

Gemeinschaft News

Newsletter of the Department of Sociology
Texas A&M University

February 20, 2006

David Embrick accepts job at
Loyola University!



Marie Leonard accepts
job as Coordinator for
International Programs
at Texas A&M!

Marie Leonard accepted
the part-time coordinator

job on February 16th. She is also a lecturer in our
department for this Spring semester. She will become
the full-time coordinator in June of 2006. Her new
address is:

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Publications

Dudley L. Poston, Jr. and Baochang Gu. "Effects of the Fertility and Mortality Transitions on the Elderly and Eldercare in China, and in Shanghai, Beijing and Tianjin." Pp. 94-115 in *Papers of the International Symposium on Population and Development Strategy*. Shanghai: Shanghai Municipal Commission of Population and Family Planning, 2006.

Steffensmeier, Darrell J., Hua Zhong, **Jeff Ackerman**, Jennifer Schwartz, and Suzanne Agha. 2006. "Gender Gap Trends for Violent Crimes, 1980-2003: A UCR-NCVS Comparison." *Feminist Criminology* 1:72-98.

Rogelio Saenz. "Latino Births Increase in Nontraditional Destination States." Published on the Webpage of the Population Reference Bureau webpage. February 2006.

Go to this link to read Rogelio's most interesting article:

http://www.prb.org/Template.cfm?Section=PRB&template=/Content/ContentGroups/06_Articles/Latino_Births_Increase_in_Nontraditional_Destination_States.htm

By the way, we call your attention to an earlier piece Rogelio published on the Population Reference Bureau webpage last Fall. It dealt with the current and projected distribution of Catholics in the world. This piece was read by many, many people, including Bob O'Gorman and Mary Faulkner, the authors of "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding Catholicism." The 3rd edition of the Guide will include tables from Rogelio's article.

Grant:

Jan Hughes, Oi-man Kwok, and **W. Alex McIntosh** were awarded a grant entitled “Racial and Ethnic Achievement Disparities in Middle School Students: The Role of Peer, Teacher, and Mentor Support for Learning.” This project will be funded for \$82,731 over three years. The project will be funded by income from the Kay and Jerry Cox Middle School Endowment. In 1992, Kay and Jerry Cox of Houston created a \$250,000 endowment with the Texas A&M Foundation to support the intellectual, physical and emotional health of middle school students and their families.



Dissertation Defense

On February 20th, **Carla Norris-Raynbird** successfully defended her dissertation, “Capacity-Building: A Social Inquiry into the Local Coastal Program Component of Coastal Zone Management in Louisiana.” Her committee consists of Jane Sell (Chair), John Thomas, Dennis Wenger and Bob Ditton. Congratulations Dr. Norris-Raynbird!

Please submit items of interest for *Gemeinschaft* News! Send news to Dudley Poston (d-poston@tamu.edu) or Jane Sell (j-sell@tamu.edu)