

# Gemeinschaft News

Newsletter of the Department of Sociology  
Texas A&M University

October 31, 2005



## Linneman honored by Alpha Kappa Delta

On October 5, the Texas A&M chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, the sociology honorary society, surprised **Judy Linneman** with an appreciation party. The students had asked Judy to give a lecture presentation at their AKD meeting, but when she arrived, a cake, flowers, balloons and gifts were there for her. The AKD will be presenting Judy with a framed photo (or print) of WWII paratroopers signed by the AKD members. Judy told the editors of *Gemeinschaft News* that the reason for this kind of photo is that they feel “I’m like the WWII ‘parachute folders’ who worked behind the scenes with relatively little recognition,

but were vital to the missions. I guess I’m the ‘parachute folder’ who works behind the scenes and gets them through Sociology 420” (the required undergraduate statistics course). Congratulations, Judy!

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## Graduate Student Departmental Committee Elections

**Gabriela Guazzo** was recently elected to the position of Graduate Student Council Representative in the department committee elections. In her duties as representative, Gabriela will represent Sociology graduate students in the Council and will communicate issues of concern for the graduate students to the GSC. Congratulations, Gabriela!

At the request of the editors of *Gemeinschaft News*, Gabriela has sent us the following statement about her new assignment and expectations:

“I am excited to be this year’s new Sociology Department representative for the Graduate Student Council. I look forward to working with Chris Chambers, our alternate representative, and the students to make our voice heard in the GSC. My goal this session is to increase the lines of communication between the GSC and the sociology graduate students. A large part of this will be communicating with the sociology graduate students to make sure that our concerns are being discussed in the GSC and working with the GSC to address these issues. I look forward to working with everyone this year. — Gabriela Guazzo

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## Sociologists in the News

Two members of our department were featured in news stories in *The (Bryan-College Station) Eagle*, on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Graduate student **Christopher Chambers** was featured in a front page story on “Racial Bias Explored after Katrina.” And Assistant Professor **Nadia Flores** was featured in a story on “Texas Women’s Role in Politics Shaped in Culture, History.” Check out these two stories on the following two links:

[http://www.theeagle.com/stories/103005/am\\_20051030003.php](http://www.theeagle.com/stories/103005/am_20051030003.php)

[http://www.theeagle.com/stories/103005/politics\\_20051030049.php](http://www.theeagle.com/stories/103005/politics_20051030049.php)

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## Publications

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**Don E. Albrecht, Carol Mulford Albrecht, and Edward Murguia.** “Minority Concentration, Disadvantage, and Inequality in the Nonmetropolitan United States. *The Sociological Quarterly* 46: 503—523, 2005.

**Mark Fossett and Warren Waren.** “Overlooked Implications of Ethnic Preferences for Residential Segregation in Agent-based Models.” *Urban Studies* 42:1893-917, 2005

Carla Goar and **Jane Sell.** “Using Task Definition to Modify Racial Inequality within Task Groups. *The Sociological Quarterly* 46: 525-543, 2005

**Harland Prechel.** *Research in Political Sociology: Politics and the Corporation.* Volume 14 (editor). Oxford UK: Elsevier Press, 2005.

**Harland Prechel.** “Decision Theory.” *Encyclopedia of Economic Sociology.* Edited by Jens Beckert and Milan Zafirovski. London: Routledge, 2005.

**Harland Prechel.** “Efficiency.” *Encyclopedia of Economic Sociology.* Edited by Jens Beckert and Milan Zafirovski. London: Routledge, 2005.

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## Grant

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**Harland Prechel.** National Science Foundation, Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Award. Supplement to “The Extent and Underlying Cause(s) of Corporate Malfeasance in U.S. Corporations,” (#SES-0351496-001), February 2005 - May 2006, \$12,000.

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## Committee Appointment

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**Dudley L. Poston, Jr.** has been appointed by the Director of the U.S. Census Bureau, Charles Kincannon, to a three-year term as a member of the Census Advisory Committee of Professional Associations (CACPA). The CACPA was established by the Secretary of Commerce in 1994 and is tasked to assist the Director of the Census Bureau on the full range of Census Bureau programs and activities. Poston attended and participated in the Fall, 2005 meeting of the CACPA in Washington, DC on October 20-21, 2005.

**Zane Lee** successfully defended his thesis on Identity and the Society for Creative Anachronism on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. His committee is comprised of Professors Alex McIntosh, Don Albrecht and Jane Sell

### **Defense of Doctoral Dissertation and Master's Thesis Proposals**

**David Embrick** successfully defended his doctoral dissertation proposal (“The Making and Selling of an Illusion: An Examination of Racial and Gender Diversity in Post Civil-Rights U.S. Corporations”). His committee is comprised of Professors Rogelio Saenz, Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, Edward Murguia, Joseph Jewell, and Mitchell Rice.

**Chris Lewinski** successfully defended her Master's thesis proposal (“The Incidence of Death among Low-risk Populations in America: A Multi-level Analysis”) on October 24, 2005. Her committee is comprised of Professors Dudley Poston, Rogelio Saenz, and Don Albrecht.

Please remember to send us your presentations, publications, grants, etc after they appear or are awarded so we can announce them. Send them to Dudley Poston at:  
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