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**NOTES FROM THE CHAIR**

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This has been an exceptional year for the Department of Sociology. Although shaken by the attack of September 11, the continuing war against terrorism, and the stalling economy, we were able to make significant advances in our faculty and graduate program.



Ike Eberstein

Long-term readers may remember that each of the past few years I have invited contributions to endow the Charles B. Nam Professorship in the Sociology of Population. I am very pleased to make two announcements in this regard. First, the endowment goal has been reached through Charlie's generosity combined with contributions made by numerous friends and colleagues. This is a significant milestone; we await the State of Florida matching funds for the endowment to become final. Second, we are pleased to have Professor Elwood (Woody) Carlson join our faculty as the inaugural Charles B. Nam Professor. We are very excited

about this recruitment, which goes a long way toward bringing the complement of population faculty in Sociology back to its former strength. Woody is profiled elsewhere in this newsletter. He is very well known to demographers, and his appointment has created quite a "buzz."

Last year I noted the hiring of Dr. John Taylor in Sociology as the

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**New Junior Colleague:  
Anne Barrett**

Anne Barrett joined the department in Fall 2001 as an Assistant Professor and is also an Associate with the Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy. She did her undergraduate work in sociology and economics at the College of William and Mary and received her Ph.D. from Duke University. During her graduate education, she studied at the University of Auckland, New Zealand, as a Fulbright Scholar, where she conducted research on Maori women's

health. She came to FSU following a postdoctoral appointment at the Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research at Rutgers University.

Anne's current work is geared towards integrating research on families, gender, and mental health with life course perspectives. Her published research includes examinations of the effects of marital history on mental health; the development of gender-linked conceptions of the self over adolescence and their impact on

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first core faculty member in a new graduate program in Social Epidemiology established by the College of Social Sciences. Two more faculty lines were filled in that program this year, and, as it turns out, both are sociologists: Dr. Jay Turner, who is internationally known for his seminal contributions to sociological studies of mental health and illness, and Dr. Donald Lloyd, who recently received his PhD from the University of Toronto and is Assistant Professor. Turner, Lloyd and Taylor worked together at Florida International University, so that we have in effect brought the entire FIU Life Course and Health Research Center to FSU and the department. This is a tremendous accomplishment. This team has an extensive research agenda and an exceptionally active grants portfolio. Their contributions will enable significant new graduate student recruitment, the expansion of the graduate program in medical sociology and social psychology – two areas in great demand by students, and an expansion of faculty linkages to the growing body of interdisciplinary health-related work across campus accompanying the new FSU College of Medicine. Profiles for Turner and Lloyd are included elsewhere in this newsletter. These innovative recruitments have also created quite a “buzz” on campus and within medical sociology circles.

Not every change in our faculty this year was positive. Notable here is the retirement of Dr. Lawrence Hazelrigg, who became Professor Emeritus in May. A member of the faculty since 1980, Larry is a former department chair and also served as Director of Graduate Studies for several years. He was Chair (and, indeed, the heart and soul) of our Social Theory area during the

decade of the eighties, teaching most of the courses and mentoring students for their comprehensive exam. Along with colleagues Harry Dahms and Al Imershein, Larry was primarily responsible for the high level of graduate student success in theory as well as the theoretical sophistication that is our department’s reputation. Larry is the author of six books (including his well known trilogy *Social Science and the Challenge of Relativism*) and more than 40 refereed papers, at last count. He is “retiring” solely in a bureaucratic sense. After spending last year on research assignment, he is developing a new field of study concerning risk and risk assessment as an element of social indicators. This work is interdisciplinary and includes areas of economics, psychology, and sociology. He will continue to have an office in the department and hopefully continue to be involved in our intellectual and social life.

This year marks the beginning of a new graduate program in the department that leads to the MS degree in Applied Social Research, which we began in response to strong demand from public and private sector employers. This program can be completed in one calendar year and will provide technical (problem formulation, research methods, data analysis, and computer use) and writing skills for those seeking research-related careers in public agencies and private industry but not interested in pursuing the PhD (at least immediately). This degree option is an addition to the department’s graduate program and complements our traditional MS and doctoral training. The applied masters program has generated a lot of interest among prospective students.

I continue to solicit financial contributions to help in the department’s mission. My top priority now is an endowed chair in the Sociology of Gender. Given our history as the Florida State College for Women and our real strength in the study of gender, this would be a very appropriate addition to our program. I will be happy to provide details to anyone who might be interested in helping with this effort, at whatever level of support.

In addition, I continue to invite contributions, both large and small, to the “Sociology General Development Fund” at the FSU Foundation (for convenience, please use the enclosed postage paid envelope). This fund enables us to support our Awards Day celebration of faculty and graduate student excellence in teaching and undergraduate and graduate student excellence in research/writing. This fund also allows us to provide “extras” (such as pizzas for the undergraduate sociology club) that are not allowable with state funds.

As I am writing this note, it appears that we will begin the fall semester in very strong position. As a result of increased faculty grants and the new applied master’s program, indications are that our new cohort of graduate students will be the largest since at least 1990. Our new colleagues will add depth to some of our traditional areas and allow our new areas to grow. Faculty research is expanding, and the future looks bright. Particularly in view of the events of the past year nationally and internationally, this is especially gratifying.

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**SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

## HAZELRIGG TAKES EARLY RETIREMENT

Some folks practice what they preach. Some academics practice what they teach. Larry Hazelrigg has chosen to practice what he has been researching during the past several years. Since joining the department in 1980, Larry has studied and taught many subjects but most recently his focus has been on early retirement issues. So it is not inconsistent that he should decide to take early retirement himself at the end of this past 2001-2002 academic year.

In fact, Larry is really taking only partial retirement because he will be continuing to do research. Over the past several years, Larry and his wife, Melissa Hardy, Director of the Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy, have jointly published and presented numerous articles on aging and retirement behavior. This summer they travel to Krakow, Poland, to present a paper at the Conference on Aging and Work. His current research is focused on the "risk" of income loss, disease, accidents, and so forth that are involved in retirement and other life decisions. He is examining various social science perspectives on risk and working out an integrated

framework for understanding and measuring the complexity of the concept.

Before coming to FSU, Larry taught for ten years at Indiana University after receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Texas, and an earlier stint in the U.S Navy. Since arriving at FSU, hundreds of graduate and undergraduate students have discovered the impressive breadth and depth of his knowledge in core theory and methodology courses as well as in a variety of substantive area and special topics courses he has taught. He served as chair of the department during a critical period of development from 1984 to 1988 and subsequently published a three volume work on *Social Science and the Challenge of Relativism* between 1988 and 1995. He also has a book with Melissa Hardy and Jill Quadagno entitled *Ending a Career in the Auto Industry*, and he has published numerous articles in major professional journals on topics ranging from statistical inference to individual contentment, from migration to Marxism, and from occupational mobility to social constructionism.

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adult mental health; and gender and marital status differences in the caregiving networks of disabled elderly persons. She has begun working on several new projects since her arrival at FSU, including research with graduate student Lisa Branton on the effects of perceived gender, race, and age discrimination on physical health. This summer she is working on a project funded by a



Anne Barrett

First-Year Assistant Professor Award, focusing on potential shifts over the past several decades in the relationship between remarriage and mental health.

## New Junior Colleague: Doug Schrock

Joining the department in 2001, Doug has taught social psychology and race and ethnicity and looks forward to teaching a graduate class on social interaction in the fall of 2002. His research focuses generally on the reproduction of inequality from an interactionist perspective, emphasizing the role of identity, emotion, and narrative. He's currently finishing up a couple of

projects that address emotional mobilization in the transgender community and the process through which transsexuals come to terms with being differently gendered (with grad student Emily Boyd). When finished, he will continue carving his dissertation—a three year ethnographic study of a men's anti-battering group—into articles. Since moving to Tallahassee, Doug has enjoyed a new addition to his



Doug Schrock with daughter Quinn

family, a daughter named Quinn.

## DEPARTMENT WELCOMES INCOMING FACULTY R. JAY TURNER

With the addition of Dr. R. Jay Turner to the faculty this August, Florida State University steps to the front of academic programs having emphasis on research and graduate training in the Social Psychology and Sociology of Mental Health. Jay leads a team of researchers working on the social and psychiatric epidemiology of stress, mental health, and drug use. Joining fellow new faculty Dr. Donald Lloyd (August 2002) and Dr. John Taylor (August 2001), as well as others working on these and related topics, Jay will bring to FSU on-going federally funded projects involving original data collection that bear on the most fundamental issues in his areas.

After receiving his PhD in Sociology from Syracuse (1964), Jay worked as Senior Research Scientist with the New York State Mental Health Research Unit and in 1968 became



R. Jay Turner

Director of Research Evaluation at the Temple University Community Mental Health Center. Following appointments at the University of Western Ontario (1972), the University of British Columbia

(1986), and the University of Toronto (1989), he moved first to the University of Miami (1995) and then to Florida International University (1999) before coming to FSU. He has held faculty appointments as Professor of Psychiatry, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, and Sociology. His work has been supported by major grants from a variety of sources, including the National Institutes of Health (NIDA & NIMH), Health and Welfare Canada, and other government agencies. He is currently involved with research projects totaling more than \$7.6 million (USD) in direct costs.

During his career, Jay and colleagues have made significant and substantial contributions to medical sociology generally and more specifically to the analysis of mental health, especially schizophrenia,

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Many in the university have recognized Larry as a superb social theorist and methodologist and many have experienced his one-on-one professional advice, personal support, friendship, teasing, and easy laughter. What many colleagues and students may not know is Larry's knowledge and interest in a wide range of non-sociological areas such as gardening and exotic plant propagation, native American history and culture, Eastern European political-economic development, financial investment, contemporary literature, medical disease and treatment, and horseback riding. In addition to his varied interests and avocations, Larry loves to travel. Over the past couple of years, he and Melissa have attended professional

meetings in Spain, Australia, Hungary, Germany and Sweden and have toured many other countries. They have also traveled extensively in the Western US and last year were invited to attend a Native American ceremony and rodeo in Gallup, New Mexico, in recognition of Larry's consultation on legal and social issues certain tribes were facing. The photo of Larry at the rodeo reflects his love of the West as well as his farm background in Missouri and his early exposure to ranching through relatives in New Mexico, Montana, South Dakota and Texas.

The sociology department will miss Larry's expertise and consistent



Larry Hazelrigg

efforts to strengthen the department academic standards and national reputation, but it is good to know he will be staying in Tallahassee and continuing to contribute to professional research. Thanks Larry. We hope to see you around campus from time to time.

## New Junior Colleague: John Taylor

John Taylor received his Ph. D. from the University of Miami in 2000 and joined the faculty in the fall of 2001 after completing a post-doctoral position at Florida International University. He worked in the Life Course and Health Research Center where, under the direction of R. Jay Turner, he assisted with two large community-based studies funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

John is currently working on several NIDA funded studies brought to FSU by colleagues Jay Turner and Don Lloyd. The first study examines substance use and mental health trajectories of two cohorts of Hispanic, African American, and non-Hispanic white young adults. The second is a five-year study comprised of individuals with and

without physical limitations and looks at factors associated with personal and emotional well being across the life course.

In addition, John is developing several papers for publication. He and Panagiota Kitsanta are examining racial/ethnic disparities in low birth weight. John is working on two papers with Don Lloyd; one is a descriptive epidemiology of psychiatric disorder in Toronto, Canada, while the other examines health care utilization among the same population. He is also working with Jay Turner and Karan Van Gundy of the University of New Hampshire on a paper dealing with stress exposure, personal resources, and depressive symptomatology among a sample of young adults for the *Journal of Health and Social*

*Behavior*. John also has a paper in the works examining gender differences in self-esteem with Jay Turner and Pat Martin.



John Taylor and son Jayson

## LARRY ISAAC SELECTED AS PEPPER PROFESSOR

Larry Isaac is the new holder of the Mildred and Claude Pepper Distinguished Professorship in Sociology. He is known nationally and internationally for his work on labor, social movements, and comparative-historical sociology. He has been on the faculty at Florida

State since 1978, coming from Indiana University where he received his Ph.D.

Dr. Isaac's research has been wide-ranging in the areas of political-economic institutions and behavior, including studies of political attitudes, factors involved in social movement participation, the relationship between social movements and government policy changes, changing forms of collective violence, cross-national economic inequality, strikes and unionization, as well as formal approaches to studying social change that permit the merger of historical particularity with quantitative generality. His current research agenda moves in two major directions: the study of the relationship between different social movements during the post-World

War II decades; and a detailed historical analysis of elite paramilitary organizations that were formed by private citizens in late 19<sup>th</sup> century America.

Professor Isaac has served on the editorial boards and published repeatedly in the top sociology journals—*American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, and *Social Forces*—as well as in specialty journals and anthologies. He has been a frequent consultant for the National Science Foundation programs in sociology, political science, methodology and doctoral dissertation enhancement. He has held national elected office in the American Sociological Association and the Society for the Study of Social Problems and recently completed a term as Vice President



Jim Orcutt and Larry Isaac

# SOCIOLOGY GOES ONLINE

In keeping with the university's initiative to promote web-based courses and to integrate new technology tools into the educational process, several sociology instructors offered innovative distance learning (DL) courses during the past year. Harry Dahms co-taught a Comparative Sociology (SYO 4550) course with Kimberly Barton; Ike Eberstein taught Introduction to Research Methods (SYA 4300); and Al Imershein taught Sociology of Health Care (SYO 4400) with Gina Carreno. The organization of the courses varied considerably but all were taught entirely online with no on-campus contact. They all made use of Blackboard, the web-based course

management system for delivery of instructional content including such components as a syllabus, course calendar, announcements, course materials, assignments, threaded discussions, chat room sessions, group work, email communication, automated quizzes, and drop boxes for student written work and instructor feedback. Some also used audio files to present material and had students use the web and other internet-based electronic databases to search for information worldwide.

Reactions of the instructors were similar in evaluating the experience as successful and satisfying even

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Harry Dahms

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stress, and drug abuse. His early work on social mobility and schizophrenia stands as a classic contribution to the debate over social causation versus selection and provides important findings on its links with social status. Similarly, he and others investigated the significance of stressful life events, chronic strains, and early adversities on individuals' mental health. Papers reporting findings from these studies are cited as critical contributions to the field. More recently he has undertaken a major community study of the transition to adulthood among a culturally diverse sample of adolescents, and another large study of the effects of physical disabilities on mental health and drug abuse.

Jay has been widely recognized for his accomplishments, receiving the Leo G. Reeder Award this year from the American Sociological Association (ASA) Section on Medical Sociology. He has also received a Lifetime Scholarly

Contribution award from the ASA section on the Sociology of Mental Health. Additional recognition includes an Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychiatric Sociology from the Society for the Study of Social Problems, the Rema Lapouse Award from the American Public Health Association, and a National Health Scientist Award from Health and Welfare Canada. Jay had the singular honor of having the offices of the Sociology Department of the University of Toronto named after him. He also received a "best publication" award from the ASA Section on Mental Health for his 1995 paper with B. Wheaton and D. Lloyd on "The Epidemiology of Social Stress" (*American Sociological Review*).

In addition to appointments in the Department of Sociology, Turner, Lloyd and Taylor will comprise the College of Social Sciences core for a campus wide interdisciplinary program in Epidemiology that

includes faculty in the Department of Statistics and the College of Medicine. They will be housed in the Center for the Study of Population (CSP), where they will work closely with like-minded colleagues approaching many of the same questions from a demographic rather than an epidemiological perspective. NIH and other funding agencies are emphasizing interdisciplinary work because advances in science and understanding are most likely from the exchanges between those working from different perspectives. With Jay's move to FSU, there are exciting possibilities for new directions in research and training within the Department of Sociology, CSP, and the new program in Epidemiology.

\* — *Abridged in part from Dr. William R. Avison's biography of Dr. Jay Turner that appeared in the "Medical Sociology Newsletter" of the American Sociological Association (Winter, 2002).*

## DEPARTMENT WELCOMES INCOMING FACULTY WOODY CARLSON

Dr. Elwood (Woody) Carlson will join the faculty in August 2002, coming to Florida State University from the University of South Carolina. Woody brings to FSU a record of important contributions in federally funded demographic research, a commitment to quality undergraduate instruction and graduate training, a history of responsible service to the profession nationally and internationally, and a high-energy personality with an upbeat "can-do" attitude. He is the holder of the newly established Charles B. Nam Professorship in the Sociology of Population, and he will be Research Associate in the Center for the Study of Population (CSP).

Carlson studied international affairs as a National Merit Scholar at Lewis

& Clark College (AB 1972) before graduate study in Sociology and Demography at Berkeley (AM 1973, PhD 1979). After working at Bowdoin College while completing his dissertation, he moved to the University of South Carolina where he rose through the ranks from Assistant Professor to Professor. During his tenure there, he enjoyed brief visiting appointments at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and in Germany and Hungary, the latter as a Fulbright-Hayes Senior Research Fellow. Beginning in 2000, Woody became founding Dean of the International Max Planck Research School for Demography in Germany. At Max Planck for several months each year, he secured European Commission



Woody Carlson

funding and developed a European network for demographic research and training that united four leading university programs with four of the

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## DEPARTMENT WELCOMES INCOMING FACULTY DON LLOYD

Following more than a decade in the printing trade, Don Lloyd earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees in Sociology at University of Toronto, completing his PhD in 2000. His doctoral research showed how the risk of premature education termination following early onset psychiatric and substance use disorders differed across phases of the educational career. He worked at Florida International University on two community-based studies with principal investigator Jay Turner. One was a follow-up study of 1800 young adults who were first studied in their early adolescence. His current work on that project examines how cumulative exposure to adverse life events affects the risk of developing psychological



Don Lloyd

illnesses and substance dependence.

Don is co-investigator with Dr. Turner on a second study that compares physically disabled community residents with their non-

disabled counterparts on a variety of risk factors for psychiatric and substance use disorders. His work has appeared (or will appear shortly) in *American Journal of Community Psychology*, *Psychiatry Research*, *Journal of Studies on Alcohol*, *American Sociological Review*, and *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*.

A native of British Columbia, Don has two grown daughters who live in BC and the Isle of Jersey. His wife Annette Goldsmith is a librarian, and founding editor of the international electronic journal *The Looking Glass: New Perspectives in Children's Literature*. Don and Annette are enthusiastic about making Tallahassee home.

## CHARLES B. NAM ENDOWS PROFESSORSHIP

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Charles B. Nam is Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Research Associate of the FSU Center for the Study of Population (CSP). Since he retired in 1995, Charlie has demonstrated very clearly that "retirement" is a verb. He remains an active participant in the intellectual life of the population center, with a productive research agenda and a commitment to the vitality of demography as a field of study at FSU.

Born in Lynbrook, New York in 1926, Charlie is a self-effacing member of what has come to be known as "the greatest generation." He served in the US Army during WWII, earning two battle stars for his participation in the fight at Remagen Bridge and the encirclement in the Ruhr Pocket. Prior to his service in Europe, he attended Harvard University for Army specialized training. After discharge, he attended New York University, receiving a BA in Applied Statistics (1950). Following a couple of years at the Census Bureau, he then attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he received both his MA (1957) and PhD (1959)

degrees in Sociology under the direction of Rupert Vance. From 1957-1964 Charlie again worked at the Census Bureau, first as Chief of the Education Statistics Section and then as Chief of the Education and Social Stratification Branch. Charlie joined the FSU faculty in 1964 as Professor of Sociology. He founded the Population and Manpower Research Center, which became CSP, in 1967, and served as Director through 1981. He also served as Chair of the Department of Sociology during 1968-71.

Charlie's research emphasizes the demography of education, social stratification, general demography, and mortality. He has written twelve books to date, along with sixty-six articles, chapters, or other publications. His 1967 book, *Education of the American Population* (coauthored with John Folger), stands as a fundamental contribution. Along with a Census colleague, Dr. Mary Powers, Charlie developed what came to be known as the "Nam-Powers" index of occupational status in a 1964 Census Bureau working paper. The Nam-Powers index has been

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of the Southern Sociological Society. Professor Isaac is both a talented researcher and teacher. He has received several national research awards in recent years, including the "Barrington Moor Award" given by the American Sociological Association for the best comparative-historical sociology publication in a year, the American Sociological Association/National Science Foundation "Advancement of the Discipline Award," and a

National Endowment for the Humanities Award in 2000 to study 19<sup>th</sup> century paramilitary organizations. His classroom work with both undergraduate and graduate students has been recognized with five teaching awards at FSU, three at the university-wide level. This year, Larry Isaac's superior teaching was recognized by the Sociology Department's annual Best Teacher Award, which has been renamed the Michael Armer Teaching Award.

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though it entailed more work than a common classroom-based course. According to Imershein, the webcourse "not only overcame my skepticism, but exceeded any expectations I had regarding student performance and development and display of intellectual skills. Their work was of such an unexpected level of quality that it drew from me yet additional time, energy, and commitment to the course far beyond what I had initially envisioned." Eberstein added that "the quality of student work is certainly comparable and, in many cases, superior to what I see in my face-to-face sections of this class." Dahms and Barton agreed that "All in all, it was a great experience, though extremely work and time intensive."

Given the success of the DL program, faculty interest in these courses is increasing and several more Sociology faculty are lined up to develop online courses over the next couple of years. Although the development of these initial courses has been underwritten by FSU as a part of the Interdisciplinary Social Sciences 2+2 program (a partnership between community colleges and the university which provides for location-bound students to complete their degrees at FSU via distance education), there may be enough interest and support to eventually develop an entire undergraduate major in Sociology via distance learning at some time in the future. Indeed, one national advocate claims that online learning will constitute 50 percent of all learning and educating in the 21<sup>st</sup> century (Wm. A. Draves. 2000. *Teaching Online*, p.7). The Department of Sociology at FSU will be contributing its part to this emerging online revolution in education.

# NEWS OF THE GRADUATES

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Catherine Forbes and Colleagues

**B**ill Breedlove (Ph.D. 1993) has been a faculty member at the College of Charleston since 1996 and was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure in 2000. "The College of Charleston is a liberal arts college that emphasizes teaching over research and expects faculty to work closely with students. I like the emphasis on undergraduate education and the liberal arts culture." In addition to his teaching and research, Bill is the director of the College's Center for Effective Teaching and Learning. The center offers seminars on effective teaching practices, instructional workshops, and also provides grants for faculty development related to improving teaching and learning.

While his career keeps him busy, Bill finds plenty of time to spend with his family. "My family is my first priority and where I first commit my time and energy." Bill is currently president of the South Carolina Sociological Association.

**M**arshall Dore Louis (B.A 1998) writes that he has since graduated from law school *Cum Laude* and now works in the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office as a Prosecutor.

**C**atherine Fobes (Ph.D. 1998) received the 2002 Outstanding Junior Faculty Award at Alma College, where she is currently assistant professor. The award recognizes her impact on the quality of student education at Alma, a four-year liberal arts college in central Michigan. Catherine was nominated for the award by her tenured colleagues and chosen by the Provost.

Former students Bill Breedlove and Susan Morgan with their Family



Ana Prokos (right) with Irene Padavic



Grad Students, Alumni and Faculty at SWS Winter meeting in New Orleans

**A**nastasia Prokos (Ph.D. 2001) who has recently completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the Berkeley Center for Working Families, has received an assistant professor appointment at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. Ana will begin teaching at UNLV in the fall of 2002.

## GRADUATE RETURNS FOR LECTURES

Dr. Russell Thornton, who received his PhD in Sociology from Florida State University in 1968, visited FSU in September to give two lectures on his current research in Native American historical demography. Dr. Thornton gave a colloquium to the department entitled, "Native American Population History in the Southeast," and also gave a public lecture for the University entitled, "Who Owns Our Past? Repatriating Native American Human Remains and Objects." Dr. Thornton is currently Professor in

the Department of Anthropology at the University of California, Los Angeles. He is also serving as Chair of the Smithsonian Institution's Native American Repatriation Review Committee.



Pat Martin, Russell Thornton and Ike Eberstein

### *Charles B Nam Endows Professorship* continued from page 8

updated for each census year from 1950-1990, with year 2000 revisions underway.

In recent years, Charlie is perhaps best known for his contributions to the demography of human mortality, particularly in three areas: the mortality crossover, multiple causes of death, and smoking and mortality. Since his retirement, he has received two federally funded grants to support this work, and he has published a major book, *Living and Dying in the USA* (2000, co-authored with Richard Rogers and Robert Hummer), and a series of articles on these topics. One award-winning article demonstrates the positive relationship between religious involvement and age at death (*Demography*, 1999). He continues to make significant and substantial contributions to fundamental questions in the sociological study of population.

Stating the facts of articles and books drastically understates Charlie's contributions to the profession and to FSU. An institution builder, Charlie worked diligently to develop training programs in

population at both the master's and doctoral levels, even serving as the CSP representative in Jakarta, Indonesia during 1988-90 as a key part of a training program funded by the Government of Indonesia and the World Bank. He has directed many Ph.D. dissertations and mentored many more post-doctoral, doctoral, masters, and undergraduate students, along with numerous junior faculty here and elsewhere. A list of his former students includes some of the most well known names in the field of demography in the US and internationally.

Charlie's generosity to others and to FSU extended to his endowment of the Charles B. Nam Professorship in the Sociology of Population, along with contributions by numerous students, colleagues, and friends. This professorship is a special enticement to scholarship in the areas of Charlie's interests as well as a symbolic representation of how important he has been for the successes of the demography group here. With his continued active participation, CSP is poised for even greater contributions in the future.

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continent's largest and most prestigious research institutes. Closer to home, Woody is editor of *Population Research and Policy Review* (official journal of the Southern Demographic Association), and he chairs the NIH panel that reviews most large applications for demographic research funding in the US.

Woody's research career began with a focus on the demography of the family and, in particular, on cohabitation, marriage, divorce and parenthood. A research fellowship in Germany piqued his interest in mortality among persons of working ages, particularly in Eastern Europe, and he branched out to include morbidity and mortality over the life course in his research program. With the support of the National Institutes of Health (NICHD), he has studied low birth weight and infant mortality in Europe. He currently is funded by NICHD to study the demographic impact of family planning in Bulgaria. Woody has published about thirty articles and other professional papers. His current efforts involve close collaboration with scholars throughout Europe and the US.

Carlson will join the group of demographic researchers affiliated with the CSP and complement ongoing research in both family demography and morbidity/mortality. Woody's connections with research and training centers in Europe as well as his experience in reviewing grant proposals at NIH will be important resources. His appointment is an important one for both Sociology and CSP. He will bring new senior leadership to one of the College's oldest and most productive research and graduate training programs.

# Graduate Student Achievements

As always, our graduate students have had a busy and productive year! Brandy Harris was awarded the Florida State University Leslie Wilson Assistantship. Gina Carreno was awarded the Program For Instructional Excellence award in teaching. Bryan Giblin won our departmental award for best



Second Year Grad Students Mike Stewart, Kathy Heyman, Missy Barnett and Naomi Spencer



Grad Students Greg Lusasik and Gina Carreno

with his master's thesis entitled "Southern Trees Bear a Strange Fruit," while Jennifer Pemberton was awarded the Sociology department's Graduate Teaching Award. Second-year students Naomi Spence, Kathy Heyman, Melissa Barnett, and Henry Eliassen were all awarded funding to attend the ICPSR statistics workshops in

Ann Arbor, Michigan this summer. Both Chardie Baird and Melissa Barnett were inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, the social sciences honor fraternity.

Chardie Baird presented her paper "The 1993 Family and Medical Leave Act: Employee Awareness of Family Leave Benefits" at the Southern Sociological Society annual meeting in Baltimore, Maryland this spring. Lisa Weinburg will be presenting her undergraduate honors thesis "'Babes' and 'Babies': The Construction of Gender on Popular Women's and Men's Web Portals" through the ASA's Honors program this summer in Chicago.

## IKE EBERSTEIN NAMED CHARLES GRIGG PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY

Dr. Isaac W. (Ike) Eberstein was named the Charles Meade Grigg Professor of Sociology this spring by Florida State University. This designation was the outcome of a competitive peer review involving external assessments of his accomplishments in teaching, research, and service. Twenty professorships were awarded campus-wide.

A 1979 doctoral graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, Ike came to FSU in 1981 from the University of Mississippi as Assistant Professor. Currently, he is Chair of the Department of Sociology and Research Associate in the Center for the Study of Population. A social demographer, his professional interests center on the linkages between social structure and demographic

patterns, with a special emphasis on health and mortality.

Eberstein has engaged in a range of research projects and, along with several colleagues, has received over \$4.5 million in grant support from the National Institutes of Health (NICHD, NIMH, NIA) and other sources. He is best known for his work on ethnic differentials in US infant mortality. Along with colleagues Dr. Charles B. Nam and Dr. Robert Hummer (1993 PhD from FSU, currently Director of the Population Research Center at UT Austin) he is working on a project titled "Multiple Causes of Death and Differential Adult Mortality," with the support of the National Institute of Aging. This grant will support exploration of methodological approaches to multiple causes of death data and

the potential substantive insights for understanding social and demographic mortality differentials. Eberstein is author or co-author of more than 40 refereed papers and chapters. Many of these are co-authored with current or former students. He was President of the Southern Demographic Association and frequently serves on review panels for NIH.

An active teacher, Ike has received departmental and university-level awards for teaching excellence. He has directed 23 master's thesis/paper committees and 11 Ph.D. dissertations, and his former students are employed by a range of colleges and universities, and state, regional, and national governments in the US and abroad (including the

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UN and WHO) as well as in the private sector. He was an early adopter of web-based technology for his courses and regularly teaches in the Interdisciplinary Social Sciences 2+2 distance-learning program. His teaching interests range from first year undergraduates to advanced graduate courses in social demography.

Dr. Melissa Hardy was previously named the Raymond Bellamy Professor of Sociology under this program. The named professorship program is a very important way for the University to reward, to attract, and to retain mid-career full professors who are successful in the full range of faculty responsibilities.



Ike Eberstein with graduate students Ashley Schmidt and Jen Pemberton

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