

# Gemeinschaft News

Newsletter of the Department of Sociology  
Texas A&M University

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Nadia Flores and Rob Mackin awarded  
International Research Travel Assistance  
Grants



Dr. Flores and Dr. Mackin were recently awarded International Research Travel Assistance Grants.

Nadia's proposal was entitled, "International Migration from El Salvador". Rob's proposal was entitled, "The Origins of Progressive Catholicism in Chile: The Young Catholic Worker Movement and the Legacies of Church Reform."

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## Three Sociology Undergraduates Selected for Internships in Washington, DC

Three undergraduate majors in our department, **Brittany Cleveland**, **Aida Ramos** and **Allison Garrett** were among 17 Texas A&M University students selected for Public Policy Internships in Washington D.C. This is a university wide internship program, with students applying from all departments in the university. The students will attend various training seminars this semester and next held here on our campus. Then they will spend the summer of 2006 in Washington D.C. serving as interns at government/non-profit agencies. **Carol Albrecht** of our department is the faculty sponsor. Congratulations to Brittany, Aida, Allison, and Carol on these wonderful accomplishments.

## Undergraduate Research Award

Monica Diaz has been awarded a grant from the Melbern G. Gluscock Center Undergraduate Research Award Program. Monica's proposal, "Corporate PACs and Political Power: The Financial Modernization Act of 1999" received such high marks that the committee offered her more money than she requested! Monica is working with Dr. Harland Prechel.

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### Publication

Carla Norris-Raynbird. 2005. "A Migration Tale of Two Texas Cities,"  
International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters 23: 37-73.

### Demographers Attend SDA Conference

Eleven demographers from our department attended and presented research papers at the annual meeting of the Southern Demographic Association held last week in Oxford, Mississippi. The persons attending and the papers they presented are the following:

1. "The Economic Cost of being Homosexual in the U.S.," **Amanda K. Baumle**
2. "Patterns of Residential Segregation in U.S. Cities between Homosexuals and Heterosexuals," **D'Lane R. Compton**
3. "Patterns of Sexuality in China and the U.S.," **Heather K.M. Terrell** and **Carol S. Walther**
4. "Prevalence of Sexually Transmitted Infections in China and the U.S.," **Ginny Garcia** and **Rachel Traut**
5. "Homosexuality in China," **Chris Lewinski**
6. "Asexuality in the United States," **Dudley L. Poston, Jr.**
7. "Patterns of Male and Female Fertility in the Countries of the World," **Li Zhang**
8. "Reassessing the Black-White Mortality Crossover for Those Who Survive Past Eighty," **Mary Ann Davis**
9. "Racial and Ethnic Mortality in the U.S.: Health Care Access Differentials," **Christopher J. Teran**

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: [d-poston@tamu.edu](mailto:d-poston@tamu.edu)