

Gemeinschaft News

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Newsletter of the Department of Sociology

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From your editors



Welcome to the rebirthing of *Gemeinschaft News*! We are looking forward to editing many new editions of the newsletter. So please email your activities so that we can disseminate the information for all the faculty, graduate students and staff. (d-poston@tamu.edu).



Department Head's Column

I'm pleased to offer some brief remarks for this year's first issue of *Gemeinschaft News*. The most exciting development is the arrival of six new colleagues; Nadia Flores, Robert Mackin, Wendy Moore, and Zulema Valdez join us as assistant professors and Reuben May as associate professor.

Also Kazuko Suzuki has joined our department as a lecturer. They all are off to great starts and are fast becoming friends and valued colleagues. Welcome! Also joining our department are Christi Ramirez and Troy Brown. Both have been terrific additions to our staff and have made themselves indispensable.

Another big change has been Rogelio Saenz moving on from his position of Department Head after serving for eight years. It is great to see him smiling from ear to ear. Is it because he is on development leave? because he is no longer head? because he taken up residence in the office with the crimson red walls? or because Fitzwilly's has extended its senior citizens' discount to past Sociology department heads? Only Rogelio knows for sure. One thing we all know for certain is that the reception for Rogelio the Poston's hosted was a memorable evening with many warm and heartfelt statements thanking Rogelio for his years of dedicated service to the department. He leaves the department in very good shape. We are grateful to him for his efforts on our behalf.

Other changes in the department include Jane Sell agreeing to serve as Associate Head for the coming year and Alex McIntosh stepping into the position of Graduate Advisor. Sam Cohn agreed to continue as Undergraduate Advisor. Joseph Jewell, a continuing member of the Department's Executive Committee was joined by newly elected EC members Jane Sell, Dudley Poston, and Harland Prechel. The department is lucky to have such capable people offering their service and leadership. We congratulate Jon Alston and Elizabeth Maret on their retirements this past year. Both were recognized by the Dean at the College of Liberal Arts Fall reception for their many contributions. We'll miss them in the daily life of the department and hope they take up our invitation to come around regularly to visit and keep us all in line.

The arrival of a new group of very promising graduate students entering this Fall will help keep things lively. The word from all quarters is that these fledgling scholars are every bit as good as anticipated. We welcome them and look forward to helping them develop and prosper here.

The department continues to be alive with scholarship and research activity. There are so many good things happening, it is easy to miss something if you are not careful. That, in fact, is one of the reasons why *Gemeinschaft News* is making a comeback. So before ending these remarks I must note a couple of things. One is Holly Foster receiving the ASA Mental Health section award for best publication in mental health and another is Rogelio Saenz receiving the "Distinguished Contributions to Research and Scholarship" award from

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the ASA Section on Latina/o Sociology. Also, Ed Murguia began serving as the founding Director of the Mexican American and Latino Research Center here at Texas A&M and Rogelio Saenz recently won a \$200,000 grant to support graduate student training and mentoring in sociology. Finally, we note Dudley Poston completing his term as President of the Southwestern Social Science Association this past year. Of course, to these we can also add the continuing stream of books, articles, chapters, and presentations by our faculty and graduate students. It is definitely something to celebrate and appreciate.



The passing of the department of sociology's crown

In this Issue of Gemeinschaft News are items submitted to us in the past week that cover the time period from September 1, 2005 to the present. Please continue to send items to Dudley Poston. The next issue will appear in 2 weeks.

Publications

Richard B. Felson, **Jeff Ackerman**, and Catherine Gallagher. 2005. "Police Intervention and the Repeat of Domestic Assault." *Criminology* 43:563-588.

Darrell J. Steffensmeier, Jennifer Schwartz, Sara Zhong, and **Jeff Ackerman**. 2005. "An Assessment of Recent Trends in Girls' Violence Using Diverse Longitudinal Sources: Is the Gender Gap Closing?" *Criminology* 43:355-405.

Dudley L. Poston, Jr. and **Karen S. Glover**. 2005. "Too Many Males: Marriage Market Implications of Gender Imbalances in China." *Genus* LXI (No. 2): 119-140.

Dudley L. Poston, Jr., and Peter A. Morrison. 2005. "China: Bachelor Bomb." *International Herald Tribune* (September 14), Op-ed Page.

Book Review

Reuben A May. 2005. "Shadowboxing: A Review of Loïc Wacquant's *Body & Soul*." *Symbolic Interaction* 28, No. 3: 429-431.

Papers Presented at Professional Meetings and Conferences:

Amanda K. Baumle and **D’Lane R. Compton**, “Beyond the Castro: Gay and Lesbian Enclaves in the Greater San Francisco Bay Area.” Presented at the International Sociological Association, RC41 (Sociology of Population), Symposium on Inequalities in Population, Malta, September 15-16, 2005

Chris Lewinski, “Trends and Patterns of Homosexuality in China.” Presented at the International Sociological Association, RC41 (Sociology of Population), Symposium on Inequalities in Population, Malta, September 15-16, 2005

Dudley L. Poston, Jr., “Patterns of Homosexuality in the Nonmetropolitan United States in 2000.” Presented at the International Sociological Association, RC41 (Sociology of Population), Symposium on Inequalities in Population, Malta, September 15-16, 2005

Dudley L. Poston, Jr., “Past and Projected Population Growth in China and the Elderly Population, and the Hazard of Dying Among China’s Oldest Old.” Presented at International Conference on Healthy Longevity, Peng Shan, Sichuan Province, China, September 21-23, 2005

Defense of Doctoral Dissertation

Bibin Qin defended his doctoral dissertation on the Earnings Attainments of Chinese Americans on October 13, 2005. His committee was comprised of Professors Poston, Fossett, Thomas and Torres. Congratulations, Dr. Qin!

Colloquium Speaker for Friday, October 21st at 2:30 in Academic 326

Hamit Fisek,

“Fairness of Earnings Distributions in Two Cultures”

M. Hamit Fisek is currently Professor of Psychology, Chair of the Department of Psychology at Bođaziçi Üniversitesi, and a member of the Turkish Academy of Sciences. He received his Ph.D. from Stanford University in 1969. One of the primary architects of the Expectation States research program in sociological social psychology, Dr. Fisek’s substantive interests include status and justice processes in small groups, and his methodological interests are the construction and testing of mathematical models of social behavior

Defense of Doctoral Dissertation

Marie Leonard defended her doctoral dissertation on October 17th. Her dissertation examines ATTAC, the French Anti-Globalization Movement. Her committee is comprised of Professors, Henderson, Almeida, Finlay and Robertson. Congratulations Dr. Leonard!

Marcus Aldredge has taken a position as an adjunct instructor at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY.