



SOCIOLOGY

Newsletter



LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings from the third floor of O'Connor Hall where we have just concluded another exciting year. At the June 2005 commencement ceremony, we said a fond goodbye to a record number of 39 Sociology graduates (highest since 1968, 1972, 1973 and 1975) who seemed excited (well, at least the faculty thought so!!) about using their sociological skills in the world that awaits them. Twenty of these graduates won academic awards or had other significant accomplishments. They graduated Magna Cum Laude (1), Cum Laude (5), as members of the University Honors Program (4), with a second major (9), and even a Second Bachelor's degree (5). Among the graduates were also winners of the Krassowski Award (2), inductees into Alpha MU/ Sociology Honor Society (12) and other Honor Societies (8). Congratulations to our award winners and to all our graduates. You made us proud!!

We miss Dr. Krassowski's stern, yet affectionate, admonitions to preserve the "scientific rigor" of the Sociology major. That we are quite successful in preserving the integrity of the Sociology major was attested to by the two external reviewers, Drs. Diane Pike (Professor of Sociology, Augsburg College in Minneapolis and Director of Augsburg's Center for Teaching and Learning) and Jeffrey Chin (Carnegie National Scholar and Professor of Sociology at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, New York) who visited us in the Spring quarter as part of our Program Review process. They found our research inquiry sequence (the linked theory, qualitative and quantitative methods, and research practicum courses) to be impressive. They also had a number of recommendations that will assist our efforts in delivering the best possible Sociology curriculum to our students.

In addition to their teaching responsibilities, the

Sociology faculty has been busy with their scholarly endeavors (see Faculty and Staff Notes on pages 7-8). We said good bye (again) to Dr. Iwamoto as he gently stepped into retirement. Sandee Chiaramonte, our senior administrative assistant/ Office Manager, continues to assist in keeping the spirit of the Sociology Program alive and well.

Please peruse the entire newsletter at your leisure and do share your thoughts with us. In the meantime, here's wishing you and your own the very best of the New Year. We do enjoy hearing from you by any mode of communication (via email, phone calls, or visits). Until the next newsletter, please take care and continue putting that "sociological imagination" to work.

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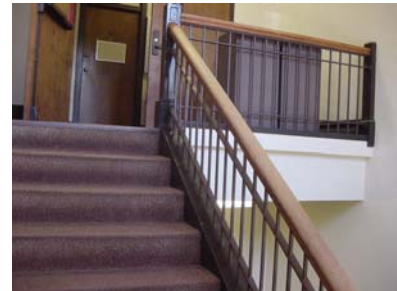
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“Tempus Fugit” - In Retrospect

A sincere “thank you” to our colleagues who helped us as lecturers during the 2004/2005 school year!! In the Fall of 2004: Professors James Linehan (Computers, Internet & Society), Ranu Sinha (Deviant Behavior), Gilbert Villagran (Human Services). In Winter 2005: Professor Mathew Reed (Principles of Sociology). In Spring 2005: Professors Mathew Reed (Principles of Sociology), Kysa Nygreen (Social Problems in the U.S.), Sheila Yuter (Management of Health Care Organizations). In Summer 2005: Professors David Armstrong (Business, Technology, & Society), Patricia Lange (Social Problems in the U.S.) And to Kichiro Iwamoto who taught as a Academic Year Lecturer for the 2004/2005 year, we thank you and wish you the greatest adventures, fun and good health in retirement.....We can't wait to hear all the fishing stories!!!!

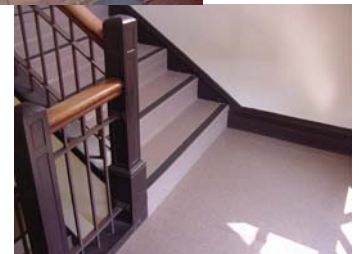
O'Connor Receives A Face Lift



and CD players with the ability to connect laptop computers.... There is new paint, blinds and carpet through out the 2nd floor of O'Connor, we even received two rather large light fixtures in the 2nd floor hallway. Everything looks great!!!

During the summer of 2005 O'Connor under went some changes. In preparation for an elevator, several offices have been removed. O'Connor 317 (Father Luis Calero's office was removed and cleared for the installation of the elevator (see above a few snap shots). Plans for completion of the elevator is scheduled for this winter 2006. What joy it will be to have the choice of either walking up three flights of stairs or taking an elevator ride!!! The classrooms in O'Connor also received a face lift, by receiving fixed data projectors in the ceiling and in wall video

As you can see the stairwells also received a new look. Where we once had carpet we now have linoleum. What a change!!! Oops we have a problem, the linoleum doesn't want to stay down..... but don't worry repairs were made and all is well.



We hear that the 3rd floor restroom will be up-dated and moved....so look for more up-dates to come in the future.



Professional Engagement at the California Sociological Association Meetings (October 2004) and the Pacific Sociological Association Meetings (April 2005)

In October of 2004, four Santa Clarans accompanied Dr. Powers to the California Sociological Association meetings, held this year at the historic Mission Inn in Riverside, California. Sabrina Sanchez ('05) presided over a session on "Organizational Culture." Three of those presenting papers at the October meetings were Elizabeth Budd ('05), Jessica Crewse ('04), and Nicole Kemper ('05). Each of their papers was theoretically grounded, well researched, and very engaging. People in the audience (including Earl Babbie who is author of the best selling research textbook in the United States) applauded presenters for contributing to our understanding of organizations that use volunteers. At the meetings, Nicole Kemper was designated the winner of CSA's Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award for her combination of academic work and community engagement. These are all big honors, but a few months later even bigger honors were to follow. In April of 2005 Drs. Fernandez and Nichols were accompanied by three Santa Clarans to the Pacific Sociological Association meetings, held this year in Portland. The

three were Elizabeth Budd, Jessica Crewse, and Nicole Kemper who were named co-recipients of the Pacific Sociological Association's 2005 Distinguished Undergraduate Paper Award for their three papers on volunteers in service organizations!



From left to right: Nicole Kemper, Elizabeth Budd and Sabrina Sanchez.

Sabrina Sanchez, Dr. Powers, Nicole Kemper and Elizabeth Budd.



Nicole Kemper displaying the "2005 CSA's Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award"

Co-Recipients of the Pacific Sociological Association's 2005 Distinguished Undergraduate Paper Award

"Identifying the Key to Increasing Volunteer Commitment to Non-Profit Organizations"

by **Elizabeth Budd**, Santa Clara University

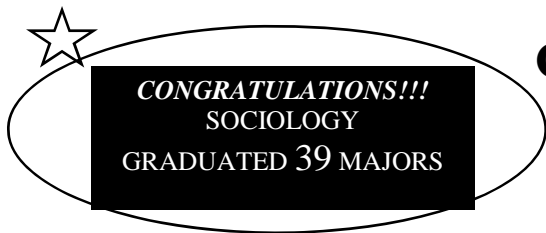
"Empowering Volunteers: Organizational Training and Feedback and Interaction with Clients as Factors Affecting Volunteers' Sense of Agency"

by **Jessica Crewse**, Santa Clara University

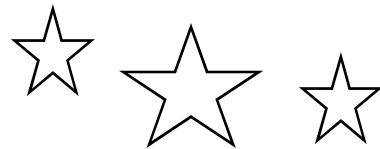
"Labeling of Volunteers versus Role Strain on Supervisors: What Influences the Nature of Feedback in Organizations?"

by **Nicole Kemper**, Santa Clara University





CLASS OF 2005



They have helped me learn and apply my sociological concepts to real life. What has been helpful and the most beneficial is all the professors. Thanks for your teachings, help, and advice. After the sequence you really learn to appreciate research. It's great and very rewarding to be able to apply the research process to find out real situations and phenomena. Deepest thanks to all. **Ivette Rodriguez**

Award and other special accomplishments:

- *Laura Elena Alvarado (second major in Spanish)
- *Kathleen A. Amormino (Phi Sigma Iota; Cum Laude; second major in Italian Studies)
- *Kristen A. Bressette (AKD)
- *Jennifer S. Buckowski (AKD; Cum Laude)
- *Elizabeth L. Budd (AKD; Sigma XI; Krassowski Award; Cum Laude; second major in Spanish Studies)
- *Erin B. Gisler (AKD; Cum Laude)
- *Cristelda Gutierrez (second bachelor's degree in Spanish Studies)
- *Nicole M. Kemper (AKD; Sigma Xi)
- *Erica M. Kendrick (second bachelor's degree in Spanish Studies)
- *Bianca Napoleon-Ally (second major in Political Science)
- *Maureen N. Offer (second major in Economics)
- *Joy M. Ostensen (AKD; University Honors Program; Cum Laude; second bachelor's degree in Spanish Studies)
- *Melissa J. Paz (AKD; Phi Sigma Iota; University Honors Program; second bachelor's degree in Spanish Studies)
- *Lauren E. Quilici (AKD; Pi Mu Epsilon; Upsilon Pi Epsilon; University Honors Program; Magna Cum laude; second major in Computer Science)
- *Evelyn Sanchez (second bachelor's degree in Spanish Studies)
- *Sabrina I. Sanchez (AKD; Phi Sigma Iota; second major in Spanish Studies)
- *Joshua A. Sbicca (AKD; second major in Political Science)
- *Michael J. Weisner (AKD; Alpha Sigma Nu; Lambda Alpha; University Honors Program; Cum Laude; second major in Anthro.)
- *Martha Zambrano (Phi Sigma Iota)

The Santa Clara University Sociology Program has helped me so much. I not only understand more about myself as an individual but society as a whole. It has helped me grow and look at life and the world with new eyes. All the professors are great resources and very helpful. The internship was a great course to take my senior year; it helped me apply what I learned in the diverse sociology classes I took. I will take so much knowledge with me that I plan to apply in my job. Thank you all for your help and support. **Cristelda Gutierrez**

Sociology has given and taught me many valuable skills to help me in the future. The research practicum is very unique and I have learned how to conduct research on my own. There are many directions I could go with my background in sociology. I will be working with the Latino Issues Forum, an advocacy organization for Latinos/as in California. I feel prepared and ready to move on and am very excited to enter new chapters in my life and am very grateful for the relationships and guidance of the past few years. **Stephanie Camaroda**

I have loved being a Sociology Major. I have had so much fun and learned a great amount over the years! I am excited to apply all that I have learned throughout my life. I am pursuing an MSW and an MA in Pastoral Ministry, and I know that what I have learned in my Sociology classes has prepared me well. I am so thankful for all my experiences. **Melissa Paz**

I'm not exactly sure what my plans are for the future, but I know that the Sociology Program has prepared me for my life. All the classes I have taken have really opened my eyes and my heart and I think have helped make me a better person. I have absolutely loved this major and all my professors. Thank you! **Lauren Quilici**

The family atmosphere of the faculty and sociology student body was so easy to fall in love with. My passions, which I often struggle with, were always reinforced and supported. I was always able to remain confident and ambitious with my direction. **Erin Gisler**

Becoming a Sociology Major was one of the best decisions I made during my time at SCU. The thing I will remember the most is the professors that were always willing to make time for their students. I appreciated it more than you know! Thank you for everything. **Kristen Bressette**

By becoming a Sociology Major I became much happier at SCU. Before being a Sociology Major, I was an Engineering major and not very happy. I was able to meet a lot of my friends through sociology, even though in most classes I was the only boy. That was an interesting experience that I enjoyed a lot! I look forward to keeping in touch with all of you, and thank you for shaping me into who I am today. **Benjamin Taft**

Being part of the Sociology Program has been one of the most important and meaningful aspects of my experience at SCU. I'll always appreciate how welcoming the community of faculty and classmates has been over these four years. Thanks to everyone for enhancing my academic and social life. **Shannon Romano**

REFLECTIONS FROM THE SENIOR DINNER

In response to the question, "Would you share with us your thoughts on how the Sociology Program has helped you prepare (good or bad) for the next stage of your life?" they said:

The Sociology Program has allowed me to appreciate the research process. I learned many valuable skills that I can now apply to real world situations. Thanks to all the professors for sharing their knowledge and expertise. **Evelyn Sanchez**

I think that the most useful and influential aspect in my career at Santa Clara has been the sequence course and the Applied class.

continued: **Senior Reflections, Class 2005**

Before I sat in my first sociology class I often felt distant from my peers in other classes, and it wasn't until I stepped into Sociology 33 in O'Connor when I realized I belonged. Sociology has provided me guidance and support to utilize my talent and deliver my place in the world. Although, I'm not exactly sure where I'm headed, I know that there are a group of us that are trying to change the world. Thank you to all the professors who have provided such a caring and familial atmosphere. **Erica Hernandez**

Once I discovered Sociology, I was found. It changed and completed my entire SCU experience. For three years now, I have loved each class, each professor, and each lesson in the discipline. I have loved how widely applicable sociology is and being able to relate my education to so many experiences and situations outside of school. I have also enjoyed growing and sharing in relationships with fellow sociology students and professors. I appreciate the unity we now have as seniors and the motivation to work together to make a difference in our world. Our experiences with sociology have armed me with an understanding of social problems and now it is time to go out and implement change. Thank you for shaping my college years and life. **Joy Ostensen**

It is commonly believed that students with some hard work and a little soul searching – discover their major. However, in my case, I like to believe the opposite – sociology found me. My first sociology class was Sociology I, and it was after this class I was hooked! Sociology was the only subject to engage my senses, the only subject to answer my questions. Now as a graduating senior, Sociology and all the wonderful faculty and staff continue to support me as I discover my path in life. I have learned first and foremost that relationships are essential in life. Sociology has prepared me to be accepting of differences, as well as to question the status quo. From Sociology I have learned to not be complacent, but to be an active participant in the community. Most importantly, I feel sociology has helped me appreciate my passions, to be an active pursuer in my goals. Thank you to everyone in the Sociology Department and students – you are definitely my favorite people on the Santa Clara campus. You will never be forgotten! **Not signed...**

As the year closes I can truly say that Sociology has influenced me extremely in my life and its decisions. Sociology helped me feel at home in a campus that in my eyes isn't too diverse. It was in fact through Sociology that I decided to get involved with Ethnic Studies and working at the Multicultural Center as the Social/Cultural Program coordinator. It is because of Sociology that I have chosen education as my career for life. Most of all it is due to the classes, faculty, and professors in Sociology which helped me remain the passionate, open-minded, and *happy* person I am. Thanks for the amazing past four years; I look forward to keeping in touch with you, and thinking back to the wonderful series, club, and classes. **Erin Ashford**

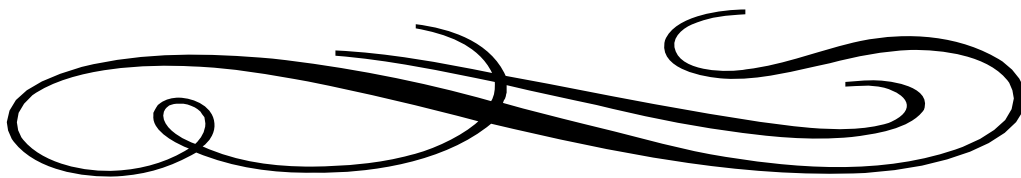
Finally deciding on becoming a Sociology Major was one of the most important choices I have ever made. Once I realized that I wanted to make a difference and that Sociology was the way that I could do it, I had the best experience of my life. Santa Clara really changed me and made me look differently at the world and community around me. I will forever be thankful to this program; and most notably Dr. Nichols. **Kelley Lund**

The Sociology Program at Santa Clara University has become such an important part of my life. After taking the sequence, we have all spent so much time together, teachers and students included, that this feels more like a second family. Everyone worked so hard together and the support from our professors has reassured me that, despite what other people may say, Sociology has prepared me well to go out in the world. **Kathleen Amormino**

My most prominent memory as a sophomore, amidst all the confusion of what major would best prepare me for life, is of Sociology I with Dr. Nichols when I was first introduced to the sociological imagination. Sociology has given me the practical skills, as well as the idealism I was searching for that lets me know that it is possible to change the world. **Ali Campot**

My journey as a Sociology Major was short and quick, unlike most of my fellow sociology classmates, since I only had two years to experience what most had four years due to my transfer student status. Although at times I felt as though I missed out on some things, declaring sociology as a major was the best decision I ever made. The one thing I will never forget is our sequence. At times I struggled, but in the end, succeeded. I met many great, intelligent people and I won't forget them. I'd like to thank Professors Nichols, Iwamoto, Fernandez, Powers, and Garcia for being wonderful educators; you have all played a crucial role in my education, success, and in making one more sociologist to send out into the world. Thank you! **Alejandra Hermosillo**

Looking back, this entire experience began with a smile. I remember wandering around the Major/Minor Fair, totally overwhelmed by my choices, when I was welcomed to the Sociology table by a grinning and enthusiastic Dr. Fernandez. Sociology felt right from the start and I have only gained an appreciation and love for it over my time at SCU. I whole heartedly am convinced that the Sociology Program and faculty at SCU are among the very best in the country. Not a moment went by that I didn't feel completely supported by the professors and all of my fellow Sociology Majors. For this, I thank you so, so much! I feel prepared and proud leaving this program. **Elizabeth Budd**



FACULTY AND STAFF NOTES

Sandee Chiamonte had a great year full of joy and sadness. In June, Sandee took a fun filled 13 day cruise/land trip to Alaska. Alaska our 49th state is truly a wonder, its beautiful and breath taking landscapes, its wildflowers, the animals are totally amazing. To see a Moose and her calf walk down the street as if they were the only creatures in the world, was awesome!!!



She saw eagles flying, elk, doll dolphin, otters, seals and so much more....Alaska is fascinating and truly the last frontier. What a trip!!!

On a sad note, Sandee had to say good-bye to her good friend and colleague Dr. Margaret Graham. She has accepted a position with the University of Texas-Pan American....hurray for her!!! Kichi Iwamoto has retired by the sea....don't feel sorry for him as he's enjoying every minute....so long for now dear colleagues!!!

Dr. Fernandez completed her 13th year at Santa Clara University and is happy to report she continues to enjoy her stay at Santa Clara. Beginning in September 2005, she made a major change in the multiple roles she assumed in the last few years. She decided to step down as Director of the Center for Multicultural Learning effective June 30, 2005; the role strain was too tasking. With one less administrative role to play, she will teach more classes. She looks forward to getting back to teaching Human Services (an all time favorite), Demography, and Principles of Sociology. And of course, Quantitative Methods/Applied Statistics will continue to be part of her teaching portfolio. She will serve as the Co-Chair for the Sociology Program for at least another two years. Serving as a Board Member of San Jose's Grail Family Services has also helped her connect students to the local social service community.

In the summer of 2005, Dr. Fernandez, spent a month in India. While there, she began a research project with two Indian Sociologists. The project will focus on the Dalits (disadvantaged caste groups) in India's high-tech sector. She is also working on a research monograph that will explore the feasibility of the restorative justice models in domestic violence services in the US. Stay tuned for more up-dates in the next newsletter.

Dr. Garcia spent most of her Spring Quarter sabbatical working on various research projects. She continues to work on her oral history project that involves interviewing Mexican American community activists in San Jose, California during 1960-1990. After the interviews are completed and edited, they will be published in an anthology. She is collaborating on this work with Professor Francisco Jimenez, Modern Languages, SCU. Dr. Garcia has completed her book "Handbook of Hispanic Business" that will be published by Greenwood Press. Her article on "Latina Entrepreneurs" will appear in the forthcoming reference volume "Encyclopedia of Latinas."

She is undertaking two new projects. She is preparing a journal article that examines the development of women's mobilization during agrarian workers' protest activities in a region of Mexico known as La Laguna. During the mid-1930s, agrarian workers engaged in collective protests that coincided with the formation of women's associations. She is also working on editing an anthology that will include scholarly articles that address the issue of popular culture and race, class and gender identities of women particularly Latinas, African American, Asian American and Native American women.

Professor Garcia continues to serve on the editorial board of the academic journal, Gender & Society. She continues to work on the Adult Education Committee at her synagogue Congregation Beth David. On a personal note, she is proud to announce that her youngest nephew will be attending Harvard University in the Fall and another nephew graduated with honors from the University of California at Berkeley.

Dr. Iwamoto has finally retired after teaching for the 2004-2005 year as a lecturer. Caryn and he will retire to Port Hueneme, just south of Santa Barbara, to be near their daughter, Michelle, her husband Tony, and their two grandsons, Shaine, 20 months, and Luke, 2 months.

Dr. Iwamoto first came to Santa Clara University in the Fall of 1965 teaching with Dr. Kassowski and Dr. John McNamara. Dr. K. hired him after only a two hour telephone conversation and the standard written communications. He met Caryn at SCU in the Spring of 1966 (she was the department secretary).

It has been a wonderful forty years and he has met so many very special people, had some great experiences and created lasting memories during this time. Do drop him a line at kiwamoto@scu.edu.



continued: Faculty and Staff Notes

Dr. Nichols had a fun year working with a very active Sociology Student Association and teaching the research sequence students both in the Fall for Qualitative Sociology and again in the spring for the Research Practicum class. She was very impressed with the amount of work that students completed (and the enthusiasm with which students approached the work). In the fall students interviewed, transcribed, and coded a total of 68 interviews. In the spring students surveyed over 400 undergraduate students and entered the data into SPSS for analysis. Students wrote their own papers where they focused on some aspect of students' experiences with the institutional mission of Santa Clara University. Laura was also happy that a paper on the economic resource use of new mothers was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Family Issues*. She continues to pursue her research on the experiences of first generation college students, and homelessness in Santa Clara county.

Dr. Powers had another spectacular year at SCU. Things got off to a phenomenal start in October 2004 when Dr. Powers accompanied four students to the California Sociological Association meetings. One of our students presided over a session at the conference, and the other three presented papers based on their practicum research. It is with real pleasure that we announce to you that Dr. P's many activities in support of students were recognized by the College this year, when he was named the 2005 recipient of the Dr. John B. Drahmman Advising Award. [Drop him a line at cpowers@scu.edu. He would love to hear from you. -ed]

(continued: Powers)

On campus, Dr. Powers spent the year helping several departments with their program assessment activity. He did the same kind of work nationally, as a member of the American Sociological Association's Task Force on Assessing the Undergraduate Sociology Major. Among other things, the Task Force produced a monograph titled *Creating an Effective Assessment Plan for the Sociology Major*. During the year Dr. P also wrote a series of campus reports based on the 2005 Residential Learning Community Survey. He has enjoyed helping out in the learning communities.



THE ALUMNI MAILBAG

AKA Dr. K's Mailbag

We miss Dr. K's flair for the news, but we need your help to keep the news coming. Please write us, email us, and even phone us..... We like to hear from you!!!!-ed

Class of 1974

An email from **Mary Fennel** writes: "I just received my card about the 2004 newsletter, and went on-line to check it out. Wonderful job, full of great information and enviable accomplishments by the Sociology faculty, students and graduates.

But of most importance: I am so very, very sorry to hear that Dr. Krasowski has passed. He was a wonderful teacher, an innovator, and his impact on Sociology at Santa Clara will be felt forever. I was lucky to be part of that first undergraduate research conference in 1973, and it shaped my career in significant ways. Words are totally inadequate to convey the intensity of this loss; but his legacy lives on in the lives of many, many sociology graduates.

I haven't been a frequent correspondent with the department or the alumni notes; the past five years have been very hectic as I served a term as Dean of the Faculty at Brown University. I am on leave now, and I am retooling my teaching and starting new research projects. I will become chair of the Sociology Department at Brown at the end of my leave, in July of 2005." [Thanks Mary for your wonderful words on Dr. K's behalf.... We also feel the same way.... He was a true pioneer at SCU. -ed]

Class of 1981

Great news from **Liz Caserza**: "I accepted the position of Employee Relations Analyst with San Mateo County Employee & Public Services. I started May 16 and truly am enjoying this new opportunity. I have been there 3 weeks and am learning so much every day. Everyone is so friendly and supportive.

Continue: The Alumni Mailbag

I couldn't be happier with this career move...and I owe many thanks to you. [Congratulations!! -ed]

Class of 1991

A nice note from **Melissa Toren Hrin**: "I can not express my sadness enough in hearing about Dr. K's death. He was such an inspiration and great man! So many of my fondest memories from SCU are directly related to him as a person and his teachings. I will miss him greatly and share in your and all his colleagues grief. [Thank you... we feel the same!!-ed]

Class of 1994

In the summer, Dr. Fernandez received a very nice email from **Teresa Ciabattari**: "As many of you know, I decided in Spring to leave Wake Forest University, and I am pleased to be joining the Sociology faculty at Sonoma State University next month. Sonoma State is a public, undergraduate, liberal arts university just 10 miles from my hometown and 40 miles from San Francisco (where Jeff and I plan to make our home). I am spending the summer in Seattle and will be moving to California in August. [Congratulations Teresa on your move -ed]

Nice note to Dr. Fernandez from **Kindra Donald**. In it she writes "Greetings from many years past! I have to admit that I have thought of you often and have kept up on the department's goings on via the newsletter. I would love to share stories of where we are in our lives now, but I particularly was thinking of you over the past couple of days. I can remember vividly the stories you used to tell of your wonderful trips to visit your family in India, especially the first

few with Peter. I just wanted to let you know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and that everyone in your family is accounted for during this time of such tragedy. I will continue to keep you and yours in my thoughts." [Best wishes to you also -ed]

Class of 1996

Hoang-chi Truong, Esq. sends her new contact information: Law Offices of Hoang-chi Truong, 405 El Camino Real #236, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Email address: Hoangchi@truonglaw.com
[Congratulations on the new practice -ed]

A nice note from **Lisa Lollock**: I guess that's the biggest update: my work. I'll be teaching about applied fertility measures in a workshop for the National Statistical Office in Manila, the Philippines. Should be exciting." [Great news!!! Keep in touch.. -ed]

Class of 1998

Good news from **Maria Castaneda-Liles**: "I would like to thank each of you for your support and mentorship at different stages in my undergraduate and graduate career. Your guidance has made a great difference in my life, and I hope to do the same with my students in the very near future. It is with great enthusiasm that I want to share with all of you that I was awarded the 2005-2006 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship. I still cannot believe it! I continue in the bay area wrapping up fieldwork, and I hope to move back to Santa Barbara in the next month or so."
[Congratulations Maria, a well deserved award -ed]

Class of 2000

Received a nice note of condolence from **Dena (Herpe) Kline**: "I had not visited the Sociology website in some time and decided to take a look this morning - I was saddened to see that Dr. Krassowski had passed on. Although I only had one course with Dr. Krassowski - he was one of those individuals that made a lasting impression on the people he met, including me. I still tell his stories to my friends and colleagues - while I might not tell them very well, the point is made and every person finds humor in the story. His family, friends and colleagues have our deepest sympathy". [Dena thank you for your sympathetic note....We miss him too. -ed]

A great email from **Heather Reams** in it she writes, "Well everyone here I am. In our cozy lil' apartment in New York City! I promise I have not been ignoring all of you but we were re-connected to the internet world just yesterday. I just wanted to give a quick report. So far we have walked and subway-ed our way through what seems like most of Manhattan, we've "hiked" in Central Park, we bought a discounted and clashing striped couch, a bed that happens to have Paul's tattoo embroidered on it, fixed a broken window in our living room/dining room/kitchen/office. Paul started school, Heather secured a job, and we introduced ourselves to our local "dive" bar. All without the internet!!!!!! It was quite a feat let me tell you. I start school the end of August so I'm attempting to stay out of Paul's way (his summer semester is super intense) and I'm focusing on being the best darn dog walker New York City has ever seen!!!! Alright so there's a quick update. We have done so much already it's hard to put it all in. I'm hoping to send pictures soon too. I miss all of you and am checking the weather in California...

Continued: **The Alumni Mailbag**

Good luck to all of you on your own adventures!" [Great news and watch out for those dogs!!-ed]

Class of 2001

Dr. Fernandez received this nice note from **Nicole (McColley) Bracy**: "I have just finished my second year at the University of Delaware and recently received my master's degree in Criminology. I am preparing to take my Ph.D. exams during the 2005/2006 school year and then on to the dissertation!... On a more regular basis, I have been teaching "The Juvenile Justice System" and "Juvenile Delinquency" which have become my areas of specialization. My master's thesis was on juveniles' perceptions of their Fifth Amendment rights, particularly during police interrogation. I am working on preparing it for publication as we speak. I was very sorry to hear about the passing of Dr. K. I remember him fondly. I was also disappointed to hear that Dr. Ginwright moved on, although from the newsletter, it sounds like he's continuing to do amazing work in the community." [Thanks for the email....Keep in touch and Good work!! -ed]

Gladys (Garcia) Lopez wrote in an email to Dr. F: "I'm managing a full time job at a broker's office as a loan officer, and I'm about to start school again tomorrow (9/22/05). I'm hoping to defend my M.A. this Fall. Also...good news...I got a publication! Its just this encyclopedia entry, but I'm very excited! [Good job Gladys - ed]

Ranvir Sekhon writes: "I was accepted into USC's program! That and UC Berkeley were my top picks, so I'm pretty excited. I'm still waiting to hear from Berkeley, so I don't know for sure if I'm going to USC or not.... [Congratulations!! -ed]

Class of 2002

Drs. Fernandez and Nichols received this long, but great email from **Shannon Gleeson** and she writes: "Just to catch you up... My MA paper got signed off on last October I am taking my Demography preliminary exams in May. I have my oral exams scheduled for after ASA. In the short term, I have a presentation that I am doing at PAA (Population Association of America) on April 2 in Philadelphia, which has been consuming my life these last few months- I have been told, and I know, that its all about the DELIVERY, but nonetheless I am nervous....[Dr. Fernandez received an email from Deborah Garvey, Lecturer at SCU....and she said Shannon's presentation of her paper on the Economic Integration of Immigrant at the PAA was GREAT!!]"

As prospectus time nears (which I have to have done by next May , I have been toying around with dissertation ideas. I am interested in the factors influencing immigrant economic outcomes, poverty, employment, material well being, etc.) I have come to the preliminary decision to do a comparative study between "economic" and "political" migrants, and what I think that will mean, is looking at the Mexican and Vietnamese communities in Santa Clara County, as well as Harris County (Houston.) - I have been looking at this quantitatively for the last year or so, and I am antsy to go "beyond the coefficient." Though, a mixed methodology approach seems pretty daunting, considering all the time and energy I spend in front of STATA . [Sounds like a great plan....-ed]

A nice note to Drs. Powers and Fernandez from **Bryna Koch**: "Just a quick up-date, I have heard from all the graduate programs, and I was accepted at UCLA, University of Ari-

zona, and New Mexico. Both New Mexico and Arizona have Peace Corps Fellows programs that could offer a nice tuition break, so right now I just have to make my visits and a decision! Thanks again for all your help, and it was fabulous to see you both, even briefly, back in February." [Congratulations..-ed]

An up-date from **Josh Berry**, "Things are going well with me. Erin and I are pretty much settled into our "new/old home." It took us awhile to find furniture that we liked and could actually afford.... Work, on the other hand, has been really draining lately. We're down two research assistants, so my workload is extremely heavy. I just hope they hire some help pretty soon. I haven't had much time to reassess my career/school options, I'm gradually working my way toward it, but life just keeps getting in the way!" [Good luck with all your plans..ed]

Class of 2003

Hi Dr. Fernandez **Lianna Aduato** starts out: "I am doing well and just passed my 1 1/2 year marker of working at Community Foundation Silicon Valley (CFSV). Things around here never slow down so I'm always kept busy. We actually have two interns at the moment, both who I am proud to say go to SCU!!!! One intern, Joy Ostensen, is actually a Sociology major, so I sent her back with a message to say hi to Dr. Nichols for me since she is doing the Internship Class. Outside of work, I am part of a community service group known as Rotaract, and am the Chair of the International Committee. I am extremely excited because next month I am going to visit my mom in Maryland for a whole week, so that should prove to be an exciting trip. I am having dinner with Clara Chu who is in visiting from her teaching job in Chicago!!

I just wanted to touch base to let you know that I still think of you and the rest of the Sociology Department often and fondly” [We return the hello’s back to you..-ed]

A nice email from **Asia Yula** to Dr. Fernandez: “I hope everything is going well at SCU. It’s amazing that it’s only been a year since I’ve been out, but I feel like I’ve been working forever! Just a quick update, I’m still working for the Asian American Donor Program and have just been promoted to Outreach Coordinator. I’ll be going all around the Bay Area conducting drives, trying to recruit potential bone marrow/stem cell donors to sign up for the National Marrow Donor Program’s registry. It’s so exciting!!

One thing that I would particularly like to do is conduct a drive at SCU. I noticed that we’ve only done one drive there in the past (1999!), and I have no idea why we never came back. We’re very active with other colleges such as USF, Berkeley, Stanford, UCSF and more and I think that SCU would have a wonderful group of willing and caring potential bone marrow/stem cell donors.

I do hope everything is running great over there. I’m still putting a lot of learned sociological insights to use—especially here in this job, analyzing sub-groups and our ability to reach out to them. [Sounds like a great joy....keep up the good work –ed]

Class of 2004

In an email to Dr. Fernandez, **Amanda Carrillo** writes: “Guess what, I met a lady named Mona Gil de Gibaja, she’s working for the UCLA Center for healthier children, families and communities. And just recently they have been working on a

project in conjunction with First 5 LA to evaluate the research and program evaluation of children that have been abused and neglected. They just got funding for 5 years! Aside from that, she’s a community liaison that works with the agencies to motivate them to evaluate and promote programs that will aid the well being of the children within their families. Of course she does tons of other things, but among many this is one. I met here at a political fundraiser for Brian Center (here in LA) and it turns out that she is looking for someone to replace her, as she is moving to Florida and will not be here for a year or so. She thinks I’m perfect for the job, however I have to convince her boss that even though I don’t have a Masters in Social Work, SCU prepared me for the challenge. So I have a meeting with the Director of the program on Thursday at USC....[Great opportunity, Amanda...Just talk to her about your research and people skills and she would be bowled over –ed]

An email to Dr. Powers from **Elisabeth Estess**, in it she writes: “I wanted to thank you again for assisting me in my graduate school applications by writing a letter of recommendation on my behalf. I have been accepted to Columbia University and Yale University. I will be attending Columbia as the Clinical sites available in NYC are much better than in New Haven and the program is a year shorter for the same degrees. In the two years I will get a second BS (in nursing), a Registered Nurse license, an MS in Nursing, and a Family Nurse Practitioner certification. It will be an intense 2 years but I am very excited. Thank you so much for your support and I hope all is well with you and your family.” [GREAT NEWS!!!-ed]

A nice note to Dr. Fernandez from **Erica Ray**. In it she writes “Time sure has been flying by since graduation. I just recently started working for a company called iD Tech Campus as a Client Service Representative. It’s an entry-level position and I’m working with the greatest group of young professionals. It’s pretty small, about 26 full time employees, but it is the industry leader in the computer camps! It’s pretty perfect considering that I’ve worked in summer camps with the City of Santa Clara for the past four years. This job opportunity came up and it just seemed like such a natural progression. Going from working directly with the kids at camp, to more of the behind the scenes work that goes into running one.” [Good News-ed]

Michelle Starr writes, “Look at my snazzy new work email address!.... I started a few weeks ago with Catholic Charities at the CORAL after school program and I love it!!” [Great News-ed]

Erin Gisler wrote a short email to say “I’m working on the programming at Community Breast Health Project in downtown Palo Alto. We offer educational and support resource for those going through breast cancer. The organization is great and I’m enjoying working with people who have compassionate goals like myself.” [Sounds great..-ed]

Class of 2005

Nicole Kemper writes, “I heard from some old friends that SCU was starting school soon, and I was struck with nostalgia for the familiarity of the Soc. Department and you wonderful friends and mentors! I hope it’s a great year for the department with conferences and the inquiry sequence. If there are any students interested in

