From the Chair

Dr. James Holstein, Chair

The Department of Social and Cultural Sciences has experienced an “extreme makeover” in the past five years. The 21st century has seen the Department add seven new full-time faculty members, seventy crates of old bones (the remains from the Milwaukee Paupers Cemetery), a new major, a 30-computer lab, a top-tier journal, a new administrative assistant, nine faculty children, and a first-rate view of the new Raynor Library. Some alumni might not even recognize us.

The aim of SOCS Scoop is to keep alumni, faculty, and students in touch with one another as we travel the new and exciting paths that the Marquette experience provides. The biggest news is that the Department is now the biggest in the Helen Way Klingler College of Arts and Sciences (the newly renamed college also has the distinction of having the longest name on campus). In the Spring of 2005, the Department has over 400 students majoring in one of our four majors.

The second big change is the addition of the Social Welfare and Justice Major. Fully operational for only two years, the SOWJ major now enrolls 75 students. This is simply remarkable, given that the program only recently rose from the ashes of the dismantled Social Work program. We were certainly sorry to see Social Work go, but we are extremely proud and excited for our new major. We invite all our Social Work graduates to visit our web site to see what SOWJ is up to. I’m sure it will look very familiar, with some new and exciting twists. We hope you will keep your connection with the Department. We are proud of our past graduates, and deeply value the tradition that has passed to current SOWJ students. If there is a home for social action and social justice at Marquette, this is it.
Next, we’d like to introduce you to some new people in the department:

- Deb Crane: Social Welfare and Justice
- Melissa Schrft: Sociology and Anthropology
- Erica Owens: Sociology
- Molly Doane: Anthropology
- Meghan Stoshine: Criminology and Law Studies
- Cathy Morrell: Administrative Assistant

We’d also like you to meet Carol Archbold, who joined us in 2002, but she just left us for a new position at North Dakota State University.

We are pleased to offer you other bits of news in SOCS Scoop. We hope you enjoy it. Please visit the departmental web site (http://marquette.edu/socs/) and see what else we’re up to.

Focus on Majors

The Social Welfare & Justice Major (SOWJ) is the newest major that has been added to the Department of Social & Cultural Sciences. The major features justice perspectives from anthropology, criminal justice & law, sociology and social work. The SOWJ major is a flexible one that allows students to tailor the major to their specific interests. Students may choose a general major in Social Welfare and Justice or they may concentrate their studies in one of two areas: Pre-MSW (Masters in Social Work) Concentration or Victim Services Concentration. Students can choose to minor in SOWJ or they can combine the SOWJ major with a major in sociology or criminology and law studies.

The major began in Fall, 2002; Ana Keultjes was our first graduate in May 2003. Ana was a double major in SOWJ and Sociology. In 2004, nine students graduated as SOWJ majors; many of our graduates combined their SOWJ major with Criminology and Law Studies. We’re finding out that they have been quite creative in terms of how they are utilizing this major after graduation. For example, Quinton Cotton is getting his MSW from Case Western in Cleveland. Heather Placek has finished her first year of Law School, right here at Marquette. Ellen McGuire is working at Lutheran Social Services in Chicago, doing adoption work. Nora Strang started out at La Causa, but has found her way to the Milwaukee Bureau of Child Welfare, as an ongoing worker. Kristin Krietemeyer and Wendy Ptak are both on the west coast, doing work with Jesuit Volunteer Corp.

For the Class of 2005, we’re expecting 22 May graduates. This April, Melissa Herguth, a 2005 graduate, decided it was time to celebrate, so she initiated and organized the “First Annual Social Welfare & Justice Banquet,” which was held April 23rd, in the Mashuda 2nd Floor Ballroom. Over 20 majors joined together to share good food and stories, and gleaned the wisdom of our upcoming SOWJ graduates. Melissa did a great job in putting this 1st Banquet together, and we would like the tradition to continue with alums returning to network with our current students. The SOWJ major is steadily growing with 75 majors at the time of publication.

Lalumiere Hall
“Life after College”  
by Ana Keultjes  
MU Grad 2003  
Social Welfare & Justice and Sociology

The summer following my Spring 2003 graduation from Marquette with a double major in Sociology and Social Welfare & Justice was daunting, but I quickly took a job as the Case Manager for a Catholic Charities group home for adults with developmental disabilities on the South side of Milwaukee. Meanwhile, with my anxiety about paying the bills assuaged, I aggressively searched for a more promising and better paying opportunity. A few short months later, I was offered a position as a Wraparound Care Coordinator at Willowglen Community Care. And it was there that I discovered first hand what ongoing case management in the child welfare system was all about, and developed a profound respect for the professionals who gracefully, kindly devote their professional lives to social services for children and families. As a Wraparound Care Coordinator, I worked with 8-9 youth (and their families) who were determined by the Juvenile Delinquency Department or the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare to need intensive mental health treatment beyond what they were able to provide.

I left Wraparound Milwaukee this Winter to enter the Urban Studies Program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Graduate School, but deferred and unexpectedly landed a job as the Programs Coordinator at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society-Wisconsin Chapter, located just outside of Milwaukee in Hartland, where I have been employed since February. As Programs Coordinator, I work on all aspects of the planning, development, and evaluation of supportive programs for people whose lives are affected by MS throughout the state of Wisconsin, as opposed to the more visible roles in large non-profits such as fundraising and planning for events like the MS Walk or Bike Tour.

SOCS Multidisciplinary Internship

We are now approaching the end of the second year of the SOCS Internship Program. With the graduating class of 2005, we will have had over 90 students complete the internship. An additional 40 students are ready to begin next fall.

Seniors who have completed the internship say that it has been a tremendous learning opportunity, bridging the academic experience with the real world. Some of the students have been offered jobs. Others are going on to graduate school with a new perspective on their future studies. All have had enriching life experiences.

Many thanks go out to our supervisors, many of whom are alums. You offer our students a diverse choice in placements throughout the Milwaukee area. Through your dedication you are providing a solid learning experience for the internship students.

If you are a student in the Department of Social and Cultural Science interested in participating in the internship program, applications can be obtained in LL340. If you are an alum interested in more information about being a supervisor, please see read the information posted under Internships on the Department web page.

The New Raynor Library
Gale Miller
Receives First Way-Klingler Sabbatical Award

Dr. Gale Miller, professor of sociology and assistant chair in the Department of Social and Cultural Sciences, has received the inaugural Way-Klingler Sabbatical Award. Miller will receive a full-year and summer award plus $10,000 in operating funds.

During his sabbatical, Miller will continue work on two projects and start a third. He is currently conducting a comparative study of family disruption and change with Dr. Erica A. Owens, an assistant professor in the department. The study analyzes changing perceptions and interpretations of family members as they confront and respond to disruptions in family life. He is also working with Dr. John R. Briggs, a former faculty member and now clinical director of Solutions Behavioral Health Group, on advancing therapists’ practical understanding of how language processes shape both an individual’s orientation to a problem and to possible solutions.

The new research focus (a collaborative effort with Dr. Mary Ann Farkas, an associate professor) will involve a study of the families of individuals imprisoned for sexual offenses. The study will examine how family members of offenders understand and cope with their circumstances. This may result in practical approaches to helping families and counselors better respond to the challenges faced by such families.

Miller received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1969 and a Master of Arts degree in 1972 from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He earned a Masters degree in 1975 and his Ph.D. in 1976, both from the University of Kansas. He joined Marquette as an assistant professor in 1976, became an associate professor in 1981 and was promoted to professor in 1989.

As part of his research, Miller has written five books, published numerous articles and edited volumes, and given extensive presentations. He served as a research associate in the Institute for Family Studies at Marquette from 1986 to 1995 and was a senior research associate at the Brief Family Therapy Center in Milwaukee from 1988 to 2001. Miller is also a review editor and advisory board member of the *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* and *The American Sociologist*. In 2004, Miller became a research professor in the Department of Social and Cultural Sciences.

In addition to extensive service within the university and beyond, Miller is currently serving on the Task Force on the Nature of Research at Marquette and is on the Social Science Area Promotion and Tenure Committee for the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences. He has served with several professional associations, including as Midwest editor of the *Organizations and Occupations Section Newsletter* of the American Sociological Association from 1984 to 1991 and Wisconsin state director of the Midwest Sociological Society from 1985 to 1987.
Top Sociology Journal Housed In Department

Social Problems, one of the social sciences' premier journals, has resided in the department since 2003. James Holstein, professor of sociology and chair of the Department of Social and Cultural Sciences, is the journal’s editor through 2005. Stephen Franzoi from the Department of Psychology has served as Associate Editor and Carol Archbold from SOCS has been Deputy Editor.

Social Problems is published four times each year by the Society for the Study of Social Problems, an interdisciplinary organization of scholars, activists, practitioners and students who promote social justice through social research. The journal deals in timely topics like race relations, poverty, crime, violence, social movements, gender, and family.

Parade of Books

Publishers notes on recent books by department faculty members


This book was born out of the pressure imposed on forensic experts by the new sexual predator laws and the dilemma they have created. These include how we conceptualize sexual offenders and their victimization, how to manage and control sex offender behavior, and how to resolve the conflict of forensic experts in the roles of both treatment providers and as agents of social control under the mandates of sex-offender specific laws. The book is a synthesis of the clinical research on the subject by a large number of scholars presented within the larger perspective of the problem itself, closer to the natural roots of human sexual behaviors and their historicity. It offers a clear and cogent argument explaining how law and medicine can move beyond the present climate of moral panic guided by a discerning and deliberate approach to interpreting sexual offenders. Among topics covered are women in society, deviant sexuality, the reality of evil, rape and rapists, lust murderers, the relationship of mental illness to sexual offending, victims of sexual abuse and their victimizers, treatment, sex offender laws, and the logic of sex offender laws and policies.


The Self We Live By confronts the serious challenges facing the self in postmodern times. Taking issue with contemporary trivializations of the self, the book traces a course of development from the early pragmatists who formulated what they called the 'empirical self' to contemporary constructionist views of the storied self. Presenting an institutional context for the increasing complexity and ubiquity of narrative identity, the authors illustrate the 'everyday technology of self construction' and discuss the resulting moral climate.

*Doing Time* describes life in a maximum security prison, as experienced by first-time prisoners. The study is a collaboration between an inmate-sociology graduate student and a sociologist. The analysis focuses on the phenomenological experience of the prison world and the consequent adaptations and transformations that it evokes. *Doing Time* is not an exposé on prison conditions; it is an intimate view of a maximum security prison and its effects on new inmates.


*Becoming Miracle Workers* takes readers inside Northland Clinic, one of the most innovative and important centers of brief therapy in the world. Based on twelve years of research, Miller’s book discusses how brief therapy has evolved into its present, postmodern form. He describes the details of brief therapist-client interactions, and the behind-the-scenes discussions among brief therapists about their clients' problems. This readable account of the workings of brief therapy invites readers to sit in on brief therapy sessions, provides them with new understandings of personal troubles as social constructions, and shows how brief therapists help their clients develop new, untroubled, life stories.


The change from a hunting-gathering lifestyle to one dependent upon farming constitutes a truly 'revolutionary' event in the human career. Most archaeologists agree that how ancient people organized their work and family groups was crucial to the success of early attempts at farming. Yet little serious attention has been paid to the social organization of labor in the prehistoric past. This book addresses that lacuna by investigating sexual divisions of labor. As a case study, Peterson chose the southern Levant of West Asia, where the world’s first farming societies emerged some 10,000 years ago. Shattering long held assumptions about women’s work that lead to generalizations about gender roles, Peterson shows that gender studies can be both scientific and thoroughly grounded in feminist theory.


With the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution in 1966, the regime of Chairman Mao Zedong launched a propaganda campaign aimed at disseminating inspiring images of the chairman to a skeptical populace. Thus was born the "Mao badge," a political icon in the form of a pin that was widely distributed to create, sustain, and inflate the Mao personality cult during the Cultural Revolution (1966-1976). Scholars estimate that over two billion Mao badges, featuring over fifty thousand different designs and themes, were produced. As China now enters an era in which people can more openly express their views about the Cultural Revolution, these icons have taken on new meanings, and people are wearing and talking about them in subversive ways. Melissa Schrift suggests that the badges developed "lives" that far surpass the intentions of their creators, as the Chinese ironically commodified them, both during the Cultural Revolution and today. During the Mao years, people wore the objects to symbolize their unquestioned loyalty to Mao. Yet even then many Chinese subverted the
badges' symbolic meaning. Using them in socially approved rituals, they gained a measure of political credibility that masked their practice of prohibited customary rites. *Biography of a Chairman Mao Badge* is a work of cultural history that contributes to our understanding not only of Chinese society but, more generally, of strategies people employ in responding to and transforming the meaning of propaganda campaigns and symbols.

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**Student Honors and Awards**

Two students from the Department received awards at the 2005 Arts and Sciences Honor’s Convocation. **Jennifer Botsford**, from Rockford, Illinois received the Bruce F. Biever, S.J., Memorial Award, which is given in memory of Father Bruce Biever, S.J., who served Marquette as Professor and Chairperson of Social and Cultural Sciences for many years. Jennifer is an excellent scholar, with majors in sociology and psychology. She is a member of the Honors Program, and has received appointments to ALPHA KAPPA DELTA, PI GAMMA MU, and ALPHA SIGMA NU honor societies. Jennifer has also been very committed to social justice through the Young Womynz Empowerment Conference, Equality Knocks, Milwaukee Foster Care Alliance for LGBT Youth, Adult Literacy, AODA Women’s Group and Campus Greens. She is currently an intern with Project Q.

**Brianna Dahm**, from Two Rivers, Wisconsin, received the Criminology and Law Studies Outstanding Senior Award, which is given to the student voted as the most outstanding senior in CRLS by their faculty. It is based on academic record, university service, program contributions, leadership, and community service. Brianna is a criminology and psychology major, and is a member of ALPHA SIGMA NU and the Pre-Law Society. The Division of Student Affairs chose her to receive an Outstanding Student Leadership Award for her outstanding contributions to recreation, health and wellness. She has volunteered extensively with Choice MATAR, Boys and Girls Club, Hope House, Lakewood Nursing Home, Habitat for Humanity, Midnight Run, Special Olympics, and the Soup Kitchen. Brianna is also an

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**Lectures on Campus**

Criminologist Stephen C. Richards gave a talk on *The New School of Convict Criminology*, sponsored by Pi Gamma Mu and Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Societies. Dr. Richards is the author of two books, Behind Bars: Surviving Prison and Convict Criminology,

Filmmaker Bill Siegel gave this year’s McGee Lecture. The evening provided a film screening of Siegel’s Academy Award nominated documentary *The Weather Underground*, with a discussion that followed.
accomplished athlete with the Cross Country and Track teams at Marquette, and is a member of the Student Athletes Advisory Committee and the Southeast Area Track Club.

The following students were initiated into PI GAMMA MU, the International Honor Society in Social Science on April 14, 2005: Megan E. Ankrom, John R. Bannon, Brigette K. Brennan, Ann C. DeWaters, Rafał G. Dobek, Karen M. Esche, Sarah C. Gauthier, Brian C. Hartley, Joshua K. Hickman, Anisa J. Kaplenk, Micah E. Keshemberg, Christopher A. Kierzich, Rhianna D. Koravosky, Marisol Matta, Chloe N. Robinson, Ryan M. Seebruck, Rebecca Lin-Claire Sjolund, Cody L. Smedsrud, Naomi J. Stieber, Ashley E. Tremain, Nikisha N. Valdez, and Maychee Vue.

The following students were initiated into ALPHA KAPPA DELTA, the International Honor Society in Sociology on April 14, 2005: Joanna Ahlering, Stephanie Jacobs, Micah Keshemberg, Kate Kriloff, and Timothy Maynard.

Coles, Jones Return from Sabbatical

Robert Coles, Associate Professor of Sociology, was on sabbatical for the Fall, 2004 semester. During her sabbatical she wrote Race and Family: A Structural Approach, soon to be published by Sage Publications. In addition, she continued her research on single black custodial fathers, which is the first in the field of research on African American fatherhood to focus on custodial dads.

Rick Jones, Associate Professor of Sociology, spent the Fall teaching a graduate seminar in qualitative methods at the University of Tampere, Finland, and continuing his research on “Making It in the Free World: Strategies of Successful Re-Entry”.

In Memory

On April 27, 2005, the Marquette community honored John (Jay) Balchunas’ memory by awarding him with the Lex et Justitia award at the Fourteenth Annual Criminology and Law Studies Awards Dinner. Each year, the Lex et Justitia is awarded to an individual who embodies the ideals of truth, justice, and commitment to the community. At this awards dinner, it was announced that a scholarship fund in Jay’s name has been established.

Jay Balchunas graduated from Marquette in 1995 with a degree in Criminology and Law Studies. While a student, he was active in the Criminology and Law Society and worked as a public safety officer for the Department of Public Safety. After graduation, he worked as a police officer for the Milwaukee Police Department before accepting his appointment as Special Agent for the state in 1996.

Jay was a special agent with the Wisconsin Department of Justice when he was mortally wounded while on duty during a random robbery at a Milwaukee gas station. His senseless death shocked the community. Co-
workers, friends, and members of the Marquette community fondly remember Jay as a very caring person with boundless energy, who saw a law enforcement career as a way to serve the community and help the less fortunate among us. As described by Attorney General Peg Lautenschlager, “He was an extraordinary cop. There are few young people in law enforcement who have his sense of commitment.”

The Jay Balchunas Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established to provide financial aid for future CRLS students. Memorial gifts may be sent to the Jay Balchunas Memorial Scholarship Fund, Marquette University, P.O. Box 1881, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1881.

**Brendan Michael McCarty Fisher** died Saturday January 22, 2005 of injuries sustained in a weather-related car accident. Brendan was a 2004 Criminology and Law Studies graduate. Originally from Iowa City, Brendan was a kind, fun-loving friend. Genuine, warm and loyal, Brendan touched many lives: his friends and family, work colleagues at First Horizon Merchant Services, and clients and staff at the legal aid office where he served an internship helping HIV/AIDS patients. Brendan was an avid sports lover. A trip to New Orleans for the 2003 Final Four was a highlight of his years at Marquette.

The Brendan Fisher Memorial Fund has been established at Hills Bank and Trust, 1401 South Gilbert Street, Iowa City, Iowa, 52240. Memorial gifts are welcome.

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**Focus on Alumni**

**Buffy Smith** graduated from Marquette with a BA in sociology and went on to graduate school at UW-Madison. She received her Ph.D. in 2004 and is currently Assistant Professor of sociology at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul Minnesota. She teaches Race and Ethnicity, Social Stratification, Social Problems and Introductory Sociology. Her primary research interests include examining racial, gender, and class disparities within the higher education system.

**Will Kalkhoff** got his degree in sociology from Marquette in 1994. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in 2002 and accepted a faculty position at Kent State University. Will has recently published an article on “Collective Validation in Multi-Actor Task Groups: The Effects of Status Differentiation” in the prestigious journal, *Social Psychology Quarterly*.

**Brian Costello, M.D.,** graduated from Marquette with a degree in sociology and went to UW-Madison to get his MA in sociology. From there, Brian studied medicine at the Medical College. After serving a residency at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine, he accepted an appointment in internal medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester Minnesota. Brian also serves as Instructor of Medicine at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine.

**Bill Smith** graduated from Marquette with a BA in sociology and received his Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame in 1984. He is currently a Professor of Sociology and Sociology Program Coordinator at Georgia Southern University. He is the author of *Families and Communes: An Examination of Nontraditional Lifestyles* (Sage Publications, Inc. 1999) and *Irish Priests in the United States: A
Vanishing Subculture (University Press of America, 2004).

Elizabeth Crowe graduated in 1989 with a degree in Criminology and Law Studies. She is currently employed by the law firm of Frost Brown Todd. She plans to specialize in the areas of criminal law and constitutional rights.

Clarence Marshall, who studied sociology at Marquette in the 1990’s, will play for the Fairbanks Goldpanners of the Alaska Summer Baseball League. A promising outfielder/third baseman, Marshall has been out of baseball since suffering an off-season injury in 2001. He is now attempting a comeback after extensive reconstructive surgery and rehabilitation.

William Swart graduated from Marquette with an MS in sociology and received his Ph.D in Sociology at the University of Kansas. He is currently an Associate Professor at Augustana College. His central research focus has been on the interface between localized nationalist movements and broad changes in international culture, politics, and economics in Ireland.

Cheryl Carpenter graduated from Marquette with a BS in sociology and received her Ph.D. from Syracuse University. She is currently an Associate Professor at St. Norbert College with teaching and research interests in social inequality, deviance, and feminist theory.

Kara Schneider graduated from Marquette with a degree in anthropology. She is a recent graduate of the University of South Dakota School of Medicine and is in a pediatric internal medicine residency in Minneapolis. Kara married Joseph Sullivan (’97, anthropology major) Last year. Joe received his law degree from the University of Wisconsin and currently works for West Law in Minneapolis.

Coleen Milligan graduated from Marquette with a degree in anthropology and is a Ph.D. candidate at Michigan State University, studying in a combined forensic sciences and biological anthropology program.

Theodore Neff graduated from Marquette with a degree in anthropology and received his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. He is currently an assistant director of cultural resource management for the Navajo Nation in Williams, Arizona.

Christope Robert graduated from Marquette with a degree in anthropology. He received his Ph.D. from Cornell University and is currently working on culture change issues in Vietnam.

Richard White graduated from Marquette with a degree in anthropology. He is the Director International Liaison for the Kitoza Corporation in Japan.

Usamma al-Haddad graduated from Marquette with a degree in Anthropology in 2002. He has been serving as a translator for the U.S. foreign service in Iraq and will begin graduate study in International Affairs at Harvard University in the Fall 2005 semester.

Let’s Hear From You

To stay in touch with our alumni and to include alumni news in future newsletters, we are seeking information from our former students. Let us know what you have been up to. The Department welcomes news from alumni and friends. Send announcements or milestones to Editor, SOCS Scoop, Dept. of Social & Cultural Sciences, Box 1881, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1881, or richard.jones@mu.edu.