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Sarah Shostak (L)
Wendy Cadge (R)

News from the Chair

Our department had another banner year last year, but just a few highlights in the limited space allotted me. Special welcome to our two dynamic young assistant professors, Wendy Cadge and Sara Shostak. Special congratulations to Karen Hansen, David Cunningham, and George Ross for their respective Guggenheim and Fullbright fellowships! Congratulations also for published books to Shula Reinharz for *JGirls Guide* (a male sequel to follow!), Laura Miller for *Reluctant Capitalists: Bookselling and the Rationalization of Consumption*, and to Gila Hayim for *Instability, Complexity, and Cultural Change*. David Cunningham co-taught a most exciting community-based learning course in the Mississippi Delta. Among our many graduate student and alumni achievements: Bettina Freidin won a dissertation year fellowship and an NSF grant, Cameron Macdonald (University of Wisconsin-

Madison) a five-year NIH grant, and Valerie Leiter (Simmons College) was named a William T. Grant Scholar for 5 years, a most prestigious award in the field of youth research. Welcome to our exciting new class of Ph.D. and M.A. students! Our senior honor symposium last year once again revealed the depth of exciting work among our undergraduates. Judy Hanley, our department administrator, and her family were poignantly featured in a PBS documentary, *Boomers*, which was filled with great sociological and moral insight. And Dessima Williams leaves us after 13 years of innovative teaching to return to her work in Grenada full-time. She has left a lasting mark on the life of our department. We will all miss her.

- Carmen Sirianni

Two New Faculty Join Sociology Department

We are very fortunate to have two outstanding Assistant Professors join our department this year, Sara Shostak and Wendy Cadge. This is the first time that we have had two tenure track Assistant Professors appointed in the same year since Peter and Shula were appointed in 1981. We will introduce them both briefly here.

Sara Shostak joins the Brandeis faculty after having completed a RWJ Health and Society Scholars fellowship at Columbia University. Sara first studied sociology as an undergraduate at Reed College. She then completed a Master's in Public Health at UCLA and was awarded a Ph.D., with Distinction, in Sociology from UCSF in August 2003. Her doctoral dissertation, entitled "Locating Gene-Environment Interaction: Disciplinary Emergence in the Environmental Health Sciences, 1950-2000" received both the Anselm Strauss Special Award for Distinguished Qualitative Dissertation and the Diana M. Forsythe Memorial Dissertation Award for Social Studies of Science, Technology and Health. From 2003-2004, she was the DeWitt Stetten, Jr., Memorial Fellow in the History of Biomedical Sciences and Technology in the Office of History at the National Institutes of Health.

Sara's research endeavors to map and explicate emerging relationships between science, medicine, subjectivity and social organization. Her research agenda implicates a wide variety of social actors and locations, and draws heavily on multi-sited

ethnographic research methods, in tandem with other modes of qualitative inquiry. She focuses especially on questions of genetics, risk, identity, and social order in the domain of environmental health and in the context of "brain disorders," such as epilepsy. Recently, she has drawn also on quantitative data to examine how people use genetic attributions in explaining disparities in physical health, mental health, and other measures of personhood and success in life. Another ongoing collaborative project focuses on how genetics can be used as a lever in studies of social process and social structure. Sara's work has been supported by grants from the National Science Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the University of California Toxic Substances Research and Teaching Program, the UC Berkeley Program in Social Studies of Science and Technology, the UC Humanities Research Institute, and the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality. (See Faculty Notes section for recent publications.)

This year, Sara will teach "Sociology of the Body and Health" (Fall 2006), "Environment, Health and Society" (Spring 2007), and "Field Methods" (Spring 2007). When not working on research and teaching, you may find her at the beach, doing yoga, going hiking, or working on a pottery wheel.

Wendy Cadge joins the faculty at Brandeis University after teaching at Bowdoin College (2003-04) and completing a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Fellowship at Harvard University (2004-2006). She completed her undergraduate education at Swarthmore College with majors in sociology, anthropology and religion and received her Ph.D. in sociology from Princeton University in 2002.



Wendy's research focuses broadly on questions about meaning and identity in the contemporary United States. Her first book, *Heartwood: the First Generation of Theravada Buddhism in America* (University of Chicago Press, 2005), is an ethnographic study of how immigrant Buddhists from Thailand and mostly white convert Buddhists in the U.S. understand and practice Buddhism in their everyday lives. Her current book project, *Paging God: Religion in the Halls of Medicine*, examines the historical and current institutional presence of religion and spirituality in hospitals. It draws from historical materials and the evolving policies of the Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations as well as from more than one hundred interviews with hospital chaplains, nurses, and physicians in large academic medical centers in the greater Boston area and across the country.

With the support of the Metanexus Institute, Wendy is also working with several colleagues on a research project about spiritual capital in three small cities (Portland, ME; Olympia, WA; and Danbury, CT) where large numbers of immigrants have settled since 1990. Additionally, she has published on religion and public opinion about same-sex marriage, conflicts over homosexuality in mainline Protestant churches, inter-religious dialogues of Buddhist and Catholic nuns, religion and the nonprofit sector, religious identity, and other issues. Her teaching and research have been supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Program, Metanexus Institute, Louisville Institute, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Teaching Enhancement Fund of the American Sociological Association, Younger Scholars in American Religion Program, a Fulbright IIE Fellowship in Sri Lanka, and other organizations. She teaches courses in the sociology of religion, the sociology of health and medicine, the sociology of sexuality, qualitative research methods, and introductory sociology. This fall she will teach undergraduate courses in the sociology of religion and field methods. (See Faculty Notes section for recent publications.)

Three Sociology Faculty Receive Prestigious Fellowships

Karen Hansen, David Cunningham and George Ross have each been awarded a prestigious fellowship. Karen and David both received Guggenheim Fellowships while George received a Fulbright.

Karen received a fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation to pursue research, "In the Wake of the Land Rush: Encounters between Scandinavian Settlers and the Dakota Sioux at Spirit Lake, 1900-1930." The study focuses on how government policies deprived the Sioux of their land rights and how the Sioux and the neighboring Scandinavians forged a community that still remains. While the focus of the research is specific, its implications are broad. As Karen writes in her proposal: "Using the multiple methods of historical sociology - a combination of statistical analysis, archival research, and oral history - and applying it to a period of history that is still, though only just, within the memory of key living informants, this project tackles one of the world's pressing problems: the effect of land-taking on the community that emerges in its aftermath. The subject is a story repeated throughout history, in numerous places across the globe, from the Middle East to southern India to Australia. By analyzing the dynamic changes in one geographic place, a Native American reservation during the period of rapid land transfer (1900-1930), this project seeks to theorize how legally-encoded and socially-enacted inequality simultaneously produced conflict, mutuality, and cooperation." The fellowship helps support and extend Karen's sabbatical through the summer of 2007.

David received a fellowship from the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation to support his research on the Ku Klux Klan. David's

project, which is titled "White Hoods and Tar Heels: The Rise and Fall of the Civil Rights-era Ku Klux Klan," focuses on conditions that led to the rise and fall of the Klan within some specific communities in North Carolina but not in others. David will use interviews, observation and archival materials to pursue this research. The award will allow David to be on research leave during the fall 2006 semester, to work on a book manuscript on the Civil Rights-era Klan.

George received a Fulbright Fellowship to pursue his research "What Do 'Europeans' Think About the EU? A research project in light of the fiftieth anniversary of the Treaties of Rome." As George notes: "In 2007 the European Union will celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of its founding in the Treaties of Rome. While good analytical narratives of the EEC-EC through the later 1970s exist the deeper logics of the EU's turbulent last two decades remain mysterious and disputed... This project seeks to shed light on one corner of this obscurity by researching elite 'European' versions of this broader understanding. It will do so by interviewing systematically those most invested in the EU since the mid-1980s. These men and women are 'Europeans' in a specific insiders' sense (indeed, the term 'European' is widely used among such insiders) people whose lives have been deeply invested in the EU through careers either committed to 'building Europe' or to observing Europe's building sites professionally."

It is rare when in a small department of eleven three faculty receive such competitive national awards. Congratulations to all.

Dessima Williams leaves the Department

As of Fall 2006 Dessima Williams is leaving her position in the department and returning to Grenada full-time. Dessima was a member of our department for 12 years and made many significant contributions. Of specific note were her course on "Global Apartheid" which she taught virtually every year and her course on women leaders which was a significant part of the Women and Gender's Studies offerings. For the past five years, Dessima had a joint appointment with the Sustainable Development Program at the Heller School and there influenced many

activists and scholars from a range of developing countries. For the past four years, Dessima spent one semester at Brandeis and the other semester in Grenada, where she worked with Gened, the NGO supporting education that she helped to create ten years ago. Last April the department gave Dessima an appreciation and farewell party that was well-attended and a tribute to Dessima's contributions. We all wish her well in her new endeavors.

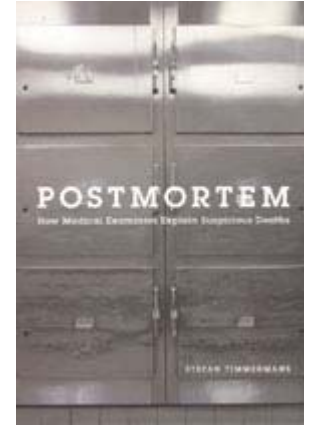


Dessima Williams and Gordie Fellman

Timmerman's Book Receives an Award

Stefan Timmermans left the department in Fall 2005 to take a position as a Professor of Sociology at UCLA. His latest book, *Postmortem: How Medical Examiners Explain Suspicious Deaths*, received this year's Eliot Freidson Award from the Medical Sociology section of the ASA as the outstanding medical sociology book for 2005-06. Stefan did all the fieldwork for the book and most of the writing

while he was a member of our department, so we feel a special connection to this honor. Many of us recall Stefan's sometimes grisly tales of field work in the morgue and in the medical examiners' surgeries, especially the autopsies. Congratulations to Stefan.



Sociology Offers Community-Based Learning Course In the Mississippi Delta

This past spring semester, I partnered with Brandeis Anthropologist Mark Auslander for a special community-based course offering: "Social Change in American Communities: Memory and Cultural Production in the Mississippi Delta." The semester-long course featured a ten-day trip to the Delta, a region known for spectacular cultural innovation but also severe economic and racial inequality.

The course had multiple goals: to explore community-level determinants of inequality generally, to understand how such inequalities have evolved in the Delta, and to work with local residents to document memories of the social fabric of their neighborhoods. An outstanding and diverse group of eight undergraduate students, along with graduate assistant Rachel Kulick and Brandeis Anthropologist (and Mark's wife) Ellen Schattschneider, participated in weekly seminars on campus, supplemented by intensive fieldwork and discussion sessions during our time in the Delta.

In Mississippi, each student was armed with an iPod transformed, with the addition of an "ITalk" adapter, into a digital audio recorder. Collectively, we recorded dozens of interviews, shot many hours of video footage, and gathered hundreds of archival documents from local libraries. Students then worked with this raw data to construct edited audio segments focused on key themes, ranging from the importance of

legendary Clarksdale-based radio station WROX, to the role of religion in everyday life, to the risks associated with participating in Civil Rights marches. These segments - along with various photos, video footage, newspaper clippings, and other documents - have been compiled on our course website. We are also in the process of constructing an audio walking tour of each neighborhood, guided by the voices and stories of local residents. These files will ultimately be "podcast," allowing anyone with a digital audio player to download and listen to them for free (we'll place a link on the Sociology department website once these products go live).

By far the most satisfying and powerful aspect of this experience was the fact that we were able to work collaboratively with local people to document the histories of their communities. As part of the process, we established partnerships with several Delta institutions - including Delta State University, the Delta Blues Museum, the Baptist Town "Back in the Day" Museum, and the Clarksdale School System - and look forward to making our work accessible in ways that continue to strengthen these connections between Delta residents and the Brandeis community.

- David Cunningham



The full group in Clarksdale, Mississippi. From left to right: Margot Moinester, graduate assistant Rachel Kulick, Dan Koosed, Maria Pinto, Katie Kelly-Hankin, Sam Petsonk (kneeling), Claudia Martinez, Professor Mark Auslander, Hannah Chalew, Delta Blues Museum director Shelley Ritter, Professor David Cunningham, and Vanessa Leon.

Passing: Harriet (Skillern) Miller

(Reprinted and adapted from the *Provincetown Banner*)

Harriet Diane Miller, 67, [Ph.D. 1977] died of breast cancer on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at her home on Aaron Rich Road in South Wellfleet. [She was known as Harriet Skillern during her Brandeis years.]

A member of the Wellfleet Planning Board since 2004, Ms. Miller was active in many Outer Cape civic committees and cultural activities. She served on the Lower Cape Planning and Development Roundtable and served on the Local Housing Partnership. She was a Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater volunteer, an avid walker and conservationist, a poet and essayist, and a regular participant in writing groups and workshops in Wellfleet and at the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown.

Ms. Miller taught sociology for 30 years at Framingham State College, from which she retired in 1998. For the last 11 years of her tenure she chaired the college's sociology department. She was also an active supporter of the Framingham Women's Health Center. A 1994 sabbatical took her to Trinidad, where she was a Senior Fulbright Scholar and visiting lecturer at the University of the West Indies.

Ms. Miller was born in Teaneck, N.J., where her parents, the late Abe and Ruth (Merzon) Miller, ran a newspaper home delivery business. They were active members of the American Communist Party until the Red Scare in the early 1950s. After their deaths Ms. Miller described their struggles in a memoir titled "The Daily Workers."

She was a graduate of Teaneck High School and the University of Delaware and later received a master's degree at Boston University and a Ph.D. in sociology at Brandeis University. Her doctoral research was a historical and sociological analysis of Massachusetts laws on "Stubborn and Disobedient Children," later called "Children in Need of Services." She became an advocate for more humane treatment of children in the court system.



Harriet Miller
(Photo courtesy of
the *Provincetown
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Starting in the early 1960s, Ms. Miller vacationed every summer in Wellfleet and became increasingly attached to the town. At retirement she became a full-time Wellfleet resident, sharing her home with her long-time partner Bob Morse and writing poems, short stories and memoirs.

Her interest in land use planning and conservation was sparked by the discovery that a developer, trying to get approval for a land-locked lot, had submitted a plan in her name, but without her knowledge, to the Wellfleet Planning Board. The land in question, adjacent to her own property, eventually became part of the Fox Island Marsh Conservation Area, partly through her efforts.

Miller's essays and short stories appeared in several magazines and newspapers and she was a frequent guest on "The Poet's Corner" on WOMR-FM radio in Provincetown. In 2002 a book of her poems titled "A New Place for the Dead" was published.

Many of her essays and poems dealt with her experiences with breast cancer, which was first diagnosed in April 1992, and the resulting lymphedema, which contributed to the eventual loss of use of her left arm. In the last years of her life she drew pleasure from her flower garden, watching the birds and Stanley Kunitz's poems.

She is survived by one son, John Skillern of Framingham and Wellfleet, and his partner, Patricia Boyer; two brothers, Daniel Miller of Reston, Va., and Edward Miller of Wellfleet; and nine nieces and nephews. Her younger son, Robert Skillern, died in 1983.

She was grateful to Helping Our Women of Provincetown and its Cancer Support Group and later to Hospice of Cape Cod and to her friends and family, who made it possible for her to spend her last days peacefully at the home she loved.

A memorial service and celebration of Harriet's life was held on Sunday, March 5, at the Wellfleet Public Library. Gifts in her memory may be sent to the Wellfleet Library Fund, 55 West Main St., Wellfleet, MA 02667.

Faculty Notes

Wendy Cadge published a number of papers this year, including: "Ascription, Choice, and the Construction of Religious Identities in the Contemporary United States" (with Lynn Davidman), *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*; "Making Sense of Suffering and Death: How Health Care Providers' Construct Meanings in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit" (With Elizabeth A. Catlin), *Journal of Religion and Health*; "Religions of Immigrants in the Mid-Atlantic States," In *Religion in the Middle Atlantic States: Fount of Diversity*. Edited by Randall Balmer and Mark Silk. AltaMira Press; "Religious Service Attendance Among Immigrants: Evidence from the New Immigrant Survey Pilot" (with Elaine Howard Ecklund), *American Behavioral Scientist*; and "Religion and Public Opinion about Same-Sex Marriage" (with Laura Olson and James Harrison), *Social*

Science Quarterly. For more information, see the article introducing Wendy in this newsletter.

Peter Conrad published several papers this year including, "Trends in the use of Psychotropic Medications in Adolescents, 1994-2001," with Liz Goodman, Cindy Thomas and Rosemary Casler, *Psychiatric Services*; "Up, Down and Sideways" (Comment on Frank Furedi), *Society*; and "Comment" [on Shostak and Ottman "Ethical, Legal and Social Dimensions of Epilepsy Genetics"], *Epilepsia*. His book, *The Medicalization of Society: on the Transformation of Human Conditions into Treatable Disorders* will be published in Spring 2007 (Johns Hopkins University Press). Peter gave a talk on "Eliot Friedson's Revolution in Medical Sociology" at a memorial session at the ASA meetings.



Gordie Fellman with
Sociology of
Empowerment Class

Faculty Notes (continued)

David Cunningham was awarded a grant from the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation to support his research on the Ku Klux Klan. He has an article, "Paths to Participation: A Profile of the Civil Rights-Era Ku Klux Klan," forthcoming in *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change*, and also published a symposium essay in *Law Enforcement Executive Forum* titled "Constructing International Criminal Threats" and a feature story in the *Boston Globe* about the 2005 Edgar Ray Killen murder trial. This past spring semester, he co-taught a course with Brandeis Anthropologist Mark Auslander that brought students and faculty to the Mississippi Delta to engage in community-based oral history and archival research. Additionally, he helped co-author the final report released in May by the Greensboro Truth and Reconciliation Commission, dealing with the causes and aftermath of the 1979 killings of five activists by KKK and Nazi Party members in Greensboro, North Carolina.

The family of a former student of **Gordie Fellman** is endowing the Ari Hahn Peace Endowment for the Peace, Conflict, and Coexistence Studies program that Gordie chairs. The endowment will make possible the annual teaching of three courses. One, *Inner Peace and Outer Peace*, was taught but once, three years ago, from a one-time grant. It deals with a cutting-edge issue in peace studies. The second, *International Nonviolent Initiatives*, was taught three times from a grant that ran out. It brings nonviolence theory and practice to the student. The third, *Religions and Peace*, has never been offered before at Brandeis. It, we hope, will explore the role of religions in promoting war on the one hand and peace on the other. The Endowment will also allow PAX to add another \$5000 annually to the \$3000 it has from another endowment, for Peace Awards, to undergraduate and graduate students engaged in various kinds of peace writing, explorations, and activism. Gordie presented a paper on A Freud-Marxian Theory of Domination at the ASA meetings this year. Last fall, he presented a paper on normative masculinity and peace issues at the annual meetings of the Peace and Justice Studies Association.

Karen V. Hansen's book, *Not-So-Nuclear Families: Class, Gender, and Networks of Care*, has been awarded an Honorable Mention for the William J. Goode Book Award, granted by the Families section of the American Sociological Association. This spring she began her sabbatical to work on her latest book project, "In the Wake of the Land Rush: Scandinavian Settlers and Dakota Sioux at Spirit Lake, 1900-1930." Her receipt of a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship will allow her to extend her leave through the 2006-07 academic year.

Gila Hayim published her book on *Instability, Complexity and Cultural Change*- with an Introduction by Charles Lemert, The Mellen Press: An International Publisher of Advanced Research, August 06. The book makes accessible the new theory and methodology of autopoiesis, while developing transferable social-psychological frameworks and applying them to new cultural modalities. Autopoiesis is a theory of advanced forms of life, of social divergence and instability.

Nadia Kim has two articles forthcoming in 2006: "'Seoul-America' on America's 'Soul': South Koreans and Korean Immigrants Navigate Global White Racial Ideology" in *Critical Sociology* (August) and "'Patriarchy is so Third World'": Korean Immigrant Women and Migrating White Western Masculinity," in *Social Problems* (November). She is an elected member of the Council of the Asia and Asian American Section of the ASA.

Laura Miller's book *Reluctant Capitalists: Bookselling and the Culture of Consumption* was published by University of Chicago Press. In May, she was a speaker at BookExpo America, the annual convention of the book industry and in July, and presented a paper from her new research, "Expandable Markets and Sustainable Consumption: The Role of Industry in the Natural Foods Movement," at the World Congress of the International Sociological Association, in Durban, South Africa.

Shula Reinharz's recent publications include "Feminist Content Analysis" (with Rachel Kulick) in Sharlene Nagy Hesse-Biber, ed. *Handbook of Feminist Research: Theory and Praxis; A Fearless Visionary in the Land of Israel: The Letters of Manya Shohat 1906-1960*, (In Hebrew, co-edited with Jehuda Reinharz and Motti Golani). Yad Ben Zvi Press; "Henrietta Szold," for *Encyclopedia Judaica*; and "Participation of American Jewish Women in Sociology," in *Jewish Women: A Comprehensive Historical Encyclopedia*. In addition, Shula writes a weekly 750-word column for *The Jewish Advocate*. Shula's co-authored book *JGirls Guide* was selected as a Koret International Jewish Book Award finalist in the Jewish Life and Living category.

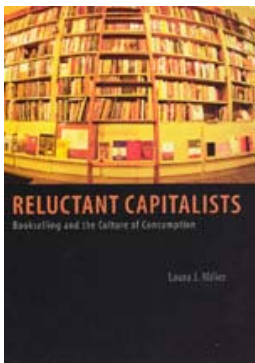
George Ross returned from sabbatical in Canada and Europe to begin the -daunting- countdown to retirement in 2008. Beginning in fall 2006 he will be at Brandeis only for fall terms. During 2005-2006 he published articles and chapters in *Historically Speaking*, *Comparative European Politics*, *EUSA News*, and several edited books and lectured/gave papers in Cambridge, Montreal, Dallas, Paris, Brussels, and Trento (Italy). He has been awarded a Fulbright Grant to Brussels to complete a project on European elite outlooks on 50 years of European integration. More generally, he has undertaken a participant observation project on the aging process.

Carmen Sirianni published his book, *The Civic Renewal Movement* in 2005, and continues fieldwork for his *Investing in Democracy: Government as Civic Enabler*, which examines local, state and federal agencies and policy designs that have been on the cutting edge of building civic capacity. His article, "Can A Federal Regulator Become A Civic Enabler? Watersheds at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency," appears in the *National Civic Review*, fall 2006.

Sara Shostak published several articles recently: "Ethical, Social, and Policy Dimensions of Epilepsy Genetics," (with Ruth Ottman) in *Epilepsia*. "Implications of Welfare Reform for the Elderly: A Case Study of Provider, Advocate, and Consumer Perspectives." (with C.L. Estes, S. Goldberg, C. Wellin, K. Linkins, and R. Beard) in *Journal of Aging and Social Policy*; and "The Emergence of Toxicogenomics: A Case Study of Molecularization." *Social Studies of Science*. For more information, see the article introducing Sara in this newsletter.



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Laura Miller's latest
book

Current Graduate Student Activity

Alison Better presented two papers: "Feminist Methods without Boundaries" at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, and "Empowering Orgasmic Women to Change the World: An Examination of Women-Owned Sex Shops and Their Relation to the Feminist Movement" presented at Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

Betina Freidin received two grants for her dissertation research: a Dissertation Year Fellowship from Brandeis and an NSF Dissertation Improvement Grant, both for 2006-2007. She also presented, "Acupuncture Worlds in Argentina: Symbolic and Institutional Boundaries in the Construction of Healing Expertise," at the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, May 3-5 (she also served as the chair of the Session "Regulation and Control in Practice"). A paper co-authored with Stefan Timmermans, "The Medical Care Penalty: How Health Professionals Delegation of Care Tasks Influences Mothers' Labor Force Participation," is currently under review for publication.

Rachel Kulick co-authored a chapter, "Reading between the Lines: Feminist Content Analysis into the Second Millennium," with Shula Reinharz for Sharlene Hesse-Biber's upcoming anthology, *Handbook of Feminist Research*.

Meg Lovejoy presented "Sidetracked: Professional Women's Career Interruption and Redirection" (co-authored with P. Stone) at the ASA meetings in Montreal.

Deborah Potter presented several papers including "Vision, Values, and Finances: Incentives in Lay and Professional Involvement in Implementing Children's Mental Health Policy" at the ASA meetings; "Paying for Democratic Participation: Involving Parents in Community Collaboratives to Implement Children's Mental Health Policy" at the SSSP meetings; and "Role Shifting in Three Community Collaboratives: Mental Health Professionals as Partners with Family Members in Implementing a State Children's Mental Health Policy," "Mental Health Advocacy Organizations as Boundary Spanners: Increasing Lay-Professional Collaboration in Policy Implementation," and "Lay and Professional Leadership in Three Community Collaboratives: Involving Lay Participants in Implementing Children's Mental Health Policy" at the Eastern Sociological Society meetings

Ashley Rondini presented two papers: "Identity and Status in Hip Hop Battle DJ Subculture," at the Graduate Student

Ethnography Conference, SUNY Stony Brook, March 31st, 2006 and "Turndabism and Artistic Status," at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal.

Tom Shields presented "Developing and Applying a Framework for Youth Participatory Action Research (PAR)" at the SSSP meetings in Montreal.

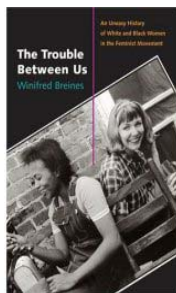
Cheryl Stults presented a paper, "Internet Addiction: Emergent Medicalization of a Behavioral Problem," at the SSSP meetings in Montreal. She also has two publications: Catlin, E.A., Guillemin, J.H., Stults, C.D., Thiel, M.M., Freedman, J.M., McLaughlin, S. and Wang, M.L. "Spiritual and Religious Dimensions of Ambulatory HIV Care" and "Contestation and Medicalization" (with Peter Conrad), forthcoming in *Contours of Contestation*, ed. Kate Teghtsoonian and Pamela Moss.

Miranda Waggoner presented a paper, "Breastfeeding Advocacy in the Midst of Natural Disaster: Social Implications of the U.S. Government's Response to Women after Hurricane Katrina," at the MIT Graduate Consortium in Women's Studies Student Conference (MIT conference title: "Shifting Gender Identities in the Face of War, Globalization, and Natural Disaster"), and received a \$500 grant from the Politics Department at Brandeis for completion of her Master's Thesis.

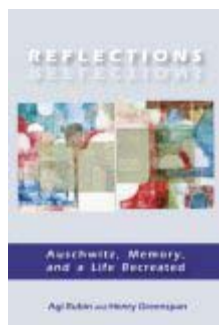
Rebecca Zincavage presented several papers this year: "Nurses as Power Brokers: Changing Roles and Culture Change in Nursing Homes" at Academy of Health 2006 Annual Research Meeting in Seattle June (with Dana Weinberg); "Of Hearts and Markets" at Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; "Power in the Middle: Middle Managers' Contributions to High Involvement Work Practices" at Eastern Sociological Society, Annual Meeting, Boston MA (with Dana Weinberg); and "Fictive Kinship and Long-Term Care Facilities: 'We Encourage Them to Think of the Residents as their Own Grandparents'" at National Caring Labor Conference, Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, University of Washington, Seattle (with Lisa Dodson). She is a Research Associate with "Labor-Management Partnership for Person-Centered Care in Nursing Homes," a collaborative project with SEIU 1199 (Service Employees International Union) NYC and Schneider Institute for Health Policy, Brandeis University. (The project was featured in the recent edition of *Health Affairs* in the "Grant Watch" section).



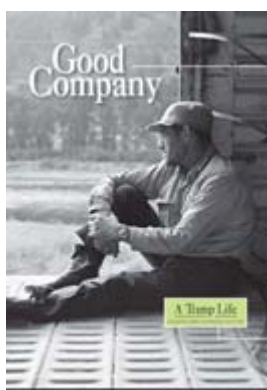
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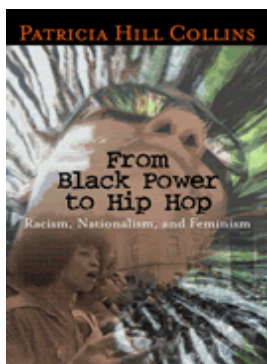
Latest book by
Wini Breines



Newest book by
Harry Greenspan



Doug Harper's
latest book



Patricia Hill
Collins' newest
book

Susan Bell (1981) has recently published "Artworks, Collective Experience, and Claims for Social Justice: The Case of Women Living with Breast Cancer," with Alan Radley, *Sociology of Health & Illness*, forthcoming; "Living with Breast Cancer in Text and Image: Making Art to Make Sense," *Qualitative Research in Psychology*, 3:31-44, 2006; and "Becoming a Mother after DES: Intensive Mothering in Spite of it All," in Anna DeFina, Deborah Schiffing, and Michael Bamberg, eds., *Discourse and Identity*, Cambridge University Press, 2006.

Wini Breines (1979), of Northeastern University, published *The Trouble between Us: an Uneasy History of White and Black Women in the Feminist Movement* (Oxford, 2006).

Phil Brown (1979) received the 2006 Fred Buttel Distinguished Contribution Award from the Environment and Technology section of the ASA given annually for outstanding contributions to Environmental Sociology. He also has several papers in press: "Embodied Health Movements: Responses to a 'Scientizd' World" in *The New Political Sociology of Science: Institutions, Networks, and Power*. Kelly Moore and Scott Frickel, eds., Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin Press and "A Lab of Our Own: Environmental Causation of Breast Cancer and Challenges to the Dominant Epidemiological Paradigm," *Science, Technology, and Human Values*, both co-authored with members of his Contested Illnesses Research Group.

Graham Cassano (1991) is a Visiting Professor in Residence at the University of Connecticut - Storrs. He has forthcoming publications in *Critical Sociology* and *Rethinking Marxism* and has written the "AFL-CIO" entry in the "Encyclopedia of Activism and Social Justice" soon to be released from Sage Publishers. He continues to sit upon the Steering Committee of the Union for Radical Political Economics (URPE) and contributed to the organizing committee for the conference "Rethinking Marxism 2006" to be held at UMass-Amherst, October 26-28.

Levon Chorbajian (1974) participated in the conference Armenians and the Left at the CUNY Graduate Center in New York. Forthcoming publications include: "Genocide and Gross Violations of Human Rights" for the *Encyclopedia of Public Policy* (Routledge) and "Elliot Liebow" for the *Encyclopedia of Sociology*.

CJ Churchill (2000) was named to the Board of Trustees of Marlboro College, his undergraduate alma mater, and is entering his third year of psychoanalytic training & classes at the New York Freudian Society and is combining full time, tenure-track teaching with psychotherapy work.

Patricia Hill Collins (1984) has joined the sociology faculty at the University of Maryland, College Park. She has published two books, *Black Sexual Politics: African Americans, Gender and the New Racism* (Routledge 2004) and *From Black Power to Hip Hop: Racism, Nationalism and Feminism* (Temple U., 2006). She gave two talks at ISA meetings in Durban this past summer.

Jean Elson (2000) is a coauthor of *The Our Bodies, Ourselves Menopause Book*, to be published by Simon and Schuster in fall 2006. Jean continues as a faculty member in the Sociology Department at the University of New Hampshire. In June 2006, her solicited opinion piece, "Poverty: The Real Terror of Singlehood," was featured in *Newsday*. An interview with Jean on the growing economic and cultural disparity between college educated and other women was broadcast on the NPR program The Front Porch, also in June.

Mindy Fried (1996) continues as a Principal of Arbor Consulting Partners (website: www.arborcp.com). Mindy and Claire Reinelt (1996) co-wrote a soon-to-be-released report for the Rhode Island Foundation, which presents findings about the impact of the Foundation's Fellows Program, a leadership program for non-profit executives. Mindy has also been doing strategic planning work for nonprofits, as well as some coaching for nonprofit executives. This past year, Mindy taught a course at MIT called "Gender and Race, Work and Public Policy" for the Department of Urban Studies and Planning and Women's Studies. She also presented "Career Trajectories for Women in Sociology" at the Eastern Sociological Society Conference in Boston in February 2006. She also authored "Network Weaving: Using Organizational Strategies for Work-Life Integration" published in *Work and Family Connection* (co-authored with Mindy Gewirtz).

Harry Greenspan (1986) has published *Reflections: Auschwitz, Memory and a Life Recreated* (St. Paul: Paragon House, 2006). This is a 25 year collaboration with Agi Rubin, a Holocaust survivor, focusing on memory in the aftermath.

Mary Godwyn (2000) published "Using Emotional Labor to Create and Maintain Relationships in Service and Sales Interactions" (*Symbolic Interaction* Volume 29: 4. Fall 2006) and "Women's Business Centers in the United States: Effective Entrepreneurship Training and Policy Implementation," *Journal of Small Business and Entrepreneurship* (with Nan Langowitz and Norean Sharpe, May 2006).

Doug Harper (1976) rewrote and updated *Good Company*, which was his original dissertation under Everett Hughes. It has been republished as *Good Company: A Tramp Life*, by Paradigm Press, with a new discussion of homeless and tramping. Some other recent publications include: "Cultural Studies and the Photograph" in Peter Hamilton, *Visual Research Methods*, Sage Press, forthcoming, 211-248, 2006; "Work and Occupations." in Clifton D. Bryant, Clifton D., ed. *Twenty-First Century Handbook of Sociology*. Sage Publications, forthcoming; "Urban Spaces and Panoramic Vision." *Contexts* 5 (1), 46-53, 2006; and "Seeing Race Through the Lens," Caroline Knowles and Douglas Harper, *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 29 (3), 512-529, 2006.

Ruth Harriet Jacobs (1969) has published *ABC's for Seniors: Successful Aging Wisdom from an Outrageous Gerontologist* (Hatla Geroproducts, 2006).

News from Department Ph.D.'s (continued)

Heather Jacobson (2006) has accepted a tenure track position in the Department of Sociology at The University of Texas at Arlington. This year she presented at ESS "Adopting a Child, Adopting a Culture? A Comparison of Approaches and Experiences with Birth Culture among U.S. Mothers with Children Adopted from Russia and China" and at ASA "Facilitating Privilege: International Adoptive Mothers, Race, and Russian Ethnicity."

Mathew Johnson (2003) is currently an Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Sociology, Political Science and Criminal Justice at West Virginia Wesleyan College. He was a participant in the NEH 2005 Summer Institute on Indian and English first contact narratives in New England.

Janet Kahn (1994) works quarter-time as Executive Director of the Integrated Healthcare Policy Consortium -- a broad-based coalition of conventional and complementary health care professions, consumers, businesses, etc. working to shift health care policy in order to give people access to the full range of health care modalities.; 20% time Director of Research for a consortium of 11 massage schools across Canada and the US who want help building research capacity in their schools; 25% time on research, including studies (1) massage for people with metastasized cancer, at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and (2) comparing two very different forms of massage for chronic low back pain; and 15% private practice in massage -- staying sane by actually touching people. She also has an appointment in Department of Psychiatry at University of Vermont and works with folks in the Mind-Body Medicine Center. Finally, she is spearheading a campaign to raise \$1.2M to build first Tibetan Buddhist "nunnery" in the Western Hemisphere.

Christa Kelleher (2003) has accepted a post as an Assistant Professor in the McCormick Graduate School of Policy Studies at University of Massachusetts Boston and will teach primarily in the Program for Women in Politics and the Master of Science in Public Affairs Program. Her article, "The Physical Challenges of Early Breastfeeding" is forthcoming in *Social Science and Medicine*.

Valerie Leiter (2001) has been named a William T. Grant Scholar, with five years of funding for her study, "Transition to Adulthood among Youth with Disabilities: Qualitative and Quantitative Perspectives." She continues to direct the Health and Society program at Simmons College.

Donald Light (1970) has been invited to be a Fellow at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study for the academic year 2006-7. He will continue his recent work on the myths that drive pharmaceutical policy and the troubled relations between the pharmaceutical industry and society. Recent publications include: "Globalizing Restricted and Segmented Markets: Challenges to Theory and Values in Economic Sociology." *European Economic Sociology Newsletter* 2006 7(3):17-22; "Commercial

Influence and the Content of Medical Journals." (with Joel Lexchin) *BMJ* 2006 332:1444-47; "Contributing to Scholarship and Theory through Public Sociology." *Social Forces* 2005; 83(4): 1647-53 and "Foreign Free Riders and the High Prices of U.S. Patented Drugs." (With Joel Lexchin) *BMJ* 2005; 331:958-60.

Dean Wolfe Manders (1980) published *The Hegemony of Common Sense: Wisdom and Mystification in Everyday Life* (Peter Lang Publishing Co, New York and International), a Volume in the San Francisco State University Series in Philosophy.

Marcia Millman (1972) published *The Perfect Sister: What Draws Us Together, What Drives Us Apart* (Harcourt, 2005).

Victoria Pitts (1999) was the keynote speaker for the Bodies in the Making Conference held by the Institute for Advanced Feminist Research at UC-Santa Cruz in October 2005. Her address was published with other conference papers in a book, *Bodies in the Making*, by New Pacific Press (2006). She also participated in the "Surgical Solutions" conference at McGill University in Montreal in March 2006. Her book *Surgery Junkies: Norms and Extremes of Cosmetic Culture* will be published in 2007 by Rutgers University Press. She was recently appointed to the faculty of the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

Marilyn Rueschemeyer (1978) recently published *Art and the State: The Visual Arts in Comparative Perspective* (co-authored with Victoria Alexander) with St. Antony's Oxford/Palgrave Macmillan.

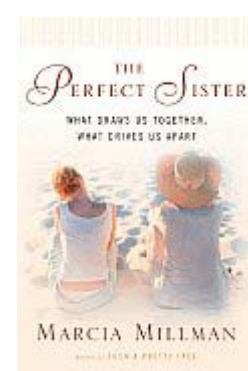
TL (Tina) Taylor (2000) continues to teach at the IT University of Copenhagen where she was awarded tenure last year. Her book *Play between Worlds: Exploring Online Game Culture*, which is based on an extensive ethnography of a massively multiplayer online game (MMOG), was recently published by The MIT Press. She continues to speak and publish regularly on the subject of gaming, virtual worlds, and critical technology studies. She can be found online at <http://www.itu.dk/~tltaylor/>.

Becky Thompson (1991) was on sabbatical for the fall and presented a paper (with Diane Harriford) on "W.E.B. Du Bois, Condoleeza Rice and the Lessons of Katrina" at the African Diaspora Conference in Brazil. Becky and Diane are currently finishing a new book, *When the Center is on Fire: Passionate Social Theory for Troubled Times* (examining how classical sociological theory might inform an understanding of the Columbine massacre, the 9/11 attack, the Abu-Ghraib prison abuses and Katrina). She continues to study poetry at the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown and had her first five poems published this year. She continues to teach sociology and African American Studies at Simmons College.

Karen Wolf (1993) and **Linda Andrist** (1993), along with Patrice K. Nicholas, have published a new textbook, *A History of Nursing Ideas* (Boston: Jones and Bratlett, 2006). The book examines nursing ideas and theories through an historical, theoretical, and professional lens.



T.L Taylor's newest book



Most recent book by Marcia Millman



Latest book by Karen Wolf and Linda Andrist

Department Colloquia for Fall '05 and Spring '06

October 6 - E. Kay Trimberger, Professor Em., Women's and Gender Studies, Sonoma State University, "The New Single Woman" based on her book of the same title.

Feb. 9 - Kathryn Farr, Professor Em., Portland State University, "Sex Trafficking."

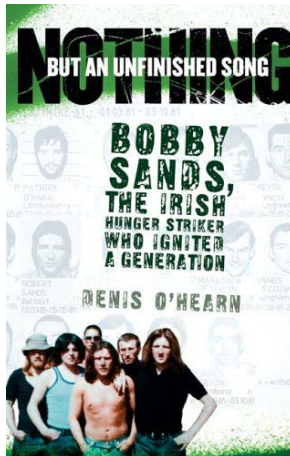
Feb. 16 - Denis O'Hearn, Professor of Sociology, Queens University, Belfast Northern Ireland, "Nothing But an Unfinished Song" based on his 2006 book about Irish hunger striker Bobby Sands on the 25th anniversary of his death.

March 9 - Kim Williams, Associate Professor of Public Policy, Kennedy School at Harvard

University, "Mark One or More: Civil Rights in Multicultural America" based on her 2006 book of the same name.

March 23 - Kimberly McClain DaCosta, Asst. Professor of African and African American Studies and of Social Studies, Harvard University, "From Ethnic to Racial Options: Inter-marriage, Multiracialism and Paradigms of Racial Change."

March 30 - Robert Ross, Professor of Sociology, Clark University, "Slaves to Fashion and the Three Pillars of Decency."



Denis O'Hearn's latest book

New Ph.D.'s for 2006 in Sociology

Paul Hess - "Bureaucracy versus Total Quality Management: A Sociology Theory of Clashing Systems, Moralities, and Knowledge Methods"

Heather Jacobson - "Culture Keeping: White Mothers Internation Adoption, and the Social Construction of Race and Ethnicity"

Jennifer L. Zoltanski - "The Construction of Rape as a Crime against Humanity: Recognition and Prosecution by the International Crime Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia"

New Ph.D. In Sociology and Social Policy

P. Rafael Hernandez-Arias - "Use of Population Categories as Variables in U.S. Health Research: Furthering Reifications while Hinderling Explanations"

New M.A. for 2006

Cristen Powell - Joint MA in Sociology and Women and Gender Studies (Aug. '06)

New Jobs for Recent Ph.D.'s

2006 Ph.D.'s

P. Rafael Hernandez-Arias - Assistant Professor, (tenure track) DePaul University

Heather Jacobson - Assistant Professor, (tenure track) University of Texas/Arlington

2005 Ph.D.'s

Anastasia Norton - Research Analyst, United States Department of Justice

Debra Osnowitz - Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Massachusetts/Lowell

2003 Ph.D.'s

Christa Kelleher - Assistant Professor, McCormick Graduate School of Policy Studies at University of Massachusetts Boston

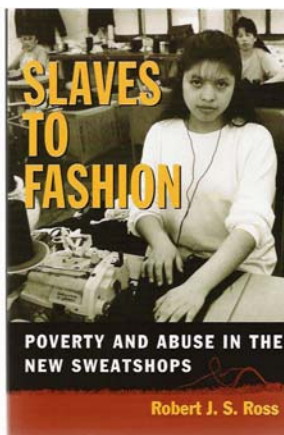
B.A.'s Recently Turned Ph.D.'s

Janice Johnson Dias '94 - Ph.D. from Temple University (December 2004)

"Separating Policy Hopes from Policy Realities: A Examination of the Inner Workings of Welfare-to-Work Training Programs and Their Impact on Recipients' Employment Outcomes"

C.J. Pascoe '96 - Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California at Berkeley (May 2006)

"'Dude, You're a Fag:' Masculinity, Sexuality and Adolescence"



The newest book by Robert Ross

Entering Graduate Students

Brian Fair (Soc M.A. program) graduated from Wesleyan in 2001 with a B.A. in English.

Jennifer Girouard (Ph.D. Program) graduated from Marlboro College in 2001 with a B.A. in sociology.

Caitlin Slodden (Ph.D. Program) received an M.A. in American Civilization from Brown University in 2006, and graduated from Colby College in 2004 with a B.A. in anthropology and women's studies.

Jill Smith (Ph.D. Program) graduated from UMass Boston with an M.A. in applied sociology in 2006. She also received an M.A. in history from Brown University in 2000,

and a B.A. degree in humanistic studies from Johns Hopkins in 1998.

Christiann Spiegel (Joint M.A. Program with Women's and Gender Studies) will receive a B.A. in women's studies from Wellesley College in 2006.

Fei-Ju Yang (Joint M.A. Program with Women's and Gender Studies) graduated from National Taiwan University in 2005 with a B.S. in geography.

Dana Zarhin (Ph.D. Program) received an M.A. from Tel Aviv University in sociology and anthropology in 2006. She was also awarded a B.F.A. from Tel Aviv University in 2003.

Senior Honors Theses '06

Jeff Kosbie: "Gay Rights Organizing in Chile: A Case Study of MUMS and Movilh"

Rachel Loubé: "The Construction of Art and Crime: The Rise and Fall of New York City Subway Graffiti, 1971-1989"

Ava Morgenstern: "Urban Regimes, Community Organizing, and Democratic Inclusion in Derry, Northern Ireland, 1921-2006"

Marc Rotter: "Politics on Campus: An Analysis of Differential Political Participation among Contemporary College Students and Campuses"

Ian Sager: "Identity Questions in Scotland: Football, Faith, and Future Prospects"

Abby Waldman: "Welcome to Class: The Administration of Controlled School Choice in Cambridge, Massachusetts"

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