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Message from the Chair

The Sociology Department at the University of Minnesota emphasizes excellence and access.

In terms of excellence, we maintain our commitment to create compelling, relevant scholarship. The department upholds its reputation for intellectual diversity, with faculty publishing in every type of sociology journal, from Critical Sociology to the American Sociological Review. In summer 2013, we begin hosting two high-profile journals within the department, Sociology of Education (one of the American Sociological Association's four journals) and Law & Society Review (the interdisciplinary journal of the Law & Society Association). Moving beyond the traditional academic outlets, thesocietypages.org continues to attract millions of hits and received the 2013 MERLOT Award (Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching) for outstanding, peer-reviewed online resources. (See the link on the Department website).

Our graduate students benefit from the dynamic environment of the department, co-authoring with faculty and working closely with them on externally-funded grants and other projects from the moment they enter the program. This environment explains why a number of our students go on to publish their own sole-authored work while still in graduate school. It also explains why our students do well on the job market. Our graduate program is stronger than ever, and we anticipate its continued improvement.

In terms of access, we are proud that our top-notch Sociology and Law, Crime, and Deviance programs continue to serve a diverse cadre of undergraduates, many of whom are first-generation college students. For four of the past five years, Sociology faculty members have received the College of Liberal Arts Distinguished Teaching Award. We are constantly expanding pathways for undergraduates to conduct their own independent research, participate in community service learning, engage in internships, and join with faculty and graduate students on long-term research projects.

These are challenging times. Inequality is at an all-time high while higher-education excellence and access are threatened. A great, low-cost public education opened doors for many of us—to successful careers, to revealing intellectual insights, to solutions to pressing problems. I hope that you will join with us to advocate to keep those doors open for today's young people. Given the same opportunities we had, I guarantee they will amaze and inspire us.

Elizabeth Boyle

E.M. Boyle
Professor and Chair
Welcome to Three New Colleagues

We would like to welcome and introduce three new colleagues who will be joining the department this fall.

**Zack Almquist** will be joining our department as well as the School of Statistics as an assistant professor, Fall 2013. He completed his Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of California, Irvine where he was a Graduate Student Fellow in the Center for Networks and Relational Analysis. He also has an M.A. in Demography from UCI and an M.S. in Statistics from Northwestern University. His research lies at the intersection of sociology, social network analysis, and demography and has been published in such journals as *Sociological Methodology*, *the Journal of Statistical Software*, *Demographic Research*, and *Social Networks*.

**Jack DeWaard** will be joining our department as an assistant professor, Fall 2013, through a hiring initiative instigated by the Minnesota Population Center. He completed his Ph.D. in Sociology and was an NICHD Trainee in the Center for Demography and Ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His research explores the relationships between migration, ethnic and racial stratification and inequality, and public perceptions of and policies towards immigrants. In his dissertation, he investigated the association between country-level patterns of international migration and the prevalence of anti-foreigner sentiment in Europe. His work appears in *Demography*, *Demographic Research*, and *International Migration Review*.

**Michelle Phelps** will be joining our department as an assistant professor, Fall of 2013. She completed her Ph.D. at Princeton University in Sociology and Social Policy. Her research is in the sociology of punishment, focusing in particular on the punitive turn in the U.S. Her dissertation work focused on the rise of probation supervision as a criminal justice sanction and its relationship to mass incarceration. She also has projects looking at the changes in rehabilitative programming in U.S. prisons since the 1970s, the recent decarceration trend and its implications for inequality, and inmates’ trajectories across prison contexts. She is published in *Law & Policy*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, and *Law & Society Review*.
INTEREST AREAS:
Migration; Gender, Race and Class; Family; Islam; Development Studies; Human Rights; Globalization; Africa; Middle East.

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Book Manuscript: “Journeys of Hope: Somali Experiences in South Africa, America and the United Arab Emirates.”

_Journeys of Hope_ is a comparative study investigating the migration experiences of Somalis in South Africa, the United States, and the United Arab Emirates. Focus on an African Muslim migrant group dispersed around the globe provides an opportunity to pose common migration questions, but in a comparative broader scale. In addition to advancing the scant knowledge about the divergent comparative model, this study’s focus of a Western settlement as well as non-western migrant expands and complicates our understanding of diverse immigration policies as well as the resulting migrant experiences.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:
“Threatened Identities and Gendered Opportunities: Somali Migration to America.” Forthcoming. _Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society._


INTEREST AREAS:

Social Network Analysis, Mathematical and Computational Sociology, Spatial Analysis, Demography, Public Health, Methodology, and Human Judgment and Decision Making

CURRENT RESEARCH:

Prof. Almquist’s scholarship is centered in two primary areas: social network analysis including research on the effects of geography and time on social processes (and large-scale social structure) and the measurement and sampling of social networks; and demography, where he looks to integrate spatial analysis and social network analysis with classic and formal demographic theory. Underlying both of these themes is a strong interest in developing statistical techniques for application to social science problems, especially social network analysis and demography.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:


INTEREST AREAS:  
Historical and Comparative; Political Sociology; Sociology of Development; Nationalism; Race Relations; Social Movements; Democratic Theory.

CURRENT RESEARCH:  
Prof. Aminzade is currently working on an article on the politics of administrative corruption in East Africa and another article for an edited volume on the sociology of development that explores the relationship between nationalism and development in a global neoliberal economy.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:  


INTEREST AREAS:
Social Memory Studies, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Sociology of Religion, Media and Communication, Antisemitism, Judaism, Qualitative Methods, Visual Sociology.

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Prof. Baer conducts research on the representation of present and past mass violence in a global arena of interconnected memory cultures (particularly the cases of Spain, Argentina and the Holocaust). Recent work involves a series of articles on how memories of the Holocaust condition ways in which the memory building process takes shape in contemporary Spain, and an assessment of theory and research methods for the study of contemporary Antisemitism. With Bernt Schnettler he is editing a special issue on “Visual Sociology” for the journal Soziale Welt.

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INTEREST AREAS:
Economic sociology; Social networks; Social stratification; Chinese society.

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Guanxi-based corporate social capital; Social networks and jobs in Chinese cities; Institutional change and social mobility in post-Mao China.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:


INTEREST AREAS:
Sociology of Law; Globalization; Children’s and Women’s Rights.

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Abortion Politics in the Global Arena. Transnational organizations from the International Planned Parenthood Association to the Roman Catholic Church have gotten involved in shaping abortion policies around the world. How has this affected governments’ regulation of abortion and what are the implications for women?

“Integrated Demographic and Health Survey Project.” Funded by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

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INTEREST AREAS:  
Political Sociology; Environmental Sociology; Social Movements; Network Analysis; Discourse Analysis, Institutions and Culture; Cross-national Comparative Methods; Climate Change; Japan; East Asia; Field Work.

CURRENT RESEARCH:  
COMPON-Comparing Climate Change Policy Networks.  
Comparative study of how discourse and mobilization affect national policies to mitigate (reduce) climate change. Research teams in over 20 countries and at the level of international negotiations collect equivalent data for comparative analysis. Funded by National Science Foundation

Networks and Polities: Japan’s “Butterfly State” in U.S. and German comparison. How do multiple political networks define polities?

Pathways to Participation: How do networks and resources affect the participation of environmental NGOs in Japanese government policy formation about climate change?

Culture and Governance: Does culture affect the authoritarian state-environmental movement relationship?—China, Taiwan, South Korea, Soviet Union and Japan: Funded by East Asian Institute, Seoul, Korea.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:  


INTEREST AREAS:
International and Internal Migration; Ethnic and Racial Stratification and Inequality; Assimilation and Integration; Demography and Ecology, Quantitative Methods—Demographic, Statistical, Mathematical and Spatial.

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Curtis, Katherine J., Elizabeth Fussell  and Jack DeWaard. “The impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the Gulf of Mexico migration system.”
DeWaard, Jack, Katherine J. Curtis and Glenn V. Fuguitt. “Reconsidering black (and white) migration to the South: The temporal dynamics of migration flows to southern counties.”
Fussell, Elizabeth, Katherine J. Curtis and Jack DeWaard. “Change in the city of New Orleans' migration system after Hurricane Katrina” (invited submission).

Over the next few years my research agenda will be centered on the theme of migration systems, and will include the following five components.
• A theoretical synthesis of migration systems theory, including past and recent developments and emergent research needs.
• Descriptive efforts working with new global migration flow data.
• Empirical linkages to processes of ethnic and racial stratification and inequality in the United States.
• Formal models connecting global migration patterns to immigrants’ [health] assimilation in the United States.
• A generalized systems framework for modeling and understanding disaster-oriented migration.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:


INTEREST AREAS:
Culture; Religion; Gender & Family; Symbolic Boundaries & Inequality

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Prof. Edgell is working with a colleague, Prof. Hull, on a research project funded by the National Science Foundation, analyzing how religious, scientific, and legal frameworks intersect to shape citizens’ understandings of controversial social issues (e.g. like genetic engineering, Intelligent Design, or GLBT adoption). She is also working with colleagues on a second wave of the American Mosaic Project, also funded by the National Science Foundation, to analyze how Americans make sense of racial, religious, and other forms of diversity in American life.

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INTEREST AREAS:
Law and Society; Gender; Criminology and Criminal Justice; International Criminal Law; Quantitative and Qualitative Methods; Factorial Survey Methods for Empirical Analysis.

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Prof. Ferrales’s scholarship lies at the intersection of gender, crime and law. Her current research examines in three distinct case studies the legal treatment of gender-based violence in both domestic and international contexts including: a factorial survey quantitative analysis of the sentencing decisions of Iraqi judges; an examination of prosecutorial decision-making in a domestic violence unit of a state district attorney’s office; and studying rape victimization survey data and field interviews collected in the Darfur region of Sudan.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:


• 2008 Law and Society Association Best Article Prize

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INTEREST AREAS:
Historical Sociology; Politics and Social Movements; Social Theory; Diversity and Solidarity in American Society.

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Prof. Gerteis is interested in the dynamics of difference and solidarity and how these play into the formation of group boundaries, interests, and identities. He is currently exploring how Americans think about both the benefits and costs of diversity, as well as how claims about American national identity often involve racial and religious exclusions. His recent work has involved a book on interracial labor movements of the late 19th century and papers from the American Mosaic Project exploring how Americans think about issues of diversity and solidarity in modern America through the lenses of race and religion.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:


INTEREST AREAS:
Transnational, Political, and Environmental Sociology; Global Urbanization; Transnational Institutions of Finance, Development, & Expert Networks.

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Provincializing global urbanism; the making of a world city: Bangalore, India; securitization, discipline and finance in the new global economy.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:


INTEREST AREAS:
Urban Sociology; Ethnography; Poverty and Inequality; Consumption; Alternative Economies

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Since 1980 there have been some deep shifts in the American understanding and management of poverty. My 2010 book Hobos, Hustlers, and Backsliders analyzes the medicalization and criminalization of homelessness. A closely-related development has been the increasing importance of 12-step discourse and a modified, “strong-arm” version of rehab to contemporary strategies of poverty management. My most large-scale project current project examines this crucial role of addiction treatment within contemporary social policy. With several Minnesota students, I have been studying local institutions applying the important contemporary approaches to drug interventions. Two of the sites work closely with local courts – one a “strong-arm” therapeutic community strongly shaped by the 12-step tradition, the other an evangelical institution focused on conversion – both place a strong emphasis on a holistic makeover of the individual, instilling a strict moral code, self-discipline and a strong work ethic. The third site, now closed due to a funding crisis, was a needle and syringe exchange and community center following the alternative “harm reduction” model which emphasizes practical, "non-judgmental" health education and outreach. With four co-authored articles on the different sites in print to date I’m now working on a book manuscript bringing the elements of the project together.

Other current research includes a) a collaborative project on branded labor among young low-wage retail and service workers, and b) a forthcoming chapter on the politics of micro-production in the Pyrenees.

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INTEREST AREAS:
Race, Ethnicity, Migration, Integration; Culture (including Popular Culture, Sports, and Religion); Social Movements and Social Change; American Society; Field Methods; Contemporary Theory.

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Midnight Basketball; Sport and Social Intervention; Race, Religion, and Pluralism (The American Mosaic Project); The Society Pages.org.

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**INTEREST AREAS:**
Culture; Law; Social Movements; Family; Gender and Sexuality.

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**
“The Construction and Contestation of ‘Family’ in LGBT Communities.” This project draws upon interviews and focus groups to examine the close relationships in the lives of sexual minorities and gender variant people. LGBT people are often invoked as threats to family in “family values” discourses, even as the gay rights movement focuses more than ever on a range of family issues including marriage and parenting rights. This project seeks to advance theorizing about nontraditional families.

“The Role of Cognition in the Development of Social Fragmentation, Commonalities, and Consensus.” This NSF-funded project with Professor Penny Edgell uses focus group discussions of contemporary social controversies to examine how ordinary citizens deliberate on complex issues and evaluate competing forms of expert discourse from religion, science and law.

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:**
“Same-Sex Marriage and Constituent Perceptions of the LGBT Rights Movement,” with Timothy Ortyl. Forthcoming in (Not) the Marrying Kind, edited by V. Taylor and M. Bernstein, University of Minnesota Press.


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INTEREST AREAS:
Organizations and Work; Gender; Family and the Life Course; Law and Social Policy.

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Prof. Kelly studies changes in U.S. workplaces and their effects on employees, families, and organizations. She is principal investigator, with Phyllis Moen, of the Flexible Work and Well-Being Center, part of the Work, Family, and Health Network funded by the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control. See www.flexiblework.umn.edu/ for more information.

Prof. Kelly has investigated flexibility initiatives, non-compliance with the Family and Medical Leave Act, sexual harassment policies, and employer-sponsored child care benefits, as well as the effects of diversity policies on the representation of women and African-Americans in managerial positions.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:


INTEREST AREAS:
Social Networks; Economic Sociology; Organizations and Work.

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Investigations of diverse networks, including intra- and interorganizational, health care, economic, financial, terrorist and counterterror networks.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:


INTEREST AREAS:
Race and Ethnicity; Social Demography; Indigenous Peoples; Social Stratification; Sociology of the Family and Life Course; Social Support.

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Prof. Liebler is fascinated by the translation of individuals’ racial identities into their answers to standardized questions about race, as well as the ways in which these answers are grouped to form the statistics used by social scientists and policy makers. Ongoing projects address aspects of the process of translation from racial identities of individuals to race statistics describing a society, a process complicated by dynamic identities, questionnaire wording, and place-specific social history.

The Minnesota Research Data Center is providing the best available data for Prof. Liebler to study: Why do some people answer the new race question differently than might be expected? What are the characteristics of people who have especially fluid answers to census questions about race?

Prof. Liebler also studies American Indians, multiracial people, and transracial adoption. For example, in a multi-organization collaboration, she is gathering the stories of interracially adopted adult adoptees.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:


INTEREST AREAS:
Blackness in the Americas, Contemporary U.S. Race Relations; Race & the Body, Race & Electoral Politics, Blacks and Social Class, Afro-Latin America

CURRENT RESEARCH:
At the center of Professor Logan’s research agenda is the study of the evolving social construct of blackness in the 21st century. At present, Logan is working on a number of projects pertaining to race and to blackness, in connection with electoral politics, social class, pedagogy, and the body. These projects include-

- Desirable (?) Hispanics and The Problem with The Blacks – the Republican Party’s Rocky Road to “Diversity”
- Configuring the First Black President: Embodied Dimensions of the New Politics of Race
- Mainstream, Articulate and Not Too Black: Barack Obama and the Conditional Embrace of the Black Middle Class
- Black Racial Futures: Social Class and Disparate Trajectories of Black Racialization
- Crack Babies & Meth Moms: Bodies at the Intersections of Science, Medicine, Gender & Race
- The Natural Hair Movement- The Racial Politics of Beauty in a Post-Racial Age
- Using Autobiographical Narrative to Facilitate Student Learning about Race, Gender, Class & Sexuality

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:


INTEREST AREAS:
Juvenile Justice; Homicide; Adolescence; Law and Society; Law and the Mental Health System.

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Depression and Its Relationship to Violence; Characteristics of Juveniles Who Commit Parricides; Infanticide and Comparative Legal Issues Post-Termination Relationships with Professionals; Borderline Personality Disorders: A High-Risk Group for Violence.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:


• 2006 American Psychological Association Guttmacher Award

INTEREST AREAS:
Family and Life Course; Adolescent and Young Adult Development; Research Methods.

CURRENT RESEARCH:
“Adolescent Sexual Activity and Well-Being.” This project examines the effects of early sexual activity on a number of domains of adolescent life. A current study examines the role of friend and school norms in shaping the effects of sex on mental health, academic outcomes, and risk behaviors.

“Families and Variation in Adolescent Well-Being.” This project investigates the ways that differences within families manifest in adolescent well-being. One article finds the well-being of children from high conflict continuously married parent families is similar to those from single-parent families. Other studies examine the role of shared family dinners in promoting well-being and conditions under which family dinner effects are positive or negative.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:


INTEREST AREAS:
Work, Family, Health, Policy, Age and the Gendered Life Course

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Prof. Moen investigates organizational work-time policies and practices, employee time strains, psychological and physical health outcomes; and the work-family interface to make it more compatible with the rest of life. She co-directs (with Prof. Erin Kelly) the *Flexible Work and Well-Being Center*, part of a larger NIH-funded research network initiative studying ways to promote individual and family health and life quality by increasing the degree of flexibility around the clockworks of paid work. Prof. Moen also engages in research on gender, couples, and time use, as well as work, retirement and volunteering in the life course.

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INTEREST AREAS:
The Life Course; Social Psychology; Work.

CURRENT RESEARCH:
The “Youth Development Study” examines developmental pathways and intergenerational dynamics from adolescence through early adulthood.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:


“The Impact of Sexual Harassment on Depressive Symptoms during the Early Occupational Career,” with Jason Houle, Jeremy Staff, Christopher Uggen, & Amy Blackstone. Society and Mental Health 1: 89-105. 2011.


INTEREST AREAS:
Crime, Law, Deviance, and Punishment; Labor and Unionization; Political Sociology; Qualitative Research Methods; Social Theory.

CURRENT RESEARCH:
The Minnesota Juvenile Justice Transitions Project: This study analyzes the transition of young offenders from Minnesota juvenile justice institutions back into their communities. It investigates the following question: What factors impede or facilitate the "reentry" process for juvenile offenders after release?

Minnesota Correctional Officer Survey Project: This research analyzes the living and working conditions in adult state prisons. It also examines correctional officers’ attitudes and beliefs about correctional policies and practices. Amy Lerman, a political scientist in California, conducted a similar survey of correctional officers in that state (Professor Page adapted Ms. Lerman’s survey instrument for the Minnesota study). Based on our respective research, Ms. Lerman and Prof. Page will compare the experiences and dispositions of correctional officers in California and Minnesota.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:


• 2010 American Sociological Association, Labor and Labor Movements Section, Best Article Award


INTEREST AREAS:
Immigration and Welfare Policy; Immigrant Health Care; Race, Class, and Gender; Asian American Studies; Environmental Justice; Urban Theory and Methods.

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Prof. Park’s interdisciplinary research focuses on immigrants and how their experiences coincide and conflict with larger national ideologies and histories. Her work explores how immigration politics functions within the context of neoliberalism to endorse the retrenchment of public goods, services, and space. Centering issues of gender, race, class and nation, her publications delve into these issues from multiple vantage points including environmental justice concerns among immigrant women workers in Silicon Valley, social citizenship struggles among second generation Asian Americans, health care access for low-income pregnant immigrant women in California, and nativist environmental movements in Colorado. Prof. Park is currently in the early stages of several new projects: 1) medical deportations of low-income immigrants in need of long-term care, 2) contemporary politics and application of public charge policy, and 3) a comparative study on the interaction of immigration politics and refugee policy. Prof. Park is also the director of the Asian American Studies Program at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:


INTEREST AREAS:
Environmental Justice Studies; Racial and Ethnic Inequality; Social Movements; Qualitative Research Methods; Political Ecology; Immigration.

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Prof. Pellow is mainly interested in the intersections between social inequality and environmental conflict. He continues to work on local, national, and transnational environmental justice movements and global policy frameworks concerning sustainability. He is working on a study of radical environmental and animal rights movements and their experiences with state repression.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:


INTEREST AREAS:
Crime, Law, and Deviance; Inequality; Mixed Methods

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Prof. Phelps’ research is in the sociology of punishment, focusing in particular on the punitive turn in the U.S. Her current work focuses on the rise of probation supervision as a criminal justice sanction and its relationship to mass incarceration. She has also examined a variety of criminal justice topics, including: changes in rehabilitative programming in U.S. prisons since the 1970s, the recent decarceration trend and its implications for inequality, and inmates' wellbeing across prison contexts. Together with Prof. Joshua Page and Philip Goodman, she is also working on a book tentatively titled Breaking the Pendulum: The Long Struggle Over Criminal Justice.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:


INTEREST AREAS:
Criminal Law and Procedure in U.S. Society; History of Criminal Justice.

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Prof. Samaha has written three influential textbooks, which are used at 465 colleges in 48 states. Joel’s teaching methods challenge students’ ideas and assumptions about criminal justice, and forces them to admit that other ideas are worth considering and studying. Prof. Samaha’s students find their lives and academic careers changed by this experience. A former student claims, “Joel’s style challenges the student to take the risks necessary to learn and achieve new understandings of the subject matter—and a great deal about themselves.”

Prof. Liz Boyle, Department Chair, recognizes his influence and success, claiming that Prof. Samaha has “shaped the instruction of criminal justice courses in every state and had a profound impact on the administration of criminal justice in Minnesota.”

Many of his former students have gone on to become professors, academics, and criminal justice leaders. “I have never met anyone who combined the depth of knowledge of law and history with [the] genius for analytical reasoning and powerful oratory,” stated a former student. “Joel is one of a kind.”

“Teaching undergraduates, to me, means making students uncomfortable with their assumptions…. I don’t see my job as picking the right or best assumptions for students, but as driving home a different point: that there are several reasonable meanings to any topic worth studying.”

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:


INTEREST AREAS:
Knowledge; Law, Crime & Punishment; Human Rights; Comparative; Theory.

CURRENT RESEARCH:

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:


INTEREST AREAS:
Agri-food Studies, Political Sociology, Social Movements, Global Political Economy, Development/Post-Development Studies.

CURRENT RESEARCH:
My current project, “Science for the Poor: Foundations, Firms and the New Green Revolution for Africa,” focuses on efforts being made by philanthropic, corporate, and other actors to address chronic hunger and low agricultural productivity in Sub-Saharan Africa. I am interested in the contours of this new agricultural humanitarianism in terms of its central actors and discourses, its visions of agricultural change, and the new knowledge networks, public-private partnerships, and North and South collaborations it is generating. My last book analyzed organized social activism against agricultural biotechnology and explored how the contending “life worlds” of anti-biotech activists and the biotechnology industry shaped the development and deployment of genetically modified organisms at a global scale.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:


INTEREST AREAS:
Families; Intergenerational Relations; Social Inequality; Asian American Studies; Gender; Foster Care and Welfare State; Transitions to Adulthood; and Carework.

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Growing Up But Not Apart: Young Adults’ Relationships with Their Parents. This study focuses on the changing transition to adulthood and what this has meant for intergenerational relationships among families from diverse racial, ethnic and social class backgrounds.

Segmented Assimilation in Cultural Cross Generational Perspective: The Incorporation Experience of Hmong Young Adults and their Parents (with Douglas Hartmann and Pao Lee). This project explores how young adult Hmong children of immigrants have understood and experienced their ethnic identities and cultural heritage over the course of growing up in St. Paul, Minnesota. Attention is focused on how ethnic identity formation is mediated through intergenerational family relationships, aspirations for social mobility, and experiences with racial discrimination.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:


INTEREST AREAS:
Crime, Law, and Deviance; Life Course; Inequality; Methods.

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Criminal Records, Race, and Employment. NIJ and JEHT Foundation.
Incarceration and Health, with Jason Schnittker. 2010-2014. R.W. Johnson Foundation Investigator Award in Health Policy Research.
TheSocietyPages.org, editor and publisher, with Doug Hartmann.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:
"Taste Clusters of Music and Drugs," with Mike Vuolo and Sarah Lageson. Forthcoming in *British Journal of Sociology*.


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Social Inequality; Education; Health Disparities; Demography  

CURRENT RESEARCH:  (More projects are described on my web site)  
Work and Family Across the Life Course (with Jim Raymo)  
Using data from the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study, we are modeling the impact of work and family roles and conditions across the life course on health, well-being, financial security, and other outcomes in late adulthood.  

Integrating, Harmonizing, and Linking Data from the Current Population Survey (with Sarah Flood) Despite the longitudinal design of the Current Population Survey (CPS), researchers have almost exclusively analyzed these data as though they were collected through a series of cross-sectional surveys. With support from the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development, we are developing integrated data, dissemination software, and associated metadata that will make longitudinal analyses of CPS data radically easier.  

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:  (Links to publications are provided on my web site)  

“Wage Penalties for Foreign Degrees Among College Educated Immigrants” with Caren Arbeit. Forthcoming. Social Science Research.  


“First through Eighth Grade Retention Rates for All 50 States: A New Method and Initial Results" with Jim Saliba. 2012. Educational Researcher 41:320-329.  

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