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Message from the Chair

Professor Zhenchao Qian

Welcome to semesters! Where did the summer go? It was way too short. While many of us managed to get some time off, our department staff worked tirelessly to ensure a successful transition from quarters to semesters. I would like to express our thanks to Jane, John, Kelly, Lindsey, Marty, Matt, Michelle, Shannon, and Tina as well as Debbie Wilson, our teaching coordinator, for their excellent work during the transition!

Sociology at Ohio State had another great year. Our faculty members were highly productive, publishing articles in major research journals and garnering grants from NIH, NSF, and other foundations. Vincent Roscigno was awarded 2012 University Distinguished Scholar Award, one of the most prestigious university awards, for his exceptional scholarly accomplishments. In June, we celebrated with Doug Massey, Henry G. Bryant Professor Sociology and Public Affairs of Princeton University, who was conferred the Honorary Degree, Doctor of Social Science during the spring commencement ceremony at Ohio State University. Vinnie's award and Doug's honorary degree recognize their distinguished careers and speak volumes to the kind of work we do as sociologists.

Our graduate students have continued to do well in our program. Job placement was strong among those who were on the market last year (see details as you read further in the newsletter). Qorsho Hassan, one of undergraduate students, was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship and will teach English to high school students in Malaysia this December. Autumn 2012 also marks the beginning of a new major in Department of Sociology – joint with College of Public Health, we now offer a major in Public Health Sociology. More than 40 students have been admitted to this new major.

Dr. Donna Crossman, one of our senior lecturers, retired in June. We are grateful for her many years of contributions to the department and wish her all the best to open another chapter in her life. Meanwhile, we welcome the arrival of Dr. Tim Bartley, Associate Professor, from Indiana University. Also joining us this year are Cassi Pittman, SBS Diversity Post-Doctoral Fellow from Harvard University, and Christi Smith, Post-Doctoral Researcher from Indiana University. Welcome aboard.

Finally, I'd like to thank Jane Wilson for editing the newsletter.

2012 FACULTY PROMOTIONS

Rachel Dwyer, Associate Professor

Initiative in Population Research

becomes University Center !

On June 4, 2012 the University Senate approved a proposal for our Initiative in Population Research to become a University Center. Lazarus Professor of Population Studies and Director of IPR, John Casterline said along with its new administrative status came a renaming of IPR to the Institute for Population Research.

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2012 Department Award Recipients

Outstanding Masters Student.....	Michael Nau
Outstanding Doctoral Student.....	Louisa Roberts
Teaching Excellent Award.....	Justin Schupp
The Clyde W. Franklin Award.....	Jill Yavorsky
The Elizabeth Menaghan Award.....	Yue Qian
The Frank Mott Award.....	Rhiannon Kroeger
Outstanding Faculty Award.....	Steve Lopez
Outstanding Staff Award.....	John Crawford

2012 – Sociology Graduate Student Assoc.

Most Supportive: (determined by SGSA)

Faculty.....	Rachel Dwyer
Staff.....	Matt Moffitt
Labster.....	Yolanda Gelo

>>> Coming Going Arriving Departing <<<

New to the Department

Tim Bartley joins us as an Associate Professor. He comes to us from Indiana University and his areas of interest are work, economy and organization; political; gender, race and class; social movements; comparative and historical; and theory.

Christi Smith joins us as a Post Doctoral Researcher. She earned her Ph.D. in 2012 from Indiana University. Her areas of interest are political sociology, education, and comparative historical.

Cassi Pittman joins us as the SBS Diversity Post Doctoral Fellow. She earned her Ph.D. in 2012 in Sociology and Social Policy from Harvard University. Her interests are gender, race and class; qualitative methodology; and work, economy and organizations.

We also want to welcome five new lecturers: Dr. **Victor Espinosa**, Dr. **Paul Malackany**, Dr. **Anna McCreery**, Dr. **Erinn Nicley** and Dr. **Jimmy Taylor**.

Births

April 2012

21st - *Lane Lukas Keehn-Schupp*
- *Carly & Justin Schupp*

June 2012

11th - *Owen Augustus* - *Caroline & Paul Carruth*

July 2012

Dane Matthew - *Alex & Louisa Roberts*

Welcome 2012 Graduate Student Cohort

Benjamin Andrews	Erica Phillips
Emma Carroll	Lora Phillips
Siqi Han	Tanya Rouleau
Sarah Layton	Matthew Soener
Guillermo Paredes Orozco	Robert VandenBerg

Faculty Newsflash

Tim Bartley has recently become co-editor of the journal *Regulation & Governance*, an interdisciplinary journal published by Wiley-Blackwell.

Claudia Buchmann's article "The Black Gender Gap in Educational Attainment: Historical Trends and Racial Comparisons" co-authored with Anne McDaniel, Thomas A. DePrete, and Uri Shwed. (2011, *Demography* received the 2011 IPUMS Research Award for best published work using IPUMS data.

Elizabeth Cooksey received an award for an R01 from NICHD to collect three more rounds of survey data from the NLSY79 Young Adults over the next five years. Also, Elizabeth will begin a two year term in September 2012 as the President Elect of International Society for Longitudinal and Life course Studies.

Rachel Dwyer was one of the three Ohio State faculty members who contributed to the NSF report "Rebuilding the Mosaic" outlining the agency's plans for providing support in the social sciences.

Doug Downey is Chair-elect of the Sociology of Education section of the American Sociological Association.

Reanne Frank received funding from OSU Office of Diversity and Inclusion to support her project entitled, "The Racial Middle: Racial Identity and Status among Multiracials."

Angela Harvey received the 2012 Service Award attesting to the high esteem her colleagues at the OSU Newark campus have for her service contributions.

Dana Haynie's September 2011 article published in the *American Sociological Review* (*Dangerous Liaisons? Dating and Drinking Diffusion in Adolescent Peer Networks with Kreager*) garnered much media attention – CNN, Time, and US News and World Report. Melissa Healy of the LA Times described the study as "clever and diabolically complicated". Also, Dana was elected to the Council of the Children and Youth Section of ASA and Chair Elect of Crime, Law, and Deviance Section of ASA.

Craig Jenkins co-authored a study with Robert Brulle, Drexel University and Jason Carmichael, McGill University. The new study is on the level of influence national political leaders have on how much Americans worry about the threat of climate change. Their results appeared in the journal *Climate Change*.

Randy Hodson and **Rachel Dwyer** were awarded a grant from the non-profit foundation, the National Endowment for Financial Education to study youth indebtedness during the transition to adulthood.

Zhenchao Qian was quoted in The Columbus Dispatch in February in an article by Randy Ludlow titled Mixed-race marriages grow – and so does acceptance. Also, Qian's recent brief on young adults' living arrangements has been featured in news outlets including USA Today, LA Times, US News and World Report, The Atlantic and Huffington Post.

Vinnie Roscigno was awarded one of only six 2012 University Distinguished Scholar Awards. Recipients of this prestigious award are recognized for exceptional scholarly accomplishments and have compiled a substantial body of research. Also, Vinnie was elected to the ASA Committee on Publications.

Kammi Schmeer received two university grants to support her work on food security and child health in Nicaragua. These two grants are the 2012 Engagement Impact Grant and the International Affairs Gateway Research Seed Grant.

Hui Zheng's new study regarding the impact of income inequality on health was quoted in The Atlantic, Huffington Post and several other media outlets.

Placements

Daniel Carlson, Assistant Professor, Georgia State University.

Matthew Costello, Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Rhiannon Kroeger D'Souza, Post Doctoral Fellow, Population Research Center, University of Texas.

Leigh Fine, Assistant Professor, Kansas State University.

James Hein, Assistant Professor of Communications, University of Rotterdam, Netherlands.

Ervin "Maliq" Mattew, Assistant Professor, University of Cincinnati.

Sherry Mong, Instructor, Capital University, Columbus OH

Lisa Neilson, Post Doctoral Researcher, OSU Center for Human Resource Research.

Caroline Keller Smith, Assistant Professor, Sociology, Keene State College.

Heather Washington, Assistant Professor, School of Criminal Justice, University of Albany, State University of New York.

Graduate Student Bulletin

Daniel Carlson received in November 2011 the Student/New Professional Award for his paper "Deviations from Desired Age at Marriage: Mental Health Differences across Marital Status" by the Family & Health Section, National Council on Family Relations.

Leigh Fine received in November 2011 the Graduate School's Louise B. Vetter Award. This award recognized Leigh's excellent academic record and commitment to service. It was sponsored by the Ohio State Chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Lindsey Ibanez learned in July 2012 that she earned full funding for her OSU Food Innovation Center Social Science Data Grant proposal entitled "Good Insecurity in Rural Latin America: A Food Systems Approach".

Maliq Matthew was awarded a Best Graduate Student Paper Award at ASA's section on Inequality, Poverty and Mobility for his published Sociology of Education article, "Effort Optimism in the Classroom: Attitudes of Black and White Students on Education, Social Structure, and Causes of Life Opportunities".

Matthew Soener was awarded the 2012-13 Form/Huber Fellowship. Bill Form, Professor Emeritus and Joan Huber, Provost and Professor Emeritus generously donate these fellowship funds for the benefit of one of our graduate students each year.

Dmitry Tumin and **Zhenchao Qian** authored a new study finding that long-term separations are an alternative for poor couples who cannot afford to legally end their marriages.

SGSA OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2012-13

President: Rachel Durso

Vice President (Finance): Michael Nau

Vice President (Student Affairs): Lindsey Ibanez

Committees:

Teaching: Emily Shrider, Jon Vaughn

TO Grad Student Offices: Chris Keenan and

Michelle Oyakawa

Grad Studies and Grad Admissions: Justin Schupp

Diversity and Inclusion: DeShauna Jones

Graduate Placement Committee: Salvatore Restifo

Computer/Laboratory: Tate Steidley

Faculty Recruitment: Paul Carruth and Joseph Merry

Form/Huber Colloquia: Marty Kosla

Spring Sociology Awards Luncheon: Alicia Croft

Undergraduate Student Updates

Dept. of Sociology 2012 Undergrad Awards

Outstanding Senior Criminology Student **Brittany Razek**

Outstanding Senior Sociology Student **Laura Mishne**

Alberta Garber Scott Fellowship recipients..... **Roseann Huskey
Amanda Mroccka, Rachel Johnson, Brianna Sulenksi, Jessica
Lindsay, Danielle Thompson, Katherine May and Erika Ward**

Dr. Frederick E. Lumley Memorial Scholarship..... **Julia Berry
Andrew Kobosky and Kerezma Price**

Sociology Senior who completed honors thesis and graduated with
distinction: **Ka'Nea Brooks**

Ms. **Qorsho Hassan**, a Sociology major was awarded a Fulbright
Fellowship to teach English to high school students in Malaysia beginning
December 2012. She graduated from Ohio State in June 2012.

Our Alumni News

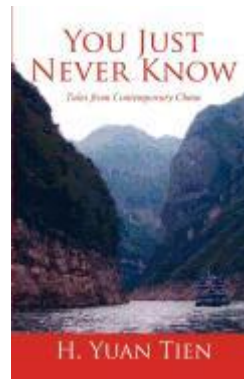
Marianne Abbott is a Senior Research Scientist at the Mitre
Corporation in Washington, DC.

Adrienne Frech and her co-author, Sarah Damaske's research
was featured in the New York Times.

Kimberley Jacobs, a former undergraduate criminology
major is now Chief Jacobs of the Columbus Division of
Police.

James Sutton accepted an advanced Assistant Professor position
in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology at Hobert and
Williams Smith Colleges. Jim earned his Ph.D. here at Ohio State
in Sociology.

On the Bookshelf



YOU JUST NEVER KNOW: Tales from Contemporary China

Dr. H. Yuan Tien
Professor Emeritus
Department of Sociology
The Ohio State University



RECONSTRUCTING RAGE: Transformative Reentry in the Era of Mass Incarceration

Townsend Price-Spratlen
And William Goldsby

THE RISE OF WOMEN: The Growing Gender Gap in Education and What it Means for American Schools

Claudia Buchmann and Tom DePrete
Publication date: December 2012



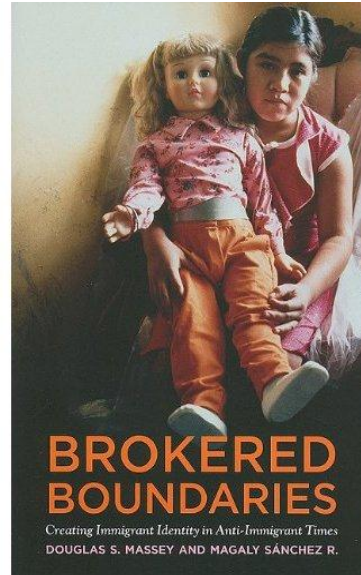
Honorary Doctorate Degree Recipient

Douglas S. Massey

Dr. Douglas Massey, Henry G. Bryant Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs, Princeton University was awarded an honorary degree, Doctor of Social Sciences by President E. Gordon Gee at the spring commencement ceremony on Sunday, June 10, 2012.

On the Friday preceding the commencement ceremony, Professor Massey presented a lecture at the OSU Thompson Library titled “The Paradoxical Originals of Anti-Immigrant Sentiment in America,” co-sponsored by the Department of Sociology, the Initiative in Population Research and the Innovation Group for the OSU Center for Ethics and Human Values. That event was part of the immigration COMPAS program. The talk was immediately followed by a reception.

Dr. Massey is currently the Henry G. Bryant Professor Sociology and Public Affairs at Princeton University. He has also served on the faculties of the University of Chicago and the University of Pennsylvania. His research focuses on international migration, race and housing, discrimination, education, urban poverty, and Latin America, especially Mexico.



He is the author, most recently, of *Brokered Boundaries: Creating Immigrant Identity in Anti-Immigrant Times* (Russell Sage Foundation, 2012) and *New Faces in New Places: The Changing Geography of American Immigration* (Russell Sage Foundation, 2010) among others.

He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Philosophical Society. He is currently president of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences and past-president of the American Sociological Association and the Population Association of America. Ph.D. Princeton University