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Nancy Plankey-Videla, *Gendered Contradictions: Managers and Women Workers in Self-Managed Teams*. In V. Smith (ed.), *Research in the Sociology of Work*, Vol. 16. 2006.

Research Awards:

Karen Glover was awarded one of the 2006 College of Liberal Arts Dissertation Grants based on her proposal.

D’Lane Compton was awarded the 2006 Cushing/Glasscock Graduate Humanities Research Award.

ASA Award Named For Joe Feagin

The American Sociological Association has instituted an undergraduate student award named after **Joe Feagin**. Specifically, the “Joe R. Feagin Distinguished Undergraduate Student Paper Award” recognizes the best undergraduate student paper that focuses specifically on the relation between or issues relevant to socially divided racial and ethnic groups, uses an integrative race, class, gender analysis, and/or makes an important theoretical, methodological, or empirical contribution in the field of Race/Racism/Race Relations Studies. The winner of the award this year will be announced at the 2006 ASA meetings in Montreal.

Phi Beta Kappa

Two of our outstanding undergraduate sociology majors, Monica Diaz and Courtney Meyers, have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa!



Presentations at Meetings

Gabriela Guazzo presented her paper entitled “Terrorism: Pervasive Ambiguity and the Need to Define the Situation” at the 2006 Southern Sociological Society annual conference in New Orleans, LA on March 22-25.

Nadia Y. Flores and Li Zhang. “The Social Capital of Immigrants and Non-immigrants in Los Angeles.” Poster presented at the Population Association of America Meetings in Los Angeles, March 29th- April 1st.

Li Zhang presented “Bringing men In: An Analysis of Male and Female Fertility, 1990-1998.” At the Population Association of America Meetings in Los Angeles, March 29th-April 1st.

Dudley Poston presented a paper titled “Chinese Student and Labor Migration to the United States: Trends and Policies Since the 1980s” at a Conference on Global Competition for International Students, held at Georgetown University in Washington DC on March 31, 2006. His co-author was former graduate student **Hua Luo** (MS, Texas A&M, 2005) who is now an applied demographer and statistician with the China Insurance Regulatory Commission (Xinjiang Bureau) in Urumqi, Xinjiang, P.R. China

Alpha Kappa Delta and Pi Gamma Mu Induction Ceremonies

On April 11th, Marc Parent, the author of *Tuning Stones: My Days and Nights with Children at Risk* spoke at the Alpha Kappa Delta and Pi Gamma Mu induction ceremonies. Members of AKD, PGM and The Sociology Club had worked for months making arrangements and raising money for the event. Mr. Parent delivered an inspiring address about his work with children, answered questions and then signed copies of his book at the reception that followed.

Special thanks to **Dr. Carol Albrecht** who is the advisor for both Alpha Kappa Delta and Pi Gamma Mu.



Departmental Picnic

The Graduate Students', “Social Committee” hosted a departmental picnic on April 1st. Thanks to all those that helped and attended. It is the editors understanding that pictures are being withheld until money changes hands. The question is: is that money **for** the pictures or to prevent the pictures from appearing in the Gemeinschaft!!? Stay tuned