

Gemeinschaft News

Newsletter of the Department of Sociology
Texas A&M University

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Becvar wins merit award!



Barbara Becvar received a one-time merit award from our department. These awards are scarce resources and require college and provost approval. It is richly deserved! Thanks for all your hard work, Barbara!

Presentations:

Rob Mackin presented a paper, "Liberation Theology: The Movement that Fell from the Sky?" in Puerto Rico at the Latin American Studies Association Conference.

Holly Foster and colleagues presented results of their on-going research on "Children's Exposure to Violence over Space and Time" to a NIH grantee meeting in Bethesda, MD.

Participation in Panel:

From March 13-15 **Holly Foster** served on a peer review grant panel in Bethesda, MD for the National Institute of Health involving the review of applications for funding.

Thesis Defenses:

Ruth Thompson-Miller successfully defended her thesis entitled: "Legal Segregation: Racial Violence and The Long Term Implications" Her committee is comprised of Joe Feagin (Chair), Joseph Jewell and Alex McIntosh.

B. Garrick Harden defended his thesis entitled, "Thus Mangle Ye Still the Human Race: A Study in Structural Navigation." His committee is chaired by Stjepan Mestrovic and Alex McIntosh and Ted George (Philosopher) are the other members.

Crystal Copeland successfully defended her thesis. Her committee includes Stjepan Mestrovic (Chair) and Alex McIntosh.

Feagin Awarded Rabbi Martin Katzenstein Award

Joe Feagin has been awarded the 2006 Harvard Alumni/Alumnae Association (HDS) Rabbi Martin Katzenstein award for achievement (human rights/action research). It will be presented on June 6th, at their Alumni/Alumnae dinner.



April birthdays:

Barbara Finlay	April 3
Reuben May	April 3
Carla Norris-Raynbird	April 3
Beverly Mireles	April 7
Misael Obregon	April 7
Mike Johnson	April 15
Bibin Qin	April 19
Ron Homann	April 20
Ronald Lorenzo	April 24
Diedra Turner (Crawford)	April 25
Li Zhang	April 25