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*College of Agricultural and Life Sciences*

*University of Wisconsin - Madison*

## **SPRING 2017 NEWSLETTER**

### **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

The Department of Community and Environmental Sociology (CES) completed a review of its program this year [We are required to do this one every decade by the University]. Some of the highlights of the review are as follows: CES excels in offering our majors high-impact experiences that characterize the Wisconsin Experience, from rich capstone courses to varied internships and study-abroad experiences; many students also earn certificates or double majors. Moreover, we have experienced an impressive growth in the number of undergraduate majors over the past decade. Finally, the Department continues to jointly administer one of the most highly ranked sociology graduate programs in the U.S.

The Department continues to work hard to improve the experience of our undergraduate majors. For the past several years, we have been offering students an option for their capstone class—one that emphasizes a community-based research project and another that emphasizes professional development. We have expanded our course offering at the introductory level to attract more students to our major. At least once a year, we invite alumni back to campus to talk with majors about career options. Recent research suggests that internships are one of the most valuable experiences for undergraduates. We have worked hard the past few years to identify a wide variety of internships and encouraged students to take advantage of these opportunities.

Another source of pride is the excellent training our graduate students receive at UW-Madison. We continue to place students at excellent universities and colleges. There is increased interest in nonacademic positions and we are looking to find ways to better prepare students for these job opportunities as well.

As always, I hope you will stay in touch with the Department and please drop by if you are in Madison.

--Gary Green

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## FACULTY & STAFF NEWS

Several faculty published books this year. **Gary Green** revised his textbook (*Asset Building and Community Development, 4th edition*). **Jane Collins** has a book manuscript, *The Politics of Value*, accepted for publication at the University of Chicago Press. **Mike Bell** published the 5th edition of his textbook on environmental sociology (*An Invitation to Environmental Sociology*) and his most recent book, *An Ancient Triangle: Nature, Faith, and Community*, was accepted for publication at Princeton University Press. **Randy Stoecker** has published two new books. His single-authored book with Temple University Press, *Liberating Service Learning*, is a rethinking of higher education community engagement. His co-edited book with Michigan State University Press, *The Landscape of Rural Service learning*, is the first book to fully explore the range of innovative higher education community engagement practices in rural areas.

In addition to recent books, several faculty received new grants this year. **Samer Alatout** received a major grant to study water rights and sovereignty in the Midwest US and the Middle East. **Noah Feinstein** received a large NSF grant to examine science education. **Mike Bell** is playing a leadership role in a large USDA grant on fair trade. **Monica White** continues her work on a large USDA grant to examine urban agriculture.

**Jane Collins** was awarded with a Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF) Named Professorship this year. A WARF-named Professorship is one of the very highest honors the University of Wisconsin-Madison bestows. Jane also received the 2016 Slesinger Award for Excellence in Mentoring. This university-wide award was named after a long-time faculty member in the Department--Doris Slesinger.

## ALUMNI NEWS

**Rob Stupar** recently started working for Enel Green Power North America in Washington DC as a policy associate on their regulatory affairs team. He will be working with Governors, Legislatures, stakeholders, and industry groups to develop and promote policies that offer a stable environment for renewable energy development.

**Bart Chapek** is the owner of JLH Enterprises Adult Family Homes and Assisted Living in Cadott, Wisconsin. For 15 years, Bart was a Special Agent, U.S. Department of Justice in the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

**Jill Lucht** (BS'00) works at the University of Missouri's Center for Health Policy. She directs a project that utilizes Missouri's Medicaid claims data to evaluate health care innovations and population health for the state and the academic research community.

**Lisa Wilson** (PhD'01) is the director at the Massachusetts-based NMR Group that leads studies that evaluate energy efficiency and renewable energy programs.

**Kimberlee Wright** (BS'85) serves as executive director of Midwest Environmental Advocates, a nonprofit environmental law center that strives to protect and improve the health of water, land and air throughout Wisconsin.

**Erica Anderson** (BS'16) is now working at Public Health Madison & Dane County as an evaluation specialist for the USDA FINI grant that funds the Double Dollars program.

**Lucas Rapisarda** (BS'15) is teaching science in West Bolivar County Consolidated High School in Rosedale, Mississippi as part of Teach for America.

**Lauren Rudersorf** (BS'12) and her husband Kyle began Raleigh's Hillside Farm: a small CSA and market vegetable farm. Lauren also is the Administrative & Financial Coordinator of Midwest Environmental Advocates and writes a food & farming blog *The Leek & The Carrot*.

Two graduate students completed their Ph.D. this year. **Annabel Ipsen** is a post-doctoral fellow at the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development. **Yifei Li** is currently an assistant professor of Environmental Studies at New York University, Shanghai.

## STUDENT NEWS

**Laura Hanson Schlachter** published an article, "Stronger Together: The USW-Mondragon Union Co-op Model," in *Labor Studies Journal*.

**Ian Carrillo** published an article, "When Farm Work Disappears: Labor and Environmental Change in the Brazilian Sugar-Energy Industry," *Environmental Sociology* 2(3): 1-12.

**Lee Scrivener** presented a paper, "Lead Paint and the Production of Poisonous Space in Baltimore City, 1995-2015," at Brown University's Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences GIS Institute.

**Isaac (Ike) Leslie** has recently published two papers—"Queer Farmers: Sexuality and the Transition to Sustainable Agriculture" in *Rural Sociology* (2017) and "Improving Farmers Markets and Challenging Neoliberalism in Argentina" in *Agriculture and Human Values* (2017). Ike also received a Fullbright Award for his research in Argentina.

**Katie Fallon** (with Casey Stockstill) received the Graduate Student Paper Award at the American Sociological Association Section on Aging and Life Course. The paper was titled "The Condensed Courtship Clock: How Elite Women Manage Self-Development and Marriage Ideal."

**Walker Kahn** (with Jane Collins) published a paper, "The Hijacking of a New Corporate Form? Benefit Corporations and Corporate Personhood," in *Economy & Society*.

## APPLIED POPULATION LABORATORY

The APL continues to maintain an active, diverse, and growing portfolio of research activities. With the support of Roz Klaas, Sarah Kemp and David Egan-Robertson, the APL's school enrollment projections program continued to grow and reached a record high in the last fiscal year. Contributing to the program's high esteem was Sarah Kemp's research on the multiple pressures facing rural schools, the highlights of which were published in Wisconsin School News

([http://www.wasb.org/websites/wisconsin\\_school\\_news/File/2016\\_JanFeb/perfect\\_storm\\_JanFeb\\_2016.pdf](http://www.wasb.org/websites/wisconsin_school_news/File/2016_JanFeb/perfect_storm_JanFeb_2016.pdf)). APL has forged a collaboration with WisCONTEXT, an

exciting new online news and information project aimed at reaching a broad audience. Malia Jones and Caitlin McKown published articles focusing on the population dimensions of current issues facing Wisconsinites, including *Health Insurance Coverage for Wisconsinites* (<http://www.wiscontext.org/health-insurance-coverage-wisconsinites-hits-new-high>), *How and Where Trump Won Wisconsin* (<http://www.wiscontext.org/how-and-where-trump-won-wisconsin-2016>), and *The Political Geography Of Wisconsin: Partisanship And Population Density*, (<http://www.wiscontext.org/political-geography-wisconsin-partisanship-and-population-density>).

David Egan-Robertson also collaborated with WisCONTEXT writer Karen Faster to outline on-going population losses among rural Wisconsin counties (<http://www.wiscontext.org/rural-wisconsin-counties-continue-lose-population>).

Egan-Robertson also continued to head up the APL's reporting on statewide population trends narrowing in on the important role of migration (*Wisconsin's Interstate Migration Continues to Decline*, [http://www.apl.wisc.edu/publications/WIMigration15/statemigration\\_2015.html](http://www.apl.wisc.edu/publications/WIMigration15/statemigration_2015.html)) and *Wisconsin's Population at Mid-Decade*, [http://apl.wisc.edu/publications/APL\\_CBCountyEsts\\_v2015\\_summ.pdf](http://apl.wisc.edu/publications/APL_CBCountyEsts_v2015_summ.pdf)).

Additionally, Jones and McKown helped to shed light on the significant changes in Wisconsin poverty in their widely cited 2016 data brief using recent census data ([http://www.apl.wisc.edu/publications/acs\\_5years\\_dec15/acs\\_poverty\\_brief.html](http://www.apl.wisc.edu/publications/acs_5years_dec15/acs_poverty_brief.html)).

Over the past year Bill Buckingham has been working closely with Dr. Amy Kind, a geriatric specialist with the UW and VA Hospital. Through this collaboration, Buckingham has produced a new area-based deprivation index to characterize disadvantage as it relates to both service quality/delivery and to disease prevalence. His work offers strong prospects for sustaining a long-term research agenda and ultimately yielding a better understanding the Wisconsin's health landscape.

Dan Veroff and Katherine Curtis are collaborating with U.S.-based rural population scientists and the USDA to deliver relevant, cutting-edge research to Extension colleagues and other local decision and policy makers about issues facing rural America (<http://w3001.apl.wisc.edu>). David Long continues to work with the City of Madison and various local and state government offices to compile and disseminate local data through the Madison Neighborhood Indicators Project (<http://madison.apl.wisc.edu>).

## **DEPARTURES**

We are very sad to report that **Daniel Kleinman** resigned in December 2016 to become Associate Provost in the Graduate School at Boston University. Daniel had been a faculty member in the Department since 2000. He served as Chair from 2008 to 2012 and was Director of the Holtz Center from 2007 to 2012. Since 2012, Daniel was an Associate Dean in the Graduate School. We wish Daniel well in his new position at Boston University.

## **SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT**

The Department sincerely appreciates your interest in contributing to its future. We invite you to help us achieve our goals and share in our continued successes by making a specific financial contribution to any of the following department funds through the University of Wisconsin – Foundation. Contributions may be made online or by printing, filling out and mailing a pdf form:  
[http://www.supportuw.org/wp-content/uploads/uwf\\_printable\\_form.pdf](http://www.supportuw.org/wp-content/uploads/uwf_printable_form.pdf).

### **Community and Environmental Sociology Department Fund**

**Purpose:** Unrestricted support for the Department of Community and Environmental Sociology. Gifts to this fund are used at the discretion of the Chair and are directed to where the need is greatest.

### **Frederick H. Buttel Fund**

**Purpose:** Fund supports the recruitment and retention of outstanding scholars through a named Professorship, to be known as the Buttel-Sewell Professorship.

### **Evelyn T. Crowe Scholarship Fund**

**Purpose:** Fund provides financial awards to Community and Environmental Sociology students in the areas of: Participation in professional meetings; Pre-dissertation research; Undergraduate research; Outstanding academic achievement by a senior.

### **Archibald O. Haller Lecture Fund**

**Purpose:** Fund supports the Haller Distinguished Lectureship Series.

### **A. Eugene Havens Memorial Fund**

**Purpose:** Fund provides scholarship awards to Community and Environmental Sociology, Sociology, and Development Studies graduate students from developing countries.

### **Doris P. Slesinger Lecture Fund**

**Purpose:** Fund supports Slesinger Distinguished Lectureship Series.

## **ALUMNI UPDATE**

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