From the Chair

This semester has been full of honors and awards for faculty in our department, so this issue begins by highlighting those awards. It also will be a year of transitions, but first the honors:

Three of our faculty members were recently promoted. In acknowledgement of their quality teaching, research, and service to Marquette, Drs. Louise Cainkar (SOWJ) and Darren Wheelock (CRLS) both received tenure and were promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor. Ms. Deb Crane (SOWJ) was promoted from Adjunct Assistant Professor to Adjunct Associate Professor. Congratulations to all of them!!

In addition, three other faculty in the department received awards for achievements in research, teaching and/or service. Dr. Roberta Coles, Professor of Sociology, received the Nora Finnigan Werra Faculty Achievement Award, given annually by the Association of Marquette University Women in recognition of an outstanding female faculty member. Dr. Rick Jones, Professor of Sociology, received an Excellence in Teaching Award, in recognition of his years of teaching with a sociological passion that inspires students. Dr. Sameena Mulla, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, received a Way-Klingler Young Scholar Award, which recognizes potential and supports not-yet-tenured scholars in their ongoing research. See page 2 of this newsletter for more detail on these awards.

The department’s structure and composition will undergo a couple transitions as well: We are losing one faculty member and gaining another. Dr. Gale Miller (SOCl) will retire (see sidebar for more information), and we hired Dr. David Nowacek, a sociologist, as a full-time adjunct instructor. Dr. Nowacek received his doctorate from the University of Wisconsin and will create a new course on environmental issues for the department. We will introduce him more fully in the Fall newsletter.

Finally, I will be stepping down as Department Chair as of June 30th. It has been great to serve the hundreds of students who major in our four disciplines and the dedicated full- and part-time faculty in the department. Seeing a number of my departmental colleagues recognized this year for their teaching and scholarship is an honor for me and concludes my term on a high point.

Dr. Jane Peterson, professor of Anthropology, will be taking over as Chair. As an archaeologist, Dr. Peterson has conducted research and published a book and numerous articles on the Neolithic era in Jordan. She teaches courses such as Archeology in Action, Archeology & Prehistoric Cultures, and Women & Men in Cross-Cultural Perspective. She has served on various University committees and was one of the nominees for the Excellence in Advising this year. We wish her well in her term as Chair.
Dr. Rick Jones
Wins Teaching Excellence Award

With over 25 years of teaching undergraduate and graduate students in both Sociology and Criminology & Law Studies, Rick Jones has taught more than 15 different courses and legions of students. In addition to numerous sociology courses, Dr. Jones has taught Freshman Inquiry, EOP and Freshman Frontier summer courses, and in May will teach a study abroad course in Finland and Estonia about comparative correction system.

According to students, Dr. Jones is a teacher who makes students comfortable, yet holds them responsible for their work. He challenges students to go “out on the streets” into various social worlds and think sociologically about mundane activities. But most importantly, according to many student letters on his behalf, Dr. Jones encourages them to go after their dreams.

Dr. Jones will receive his award at the annual Pere Marquette dinner at the end of the semester.

Dr. Sameena Mulla Receives Way-Klingler Young Scholar Award

Way-Klingler Young Scholar Awards support promising young scholars in critical stages of their careers. Dr. Mulla, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, is one of those scholars. She conducts research that interweaves gender, sexuality, and medical-legal issues. The award, which gives the recipient a semester sabbatical, will enable Dr. Mulla to devote a semester to completing two projects: The first is an interdisciplinary project titled “Trace, Body, Voice,” (conducted with Dr. Heather Hlavka, a criminologist in the department) that stems from their Milwaukee-based court-watch program. In this study, Dr. Mulla is interested in how forensic evidence is used in sexual assault cases. Her second project is an interdisciplinary and collaboratively written book project focusing on cross-cultural practices in sexual assault intervention. Its co-authors are from Scotland, Canada, and England and it will address international variations in legal definitions of rape, police practices, forensic investigation, and post-rape advocacy.

Dr. Gale Miller Retires

After 37 years of service to the department and university, Dr. Gale Miller, Professor of Sociology, will officially retire this May. Many of our sociology alum will remember Dr. Miller as their instructor in courses such as Principles of Sociology, Social Theory; Self, Language & Social Interaction; and numerous others. Dr. Miller also served the university on numerous committees and Chaired the Department from 2000-2003. Dr. Miller retires with a remarkable record of scholarship as well, having published 24 books and more than 70 articles and book chapters. For this outstanding record, he was given the title of Research Professor in 2000 and awarded the Lawrence G. Haggerty Research Award in 2012. However, “retirement” is not really in Dr. Miller’s vocabulary, so he will remain as Professor Emeritus and continue to conduct his research on narrative therapy and speak at international conferences and workshops.

Faculty Scholarship News

Dr. Louise Cainkar joined a panel of other MU faculty to discuss the future of the Middle East, Wed. Feb. 20th. She and other faculty in History, Languages, Political Science, and Theology also organized a two-day conference on Islam and Muslims, which was held March 19th and 20th on Marquette’s campus.
Dr. Mary Ann Farkas, Professor in Criminology & Law Studies, published “Sex Offender Laws: Can retribution, Public Safety and Treatment be Reconciled?” a chapter in Corrections: A Text/Reader (Sage Publications).

Dr. Angelique Harris, Assistant Professor in Sociology, published a book Writing for Emerging Sociologists (Sage Publications). This writing guide is designed to provide useful advice and instruction to sociology undergraduate and graduate students. While focused on the variety of writing projects that sociologists undertake, this book covers writing topics for all students and early professionals, e.g. grant writing; book reviews; blogs; encyclopedia entries; the IRB process; editing and revising; and policy briefs.

Drs. Heather Hlavka (CRLS) and Sameena Mulla (ANTH) received a $100,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to conduct their interdisciplinary research on the use of forensic evidence in sexual assault cases in the Milwaukee County Court system. Dr. Hlavka was also nominated for the Excellence in Advising award this year.

Dr. James Holstein, Professor of Sociology, published the second edition of Handbook of Interview Research (Sage Publications).

Dr. Rick Jones, Professor of Sociology, published “Convict Criminology: Prisoner re-entry policy recommendations,” in the Journal of Prisoners on Prisons.

Dr. Dawne Moon, Assistant Professor of Sociology, published “Who Am I and Who Are We? Conflicting Narratives of Collective Selfhood in Stigmatized Groups” in the American Journal of Sociology.

Dr. Meghan S. Stroshine, Associate Professor in Criminology & Law Studies, was awarded an internal grant of $ to conduct her research on “Predicting Verdicts and Sentences in Domestic Violence Case.”


Dr. Richard Zevitz, Associate Professor in Criminology & Law Studies, published The Long Road Home: The Trials and Tribulations of a Confederate Soldier. This is an historical novel based on 10 years of research on the Civil War and prisoner-of-war camps in Northern territories, such as Madison, WI.

Two-Week Study Abroad Course Offered May 2013

Dr. Rick Jones and Finnish colleague Dr. Ikponwosa Ekunwe will be taking students to Finland and Estonia for two weeks in May to study Comparative Crime and Punishment, focusing on the contrasting punishment styles among the U.S. (harsh), Finland (gentle) and Estonia (moderate). They will visit prisons and talk with prison officials, former prisoners and agencies working with offenders.
Student Honors

Chelsea Pierski, senior and Criminology & Law Studies major, was selected as the recipient of the Association of Marquette University Women’s 2013 Ignation Leadership award, which is given in recognition of a student who excels academically, demonstrates leadership skills, and has volunteered her services to Marquette and the local community. Among other activities, Chelsea has done volunteer work or internships with the Milwaukee County police department and the victim-witness program of the District Attorney’s office, and has served as president of the CRLS student group and as a member on MU’s Student Conduct Board.

Armando Barron, senior sociology major, was given the Rev. Bruce F. Biever Memorial award for outstanding sociology senior student. Armando is attending Marquette on an Evans Scholarship. While at MU, he has helped raise $30,000 for St. Baldrick’s childhood cancer program, created a music workshop at a local homeless center, and headed the Evans Scholar Information Technology Committee. In the future he hopes to create a nonprofit organization working with Latino immigrant communities in Chicago.

Mary Rose Geitl was given the Social Welfare & Justice’s 2012-13 Jane Addams Award for being an outstanding senior who has excelled in the areas of academics, service, and leadership. Following graduation, Mary Rose plans to volunteer for the Jesuit Volunteer Corp Northwest for a year. She will work in Seattle, Washington, as a Middle School Academic Support Coordinator for Seattle Nativity School.

Erin Hastings was awarded Anthropology’s 2013 Outstanding Senior award for demonstrating academic excellence, leadership and

service, and engagement and dedication to the field of anthropology and its broad applications to the world and commitment to human diversity. After graduation, Erin plans to get certification in Geographic Information Systems at a local college and apply to graduate schools to study historical archaeology or public health.

Meghan Wleklinski, a senior in CRLS and ANTH, was awarded the 2013 CRLS Outstanding Senior award. Meghan is currently an intern with the Milwaukee Police Dept., has done research in the Milwaukee courts, and has volunteered at Milwaukee’s secure detention facility. This past winner of the 2009 Magis Award for Excellence in Service and Leadership plans to go to graduate school in Criminal Justice.

Whatever Happened to…? (Alumni News)

As always, let us know what you are doing by emailing me at roberta.coles@mu.edu.

2009
Adrian Garcia (SOWJ) is Chief of Staff with Voto Latino, a non-partisan organization that mobilizes the Latino vote. He was also noted by Fox News Latino as one of the Top 10 young Latinos to watch for in politics: http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/politics/2012/11/21/ten-young-latinos-in-politics-to-watch-in-2013/

1990
Chad Steimle (SOCI) has been the principal at John F. Kennedy Catholic School in Davenport, a PS-8th grade Catholic school, for twelve years. Prior to that, he taught religion for nine years and served as a “Dean of Student Services” (similar to a high school guidance counselor) at Assumption High School in Davenport, Iowa. Along the way, he earned an M.S. in Educational Administration from Western Illinois University.
1960
Georgene Faust (SOCl) has been teaching at Rio Salado Community College in Phoenix, Arizona, for the past 15 years. Her area of specialization is preparing special needs students for the workplace. Prior to this, she worked as a school principal for several decades.

Gift to Anthropology Major
Mr. Terry Tutton, a retired biology teacher from Waukegan, IL, and the parent of an MU alum, donated a collection of human and other mammal fossil casts and 35 mm slides, valued at about $5000. These are a welcomed asset to the Department’s physical anthropology and archaeology courses. Thank you, Mr. Tutton.

Elin Stebbins Waldal
2012-13 McGee Lecturer

Ms. Waldal, author of the award-winning book Tornado Warning, a first person account of intimate partner violence, spoke at Marquette University Wed., April 3rd, to a crowd of about 100 students and faculty. Waldal spoke briefly of her own experience and then presented an analysis of the gender stereotypes and relationship violence perpetuated in popular culture such as the Twilight books and movies and in news coverage of rape & abuses cases such as in the recent Steubenville, OH, case.

Internship Experiences

Sasha Lorenzo

A senior majoring in Anthropology, Sasha Lorenzo wants to pursue a career in cultural anthropology. To that end, she is interning at the International Institute of Wisconsin (IIW), a non-profit organization in Milwaukee that assists immigrants and refugees in transitioning into the community by offering programming and support services. IIW also promotes international cooperation, and a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural perspective.

Sasha’s role at the Institute is to work with the refugee resettlement programming. While Sasha interacts with people of many cultural backgrounds, in particular she works with Burmese refugees by teaching an 8-week the cultural orientation in which Burmese refugees learn about American culture, from the education system to taxes and employment to health issues. She creates lesson plans and different activities used to further enhance their understanding.

As part of her internship experience, she also was sent to the National Council of International Visitors Conference in Washington D.C., where she met people from many parts of the world, visited an embassy, lunched with ambassadors from 50 countries, and chatted with the ambassador from Nepal. Sasha remarked, “These experiences helped to improve my networking and communication skills...and made me realize me and my work are appreciated.”