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## Notes from the Head



The last couple of years have been eventful ones for those of us on the third floor of Graham Building, and we have much news to share with you. We have not been immune to the impact of budget cuts and high unemployment. Everyone has been struggling to adapt in these economic hard times. Nonetheless,

our highly committed faculty, dedicated staff, and extraordinary students continue to excel. I am confident that you will share my pride as you read through the pages of this newsletter. Our accomplishments are many, and we have some very exciting plans!

Since the last issue of *Collective Memory* was published, we have added three new full-time faculty. In the fall of 2010, Dr. Mikhail Balaev and Dr. Arielle Kuperberg joined the Sociology Department, and in the spring of 2012, Dr. Jim Petersen, formerly Dean of UNCG's Graduate School, returned to full-time teaching in our Department. We are pleased to welcome all three of these fine scholar-teachers into our sociological community, and we look forward to many years of happy collaboration.

On a more somber note, as many of you already know, in March 2010, we lost Dr. David Mitchell. Dr. Mitchell was truly the "heart and soul" of UNCG's Sociology Department, and we miss him every day. I am very happy to report, however, that the endowment fund established to honor his memory has already grown large enough to enable us to begin to award an annual David F. Mitchell Scholarship! The rapidity with which we funded this endowment is testimony both to your generosity and to the admiration and affection we all shared for David Mitchell.

To stay in closer touch with our far-flung sociology family, the UNCG Sociology Department has expanded its presence in the world of social media. We now have an impres-

sive new website! Please check it out at [www.uncg.edu/soc](http://www.uncg.edu/soc). There you will find current photographs, links to regularly updated news and events, and a link to the new UNCG Sociology Department Facebook page. "Friend" us on Facebook and you will be able to keep up with happenings here as well as participate in sociological discussions of current events and new research findings.

We will make extensive use of the new website and Facebook page as we plan for our next huge celebration. In 2013-14 the UNCG Sociology Department will mark its centennial. Imagine: One hundred years of sociology at UNCG! We are already beginning to plan some big events for that year, and we would like to involve as many alumni and friends as possible. We hope that you will see this as an opportunity to return to campus to reconnect directly with old friends and colleagues, and we will soon begin to solicit ideas from you about how you would like us to commemorate the centennial.

Our new website also includes a link where you can make an on-line contribution to the UNCG Sociology Department. We are enormously grateful for the on-going support we receive from alumni and friends. Hopefully, this link will make it easier for you to participate as your circumstances permit. These contributions enable us to enrich the educational experiences of our many fine students in ways not otherwise possible in this era of declining state budgets. As you read in the following pages of their many accomplishments, we hope that you remain confident that your support makes a huge difference in the lives of UNCG sociology students.

*Julie V. Brown*

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## New Faculty



**Arielle Kuperberg**

I first arrived at Hunter College at the City University of New York (CUNY) with only a very vague idea of what I wanted to do with my life. I was very interested in music and somewhat talented at playing the flute, and at first I took some music classes, but I quickly realized I was more interested in listening to music than playing it. Then, the end of my first semester of college, I was sitting with some

friends planning what classes we would take the next semester, and a friend made an offhand comment that changed my life forever. She said “Take sociology 101 with Professor Bartle; he’s really funny.” I had no idea what sociology was, but soc 101 fulfilled a general education requirement, it was taught at a convenient time, and I like funny professors, so I signed up for the class.

Every day in that sociology 101 class was a revelation. I was exposed to the structures of society, I was being taught HOW and WHY people acted the way they did, and all these unexplained patterns of behavior I had been witnessing all my life suddenly came into focus. My sociology 101 class had about 200 students, and when we learned about criminology my professor did an anonymous survey of the class, and what crimes students in my class had committed. I remember being particularly shocked to learn over 85% of my class had tried illegal drugs and over 5% had sold them- which gave me a deep appreciation of the way in which anonymous surveys can reveal patterns in our society that are otherwise hidden, and can reveal behavior which many people would be reluctant to admit to otherwise.

I was even more excited to learn that people can actually study society for a living, and towards the end of the semester I met with my soc 101 professor to tell him that I had decided I wanted to be a sociology professor. He (gently) laughed at me and suggested I take a few more sociology classes before making up my mind. So I did, and the more classes I took the more my interest in sociology grew. I began to focus on issues related to gender and work, and especially on how gender, work and family roles have changed since the second wave of the feminist movement in the 1970s. As a woman myself, I was fascinated by the extent to which opportunities available to women had increased in the past few decades at an unprecedented rate. I was also interested in the ways in which gender inequality still persisted. I started doing research with a professor in my college on gender and race occupational segregation, and the extent to which occupations with more women and racial minorities tend to be paid less. I later worked with the same professor on a project looking at the media depiction of women who left the workforce to become stay at home moms.

I also became more involved in the inner workings of academia as an undergraduate. I served for 3 years as a student representative on the student-faculty senate of Hunter College, which is the governing body of that college. There I was involved with revising the general education requirements of the college, and developing new teacher evaluations, among other activities. I became president of the sociology club for two years and was briefly vice president of Hillel, and served on several university committees including the grade appeals committee and a hiring committee for a new vice president of the university. In addition to working for about 3 years as a research assistant, I

worked as an academic peer adviser at the school, helping students to register for classes, and I tutored students in sociology statistics. I also worked as an administrative assistant in the college’s student center to help pay my bills.

After I graduated in 2004 as a Sociology major and a Women’s Studies minor, I immediately started a MA/PhD program in Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania. I wrote my master’s thesis on the changing fertility of women enrolled in graduate school between 1970 and 2000, and obtained a graduate certificate in the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality along with a master’s degree in Sociology. I then decided to join the Demography program at my university, and complete a joint PhD in both Sociology and Demography, since I was becoming more and more interested in family demography, which studies the overall patterns of family life (childbearing, marriage, divorce, cohabitation, relationship formation, etc.), and how they have changed over time. I became involved in a project with a professor at Penn examining why people with more education are more likely to get married, and we discovered that these differences can be explained by the unstable labor market for those with low levels of education; those with uncertain work opportunities are less likely to get married. I decided to write my dissertation on the relatively new family form of premarital cohabitation in the United States, and examined patterns of premarital cohabitation and how they have risen over time, how behavior changes between premarital cohabitation and marriage after cohabitation, and whether or not premarital cohabitation causes divorce (It doesn’t).

At the same time as I was writing my dissertation on premarital cohabitation and marriage, I was becoming involved in some participant observation on the topic in my personal life. My husband Brett moved in to my apartment right around when I submitted my dissertation proposal and we got married a little over a year later in 2009, as I was about halfway through writing my dissertation.

After graduating with a joint PhD in sociology and demography in 2010, I accepted a job as an assistant professor in sociology at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. I moved here with my husband and our 3 cats (one of which is named Durkheim, after the sociological theorist) and our basset hound mix Barkley in July 2010, and we bought a house in the Lake Daniel neighborhood. We adopted a second dog named Max, a treeing walker coonhound, shortly after we moved here. Both our dogs are recession rescue dogs; Barkley was rescued from being tied up on the side of the highway after the house he lived in was foreclosed on, and Max was abandoned after a family was evicted from their apartment. Since moving to Greensboro I’ve also expanded the herb garden I first grew when I lived in Philadelphia to a full blown vegetable garden, where I grow my own peas, onions, strawberries, potatoes, lettuce, zucchinis and bell peppers. My husband and I are both foodies and we’ve been enjoying the amazing cuisine of the South since moving here.

At UNCG I teach classes on data analysis at the undergraduate and graduate levels, marriage and the family, population problems, and work and gender. I’ve started a new research project since arriving here, in which I and my student research assistants are working on analyzing a survey of over 20,000 college students who are asked about their most recent “Hook-up” or sexual encounter outside of a traditional romantic relationship. We are looking at this new form of relationship formation to specifically determine where people meet the people they hook up with, where different types of people meet their hook up partners, whether those meeting places affect their behavior during the hook-up, the differences between opposite-sex and same-sex hook-ups, and where the most risky hook-ups are initiated.

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**Mikhail Balaev** received his PhD and MA in Sociology from the University of Oregon Sociology Department in 2008. His research examines the relationship between international trade and democratization and the global interrelation of economic-political ties. Mikhail

received three certificates while at the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research in the summer program for Quantitative Methods of Social Research in 2006 and 2011. Currently Mikhail is working on three new projects: a methodological paper analyzing the lagged effects of a range of predictors on political democracy, a project that studies socio-economic processes that influence military recruitment numbers, and a network analysis of the U.S political power structure.

Mikhail grew up in Ufa, Bashkortistan, Russia, a large city that borders the Ufa River and the Ural Mountains. Having graduated from Ufa State University with a BA degree in State and Municipal Management in 1998, he began working in the corporate sector for Coca Cola and Procter and Gamble after college before starting doctoral studies in the U.S in 2002. His interest in global economies arose in part due to seeing up close and personal the results of the socioeconomic policies that brought chaos in Russia during the nineties. This experience influenced his research and teaching interests on issues of equality, justice, international trade, and globalization. Mikhail teaches a variety of courses, with an emphasis on Quantitative Methods, Research Methods, Statistics, and Globalization.



At the end of July, **Jim Petersen** retired after serving for nine years as Dean of UNCG's Graduate School. He was on leave last fall and began teaching in the Sociology Department during Spring Semester. He recently co-authored an entry on "Patterns of Political Behavior in Organizations" for an *Encyclopedia of Management Theory* to be published by Sage. Jim is currently working with Dan Farrell, a sociologist in the Management Department of Western Michigan University, on several projects related to whistle-blowing. Jim and Dan recently published

"The Growth of Internet Research Methods and the Reluctant Sociologist" in *Sociological Inquiry*.

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## Faculty Briefs

**Ken Allan** has been busy revising his theory textbooks. He's currently working on the classical text and is including new sections on democracy and the sociological imagination of the theorists (the social factors that made them see the world in a certain way). The chapters on race and gender are being expanded as well. Ken is also working with **Steve Kroll-Smith** on a new book that examines American individualism and how it has changed over time. On another note, the song writing team of O'Boyle and Allan have just released their latest CD. Their new band is called "dead belly" and the CD is titled "no down lie."

**Dr. Shelly Brown-Jeffy** has been the Director of Undergraduate studies since Summer 2010. She has developed and taught the new Sociology major requirement course SOC 225: Race, Class and Gender: Social Inequalities. In her free time, Shelly has been busy serving on many college and University committees. She also continues her research on racial and class inequalities in education.

**Dr. Steven Cureton** now serves as the department's graduate director and published his second book *Black Vanguard and Black Gangsters: From Seeds of Discontent to a Declaration of War* (November 1, 2011).

**Sarah Daynes** is the new Honors College Sociology Liaison, succeeding **Bill Markham**. She has been teaching Classical Theory every semester for the past few years -- and still loving it! She recently published two books: *Saints, Heroes, Myths and Rites: Classical Durkheimian Studies of Religion and Society* in collaboration with colleagues Alexander Riley and Cyril Esnart (Paradigm, 2009), and *Time and Memory in Reggae Music* (University of Manchester Press, 2010). She is currently conducting fieldwork for her new research project on winemaking, in which she happily compares her two homes: France and North Carolina; **Brian Malek**, one of our undergraduate students, is her research assistant in this endeavor. Honk if you see them driving on the roads of the Yadkin Valley!

**Gwen Hunnicutt** has spent the past year teaching a variety of classes on topics ranging from Gender, Crime and Deviance to Collective Violence and Nonviolence in Global Perspective. Her research focuses on gender violence and theory development. She is currently preparing a manuscript titled, *Gender Violence and Political Projects: Refocusing scholarship on gender violence*, to present at the 2nd Global Conference Femininities and Masculinities, to be held in Prague, Czech Republic.

In 2010-11 **Bill Markham** was a Chancellor's Resident Fellow in the Honors College and taught five new courses there. He remarked that he had not taught five new courses in one year since 1976! This year is his last full time year and last year as an active member of the Sociology Department. He has just become Director of the interdisciplinary Environmental Studies Program and will continue with that job, half time, for three more years before retiring. He was in Cameroon much of the summer of 2010 collecting data for a study of Cameroonian environmental organizations and is collaborating with a Cameroonian colleague on a book about this topic.

**Sandra Westervelt** has just completed work on *Life after Death Row: Exonerates' Search for Community and Identity* to be published by Rutgers University Press in the summer or early fall of 2012. This book examines the barriers to reintegration faced by eighteen death row exonerees after their release from prison because of their actual innocence. She continues to encourage work in this area by other scholars as well. Some of this research will be included in the upcoming edition of the *Albany Law Review* guest edited by Westervelt and Kim Cook. All of the articles in the journal revolve around the theme of "Revealing the Impact and Aftermath of Miscarriages of Justice."

Coming 2013-14  
UNCG Sociology Department Centennial



David Mitchell, a faculty member in the UNCG Sociology Department for almost 40 years, died March 17, 2010. An invaluable colleague and a devoted teacher and mentor, David was an urban sociologist and demographer. Born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, he completed his Ph.D. at the University of Kansas and arrived at UNCG in 1971. He was co-author of a multi-volume series of *Directories of Unpublished Experimental*

*Mental Measures*, and over the course of his career conducted research on topics as wide ranging as intra-urban migration, family patterns, student academic success, and urban transportation systems. It was his fascination with railroads that initially stimulated his interest in cities. His comprehensive analysis of cities and their growth in cross-cultural and historical perspective was a model of exhaustive and thorough scholarship and has been referenced in several encyclopedias. His love of trains continued throughout his life as both a focus of scholarship and a passionate hobby.

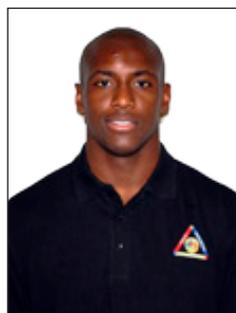
During his many fruitful years at UNCG David chaired two interdisciplinary programs, Population Studies and Urban Studies, and served on numerous University and College of Arts and Sciences committees. He was also a Faculty Associate of the Carolina Population Center at UNC-CH, and he lent his expertise to the local community, working with the NAACP on a school redistricting project and on a history of city government during the 1970s and 1980s.

David's primary focus, however, was the Sociology Department. His contributions over the years are far too numerous to list. Suffice it to say that he held almost every administrative position in the Department, including Director of Undergraduate Studies, Director of Graduate Studies, and Assistant Department Head, played a pivotal role in the recruitment of new faculty, served on innumerable graduate student thesis committees, and provided invaluable advice and counsel to his colleagues. He was always willing to sacrifice his own time to take on the small tasks that needed doing, talking with a graduate candidate or counseling an undergraduate whose instructor was out of the office. David was generous, approachable, and gentle, so colleagues and students flocked to him in search of solutions. He had encyclopedic knowledge on a wide range of subjects, making him the department consultant on everything from computer problems to statistical formulas. David Mitchell was truly the "heart and soul" of the UNCG Sociology Department.

David's most profound legacy is the thousands of students whom he patiently taught to understand the social world and to whom he devoted his professional career. He nurtured several generations of undergraduate and graduate sociology students through some of the most demanding and difficult courses in the curriculum while helping them perfect their methodological skills. Many of his students went on to have impressive careers in the field, so we are confident that his legacy will continue far into the future.

## Student Community Engagement

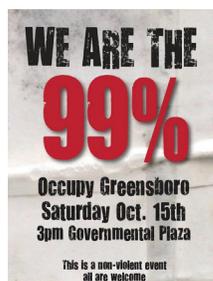
The Sociology Club had an active year. It sponsored the "get engaged" contest in the fall with professors' pictures and facts with donations from merchants on Tate Street as prizes. Regular "meet your professor" lunches were held. A recruiter from the Raleigh police department spoke this year, and **Dr. Arielle Kuperberg** gave a talk on applying to graduate school. A bake sale was held to benefit Clara House. In addition, a get together was held for students graduating in December. Pictures posted from that party may be seen on the club's facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=oa.10150402630461456&type=1>. The club also sponsored a series of films throughout the year.



## Former Wrestling Team Members Take A Different Path To Success

**Caylor Williams** has earned a trip to the Olympic trials. Don't count them out just yet. Just as they rose to the occasion in the Southern Conference Tournament in their

final season, former members of the UNCG wrestling team are back on the mat, this time under a flag. Many are still recovering from what seemed to be a sudden decision to discontinue UNCG's 2010 Conference Champion team last year, but as sure as they were Spartans, they are tough. Former UNCG wrestling coaches Jason Loukides and Daren Burns have picked up and moved on. They are now running a 501(c)3 non-profit after school program and wrestling club under the acronym Y.E.S. (Youth, Education and Sport) with only one goal in mind, to build world champion athletes and develop these young men both on and off of the wrestling mat. So far, the Y.E.S. Wrestling team has competed in two senior division international wrestling tournaments and currently has four wrestlers ranked in the top ten in the United States senior division of Greco-Roman wrestling. The Y.E.S. Wrestling team includes four sociology majors here at UNCG, two of whom are ranked in the top 10 on the Olympic ladder. Y.E.S. Wrestling team competed in The US Open on December 16-17 in Arlington, Texas. The top 7 wrestlers at each weight at the US Open will compete in April to earn their spot on the 2012 US Olympic Team!



## Occupy - Juan Miranda

I have been invested in this movement since the first meeting back in September. I attended most of the General Assemblies that led to the decision to march and begin an occupation downtown on October the 15th. I was initially in the logistic committees that helped plan this march/occupation event. Simultaneously, I was very involved in dispersing information, educating people about the movement and spreading the word about Occupy Greensboro. I personally camped out a couple of days but because of health issues and other responsibilities I

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was limited to visiting the encampment sporadically but I continued to be involved by assisting general assemblies and joining several committees and working groups. I have bottom lined a couple of teach-ins and helped organized several of the events/demonstrations we have carried through, especially the marches in solidarity with Oakland and the demonstration that «welcomed» President Obama on his visit to Greensboro. I continue to be a part of the alliance building committee and also help with Spanish translations of documents and press releases by our media group.

Also, a couple of weeks along, I along with a couple of other students and interested «occupiers» gathered for a discussion in which we decided that it will be productive and beneficial to create a group that works in solidarity with the OccupyGreensboro movement but remains autonomous and focuses primarily on issues specific to UNCG students, such as tuition hikes, the expansion of campus, the increase in the student to teacher ratio and de-funding of certain programs, overpriced books, etc. Anyway, out of this idea came a new group called OccupyUNCG and we are still in talks of the specifics of this group but it's existing and had its first official general assembly on Monday November 7th and we encourage all students to participate.

## Students protest tuition hikes

On February 10, the Board of Governors will be meeting at the UNC General Administration building to vote on tuition and fee increases of up to 10% for UNC system schools. For graduate students and other programs, those increases are even larger in many cases. Tuition increases of any amount will place an undue burden on students who are already struggling to pay tuition, will force us to take out more student loan debt, and will close the doors to higher education for many young people, especially low income students and students of color.

Students have been shut out of the process and will no longer remain silent. Protest massive tuition hikes in UNC System! Education is a right!

**8am:** March from the Pit at UNC Chapel Hills campus

**8:30am:** Rally at the Board of Governors meeting  
910 Raleigh Rd, Chapel Hill, NC

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## Alumni News

**Anderson Bean** (MA, 2008) Entered the PhD program in Sociology at George Mason University in fall 2011.

**Colleen Brady** (BA, 2010) is teaching English conversation at the Instituto Al-Satt, a high school located in Algete just northeast of central Madrid, Spain.

**Hannah Bridges** (BA, 2011) gave birth to a son, Sterling Alexander Bridges, on June 10, 2011.

**Erin Briley** (BA, 2010) entered UNC Law School (fall 2011) and is working on a case with the UNC Innocence Project!

**Natassia Chowthi** (MA, 2009) is currently a Survey Statistician at Census Bureau headquarters and continues to attend Sociological conferences (ASA, SSS for example). She is also keeping an eye on different Sociology PhD programs, to which she plans to apply in the next 2 years or so.

**Becky Conway** (MA, 2008) is in the PhD program at Vanderbilt specializing in Culture, Social Psych, and Mental Health

**Cindy Dollar** (MA, 2001) is working towards her PhD in Sociology with a concentration in Criminology at NC State University and is teaching Criminology for us in the spring of 2012.

**Eva Erbskorn** (BA, 2007) is a student in Marymount College's accelerated nursing program.

**Tionna Haberman** (MA, 2009) is currently a stay-at-home mother to two adorable and healthy little boys with plans to return to the (paid) workforce.

**Kristen Hefner** (MA 2009) was the Immigrants' Rights Fellow for the ACLU of NC from June 2009-July 2010. This was a research fellowship in which various types of law enforcement data was statistically analyzed to see if racial profiling was occurring in various parts of NC as a result of an immigration enforcement program. She is now working on her PhD at the University of Delaware.

**Krycya Flores Rojas** (BA, 2010) is working as a Lay Health Advisor with the Immigrant Health Access Project.

**Sarah Hosman** (MA, 2009 )is a PhD student in Sociology at Boston University.

**Kristy Humble** (MA, 2006) is working in Graham, NC for a non-profit agency, Alamance County Dispute Settlement and Youth Services, as a Program Coordinator for the Child and Family Team Program. She is also facilitating Care Review for the Alamance County System of Care. Care Review is a process where various Community Support Agencies (Mental Health Service Providers, Local Management Entity, DSS, DJJDP, etc) come together to review treatment needs for at-risk-youth. She's also the proud Mom of Grace Makayla.

**Alicia Hurley** (MA, 2007) taught Sociology at a community college (DCCC) for 3 years. She currently teach fitness classes part-time and is a full-time stay at home mom.

**Amanda Ireland** (MA, 2009) is working at UNCG in the Center for Youth, Family and Community Partnerships

**Barbara Anne Johnson** ((MA, 2005) is in a PhD program at the University of Southern Mississippi in the Political Science Department. My doctorate will be in International Political Development and Securities Studies with a minor in International Economic Development. Several of my fellow doctoral students and I will be flying to Peru this summer for a research project. Meanwhile, I am teaching Sociology at Strayer University. I am also producing documentary films. My first one, "Superpower", has won several awards. Please see [www.SuperpowerTheMovie.com](http://www.SuperpowerTheMovie.com).

**Jeff Kidder** (BA, 1998), who is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Northern Illinois University was interviewed by the *New York Post* and the *Chronicle of Higher Education* about his new book, *Urban Flow: Bike Messengers and the City*.

**Chad McClintock** (BA, 2005) is a student in the MSW program at UNC Wilmington.

**Jenifer McCrae** (BA, 2010) is attending Elon Law school.

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**Brandi McCullough** (MA, 2008) entered the Phd program in sociology at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, in January of 2012 after working at UNC's Memory Disorders Program as a Clinical Research Coordinator coordinating clinical drug trials for people with frontotemporal dementia and progressive supranuclear palsy. She ran 2 support groups (one for dementia caregivers and one for individuals with early stage dementia), helped coordinate clinical care, and helped plan the first annual conference for caregivers of frontotemporal dementia patients.

**Jeff Meyers** (MA, 2003) recently finished his MSW at the University of Washington and is an emergency room social worker at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.

**Julie Midkiff** (MA, 2007) is currently teaching fulltime at Sandhills Community College

**Jonathan Neese** (BA, 2011) is a management trainee for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

**Robert Norris** (BA, 2009) is a PhD student in Criminal Justice at SUNY-Albany. His article on compensation for the wrongly convicted has been accepted for publication at *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, and he received the School's 2011 Frank Remington Award, given to the graduate student who is most accomplished in integrating legal and social science studies.

**Dan Sellars** (MA, 2009) is a policeman with the High Point Police Department.

**Michael Sileno** (MA, 2007) is currently giving self-employment a go here in the Greensboro/Triad. After teaching Sociology for four semesters at Alamance Community College, he began working professionally as an IT manager at a local pharmacy After that he worked at the International Civil Rights Center and Museum. He currently does computer and network repair, service, consulting, etc. for himself. Even though he works with technology, he says he still uses his MA daily!

**Robert Solomon** (MA, 2008) is working on a Ph.D in sociology at George Mason University. His area of interest is the networking patterns of minority executives. He co-authored (with a colleague) a book chapter in *Miasma: The Dynamics of Difference* in 2010 by Pfeiffer Publishing Company.

**Gerald Thomas** ( MA, 2008) is working for the State Bureau of Investigation. He has been an adjunct instructor at Greensboro College teaching in the criminal justice / sociology department.

**Nathan Triche** (MA, 2008) is currently working for the Guilford County Sheriff's Office as a patrol deputy.

**Valerie Womack** (BA, 2008) was accepted to the graduate criminology program at The University of Texas at Dallas.

**Frances Yancey** (MA 2003) is currently working with Easter Seals UCP NC & VA, Inc. as a Clinical Supervisor in our Residential Services program for adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness. She is also an Adjunct Instructor at Alamance Community College, teaching Sociology.

**Zarena Sita** (BA, 2011) is a student at the University of Baltimore School of Law.

## UNCGs Eugenia Brown Receives Statewide Community Impact Student Award

ELON, Nov. 9 – **Eugenia Brown** of UNC Greensboro recently received North Carolina Campus Compact's fifth Community Impact Student Award. Brown was one of thirty-four college students across the state who received the award for making significant, innovative contributions to their campus's efforts to address local community needs. Awardees also received a Volunteer Certificate of Appreciation from Gov. Beverly Perdue. Brown is a senior with double majors in African American studies and sociology. She serves as Circle K president, having previously served as vice president and lieutenant governor for the Carolinas district. Through the Office of Leadership and Service-Learning, Brown served as a Peer Council member for two years, working with Black Child Development and Junior Achievement. She currently serves as a Civic Engagement Fellow creating service opportunities for other Spartans.

The awards were presented at two NC Campus Compact Student Conferences that brought together over 300 college students and guests representing 34 North Carolina higher education institutions. On Oct. 30 at NC Wesleyan College, the Compact's Executive Director, Dr. Lisa Keyne, presented the awards with the Reverend James Gailliard, CEO of the Impact Center and Senior Pastor of Word Tabernacle Church. Budd Berro, the Piedmont Regional Director for the Office of the Governor, joined Dr. Keyne in presenting the awards at Johnson C. Smith University on Nov. 6.

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**Dive! Living off America's Waste**  
Wednesday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
Bryan Room 205  
Guest discussant: Sociology Professor Stephen Sills

Digging into the hidden recesses of the American food industry, this eye-opening documentary reveals the appalling amount of edible, nutritious goods that are thrown away -- wasted -- every day in a nation where millions of citizens still go hungry.

**Upcoming Screenings**

*This Boy's Life*: Thurs Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm Bryan Bldg Room 202

*The Accused*: Thurs March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm\*

*The Burning Bed*: Tue March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm\* with guest discussant: Sociology Professor Saundra Westervelt

*Affliction*: Wed March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm\*

*4 Little Girls*: Thurs March 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm\*

*Hot Coffee*: Tue April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm\* with guest discussant Sociology Professor Saundra Westervelt

*Inside Job*: Wed April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm\*

*Crash*: Thurs April 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm\*

*Tying the Knot*: Fri April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm\*

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# Colloquium Highlights

## 2010-2011 Sociology Colloquium



### Dr. Bill Winders

Dr. Bill Winders is an Associate Professor of Sociology at Georgia Tech. His current research examines how political coalitions and the southern political-economy shaped twentieth century U.S. agricultural policy. Yale University Press has just published his book entitled *The Politics of Food Supply*. He has also published in journals such as *Social Forces*, *Politics & Society*, *Social Problems*, and *Rural Sociology* on topics including the politics of national policies, voter turnout, and social movement dynamics.

## Making Food Industrial and the World Hungry: US Agricultural Policy in the World Economy

Monday Feb. 28  
12/noon  
Room 136  
Petty Science Building



### Pamela Stone

Women, careers and motherhood:  
Is there an opt-out revolution?



November 15, 2010  
Bryan Building  
Room 105  
12:00 PM

**Pamela Stone** is Professor of Sociology at Hunter College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. She has contributed articles to numerous books and journals

on such topics as gender inequality in employment, occupational classification and measurement, job segregation, pay equity, and the work-family interface. In her recent book, *Opting Out? Why Women Really Quit Careers and Head Home* (University of California Press, May 2007), she explores not only women's reasons for interrupting (and in some cases terminating) once-flourishing careers, but also their re-invention as at-home mothers and their re-direction away from their former careers, many in favor of historically female professions such as teaching. In research currently underway with various collaborators, she is examining long-term trends in opting out and carrying out a cross-national comparison of the utilization of flexible work options.



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**Dr. Ian Taplin**

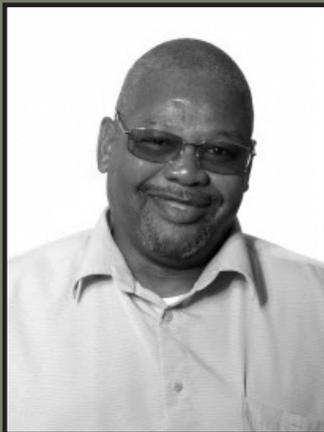
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## *Department Celebrates Top Students 2010 and 2011*

The Department held its annual Honors Luncheon to celebrate new initiates into Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD), the International Sociology Honor Society, and other students receiving top departmental and University awards. This is a highlight of the academic year and a favorite among faculty who look forward to the opportunity to honor our best students. Over 60 students, faculty, staff, and guests attended this year's event. We have some wonderful Sociology students, and we are thrilled to be able to celebrate their accomplishments and successes!

While traditionally a ceremony to honor AKD initiates, the Honors Luncheon was recently expanded to recognize students receiving an array of top awards around the University. 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 overall and in Sociology classes. Other award winners include students recognized by UNCG's oldest on-campus honor society, the Golden Chain Honor Society, and by the nation's oldest and most prestigious honor society, Phi Beta Kappa. We also celebrated students who received the University's top service and leadership award, the Georgia Cooper Moore Service and Leadership Award, as well as those recognized by the top academic award, the Student Excellence Award. This is an award given each year to students chosen by faculty as "the best of the best" at UNCG.

### *Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society*

Adam Amundson	Britney Dent	Nicole M. Latora	Callie Moss	Samantha Smith
Brittany Ausley	Ashley Elmore	Alan Lepore	Jordan Muqtasid	Samantha L. Southall
LaKera Bethea	Shalee Forney	Kennedy Jo Lieberman	Jonathan Neese	Joe Swaringen
Emily Marie Birchett	Tucker Gibbs	Stacey Light	Anastacia Newton	Lalisa Sweat
Jeffrey Dawell Blake	Rebekah Gonzalez	Tenese Lockhart	Jacob A. Nord	Edmund A. Teba
Hannah Bridges	Nicole Griffin	Jason Lodle	Sara O'Brien	Tina Tuttle
Tiffany Nicole Bryant	Lauren Heath	Alexander M. Mabe	Cassandra N. Patterson	Ben Vasquez
Ashley Coleman	Jordan Mae Hines	Brian J. Malek	Christian Phipps	Danika Washington
De'Sharie Covington	Ashleigh Howard	Brittany Marsh	Amy Leigh Price	Porsha Washington
Cessil G. Curry, Jr.	Khristina Nicole Humphrey	Catherine McDuffie	Andria Price	Marisa Weakfall
Aneliese Dar	Margaret Ariel Hurst	Juliana Melton	Sumer S. Roberts	Jennifer Wesoloski
Kiara MaeLonna Davis	John Wesley Johnston, III	Juan Miranda	Zarena Sita	Valerie G. Whitley
Yareni De Anda	Hollie Jones	Erica Morris	Jasmine R. Smith	Alex Wong
Shelia DeGraffenreidt	David Austin Lambert		Jasmin Smith	William L. Wright

#### **Golden Chain Honor Society**

Colleen Brady  
De'Sharie Covington  
Jenifer McCrea  
Jordan Muqtasid  
Danika Washington

#### **Phi Beta Delta**

Colleen Brady  
Kirsten Kinne

#### **University Marshall**

Kelley Fore

#### **Shaw Scholarship**

Amy Ernstes

#### **Georgia Cooper Moore Service & Leadership Award**

Yareni De Anda

#### **Pratto Scholarship**

Elizabeth Bartlett  
Erin Briley  
De'Sharie Covington  
Tucker Gibbs  
Brian Malek  
Erica Morris  
Lalisa Sweat  
Samantha Smith  
Edmund Teba

#### **David F. Mitchell Award**

Sheila DeGraffenreidt  
Joyce Clapp  
Honorary Recipient

#### **Phi Beta Kappa**

Hannah Bridges  
Erin Briley  
Christine Farley  
Kirsten Kinne  
Taylor MacPherson  
Callie Moss  
Agnes Szarka

#### **Student Excellence Award**

Hannah Bridges  
Erin Briley  
Kirsten Kinne  
Danika Washington

#### **Shivers Scholarship**

Hannah Bridges  
Brian Malek  
Jordan Muqtasid  
Anastacia Newton  
Casey Strange

#### **Carolyn & Donald Allen Sociological Theory Prize Undergraduate Student Prize Winner**

Brian Malek & Zarena Sita,

#### **Graduate Student Prize Winners**

Aneliese Dar, Amy Ernstes,  
Nicole Latora, Joseph Padgett,

#### **David and Marlene Pratto Sociological Prize Winners**

#### **Most Outstanding General Sociology Student**

Brian Malek, Danika Washington

#### **Most Outstanding Criminology Student**

Hannah Bridges, Jordan Muqtasid

#### **Most Outstanding Global Social Problems Student**

Eric Olive, Valerie Whitley

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