

Gemeinschaft News

Newsletter of the Department of Sociology
Texas A&M University

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Kaplan to Receive the Reed Award in Montreal!

We learned this week that the “Leo G. Reeder Award” will be presented to **Howard Kaplan** at the August 2006 ASA meetings in Montreal, Canada. This award is presented annually for “Distinguished Contributions to Medical Sociology.” The award honors the more than 40 years over which Howard’s work has made an indelible impact on the field of medical sociology. And it recognizes his leadership and effective advocacy for the significance of sociological research in addressing mental health



Monica Diaz selected for Teach For America

The highly competitive **Teach For America** program has selected **Monica Diaz**, one of our undergraduate majors, to be a member of the 2006 Teach For America Corps. Monica will be assigned to teach in a school in the Houston area. Monica has been involved in many Department activities, including the summer **REU** program and **AKD**. Monica has also been working, as an undergraduate research assistant, on **Harland Prechel’s** NSF grant on ‘Corporate Malfeasance’ since the Fall 2004 semester. When she completes her two-year commitment to Teach For America, Monica plans to attend graduate school.

Monica: keep Texas A&M in mind when you apply for graduate school admission!



New Book!

Dudley L. Poston, Jr., Che-Fu Lee, Chiung-Fang Fannie Chang, Sherry L. McKibben and Carol S. Walther (eds), **FERTILITY, FAMILY PLANNING, AND POPULATION POLICY IN CHINA**. London, England: Routledge Publishers. 2006.

Chapters in this book written by members of our department, or former members of our department are the following:

Prologue

Dudley L. Poston, Jr. and Carol S. Walther

Chapter 2. Patterns of Induced Abortion

Juan Wu and Carol S. Walther

Chapter 3. Patterns of Sterilization

Can Liu and Chiung-fang Fannie Chang

Chapter 4. The Impact of Family Structure on Fertility

Feinian Chen

Chapter 5. The Impact of Inter-marriage on the Fertility of Minority Women

Chiung-fang Fannie Chang

Chapter 6. Emerging Patterns of Premarital Conception

Carol S. Walther

Chapter 7. Changing Patterns of Desired Fertility

Li Zhang, Xiaotian Feng and Qingsong Zhang

Chapter 8. Age at Menarche and the Timing of the First Birth

Sherry L. McKibben

Chapter 9. The Effect of Floating Migration on Fertility

Xiuhong Helen You and Dudley L. Poston, Jr.

Chapter 10. The Impact of Language Dialect on Fertility

Xiaodong David Wang and Xiuhong Helen You

Chapter 12. China's Demographic Destiny: Marriage Market Implications for the 21st Century

Dudley L. Poston, Jr. and Karen S. Glover

Other Publications

Hua Luo and Dudley L. Poston, Jr.

2005. "Chusheng Xingbiebi de Shehui Jueding Yinsu: dui 2000 Nian Zhongguo Zuida de 36 Ge Shaoshu Minzu de Fenxi" ("Social and Economic Determinants of the Sex Ratio at Birth: 36 Largest Chinese Minority Nationalities"). *Renkou Yanjiu (Population Research)* 29 (#6): 56-61.

February Birthdays:

Jeff Ackerman	Feb 8
Carol Albrecht	Feb 16
Barbara Becvar	Feb 14
Karen Glover	Feb 28

Please make sure to let us know about any departmental news. Contact Dudley Poston (d-poston@tamu.edu) or Jane Sell (j-sell@tamu.edu)



Sam Cohn honored by Center for Teaching Excellence and the University Writing Center

Samuel Cohn has been honored by the Center for Teaching Excellence and the University Writing Center for "the fine example he sets for his faculty colleagues across campus and his unwavering dedication to teach writing at Texas A and M". The award refers to the number, variety and enthusiasm with which he teaches writing intense courses and his promotion of writing intense courses within the university. The crystal medallion to this effect has been placed in the departmental trophy case.