA's Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award at the 2017 Meetings in Montreal. Howard joins UNC faculty member Everett K. Wilson, who won the first award in 1980. Throughout his career, Howard has been a dedicated advocate of high quality teaching. He has taught an innovative seminar on college teaching since 1984 to over 30 cohorts of UNC graduate students. The course introduces the leading scholarship on learning and pedagogy and prepares them for a career of teaching. Howard has also published extensively on teaching and learning including group projects and cooperative learning, assessment, and the use of technology in the classroom. Finally, Howard has an exemplary record of engaged teaching at the undergraduate and graduate level. You can read about his current honors course - Rationalization and the Changing Nature of Social Life in 21st Century America - [here](#). Having won multiple teaching awards at UNC, the ASA award is a fitting capstone to his outstanding teaching career.

FACULTY NEWS

HOWARD ALDRICH will be presented with the ASA Distinguished Contributions to Teaching 2017 Award. He also received the outstanding publication on the Entrepreneurship Information Exchange website, with funds given to his undergraduate institution for a scholarship in his name (Bowling Green State University).

MOSI IFATUNJI was recently awarded the Junior Faculty Development Award and a Fellowship at the Institute for African American Research.

ARNE KALLEBERG spent the 2016-7 year as a visiting scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation to work on his project titled "Institutions and Inequality in the United States".

KATHLEEN MULLAN HARRIS won the Distinguished Alumni Award from Pennsylvania State University to be presented this June, 2017, see stories here and here. Kathie also won a major, five year grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, "Social Context, the Life Course, and Genetic Transcription in Add Health."

BARBARA ENTWISLE recently concluded her work as Chair of the National Academy of Sciences Standing Committee on the Future of the NSF-Funded Infrastructure Surveys (GSS, PSID, ANES). Although NAS Standing Committees neither make recommendations nor issue reports, committee members had the opportunity to present a vision for the future at the final meeting in December. Entwisle focused on the potential benefits of reorganizing the infrastructure surveys, specializing by function rather than by survey program. She argued that taking a more consolidated approach to methodological innovation, to leveraging external data, and to data dissemination would likely be more cost-efficient than having each survey program engage in these activities independently, as done now. Equally important, it would facilitate innovation. She concluded by explaining that the point is not to do what we already do, just more efficiently, but also to advance the field.

CHARLES KURZMAN'S research on Muslim extremism was covered in a variety of news media and played into debates over the Trump administration's executive orders to suspend visa issuance to nationals from seven Muslim-majority countries. His research finding that nobody has been killed in the United States since 9/11 by extremists from those seven countries was mentioned, along with other evidence, by the federal judges who blocked enforcement of the policy.

LIANA RICHARDSON has been selected as a Carolina Women's Center Faculty Scholar for 2018-2019. The award supports her project - "Understanding the Accelerated Physiological Aging of African American Women: The Embodiment and Expression of Intersectional Inequality"

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: EDUCATIONAL POLICY INTERNSHIP



"I would like to empower students through their identity and shift the conversation to address how students can see themselves in their curriculum."

This past summer, one of our majors, Jovonnie Quintero, interned with the Southern Education Leadership Initiative (SELI) through the Southern Education Foundation. Jovonnie is a senior from Phoenix, Arizona double majoring in Sociology and Education. As his internship, he worked with the Arkansas Public Policy Panel (APPP), a statewide organization dedicated to achieving social and economic justice by organizing citizen groups around the state, educating and supporting them to be more effective and powerful, and linking public policy with grassroots movements. Specifically, Jovonnie helped craft and push a restorative justice program which aimed to reduce the suspension/expulsion rates of poor students of color and end the school to prison pipeline in rural Arkansas; this program will be considered and voted on in the Arkansas state legislature in a few months. When asked about why he was interested in seeking this educational fellowship opportunity, Jovonnie explained:

"I love discussing intersectional identity politics, especially through the necessary and relevant context of our education system. I would like to empower students through their identity and shift the conversation to address how students can see themselves in their curriculum. I would like to study how intersectional identity representation affects the Xicanx/Latinx education pipeline."

As a sociology major, Jovonnie was struck by the racial and socioeconomic stratification of the organizations working with the APPP in rural Arkansas, with many of these organizations concentrated in poor communities of color. He was particularly attuned to the role of the church in this community after having taken Religion and Society through our department. In this course, he learned about the significance of the church in black communities in particular, especially during the Civil Rights Movement. He commented:

"The organization I worked with was founded during this time to promote integration in Arkansas. Even today, the APPP's Education committee is staffed by mostly Black women (in fact, I was the first Latino to work on any committee through the APPP). It was really cool to see how the Church was still a prominent force pushing for equality in Arkansas, especially through the work of Black women."

This experience this summer sparked new questions for Jovonnie, such as the link between education and health, or how introducing social justice classes into schools may have long-term effects on health. After graduation, Jovonnie will be returning to Phoenix to teach in a high school with Teach for America.

For more information about the Southern Education Leadership Initiative, visit:
<http://www.southerneducation.org/seli.aspx>

-Claire Chipman

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS THESES

"The Hand that Rules the World": Gender, Parenting, and Intergenerational Political Beliefs
by
Jill Tillett

Descriptive Analysis of Patient Sexual Identity and Trust in the Doctor-Patient Relationship
by
Claire Couch

The Relationship between Parental Socioeconomic Status and Adolescent Suicidal Ideation
by
Kadejah Murray

The Least of These: Exploring The Impact of Religious Beliefs on Viewpoints of Economic Inequality
by
Catherine Phipps



ODUM, WILSON, AND JOCHER AWARDS

ODUM AWARD



JOSHUA WASSINK

Joshua Wassink received the Howard Odum Award. Josh works in the areas of migration and social stratification. Completing his fourth year in program, Josh has already established an impressive publication record including a sole-authored paper in the American Journal of Public Health. He also received a dissertation completion fellowship from UNC's Graduate School and an NSF Dissertation Grant to support his data collection in Mexico. Using a panel dataset and eighty interviews, Josh's dissertation examines two questions: (1) is self-employment a mobility pathway in highly stratified labor markets?, and (2) how does migration experience in the United States shape self-employment trajectories among returning labor migrants in urban and rural sending communities?

WILSON AWARD



RICARDO MARTINEZ - SCHULDT

Ricardo Martinez won the Wilson Award that recognizes excellence in teaching. Ricardo has taught Measurement and Data Collection (SOCI 251) twice and Crime and Delinquency (SOCI 123) three times. Ricardo's courses include varied and structured activities that challenge students to think critically about theory and evidence. Students praise his teaching. One wrote: "This course has by far been one of favorite courses at UNC. It is very interesting to explore the many theoretical perspectives that attempt to identify why individuals partake in criminal behavior. I like the mix of reading, film clips, discussion groups, and lecture. This combination has really helped me better understand the course material as well as appreciate the many different views people have." Another student wrote: "One of the most engaging courses I have had at Carolina. The teacher was a great communicator in and out of the classroom. I understood what I needed to do in order to excel in the course. He has a great understanding of the material and a wonderful way of teaching it to the students." And as we'd all like to hear: "Loved this class! The instructor was super cool!"

JOCHER AWARD



DANIEL AUGUSTE

The faculty selected Daniel Auguste's "Exclusive Religious Beliefs and Social Capital: Unpacking Nuances in the Relationship between Religion and Social Capital Formation" as the recipient of the Jocher Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper. Daniel's paper examines the relationship between religion and social capital in a cross-national analysis. He finds that while religiosity is associated with bridging social capital, belief in the authenticity of your own religion greatly increases the likelihood you will be distrustful of those who differ from you. These findings reveal an important distinction between individuals' exclusive religious beliefs and their overall religiosity, which helps to explain why religion has been implicated simultaneously in the promotion of both social cohesion and exclusion. The committee was impressed by that scope of his theoretical contribution and the sophistication of his analysis.



Two other student papers received Honorable Mention:

JONATHAN HOROWITZ for "If Everyone Stands on Tiptoe, No One Sees Better": Cohort Change, Relative Education, and Work". Examining economic returns to a college education over time, Jonathan finds a complex relationship with college graduates more likely to see both higher salaries and underemployment in more recent birth cohorts.

RENEE RYBERG for "Positive Self-Concept and Transitions to the Workforce for Youth in India". Using survey data, Renee looks at the role of non-cognitive skills play in the transition to the workforce among youth in Andhra Pradesh, India. She finds that positive self-concept is associated with youth staying in school, but that the relationship varies by caste and gender.

GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

ILIYA GUTIN won an IPUMS Research Award, a RAND Summer Institute Scholarship, and an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention.

DIDEM TURKOGLU was awarded a Dissertation Completion Fellowship from the Graduate School that will support her research in 2017-8 on neoliberalism and higher education.

Daniel Auguste won the Katherine Jocher award and was awarded a Doctoral Advancement Award from the Initiative for Minority Excellence.

SARAH DAVIS was awarded a Community Engagement Fellowship from the Carolina Center for Public Service.

BRIAN LEVY's manuscript, 'Wealth, Race, and Place: How Neighborhood Disadvantage from Adolescence to Middle Adulthood affects Wealth Inequality and the Racial Wealth Gap at Age 50,' won two recent paper awards: the Southern Sociological Society's 2017 Odum Award for Graduate Research and the Society for the Study of Social Problems' Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division's 2017 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award.

MICHAEL SCHULTZ was awarded a \$5000 grant to conduct dissertation research in Denmark and Sweden this summer from the American Scandinavian Foundation.

ANNA RYBINSKA was awarded The Penny and Howard Aldrich Summer Research Fellowship from the Graduate School.

Ricardo Martinez-Schuldt was awarded a Mellon Dissertation Grant from the Institute for the Study of the Americas.

JOSHUA WASSINK was awarded a Dissertation Completion Fellowship from the Graduate School and a NSF Dissertation Improvement Grant that will support his research in 2017-8 in migration and inequality.

BATOOL ZAIDI was awarded a Dissertation Completion Fellowship from the Graduate School that will support her research in 2017-8 on fertility preferences.

Holly Straut Eppsteiner published two articles in peer-reviewed journals:

2017. "Struggle as Opportunity: Making Sense of U.S. Migration Experiences through Buddhist Practice" *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 43(7): 1222-1239.

2016. "Coming and Going: Mexican Women Guestworkers in the U.S. Crab Industry." *Latino Studies* 14(4): 482-503.

PH.D DISSERTATIONS
FALL 2016-SUMMER 2017

DANIEL AUGUSTE	An Institutional and Comparative Analysis of the Entrepreneurial Process
CARMEN HUERTA-BAPAT	Racial Profiling of Latinos in North Carolina, 2002-2013
COURTNEY BOEN	Inequality Under the Skin: Stress and the Biodemography of Black-White Health Disparities Across the Life Course
BRIAN FOSTER	Down in the Delta: An Ethnography of Black Boys and Men in the Rural South
JONATHAN HOROWITZ	Activism and the Transition to Adulthood: Continuity and Change
ATTIYA HUSAIN	Beyond and Back to the Black-White Binary: Muslims and Race-Making in the United States
BRIAN LEVY	Neighborhood Disadvantage and Well-Being Across the Life Course
HEXUAN LIU	Integration of Sociology with Genomic Data in Studies of Social Stratification and Delinquency
MARK NOBLE	Illuminating Democracy: Trends, Predictors, and Outcomes of Liberal Democracy 1972-2013
JESSICA PEARLMAN	Occupational Mobility, Gender and Class in the United States, 1965-2015
JORDAN RADKE	Opting Out: Efficacy, Identity and Ideology in the Modern Homesteading Movement
KRISTEN SCHORPP	Socioeconomic Disadvantage and Cognitive Function Across the Life Span: Trends and Underlying Mechanisms
HAJAR YAZDIHA	We're All Civil Rights Activists Now



IN MEMORIAM: HENRY LANDSBERGER

1926-2017



Born in Dresden, Germany in 1926, Henry Landsberger was part of the Kindertransport that evacuated nearly 10,000 mostly Jewish children to England from German-controlled lands just prior to the start of World War II. For the next ten years, he lived in England—first in a London refugee children’s village, then in the country-side with a Welsh family with whom he kept in touch for the rest of his life, and finally back to London where he earned his undergraduate degree at the London School of Economics and Political Science in 1948.

In 1949, Henry reunited with his parents, who had escaped to Chile. But his future was to be in the United States. He met Betty Hatch, whom he married in 1951, while he was enrolled in Cornell’s Graduate School of Industrial and Labor Relations, where he received his Ph.D. and then joined its faculty.

Henry moved to the Sociology Department of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1968 as Full Professor and remained on its faculty until he retired in 1994.

A prolific writer, Henry made special contributions in the areas of industrial organization (starting with his coining the term “the Hawthorne Effect” in an early major critique of Elton Mayo’s workplace study); social movements (especially religious and labor movements in Latin America); and comparative health-care system policy (with focus on the U.S. and certain European countries).

Henry was an active member of the Southern Sociological Society, the American Sociological Society, and the Latin-American Studies Association, of which he was vice-president and then president in 1972-73. Once a president of the local AAUP, he was engaged in many civic matters outside of academia. This engagement increased in post-retirement years, as he was prominent in establishing in 2001 a new synagogue in Dresden, where his grandfather had been chief rabbi at Semper Synagogue, destroyed on Krystallnacht in 1938. This was a major event in his later life. He was also an outspoken supporter of the New Israel Fund and Americans for Peace Now as part of his enduring devotion to justice and peace both in the United States and the Middle East.

Henry passed away while visiting his son in California in early February. After a marriage of over 50 years, Betty had passed away in 2012. But he got to be with his three children, Margaret, Sam, and Ruth in the final days of his life.

-Richard Cramer



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