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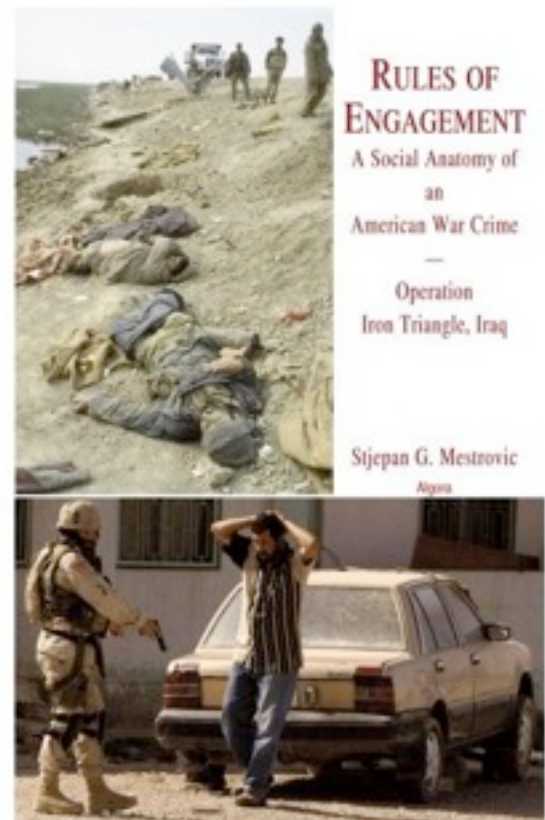


## Saenz awarded College Cornerstone Fellowship!

**Rogelio Saenz** was awarded one of the first Cornerstone fellowships for Spring 2008-2011. Recipients of these awards have distinguished scholarly records, outstanding contributions to teaching, and major service for the department, college, or university. Fellows receive bursaries to support their scholarly and professional activities.

## Publications

**Stjepan Mestrovic**, *Rules of Engagement? A Social Anatomy of an American War Crime--Operation Iron Triangle, Iraq*. New York: Algora, 2008



## Publications(continued)

**Hiroshi Ono** and Madeline Zavodny. 2008. "Immigrants, English Ability, and Technology Use." *Social Forces* 86(4): 1455-1480.

Kristen Schultz Lee and **Hiroshi Ono**. 2008. "Specialization and Happiness in Marriage: A U.S.-Japan Comparison." *Social Science Research* 37(4): 1216–1234.

Mito Akiyoshi and **Hiroshi Ono**. 2008. "Diffusion of Mobile Internet in Japan." *Information Society* 24(5): 292-303.

**Harland Prechel**, Theresa Morris, Tim Woods and Rachel Walden. 2008. "Corporate Diversification Revisited: The Political-Legal Environment, the Multilayer-Subsidiary Form, and Mergers and Acquisitions." *The Sociological Quarterly*: 49:849-878.

**Rogelio Saenz**. 2008. "A Demographic Profile of U.S. Workers" *Population Reference Bureau* (available at: <http://www.prb.org/Articles/2008/workingaroundtheclock.aspx> )

**Jane Sell**. 2008. "Introduction to Deception Debate" *Social Psychology Quarterly* 213-214.

## Conferences, Invitations, Etc

**Stjepan Mestrovic** presented two papers in Istanbul, Turkey, October 8-13. The first was "Western Culture and Postemotional Violence" at a symposium on his work, and the second was "Bosnia Between East and West" at the International Symposium on Bosnia-Herzegovina, both sponsored by a consortium of Turkish universities.

**Stjepan Mestrovic's** book "Postemotional Society" was recently translated into Turkish.

On September 1-3, 2008, **Dudley Poston** attended the "Conference on Census Microdata, Findings and Futures" at the University of Manchester, in Manchester, England. He presented a research paper titled "Micro-level and Macro-level Effects of Family Poverty in the Texas Borderland and the Lower Mississippi Delta: United States, 2006." The paper was co-authored with **Bruce Robertson, Carlos Siordia, Rogelio Saenz**, and three colleagues from Louisiana State University (Joachim Singelmann, Tim Slack, and Layla Fontenot.

## Student Transitions!

On September 4-6, 2008, **Dudley Poston** attended the International Sociological Association Forum on Sociological Research and Public Debate, held at the University of Barcelona, in Barcelona, Spain. He presented a paper on "Aging and Eldercare in North and South Korea." The paper was co-authored with Mary Ann Davis of Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.

**Harland Prechel** presented a coauthored paper (with Theresa Morris) in a Thematic Session on 'Crime as Work' at the annual meeting of the ASA. The paper title is: "Corporate Characteristics and Financial Malfeasance in the Largest 500 U.S. Parent Companies."

**Harland Prechel's** presented his research entitled 'Toward Sustainable Development: Identifying the Cause(s) of Corporate Pollution' at the European Community ASKO-TAMU Transatlantic Fall Symposium on Sustainable Development. The Symposium was hosted at the European Academy Otzenhausen, Germany October 12-16.

**Harland Prechel** was a guest on September 3, 2008 on the one-hour program 'Biased Transmission' at the local community radio station, KEOS 89.1 FM. The topic was 'Corporate Financial Malfeasance,' which examines the organizational and political-legal causes of the current crisis in corporations and financial markets.



On October 3, **Brittany Slatton** passed her written and oral preliminary exams. Her committee is comprised of Joe Feagin (chair), Kathryn Henderson, Alex McIntosh and Claire Katz.

On September 15th, **Jasmine Lin** successfully defended her MS thesis proposal, titled "The Occupational Status of Partnered Lesbians, with Comparisons to Married Women and to Cohabiting Heterosexual Women, US, 2006." Her committee is comprised of Dudley Poston (chair), Rogelio Saenz

On August 29, **Wadha Alnuaimi** successfully defended her doctoral dissertation proposal, titled "Polygyny and Fertility in the United Arab Emirates at the End of the Twentieth Century." Her committee is comprised of Dudley Poston (chair), Alex McIntosh, Jane Sell ,and Nadia Flores.

## Transitions (continued)

On October 3,, **Heather Terrell Kincannon** successfully defended her dissertation, titled “Interracial Marriage in the U.S. in 2006.” Her committee is Dudley Poston (chair), Nadia Flores, Alex McIntosh, and Rogelio Saenz. Congratulations to Dr. Kincannon!

On August 27, **Eugenia Conde** successfully defended her doctoral dissertation proposal, titled "The Effects of Education on Racial and Ethnic Differences in Adolescent Pregnancy and Fertility in the United States." Her committee is comprised of Dudley Poston (chair), Holly Foster, Rogelio Saenz, Alex McIntosh and Dennis Gorman.



**Bethany DeSalvo** will be moving to Washington D. C. in January to take a job with the Census Bureau Population Division. Before she leaves she will be taking prelims and defending her proposal.

On September 17, **Tony Love** successfully defended his thesis, “Construction and Validation of a Behavioral Measure of Role Taking.” His committee is Jane Sell (chair), Holly Foster, Jeff Ackerman and Charles Samuelson.

On October 1, **Hilario Molina** successfully defended this thesis proposal, “A Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis on Social Networks and the Immigrant Community.” His committee is Rogelio Saenz (Chair), Joe Feagin, Nadia Flores, Marco Portales



**Rachel Walden** has been hired for a corporate research position at UNITEHERE in Boston. UNITEHERE represents textile works and hotel service workers. Local 26, where Rachel is assigned, organizes hotel workers. If anyone is interesting in learning about UNITEHERE or locating unionized hotels to stay at, go to <http://www.bostonhotelunion.org/>. Rachel’s M.A. thesis was a historical and comparative analysis of the political behavior of the natural gas industry.

# Babies!

**Vance Marshall Kincannon, August 15, 2008**



**Leander Marshall Gatson-Quick, September 17, 2008**

