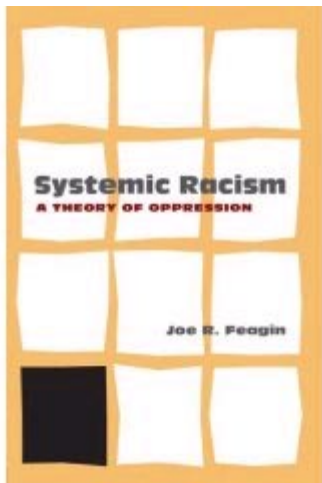


Gemeinschaft News

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Publications:



Joe R. Feagin. 2006 Systemic Racism. Routledge.

Marcus Aldredge. 2006. "Negotiating and Practicing Performance: An Ethnographic Study of a Musical Open Mic in Brooklyn, New York." Symbolic Interaction 29: 109-118.



Appointment:

Dudley L. Poston, Jr. was recently appointed by the Society for the Study of Social Biology to be its representative to the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Poston's term as representative to the AAAS will run through February 2008.

Grants

“BBSI: Vascular Bioengineering Summer Institute.” NSF-Bioengineering and Bioinformatics Summer Institute. **Sarah N. Gatson**, Co-PI, with Christopher M. Quick (PI), Randolph Stewart (Co-PI), and James E. Moore (Co-PI). (November 29, 2005; Awarded February 15, 2006; \$600,000).

“Mechanobiology of the Bat Wing Microvasculature: Summer Research Experiences for Undergraduates.” NSF-Research Experiences for Undergraduates. **Sarah N. Gatson**, Senior Personnel & co-author, with PI Christopher M. Quick, and Co-PI Randy Stewart. (R&R granted, January 10, 2006) (\$265,502) (Project period begins April 2006)



Thesis Defenses

Ginny Garcia successfully defended her MS thesis on the dynamics and patterns of sexually transmitted infections in the U.S. and China, on Monday March 6. Her committee was comprised of Dudley Poston (chair), Jane Sell and Alex McIntosh.

Chris Lewinski successfully defended her MS thesis: “The Incidence of Death Among Low Risk Populations in America: A Multi-level Analysis”. Her committee included Dudley Poston (Chair), Regelio Saenz, and Don Albrecht.

Dissertation Defenses

Mary Ann Davis successfully defended her doctoral Dissertation on Monday, March 6th. “Will Our Final Years be Golden? Mortality by Alzheimer’s Disease in the United States”. Her committee is comprised of: Dudley L. Poston, Jr. (Chair) Holly Foster, Edward Murguia, Jane Sell and Cruz Torres

Ruth Schemmer successfully defended her doctoral dissertation, “Survival of Nonprofit Community Health Clinics” on Friday, March 3rd. Her committee is comprised of Jane Sell (Chair), Joan Manley, Dudley Poston and Sherry Bame.

Marie Leonard

In the last issue (February 22nd) of *Gemeinschaft News*, we noted that Marie Leonard had just assumed a new position as Coordinator of International Programs in the College of Liberal Arts. The Texas A&M News and Information Service published on 2-28-2006 a much more informative announcement about Marie and her new position. Here is their news statement about Marie:

Marie des Neiges Leonard, assistant lecturer in sociology, has accepted the position of project coordinator for international programs in Texas A&M's College of Liberal Arts. Leonard will continue teaching in sociology until the end of May, when she will begin to serve full-time as project leader in the coordination and development of international programs, activities, opportunities and funding initiatives, including study abroad and international exchanges. Leonard, a native of France, received her Ph.D. in sociology from Texas A&M in December 2005. Her areas of expertise include transnational social movements and cultural and gender studies. Leonard served as program coordinator for the Rudder-Normandy Study Abroad Program for several summers and has held internships at research institutes in France and Germany. She is currently the editor-at-large of the *Atlantic Affairs Journal* and is past president of the International Graduate Student Association. Leonard was also awarded the 2004-2005 Eppright Outstanding International Student Award.

Feinian's Daughter, Erika

We recently had a communication from **Feinian Chen**, a member of our faculty from 2001 to 2004. Two years ago Feinian took a job at North Carolina State University. Her husband **Jing Li** works in Washington, DC, so Feinian's move to North Carolina resulted in her being closer geographically to Jing. Feinian gave birth to a baby girl **Erika**, the week before she moved to North Carolina. She sends along a photo of Erika (below). Erika was in the 97th percentile in height at her 18 month check up. Feinian writes that "she will turn into a little Yao Ming if she keeps up at that speed."



March Birthdays!

Christi Ramirez
March 2
Jocelyn Lewis
March 2
Rogelio Saenz
March 7
David Embrick
March 11
Stejepan Mestrovic
March 12
Howard Kaplan
March 17
Aaron Pinnick
March 18
Rachel Walden
March 18
Christine Klucsarits
March 24
Ruth Thompson-Miller
March 28
Ginny Garcia
March 31