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From the Chair

As is again evident from the activities profiled in this newsletter, our department is thriving. We are thrilled to have Nadia Kim join us as an assistant professor. She has a joint appointment with Women's Studies and comes to us with a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. Nadia further strengthens the department in the sociology of gender and will contribute in new ways to the sociology of immigration.

Peter Conrad delivered his Leo G. Reeder lecture at the ASA in August, where he was honored for lifetime achievement in Medical Sociology. Congratulations once again to Peter on this distinguished award! And Gordie Fellman was honored in March for 40 years of dedicated service to the university in a splendid day-long celebration of his scholarly work, teaching, and leadership - not to mention his leadership development of generations of students.

David Cunningham's book, [There's Something Happening Here: The New Left, the Klan, and FBI](#)

[Counterintelligence](#) (University of California Press), was published this year, as was George Ross's [Euros and Europeans: Monetary Integration and the European Model of Society](#) (Cambridge University Press); Stefan Timmermans's [The Gold Standard: The Challenge of Evidence-Based Medicine and Standardization in Health Care](#) (Temple University Press); and Peter Conrad's [Health and Health Care as Social Problems](#) (Rowman and Littlefield). Several other books have gone to press: Karen Hansen's [Not So-Nuclear Families: Class, Gender, and Networks of Care](#) (Rutgers University Press); Laura Miller's [Reluctant Capitalists: Bookselling and the Rationalization of Consumption](#) (University of Chicago Press); and Gila Hayim's [Instability and Cultural Configurations in the Complex System of Modernity: An Autopoietic Perspective](#) (Mellen Academic Press).

Our graduate students continue to distinguish themselves in research and teaching. Mignon Duffy was awarded the University Prize Instructorship, but she had to decline in order to take up her new tenure-track job at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. Debi Osnowitz won the SSSP Braverman Award for her paper on gender and independent professional contracting. Heather Jacobson and Jennifer Zoltanski received the university's dissertation fellowship award for 2004-2005 in a university-wide competition. Stephanie Bryson received a \$25,000 grant that will run from 2004-2006 from Children's Bureau in the administrations for Children and Families, U.S. Bureau of Health & Human Services. And Rachel Kulick will become a Spencer Foundation Fellow.

Our graduate students have been very productive on another front as well! Anastasia Norton and her husband Matt welcomed their first child, Jakob Ezra, into the world in December. Heather Jacobson and her husband Seiichiro had their first child, Miya Helen in June. And Mignon Duffy and her husband Gary had a second child, Rebecca Jean, in July.

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. Commencement this year was a great celebration. We honored several of our graduating seniors with the Irving Kenneth Zola Prize for Excellence in Sociology, the John Dewey/Harry C. Boyte Prize for the Scholarship and Practice of Democracy, and the new Elise Boulding Prize for Sociology and Activism. Gordie Fellman gave our mini-commencement speech, and for the second year in a row one of our sociology concentrators, Nicole Karlebach '04, delivered the student address at the main commencement ceremony.

Jo Anne Preston leaves us this year as a visiting assistant professor after a decade of service to the department, for which we will be ever grateful. Jo Anne's courses on education and aging have been especially important and engaging for our undergraduates.

Thanks go to Judy Hanley, our department administrator, and Elaine Brooks, our graduate secretary, for making this year such a successful one. As always, their work has been indispensable to all of us.
-Carmen Sirianni

Nadia Kim Joins Sociology Department

Nadia Kim has joined the Department of Sociology with a joint appointment in Women's Studies as of Fall 2004. Nadia received B.A.s in sociology and in English at the University of California-Santa Barbara in 1996. She went on to receive her M.A. (2000) and Ph.D. (2003) in sociology from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. Her dissertation, entitled "Guests in Someone Else's House?: Korean Immigrants in Los Angeles Negotiate American Race, Nationhood, and Identity" won honorable mention in the University of Michigan Distinguished Dissertation Award competition. She is currently revising her dissertation, which examines the impact of immigrants, pre-migration ("homeland") views of U.S. racial inequality on negotiations of (race) and citizenship in the U.S., into a book manuscript. Her recent publications include: "A View from Below: An Analysis of Korean Americans, Racial Attitudes" in *Amerasia Journal* 30(1) and "Patriarchy is so Third World: Korean Immigrant Women and Gender in Global/Local and Transnational Context" in *Asian Pacific Migration Journal* (forthcoming). She is also revising for resubmission an article for *Critical Sociology* entitled, "Seoul's Window into America's Soul: The Globalization of the White-Black U.S. Racial Order" and is finishing up a submission to *Gender & Society* entitled, "Navigating Global Color and Gender Lines: A Look at South Korean College Students' Racial/Ethnonational Marital Preferences" (with Edward Chang). She has also presented numerous papers at sociological and specialty meetings. Nadia's research and teaching interests include: race and gender, immigration (global and transnational contexts of women and immigration), Asian American women and men, ethnicity, nationhood, and cultural globalization. These interests and their implications for social justice are woven into the courses she will teach at Brandeis this coming year: The Immigrant Experience in America (also titled: The Sociology of U.S.

Immigration), Feminist Theory, and Gender and Race. We are pleased to have Nadia join us.

Nadia's family and work have enabled her to live in many places that have become parts of her: New York City, Canada (longest stint in Newfoundland), Korea, California, Michigan, Brazil, Italy, Boston. Besides working in academe and in the community, Nadia enjoys spending time with her partner, DanYeung, an environmental engineer and amateur photographer. She also loves great vegetarian fare, singing (karaoke) and poetry, star-gazing, and all kinds of films (like her colleague, Peter Conrad!).

Celebrating 40 Years at Brandeis - Gordie Fellman

"The only wisdom I have at the moment is, I'll miss you guys."

On March 21 this year, my department honored me by having a full-day celebrating this my 40th year at Brandeis. As they say, it's been a great ride, and I continue to love the classroom, do some of my best thinking there, and enjoy real intellectual and interpersonal interchange with students I come to respect and adore so powerfully.

The day began with food, coffee, and schmoozing. Then it went on to a very flattering, nice introduction by Carmen, the current department chair. We had a panel on psychoanalysis and sociology, with marvelous papers by Graham Cassano Ph.D.'91, Lawrence Holcomb Ph.D.'03, and Mathew Johnson '94, all of whom had studied Freud very intensively with me as graduate students and "got" his deep connection to the concerns of sociology.

The Late Night Players, a wonderfully talented political comedy group of recent graduates, most of whom had studied with me, did some fantastically funny skits about me and various of my projects and concerns.

Then during an open mike period, dozens upon dozens of "my" students (people were there from the entire span of my teaching years here, from my very first students to current ones) talking about this, that, and the other aspect of the effects of my teaching, my activism, and me on them and their lives.

After lunch, we watched a video of me on the Fox TV show, the O'Reilly Factor, not long after 9/11. I told the story of how I happened to be on the show and showed how I figured out how to stand up to the bully/antagonist that O'Reilly is.

A second panel presented on activism and sociology. Diane Balsler Ph.D. '83, a PhD of ours who had worked with me and is a major women's activist and Middle East activist, Janet Domenitz '80, who heads MassPIRG, and Forsan Hussein '00, an Israeli Palestinian who has emerged as a spokesperson/activist for Israeli-Palestinian peace. All spoke of the connections between their activism and what they had studied with me and seen in me.

We had another open mike period, and concluded with the premier of a video made by current Brandeis student Seth Bernstein ('06) of me talking about the history of student activism at Brandeis. Bernstein is an amazingly gifted filmmaker and intercut numerous shots of campus and national scenes to illustrate narrative and analytic points I was making.

I was recently presented with a lovely remembrance book with notes and wishes for dozens of former students who attended or just sent their thoughts. I loved the celebration, the extraordinary care with which Judy Hanley and assistants (Kirsten Moe, currently a Ph.D. student; Gila Ashtor '05 and Erin Hull '05) planned and carried out the day, and the high of being again with so many beloved former students, many of whom are now friends.

Faculty and Graduate Students Co-Author Publications

Over the past five years, a number of faculty have been collaborating with current or recent graduate students on research projects. This form of mentoring and collegiality has long been occasional in the department, but now has become an impressive part of our graduate program and department scholarly productivity. Since 2000 these collaborations have produced 17 publications with 3 more currently under review, by 5 faculty members and 12 graduate students (and one postdoc). The publications are listed below by professor. You will also see some of these publications mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter, but we wanted to highlight this impressive set of accomplishments in one place as well.

Peter Conrad:

“Trends in the Use of Psychotropic Medications in Adolescents, 1994-2001,” (with Rosemary Casler, Cindy Thomas, and Elizabeth Goodman), under review.

“Homosexuality and Remedicalization,” (with Alison Angell), Society 41 (5): 32-39, 2004.

“Human Growth Hormone and the Temptations of Biomedical Enhancement,” (with Deborah Potter), Sociology of Health and Illness, 26: 184-215, 2004.

“Medicalization, Markets and Consumers,” (with Valerie Leiter). Journal of Health and Social Behavior, 2004, in press.

Health and Health Care as Social Problems (co-edited with Valerie Leiter). Colorado: Rowman and Littlefield, 2003.

“Enhancing Biology? Cosmetic Surgery and Breast Augmentation,” (with Heather Jacobson). In Simon J. Williams, Gillian A. Bendelow and Linda Berke

(eds.), Debating Biology: Sociological Reflections on Health Medicine and Society, London: Routledge, 2003.

“Constructing the ‘Gay Gene’ in the News: Optimism and Skepticism in the American and British Press,” (with Susan Markens). Health, 2001, 5: 373-400.

“From Hyperactive Children to ADHD Adults: Some Observations on the Expansion of Medical Categories,” (with Deborah Potter). Social Problems 2000, 47: 559-82.

“Medicalization of Deviance,” (with PJ McGann). Encyclopedia of Crime and Deviant Behavior. Sage, 2000, pp. 218-22.

David Cunningham:

“Comparative Collective Community-Based Learning: The Possibilities for Change in American Communities,” (with Cheryl Kingma-Kiekhofer). Teaching Sociology 32:276-290, 2004.

“The Emergence of ‘Worthy’ Targets: Deviance Narratives within the FBI,” (with Barb Browning). Sociological Forum: forthcoming Fall 2004.

“Capturing the Structure of Musically-Based Youth Subcultures: The Case of Emo,” (with Emilie Hardman, and Ann Morrison Spinney) Under review at Poetics.

“Contexts for Mobilization: Community Connections and Klan Presence in North Carolina, 1964-1966,” (with Benjamin T. Phillips) Revise and resubmit at Social Problems.

Karen V. Hansen:

“Care and Kinship: An Introduction,” (with Anita Ilta Garey, Rosanna Hertz, and Cameron Macdonald) Journal of Family Issues, 23:6 (September 2002): 703-715.

“Sociability and Gender: Visiting Patterns of Working People in Nineteenth-Century New England,” (with Cameron Macdonald) Social Science History, 25:4 (Winter 2001): 537-563.

Marty Krauss:

“Adults with Autism Living at Home or in Non-Family Settings: Positive and Negative Aspects of Residential Status.” (with Marsha Mailick Seltzer, and Heather T. Jacobson.) Journal of International Disability Research. Forthcoming.

Stefan Timmermans:

“What does it mean to be a profession in the Twenty-First Century?,” (with Emily Kolker) Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Forthcoming, 2004.

“Medicine, Values and Ethics,” (with Emily Kolker). In Science, Technology, and Society, edited by Sal Restivo, Oxford University Press, 2004.

“Evidence-Based Medicine, Clinical Uncertainty, and Learning to Doctor,” (with Alison Angell). Journal of Health and Social Behavior, V. 42, n. 4 (2001): 342-359.

“The Redemption of Thalidomide: Standardizing the Risk of Birth Defects,” (with Valerie Leiter). Social Studies of Science, v. 30, n. 1 (2000): 41-72.

Faculty Notes

Peter Conrad presented his Leo G. Reeder Award address, “The Shifting Engines of Medicalization,” to the Medical Sociology Section of the ASA in August. He has also published “Human Growth Hormone and the Temptations of Biomedical Enhancement” (with Deborah Potter) in Sociology of Health and Illness (March 2004), “Homosexuality and Remedicalization,” (with Alison Angell) in Society (July-August 2004), and “Prescribing Psychotropic Medications for Children: What does the Increase Mean?” in Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine (August 2004).

David Cunningham published his book There’s Something Happening Here: The New Left, the Klan, and FBI Counterintelligence (University of California Press). He also published several articles: “Comparative Collective Community-Based Learning: The Possibilities for Change in American Communities,” (with Cheryl Kingma-

Kiekhofe), Teaching Sociology 32: 276-290; "The Patterning of Repression: FBI Counterintelligence and the New Left," Social Forces 82, 1:207-238, 2003; "Understanding State Responses to Right Vs. Left-Wing Threats: The FBI, the Klan, and the New Left," Sociological Forum, forthcoming. In addition, David wrote articles about the FBI that have appeared in The Boston Globe ("Squelching Dissent in the Name of Security" – op-ed, 12/15/03) and the New York Times Magazine ("What the G-Men Knew" – 6/20/04). David married Sarah Boocock on June 26, 2004. Congratulations!

Last fall, **Gordie Fellman** delivered a paper, "Lecturing on Navigation," for a symposium on Courage and the Social Sciences, part of the celebration of Antioch College's Sesquicentennial year. The paper will be published in a book of papers from the symposium.

On May 25, 2004, The Heller School, Sociology Department, and Women's Studies jointly hosted a reception in honor of the retirement of **Janet Zollinger Giele**. It was a splendid occasion with many wonderful tributes from colleagues and former students who spoke of her influence on their work and their lives. Nearly 100 people attended. She was also honored this year by winning the first Heller Mentoring Award and by being designated as Grand Marshal for the 2004 Commencement. Three books appeared during 2003-2004: Women and Equality in the Workplace (co-authored with Leslie Stebbins, Brandeis Reference Librarian by ABC-CLIO Press); Changing Life Patterns in Western Industrial Societies (co-edited with Elke Holst, an economist at the German Institute for Economic Research by Elsevier Science); and a Japanese edition of Methods of Life Course Research (co-edited with Glen H. Elder, Jr. that was first published by Sage Publications in 1998). Although she will no longer be teaching classes, she expects to continue her research on women's changing lives and on the growth of American family policy and working with her remaining doctoral students.

Karen V. Hansen has taught two new courses this year. One, a joint seminar on

"Social Perspectives on Motherhood and Mothering." The other was a graduate seminar under the auspices of the Graduate Consortium in Women's Studies, "Remapping Frontiers: Gender and Construction of the American West, 1860-1930." She team taught the course with Lois Ruddick from American studies at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, and Lynn Johnson, from history at Boston College. In addition she has a book, Not-So-Nuclear Families: Class, Gender, and Networks of Care, in press with Rutgers University Press, and an article, "The Asking Rules of Reciprocity in Networks of Care for Children," forthcoming in Qualitative Sociology.

Laura Miller presented a paper called "Accomplices to Fun: The Bookstore as Urban Entertainment Center at the Print Culture and the City Conference in Montreal in March.

Shula Reinharz published an article, "The Body of Knowledge," in Rosanna Hertz and Barry Glassner's Our Studies, Ourselves. She continues to direct the women's studies research center (WSRC) and the Haddasah Brandeis Institute (HBI). The WSRC became a member of the National Council for Research Centers on Women, launched a major university-wide initiative on Investigative Journalism, and published 15 books. In the context of the HBI, Shula organized an international roundtable on intermarriage in December, and this summer prepared its proceedings for publication with the assistance of a Canadian intern. Her book from a previous conference, American Jewish Women and the Zionist Enterprise (with Mark Raider, Ph.D. '96), will appear this winter.

Tom Shapiro published The Hidden Cost of Being African American: How Wealth Perpetuates Inequality in February. It was reviewed in the Washington Post, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, The Boston Globe and other newspapers. Tom gave the Standing Lecture at SUNY-Albany, appeared on the Tony Brown's Journal PBS show, Tavis Smiley Show, Talk of the Nation, and many other radio and television programs. The Spring issue of CommonWealth magazine carried a long interview with Tom.

Stephan Timmermans spent the year as a

Robert Wood Johnson Fellow at the Harvard School of Public Health where he is working with graduate student Betina Freidin on a study of the impact of asthma among Hispanic and non-Hispanic white children on family, neighborhood, work, and school life. He is also finishing his study of forensic medicine and has articles forthcoming in Sociology of Health and Illness and Journal of Health and Social Behavior.

Suzanne Joseph, Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, accepted a position in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth beginning Fall 2005. She published an article in American Anthropologist March 2004 on Bekaa Bedouin demography, and submitted a book chapter for an edited volume entitled Globalization, Health, and Environment: An Integrated Perspective to be published by Altamira Press this summer. She is currently preparing an article for Human Ecology and working on her book manuscript entitled Leaving the Desert, Remaining a Shepherd: Demography, Culture and Ecology of the Bekaa Bedouin.

Current Graduate Student Activity

Alision Angell published "Homosexuality and Medicalization," (with Peter Conrad) in Society, 2004.

Barb Browning's paper, "The Emergence of 'Worthy' Targets: Deviance Narratives within the FBI," (with David Cunningham), is forthcoming in Sociological Forum.

Stephanie Bryson presented "Satisfactory Accommodations: Cleanliness, Culture and Compromise in the Fort Totten Field Matron Program" at the 2004 ASA Meeting.

Jillian Dickert co-authored "Girls' Family Labor in Low-Income Households: A Decade of Qualitative Research," which was published in Journal of Marriage and the Family 66: 318-32, 2004. The research also received coverage in the popular press.

Mignon Duffy's paper, "Reproducing Labor Inequalities: Challenges for Feminists Conceptualizing Care at the Intersections of Gender, Race and Class," is forthcoming in Gender and Society. She also presented "The Racialization of Low-Wage Care: Not Just a Women's Issue," at the Carework Conference in August 2004. Mignon begins her new job as an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology at UMass, Lowell, in January. And congratulations on the birth of her second child, Rebecca, in July.

Betina Freidin published several papers this year: "Las Metáforas de la Corrupción" ("The Metaphors of Corruption"), in R. Sautu (Ed.) Catálogo de prácticas corruptas. Corrupción, confianza y democracia; Buenos Aires: Lumiere (in collaboration with P. Boniolo and I. Perugorria), 2004; "The Dead Body and Organ Transplantation," in C. Faircloth (Ed.) Aging Bodies, Altamira Press, 2003; and "Variation in The Perceived Passage of Time: A Cross-National Study," (with M. Flaherty and R. Sautu), Social Psychology Quarterly, forthcoming. She also presented papers "Performing Expertise and Producing Bodily Sensations. The Case of Acupuncture Treatment," at the ASA meetings, August 2004, and "Analyzing the Quality of Family Planning Services in Buenos Aires. Convergence and Discrepancy between Users' and Experts' Views," (with Marcela Cerrutti) at the XXV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Las Vegas, October 2004. Betina was a co-investigator of the study for the World Health Organization, "Assessing Quality of Care in Family Planning Services in Buenos Aires: From Users' perspective to Standardized Measures," 2003-2004 and this past summer was a Research Assistant to Stefan Timmermans on his project "Lynn Neighborhood Asthma Study."

Chris Gillespie co-authored "Use of Schizophrenia as a Metaphor in U.S. Newspapers," in Psychiatric Services, 54 (10): 1402-04, 2003.

Emilie Hardman presented "Dumpstering: The Social Politics of Food Salvaging" at the 2004 ASA

meeting.

Heather Jacobson received a University Prize Instructorship for teaching "Making Families: Race, Ethnicity and Family Formation" in Fall 2003. She was also awarded a Provost Dissertation Expense Award and a Dissertation Year Fellowship for 2004/05. She presented "Gendered Obligations? Kin Contact within Cross-National Families" at the North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting in April 2004; "Parental Perspectives and Strategies for Birth Culture Engagement in International Adoptive Families" at the ASA and "Choosing Russia, Choosing China: An Analysis of Factors Involving Parental Choice of Adoptive Country" at the SSSP in 2004. Heather recently became a new mom. Congratulations!

Cheryl Kingma-Kiefhofer presented "Sisters of Mercy and 'Swirlie Girls': Gender and Goth Culture." She published "Comparative Collective Community-Based Learning: Possibilities for Change in American Communities" (with David Cunningham) in Teaching Sociology, 2004.

Emily Kolker has two publications forthcoming this year. "Clinical Practice Guidelines and the Reconfiguration of the Medical Profession," (with Stefan Timmermans) will be published in an extra issue of the Journal of Health and Social Behavior on medicine and markets. Emily's "Framing as a Cultural Resource in Health Social Movements: Funding Activism and the Breast Cancer Movement in the U.S. 1990-1993," will be published in a special issue of Sociology of Health and Illness dedicated to health social movements. Emily's University Prize Instructorship syllabus, "In Sickness and in Health: Medicine and Families in the U.S." has also been included in the new ASA Guide to Syllabi on Teaching Sociology of Families. In the spring semester Emily taught "Sociology of Body and Health" at Brandeis during Stefan's absence. Emily received Honorable Mention for her submission to the SSSP Health Division's Annual Graduate Student Paper Award competition for her paper, "Framing as a Cultural Resource in Health Social Movements: Funding Activism and the Breast Cancer Movement in the U.S. 1990-1993." Emily will be an Alumni

Scholar this academic year after receiving a dissertation award from the Office of the Provost and The GSAS Alumni Scholars Fund. Emily organized an ASA methodological workshop on HIPAA regulations and medical sociology research. She also presented two papers at SSSP: "Framing as a Cultural Resource in Health Social Movements: Funding Activism and the Breast Cancer Movement in the U.S. 1990-1993," and "Inheriting Inequality: Genetic Risk, Kinship, and the Social Inheritance of Gender Inequality."

Meg Lovejoy has published several papers: "Gender at the Intersection of Race, Class, and Sexuality", in J. Misra (Ed.), ASA Teaching Resource Guide on Race, Class, and Gender, 2003; "Fast Track Women and the 'Choice' to Stay Home" (with P. Stone) Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, forthcoming; and "Racial Identity and the Development of Body Image Issues Among African American Adolescent Girls" (with S. Hesse-Biber, S. Howling, P. Leavy), Qualitative Reports, forthcoming. She also presented "Bodily Subjectivity: Mapping A New Perspective on Women's Body Experience" at the 2003 ASA meeting and "Stepping off the Fast Track: Professional Women's Decisions to Become "Stay-At-Home" Mothers" (with P. Stone) at the "Mommies and Daddies on the Fast Track: Success of Parents in Demanding Professions" Conference at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA, October 30-31, 2003.

Kirstin Moe presented a paper, "200 MPH: NASCARs Entrance in the Sports Culture," at the 2004 ASA meeting.

Debi Osnowitz was the co-winner of the Braverman Award from the Labor Studies Division for her paper "Managing Time in Domestic Space: Home-Based Contractors and Household Work."

Benjamin Phillips presented "Contexts for Mobilization: Community Connections and Klan Presence in North Carolina, 1964-66" (with David Cunningham) at the ASA meeting in August 2004.

Deborah Potter published “Human Growth Hormone and the Temptations of Biomedical Enhancement” (with Peter Conrad) in Sociology of Health and Illness, 2004.

Jennifer Zoltanski received a Dissertation Year Fellowship for 2004/05.

News from Department Ph.D.s

Amy Aggian, Ph.d. ‘98, published Baby Steps: How Lesbian Alternative Insemination is Changing the World with Wesleyan University Press (2004). She is Director of The Center for Women’s Health and Human Rights at Suffolk University and an Associate Professor in the Sociology Department.

James Ault’s, Ph.d. ‘81, book, Spirit and Flesh: Life in a Fundamental Baptist Church will be published by Knopf in September. As an ethnographic story, it has an autobiographical thread and close colleagues from the department at the time appear in its pages. Jim is continuing his documentary film-making, working on local probate and family court issues of divorce in America and working to get finishing funds for a series of documentary programs (in progress) on the explosive growth, changing character, and world significance of Christianity in Africa.

Sadhana Bery, Ph.d. ‘04, defended her dissertation and is now a lecturer of Social Studies at Harvard and is also teaching a Freshman Seminar at Harvard on Whiteness in Post-Apartheid South Africa.

Phil Brown, Ph.d. ‘79, gave the 2004 commencement address to the School of Public Health at SUNY Albany. He edited a special issue of Sociology of Health and Illness on “Social Movements and Health” that will appear October 2004. Over the past few years, he has lead a research project on Contested Illnesses and a number of co-authored publications have appeared this year: “Chemicals and Casualties: The Search

for Causes of Gulf War Illness” (in a volume edited by Monica Casper); “The Politics of Asthma Suffering: Environmental Justice and the Social Movement Transformation of Illness Experience” in Social Science and Medicine; “The Personal is Scientific: The Environmental Breast Cancer Movement” in Sociological Forum; “Embodied Health Movements: Uncharted Territory in Social Movement Research” in Sociology of Health and Illness; “Clearing the Air and Breathing Freely: Disputes Over Air Pollution and Asthma” in International Journal of Health Services; and several others. He has received new grants from NSF and National Institute on Environmental Justice to continue and expand his research. He is also serving as Chair of the Environment and Technology Section of the ASA.

Graham Cassano, Ph.d. ‘88, together with several friends in New Haven, started a new political economy research institute, The New Haven Center for Economic Interpretation (www.newhavencenter.org). He has just begun serving a three-year term as a member of the steering committee for the Union for Radical Political Economics (URPE). And, this summer, at the annual URPE gathering, he had a Brandeis sociology mini-reunion, since Greg Wilpert, Jonathan Martin, and Graham each gave a presentation on their respective activities.

CJ Churchill, Ph.d. ‘00, has an article, “Ethnography as Translation,” forthcoming in Qualitative Sociology. This year he completed a fellowship in psychoanalysis in the Department of Psychiatry at NYU Medical School. He has also been accepted to train as a psychoanalyst at the New York Freudian Society. He continues as an assistant professor of sociology at St. Thomas Aquinas College.

Patricia Hill Collins, Ph.d. ‘84, published Black Sexual Politics with Routledge this year.

Jean Elson, Ph.d. ‘00, begins her fifth year on the sociology faculty at the University of New Hampshire. Her book, Am I Still a Woman? Hysterectomy and Gender Identity, was published by Temple University Press in January 2004. This

book was the subject of an author meets critics panels at the Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting in March and meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. A symposium on Am I a Woman? is slated for publication in Contemporary Sociology. Jean published “Hormonal Hierarchy: Hysterectomy and Stratified Stigma” in Gender and Society in October 2003.

Mindy Fried, Ph.d. ‘96, is now a principal in a consulting firm called “Arbor Consulting Group,” which does evaluation research in a number of areas, including work/life, public health and workforce development. She also teaches part-time at MIT in Urban Studies and Planning and Women’s Studies. Sasha, who was a baby in the department, is about to turn 13!

Lew Friedland, Ph.d. ‘85, published Public Journalism: Past and Future (Kettering Foundaton Press, 2003). He also presented a paper at the ASA on his current research, “The Paradox of Youth Civic Engagement: Resume Padding and Service Inflation.”

Douglas Harper, Ph.d. ‘76, co-edited The Cultural Study of Work (Rowman and Littlefield, 2003).

Elizabeth Higginbotham, Ph.d. ‘80, was selected the 2003-04 Robin M. Williams, Jr. Distinguished Lecturer by the Eastern Sociological Society. As the Robin Williams Lecturer, she was invited to present her talk, “Working for the City: Focusing on Employment Issues for Black Professional Women,” at a number of different colleges and universities.

Janice Irvine, Ph.d. ‘84, edited a special issue of Qualitative Sociology (2003) in Sex and Sociology, which included her article “‘The Sociologist as Voyer’: Social Theory and Sexuality Research, 1910-1978.” Her book, Talk About Sex: Battles Over Sex Education in the United States was published in paperback (University of California, 2004).

Alex Liazos, Ph.d. ‘70, published Families: Joys, Conflicts and Changes with Paradigm Publishers.

Valerie Leiter, Ph.d. ‘01, received the

Irving K. Zola Award for Emerging Scholars in Disability Studies from the Society for Disability Studies for her article "Parental Activism, Professional Dominance, and Early Childhood Disability," which was published in Disability Studies Quarterly. Valerie also published "The Consequences of Caring: Maternal Impacts of Having a Child with Special Needs" in the Journal of Family Issues (with Krauss, Anderson, and Wells), and has a co-authored article with Peter Conrad entitled, "Medicalization, Markets and Consumers," forthcoming in the Journal of Health and Social Behavior. She presented "Creating Developmental Deviance: Mothers, Professionals and Early Childhood Disability" at the 2004 SSSP meeting.

Elizabeth Long, Ph.d. '79, of Rice University was named "Texas Professor of the Year" by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education in conjunction with the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Her book, Book Clubs: Women and the Uses of Reading in Everyday Life was published by University of Chicago Press.

Cameron MacDonald, Ph.d. '98, has joined the faculty of the Sociology Department at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Suengsook Moon, Ph.d. '94, was promoted to Associate Professor at Vassar College. Her book, Militarized Modernity and Gendered Citizenship in South Korea, 1963-2002, will be published by Duke University Press later this year. She also has published two articles: "Immigration and Mothering: Two Generations of Middle-Class Korean Immigrant Women" (Gender and Society, December 2003) and "Trouble with Conscription, Entertaining Soldiers: Popular Culture and the Politics of Militarized Masculinity in South Korea" (Men and Masculinities, forthcoming). She was appointed to the editorial boards of Gender and Society and Social Issues (published in Kwangju city, South Korea).

Nsolo Mijere, Ph.d. '86, taught at the University of Zambia from 1985-90, before moving to take a post as senior

lecturer at the University of Transkei in South Africa. In 1994 he was promoted to Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology. This university is located in the poor rural area of Eastern Cape Province. In 2000 the government tried to close the University, but organizing and lobbying by a number of constituencies created enough political pressure for the government to reverse their decision. The university will now merge with another institution and as of January 1, 2005, and be known as Water Sisulu University of Science and Technology.

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New Ph.D.'s

Tobin Belzer
Jewish Identity at Work

Sadhana Bery - *Evidentiary Whiteness: The Re/Production of White Praxis*

Karen N. Werner
The Sociology of Contemporary Activist Art (1990-2003)

New MA's

Merissa Gill

Jeung Yeon (Leah) Lee

New Jobs for Recent Ph.D.s

Tobin Belzer – Postdoctoral Fellow, Casden Institute, University of Southern California

Mignan Duffy – Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Lowell

Cameron Macdonald – Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin

Karen Werner – Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Goddard College

Sadhana Bery – Lecturer, Social Studies Department, Harvard University

Senior Honors Theses

Deborah Berkman '04– "Newspaper Depictions of Physically Disabled Women and Men: Perpetuation of Stereotypes or Fair Portrayals?"

Adam Brooks '04 – "The Professionalization of Complementary Medicine"

Rebecca Incledon '04– "A World Apart: AIDS and the Latino Community in Reading, Pennsylvania"

Samantha Joseph '04– "Taking a Trip to a Designated Area and Ending Up Somewhere Else - A Look at the Experiences of the Parents and Siblings of Mentally Retarded Individuals"

Nicole Karlebach '04 – "Prospects for Community Organizing; Samoa and Mississippi"

Amy McCarthy '04 – "Religion and the Pursuit of Science: the Protestant Case"

Anaide Nahikian '04 – "Experiential Analysis of Immigrant Narratives - Biographical Notes"

Marina Pevzner '04 – "Between Hope and Struggle"

Lindsay Schall '04 – "The Irony of Pro-anorexia Websites: The Two Faces of Support"

Jamena Scott '04 – "Affirmative Action's Impact on College Interracial Relations"

Leah Sykes '04 – "Hit Hard, Stay Together: Community, Resistance and Empowerment in Women's Rugby"

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IMPORTANT: If you have some news now, please send it along right away (so you don't forget). We'll hold it for the spring 2005 edition. Of course, we welcome input any time of year!

FYI: The Sociology Website's graduate program pages have been updated. Check it out @ www.brandeis.edu/departments/sociology