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A Multidisciplinary Department



## *From the Chair*

This has been a busy year in SOCS. One of our faculty members married, and two had babies (see Milestones on p. 6).

Several faculty members were on sabbatical and

used that time to start some exciting research with international ties (see the Faculty Development section on p. 6). Dr. Louise Cainkar was on leave to conduct research in the Middle East. Dr. Rick Jones travelled to Nigeria to set up a future research project on prisons. Dr. Norm Sullivan (ANTH) conducted research on Native American burial practices at Milwaukee's Public Museum. See the Faculty Development section on p. 6 for more details.

The department concludes the year with more than 350 student majors in our four disciplines. We spotlight one of our current CRLS students, Chris Powell, on p. 3. And each major—Anthropology, Criminology & Law Studies, Social Welfare & Justice, and Sociology—ended the year selecting an Outstanding Senior Student. The award recipients are announced on page 6.

We also hired a new sociology faculty member—Angelique Harris, who will begin in August. We will introduce you to her in the Fall 2011 newsletter. In this issue, we introduce you to Dr. Alexandra Crampton, who joined the faculty in 2009, and Dr. Marcia Williams, who joined the sociology faculty full-time in 2008. Their bios start on this page.

In our previous issue we started highlighting some of our adjunct instructors, and we continue that with biographical pieces of Kate Foley-Winkler (ANTH) and Tom Kukowski (CRLS) on pages 2 and 3, both of whom have been teaching part-time with us for several years.

As always, the faculty, current students, and other alum would love to hear what you are doing. If you have any news you'd like to share with us, let me know, so I can pass it on.

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## New Faculty Focus



**Dr. Alexandra  
Crampton, Assistant  
Professor of Social  
Welfare & Justice**

When I graduated from college, I wanted to spend couple years living in a developing country and doing something useful. Working with a nonprofit, I went to Viet Nam because my uncle had served in the military during what Vietnamese call the American war, and I wanted to be part of reconciliation between the two countries. I taught English language, American

culture, and American literature courses in three universities, and then supervised a group of summer volunteer teachers. Given the high respect for education, I literally taught on a stage and my students had to rise in unison at the start and conclusion of every class.

Although I enjoyed living overseas, I returned to be with family in Oregon and Michigan, where I worked a range of jobs, including a truck stop clerk and a bookstore publicist. Eventually, I integrated my interests in cross cultural learning, helping people, and conflict resolution through a joint graduate program in anthropology and social work at the University of Michigan. I became a licensed social worker and mediation practitioner while also completing my doctorate. My specialization is in gerontology, the study of aging and how to help people as they grow older. For my dissertation, I compared two mediation programs piloted by elder advocacy organizations in Ghana and the United States. Despite great differences between these countries, these programs identified problems of aging similarly. For example, despite cultural values of respect toward older adults in Ghana, modern pressures from globalization have led to marginalization and elder neglect when caregivers are unwilling or unable to provide care. Also, older adults in both countries are often resistant to outsider, professional help. The challenges of helping, then, are not only how to identify best practices but also how to sensitively mediate caregiver stress, family conflict, and help families with what they regard as private matters.

At Marquette, I teach courses on social welfare policy, theories of human behavior, and conflict resolution. One strength of Marquette that I especially appreciate is the service learning program. Students in my human behavior class volunteer in a nursing home or an after school program for at-risk high school students. Nursing home residents challenge students to address their fears of aging and learn how to work with difficult residents with advanced dementia. The high school youth challenge students to learn more about the poverty in Milwaukee that creates obstacles for youth to graduate from high school and join a college community.

The courses I have taught so far are primarily U.S. based. However, I am excited to bring my international experience to a new course on international social welfare and justice practice for next fall. In this course, I will incorporate my experience in a South African social work field placement.

My research interests continue to on both global and local levels. The new Marquette initiative on social entrepreneurship has brought exciting speakers from around the world, and I plan to develop research on social entrepreneurship as part of the study of helping. On the local level, I have served on a mediation committee for the Milwaukee County family court, and will conduct additional research this summer that I hope will not only help improve mediation services here but also contribute to empirical research on this popular conflict resolution method.



**Dr. Marcia Williams,  
Adjunct Assistant  
Professor of Sociology.**

My journey into the world of sociology was long and complex. I actually majored in Philosophy as an undergraduate at Carleton College in Northfield, MN. During my tenure at Carleton, I became involved with a group dedicated to promoting diversity among the faculty and student body and developing a multicultural curriculum. I left Carleton with the intention of becoming an activist or working in a non-profit organization dedicated to eradicating social inequities. I worked for several non-profits in Minneapolis, one of which was the Domestic Abuse Project (DAP), where I facilitated therapy groups for battered women. After working at DAP for several years, I was quite burned out and realized that a career that was as 'hands on' as social work might not be for me. Yet I still knew that I wanted a profession in which I could help bring about social change. I began to think back to my years at college and how eye-opening and empowering that experience was, in large

part due to the professors I encountered. So I decided to be a professor in an area that helped people understand (and hopefully inspired them to challenge) inequality in society. Sociology fit the bill perfectly.

I applied to the University of Minnesota's graduate department of sociology. It was there that I received my degree and met my husband. We moved to Milwaukee to join the Department of Social and Cultural Sciences in 2006 and I have been here ever since. As a sociologist, my areas of specialization include race, education, culture and social theory. My dissertation focused on the ways in which school cultures facilitate or inhibit academic achievement among African American students.

I have very much enjoyed being a part of the Marquette community and encouraging students to question their assumptions about the social world. I believe that social change begins in the mind, and if we can inspire students to challenge--or at least question--the status quo, we have enacted a form of social change. During my time here, I have witnessed many Marquette students undergo the process of discovery about themselves and the world around them. I hope to have many more years of watching inquisitive, enthusiastic freshman develop into mature, challenging and empathetic graduates. What a privilege that would be...!



## ADJUNCT FACULTY BIOS



### **Ms. Kate Foley-Winkler, Instructor in Anthropology**

I am the oldest of six children. My dad was a Marine Corps officer, and so I spent my entire childhood until college living on military bases and moving constantly. I

have lived all over the United States, though mostly on the east coast and southern California. I was born in North Carolina but Milwaukee has been my surrogate hometown since I was a child, as my mother's family is from here.

I became interested in Anthropology as an undergraduate at Marquette University. I then continued on to graduate school at UW-Milwaukee where I received my Master's in anthropology and am currently finishing my Ph.D. My research interests include Great Lakes and Midwestern archaeology, mortuary and skeletal analyses, and late prehistory in the United States. My dissertation research has focused on the Oneota burial programs in eastern Wisconsin and northeastern Illinois during the approximate time period of AD 1200-1400. In my research I have compared the mortuary programs, subsistence and settlement data of the Oneota to the Langford culture and have found them to be quite distinct. The degree and nature of the differences between the two groups has been an ongoing controversy in archaeology. The differences appear to be related to environmental adaptations and resource exploitation as well as contact with outside groups. Lastly, I have found that the two cultures are egalitarian; violence did not appear to be widespread across the region during this time (as many believe it was), and the burial programs of the two groups reflect cultural variations in religious or philosophical belief systems, socio-political organization and economic structures.

In terms of teaching, I not only teach at Marquette, but also at UW-Milwaukee and UW-Oshkosh, where over the years I have taught archaeology, introductory and cultural anthropology, mortuary analyses and physical anthropology courses. My husband Daniel Winkler is also a Great Lakes prehistoric archaeologist finishing his Ph.D. in anthropology at UW-Milwaukee, and together we have working on myriad contract and academic archaeological projects around Wisconsin. In my free time, I'm an avid equestrian and have 3 Arabian horses I enjoy riding.



## Interview with CRLS Student Christopher Powell



Chris Powell, a Marquette senior from Milwaukee, began college as an Honors English major because he liked to write. But once he took the CRLS introductory course, he was hooked. He eventually joined the McNair program and conducted research with faculty member Dr. Richard Zevitz. Chris is particularly interested in issues of recidivism and corrections and hopes to continue on to graduate school after he graduates in December. Roberta Coles talked to him about the research he and Dr. Zevitz did.

*RC: What is the project that you and Dr. Zevitz worked on for a couple years?*

**CP:** We've been looking at inmate deaths in custody in Milwaukee County jails and other inmate facilities from 1980-2009. This was a follow-up study to one that Dr. Zevitz did, which covered the period 1967-1988.

*RC: What were some of your findings?*

**CP:** We found that the number of deaths were higher in the recent period: 80 v. 60 in the earlier period. But this does not necessarily mean that the *rate* of deaths is higher, because these facilities process more people in the last 20 years. We also found that the most common cause of deaths was natural causes, followed by suicide, then accidents and homicide. Despite the higher number, we found that police and correctional staff receive better training in intake procedures, inmate safety and surveillance.

*RC: How did you like **doing** actual research?*

**CP:** It was completely different from anything I had done before. The sheer volume of reading I had to do and then to get out and collect data firsthand. I learned that it's hard to do. It was sensitive data and there was a lot of red tape, but I felt like Sherlock Holmes. It was satisfying to do work relevant to the academic community and also useful to practitioners. This experience actually gave me the final push to go to graduate school.



## Tom Kukowski, Instructor in Criminology & Law Studies

I grew up in the Milwaukee area, moving from Mequon to Milwaukee to West Allis as my father worked as a marketing

research analyst for Miller Brewing Company.

After receiving my undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee, I was hired by the West Allis Police Department, where I am still employed as Captain of the Patrol Division. I have nearly 30 years law enforcement experience, twenty-three of these years as a supervisor. I was also in charge of the Criminal Investigations Bureau, where I was responsible for the Sensitive Crimes Division, the Drug Unit, the Forensic and Technical Services Bureau, and the Gang Unit. I was also a former Police Association president for the labor union and later, president of the Administrative Officers Association. My experiences in labor-related issues, including collective bargaining, the legal issues in the administration of discipline, and being a member of our hiring board as an assessment center representative have been invaluable.

Over the years, I have continued my education in and outside the classroom. I graduated from the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command, which is a 400-hour course for law enforcement executives. I've also received advanced training in Emergency Management, and I am the lead member on our Department's Critical Incident Review Board. I have been fortunate to gain experience and knowledge while investigating critical incidents involving law enforcement. As a result, I instruct seminars on Critical Incident Response for Law Enforcement so that officers and administrators can manage critical incidents in a safer and more organized method. These seminars are given regionally and are sponsored by the College of DuPage, in Illinois. In addition to managing the initial response, the instruction emphasizes the National Incident Command System, Emergency

Operations Centers, and Critical Incident Stress Management.

I obtained my Master's Degree in Public Service from Marquette University. While attending Marquette, I had the privilege to get to know many professors who gave me a greater understanding and broader perspective of public service. Two professors who had a profound and positive influence on me were Drs. Tom Jablonsky (HIST) and Mary Ann Farkas. Dr. Jablonsky's incredible knowledge of urban life and his first-rate instruction were priceless and cannot be measured or adequately praised. Dr. Farkas' superior blend of reason, encouragement, and passion for her profession was inspirational. Dr. Farkas encouraged me to consider teaching at Marquette, and for that I am forever in her debt.

I have noticed that as I progress, my perspectives and rewards have changed. Early on, I idolized and thought that I wanted to be like boxer Muhammad Ali. He was in the spotlight and was the absolute best at what he did. He was the "greatest of all time." Now, I prefer to be more like Angelo Dundee. Angelo Dundee was Muhammad Ali's trainer. He trained, coached, mentored, and encouraged Ali to be the very best. To train, coach, mentor, and encourage students and police officers to be the absolute best that they can be. When successful, for me, there is no greater reward.



## Whatever Happened to...?

(Alumni News)

**2010**

**Elliott Steele** (SOWJ) will be volunteering with the U.S. Peace Corps in Suriname as a business educator/advisor in the community development program (beginning May 5).

**Amanda Wolff** (SOWJ) is working as a Family Services/Anti-Poverty Intake and Referral Specialist at Catholic Charities- El Programa Hispano.

**2009**

**Nkozi Knight** (CRLS/PSYC) works as a Loan Administration Manager at Wells Fargo Bank in Milwaukee and has recently started an Asset Management Firm that helps people find investment products that best fit their long- and short-term financial goals. Nkozi also volunteers at Salem Lutheran School and the Ronald McDonald House of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

**Britney Kummerer** (SOCJ) is working as a Youth Care Worker in Chicago completing an Americorps service year in a program called MercyWorks at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls. Mercy Home is a residential treatment facility for at risk youth. She says her MU coursework prepared her for her work in residential care as well giving her well rounded perspective of the social justice issues she works with daily.

**2006**

**Julie Knorowski** (SOWJ) is currently volunteering with the National Alliance for Mental Illness in Chicago after working as a research specialist at the *University of Illinois-Chicago*, on issues of childhood obesity. She is also pursuing further education in public policy.

**2005**

**Tyanna Clayton** (Interdisciplinary Africana Studies) just completed four years in the Peace Corps. Tyanna was located in the Volta and Ashanti regions of Ghana, Africa, where she managed a youth club, planned a variety of outreach programs including peer education programs and HIV/AIDS testing campaigns, and facilitated over 30 workshops on sexual reproductive health and life skills through a university-student mentoring program, and trained new Corps volunteers.

**2003**

**Justin Jurasz** (CRLS) served 7 years in the U.S. Army, serving in Iraq and Germany. He finished as a Captain. He was the Assistant Professor of Military Science at DePaul University from 2007-2010. He is married to Jessica and has two children: Michael, 11 and Evan, 8 months.

1989

**Keith Barth** (SOCl, Masters) just took an appointment as a Visiting Professor of Social Sciences at DeVry University. Working in their online division he will teach courses in Introductory Sociology and Cultural Anthropology, as well as acting as a mentor to new faculty. He already teaches a course on Critical Thinking and Problem Solving.

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**Jennifer Lewis** (SOCl) is a Certified Culinary Educator (American Culinary Federation) as well as Certified Hospitality Educator (American Hotel and Lodging Association) teaching Culinary and Hospitality Management for the last 8 years at the college level. Her area of expertise is Baking & Pastry, and she has written a book about Midwest baking: *The History of Sweet Baking in the Midwest: Stories, Recipes, and Traditions*, which will be released in Fall 2011 (Historypress.net).

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**Mike Snyder** (SOCl) is a priest with the Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers, the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, the missionary branch of the U.S. Catholic Church. He served for 20 years in Tanzania (East Africa) in various pastoral and leadership positions. In 1996 he was elected to Maryknoll's General Council and returned to the States. He also served as Vocations and Admissions Director for the Society. In 2007, he returned to Tanzania as the Chaplain at the Muhimbili University of Health & Allied Sciences, the national medical university of Tanzania, in Dar es Salaam.



## Faculty Development News

**Dr. Louise Cainkar**, Assistant Professor of Social Welfare & Justice, spent the spring semester in Jordan, the West Bank, and Yemen, interviewing second-generation American Muslim youth, and

observing the rebellions against the current dictatorships occurring in the Middle East.

**Dr. Richard Jones**, Associate Professor of Sociology, travelled to Abuja, Nigeria, to give a talk on human dignity in prison for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual CURE International Conference on prison reform. While there he and colleague Ikponwosa Omogieva Ekunwe of the University of Tampere-Finland, toured prisons, met with prison administrators, and are now starting a nongovernmental organization to work on prison reform in Nigeria. This project is an outgrowth of their former research on prisons in Finland.

**Dr. Meghan Stroshine**, Associate Professor of Criminology & Law Studies, was on sabbatical this past fall semester. She conducted a study on the illegal gun market in Milwaukee, started a project looking at assaults/accidents involving Milwaukee Police Department officers, and wrote a grant for the MPD to address the backlog of sexual assault evidence.

**Dr. Norman Sullivan**, Associate Professor of Anthropology, used his spring sabbatical to gather data on the mortuary practices from the Milwaukee Public Museum. In particular, he was focusing on the practice of post-mortem bone modification of the middle woodland peoples in Wisconsin around 200 A.D. Dr. Sullivan will also travel to Turkey to translate the tombstones of Roman soldiers from the time of the Roman Empire in cities located along the Mediterranean coast.

**Dr. Robert Turner**, 2009-10 Mitchem Fellow at MU, just accepted the position of postdoctoral research associate in the University of North Carolina's Postdoctoral Program for Faculty Diversity. The two-year post-doctoral fellowship begins July 1, 2011, and is a joint appointment with the departments of Exercise & Sports Science and Sociology. In addition to research, Dr. Turner will be editing his dissertation on NFL players into a book for Oxford University Press.

## 2011 Student Awards

Four seniors (one for each major) were awarded the Outstanding Senior award in 2011. They were:

- ✚ Valencia Lynch in ANTH
- ✚ Rachel Bassett in CRLS
- ✚ Jacyln Pryor in SOWJ
- ✚ Nicholas Szczech in SOCI

Each received the award for their high academic performance and demonstrated leadership throughout their years at Marquette. We wish them well in their future endeavors.

## Speakers & Events

This spring SOCS co-sponsored several events. The first was co-sponsored with the Women & Gender Studies. Todd Salzman and Mike Lawler, both of the theology department at Creighton University and authors of the controversial 2008 book *The Sexual Person: Toward a Renewed Catholic Anthropology*, spoke on April 11. The book deals with Catholicism and sexuality.

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Mitchem Fellow Gabriela Spears-Rico, a doctoral candidate at University of California—Berkeley, made a public presentation on her research on the effect of tourism on Native American spiritual celebrations. Her ethnographic research examines how P'urhepecha artists, dancers, and healers perform their identities and negotiate the selling of their culture and spirituality to Mexican tourists.

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SOCS co-sponsored, with the Women's Club Soccer Team and other student groups, the screening of the film *Pelada*  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BfLEcfH8OL4>  
It was followed by a talkback with the director of the film, Rebekah Fergusson.

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SOCS co-sponsored the Vagina Monologues on April 30<sup>th</sup> with the student group Empowerment.

This performance has been an annual venue for raising funds for various social justice organizations. This year the designated recipient organization was the Native Youth Sexual Health Network.

## Milestones

(Otherwise known as gossip)

**Dr. Heather Hlavka**, Assistant Professor in CRLS, gave birth to James Francis McCarthy on January 21, 2011.

**Dr. Sameena Mulla**, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, gave birth to son Ibrahim Leopold Verella on February 28, 2011.

**Dr. Meghan Stroshine**, Associate Professor of Criminology & Law Studies, was married Sept. 5, 2010, to Justin Gruenewald.

*Let's Hear From You*

The Department welcomes news from alumni and friends. Let us know what you have been up to, personally and professionally. Send news or milestones to [roberta.coles@mu.edu](mailto:roberta.coles@mu.edu). You can also contact us on our website: [www.marquette.edu/socs](http://www.marquette.edu/socs)

