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From the Chair

As is again evident from the activities profiled in this newsletter, our department is thriving. Stefan Timmermans received a two-year fellowship from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and will be working at the Harvard School of Public Health. David Cunningham received a Bernstein faculty award to pursue his research on the Klu Klux Klan in North Carolina during the civil rights era. George Ross and Peter Conrad were key to developing two exciting new undergraduate programs at Brandeis, International and Global Studies and Health, Science, Society, and Policy (HSSP). George was elected chair of the European Union Studies Association of the US (EUSA) for two years. And Peter received the

2004 Leo G. Reeder Award for "distinguished contributions to medical sociology," an award given annually for the past 25 years by the Medical Sociology Section of the ASA.

Our graduate students continue to distinguish themselves in reading and teaching. Heather Jacobson has been awarded the University Prize Instructorship this year, following on the heels of Emily Kolker's prize last year. Our senior honors theses were especially distinguished and won several university prizes. The honors thesis symposium again rose to the highest level of polished scholarly exchange. Undergraduate students presented exciting research and leadership projects at our symposium, "Connecting Brandeis to the World: A Celebration of Student Learning, Action, and Scholarship," which we hope to make a regular event and coordinate with other similar work around campus.

Commencement this year was a great celebration, made more so because we honored several of our graduating seniors with the newly renamed Irving Kenneth Zola Prize for Excellence in Sociology. This gave us the opportunity to remember and honor Irv himself. We also awarded a new John Dewey/Harry C. Boyte Prize for the Scholarship and Practice of Democracy.

Elaine Brooks' son Fred was married this past May to Nancy Wong at a beautiful wedding.

This year saw the passing of three former Brandeis colleagues. Charles (Chuck) Nathanson, who received his Ph.D. in the department in 1979, had spent many years at the University of California-San Diego. He was perhaps best known for his highly innovative work connecting the university to the larger San Diego and Baja California communities. As executive director of San Diego Dialogue, he brought together a large range of leaders in community and economic development, school reform, policy analysis, high technology, media, and cultural exchange, and helped to pioneer one of the more important models of university-community partnership in the country. He was 62. Charlotte Weisberg, who was a faculty member in the 1970's, passed away earlier this year.

Lewis Coser, who died in July at the age of 89, was the founding chair of our department in the early 1950's and taught here for 15 years before moving to the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He was one of the towering figures in the field who helped bring the European tradition of social theory to the U.S. as a young refugee scholar

during the war. He was very active in New York intellectual circles in the postwar period and contributed regularly to journals such as *Politics*, *The Nation*, *Commentary*, and *The Progressive*. With Irving Howe, he was the founding editor of *Dissent* magazine.

Lew was very active in the discipline and served as president of the American Sociological Association (1975), Eastern Sociological Society (1983), and Society for the Study of Social Problems (1967-68). He is the author and editor of 18 books, including classics such as *Men of Ideas*, *Masters of Sociological Thought*, and *The Functions of Social Conflict*, which was listed in a 1997 *Contemporary Sociology* review as one of the best-selling sociology books of the century. These are books that shaped the intellectual formation of many in my generation.

I got to know Lew personally in the 1980's and he offered me some very heartfelt and sage advice that helped me rethink the work I was doing at the time and, as it turned out, shaped my current trajectory of research and public engagement. For this I will be ever grateful.

As this newsletter went to press, Kurt Wolff, a long time distinguished professor in our department, died at 91. We include his obituary from the [Boston Globe](#) in the newsletter. With the passing of Lew and Kurt, we mourn the loss of two giants in the field.

-Carmen Sirianni

Marty Krauss is Appointed Provost

Marty Krauss, the John Stein Professor of Disability Research, has been appointed as provost of the university. Marty has a joint appointment in sociology and the Heller School and is a nationally recognized expert on developmental disabilities. She has taught sociology of disability in our department.

Peter Conrad Wins Reeder Award

Peter Conrad received the 2004 Leo G. Reeder Award from the medical sociology section of the ASA for "distinguished contributions to medical sociology." This award is given annually to a medical sociologist for contributions to the discipline, mentoring students and young scholars, and contributing to the section. He will present the Reeder lecture at the 2004 ASA meeting.

The award was established in 1978 and Peter is the third Brandeis faculty recipient, joining Irving K Zola (1990) and Everett E. Hughes (1978).

Tom Shapiro Joins Brandeis

Thomas J. Shapiro has been appointed to the Heller School as the Pokross Professor of Law and Policy. He will have a joint appointment in the sociology department. Tom received his Ph.D. in sociology from Washington University (St. Louis) in 1978.

From 1978-2003 he was on the faculty at Northeastern University. He received both the Distinguished Publication Award from the ASA and the C. Wright Mills Award from the SSSP for his book [Black Wealth/ White Wealth](#) (1995), co-authored with Melvin Oliver. Tom also published [Great Divides: Readings in Social Inequality in the United States](#) (1998, 2001 co-edited with E. Wolff) and his newest book, [Wealth and Racial Legacies](#) (Oxford University Press, 2003). Tom is also widely published in professional journals and the popular media. Tom will teach graduate courses in the Heller School in social inequality, social policy and assets, and fieldwork.

Kurt Wolff at 91; sociologist, painter, 'Renaissance man'

By Ryan Auer, Globe Correspondent, 9/20/2003

Nothing was superfluous to Kurt H. Wolff. As a sociologist and philosopher, musician and painter, poet and translator, Holocaust victim and German-American immigrant, he had a wide frame of reference.

"If he were walking down the street, he would be looking around and observing and taking down notes so he could fit it all into his cosmology," said his son, Carlo of Cleveland.

Dr. Wolff, who began his career in Nazi Germany as a surrealist poet and painter and ended it as a Brandeis University professor of

sociology, died Sunday in Boston. He was 91 and had suffered from lymphoma and lung problems.

"Kurt Wolff was that rare figure among American sociologists who was also a philosopher, a poet, novelist, and painter," said Guenther Roth, professor emeritus of sociology at Columbia University.

When he was not lecturing or having dinner with his students, Dr. Wolff could be found thinking or drawing in his study, where the smell of tobacco and leather emanated from the wall-to-wall shelves of old German and contemporary American books.

"My image of him was as the leader of a kind of round table," said his son. "He would have students over for dinner, and they would bat ideas around. I remember sitting in Eames chairs and the conversations went everywhere."

Dr. Wolff published works in English and German on the sociology of knowledge and sociological phenomenology. He also translated and edited volumes by Georg Simmel, Emile Durkheim, and Karl Mannheim, with whom he studied in the early 1930s.

According to Roth, Dr. Wolff's most important contribution to sociology was his vision of field research. Dr. Wolff suggested that such research should begin with immersion in, or "surrendering" to, a subject's world, not with social or scientific preconceptions that might hinder discovery, or the "catch." Dr. Wolff elaborated on

this notion in many books and essays, including "Surrender and Catch: Experience and Inquiry Today" (1976), and "Survival and Sociology: Vindicating the Human Subject" (1991).

Dr. Wolff wrote until his death, producing two short books, "A Whole, A Fragment," and "What It Contains," just in the last year.

Born in 1912 to Jewish parents in Darmstadt, Germany, Dr. Wolff fled to Italy in 1934. His brother was later killed at Auschwitz.

Dr. Wolff received a doctorate in the sociology of knowledge from the University of Florence in 1935, was married in 1936 to Carla (Bruck), and immigrated to the United States in 1939.

"He spent his long life working through the experience of Nazi evil, which had driven him into exile and destroyed members of his family," Roth said. This experience framed his belief that social science should aim to better the human condition, rather than just observe it.

In the 1950s, while studying the failure of the United States to combat Nazism, he wrote a "libretto for unwritten music" in German "that dramatized the persistent nature of Nazi evil," said Roth, who followed Dr. Wolff to the United States half a century ago to help him finish his study.

He also illustrated several of his books, using a style known as "abstract grotesque," which Roth described as "masterpieces of double and triple meanings."

He spoke eight languages, and his works have been translated into

German, Italian, and Japanese. "In my 50 years, he was the closest thing to a Renaissance man I have ever encountered," said Jim Kaufman, a close friend. Dr. Wolff held positions at Southern Methodist University and Ohio State University, where he published his influential translation, "The Sociology of Georg Simmel," in 1950. In 1959, he moved to Brandeis University and became chairman of the sociology department. He retired as Manuel Yellen Professor of Social Relations in 1982, but continued teaching for another decade.

In 1972, Dr. Wolff was selected president of the International Society for the Sociology of Knowledge. He was awarded Fulbright Senior Lectureships to Italy and Australia in 1963 and 1980.

In recent years his hometown of Darmstadt, trying to make amends, awarded him a city medal, arranged exhibitions, and published his early fiction, poetry, and drawings.

Dr. Wolff leaves his son, Carlo.

A memorial service will be held in the Berlin Chapel at Brandeis on November 9 at 11:30am.

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Lewis Coser, Sociology Faculty 1953-68, dies at 89
By Douglas Martin

Lewis Alfred Coser, a politically active sociologist who grappled

with the social role of intellectuals in influential books, articles and speeches, as well as in his personal politics, died on Tuesday in Cambridge, Mass. He was 89 and lived in Cambridge.

Dr. Coser wrote or edited two dozen books; his doctoral dissertation became the book "The Functions of Social Conflict," a mainstay of post-World War II sociology.

He sought to separate his leftist inclinations from his academic sociology. In 1954, with Irving Howe, he created the radical journal Dissent as he was editing a book of sociological theory.

He taught at the General College of the University of Chicago and the University of California. He founded the sociology department at Brandeis University and taught there for 15 years before joining the sociology department of the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

His interest in how intellectuals interact with real-world economic and power concerns was apparent in his 1966 book, "Men of Ideas: A Sociologist's View," which amounted to a historical analysis of what has come to be called a public intellectual. Lewis S. Feuer in The New York Times Book Review called the book "engaging, provocative."

The book ranged from American abolitionists to Russian Bolsheviks to reach the conclusion that the intellectual is necessarily a person in opposition, a restless malcontent. Dr. Coser worried that

"the end of intellectuals" was occurring because intellectuals were being absorbed by government and corporations.

He was born on Nov. 27, 1913, in Berlin. His name was originally Ludwig Cohen; his father later changed the family name, and he himself changed his first name on the advice of an American immigration official, his grandson Andrew Perrin said.

His parents were upper middle class, but he joined the socialist movement as a teenager. When Hitler came to power, he fled to Paris, where he studied comparative literature and sociology at the Sorbonne and was active in Marxist politics. His studies were interrupted by World War II when the French government sent him to an internment camp in the South of France because he was German, despite his being an anti-fascist Jew.

He was able to immigrate to the United States in 1941. He married Rose Laub, the caseworker at the International Relief Association who had obtained a visa for him. They earned doctorates in sociology from Columbia University and collaborated on academic work.

She died in 1994. Dr. Coser is survived by his partner, Leona Robbins of Cambridge; his daughter, Ellen Coser Perrin of Brookline, Mass.; his son, Steven Coser of Melrose, Mass.; three grandsons; and a great-grandson.

During the postwar years, Dr. Coser socialized with leftist intellectuals in New York and wrote for several political magazines, including

Dwight MacDonald's Politics, Partisan Review and The Progressive.

He did not shrink from criticizing those on the left. In 1958, The Daily Worker, a Communist newspaper, called his "American Communist Party: A Critical History (1919-1957) an "unscrupulous defense of the capitalist system. "

His politics remained leftist, if anti-Communist, as reflected by an autobiographical statement he made to the publication "Sociological Lives" in 1988, as reported in World of Sociology.

"I have never been uncomfortable with being, to use the terminology of Chairman Mao, both pink and expert," he wrote. (from *NY Times*, July 12, 2003).

Faculty Notes

Peter Conrad has received the Leo G. Reeder Award (see article above). Peter was appointed chair of the new interdisciplinary major, "Health: Science, Society, and Policy" (HSSP). His article, "Human Growth Hormone and the Temptations of Biomedical Enhancement" (with Deborah Potter) is forthcoming in Sociology of Health and Illness.

Gordie Fellman and Pamela Blau are now the parents of a second child, Talia Zanzi Fellman-Blau. She is the full sister (same birth mother and father) as is Ezra Raphael Fellman-Blau. He is now almost 27 months old, and she is 4 months old. Bliss.

Gordie is now on the board of American Friends of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salaam, a Jewish-Arab village in Israel that has spent 20 years putting thousands of Israeli Jewish and Palestinian teenagers through workshops where they work on their stereotypes, fears, confusions, clichés, hatreds, etc. It also runs a school for Palestinian and Jewish youth, 90% of whom come from outside the village. The school teaches Arabic and Hebrew and a standard curriculum with an emphasis on peace.

Laura Miller presented two papers at professional meetings this year. She presented “The Clash Between Armchairs and Cash Registers: Customer Behavior and Corporate Strategies at Book Superstores” at the meeting of the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing. She also presented “Politics on Marketing: Varieties of Persuasion in Book Retailing.” Laura also participated in the visiting professor program sponsored by the Advertising Education Council. This allowed her to spend two weeks this summer in New York City shadowing and interviewing people in a large advertising agency.

Shula Reinharz's co-edited volume, *American Jewish Women and the Creation of the State of Israel* (with Mark Raider, SUNY - Albany) was accepted for publication and will appear in fall 2004. She continues to direct the Women's Studies Research Center which is flourishing - this year with 61 Scholars in numerous fields. Shula received a 5 year

grant to underwrite the very popular Student-Scholar Partnership Program; and seed money to explore the possibility of establishing an Institute for Investigative Journalism, with Scholar Florence Grave and others. The Hadassah International Research Institute on Jewish Women legally changed its name to the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute. They published several books (10 so far), held a conference on Jewish women in Turkey, and a conference on the Jewish book trade, among many other activities. Their annual calendar's theme for this coming year is Jewish Women Scientists around the World. At the Women's Studies Research Center, Shula devotes a lot of attention to integrating the arts with the social sciences, and helped organize about 4 shows. In June she received the Sheba Award for Excellence in Education in Los Angeles.

Stefan Timmermans co-edited a special issue of Sociology of Health and Illness on the intersection of medical sociology and criminology and co-authored (with Marcia Berg) The Gold Standard: The Challenge of Evidence-Based Medicine and Standardization in Health (Temple University Press, 2003). He also published “A Black Technician and Blue Babies” in Social Studies of Science and “The Practice of Medical Technology” in Sociology of Health and Illness. Stefan was also a Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Fellowship recipient at The Harvard School of Public Health. Stefan will be on leave from the department during the two-year fellowship.

Current Graduate Student Activity

In September, **Tobin Belzer** started a position as a postdoctoral research associate at the Casden Institute for the Study of the Jewish Role in American Life and the Center for Religion and Civic Culture. She has an advanced contract with SUNY Press to publish her dissertation, “Jewish Identity at Work.” The anthology that she co-edited with Julie Pelc, Joining the Sisterhood: Young Jewish Women Write Their Lives, is coming out in October from SUNY Press.

Sadhana Bery is a teaching fellow in the social studies program at Harvard.

Barbara Browning received the Isak Kazes Prize from the women's studies program, 2002.

Stephanie Bryson published “Image and Identity in our New World” in Psychiatric Services, 53(6), 770-772, and co-authored “Managed care plans’ requirements for screening alcohol, drug, and mental health problems in primary care.” The American Journal of Managed Care, 8(10), 879-888.

Deb Cohan is an assistant professor in residence in the school of family studies at the University of Connecticut. She is the guest editor of a forthcoming special issue on teaching about violence against women for Violence Against Women: An International and Interdisciplinary Journal. In addition, in the past year she presented at four

conferences on work related to her dissertation on the sociology of rage. She organized a joint panel for the ASA, SSSP, and SWS on teaching about family violence, and is organizing another one for the annual meeting of the American Criminological Association.

Jillain Dickert presented a paper she co-authored with Lisa Dodson, "Child Labor in Low Income Families: A Meta-Analysis of a Decade of Qualitative Research Revealing Girls' Family-Keeping Work," at the third annual Carework Conference in Chicago on August 15, 2002.

Benita Freidin published "The Dead Body and Organ Transplantation" in *Aging Bodies: Images and Experiences*, Faircloth, C.A. (Ed.) 2003, Walnut Creek, CA: Altamira Press (forthcoming). She also presented "Variation in the Perceived Passage of Time: A Cross-National Study" at the ASA 2003 annual meeting (in collaboration with Michael Flaherty and Ruth Sautu) and was a discussant for the session "Education Civica contra las practicas corruptas" at the Latin American Studies Association XIV International Congress in Dallas, Texas.

Emilie Hardman presented several papers this year: "What did Johnny Rotten ever do for Japan?: International Punk and Negotiations of Meaning," at the Social Science History Association Meeting; "Event Participant Canon Construction: A Methodology for Subcultural Research," at Eastern Sociological Society Meeting;

"Youth Culture Schisms: The Case of Emo," at the American Sociological Association Meeting (with David Cunningham and Ann Spinney); "Negotiating Musicalized Scene Identities" at the Society for the Study of Social Problems Meeting (with David Cunningham and Ann Spinney); "Am I Emo?: The Struggle for Authenticity and the Marketing of a Musical Subculture" at the Sociology of Culture Mini-Music Conference; and "Punk as Historical Source Genre: Constructions and Applications of Punk in Emo" as part of a Punk History Section that she co-organized with Alan O'Connor from Trent University for the Social Science History Association Meeting. Emilie also received a Brandeis Hewlett Pluralism Alliance Grant with Josh Russell.

Heather Jacobson published "Enhancing Biology? Cosmetic Surgery and Breast Augmentation," (co-authored with Peter Conrad) in *Debating Biology: Sociological Reflections of Health, Medicine, and Society*, Routledge, 2003.

Emily Kolker organized and moderated a panel at this year's SSSP meetings in Atlanta titled: "In Sickness and In Health: Family Processes in Health and Illness." Emily was awarded a dissertation year fellowship from Brandeis University for her dissertation on families at risk of hereditary breast/ovarian cancer. Emily was also awarded a two-year, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Dissertation Grant to complete her dissertation research. Starting this summer, Emily took over editorial duties for the SSSP Health, Health

Policy and Health Services Division Newsletter, "Healthy Outlook."

Notes from Department Ph.D.'s

Janet Mancini Billson (1976) has become director of Group Dimensions International.

Cheryl Boudreaux (1993) is an Assistant Professor at Grand Valley State University in Michigan.

Jean Elson (2000) teaches at the University of New Hampshire. Her book *Am I Still a Woman? Hysterectomy and Gender Identity* will be published by Temple University Press in December.

Elizabeth Higginbotham (1980) published *Too Much to Ask: Black Women in the Era of Integration* (University of North Carolina Press).

Kati Kriz (2003) received a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Virginia.

Valerie Leiter (2002) started as an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Simmons College this fall. She has an article forthcoming in *Social Science and Medicine* ("Dilemmas in Sharing Care: Maternal Provision of Professionally Directed Therapy of Children with Disabilities") and a co-edited volume with Peter Conrad (*Health and Health Care as Social Problems*, Rowman and Littlefield). She presented at SSSP on "Ecology or Empowerment?:"

Two Faces of Family-Centered Care” and at ASA on “Conditional Child Citizenship: Spillover Effects of Parents’ Citizenship Status” (co-authored with Jennifer Lutzy McDonald and Heather T. Jacobson).

Victoria Pitts (1999) has just published In the Flesh: The Cultural Politics of Body Modification (Palgrave/St. Martin’s Press, 2003). In April 2003 she was a keynote speaker for the Changing Bodies, Changing Selves Conference sponsored by Macquaire University in Sydney, Australia. Her article “Illness and Internet Empowerment: Writing and Reading Breast Cancer in Cyberspace,” will be published in the journal Health in a forthcoming issue. This past year she also published “Crime and Embodiment,” in Controversies in Criminal Justice edited by Martin D. Schwartz and Suzanne Hatty. She also published an article in the Italian Review of Sociology (Rassegna Italiana di Sociologia) called “Women, Identity, and the ‘Body Project,’” translated as “Le Donne e I Progetti di Trasformazione Fisica: Femminismo e Technologie del Corpo.”

Karl Pillemer (1985) co-authored Social Integration in Second Half of Life (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002).

Henry Rubin (1996) published Self-Made Men: Identity and Embodiment Among Transsexual Men (Vanderbilt University Press, 2003). He also started a new position as Research Analyst at Harvard University with Professor Howard Gardner and Project Zero.

He is continuing as Visiting Assistant Professor at Tufts University in the fall.

Tina Taylor (2000) has recently moved to Denmark and taken an assistant professor position in the Department of Digital Aesthetics & Communication at the IT University of Copenhagen.

(<http://www.itu.dk/English/>) Tina is the department’s first social scientist and will also be an active member of their newly launched Center for Computer Games Research (<http://game.itu.dk/>). The IT University (Danish Government Funded) is a multidisciplinary graduate school and she will be teaching courses like “IT Sociology” and “Online Research Methods.” Given her work in the last few years has turned to computer games, it’s a particularly good match. She has recently had her research published in Convergence, the International Journal of Engineering Education, Information, Communication, and Society (forthcoming) and several books on internet studies. Up to date info (including contact data) can be found at <http://www.itu.dk/~tltaylor/>.

Johnny E. Williams (1995) is chair of the Sociology Department at Trinity College. He published African American Religion and the Civil Rights Movement in Arkansas (University Press of Mississippi, 2003).

New Graduate Students

Ph.D. Students:

Alison Better – Alison graduated from Skidmore College in 2000

with a B.A. in sociology and women’s studies.

Rachel Kulick – Rachel graduated from Harvard University in 2003 with a Masters in Education, and from Union College in 1993 with a B.S. in psychology.

Ashley Rondini – Ashley graduated from the University of Sussex in 1999 with a Masters in women’s studies and in 1997 from Clark University with a B.A. in sociology.

Joint M.A. Students –
Sociology and Women’s
Studies:

Marissa Gill – Marissa graduated from the University of Nebraska in 2002 with a B.A. in philosophy and English.

Erin Maurer - Erin graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1998 with a B.A. in sociology and women’s studies.

New Ph.D.’s 2003

Lawrence Holcomb
Revisiting Race: Toward An Analytic Social-Psychological Approach to Racial Construction
Mathew B. Johnson
Social Class and Culture (Re)production in Higher Education: An Ethnographic Look at the Culture of Student Affairs Offices

Christa Marie Kelleher
Postpartum Matters: Women’s Experiences of Medical

Surveillance, Time and Support after Birth

Katrin Kriz

Welfare States and Emotional Risk: Family Policy Gaps and Childcare Maintenance by Employed Mothers in Britain, Germany and Sweden

New M.A.'s 2003

Emile Hardman, Soc M.A.
Kirsten Moe, Soc M.A.
Cheryl Kingma Kiekhofer, Joint M.A., Soc and Women's Studies

New Jobs for Recent Ph.D.'s

Hernandez-Arias, P. Rafael – Assistant Professor, DePaul University, Chicago, IL.

Holcomb, Lawrence – Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Gordon College, Wenham, MA.

Johnson, Mathew – Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Maine at Presque Isle, ME.

Kelleher, Christa – Assistant Professor, Pine Manor College, Newton, MA

Valerie Leiter – Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Simmons College, Director of the Society and Health Program.

Senior Honor's Theses

Jordan Berman – “The Evolving Dynamic of Gender Profiling for

Increased Courtroom Utility.”
Advisor – Stefan Timmermans.

Noah Browne – “The Structure and Process of Othering: Society and the State After September 11.”
Advisor – Sadhana Bery.

Lily Davidson – “Why the Women's Movement Doesn't Move Anymore: A Comparison of Obstacles to Second Wave Feminism in the Netherlands and United States.” Advisor – Karen V. Hansen.

Rochelle Fleischman – “Gender Labeling by Law Enforcement: A Study of the Labels Assigned to Sexual Abuse/Exploitation Victims.” Advisor – Stefan Timmermans.

Dina Gorokhovskaya – “Framing Euthanasia: A Social Response to the End of Life Debate.” Advisor – Stefan Timmermans.

Muh Eng “Cindy” Lin – “Defining Selves and Others: National Identity in India and Pakistan During the India/Pakistan Wars.” Advisor – Gordon Fellman.

Dalia Oberlander – “Mark Rothko's Color Field Paintings: A Unification of Sociology and Art.”
Advisor – Jo Anne Preston.

Departmental Colloquia: Spring 2003

Eric Kleinenberg, New York University, “Heat Wave: A Social Autopsy of Disaster in Chicago.”

Patricia Hill Collins, University of Cincinnati, “Black Sexual Politics:

African Americans, Gender, and the New Racism.”

Annette Lareau, Temple University, “The Power of Class, the Limits of Race, the Transmission of Advantage: An Ethnographic Account.”

Chuck Collins, Director of United for a Fair Economy and co-author of Wealth and our Commonwealth, “Economic Apartheid in America: Growing Inequality and why it Matters.”

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