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From the Chair

Some new faces grace the halls of Lalumiere this year. Dr. Mike McCarthy (see opposite column) was hired following Dr. Gale Miller's retirement. Ms. Wendy Volz Daniels (see p. 2) is now a Social Welfare and Justice faculty member and the Multidisciplinary Internship Coordinator following Ms. Deb Crane's retirement. After 15 years at Marquette, Deb and her husband Steve set sail on various maritime adventures. You can stay in touch with Deb at deborahcrane@earthlink.net.

In the fall we will welcome Dr. Jesse Cheng. Dr. Cheng is stepping into the CRLS position vacated by Dr. Richard Zevitz, who retired after 30 years at Marquette. We have also added several new adjunct faculty in SOWJ—Jocelyn Boor, Blanca de Leon, and Elizabeth DenDekker (see her bio on p. 3).

In other faculty news, Drs. Dawne Moon (SOCl), Angelique Harris (SOCl), and Olga Semukhina (CRLS) were promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor. These promotions award them tenure at Marquette in recognition of their achievements in teaching, research, and service. Congratulations to them.

Several faculty also received prestigious awards. Dr. Jim Holstein won the Lawrence G. Haggerty Award in recognition of his significant research career. Dr. Dawne Moon was awarded the prestigious 2015-16 Way Klingler Sabbatical Fellowship Award. This award provides her a full-year sabbatical to complete her research project: *The End of Culture Wars: Gays,*

Evangelicals, and Reconciliation. Students and faculty colleagues alike look forward to hearing more about this important research.

The expertise of our faculty has also been recognized by several recent appointments. Starting in Fall 2015, Dr. Angie Harris will take over as Director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program. Dr. Louise Cainkar will serve as President of the Arab American Studies Assn.

Finally, let me mention several upcoming SOCS events. On Thursday, April 23rd from 5-7 pm we will hold our Second Annual Research Salon. The event highlights undergraduate accomplishments with research presentations and awards. On Monday, April 27th we will hold our annual McGee Lecture featuring Christina Hanhardt, presenting a talk titled *Safe for Whom? The Fight Against Violence and for Safe Spaces in LGBT Activist History.* I hope to see you at these.

NEW FACULTY In Their Own Words



Mike McCarthy



My path to sociology was circuitous. I grew up in Fresno, California, the urban center of the San Joaquin Valley. The Valley is the state's "bread

basket,” known especially for its table grapes and raisins. In my earliest years, I lived in a rural area in a small rental with my mom, who worked as a school teacher for the farm worker community. We had running water and electricity, but many migrants in the valley didn’t; they lived in some of the worst poverty conditions found in America.

Early in my senior year of high school, I dropped out, left home, took a construction job and completed my diploma through night courses. After laying roads and maintaining equipment for several years, I packed up and moved south, in search of something new.

Once in Southern California, I enrolled in courses part-time at a local community college while I worked in retail and restaurants. Higher education opened up a new exciting world to me, and I was actually pretty good at it. The campus community also provided a way for me to dive into social justice activism. We pressured the campus store to sell fair trade clothing and merchandise. We held awareness events, such as a sweatshop fashion show, to make clear how workers were being exploited to profit the apparel companies. We didn’t win.

After finishing my degree at UCLA, and getting more involved in activism involving labor and work, I went on to get my Ph.D. at New York University. There I began to more seriously study the methods of sociological research and to engage the big theories that lay at the center of social thought. I accumulated a lot of books. Yet, while in graduate school I also kept a foot in the political issues that troubled working New Yorkers. As in our sweatshop campaign, I learned through a number of events--a graduate student strike, participating in Occupy Wall Street, working with a group of striking workers at the Stella D’Oro cookie factory in the Bronx, and marching on city government to protest stop-and-frisk policies--that just because the majority of people want something doesn’t mean that they get it. Collective action is hard to accomplish and rarely just “wins,” but it’s the best way for non-elites to make real change.

My academic research connects to my own life experiences. I explore the relationship between class, work and politics. In this vein, the book I am writing examines why American old-age

security programs, in particular private pensions, have become more risky for retirees since World War II. The story is a contentious one, in which unions, firms, and politicians are each pushing for different goals. But, ultimately, the key driver of privatization of pensions is political interventions by elites motivated not by the need to help retirees, but rather to manage the economy and facilitate economic growth.

I am excited to join the SOCS faculty. Teaching and connecting with students are incredibly important to me. As you can probably tell, I think that the stakes are big. I hope that my courses, both introductory and advanced, will help students not only make better sense of the world, but also change it. Lofty ambitions, I know.

When I am not doing these things, I spend my time with my nose in the news, watching Star Trek, and playing board games with my partner and anyone else willing to roll some dice. With hobbies like these, you can’t take yourself too seriously. I also have a young daughter who is a source of great joy. My little family recently moved to Milwaukee, but we are already getting nicely settled into this arctic city.



Wendy Volz Daniels



I grew up in Campbellsport, Wisconsin, the second of nine children. As a first-generation college student at the UW-LaCrosse, I received my degree in Secondary Education—Broadfield Social Studies, with a minor in Psychology and a concentration in Sociology and a Masters degree in Social Work from Loyola University in Chicago. I initially entered college as a social work major but without much guidance or knowledge about the college experience, I changed my major three times. Eventually, I was mentored by a couple of professors in the

sociology department who connected me with opportunities to explore my interest in working with adolescents with mental health, alcohol or substance abuse issues. A pivotal experience was a summer internship in which I lived on the grounds of a juvenile prison for a summer. I returned to campus to student teach the following year and knew immediately that I needed to pursue an MSW to continue working with adolescents and their families. I am grateful for the opportunities provided through those educational experiences, as they reaffirmed my interests in social justice and equity issues, social welfare policy and political action and opened the doors to future experiences.

Although new to the position of Coordinator of the Multidisciplinary Internship Program in the department, I bring a wide variety of experience to the position. For the previous 16 years, I was Clinical Associate Professor in the Helen Bader School of Social Welfare at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. In that position, I was responsible for the school of social work licensure program, served as the field liaison for graduate and undergraduate student field placements, and taught graduate direct practice and advanced policy courses.

Prior to that, I worked for over a decade with children and families involved in the child welfare, juvenile court and mental health systems in Illinois, Louisiana, and Wisconsin. I've also worked as an adjunct faculty at Marian University, UW-Madison, Loyola University, Louisiana State University Medical Center, School of Allied Health Professionals, and Early Childhood Developmental Clinic at Charity Hospital in New Orleans.

For more than 17 years I have been volunteering as a child advocate and trainer for the Fond du Lac Conflict Resolution Center, serving children and families who are involved in the juvenile court system due to abuse or neglect. I also served as a Red Cross volunteer in 2005, assisting persons evacuated to Wisconsin as a result of hurricane Katrina and the breach of the levees. For the 7 years following Katrina, I co-taught a yearly winter break service learning course through UW-Milwaukee in New Orleans, and I still love to visit New Orleans frequently.

I have done a fair amount of political advocacy as well, and in 2005 I received the National Association of Social Workers-Wisconsin's Distinguished Social Worker Award for my legislative and political advocacy. I served as the chair of the NASW Midwest Coalition of the Delegate Assembly for two terms and represented Wisconsin social workers three times. This work involves the publishing policy statements in *Social Work Speaks* and sets the program priority goals for the national association for the subsequent three years. I am a past chair of the state chapter Political Action Committee, the Southeast Branch, and an active member of the Legislative and Social Policy Committee and the Lobby Day Planning Committee. I currently serve as the legislative chair of WSSWA.

I moved back to Campbellsport from New Orleans when my husband retired from the Navy and my father was ill with cancer. I got involved in local politics, and was the second woman in the history of the Village of Campbellsport to serve as a Trustee on the Village Board; I served for 3 two-year terms. Earlier this year I was appointed to serve on the inaugural Police & Fire Commission in the village.

I have an adult stepdaughter, a daughter who will be graduating from college this year, and a son who is a freshman in college. My husband and I spent many years sitting in bleachers cheering on our children who were involved in many extra-curricular sporting activities. In my spare time I enjoy reading, gardening, spending time with family, and volunteering.



Adjunct Professor Elizabeth DenDekker



I was born and raised in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, where I attended both Catholic and public K-12 schools. I chose University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for my college education, because I

was intrigued by its urban setting. I knew that living and studying in Milwaukee would afford me a wealth of opportunities that I could not pass up. When I began college, I planned to study psychology. However, after completing a couple introductory courses, I perceived the field as too biological and instead wanted to focus my studies on how individuals are impacted by their environments. I sought to understand the world.

I serendipitously came across a brochure for the International Studies major and knew it was right for me. Changing my major allowed me to study Chinese, Spanish, economics, and political science. I learned about social systems, austerity, and globalization and my concern for social welfare and justice skyrocketed, as I progressed through my degree program. I graduated from college with a sense of what it means to be a global citizen and felt the need to channel my knowledge into action.

Becoming involved in Americorps*VISTA allowed me to put into practice the knowledge and understanding I acquired through my undergraduate program. During my time with the Wisconsin Campus Compact program, I worked in service-learning centers at both UW-Milwaukee and Marquette University. I served alongside university faculty and staff to develop community-focused curriculum, create and sustain campus-community partnerships, and develop academic aspirations in youth from underrepresented populations.

With a renewed sense of my interests and career goals, I returned to UW-Milwaukee to complete a Masters of Social Work degree with a concentration in Physical and Behavioral Health. This experience opened up many doors for me. I completed a Teaching Assistantship and multiple practica throughout the Milwaukee metropolitan area. Since earning the MSW, I became certified as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and have been working as a psychotherapist and college instructor in southeastern Wisconsin.

I am an agent of change in my community and seek to better the lives and the systems that impact us all. My professional and personal experiences have readied me to pass my knowledge and expertise on to those seeking to pursue careers in social work and welfare. I am thankful for my adjunct position with the SOCS

Department at MU, a place where I am excited to teach and continue to learn and grow.

I currently live in Sheboygan Falls, literally next to the “falls” in a renovated Woolen Mill, with my husband and our two Burmen cats. We most enjoy, nature, photography, philosophy, comedy, music and adventures.



Faculty Awards

Dr. James Holstein Recognized for his Scholarship



Dr. James Holstein, professor of sociology, won Marquette’s 2014 Lawrence G. Haggerty Award for Research Excellence, which recognizes a faculty member who has demonstrated scholarly distinction and an all-encompassing belief in excellence.

Internationally known, Holstein’s research and writing projects have addressed topics such as social problems, deviance and social control, family and the self, all approached with an “interest in how people construct the meaningful contours of their everyday lives through their routine actions and interactions.”

During his 30 years at Marquette, Holstein has served a 3-year term as Department Chair, a 3-year term as editor of “Social Problems,” a leading journal in his field, and has published nearly 100 journal articles, 12 books and 28 edited volumes. His most recent book, [“Is There Life After Football? Surviving the NFL,”](#) written with colleague Rick Jones and former Green Bay Packer George Koonce, has attracted avid media interest.



Dr. Heather Hlavka Wins 2014 Advising Award



Dr. Heather Hlavka, Assistant Professor in Criminology and Law Studies, was awarded the 2014 Excellence in Faculty Advising Award. This annual award recognizes outstanding academic advising by a faculty member. The award is based on nominations and letters written by students and faculty members.

Hlavka, who advises 25 students each semester and teaches courses on sensitive subjects, such as sexual offenses, is known for her accessibility to students who may have experienced traumatic events.

Dr. Dawne Moon Wins Way-Klingler Scholar Award



Not only was Dr. Dawne Moon promoted to associate professor of sociology, she has also been named the 2015-16 Way Klingler Sabbatical Award winner. The recipient receives his or her full salary, plus two additional months of summer pay and \$10,000 to fund travel and expenses related to research conducted during the year-long sabbatical.

During her sabbatical, Moon will work on her forthcoming book, *"The End of Cultural Wars:*

Gays, Evangelicals, and Reconciliation," including conducting qualitative sociological research. The study examines the national movement among Evangelical Protestants to end the "Christians vs. gays" mentality. She also plans to conduct multiple interviews, and where possible, participant-observation involving extended stays with organizations involved in this movement throughout North America.



More Faculty News

Dr. Louise Cainkar has been elected as President of the Arab American Studies Association, a national scholarly organization.

Dr. Alex Crampton will be presenting at the Department's Faculty Colloquium in March.

Marquette's **Discover Magazine** featured [Dr. Angie Harris's](#) research on African American activists AIDS work and [Drs. Heather Hlavka and Sameena Mulla's](#) study of sexual assault trials.

Sociologist **Dr. Angie Harris** was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure as of August 2015. Harris teaches courses on medical sociology, social movements, and blaxploitation films. Her recent research focuses on health issues, such as AIDS and obesity, in the African American community. In the Fall 2015, she will also become director of the Women and Gender Studies interdisciplinary program.

Dr. Sameena Mulla received the Gender Studies Research Center Fellowship Award for 2014-15. Each semester the GSRC selects a faculty member to work in residence at the GSRC to advance research and scholarship related to gender and sexuality.

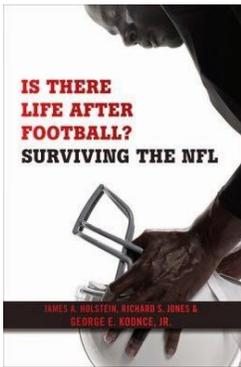
Dr. Olga Semukhina, faculty member in Criminology and Law Studies, was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. Semukhina teaches courses on conflict & terrorism, criminal court processes. Her research has focused on

public attitudes toward law enforcement in Russia.

Dr. Meghan S. Stroshine, Associate Professor in Criminology & Law Studies, and her husband Justin Gruenewald welcomed baby girl Keelen Grey Gruenewald on January 14, 2014. They are expecting their second child at the end of August,



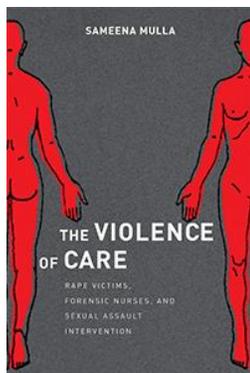
New Books for Your Coffee Table



Drs. Jim Holstein, Rick Jones, and George Koonce answer the question: [Is There Life After the NFL? Surviving the NFL](#). (NYU Press, 2014), this readable book uses hundreds of individual stories of NFL players to illustrate the ways in which the NFL and players themselves

contribute to a difficult transition from the NFL to “real life.” Read the news coverage of the book: <http://nypost.com/2014/12/14/how-the-nfl-leaves-players-broken-and-broke/>

Do the forensic investigation and analyses following a rape help convict rapists? Are rape victims re-victimized in the process? Anthropologist **Dr. Sameena Mulla**’s 4-year ethnographic study in a Baltimore emergency room sheds light on these questions in her book [The Violence of Care](#) (New York University Press, 2014).



SOWJ Senior Brittany White Receives Pedro Arrupe Award



Brittany White, a double major in Social Welfare & Justice and Writing Intensive English, was awarded the college’s [Pedro Arrupe award](#), an award given to one Marquette University student each year in recognition of his or her dedication to service and leadership both in and beyond the Marquette community.

While maintaining a 4.0 GPA Brittany was a Burke Scholar, an honor that requires 300 hours of service over a student’s four-year college experience. Among her multiple service activities during her college career, she created a curriculum for and directed implementation of the teen girls’ support mentoring group at Project Ujima in Children’s Hospital of WI; served as the Youth Advisory Board Supervisor at Broomfield FISH, Inc.; and worked as a client services and marketing intern at A Precious Child, in Broomfield, CO.

You can see her acceptance speech at: <http://bor72.ru/video/3vC4D-ZI1tE/Brittany-White-s-Pedro-Arrupe-Award-Speech.html>



Other Student News

Luis Feliciano, a senior CRLS major, recently won the 141-pound title at the 2015 USA Boxing Elite National Championships in Spokane, Washington. The win is sweetened by the fact that it comes after rotator cuff surgery one year earlier and qualifies him for the U.S. Olympic

Team Trials. This is his 2nd time qualifying for the trials; the first time was in 2012 at a lower weight level. We wish Luis well and hope to see him compete in the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

Ilian Iliev, a senior CRLS major, was chosen as this year's recipient of the Milwaukee Journal Foundation Francis G. and Jane Keogh Kelly Scholarship. Recipients are students who are planning a career in law enforcement and who exhibit personal integrity, character, and academic performance.

Jacob Schnur, a senior CRLS major, was chosen as this year's recipient of the Balchunas Scholarship. Nominees for the award must be a Criminology and Law Studies with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5.



Whatever Happened to...? (Alumni News)

As always, let us know what you are doing by emailing jane.peterson@mu.edu.

2013

Armando Barron (SOCl), recipient of the 2013 Outstanding Senior Award, is now Director of the After School program at Our Lady of Tepeyac in Chicago. He also is the mentor for 17 freshmen and sophomore high school students, and in the summer he was co-Head counselor for the Daniel Murphy Scholarship Caddie Camp Program during the summer of 2014. He has also been accepted into Loyola University's Opportunities in Catholic Education Program for this coming Fall, a master's level program through which he will earn a teaching certificate and teach in a Catholic K-12 school.

Jonathan Neidorf (SOCl) who is a member of the band Bad Bad Fan just released a new album "[Sunday Nights](#)." When he's not rockin' away, he continues to work for the non-profit United Cerebral Palsy Seguin of Greater Chicago as a job developer for people with disabilities.

Chelsea Pierski (CRLS), the 2013 recipient of the Association of Marquette University Women's 2013 Ignation Leadership award, is now employed as Deputy Clerk of the Court at Milwaukee County Courthouse.

2012

Brian Forman (ANTH) is working for a cultural resource management firm in Utah and the Great Basin, the largest area of contiguous endorheic watersheds in North America. In his spare time, he is rock climbing.

Caitlin O'Brien (ANTH) currently serves as the International Visitor Leadership Program Coordinator at the International Institute of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, where she provides helps provide immigration assistance and refugee resettlement. This summer she arranged a tour of Marquette's Haggerty Art Museum for a group of international museum professionals from South Africa, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Russia, Nigeria, Tajikistan, Turkey, and China.

2011

Nick Szczech (SOCl), having won Milwaukee's Lakefront Marathon in 2011, is currently taken a leave from his PhD program to train for two marathons this year with hopes of hitting an Olympic Trials qualifying time. In addition, he is helping coach Shorewood High's girls' cross country and track.

2010

Valencia Lynch (ANTH) completed her Master's in Latin American, Iberian, and Caribbean studies at UW-Madison and is now interning at the Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

2009

Kenisha Hayward (SOWJ) is working as an intake coordinator at Lutheran Child and Family Services and as a personal clinical massage therapist. She and her partner Junious Henderson II welcomed the arrival of their son, Brayden Henderson, born September 1, 2014.

2007

Jamil Lott (SOWJ) was awarded Marquette's Young Alumnus of the Year Award, and is now pursuing an MSW at Augsburg College.

2004

Quinton Cotton (SOCJ/SOWJ) oversees evidence-based public health projects as a program officer with the Wisconsin Partnership Program at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. He has also taught a SOWJ at Marquette and at the graduate-level in the School of Social Work at UW Madison. He co-authored an article published in the *Journal of Maternal and Child Health* that describes efforts to address racial disparities in birth outcomes in Wisconsin.

Phensy (Vongphakdy) Kurtz (SOCJ/SOWJ) has been teaching for 8 years at St. Rafael elementary school in Milwaukee, and in June, 2014, she married Brad Kurtz, a UW-Milwaukee alum.

2000

Nikki Purvis (SOCJ) was promoted to Manager at Milwaukee's Office of Small Business Development.

1994

Will Kalkhoff (SOCJ) is now Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and co-Director of the Kent Electrophysiological Neuroscience Laboratory at Kent State University in Ohio. He conducts research on how the brain supports social processes, the formation of social bonds and identities.

1990

Bill Swart (SOCJ), who received his Master's at MU, is now Professor and Department Chair in the Dept of Sociology at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD. His research has explored the commodification of the Sturgis, S.D., Motorcycle Rally, the role of globalization in Irish national identity, and the influence of the European Union on European food politics.

Obituary

It is with great sorrow that we announce that 2012 alum **Mara Schlieff- Trampush** (SOWJ/SOCI) died in an automobile accident in August 2013. She was 24 years old. A young woman with much passion and promise, Mara had just completed the first year of a full scholarship at UW-Madison's MSW program. We extend our condolences to her family and friends.

Studying the Correction System Abroad

Dr. Rick Jones and Finnish colleague Dr. Ikponwosa Ekunwe will be taking students to Finland and Estonia, for two weeks in May to study Comparative Crime and Punishment. They will visit prisons and talk with prison officials, former prisoners and agencies working with offenders. Cultural and historical site visits are included as well. Students from Tampere University will join the group. Three credits in criminology & law studies, sociology, or social welfare & justice will be earned. This course is offered yearly. For more information about the course contact: richard.jones@marquette.edu.