To me, it hardly seems possible that the 2013-14 academic year is already over. It was an extraordinarily busy year, as you shall see from what I share below. It was also my second year as Departmental Chair and while I did “know the ropes” a bit better, I still needed a lot of help and asked a lot of questions. As sociologists, we study bureaucracy, but if you really want to understand it up close, I recommend a term as department chair. As I said last year, what I do more often than anything else is sign my name! And believe it or not, the university has come up with even more situations where the chair’s signature is needed, though I will spare you the boring details. Still, it is great to have the opportunity to be chair of this wonderful department.

The academic year began with the arrival of two new colleagues. Tse-Chuan “TC” Yang came from Penn State and Zoya Gubernskaya came from the University of California at Irvine. You can read more about them later in this newsletter. The department was very lucky that the top candidates in the CSDA interdisciplinary search were all sociologists. We are excited about the new research interests they will bring to the department.

During the fall and early spring semesters, much of my time, plus that of the Graduate Director, current and former Undergraduate Directors, and Peter Brandon, was spent working on the Departmental Self-Study in preparation for our External Review. This process takes place roughly every 7 years. Despite the fact that we had the excellent document prepared by the team led by Russ Ward in 2006 as a starting point, there was still a lot to do. To say we placed demands on the staff is an understatement! However, all 145 pages of it were finally completed and on April
23rd and 24th our external reviewers visited. They were Professor Pam Stone from Hunter College and CUNY Graduate Center and Professor Ralph Taylor from Temple University. They will write a report and submit it to the Provost, who will give it to the Dean, who will ultimately share it with us. So next fall the department will have the opportunity to learn what the reviewers said and write a response as to how we plan to implement their suggestions.

The department is starting to undergo changes in faculty, which will continue in the next few years. In one sense these are happy occasions as we celebrate retirements, the successful careers of our colleagues, and welcome new faculty members. But they do mean that the department will be changing in significant ways. During this coming year three people, who in many ways are the face of the department, will retire: Glenna Spitze at the end of August 2014, Chris Bose at the end of December 2014, and Russ Ward, at the end of August 2015. Together they have 111 years of experience at Albany, having arrived in 1979, 1978, and 1974 respectively. Not only have they contributed much to the university and the department, they are also the repository of much of the departmental lore and history. We shall miss them a lot!

As usual, our department has received accolades and honors during the year. Professor Christine Bose was honored by the Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) as their 2014 Distinguished Feminist Lecturer. Her lecture on global inequalities will be presented at the SWS summer meeting, as well as on two different campuses during the 2014-15 academic year. Two other faculty were honored at last year’s ASA meeting. Elizabeth Popp Berman’s article, “Explaining the Move toward the Market in U.S. Academic Science: How Institutional Logics Can Change without Institutional Entrepreneurs,” was Co-winner of the 2013 Star-Nelkin Paper Award, Section on Science, Knowledge and Technology. In addition, Beth’s new book *Creating the Market University: How Academic Science Became an Economic Engine* (Princeton University Press 2012) received two section awards: the Max Weber Award for Distinguished Scholarship from the Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work, and the Pierre Bourdieu Award from the Sociology of Education Section. Joanna Dreby’s article, “The Burden of Deportation on Children in Mexican Immigrant Families” was the winner of the Best Article Award from the ASA’s International Migration Section.

Closer to home, Angie Y. Chung was selected as a Provosts Fellow on Internationalization Collaborations and Initiatives (2013) that will help support a research study on East Asian international students at the University at Albany. Karyn Loscocco participated in the university’s Faculty Dialogue in Action Initiative during the 2013-14 academic year and will do so again in 2014-15. Zai Liang and Steve Messner hosted an exciting conference on urban China at UAlbany on May 9-10, 2014. The conference was an international collaboration between the Urban China Research Network (based in Albany) and Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou, China.

We had our Annual Standing Lecture – the 44th – on April 24, 2014. This is a
wonderful event where we honor our “founders” with awards to our current students. This year’s speaker was Belinda Robnett-Olsen from the University of California at Irvine. She presented a stimulating talk titled “Surviving Success: Black Political Organizations and the Politics of Post-Racial Illusions.” Professor Robnett is currently a Visiting Scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation in New York City where she is working on a book on the same topic, exploring why the black political organizations that were so important in the 1960s, such as NAACP and SCLC, were unable to effect as much change in the system in the decades that followed.

In closing, let me say this is an exciting time to be leading the Sociology department at Albany. In addition to our wonderful faculty and graduate students, I must mention the great staff we have. As many of you remember from your time here, the department would not function at all without the efforts of Cathy, Melanie, and Stacey. Many thanks to them! Unfortunately for us but fortunately for her, Melanie has received a promotion and will be moving to the new business building at the beginning of June. We shall miss her greatly. Thanks also, to Samantha Friedman, who is completing her three-year term as Graduate Director. That position will be filled by Beth Popp Berman starting next year, while Sam enjoys a well-deserved sabbatical year in Turkey. Finally, let me say that we are eager to stay in touch with our alums and learn what they are doing. Let us hear from you!

From the Graduate Director

Samantha Friedman

We have had a very good year in our graduate program, and I am pleased to highlight the accomplishments of our students. Let me begin by noting that seven students received their Ph.D.s in 2013: Michael Barton, Carolyn Corrado, Chris Galvan, Alex McClung, Brian McKernan, Suzanne Pennington, and Geoffrey Lee Wood. Thus far, in 2014, there are three more: Lauren Bryant, Kelly McGeever, and Matthias Revers. We congratulate them on their achievements and wish them well in their future endeavors in the academy and beyond.

Our graduate students continue to win awards. Matthias Revers received the 2014 University at Albany Distinguished Dissertation Award for his dissertation, “Agents of Democratic Accountability? Professional Culture of Political Journalism in the US and Germany.” Professor Ronald Jacobs chaired his dissertation. It is notable that our students have received this honor eight times.
years in a row, which speaks to the strength of our graduate program. Let’s continue this winning streak! Lina Rincon has been awarded the 2013-2014 University at Albany Dissertation Research Fellowship Award.

In addition to dissertation awards, our students have been recipients of other significant awards and honors. In August of 2013 at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), Nicole D’Anna was presented the Student Paper Competition Award from the Sociology and Social Welfare Division of the SSSP. In the fall of 2013, Se Hwa Lee and Kristen Hourigan received University at Albany Benevolent Association Research Grants. Kristen Hourigan recently received the University Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Graduate Instructor. Gowoon Jung is the 2014 recipient of the Appenzeller Memorial Scholarship by the Ewha Foundation, which will fund her to do research this summer.

Joshua McCabe was the recipient of the Humane Studies Fellowship for the 2012-2013 academic year from the Institute for Humane Studies. Lacy Mitchell was named as a pre-doctoral fellow at the Center for Cultural Sociology at Yale University. Kelly McGeever was selected to represent the University at Albany at the Boosting the Power of SUNY and CUNY: A Celebration of Graduate Research event at the New York State Legislative Office in February of 2013.

With respect to our annual departmental awards, many students submitted excellent papers and teaching portfolios. The awards committee had a difficult time making their final decisions. In 2014, Kristen Hourigan was the recipient of the Meadows Teaching Award. Joseph Gibbons won the Meadows Research Award, and Lacy Mitchell won the Liska Dissertation award. As in the past, our graduate students were active participants in national and regional conferences, including meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, American Society of Criminology, and the Population Association of America. Their participation at these meetings is a critical part of their training and reflects the high quality of our graduate program. Of particular note was the impressive number of students who participated in the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association and the Society for the Study of Social Problems as well as the meetings of Media Sociology (pre-conference) and Sociologists for Women in Society, which were all held in New York in August of 2013. Fourteen students presented sole-authored papers at roundtable sessions at these meetings, with three of them presenting more than one paper, and seven students presented sole-authored papers at regular paper sessions, with one student presenting two papers. In addition, eight students presented co-authored papers with faculty at either roundtable or regular sessions. Participating in other capacities, three students served as moderators or panelists at these meetings.

In May, fourteen graduate students participated at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America (PAA), which took place in Boston. Two of the fourteen students presented sole-authored work and the others
collaborated with faculty, some on more than one paper. Presenting work at the PAA is extremely competitive as the acceptance rate for this particular meeting was 27 percent. We are pleased that our students are getting visibility at all of these conferences.

In closing, I would like to thank our current department chair Professor Nancy Denton for her sage advice on matters concerning our graduate program. I also want to thank Abby Stivers, president of SOS from 2012-2013, current SOS co-presidents Laura DeMarco and Laurie Okinaga, as well as Colleen Wynn and Gowoon Jung for their hard work in organizing a variety of academic and social activities for our graduate students and for helping during our recent graduate recruitment season. Finally, many thanks go to Cathy Rose, Melanie Lawyer, and Stacey Zyskowski. It would be impossible to run our graduate program without their tireless work and dedication.

From the Undergraduate Director

The Undergraduate Committee has been busy this year breaking in the new director with a tremendous amount of work—important work, no less, centering mostly on the Department’s self-assessment and the new general education competencies that we must develop within the sociology major. We have also begun a dialogue regarding online teaching and its place in our undergraduate program. In addition, we have been diligent at doing all the work we typically do with regard to advising, teaching, and evaluating students through the process of earning their undergraduate degrees.

Jim Zetka

The Self-Assessment Study that we have just completed has reinforced what we’ve always suspected about ourselves. We are doing something right! We are a popular major. We graduate over 250 students per year and this number seems to be rising. We serve over 1000 combined majors, intended majors, and minors per semester—advising them on their course selection for their degrees, teaching them sociology and its broad components, counseling them on academic and even personal issues. This doesn’t include the students that take our courses to meet general education and other outside requirements, nor does it include those who take our courses as electives simply because they like them. Why do we put so many “butts in the seats?” Maybe, it is because our course offerings are so interesting, our teaching inspirational, and perhaps even a bit student-friendly. And, we top off the undergraduate experience for our majors every Spring Semester with a rip-roaring, joyous, but highly professional departmental graduation ceremony, where we listen to inspirational rants,
and see our majors actually cross the stage by name to receive their honorary diploma, as they are being photographed by a professional photographer. Our students and families get the opportunity to meet and mingle with the faculty who taught them at the reception. The faculty even suit up for the occasion—in real suits that make us look, shall I dare say, GORGEOUS. Kidding aside, the graduation ceremony is a wonderful ritual where we all come together and share in the accomplishment of earning the B.A. degree with a major in sociology and all it entails.

And, then, we have the general education competencies. All majors at the University at Albany are supposed to take over responsibility for developing their students’ general education competencies by fall 2014. These competencies are advanced writing, oral discourse, critical analysis, and information literacy. We should be able to adapt to this mandate relatively painlessly, since our program is well structured and includes a capstone course. Our competency proposals are “under review” in the Senate Undergraduate Affairs Council. We will work in good faith with the Council to implement our plans for accomplishing this transition in a timely fashion.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone involved in making the Undergraduate Director job the challenge and sometimes joy that it has become for me, especially the Department Chair—Nancy Denton, the former Undergraduate Director—Angie Chung, the department manager and staff—Stacey, Cathy, and Melanie, the Undergraduate Committee, and faculty. I want to especially thank Stacey for always knowing the answers that I don’t know, and for saving me from making embarrassing mistakes. I would also like to sincerely thank all the undergraduate students who have contributed to my education during this “breaking in” period with their interesting problems, good humored patience, and at times exceptional cunning.

From the Center for Social and Demographic Analysis

The Center for Social and Demographic Analysis (CSDA), boosted by a highly competitive renewal of federal support from the National Institutes for Health, has begun an ambitious agenda over the ensuing years. The CSDA will marshal its resources to focus on population redistribution, family and household dynamics, health, morbidity and mortality, and the status of children and adolescents both in the U.S. and abroad.

Peter Brandon

As Dr. Timothy Gage, the Director of CSDA, has stated, the CSDA will
continue to achieve its key objectives in population sciences. Peter Brandon, Associate Director, has worked closely with Nancy Denton, Director of the Development Core, to promote the colloquium series. Our efforts were successful in attracting a variety of outstanding speakers, including two Past Presidents of the PAA, Professor Greg Duncan from the University of California, Irvine, and Professor Linda Waite from the University of Chicago. Other speakers included alumni, economic demographers, and Census staff. The CSDA’s recent two new junior hires, Zoya Gubernskaya and Tse-Chuan (TC) Yang, arrived this past academic year and the CSDA has benefitted from their new perspectives and energy.

The CSDA is fortunate to have many CSDA Associates pursuing path-breaking population related research that showcase the CSDA and the diversity of its associates’ activities. For example, Shawn Bushway received a National Science Foundation grant to create an infrastructure to remedy the problem of the need for more research and active researchers working on guilty pleas. Scott South received a grant from the National Science Foundation to study the effect of kin location and neighborhood characteristics on inter-neighborhood migration. Carolyn Smith received a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to study the domestic violence homicide prevention demonstration initiative. Zai Liang and Steve Messner hosted an international conference on \textit{Contemporary Urban China Research} this May.

The 2013-2014 academic year has been another banner year for the CSDA. We will continue to build upon our strengths.

\section*{From the Mumford Center}

Samantha Friedman

The Lewis Mumford Center for Regional Urban Research changed directorships this year and is now led by Catherine Lawson, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Geography and Planning. Sam Friedman has served as associate director of the Center but will be stepping down this summer as she goes on sabbatical for the 2014-2015 academic year.

The Mumford Center has been participating in various collaborations with the University of Glasgow, Scotland, which has a very active group of urban researchers and is home of the journal \textit{Urban Studies}. Catherine has been working with Dr. Piyushimita Thakuriah (Vonu), Halcrow Chair of Transport and Professor of Urban Studies and Affiliated Professor in the School of Engineering, at the University of Glasgow. During the fall semester, the Lewis Mumford Center hosted Ph.D. candidate Ross Morris from the University of Glasgow for seven weeks. With the help of Dr. Corianne Scally from the Department of Geography and Urban Planning, Morris examined the scale and nature of assistance provided to homeless households and those threatened with imminent homelessness (as well as the barriers to accessing appropriate accommodation) in the City of Albany and the Capital District. Also
in the fall, the Lewis Mumford Center hosted Dr. James White, Lecturer in Urban Design in the School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Glasgow. White gave a colloquium on “Challenging the Rule of Experts: A Participatory Design Competition on Toronto’s Waterfront,” on November 11, 2013. In addition to discussing research collaborations, White and colleagues from Albany discussed the possibilities of designing a joint Master’s degree program between Glasgow and Albany in Geography and Planning.

Taking the Mumford Center in a new direction, Catherine launched the opening of AVAIL (the Albany Visualization and Informatics Lab). AVAIL is housed within the Lewis Mumford Center. It is a data science lab specializing in transportation, economic, and demographic data with an emphasis on data visualizations, including spatial visualizations, as well as web-based solutions. Matt Wolkoff and Alex Muro are the principal staff members involved in the day-to-day operations along with Catherine. Recently, AVAIL was awarded $150,000 by the Federal Highway Administration’s Transportation Pooled Fund Program to lead a multi-state initiative to advance transportation planning, which will benefit government agencies, private industry, academic institutions, and the general public. AVAIL is also involved in other projects, including one with the New Jersey Transit system in which Catherine and colleagues have created open-source demand forecasting for the bus ridership using this system. For more information about AVAIL, please go to: http://www.availabs.org/.

The Urban China Research Network (UCRN), also housed under the Lewis Mumford Center and co-directed by Professor Zai Liang and Professor Emeritus John Logan, just recently had its International Conference on Contemporary Urban China Research on May 9th and 10th here at the University at Albany. The conference is part of a longstanding, international collaboration between UCRN, established in 1999, and Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou, China. The primary objective of this collaboration is to facilitate research and training activities between these institutions on urbanization and urban change in modern-day China. The conference brought together about 50 participants from the University at Albany, Sun Yat-sen University, as well as other national and international universities. For more information about UCRN and the conference, please go to these links, respectively: http://mumford.albany.edu/chinanet/, http://mumford.albany.edu/chinanet/ucrn2014/.

The Urban Student Group remains active and was led this year by Joseph Gibbons and Sam Garrow. A highlight event, co-sponsored by the Geography and Planning Student Association (GPSA), was the presentation of the documentary film, “The Water Front,” which focuses on the privatization of the water system in the Detroit area and the social challenges that have emerged as a consequence. The event was held in conjunction with World Planning Day sponsored by GPSA on Thursday, November 7th at 6:30pm in the CSDA library (BA B-29). The event was well attended by students in both Sociology and Geography and Planning and
sparked an interesting interdisciplinary discussion of the issues surrounding this problem. For a trailer of the movie, please follow this link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uLUxA89-V2U.

From the President of Students of Sociology (SOS)

Laura DeMarco

This year, Students of Sociology focused on bringing together students and faculty to discuss pertinent issues for career success. We hosted a panel asking faculty members about why and how they decided to study sociology, and another panel asking about gender dynamics in academia. We’ve hosted several brown bags, helping to foster critical dialogue about publishing and preparing graduate students to one day go on the job market. We co-sponsored the Sociology Department Symposium, helping to bring Dr. Robert Manning here to Albany to give a talk on credit card debt. We look forward to hosting more professional development and social events in the future!

Special thanks to the departmental staff for helping us to plan all of our events this year, and thank you to all the faculty members that have taken time out of their busy schedules to participate as well. Thanks to all grad students for helping to make these events a success! We look forward to helping out the next cohort as they take over SOS next year.

Congratulations to Our Recent Ph.D. Recipients

Michael S. Barton
"Gentrification and Crime in New York City 1980-2009"

Lauren Bryant
“Gender Balanced or Gender Biased? An Examination of News Coverage of Male and Female Governors”

Carolyn Corrado
"White Noise: Negotiating Boundaries and Constructing Whiteness in Hip-Hop America"

Chris Galvan
"New Destinations Revisited: Explaining the Changing Geography of Immigrant Settlement"

Alex McClung
"Cultural Omnivores in Context: An Examination of Neighborhood Effects on Cultural Taste"

Kelly McGeever
“Correctional Group Quarters, Neighborhood Crime, and Property Values"
Brian McKernan
"Interactivity, Interdependence and Intertextuality: The Meaning of Video Games in American Civil Society"

Suzanne Pennington
"Making Sense of Mason Jars: A Qualitative Exploration of Contemporary Home Canning"

Matthias Revers
“Agents of Democratic Accountability? Professional Culture of Political Journalism in the US and Germany”

Geoffrey Lee Wood
"The Impact of Business Elite Cohesion on Public Policy Alternatives: A Comparative Examination of Banking and Telecommunication Legislation in the 1930's and 1990's"

Kiwoong Park received his BA and MA degree in Sociology from Seoul National University. His research focuses on social demography and stratification, particularly relationships between health and social inequality. He is also interested in quantitative methods such as longitudinal and spatial analysis.

Tahereh (Elham) Pourtaher finished her undergraduate studies in 2009 back in her home country, Iran, in Finance. She then travelled to England to pursue her interest in studying European Philosophy at the University of Warwick, where she obtained a diploma in philosophy and started a Master’s program in Social and Political Thought. She came to UAlbany in January 2012 to finish her masters in Social Studies and started her PhD in sociology in fall 2013. She is particularly interested in cultural sociology, social movements, sociology of health and illness, and social theory. Her current research interest resides in looking at illness narratives through the perspective of the theory of cultural trauma.

Entering Graduate Students Fall 2013

Christine Klotz holds a BA degree in Psychology and Sociology with honors from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Concurrent with her PhD, Christine is finalizing her Master’s degree at Columbia University, New York, through the Institute for the Study of Human Rights. Her research interests fall between economic inequality and political sociology. In particular, she is interested in the sociology of human rights, more specifically, the right to food, international declarations and their fulfillment on the ground within duty-bearing countries.

Troy Little graduated from the University of Albany in 2006 with a Masters of Arts in Criminal Justice.

Rachel Sullivan received her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2013. Her research interests include immigration, stratification, and organizations.

Colleen Wynn obtained her BA (2011) and MA (2013) in Sociology from Western Kentucky University. Her master’s thesis explored characteristics which place low-income urban fathers at risk for various precarious housing configurations and is entitled: “Not Quite Out on the Streets: Examining Protective and Risk Factors for Housing Insecurity among Low-Income Urban Fathers.” She has interests in urban
studies, specifically in housing, as well as in poverty, race, social programs, low-income families, and demography.

**Yunhan Zhao** graduated from SUNY-Albany in 2013 with a BA in sociology. His interests lie in criminology and deviance, terrorism and education. For his future research, he will probably mainly focus on political corruption in China like how to explain it, prevent and control it.

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## Graduate Student News

**Wendie Choudary** worked as a continuing intern during the summer of 2013 for the Foreign Born Branch of the Population Division of the U.S. Census Bureau. She has also accepted a Graduate Internship for spring 2014 with the Bureau of Evaluation and Research, New York State Office of Children and Family Services (working under CSDA affiliate Vajeera Dorabawila, PhD).

**Nicole D'Anna** was elected to serve as one of two Albany campus Chief Stewards in the Graduate Student Employees Union (GSEU), Communication Workers of America (CWA) Local 1104. All members (GAs/anyone funded by a departmental assistantship) are welcome to contact her with any union or work-related questions or concerns.

**Joe Gibbons** has a forthcoming paper, based on his dissertation, “Does Racial Segregation Make Community-Based Organizations More Territorial? Evidence from Newark, NJ and Jersey City, NJ”, to be published in the *Journal of Urban Affairs*.

**Kristen L. Hourigan** received the 2014 University Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Graduate Instructor. She also published a sole-authored paper in *Teaching Sociology* entitled "Increasing Student Engagement in Large Classes: The ARC Model of Application, Response, and Collaboration" and she received a Benevolent Association Graduate Research Award for her paper entitled "Exploring the Social Causes and Consequences of Forgiveness/Non-forgiveness after Loss of a Loved One to Homicide" which she presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology.

**Allison Houston** co-authored “Work-Related Injuries an Old Problem Revisited in the First Representative U.S. Sample of Home Health Aides” (with Y. Young and EF Fitzgerald) in the *Journal of Aging Health* (2013). She also presented “Relationship Between Psychological Climate Perception in Private Child Welfare Agencies and Workers’ Job Satisfaction” (with Anne-Marie Gomes and Nancy Claiborne); “Delayed Medical and Mental Health Care Disparities Among Adults: Evidence from the Integrated Health Interview Series 2000-2011” (with Anne-Marie Gomes) at the 2014 Annual Meetings of The Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR); “Injuries at Work in the United States Home Health Aides Population” and “Older Adults’ Reports of Accidents May Mask Violence” (with Glenna Spitze) at the 2013 Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP); and “Attendance and Depression among Older Adults” at the 2013 Annual Meetings of the American Public Health Association (APHA).
Joshua McCabe is currently an Adam Smith Fellow with the Mercatus Center at George Mason University and a Humane Studies Fellow with the Institute for Humane Studies. He also has a paper (with Aaron Major) "The Adversarial Politics of Fiscal Federalism: Tax Policy and the Conservative Ascendancy in Canada, 1988-2008," forthcoming in *Social Science History*.

Daniela Pila started the Immigration reading group with Joanna Dreby and Angie Chung in fall 2012, now known as the "Group of Immigration and Citizenship studies" (GICS, affectionately pronounced "geeks"). The group meets about once a month and is a group for those who are interested in keeping up-to-date with immigration research, brainstorm research ideas, practice presentations, and to provide the students with some much needed social interaction. To be included in the mailing list, please talk to and/or email Daniela.

**Alumni News from our PhD graduates**

Dalia Abdelhady holds a joint appointment in Sociology and the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Lund University in Sweden. Starting June 2014, she will be the Director of Studies for the Masters Programme in Middle Eastern Studies. She has been living in Lund for the last three years with her partner, two dogs and toddler.

Bridget J. Anderson is the Director of the Bureau of HIV/AIDS Epidemiology at the AIDS Institute, New York State Department of Health. In this capacity, among other responsibilities, she directs the conduct of HIV incidence and case surveillance activities for New York State. In April 2013 Bridget was elected Chair of the Council for State and Territorial Epidemiologist's HIV Subcommittee. The work group is comprised of HIV surveillance coordinators and others responsible for the conduct of HIV/AIDS surveillance in states, cities and territories in the US. The service is for 2 years.

Michael Barton’s major accomplishment since leaving Albany has been starting his new job as an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology at Louisiana State University. He was also named Co-Director of the Crime and Policy Evaluation Research Lab at Louisiana State University. Finally, he was awarded a small grant (Principal Investigator, An Assessment of Trends and the Predictors of Fear of Crime in East Baton Rouge Parish, 2005-2013. Louisiana State University Council on Research Summer Stipend Program. $5000.)


Carolyn Corrado reports: I signed on for a 3 year contract as a lecturer at SUNY New Paltz, which I started this past fall. I don't think word ever went around the department and thought it might be worth sending along. Also, I'm
pregnant and due in mid-June with my (and my partner Jason’s) second child. Our daughter, Julia (3.5 years) is very excited to welcome a sister or brother soon!

James Joseph Dean is Associate Professor of Sociology at Sonoma State University in Northern California. He was elected to the Publications Committee of the Pacific Sociological Association this year. His recent publications include “Heterosexual Masculinities, Anti-homophobias, and Shifts in Hegemonic Masculinity: The Identity Practices of Black and White Heterosexual Men,” published in the fall of 2013 in *The Sociological Quarterly*. The article was part of a special issue on critical heterosexual studies edited by Nancy Fischer. His forthcoming book, *Straights: Heterosexuality in Post-Closeted Culture*, is being published by NYU Press and will be available in August of 2014.

Marlese Durr is President-Elect of Society for the Study of Social Problems. She became President at the end of the San Francisco Meeting in 2014. She recently published *Meeting the Health-Care Needs of African-Americans: Challenges and Opportunities of the Affordable Health-Care Act* with Barbara A. Fowler in *The National Journal of Black Nurses Association*.

Reese Kelly reports that in January, he celebrated a year anniversary in his position as the Assistant Dean and LGBTQIA Advisor in the Office of Pluralism and Leadership at Dartmouth College. On top of providing direct support to students, he was successful in advocating for Dartmouth’s adoption of the NCAA Transgender Student-Athlete Policy and the inclusion of transition-related health coverage for staff and faculty. On April 25th, by invitation, he will present on transgender cultural competency and the transgender-friendly doctor’s office at the inaugural Transgender Medicine Conference at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. In addition, he has held his role as the Co-Chair of the Trans/Gender Variant Caucus of the National Women’s Studies Association and he has two book chapters forthcoming: “Limiting Transgender Health: Administrative Violence and Microaggressions in Health Care Systems” in *Left Out: Health Care Issues Facing LGBT People*, eds. Vickie Harvey and Theresa Housel Rowman and Littlefield, Co-authored with Sonny Nordmarken; and, “Queer Theory” in *Trans Bodies, Trans Selves: A Resource for the Transgender Community*, ed. Laura Erickson-Schroth. Oxford University Press. This summer he will be spending two weeks in Cambridge, as he was recently accepted into the Management Development Program at Harvard’s Institute for Higher Education.

Jennifer Keys recently traveled to Peru with Dawn McCaffrey. She and Gayle Sulik coauthored an article in *Teaching Sociology*, forthcoming in print but available online: “Many Students Really Do Not Yet Know How to Behave!”: The Syllabus as a Tool for Socialization” (first published on December 6, 2013).

Minjung Kim will join the Department of Sociology at San Diego State University as Assistant Professor in fall 2014. She is currently serving on Editorial Boards for *Contexts* and


Amy Lutz reports that with her colleague Pamela Bennett, she received a National Science Foundation grant for their project "Access to Selective Colleges in the Pre- and Post-Grutter Eras among Racial, Ethnic, and Immigrant Groups." The ability of selective colleges to use race-based affirmative action in admissions changed dramatically from the mid-1990s into the 2000s due to state bans and the 2003 Grutter v. Bollinger Supreme Court decision that clarified how affirmative action may be used. Yet, little research has compared racial-ethnic and nativity differences in access to selective colleges across the two affirmative action contexts. Therefore, investigators examine application to, enrollment in, and graduation from four-year selective institutions, four-year non-selective institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and two-year institutions in the pre- and post-Grutter time periods.


Peter Shrock has been recommended for tenure by the Sociology and Criminal Justice Department at Southeastern Louisiana University. The recommendation must be approved by the Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, the Provost, and the President before tenure is officially granted.

Eric Silver became Associate Dean for Research in the College of the Liberal Arts at Penn State in July 2013. In that role, he oversees the research enterprises of the College’s 20 departments and 15 Research Centers.

Tammy Smith reports that she and Gabriel Aquino were both promoted to Associate Professors this year, and she also became the department chair. In other local news, she ran for City Councilor At-Large for the City of Easthampton, MA and won. It was quite the race- there were seven people running for four positions, and she was the only woman. She is the first woman to serve in the city's government in an at-large position. Because of this, she has been asked by Westfield State University to speak as the keynote speaker to kick off the university’s Month Celebrating Women.

Sarah Sobieraj is happily tenured now at Tufts, and her new book, The Outrage Industry: Political Opinion Media and the New Incivility (with Jeff Berry) was published by Oxford University Press in January.

Jeff Torlina reports that things are going well at Utah Valley University. His book Working Class: Challenging Myths About Blue-Collar Labor, Lynne Rienner, came out in 2011, and he is on sabbatical now with several projects coming to fruition. He’s the Coordinator of the Sociology program, is active in Peace and Justice Studies and Gender
Studies on his campus, and he co-leads a conflict transformation study abroad to Northern Ireland in the summers. He has recently joined the Working Class Studies Association and the Peace and Justice Studies Association, to go along with an active role in the Association for Humanist Sociology and membership in PSA and the Rural Sociological Society. If he can get away from his desk he is chasing elk and trout in the Rocky Mountain wilderness.

Bonnie Veysey is now serving as the Acting Dean of the School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University-Newark.

Matt Vogel will be visiting Beijing this summer as a Fellow of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

Deborah White, Sociology and Criminal Justice, Minnesota State University, Moorhead, has been elected to serve as president of the Midwest Sociological Society.

Geoff Wood completed his PhD in 2013 and has accepted an assistant professor of sociology position with the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg that will begin in August 2014. He will also present a paper based on his dissertation, "The Impact of Business Elite Cohesion on Public Policy Alternatives: The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999" at the ASA Conference in August 2014.

Angela Yue Zhuo won the 2012-2013 Faculty Recognition Award of St. John's University. Supported by the grant from the St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at St. John's University, she attended the International Faculty Development Seminar held by the Council on International Education Exchange in Beijing in June 2013. She and Dr. Lening Zhang (also an alumnus of our department, now a full professor at Saint Francis University) along with a collaborator from the Beijing Academy of Social Sciences, conducted a field study on China's innovative drug rehabilitation program "Sunshine Project" in spring 2013.

Faculty News

Christine Bose has been honored by Sociologists for Women in Society with its Distinguished Feminist Lecturer Award for 2014. She will give a lecture on global gender inequalities at the 2014 annual summer meeting, and also present this lecture on two different campuses during 2014-2015.

Elizabeth Popp Berman’s book, Creating the Market University, was awarded the Max Weber Award from the ASA’s section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work, and the Pierre Bourdieu Award from the Education section. She was also co-winner of the Star-Nelkin Prize from the section on Science, Knowledge and Technology for the paper “Explaining the Move toward the Market in U.S. Academic Science,” published in Theory and Society.

Over the last year, Peter Brandon has forged new research relationships with the University of Glasgow, which will permit him to visit Glasgow as an Adam Smith Senior Research Fellow in the spring of 2015. He has also been working with colleagues on new child care research in the State of New York as well as publishing two chapters in a forthcoming book on grandparenting in
the United States. Brandon continues to formulate grant applications to the NICHD on the social and economic organization of households while also researching the allocation of time among parents by family structure. Finally, this past fall, he taught the first semester-long course on analyzing the Survey of Income and Program Participation.

Angie Y. Chung received a Provost’s Fellowship this year to conduct a campus-wide survey and focus group study on East Asian international students at UAlbany with the help of graduate students Gowoon Jung, Muyang Li, and Kaori Chen. She also recently co-authored an article on the politics of growth in Koreatown and Monterey Park, LA: Oh, Sookhee and Angie Chung. 2013. “A Study on the Sociospatial Context of Ethnic Politics and Entrepreneurial Growth in Koreatown and Monterey Park." *GeoJournal* 79(1): 59-71.

This year Glenn Deane completed two long running commitments that began in 2007. August brought the fifth and final installment of his participation in the month-long workshop, Longitudinal Analysis of Historical Demographic Data, in the ICPSR Summer Program. This spring also concluded his recurring statistical consultations with faculty and graduate students in UAlbany’s School of Social Welfare. Any resulting hope of spare time will be deferred by new funding from the Institute of Education Sciences for a Reading and Writing Education Research grant with Margi Sheehy, Donna Scanlon, and Heidi Andrade; and an ongoing IES grant with Lynn Gelzheiser and others in UAlbany’s School of Education and an Annie E. Casey Foundation grant with Don Hernandez.


Samantha Friedman has received a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Grant for her project on “Residential Segregation by Socioeconomic Status: A Comparative Study of Stratification in Place in Turkey and the United States, 2000 and beyond.” To complete the project, she will be on sabbatical in 2014-2015 at the Institute of Population Studies at Hacettepe University in Ankara, Turkey.

Joanne Kaufman is spending the spring semester in the Sociology Department at the University of Georgia in Athens, GA. She is starting two new research projects in collaboration with colleagues at UGA, one focusing on emotions and crime in the life course using the Pathways to Desistance dataset on delinquent youth, and another on the life course impact of violent victimization from adolescence into adulthood and its links with criminal offending, mental health outcomes, and physical health outcomes using the Add Health dataset including biomarker data. She is also sitting in on a course on advanced
theoretical and methodological approaches to life course research. Joanne has been enjoying her time in the sunny South including walks on the beautiful UGA campus, dining in the many excellent local restaurants, and taking side trips to Atlanta and Savannah. She is excited to return to Albany in mid-May to continue her research and enjoy summer in the beautiful Capital District.

**Richard Lachmann** published a book, *What is Historical Sociology?* (Polity Press), in late 2013. He will lecture at the Lisbon University Institute in April 2014 and in July at Renmin University in Beijing and at Zhejiang University in Hangzhou.


**Steve Messner** continues to pursue comparative research on crime and delinquency, often in collaboration with former graduate students. In January, he hosted a workshop in Albany to initiate a comparative study of immigration and youth crime in Germany, China, and the U.S. Jianhong Liu is a collaborator on the project. He traveled to Seoul, Korea later in the month to confer with Seong-Jin Yeon at the Korean Institute of Criminology. They are initiating comparative research on delinquency in Korea and the U.S. In collaboration with Lening Zhang, he is beginning to analyze data on neighborhood committees and public disorder in Tianjin, China. The data were collected from surveys and focus groups that have recently been conducted with support from the National Science Foundation.

**Scott South** recently received two grants, one from NIH to study the determinants of leaving and returning to the parental home among a recent cohort of young adults, and one from NSF to study how the location of family members and individuals’ own residential history influences the likelihood of moving between different types of neighborhoods. The latter study is a collaborative project with Kyle Crowder, a UAlbany Ph.D. now at the University of Washington.

**Glenna Spitze** has been an O’Leary Professor this academic year, with service roles in both Sociology and Women’s Studies as well as some university-wide activities. After this year she will be officially retired but will continue to spend time in the office, working with many graduate students and completing several collaborative research projects. She continues to enjoy her ties in the department as she carries out her long term plan for gradual retirement.

**Kate Strully** is continuing her research on racial-ethnic disparities in HIV and other STDs in the United States. This work is funded by a mentored research scientist development grant (K01) from the National Institute for Child Health and Development, National Institutes of Health.

**Katherine Trent, Scott South**, and Sunita Bose received a grant from NICHD to study the family and health consequences of imbalanced sex ratios in India. Their recent work from this
project is forthcoming in *Journal of Family Issues* and *Demography*.

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Welcome to our New Faculty

Dr. **Zoya Gubernskaya** joins the Department of Sociology in the College of Arts and Sciences as an assistant professor. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of California at Irvine in Sociology, where she was the recipient of the 2013 Outstanding Scholarship award. The honor recognized her as the top graduate student for intellectual achievement in social sciences.

Zoya Gubernskaya

Zoya’s research focuses on the relationship between naturalization and health among older immigrants in the U.S., offering insight on the links between immigrant incorporation and health in later life. Her co-authored findings have been published in the *American Behavioral Scientist*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, and *Sociological Perspectives* and *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. Zoya has won numerous awards for her work including the Population Association of America’s Blue Ribbon Poster award and a UC Irvine Public Impact Fellowship. Her research interests include social demography; international perspectives on health, aging, marriage and family; health of immigrants and naturalized citizens, quantitative and demographic methods, gender, and race/ethnicity.

Dr. **Tse-Chuan Yang** joins the Department of Sociology in the College of Arts and Sciences as an assistant professor, from his former position at the Pennsylvania State University, where he was a research associate and the Director of the Geographic Information Analysis (GIA) Core within the Population Research Institute and the Social Science Research Institute.

Tse-Chuan Yang

He received his Ph.D. in Demography and Rural Sociology (with a minor in Statistics) from Penn State. His research interests include both substantive and methodological topics. The former is comprised of health disparities, demography of health and mortality,
health care system distrust, and social and built environment determinants of health. The latter is focused on spatial statistics, research methods, and geographic information systems (GIS). He has used spatial analysis and other advanced analytic methods to explore the impacts of both built and social neighborhood environments on human health and to investigate the residential mortality differential in the US. In addition, his interest in spatial statistics has led him to contribute to the development of innovative spatial analysis methodologies and software programs. His past research has been published in major health journals, such as *American Journal of Public Health*, *Social Science Medicine*, and *Health and Place*. He also received support from NIH and is currently leading a NSF project that aims to address the data confidentiality issue in social science research.

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