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Department of Sociology Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR, ROBERT B. ENRIGHT, JR.

The Sociology Department has had a good, if not challenging 2003-2004. Much activity in the department has focused on personnel. Early in the year the department demonstrated a remarkable level of collegueship and mutual support as faculty volunteered to substitute for Doug Forbes during his hospitalization and recovery. This was an effort that demanded a high level of dedication to our students, the department, and the discipline. Faculty deserve recognition and commendation for their professional dedication and our students deserve recognition for their patience during this challenging semester. In the end all worked out well.

The end of the fall semester brought the retirement announcement of Professor Gail Skelton. Professor Skelton has given 35 years of service to the Sociology Department and UW-SP. She returned in the spring semester to teach a section of *Marriage and the Family*. We thank her for her many years of service to our department. We will miss her and extend to her our best wishes in retirement.



Professor Skelton launched a new UW-SP foundation fund. This account will be used to support student research and student attendance at professional meetings. It should be a significant boost to early professional involvement of our students and we are grateful to Professor Skelton for the strong start she has provided. Faculty, alumni, and friends are, of course, invited to contribute.

Late in the spring semester, Professor Kirby Throckmorton announced his retirement effective June 15, 2004. Professor Throckmorton has been a member of our department since 1975. Since 1994 Professor Throckmorton has served as the Director of Institutional Research and University Assessment Coordinator. He has served the department and the university well in both his teaching and administrative role. We will miss his expertise and guidance especially in matters of program assessment, but even more so, we will miss him as a friend, colleague, and teacher.

The department has worked tirelessly during the spring semester on the recruitment of a replacement for Gail Skelton's position. We were fortunate to have a strong pool of candidates and we brought three very highly qualified sociologists to the campus. Our students met with our potential recruits informally and as class guest lecturers. Our selection and hiring process has been completed, and we are pleased to announce that Kathleen Lamb of Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, will be joining us in the fall.

Spring semester also brought the announcement that two of our faculty were selected to receive university awards. Kirby Throckmorton was selected to receive the Excellence in Service Award and Robert Enright the Excellence in Teaching Award. This brings to six the total of UW-SP Sociology faculty who have been recognized by the award by UW-SP and another UW campus.

We look forward to an active year in 2004-05 as UW-SP will host the Annual Wisconsin Sociological Association meetings held jointly with the biennial Conference on the Small City and Regional Community and the Wisconsin Political Science Association Conference. We also are planning a celebration of a half century of Sociology at UW-SP. An announcement and invitation will be forthcoming in early fall. We hope to see you then.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Gordon Shipman Memorial Scholarship: In the spring of 1992, upon his death, a scholarship was established to honor Dr. Gordon Shipman, Professor of Sociology, who served UW-SP with distinction from 1966 to 1974. His research interests were in the areas of Family and Crime and Delinquency. Dr. Shipman was chair of the department from 1966-1970. In 1971, the Wisconsin Board of Regents granted him Professor Emeritus status at UW-SP. Students and faculty remember Dr. Shipman as an enthusiastic, energetic, concerned and caring teacher as well as an activist and leader in local political and community life. **The 2004 recipients of this scholarship are Amanda Preder and Jessica Michalski.**

George I.J. Dixon Memorial Scholarship: The fund for this scholarship was inaugurated through contributions from his colleagues and former students during the department's 40th Anniversary Celebration in the spring of 1995. Professor George Dixon joined the faculty in 1954 and served until his retirement as Professor Emeritus in 1976. He was the first Ph.D. sociologist at UW-SP, was instrumental in instituting the sociology major and creating a separate Department of Sociology, and served as its first chair in 1961. Professor Dixon is remembered for his personal commitment and encouragement of students to perform community service, work for social change, and promote social justice. **The 2004 recipient of this scholarship is Kathryn Steeno.**

A Message to Sociology Department Alumni

Please help us make these scholarships more meaningful to the award recipients. We are asking you to help support the Sociology Department Scholarship Funds by using the donation coupon in this newsletter to give a gift to the Sociology Department scholarship funds.

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA

Relatively new to UW-SP, Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) is the International Sociology Honor Society. Students are tapped for membership upon achievements and prerequisites required by AKD. To be eligible, students must have a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average overall and in their major. Lifetime membership dues are \$40 per person. Eligible students will receive a letter early second semester asking them if they are interested in membership. AKD members receive a certificate and a special graduation cord, presented to them at an awards ceremony. Students may contact Professor Dorothy De Boer or Professor Doug Forbes.

Students becoming AKD members this year include: Nora Doval, Justin Gleicher, Jacquelyn Gross, Maria Hackbarth, Elizabeth Hays, Lindsey Heart, Jacqueline Ingrouille, Krista Knupp, Adrienne Kovar, Sherry McManus, Jessica Michalski, Lindsey Moffat, Pamela Pavek, Wendy Peterson, Amanda Preder, Julie Richards, April Sankey, Carrie Schield, Sarah Shermo, and Jane M. Smith, Kathryn Steeno, Kristin Stello, Alyssa Tielens, Catherine Trester and Miay See Yang.

PART-TIME FACULTY

The Sociology Department was able to utilize the expertise of several community professionals this year in the teaching of courses. Helena Alden taught *Introduction to Sociology* and *Criminology*; Judy Bablitch, the Director of Portage County Health and Human Services, taught *Social Work Methods: Community Organization and Social Service Administration and Social Welfare Policies and Programs*; Jamie Harazmus taught *Introductory to Sociology*; Daniel Kohn taught *Social Aspects of Substance Abuse*; John Shook, who works for the Federal Bureau of Prisons at Oxford, taught *Corrections*. The students and the faculty certainly benefited from the efforts of these individuals.

SKELTON RETIRES AFTER 35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Written by the Portage County Gazette (Feb. 6, 2004)

SKELTON RETIRES FROM UW-SP: Gail Skelton, a sociologist who has been recognized several times for outstanding teaching, has retired from a 35-year career at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UW-SP).

Skelton, an associate professor of sociology who has been honored for her skills as an educator by the university, by the department, by the College of Letters and Science, and by the Wisconsin Sociological Association, retired from UW-SP in January. She came to the university in 1969 from The Ohio State University, where she was a teacher and researcher. A native of Cleveland, she earned her degrees at Case Western Reserve University.

Skelton received UW-SP's Excellence in Teaching Award in 1994 and 1982, the Wisconsin Sociological Association's Hans Mauksch Award for Teaching Excellence in 1993, and the 2003 Eugene Katz Distinguished Faculty Award from the UW-SP College of Letters and Science. Her specialty area is the sociology of the family.

She said her time in the classroom has been a high point of her career at UW-SP. She appreciates running into students who still remember her classes years later. Skelton thinks today's students are well prepared academically, especially as writers.

Skelton's own research and writing interests have focused on small Jewish communities in Wisconsin and the nation. In 1993 Skelton presented a paper, "Migration Patterns and Family Connections Among North Central Wisconsin Jews, 1873-1920" at a conference of the Jewish Historical Society of England at University College in London. Following a 1998 sabbatical, she presented a paper at UW-SP's Conference on Small Cities and had her research findings published as part of the proceedings.

Participation in faculty governance has been another highlight for Skelton. She served four terms on the Faculty Senate, chaired the General Degree Requirements subcommittee, chaired the Academic Affairs Committee for two years, served on the search and screen committee that selected the provost/vice chancellor, now Interim Chancellor Virginia Helm, and served on a number of department committees.

She says UW-SP has been a "good place" where she has been able to pursue her interests and has enjoyed support from her colleagues.

A volunteer at the Family Crisis Center for seven years, Skelton co-facilitates its Women's Support Group for victims of domestic violence. During retirement she plans to continue her volunteer activities and research, as well as taking time for reading, cooking and walking. She and her husband, Bill, a historian who retired from UW-SP two years ago, will take short trips to spots such as the Twin Cities where their daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren reside. They plan to continue to live in Stevens Point, but will travel south for part of the winter.

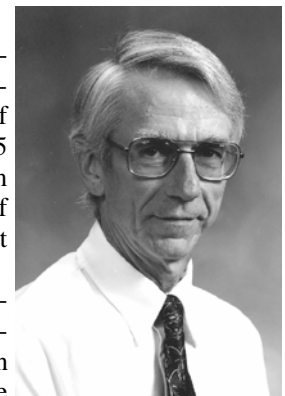


THROCKMORTON WILL RETIRE AFTER 29 YEARS OF SERVICE

Written by Woody Bishop

On June 15, 2004, Dr. Kirby L. Throckmorton, Professor of Sociology and Director of Institutional Research will end his career at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Professor Throckmorton earned a bachelor's degree from Northeast Missouri State, a master's from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and a Ph.D. from Western Michigan University. He came to UW-SP in 1975 as an Assistant Professor and progressed through the ranks to become a full professor in 1990. From 1978 until 1983 he served as the department chair and for the past 10 years he has been the Director of Institutional Research. Throughout his 29-year career, he made many contributions to the department and the university community.

Professor Throckmorton has presented papers at the Midwest Sociological and Wisconsin Sociological meetings. He has participated in workshops of assessment, leadership and institutional research. He has consulted and done data analysis for public libraries and county agencies. He has given presentations to the Dean's Council, the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, Letter & Science Forums, and Open Houses and Faculty Luncheon Series. He has also served on the Ad Hoc Committee for Student Success, the UW-SP Communications Committee, the committee to review the UW-SP Mission Statement, the Letters & Science Advisory Committee, and the University Relations Advisory Committee. He has chaired or served on nearly every committee in the department of Sociology. Professor Throckmorton has been a frequent departmental nominee for the UW-SP Service Award and recently we learned he is the winner of this award at the university level. He is the only department member to ever be given this recognition.



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT—JUDY BABLITCH

Written by Amy Boelk

Judy Bablitch has been teaching for UW-SP for approximately 20 years. Over the years she has taught Social Work Methods: Casework and Group Work, Social Work Methods: Community Organization and Social Service Administration, Social Welfare Policies and Programs, and Rural Social Work. Ms. Bablitch earned her master's degree in social work in 1964 at the University of Illinois at Chicago's Jane Addams School of Social Work. Since that time, she has had a variety of experiences in the human services field.

She started off in the field of child welfare, before moving to London, England, for a period of time to work in the mental health field. After traveling quite a bit, she returned to the U.S. and served as a director for Rock County Social Services for six years. She then moved on to the Peace Corps, where she was stationed in Botswana, South Africa. There she worked for their government writing grants, teaching, and working on legislation. Following her Peace Corps experience, she moved to Stevens Point. Her first positions here involved doing youth programming for a Methodist Church and coordinating UW-SP's campus ministry program. In 1981, Ms. Bablitch was hired as the Portage County Health and Human Services Associate Director, and she was promoted to Director in 1983, the position that she continues to fill today.

Ms. Bablitch has certainly made significant impacts on the community during her time in Central Wisconsin. Most recently she has been actively involved with the League of Women Voters. She is also working on developing a Community Planning Council comprised of members of the community at large to address issues related to health and human services. She is working on this project in cooperation with the Research Center in that it involves the analysis of data. She has also been active in working on minimum wage and living wage issues in Portage County and is motivated to help our community's people become more self-sufficient.

Ms. Bablitch expresses that she has a strong commitment to UW-SP. She enjoys working with the faculty and she feels that we have excellent, active students. She feels that UW-SP graduates are very well prepared to enter human service positions with her agency, despite the university's lack of an accredited social work major. Ms. Bablitch looks forward to continued involvement with the Sociology Department and both our students and faculty alike are pleased to benefit from her expertise.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT—JOHN SHOOK

Written by Amy Boelk

As an adjunct faculty member, John Shook has taught Sociology 333: Corrections for the Department for the past two years. Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Mr. Shook's educational and career paths have taken him all over the country. He earned his bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice from Penn State, and then went on to earn his master's degree in Public Administration from the Ohio State University. During his time there, he served as an intern with the Bureau of Prisons at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Chicago, Illinois. Later, after graduation, he started at that same facility as a correctional officer. Since that time, he has moved through the ranks of the Bureau of Prisons and has held a variety of positions.

In addition to Chicago, his work has taken him and his family to Springfield, Missouri; Danbury Connecticut; Lake Placid, New York; Washington, D.C.; Greenville, Illinois; and Fairton, New Jersey before their arrival to Central Wisconsin.

Though Mr. Shook has had a plethora of interesting experiences during this time, one that stands out for him was the opportunity to work in a prison just outside Lake Placid, New York. This facility was built as a prison facility by the federal government, but was first used as the Olympic Village for the 1980 Winter Games. As one of his responsibilities while at the facility in Lake Placid, he was the Public Information Officer and had the opportunity to meet numerous former Olympic athletes, and representatives from numerous countries.

Mr. Shook's current position with the Federal Bureau of Prisons is at the Federal Correctional Institution in Oxford, where he serves as the Associate Warden of Industries and Education. In addition to general oversight responsibilities for day-to-day operations, one of his primary responsibilities is to oversee two factories employing and training over 300 inmates, one on site at Oxford and one in Rochester, Minnesota. The inmates in these factories produce electrical wiring components for the U.S. Military. Another of his primary responsibilities is to oversee the educational and recreational components of the facility. Additionally, Mr. Shook is responsible for the Affirmative Action program as well as the Mentor/Protégé program.

Mr. Shook is enjoying his time in the Stevens Point area with his spouse and two daughters. He is enthusiastic about the opportunity to teach within the Department, and is dedicated to the students that he works with. He reports that teaching has allowed him to reexamine the work that he does for the Federal Bureau of Prisons and reenergize him in those duties. Mr. Shook looks forward to teaching in the Department in future years, and the Department certainly looks forward to having him back.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - TARA OLLMAN

Written by Amy Boelk

Before starting at UW-SP in the summer of 2003, Tara Ollman attended school at both UW-LaCrosse and UW-Marathon County. She earned her Associates Degree for Arts and Science at the UW-Marathon Campus. She came to UW-SP specifically out of a desire to major in sociology and to take the social work courses required to become certified as a social worker in Wisconsin. Tara also has a minor in Women's Studies.

One of this year's recipients of the Academy of Letters and Sciences Distinguished Achievement Award, Tara has been on the Dean's List for five semesters and is active in a variety of extra-curricular activities. She is a hardworking and dedicated student who studies a lot and has been very successful academically. Her instructors note that she is a very strong writer and critical thinker. Outside of school, Tara works at a community-based residential facility for people who have mental illnesses, some of whom also have a developmental disability. She has done this for about a year and a half, and she really enjoys her co-workers and the people who live in the group home. Tara has also participated annually since 1999 in the Relay for Life Cancer Walk with her family. When she is able to take a break from her studies and work, Tara enjoys spending time with her dog, going for walks, and playing softball. She has competed in softball since she could catch and throw.

Tara commutes to UW-SP from Merrill, and she reports that her family is central to her life. She is the youngest child and youngest grandchild in her family, so she grew up with the "older" generations as a significant presence. She says that her family has been very supportive; she would not be where she is today without them. Tara notes that her mom is a UW-SP graduate, having graduated in 1966 with a BS in Elementary Education.

When asked what she likes about UW-SP, Tara noted that she really likes the small class sizes and the friendliness and openness of her professors. Upon graduation, Tara hopes to work with people who have mental illnesses, and she is also considering going to graduate school. Good luck to you, Tara, in all that you do!



Congratulations to Tara Ollman and Jenny Bruce for receiving the Academy of Letters and Science Distinguished Achievement Award!

Sociology Department Faculty

Woody Bishop	Social Psychology, Sociology of Mental Health	346-4560	CCC 448
Amy Boelk	Social Work Methods, Social Work Practicum	346-3603	CCC 456
Eugene Clark	Environment, Statistics	346-3745	CCC 446
Dorothy De Boer	Criminology, Juvenile Delinquency	346-3069	CCC 450
Robert Enright	Dept. Chair, Gerontology	346-2665	CCC 488B
Doug Forbes	Research Methods	346-2038	CCC 460
Gary Itzkowitz	Sociological Theory, Applied Sociology	346-3746	CCC 332
Sonny Smart	Native American/Rural Social Work	346-3748	CCC 462
Kirby Throckmorton	Minority Groups, Methods	346-3750	CCC 464
Robert Wolensky	Urban and Community	346-2708	CCC 451

Emeritus Faculty

Virginia Kemp Fish	Sociology of Gender Roles, Social Stratification, Political Sociology, & Sociology of Deviance
Roger Fisher	General Sociology, Formal Organizations, & Community Sociology
John E. Moffatt	Sociological Theory, Deviance and Disorganization, Research Methods and Statistics, & Social Psychology
Gail Skelton	Family, Sociology of Childhood and Adolescence, & Race and Ethnic Groups

THE DEPARTMENT'S INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Written by Amy Boelk and Woody Bishop

Each semester the Sociology Department works with local community organizations to provide an internship experience for students. This experience is designed to help students develop their skills and knowledge for work in the human services field and to apply what has been learned in the classroom to actual community and client situations. The placement sites encompass work with a variety of client populations and social issues. Students can conduct either an applied sociology practicum under the direction of Professor Woody Bishop or a social work practicum under the direction of Professor Amy Boelk. The Department would like to thank the following agencies for their work with students this academic year. Also, the following interns are to be commended for the successful completion of the internship program.



PROFESSOR BOELK'S SPRING '04 INTERNS

Front row left to right: J. Richards, T. Schroeder, S. McManus, H. Olson
 Second row: J. Martin, A. VanNuys, L. Kreiter
 Third row: J. Reinert, K. Stello, J. Smith, J. Medved, J. Laufenberg
 Not pictured: L. Heart

AGENCY

Stevens Point YMCA
 Children's Service Society of Wisconsin
 Portage County Health Care Center
 Family Crisis Center

Lutheran Social Services
 Stevens Point School District
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 Boys and Girls Club of WI Rapids
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 Professional Services Group
 Good News Fellowship Church
 Portage County Department on Aging
 Aging and Disability Resource Center
 Big Brothers Big Sisters
 Portage County Health and Human Services
 Harmony Assisted Living Center
 Wisconsin Department of Corrections
 North Central Health Care Center
 Marathon County Courthouse
 Bridges for Youth
 Howard Young Medical Center
 Counseling and Development Center
 UW-Marathon County—Student Services
 Wausau Hospital
 Stevens Point Day Treatment
 Wood County Social Services
 Lac du Flambeau Family Resource Center
 Menominee County Human Services

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 Alyssa Whalen
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 Jennifer Bruce
 Dustin Engevoid
 Lisa Franks
 Shannon Gibson
 Katie Merriam
 Carrie Schield
 LaVonne Thurber
 Tracy Gannon
 Jackie Ingrouille
 Allyson McKensy
 Jessica Medved
 Tina Schroeder
 Lindsey Heart
 Addi Kovar
 Bobbie Karcz

STUDENT(S)

Heather Olson	Jane Smith
Jody Martin	
Christine Rustad	Andrea VanNuys
Laurie Kreiter	
Dana Simpson	Kristin Stello
Elizabeth Hays	Megan Heurion
Amy Williams	Sherry McManus
Dawn Thompson	Jennifer Laufenberg
Tammy Lisak	
Michael Schuetz	

SOCIOLOGY CLUB NEWS

Written by Michele Dickinson & Dorothy De Boer

UWSP Sociology Club has been active on the UWSP campus since the 1987-88 school year. The goal of the organization has been to provide opportunities for students to deal with traditional social problems and spark the “sociological imagination” of its members.

This year’s activities have included a winter clothing drive for area Elementary schools, ringing bells during the Holiday season for Salvation Army, Bowl for Kids Sake through Big Brothers, Big Sisters, preparing meals at Salvation Army hope Center, Hunger Clean Up, and movie nights. Every year we attempt to take a trip, and this year we will be going to Mary’s Place in Minneapolis. While there we will have the opportunity to spend the day with the children who live there, as well as tour the facility. We have also held several fundraisers to support our activities, including a brat-fry at Wal-Mart this fall, and one on campus this spring. We are already looking forward to becoming involved with the Casa Hogar project (an orphanage in Peru in need of some basic supplies and assistance) next year, continuing Salvation Army dinners, and we have started to plan some fundraisers, which will include a raffle next fall.

If you are interested in learning more about the Sociology Club, or would like to contribute money towards their activities, you may contact Dorothy De Boer, the Club’s Faculty Advisor at 346-3069 or ddeboer@uwsp.edu. Or you may contact either of this year’s current co-presidents: Shaun Stevenson sstev090@uwsp.edu or Michele Dickinson mdick112@uwsp.edu or 340-4872.



MEET THE SOCIOLOGY CLUB CO-PRESIDENT— MICHELE DICKINSON

I am currently a senior with double majors in business administration and sociology and double minors in accounting and economics. During the fall semester I was the Sociology Club’s secretary and treasurer. During the spring semester I was the club’s co-president and treasurer, as well as the web-weaver for the Social Science Club. I work on campus as a computer lab assistant, and when I’m not doing any of that I enjoy spending time with my son Tyrone, hanging out with my friends, reading, playing on the computer, and taking in the arts.



DEPARTMENT’S NOMINEES FOR UNIVERSITY AWARDS

The Department’s Nominees for the University Awards were Robert B. Enright, Jr., for Excellence in Teaching, Gary Itzkowitz for Excellence in Scholarship, and Kirby Throckmorton for Excellence in Service. Robert Enright and Kirby Throckmorton received these awards. This is the first time the Sociology Department has had two winners at one time.

“The beginning is always today.”
Mary Wollstonecraft

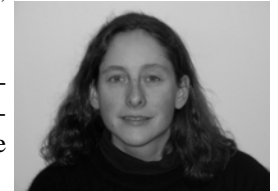
FORMER DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAM ASSISTANT TAKES A SOCIAL WORK JOB

Julie Cayo, former departmental Program Assistant, took a social work job this spring at Portage County Human Services working with foster care families. Julie started at UW-SP in 1985 in Admissions, transferred to Student Life in 1986, and transferred to Business and Economics in 1987. She worked part-time in the Department of Sociology during the summer of 2002. She is missed and we wish her the best!

FACULTY UPDATES

Bob Wolensky's co-authored book, *Voices of the Knox Mine Disaster*, is near completion for publication later this year. It will be the second volume on a coal mine disaster in northeastern Pennsylvania that killed 12 men in 1959, and led to the end of mining in the region. The new book will draw upon oral histories with survivors, victims' families, mining officials, and others.

Amy Boelk continues to work towards her doctorate in social work through the University of Texas-Austin, where she passed her qualifying examinations last summer. She is an active member of the Community Coalition for End-of-Life Care of Portage County and is focusing her research efforts on end-of-life care issues.



Gary Itzkowitz has been working on a study that follows former Head Start students in Wood County; evaluating three family literacy projects in the cities of Wautoma, Plainfield, and Portage; and evaluating a federal program in Portage County studying the impact of a local economic development program on low-income employment.

Doug Forbes has been doing consulting with St. Michael's Hospital on Statistical Process Control, helping them determine nursing care quality and interpreting statistical results. In addition, he has begun a research project examining American Indian pregnancy outcomes and their correlates, using four years of national birth and death data.



ALUMNI UPDATES

Written by Bob Wolensky

- Jill Heimlich Martin, '03, is the office manager and administrative assistant with Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners (WNP), housed in Nelson Hall at UW-SP. WNP is a non-profit agency that works to bring social and economic development to Wisconsin's "sister state" in Central America.
- Tracy Dorler, '82, is employed as a social worker for Portage County Human Services working with the developmentally disabled.

THE ALPHA KAPPA DELTA INITIATION AND SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS BANQUET

The Alpha Kappa Delta Initiation and Sociology Department Scholarships and Awards Banquet was held at Michele's Restaurant on Sunday, April 25, 2004. It was a big success! Thank you, Gail Skelton, for taking care of the arrangements.



Left to right: Roger Fisher (Emeritus faculty), John Moffatt (Emeritus faculty), Woody Bishop, Gary Itzkowitz, Dorothy De Boer, and Joan Enright.

15TH CONFERENCE ON THE SMALL CITY

Written by Bob Wolensky

The Wisconsin Sociological Association and the UW-SP Center for the Small City will co-host the 15th Conference on the Small City, September 30-October 1, 2004, in the University Center. The conference theme is, "Governing the Small City." In addition to several thematic panels, sessions covering topics such as race and ethnicity, social services, population, social movements, environment, and regional planning will be covered. Programs will be available in early September. Sociology majors and minors are encouraged to attend relevant sessions, and also consider making a presentation at the conference. For more information contact Professor Bob Wolensky, 451 CCC.



STUDY ABROAD FOR SOCIOLOGY MAJORS & MINORS

Written by Bob Wolensky

Would you like to study abroad with UWSP and take Sociology credits at the same time? If so, here are two upcoming European opportunities to consider.

ITALY

Professor Bob Wolensky will co-lead a three-week interim study-tour to Italy from May 23 to June 12, 2004. Genoa, Florence, Camucia, Naples, and Rome are on the itinerary. The theme will be "Environment and Society," and Soc. 355 (Environmental Sociology), or Soc. 497 (Independent Study), will be offered.

GERMANY

Professor Wolensky will co-lead the fall 2004 semester abroad to Munich, Germany, and will offer Soc. 395, Sociology of Germany. Courses in other disciplines will also be taught. The semester includes a 10-day study-tour of Germany, Austria, and the Czech Republic, as well as two one-day trips from Munich.

Further details about these exciting educational excursions can be obtained from Professor Wolensky in 451 CCC.

*First they came for the
socialists, and I did not speak out
because I was not a socialist.*

*Then they came for the
trade unionists,
and I did not speak out
because I was not a trade unionist.*

*Then they came for the Jews,
and I did not speak out
because I was not a Jew.*

*Then they came for me,
and there was no one left
to speak for me.*

Pastor Martin Niemoller

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