

Collective Memory



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Notes from the Head



It's that season again. The dogwoods are in bloom, the azaleas and tulips add glorious color to our surroundings, and the UNCG campus is at its most beautiful. I'm sure you remember this time of year: the warm days and intoxicating aromas encourage us to give in to spring fever and lounge on the newly lush grass, just as the countdown toward the final day of the semester propels everyone forward in a frantic frenzy of activity. Reports and papers are due, final exams

are just around the corner, and graduation is not far behind.

Those of us who live in modern Western cultures share a perception of time as linear and absolute. There's an immutable past "behind" us, an ephemeral present we can neither escape nor prolong, and a future ahead that we can only imagine. Perhaps you remember your time at UNCG in those terms: a few years of exploration and intellectual growth, of trials and triumphs, that are now permanently behind you. You moved on, but the UNCG Sociology Department is still here. Particularly during this season,

I find myself reflecting about cycles and cyclical notions of time. All of us here on the faculty share that sense of moving forward through time. Still, as we send off a cohort of students in May, we are already beginning to anticipate August and the beginning of yet another familiar cycle of Convocations, classes, crises, celebrations, and, finally, Commencement.

One of the important rituals of spring for us here on the third floor of Graham Building is the production of a new issue of *Collective Memory*. We look forward to this opportunity to reconnect with the larger UNCG Sociology community and to share with all of you some of the highlights of the most recent academic year. As you peruse the pages of this year's edition, I am confident that you will be as impressed as we are with the many accomplishments of students, alumni, and faculty. Hopefully this will inspire you to share with us and your fellow UNCG sociologists news about the important developments in your lives. We think of you often and we have tried to make communicating as easy as possible. Just send your news to: collective_memory@uncg.edu and we will be sure to include it in next spring's newsletter.

Julie V. Brown

Teaching Award

The objective of the University's 2007-2008 Alumni Teaching Excellence Award for Untenured Faculty is to recognize excellence in teaching at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

This year **Dr. Shelly Brown-Jeffy** has brought the award home to the Sociology Department. She was recognized on May 7 at the Excellence Day Convocation.



The Teaching Excellence Awards selection process defines distinguished teaching as demonstrating outstanding success in facilitating student learning and interest, the establishment and maintenance of high academic standards, having substantial influence on the academic and professional pursuits of students, showing outstanding success in guiding and facilitating student research, scholarship or artistic accomplishment (particularly relevant to graduate teaching); and consistently making complex ideas and concepts understandable and meaningful to students.

Comments from student support letters include, "That's one reason I love having Dr. Brown-Jeffy as a professor, I know that I will understand the new material at the end of the class," and "With each social and political problem addressed, she was able to give each one of us something to associate with our lives as well as taking a walk in another's shoes."

International Human Rights Award

The Human Rights Coalition of North Carolina presented the Twelfth Annual International Human Rights Award to **Dr. Paul Luebke** on December 6 in Raleigh at the NC State Faculty Club. Dr. Luebke was honored "for his outstanding contributions to the worldwide advancement of human rights."

Three issues were cited as key in the selection of Dr. Luebke as the recipient. Luebke was the lead sponsor of successful 2007 legislation to limit NC state investment in Darfur. In response to the CIA extraordinary rendition program with links to NC, he introduced legislation to make torture a crime under NC Statutes. Finally, he continued his strong legislative advocacy of immigrant rights. His keynote speech, "International Human Rights Issues in North Carolina: A Legislator's Perspective," was warmly received by those attending the sold-out annual dinner.



New Faculty

Jenifer Hamil-Luker



"Do you really want to be a lawyer?" Dr. Tinkler asked me after an Intro to Sociology class. That was the plan when I began my undergraduate education in Abilene, Texas, in 1991. After finishing

my bachelor's degree in business administration, I intended to go to law school and then practice business law. But an energetic, dedicated sociology professor changed that plan and my future forever. "Have you thought about becoming a sociologist?" he asked.

In Dr. Tinkler's Introduction to Sociology course, we read C. Wright Mills' *Sociological Imagination*, W. E. B. Du Bois' *The Souls of Black Folks*, and Betty Friedan's *The Feminine Mystique*. These and other classic sociological texts began to teach me how public issues shape personal troubles, how white skin color offers privileges in a systematically unjust society, and how idealized images of

femininity and masculinity entrench women and men in stereotypical gender roles. This was my first sociology course and I was hungry for more.

After finishing my Bachelor's degree in Sociology in 1994, I searched in vain for a summer job. Potential employers knew I was moving to Boston in three-months, so I ended up working for minimum wage (\$4.25 an hour) proof-reading advertisements in the yellow pages of the phone book. I hated the job and was thrilled to pack up the moving van and drive north. While my husband completed his Master's Degree in Architecture, I worked at Harvard's Institute for International Development on projects to ease Russia's transition from a communist state toward a capitalist economy.

In 1996 we moved to Chapel Hill so I could begin the Ph.D. program in Sociology. Days after our arrival to North Carolina, Hurricane Fran dredged sewage and fallen trees into our apartment. After two weeks without electricity, I began my graduate studies, focusing on how experiences in early life, such as adolescent illegal drug use, impact outcomes in later life, such as employment trajectories. In November 2003, eight days after giving birth to our second son, I defended my disserta-

tion on mechanisms through which education in youth and adulthood can amplify and ameliorate socioeconomic inequalities.

To continue my methodological training and understanding of life course theories, I accepted a Postdoctoral Fellowship at Duke University from 2004-2007. In addition to analyzing pathways through which childhood experiences shape health throughout life, I taught classes on crime and delinquency and became a mother of three (ages 3, 2, and newborn).

Since August 2007, I have worked as an Assistant Professor in the UCG Department of Sociology. In classes on deviancy, criminal justice, and research methods, I have engaged a socially aware and academically impressive student body. In my colleagues on the third floor of Graham Building, I have found professors and staff dedicated to students, passionate about research, and committed to civic engagement. In the University, I have found support for my research on the long-term health effects of delinquency and incarceration. It is here that I know I made the right decision not to go to law school. I had never considered becoming a sociologist when Professor Tinkler posed that question to me in 1991, but I am so glad that I did.

Alumni News

Skip Martin performed his comedy routine at the Blind Tiger in Greensboro in April. Note that Skip's internship paper was about how to survive the open mics and to continue developing a career as a comedian (a dramaturgical analysis).

After graduation **Katie Mariategui** (2007) spent time working in Lima, Peru, and has been accepted into the International Nursing Program at Emory University for fall 2008.

Rochelle Nicole Bellamy, J.D. (UNCG 2004) recently graduated from North Carolina Central University School of Law and passed the Bar. She will be practicing insurance defense at Hedrick Eatman Gardner & Kincheloe, L.L.P. in Charlotte, NC.

Malaika Wilson has been officially accepted into the Ph.D. program in the College of Public Health at OSU. "I'm so very excited! We start classes on September 19th."

Karah Fazekas (B.A. 2001 in Sociology and International Studies, M.P.H. in Health Education from UNC) is currently living in Chapel Hill, NC. She works at Family Health International on improving reproductive health and HIV outcomes for youth (ages 10-24) in international settings.

Devon Scott (2008) has started an internship with

the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty in Washington DC. "It's going well so far and I am working with two other interns from Indiana. I'm working on researching the case of Justin Wolfe, a death row inmate in Virginia. He is believed to be innocent and is charged with murder for hire, but the guy who actually killed the victim is only sentenced to 38 years in prison for his testimony. Justin's mom is visiting us on Tuesday as well so I'm trying to learn as much about the case as I can before that. We're also trying to figure out how to make this case more public. I was wondering if you could tell your classes about it, there's already a facebook group called Committee to Free Justin Wolfe from Death Row in Virginia and there's a website for him at www.justice4justin.net I'd really appreciate it if you could tell them!"

Sterling Howell is finished with courses, and passed a comprehensive exam on Comparative Historical Soc. last semester, and "I'm studying for the Soc. of Culture comp. coming up in April. I'm bouncing around a few dissertation ideas in my head;

I remember being told in my very first class at UNCG, "If you want to finish the program, don't fall out of love, don't fall in love, don't lose yourself, and don't find yourself." I listened, I remembered, and I broke the rules anyway (not intentionally). But, I think I'll survive.

Outside of academia, I live in a little cabin in the

woods by a pond on the border of Green and Orange Co. with my girlfriend Jen,... and our beagle Biscuit. I work part time at James Madison's Montpelier as a museum educator, which pays horribly but is a lot of fun. Jen also works at Montpelier, as a coordinator for the Center for the Constitution. So needless to say, I'm learning a lot about early American history, Virginian plantation life-ways, and constitutionalism/federal republicanism.

Considering that and the fact that I'm specializing in comparative historical analysis and culture, I feel like the closer I get to the PhD, the further I'm getting from sociology and closer to history, political science, anthropology, or cultural studies. I find it funny because I am in the vast minority here having both my degrees in sociology, while very little of what I read these days is actually sociology proper. But, if I've learned anything it's that defining 'sociology' is one of the toughest tasks of all, and everybody has their own answer (kind of like 'the good life')."

Liam Hysjulien was accepted to the graduate programs at both the University of Florida and University of Tennessee. Tennessee is where he wanted to go and made him a better offer--So, he's accepted their invitation.

Becky Conway (M.A. 2008) has been accepted into the Ph.D. program at Vanderbilt University--complete with a financial award. Congratulations Becky!

Bart Tooms (2007)

In January I transferred from Power Wevelgem (Belgium 2nd division) to HIC Basket Denmark (1st. division) Due to financial difficulty in Belgium I was advised by my agency to adjust.



Wevelgem is 2 miles from the France border and about 4 hours away by car from my hometown in The Netherlands. It was great being home every two-three weeks to be around family and friends. My performance was good. I started in all of the games and averaged 12pt-10reb. (double double).

In Denmark I played in a similar small town where everybody knows each other. Horsens is one hour by plane from Amsterdam or eight hours by car. In

Belgium they spoke (dialect) Dutch. Luckily most people here speak English besides their native Danish.

The step from 2nd division in Belgium to 1st division in Denmark is different. The league and organizations-teams are more professional. That said, it puts more pressure on the athletes to win as many games as possible.

We made it to the play offs this year as number 6 seeded but unfortunately lost in game three of round 1. In game one we were down 1 (86-85) with 3 sec. to go. They left me wide open on top of the key for a jumpshot with two seconds left. My teammates found me and passed me the ball. I knew that the clock was running down and was ready to step up and take the responsibility on my shoulders. I saw the ball flying through the air and unfortunately it bounced out of the rim. I was soooooo sad..(so were some teammates).

I will fly back to Amsterdam April 9th and start working out preparing for next year.

Over the summer my activities will be helping out organizing clinics for the youth and maybe a visit to the US. (if not this year, next year)

Eva Erbskorn just accepted a position as a Field Organizer for Greenpeace's global warming campaign, Project Hot Seat. "I am so excited about this job; it's just what I wanted to be doing! I will be organizing in Representative Mary Bono's district (Palm Springs, CA) and living there from May 1st through December. At our staff meeting yesterday they reminded us to encourage people for Change It '08 (www.changeit08.org). I am a huge fan of this program, and so thankful you mentioned it to us in class or I might have never realized I could be an organizer as a career. I'd definitely suggest the depart-

ment let students know about the program, especially those in social change and environmental sociology classes! Training will be all expenses paid for one week over the summer in Boston or Seattle depending on the week. Let me know if you have any questions about this."

Sine Anahita "has been at the University of Alaska Fairbanks for five years, and went up for tenure this year. I am the incoming chair of sociology, and am the coordinator of the women's studies program. I teach all kinds of sociology courses, as we are a small department, and have a varied curriculum. My research interests focus on organized inequalities, and I have published mainly in the areas of gender and sexualities. My favorite publication is co-written with Tamara Mix, and analyzes Alaska's wolf control policies as an issue of public masculinity (Anahita and Mix, 2006. *Gender & Society*). The state of Alaska not only allows hunters to kill entire wolf packs from airplanes using automatic weapons, it offers a bounty to hunters.

I am living my Alaska dream! My partner and I own 70 acres right on the edge of the Alaska wilderness. Moose are so numerous that they are pests. In the summer, we have 24 hour daylight. In the winter, less than one hour. We commonly see wildlife in our backyard, and the aurora borealis playing overhead mitigates the discomfort of the minus 50 degree weather. We live in an owner-built log cabin, and of course, we collect our oil industry bribe money every year in the form of our dividend check ;). Life is good here for me, though I miss NC--especially crickets, stars in the summer, and homegrown tomatoes. I do not miss the humidity, black widow spiders, or snakes.

CAMEROON



The Department has developed a promising exchange relationship with the University of Buea in Cameroon. Last year Bill Markham received a grant from the West African Research Association to bring scholars from Buea to UNCG. Supplemented by funds from the

Sociology Department and the Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Lotsmart Fonjong joined the department for five weeks during the spring semester, 2007. Last fall, Dr. Joyce Endeley from the same university was with us for about a month. Both made numerous presentations to sociology classes in sociology and in other departments as well (see Colloquium insert).

With financial support from the Sociology Department and from Buea University, Bill was able to travel to Cameroon last May for a short stint as a visiting professor. He became acquainted with Buea faculty, gave several guest lectures, and did some traveling on his own within Cameroon to interview leaders of environmental organizations. Bill reports that he was very impressed by the enthusiasm and knowledgeability of the students at Buea. The university does not have as much money as UNCG,

so classes are very large, and faculty must deal with an enormous number of students, but both students and faculty are dedicated to their work. Bill's favorite story concerns his response to his hosts' profuse apologies that the classroom where he taught was not equipped with the latest high-tech power point projection gear. Bill, who has been teaching for 32 years responded, "Don't worry. I know what to do with chalk."

After completing his work in Cameroon, Bill was also able to visit Ethiopia, where he did some hiking in the Simean Mountains and visited several cities. "Traveling through Africa on my own using local transportation was an interesting and rewarding experience," he said, "but it has little to do with the luxury "safaris" you see on TV."

Bill, whose book on German environmental organizations will come out this summer, and Dr. Fonjong are now working on a grant proposal for research on Cameroonian environmental organizations. They will also present a paper on this topic at an International Sociological Association meeting in Barcelona next September. If money for the research can be found, Bill is looking forward to transferring his research to a new and very different part of the world. Taking a group of UNCG students to Cameroon for a study abroad experience in the summer of 2010 is also under discussion.



Department Honors Outstanding Students

The Department held its annual Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) induction ceremony and luncheon on Friday, April 25, to honor those students being initiated into the AKD International Sociology Honor Society. Students receiving AKD honors must be Sociology majors who have completed at least 12 hours of Sociology and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA in Sociology and overall. This is a favorite event of the faculty every year as they take the opportunity to celebrate our best students. Over 50 faculty, staff, and students attended. Dr. Jammie Price, Professor of Sociology at Appalachian State University, gave the keynote address, giving students advice about how best to market their Sociology degrees once they graduate.

This marked the first year in which the ceremony and luncheon were expanded to celebrate Sociology students receiving other major honors and awards around campus. Beginning this year, this annual event will be the Sociology Honors Ceremony and Luncheon, broadening it from the traditional focus only on AKD initiates. The number of Sociology majors receiving significant honors from a variety of places on campus has increased such that the faculty think it important to recognize the accomplishments of the full array of our outstanding students.

This year, five students were awarded the David and Marlene Pratto Scholarships for merit and scholarship. These students were able to meet and talk with Marlene Pratto at the ceremony. Four students were awarded the Shivers Scholarship, again for outstanding scholarship. Courtney Roberts, a graduating senior, received the Carolyn and Donald Allen Sociology Prize given to the best undergraduate theory student. Two of our students – Larissa Manon and Jennifer Horton – were inducted into the Golden Chain Honor Society, the oldest honor society at UNCG. The Golden Chain recognizes top students around the University who excel in scholarship, leadership, and service. Three students – Lucillia Davis, Larissa Manon, and Courtney Roberts – were recognized for being selected to Phi Beta Kappa this year. Finally, three students won the University Student Excellence Award, one of the most significant awards given to students each year. This award recognizes only a select few nominated from around the University. Receiving this award is a significant achievement. All of the award winners are listed below.

We have some wonderful Sociology students, and we are thrilled to be able to celebrate their accomplishments! A great time was had by all!

David & Marlene Pratto

Scholarship

Kirsten Kinne
Erin Lee
Angaza Mayo-Laughinghouse
Robert Norris
Agnes Szarka

Shivers Scholarship

Krycya Flores Rojas
Allison Jehlicka
Laura Shay
Brittany Speas

Golden Chain Honor Society

Larissa Manon
Jennifer Horton

Student Excellence Award

Allison Jehlicka
Larissa Manon
Courtney Roberts

Phi Beta Kappa

Lucillia Davis
Larissa Manon
Courtney Roberts

Carolyn & Donald Allen

Sociological Theory Prize
Courtney Roberts

AKD Initiates

Anderson Bean
Elizabeth Blake
Andrew Bosworth
Joyce Clapp
Ashlei Cole
Lucilla Davis
Alison Duckett
Sarah Dumaul-Webster
Amy Ernestes
Shelby Ervin
Abby Fiery

Alexandra Fitz-Gerald
Krycya Flores Rojas
Marinda Freeman
Matthew Fridell
Adrian Good
Matthew Hodler
Amanda Ireland
Kirsten Kinne
Justin Koechert
Erin Lee
Allison Lor

Larissa Manon
Angaza Mayo-Laughinghouse
Robert Norris
Amanda Ovsenik
Jenni Pedulla
Brittney Riddick
Laurel Rose
Devon Scott
Laura Shay
Drew Shelton
Rebecca Smith

Ashley Snyder
Brittany Speas
Casey Strange
Kelly Trivison
Rachael Tucker
Sherra Tysinger
Joseph Wandzilak
Lucas West
Valerie Wilson
Valerie Womack
Dwanna Wyatt

On April 3, 2008, **Jennifer Horton**, one of our Sociology majors, participated in the 2008 State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium (SNCURCS) making an oral presentation of her study: "A Visual Analysis of North Carolina's Immigrant Communities." A preliminary presentation of findings (2001 to 2006 images) had been given at the 2007 SNCURCS Symposium; Jen received an Undergraduate Research Award to conduct a study of the depiction of migrants in the *Greensboro News and Record*. To date, she has over 300 images from 1965-2006. Her major findings include exoticism of Asian populations, depictions of Hispanics in service/labor oriented jobs, and success/assimilation of immigrant children in schools. She also presented her research at the Southern Sociological Society in Richmond, Virginia, on April 12th. To view her research, you can visit http://www.flickr.com/photos/visual_immigrants/.

Faculty Briefs

This year, in addition to serving as our Directory of Graduate Study and editing *Personal Relationships*, **Rebecca Adams** chaired the Planning Preparation Committee that is providing feedback to the administration on UNCG's response to the UNC Tomorrow report (see uncgtomorrow.uncg.edu), is serving on the Chancellor Search Committee, is one of UNCG's representatives to the UNC Graduate Council, and served as Chair-Elect of the Senate. She delivered the opening plenary presentation (Strangers Stopping Strangers: The Deadhead Community) to a gathering of 400 participants in the Unbroken Chain: The Grateful Dead in Music, Culture, and Memory, A Symposium, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, November 16, 2007.

This year has been a busy teaching year for **Dr. Shelly Brown-Jeffy**. Dr. Brown-Jeffy was approved for a new team teaching initiative and is co-teaching a class on Minorities and Music with Dr. Frank Woods in the African American Studies Department. In addition to this award, the University is nominating her for the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASES) Professor of the Year award.

Dan Fisher has been volunteering in the Chaplain's Program at Moses Cone Health Systems hospitals (MC and Wesley Long). Chaplains work with individuals and families (and sometimes medical staff) who are facing medical crises ranging from emergencies, to surgery, to intensive care. The most important contribution is to listen and to be supportive.

In her first year at UNCG, **Jenifer Hamil-Luker** has submitted two papers for review and received two grants to support her teaching and research efforts. "Delinquency, Incarceration and Health in Midlife" examines how racial/ethnic inequalities in contact with the criminal justice system contribute to racial/ethnic inequalities in physical and mental health. The second paper under review, "Young Kids at Home, Long Hours at Work," analyzes gender differences in the health consequences of paid work and household conditions. With summer support from the Honors College, Dr. Hamil-Luker will develop a new course on contemporary U.S. prisons for Spring 2009.

Ben Judkins gave the AKD lecture in the spring of 2007 to the Sociology program at Lee University in Tennessee. And thanks to the efforts of graduate student Ariane Thompson, he was able to complete his initial evaluation report of Outward Bound South Africa (OBSA). OBSA's work is with high-risk youth in the townships of South Africa, attempting to address some of the lingering injustices of Apartheid.

Gwen Hunnicutt has spent the last academic year teaching, reading, and writing on various dimensions of violence in society. She wrote one article on child homicide victimization in North Carolina. This research explores the connections between military involvement and the risk of child homicide, as well as the connections between the economic status of women and the victimization of children. She also contributed (with Steve Kroll-Smith) "Satire, Guns and Humans; Lessons from the Nacerima," an essay on the Virginia Tech school shootings to Ben Agger and Timothy Luke's *There Is a Gunman on Campus: Tragedy and Terror at Virginia Tech*.

David Mitchell's book *Directory of Unpublished Experimental Measures*, Vol. 9, American Psychological Association, 2008. (with B. A. Goldman) was published.

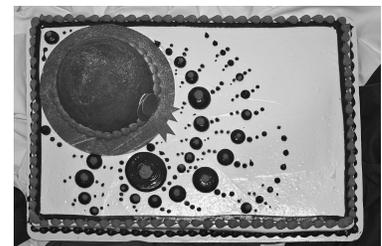
Steve Kroll-Smith and 2 faculty from The University of New Orleans were awarded a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to study 3 New Orleans neighborhoods recovering from Hurricane Katrina. See his article (co-authored with Pam Jenkins, and Vern Baxter) "The Bricoleur and the Possibility of Rescue: First Responders to the Flooding of New Orleans." *Journal of Public Management and Social Policy* V 13, 2: 5-22.

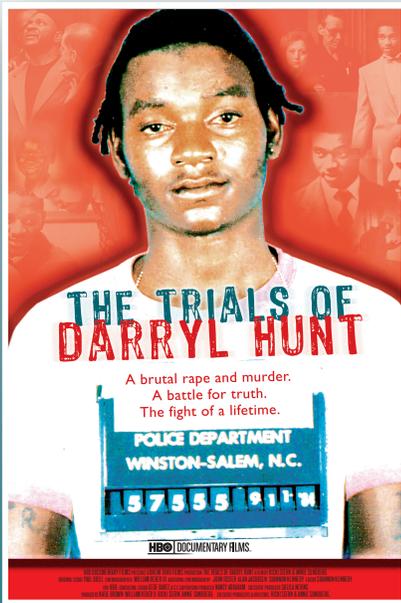
Sandra Westervelt continues to work on her research into the post-exoneration lives of death row exonerees. She and her colleague Kim Cook (UNCW) have published a book chapter on the methods used in this research called "Feminist Research Methods in Theory and Action: Learning from Death Row Exonerees" in Susan Miller's *Criminal Justice Research and Practice: Diverse Voices from the Field*. They also have two articles on this research under review at various venues. She worked to bring two exonerees to campus this year for public talks. In November, Juan Melendez, one of the death row exonerees interviewed for her research, gave a presentation on his experiences as an innocent person on death row. In March, Winston-Salem exoneree Darryl Hunt and his attorney Mark Rabil participated in a viewing of the documentary film, "The Trials of Darryl Hunt", about Hunt's 20 year journey through the criminal justice system as an innocent person. Both events drew over 150 people from the University and community. Dr. Westervelt also continues to work as the Undergraduate Director and primary student advisor for the Department.



Thanks to **Marlene Pratto** for generously requesting donations to the David and Marlene Pratto Scholarship in lieu of gifts on the occasion of her birthday. Many of Marlene's friends and family made contributions. Last year we were able to support six of our undergraduate students through the scholarship.

The David and Marlene Pratto Scholarship, the Carolyn and Donald Allen Theory Prize, and the Enrichment Fund all provide funding to help our students meet their goals at UNCG. Contributions may be sent directly to the Department or to University Advancement





The Trials of Darryl Hunt

Winner of the award for "best documentary" at the Nashville, Palm Beach, Bend, Raindance, and Ojai Film Festivals

Excerpt from *Campus Weekly*...

Miscarriage of Justice Exoneree answers questions March 3

A Winston-Salem man imprisoned almost 20 years for a murder he didn't commit will attend a showing of an award-winning documentary about his case Monday.

After a 6 p.m. screening of "The Trials of Darryl Hunt" in Jackson Library's Jarrell Lecture Hall, Hunt and his defense attorney, Mark Rabil, will answer questions from the audience.

Donations will support The Darryl Hunt Project for Freedom and Justice, which helps exonerates and parolees rejoin society after prison.

The free event is part of the Miscarriages of Justice course taught by Dr. Saundra D. Westervelt in the Department of Sociology. The course examines the role of policing, prosecution, criminal defense, public opinion and media coverage in wrongful convictions. Visits from exonerees help bring the subject matter to life.

"In the United States we have a lot of faith in our criminal justice system," Westervelt says. "I'm a great believer in our criminal justice system, but it's not perfect. It has flaws, things that can be improved so wrongful convictions don't happen as often as they do."

First aired on HBO, "The Trials of Darryl Hunt" recounts the investigation, trial and eventual exoneration of Hunt for the 1984 rape and first-degree murder of Deborah Sykes in Winston-Salem. It follows Hunt's two-decade journey from convicted murderer to free man, and in the process explores issues of race, class and the fallibility of our criminal justice system.

Hunt, who is black, was convicted of killing the young, white newspaper copy editor despite no physical evidence linking him to the crime. The primary evidence against him included testimony by questionable eyewitnesses, one known to be a former Ku Klux Klan member. A jury comprised of 11 whites and one black convicted him. He was spared the death penalty by one vote.

In 1994, DNA testing revealed Hunt did not match any of the physical evidence found at the murder scene; however, he'd spend another 10 years trying to convince the courts of his innocence. In 2003, the DNA was submitted for further testing and matched someone else.

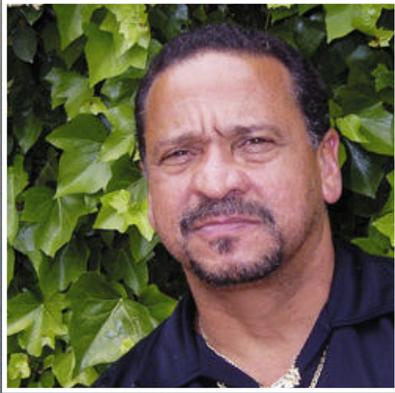
That individual was taken into custody and confessed to Sykes' murder. Hunt was exonerated of the crime in early 2004 and released after almost 20 years behind bars.

"The Trials of Darryl Hunt" has won best documentary awards from the Nashville, Palm Beach, Bend, Raindance and Ojai Film Festivals. The film was selected for the 2006 Sundance documentary competition. The event is sponsored by the Department of Sociology, the Sociology Club and the Office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.



Michael L. Radelet The Changing Nature of Death Penalty Debates

Radelet's research focuses on capital punishment, especially the problems of erroneous convictions, racial bias, public opinion, and medical involvement. In 1987 he coauthored (with Hugo Adam Bedau) a paper in the *Stanford Law Review* that documented some 350 defendants who were erroneously convicted of potentially capital crimes, a paper that is widely credited with introducing the problem of erroneous convictions into the modern death penalty debate. Among his studies on race and death sentencing was one in Illinois, conducted for Governor George Ryan and used by Governor Ryan as part of the rationale for commuting 167 death sentences in 2003. More recently, Radelet has coauthored (with Glenn Pierce) a series of statewide studies on race and death sentencing for the Death Penalty Moratorium Project, American Bar Association.



Juan Melendez

Capital Punishment: The Reality of an Innocent Man on Death Row...

Juan Melendez spent nearly eighteen years on Florida's death row for a crime he did not commit. Had it not been for the discovery of a long-forgotten taped confession of the real killer, sixteen years after he was sentenced to death, Juan almost certainly would have been executed.

On January 3, 2002, Juan became the 99th death row inmate in the U.S. to be exonerated and released since 1973. Juan is a uniquely dynamic speaker who uses his experience to open hearts and to change minds about the death penalty. Juan shares an inspirational personal story of human resilience, courage, faith and hope.



Reversing the Gendered Nature of Cameroon Politics: Challenges and Way Forward

Joyce B. Mbongo Endeley (Ph.D)



Dr. Joyce Bayande Mbongo Endeley is Chair and Associate Professor of Gender Studies and Agricultural Extension Education in the Department of Women and Gender Studies at the University of Buea, Cameroon. Her teaching, research and outreach activities have focused on gender/women and agriculture, empowerment, credit schemes and impact assessment of development programs in and out of Cameroon. She is joint editor of *Issues in Gender and Development, Volume One: New Gender Studies from Cameroon and the Caribbean*. Recent work includes *The Social Impact of the Chad-Cameroon Oil Pipeline: How Industrial Development affects Gender Relations, Land Tenure, and Local Culture* (with Fondo Sikod 2007). She also serves as a consultant with various international and national bodies.

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