



Department of Sociology and Social Work
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A Message from the Chair...

Greetings from the Department of Sociology and Social Work at UW-Stevens Point Fall 2013

Significant changes are taking place in our department, as we have had a busy year recruiting new faculty. Last year, we successfully completed four national searches and came up with an equal number of new faculty members to join us. Each of our new additions is profiled elsewhere in this year's edition of our newsletter, so it will suffice to introduce them only briefly here (in alphabetical order).

Professor Sue Bailey comes to us from Benedictine College in Illinois. Professor Bailey completed her Ph.D. in medical sociology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She will be teaching primarily social statistics and research methods, but she has extensive research and teaching experience in the field of public health, which will come in handy for teaching our Sociology of Medicine course. She recently published a textbook in epidemiologic research methods in public health.

Professor David Barry is our new theorist. He completed his Ph.D. in sociology at Western Michigan University. After earning his doctorate, he taught for one year at Indiana University at South Bend. Professor Barry has traveled extensively, including trips to Europe, Central Asia, and Russia, where he honed his language skills in Russian. He has also been a Peace Corps volunteer. In addition to our theory course, he will also teach globalization and social inequality.

Professor Krishna Roka is coming to us from Pennsylvania State University, where he received his Ph.D. in Rural Sociology and Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and the Environment. He also holds a Master's degree in Forestry and Forest Management from Yale. His research has focused on the effectiveness of non-government organizations (NGOs) in Nepal. He will be teaching environmental sociology, community, urban, and rural sociology.

Professor Kristy Watkins joins us as our new family sociologist. She comes to us from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where she received her doctorate in sociology. She has taught at both the University of Massachusetts and Colgate. She has studied the ways the law defines parenthood by comparing court cases on custody awards and visitation restrictions on gay, lesbian, and straight parents. She has also studied the bicultural socialization of children adopted from China by mostly white American families.

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Robert B. Enright Jr.

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NEW FACULTY



Susan Bailey

Professor Susan Lee Bailey received her Ph.D. from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She comes to UW-Stevens Point after having previously taught at Benedictine University. She was also a research associate at the University of Illinois-Chicago for many years.

Professor Bailey has done extensive research in the area of public health and epidemiology. She joined our department in the fall of 2013 teaching Medical Sociology (SOC 508/308), Research Methods (SOC 352) and Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101).

Krishna Roka

Professor Krishna B. Roka received his Ph.D. in Rural Sociology and Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and the Environment from Pennsylvania State University. He also has a Masters of Forestry and Forest management from Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and a Masters of Arts in Sociology from Tribhuvan University, Nepal. Professor Roka comes to UW-Stevens Point after years of research experience. Most recently he was a program assessor with the

Strengthening Families in Pennsylvania Project. His research interests include environmental sociology, rural sociology and urban sociology. Professor Roka joined our department in the fall of 2013 teaching Environmental Sociology (SOC 355), Urban Sociology (SOC 356) and Social Problems (SOC 102).



NEW FACULTY

David Barry

Professor David M. Barry received his Ph.D. from Western Michigan University. He comes to UW-Stevens Point after having previously taught at Indiana University. Professor Barry's research interests include globalization, social inequalities,

comparative sociology and religion. Professor Barry joined our department in the fall of 2013 teaching Sociological Theory (SOC 350), Sociology of Globalization (SOC 370) and Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101).



Kristy Watkins



Professor Kristy A. Watkins received her Ph.D. from University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She comes to UW-Stevens Point after having previously taught at Colgate University. Professor Watkins research interests include family, gender

and sexuality. Professor Watkins joined our department in the fall of 2013 teaching Marriage and Family (SOC 240), The Family: Cross Cultural Perspectives (SOC 343), and Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101).

Message from Robert Enright (continued)

We are not finished with our faculty building efforts. This year, we expect to search for a tenure-track professor in social work. This position will help us continue to build the social work major, which has now completed its third year review toward accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education.

Our students continue to do well and are active both inside and outside the classroom. This year we awarded six scholarships: Brianne L. France and Daniel Mills received the George Dixon Scholarships, Amanda L. Klein and Allison Schjoth were awarded the Virginia Fish Scholarships, and Justine Luetschwager and Kelsey Thompson were the recipients of the Gordon Shipman Scholarships. All award recipients including 20 new Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society inductees and 18 new members of Phi Alpha, the Honor Society for Social Work were recognized at our spring reception. Congratulations to all of them.

I hope you enjoy reading about the work of our students and faculty, and as always, we enjoy hearing from you. Your emails, letters, and phone calls are valuable reminders of the work we have accomplished with you.

Best Wishes,

Bob Enright

"It is the...task of the social scientist to translate personal troubles into public issues."
— C. Wright Mills

Current Faculty Updates

Amy Boelk continued to present information on her research on family conflict at end of life and end of life care in rural areas this year. She presented locally at the Small City and Regional Community Conference, for a UW-Stevens Point Health Care class, at the College of Letters and Science Community Lecture Series, and for a Hospice and Palliative Care Experts of Wisconsin networking day. She also traveled to Denver, Colorado, where she assisted with an all-day workshop for end of life professionals.

David Chunyu continues his research on migration within China and international migration from China. One of his papers was published in *Population Studies* and two more are forthcoming in *Environment and Planning A* and *Social Forces*. He also participated in the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America as a paper co-author and the 2013 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association as a paper session discussant. When he was traveling in China during the summer he also presented his research at Shanghai University and Jilin University.

Current Faculty Updates (continued)

Dorothy De Boer continues her commitment to service learning in the classroom. She attended and participated in the Wisconsin Campus Compact Southwest Network Gathering during the fall semester and presented a paper “Learning in Action: Community Connections and Theory Application through Service Learning” at the California Sociological Association’s Annual Conference.

Alton Smart continues his work with the Inter-tribal council of the Native American Research Center for Health research project on cultural congruence with nurses who work with tribal people in and around tribal communities, as well as his work as tribal court judge for the Bad River Tribe. He gave several presentations last year on his work with the Native American community and families. Professor Smart presented at the National Judicial Conference on “Judicial Peace Making”, and is keynote speaker at the Ho-Chunk Family Conference.

“But in action, one defines one’s character.”
— Daniel Bell

Fulbright Fellowship Award

Bob Wolensky, Sociology Emeritus faculty and co-director of the Center for Small Cities, has been awarded a Fulbright fellowship to study mineral rights access and labor-management relations in the British coal mining industry during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. He will serve as a scholar-in-residence at the University of Exeter, England, during the fall semester. The research grew out of his recently published book on the Pennsylvania anthracite industry, *Anthracite Labor Wars: Tenancy, Italians, and Organized Crime in the Northern Anthracite Coalfield of Northeastern Pennsylvania, 1897-1959* (2013).

19th Conference on the Small City and Regional Community

The UW-Stevens Point Center for the Small City held the 19th Conference on the Small City and Regional Community April 17-18, 2013. The theme was, “Health Care in Small Cities and Rural Areas.” The featured speakers were Dr. Richard Cooper, Center for the Future of the Healthcare Workforce, New York Institute of Technology; and Dr. Ira Moscovice, Director, Upper Midwest Rural Health Center, University of Minnesota-Minneapolis.

Group Work Camp

By Amy Boelk

Two social work students attended a Group Work Camp offered through the School of Social Work at George Williams College in Williams Bay, Wisconsin from July 25-28, 2013.

"I was excited to attend this camp to learn more about group work. This summer I also interned as a LGBT youth/adult support group facilitator and found that group camp was beneficial to me to expand what I already knew about group work from the course taught on campus, Social Work 361. Not only did I gain useful knowledge from the amazing people who were willing to come and volunteer to share their expertise, but I learned a great deal about myself. Depending on the situation, I can be a very introverted person, but at group camp I came out of my shell and was able to show who I really am. Meeting people from all over that had the same interests as me was wonderful. It was also very interesting to learn about the diversity of the people that share these interests, as people from all backgrounds came together to share their perspectives. I started camp thinking that I had no skills in group work and would not be good at it. By the end I was blown away at all the little bits that I knew about group work melding with new things that I learned to create a sense of comfort of the idea that I can be a successful group worker one day if that is the career path that I take. I encourage anyone who wants to do group work as a career to attend this camp in 2015. There are scholarships that are available. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity and the connections you will make will be very valuable."- Leah Rogers

"I was not sure what to expect at camp, so I went with an open mind and with the goal of learning at least one thing that I could take back with me in my role as student and future social worker. What I actually brought back with me goes so much deeper than a bit of knowledge. Please do not be mistaken...the tools that were taught to me have been an invaluable resource, and I am sure that I will utilize them as I venture forth as a social worker in the future. What I am referring to is the inner character that was validated and refined in the presence of all of the beautiful souls that were there. In a society where I have been coerced and manipulated into a mold designed by and for someone else, my spirit was uplifted to be among others who search for ways to be uniquely themselves, and then utilize those characteristics and personality traits to help others. I truly have been forever changed because I attended this camp, and I will make every effort to participate again."- Jamie Chariton



For those interested in attending in the future, the camp is offered every other year. For more information visit www.IASWG.org.



Phi Alpha Initiates

By Amy Boelk

To be eligible for Phi Alpha, the national social work honor society, students must be accepted into the social work major, have completed at least 4 required social work courses, have achieved an overall GPA of 3.0, and have achieved a 3.25 in the social work major. The following individuals were inducted into Phi Alpha at the department reception this year.

Kelsey Ballard

Amber Bellile

Jessica Cline

Aubrey Giordana

Alexandra Graun

Tiffany Hughes

Alanna LeClair

Caitlin Lindsay

Brooksie Loth

Brenda Malcore

Emily Pagel

Lynsey Piper

Bethany Reque

Leah Rogers

Anna Thao

Kelsey Thompson

Lydia VanThiel

Jody Wagner

This is our second round of initiates into this new honor society, and we plan to make it a more active group in the coming year. As such, officers have been elected for the 2013-2014 school year and are: Lynsey Piper (President), Kelsey Ballard (Vice President), and Alanna LeClair (Secretary/Treasurer).



FIELD SUPERVISOR RECOGNITION

By Amy Boelk

Each spring, the department recognizes a field supervisor who has offered outstanding service to the department and its students. This year, we selected Donna Lang of Big Brothers Big Sisters to receive this recognition. Donna was recognized at the department's spring reception and also became an honorary member of Phi Alpha, the Social Work Honor Society. Donna has been supervising both sociology and social work students through the department's internship program consistently for over 10 years. Though the office location of Big Brothers Big Sisters has changed three times during this time period, Donna has consistently worked with one or more students almost every semester. She is known to provide an outstanding experience for students. Under Donna's supervision, students gain significant knowledge and skills in interviewing, assessment, case management, fundraising, documentation, and community outreach. Donna successfully integrates students into the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization and helps them to be an active member of the professional team. Thank you, Donna, for your commitment and service to our program.

The Social Work Field Education Program

Amy Boelk, Field Coordinator

As our social work program continues to work towards accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education, we continue to refine and expand the field education aspect. In the past year, we have revised our evaluation plan, implemented online orientation for field supervisors, and developed new relationships with host organizations to best serve our students. We feel so fortunate to have partnerships with such amazing social service professionals, who give their time and energy to mentor and guide emerging social workers. As their “capstone” experience, social work students truly gain valuable knowledge, skills, and experience through this aspect of the curriculum. Students must spend at least 400 hours within an approved organization, and they also complete additional work in the required field seminar. The following students completed their field education within the last year (fall 2012, spring 2013, and summer 2013) and are deserving of special recognition. They learned a great deal, and they also collectively provided over 13,000 hours of service in communities throughout central and eastern Wisconsin. We also thank the associated organizations and professionals for their commitment to our program, students, and to social work education.



Social Work Field Education Placements

Suzan Bayorgeon—Wisconsin Veteran’s Home

John DeNasha, Ryan Iverson, Edgar Wyman—Northwest Journey

Sarah Kunst, Hannah Fuss, Caitlin Lindsay—St. Michael’s Hospital, Mental Health Unit

Aaron Hagedorn—Portage County Health and Human Services, Mental Health

Amber Meulemans, Tamy Maciosek—Portage County Health and Human Services, Juvenile Justice

Shyekara Smith, Maggie Manske—Portage County Health and Human Services, Child Welfare

Brooksie Loth—Portage County Health and Human Services, Specialized Foster Care

Steve Fleischmann, Taylor Brown, Jessica Cline—Community Care of Central Wisconsin

Allison Rusch—Kindred Transitional Care and Rehabilitation, Colonial

Stephanie Krause—Marathon County Social Services, Child Welfare

Tiffany Hughes—Big Brothers Big Sisters

Trisha Tetzlaff—CAP Services, Head Start

Aubrey Giordana—CAP Services, Family Crisis Center

Ian Girdley, Amanda Kilponen—Stevens Point School District

Lydia Kolbeck—WI Department of Corrections, Division of Juvenile Corrections

Nichole Maxwell—ATTIC Correctional Services

Jody Wagner—Wood County Human Services, Treatment Services

Hannah Haltom—Catholic Charities, Adoption and Birthparent Services

Shannon Duenow, Jamie Brown—Ministry Home Care, Hospice

Mackenzie Egan—St. Elizabeth’s Hospital

Stephanie Klein—Manitowok Domestic Violence Center

Samantha Greer—Community Memorial Hospital

Brenda Malcore—Brown County Human Services, Child Welfare

Scholarship Award Recipients

Brianne L. France and Daniel Mills	2013 Dixon Scholarship
Amanda L. Klein and Allison Schjoth	2013 Fish Scholarship
Justine Luetschwager and Kelsey Thompson	2013 Shipman Scholarship
Kaitlyn Dugenske	2013 Wolensky Family Scholarship
Kelsey Thompson	2013 SSWO Member Recognition

2013 Academy of Letters and Science Distinguished Student Awards

Ryan Bufton-Graduating Senior

Jamie Chariton-Continuing Student

Alpha Kappa Delta

The purpose of Alpha Kappa Delta is to acknowledgement and promote excellence in scholarship in the study of sociology, the research of social problems, and other social and intellectual activities that will lead to improvement in the human condition.

Alpha Kappa Delta is a non-secret, democratic, international society of scholars dedicated to the ideal of Athropon Katamanthanein Diakonesin or "to investigate humanity for the purpose of service."

Membership is open to undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty members from active chapters who meet our minimum standards. Currently, there are more than 101,000 members in Alpha Kappa Delta and over 630 chapters.



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2013 Alpha Kappa Delta Initiates

- Samantha Baker
- Hayden Barber
- Megan Blackburn
- Ryan Bufton
- Brianne France
- Courtney Gray
- Amanda Klein
- Alanna LeClair
- Brooksie Loth
- Nichole Maxwell
- Daniel Mills
- Jennifer Olle
- Ryan O'Loughlin
- Leah Rogers
- Allison Schjoth
- Kelsey Thompson
- Christopher Schneiderwent
- Stacie Squire
- Edgar Wyman
- Jessica Zeisse