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A View from the Chair



Dr. John Zipp,
Department Chair

I'd like to welcome everyone to the Fall 2009 semester. Let me begin by mentioning some highlights. First, we are pleased that Dr. Emily Asencio has joined us as an assistant professor. Dr. Asencio specializes in criminology and social psychology, and this semester she is teaching both

Criminology and Research Methods I. My second bit of news is that, in addition to being chair, I now also am an Interim Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences. Since I'm spending more time in the Dean's office these days, Dr. Kathy Feltey – our Associate Chair – has been handling most of the Department's day-to-day responsibilities. Dr. Feltey has been here for 20 years and has had considerable administrative experience, both in the department and in the university. She is going to do a terrific job.

You may have noticed one other change. We were

able to update our computer lab (OLIN 277d) with new (and more) machines and now have it open for both undergraduates and our graduate students. As in the past, we are happy to be able to provide that all undergraduate students taking a sociology course can print **50 free** pages in our undergraduate computer lab. The lab is open from 8:00-4:30, Monday through Friday. Remember to bring your Zip Card. (A bonus: students in Research Methods I or II get 100 free copies).

Enjoy the semester...

John Zipp

Important Dates

October 16
October 27
November 13

November 25-27
December 7-11
February 15, 2010

First day to register for Spring 2010 semester
What to do with a Degree in Sociology Panel
Last day to process course withdrawals for Fall semester (5:00pm deadline)

Thanksgiving Break!!! No classes!!

Final Exam Week

Deadline for graduation applications for Summer (August 2009)

ADVISING



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Warm greetings to those of you I have not met in person. My name is Jodi Ross and I am the Undergraduate Advisor in the Department of Sociology. Yes, that makes me *your* advisor. I serve as the official advisor for all Sociology majors and minors. Many of you will continue to see your advisor at University College for advice about general education requirements, but you should plan to visit with me for a detailed exploration of your progress in your major. I can also offer you advice and information to help you answer the ubiquitous question “*What are you going to do with a degree in Sociology?*”

I received my undergraduate degree here at the University of Akron in 1994 so I am very familiar with our campus, our student

body and what can seem like endless hurdles on the way to graduation. I am currently a Ph.D. student and teach part-time in the department. In other words, I practically live here! I understand the various kinds of challenges you may face in pursuit of our degree and I am very committed to making your undergraduate experience the best it can be.

I always encourage students to meet with me early and often to avoid problems down the road. During a typical advising session we can look together at your Degree Audit Report (available to you in your Zipline). This tool helps us plan what courses you need to take and to map out a possible sequence for completing them. In addition, we can talk about the content of

courses in Sociology as well as the likely availability of those course offerings. This can help you avoid mistakes in scheduling. Finally, I am well-versed in many of the University rules and regulations including application deadlines, transfer course equivalencies and repeat policies. While it is ultimately *your responsibility* to fulfill your requirements in order to graduate, I am here to make that process as smooth as possible. Please do contact me at **(330) 972-7481** to schedule an appointment. Feel free to stop in to introduce yourself!

Most Important Links in Navigating the Requirements for Graduation:

<http://www.uakron.edu/registrar>
<http://www.uakron.edu/registrar/Graduation.php>

New Faculty Member

Dr. Emily K. Asencio joins the faculty of the University of Akron this Fall after spending most of her life in Southern California. After growing up in SoCal She received her Ph.D. in Sociology with two majors (Criminology/Socio-legal Studies and Social Psychology) from the University of California, Riverside, and completed four years of post-doctoral research in Southern California at the Center for Disease Control's Academic Center for Excellence on Youth Violence Prevention, and The Presley Center for Crime and Justice Studies. Dr. Asencio's dissertation entitled "Assessing Identity Change Through the Impact of the Criminal Label," is focused on testing a synthesis

of Labeling and Identity Control theories relative to the structural effects of the criminal justice system on the identities of inmates. This work reflects her broader interest in the relationship between identity and criminal behavior. Dr. Asencio is currently working on examining the relationship between adolescent identity development and delinquency using large scale secondary data sets such as the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, and the NYS among others. She is married with a two and ½ year old son named Diego. Her husband, Aaron is a web programmer and currently works from home for the same company he worked for in California. Her parents also moved from Southern Califor-



nia to Akron because they couldn't stand the thought of being all the way on the other side of country from Diego. So far, Akron is agreeing with her but we'll see how things go once the snow starts falling!

Welcome to
The University of Akron
Dr. Asencio

Do yourself
a favor, get
involved!

Sociology Club

The University of Akron Sociology Club invites you to participate in this year's activities. We are comprised of students and faculty interested in a diverse array of topics that have, are, and/or will affect society and human interaction. Members get together to explore numerous issues, through mediums both social and intellectual, in a friendly open atmosphere. The club seeks to benefit its members by increasing student-faculty interaction and networking possibilities, as well as broadening the individual college experience through exposure to a variety of different opinions and perspectives.

Regular meetings and social events will be

held throughout the semester. Please check your Zipmail for event announcements.

All regular events are open to everyone, but there are definite benefits of membership. We regularly travel to regional universities and colleges to hear guest speakers that are of interest to our members. We also take an annual trip to the North Central Sociological Association conference. This year that is in Chicago. If you want to attend, you need to be a regular, active member. We also have a range of members-only social events. You can drop by the sociology department and pick up a membership form. The sociology club box is also in the main sociology office (down on

the last row of mail boxes) for you to return your membership form and dues. If you are interested in getting more information, contact Stephanie Pamplin (club president) or Dr. Asencio (faculty advisor) at: eka10@uakron.edu.

INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

All Sociology/Criminology & Law Enforcement majors are required to complete an internship. Basic information about the process can be found here:

<http://www3.uakron.edu/sociology/internship.html>.

Students must have completed a total of 64 credits with at least 12 credits in Sociology before starting an internship. Plan to make your initial contact with the Center for Career Management (CCM) located in Simmons Hall, Room 301 or call (330) 972-6586.

DID YOU KNOW....????

There are several great tools available to University of Akron students for tracking your progress toward graduation. Check out the following to keep you on track here at UA:

- ◆ **Zipline:** Zipline remains your portal to the University of Akron online. Here you have access to course registration, graduation application registration, financial account information, transcript requests, enrollment verifications and many other facets of your student life. You can call the Computer Help Desk if you have need assistance obtaining or using your UAnet ID and password.
- ◆ **Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS):** All students are mandated to complete specific requirements including general education requirements, foreign language requirements, college of Arts & Sciences requirements, and departmental requirement. DARS is an auditing system designed to electronically monitor your progress on each of these benchmarks. You can access DARS via the “student” tab on Zipline. Information on how to read and interpret DARS can be found here: <http://www.uakron.edu/registrar>.
- ◆ **Registrar’s Office:** The Office of the Registrar is home to graduation services. This office handles all paperwork for graduation. You can find frequently asked questions about graduation including deadlines for filing applications at <http://www.uakron.edu/registrar/Graduation.php>.

CHANGES TO GRADUATION APPLICATION

As of July 2009, applications for graduation are to be completed online through Zipline.

You will need a current UAnet ID and password.

Applications are available in the “Student Center” under “Academics”.

Printed applications will no longer be accepted by the Office of the Registrar.

Note: As of October 1st, 2009 minor and second applications are still being accepted in printed version. This will be phased out over the next several months.

Recent Department Publications

- Elman, Cheryl** and Angela M. O' Rand. 2007. "The Effects of Social Origins, Life Events and Institutional Sorting on Adults' School Transitions." *Social Science Research*. 36: 1276-99.
- Erickson, Rebecca J.** and Wendy J. C. Grove. 2007. "Emotional Labor and Health Care." *Sociology Compass*, 2(2): 704-733.
- Erickson, Rebecca J.** and Wendy J. C. Grove. 2008. "Why Emotions Matter: Age, Agitation, and Burnout Among Registered Nurses." *Online Journal of Issues in Nursing* 13(1).
- Feltey, Kathryn.** 2009. "Nonkilling Sociology." In *Toward a Nonkilling Paradigm*, edited by Joám Evans Pim. Honolulu, HI: Center for Global Nonkilling.
- Feltey, Kathryn** and Laura Nichols. 2008. "Homeless Women with Children in Shelters: The Institutionalization of Family Life." In *Homelessness in America, Vol. I* edited by Robert Hartmann McNamara. Praeger Perspectives.
- Boisseau, T.J., **Kathryn M. Feltey**, Karen Flynn, Laura Gelfand, and Mary Triece, editors. 2008. "New Orleans: A Special Issue on Gender, The Meaning of Place, and the Politics of Displacement." *National Women's Studies Association Journal* 20 (3).
- Fenwick, Rudy**, and John F. Zipp. 2007. "Faculty Liberalism and University Corporatism." Pp. 91-107 in Stephen H. Aby (ed.), *The Academic Bill of Rights Debate: A Handbook*. Westport, CT: Praeger.
- Jeannine Gailey and **Matthew T. Lee**. 2008. "Influences and the Assignment of Responsibility for Wrongdoing in Organizational Settings." *Sociological Focus*, 41: 71-86.
- Lee, Matthew T.**, and Jeannine Gailey. 2007. "Who is to Blame for Deviance in Organizations? The Role of Scholarly Worldviews." *Sociology Compass*, 1: 536-551.
- Nofziger, Stacey.** 2008. "The 'Cause' of Low Self-Control: The Influence of Maternal Self-Control." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 45(2): 191-224
- Stein, Rachel and **Stacey Nofziger**. 2008. "Adolescent Sexual Victimization: Choice of Confidant and the Failure of Authorities." *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, 6(2): 158-177.
- Peralta, Robert L.** 2007. "College Alcohol Use and the Embodiment of Hegemonic Masculinity among European American Men." *Sex Roles*, 56:741-756.
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- Schneider, Rachel Z.** and **Kathryn M. Feltey**. 2009. "'No Matter What Has Been Done Wrong Can Always Be Re-Done Right': Spirituality in the Lives of Imprisoned Battered Women." *Violence Against Women* 15:443-459.
- Takyi, Baffour K.** and Stephen Obeng Gyimah. 2007. "Matrilineal Family Ties and Marital Dissolution in Ghana." *Journal of Family Issues* 28:682-705.
- Stephen Obeng Gyimah, **Baffour K. Takyi** and Eric Yeboah Tenkorang. (2008). "Denominational affiliation and fertility behavior in an African context: An examination of couple data from Ghana." *Journal of Biosocial Science* 40: 445-458.
- Tausig, Mark**, Janaradan Subedi and Shree Subedi. 2008. *Sociological Contributions to Developing Bioethical Standards for Medical Research in Very Poor Countries*. *Advances in Medical Sociology*, 9:301-322. Edited by Barbara Katz Rothman, Elizabeth Mitchell Armstrong and Rebecca Tiger. Elsevier:London.
- Tausig, Mark**, Michael J. Selgelid, Sree Subedi and Janardan Subedi. 2007, "Taking sociology seriously: A new approach to the bioethical problems of infectious disease." Pp. 167-178. In *The View From Here: Bioethics and the Social Sciences*. Edited by Raymond G. De Vries, Kristina Orfali, Leigh Turner and Charles Bosk. Blackwell: Oxford, UK.

Departmental Publications, Continued

- Hwang, Sean-Shong, and **Juan Xi**. 2008. "Structural and Individual Covariates of English Language Proficiency." *Social Forces* 86:1079-1104.
- Hwang, Sean-Shong, **Juan Xi**, Yue Cao, Xiaotian Feng, and Xiaofei Qiao. 2007 "Anticipation of Migration and Psychological Stress and the Three Gorges Dam Project, China" *Social Science and Medicine* 65:1012-24
- Grauerholz, Liz, and **John F. Zipp**. 2008. "How To Do the Scholarship of Teaching." *Teaching Sociology* 36: 87-94.

Methods of Social Research: Reminder

Methods of Social Research I is only offered in the Fall semester and **Methods of Social Research II** is only offered in the Spring semester. These courses must be taken in order.

Proposed Spring 2010 Course Offerings

LISTED BELOW IS THE TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE FOR SPRING 2010

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|-------------|-----------------------------------|------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 302-001 | METHODS OF SOC RESEARCH II (28) | MW | 1:15 PM -- 2:55 PM | PENDLETON, B |
| 302-801 | METHODS OF SOC RESEARCH II (28) | T TH | 6:05 PM -- 7:45 PM | OYABU-MATHIS, N |
| 320-001 | SOCIAL INEQUALITIES (35) | T TH | 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM | PERALTA |
| 330-001 | CRIMINOLOGY (35) | MWF | 9:55 AM - 10:45 AM | ASENCIO, E |
| 330-002 | CRIMINOLOGY (35) | MWF | 8:55 AM - 9:40 AM | SYLLA, K |
| 330-801 | CRIMINOLOGY (35) | T | 7:10 PM - 9:40 PM | CALLANAN, V |
| 336-001 | Sociology of Work and Occupations | T Th | 1:45 pm-3:00 pm | Fenwick |
| 340-001 | THE FAMILY (35) | MWF | 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM | SMERGLIA, V |
| 342-801 | SOC OF HEALTH AND ILLNESS (35) | W | 5:20 PM - 7:50 PM | ELMAN, C |
| 365-801 | ST: Sociology through Film | T | 7:10 PM - 9:40 PM | Ross, Jodi |
| 365-802 | ST: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN | SA | 10:10 AM - 1:30 PM | SCHNEIDER, R |
| 365-002 | ST: WOMEN IN PRISON (35) | T TH | 12:15 PM - 1:30 PM | SCHNEIDER, R |
| 365 | Sociology of Anarchy | T TH | 3:15PM - 4:30 PM | Williams |
| 421 | Race and Ethnic Relations | T TH | 3:15-4:30PM | Pryor |
| 425-001 | Sociology of Urban Life | T Th | 7:45 am - 9:00 am | Clark |
| 428/528-001 | VICTIM IN SOCIETY (35) | MWF | 7:45 AM - 8:35 AM | DENTON, R |
| 430-001 | JUVENILE DELINQUENCY (35) | TTH | 9:15 AM - 10:20 AM | NOFZIGER, S |
| 431-001 | CORRECTIONS (35) | MWF | 9:55 AM - 10:45 AM | GLOTZ, C |
| 431/531-801 | CORRECTIONS (35) | M | 7:10 PM - 9:40 PM | LEE |
| 433-001 | SOC OF DEVIANT BEHAVIOR (35) | t th | 1:45 PM - 3:00 PM | PERALTA |
| 435-801 | SOCIOLOGY OF LOVE (35) | TH | 7:10 PM - 9:40 PM | LEE |
| 441-001 | SOCIOLOGY OF LAW (35) | MWF | 12:05 PM - 12:55 PM | MUSARRA, T |
| 460/560-001 | SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY (38) | TTH | 9:55 AM - 11:35 AM | FENWICK, R |
| 460-801 | SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY (35) | MW | 6:05 PM - 7:45 PM | Skubby |

Sociology Office

The Sociology Office is located in Olin Hall 247, just outside the elevators on the second floor. You will find the offices of all our full-time faculty members located inside this main office. The hours for the main office are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you are meeting with a faculty member outside of these times you can ring the doorbell for assistance.

The Undergraduate computer lab is also located on the second floor of Olin Hall in room 277D. This room is located down a hallway off to the right between The Department of Sociology and The Department of Political Science. The hours for the undergraduate lab are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Be sure to regularly check the door and bulletin boards outside the office for announcements about department events.



The beloved Olin Hall: The Sociology major's home away from home

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What Do You Do With A Degree in Sociology ?

Do people you know and love constantly pester you with this question? Do you stay awake at night thinking about this question? Do your friends text you this question? Do people write this on your Facebook wall?

If you answered yes to any of the above OR if you are just curious, mark your calendars for **Tuesday, October 27th from 2:30 to 3:30.**

The Arts and Sciences Career Program is hosting an alumni panel to help you answer this question. We will meet in the **Student Union Room 312.**

Speakers will all be graduates from the Department of Sociology. They will share their experiences on the job market, give advice about marketing your degree, and answer your questions. This semester's speakers will include representatives from nonprofit management, probation and parole, Homeland Security and human resources.

