A Message from the Department Chair

It is my pleasure once again to send this year’s Department of Sociology and Anthropology Newsletter to you, our friends, alumni, and students. Our faculty and students accomplished many wonderful things this past year, some of which you will read about here. Please take a moment to read the special list of donors at the end. Their generosity allows for the enrichment of our programs and the assistance of our students. We greatly appreciate all support received.

This past spring, for the third time, we awarded the Blaine T. and Jean W. Williams Endowed Scholarship in Sociology to a highly deserving sociology student, Christina Carney. Also this spring, we produced our 13th Annual Ben and Trudy Termini Distinguished Anthropologist Lecture, with guest speaker Wenda Trevathan, Professor Emerita, New Mexico State University. For the first time, our visiting Termini Lecturer appeared on the local radio broadcast Think with Krys Boyd. We have three McNair student scholars to celebrate this year, along with numerous accomplished graduates, both undergraduate and MA. We offer our congratulations to them all. We are proud of all of you!

In this newsletter we give special recognition to two faculty members who won major teaching awards, Dr. Joci Caldwell-Ryan (UT Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Award) and Dr. Robert Kunovich (induction into the UT Arlington Academy of Distinguished Teachers). In addition, we recognize Dr. Beamon, who was the Convocation Speaker this fall, Dr. Cleghorn, who won a College of Liberal Arts teaching award, and Dr. Zloltinski, who has just this fall been appointed the Director of the Center for Mexican American Studies.

As always, I offer my special appreciation to Ms. Pat Woodward for assistance in the production of this newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading the entries. Finally, please let us hear from you, and stop by when you can. We want to know where you are and what you are doing!

Shelley L. Smith
Professor and Chair
Faculty News and Activities

Ben Agger, Sociology
I published Texting toward Utopia: Kids, Writing, and Resistance, in which I consider the fact that our kids and students may fail to turn in their Shakespeare or sociology papers on time, but nevertheless they write up a storm using phones and the Internet in this, the most literary of ages. Young people write below adult radar, both as protest and with utopian imagination. Tim Luke and I were moved by the Newtown and Aurora shootings to edit a book entitled Gun Violence and Public Life. Schools, theaters and malls used to be safe havens. Marathons were triumphal, not tragic. Now, public life is risky. Everyone is on edge, either calling for gun control or purchasing personal weapons of self-defense. In our book, U.S. and international authors examine gun violence in public life. Of particular interest to us are comparative gun homicide rates, the instructive case of Canada, the efficacy of gun control, risks associated with gun ownership, concealed-carry data and policy, media and gaming violence, masculinity/femininity, and guns and school shootings. Neither demonizing nor mythologizing guns, our authors provide evidence-based analyses that shed light on policy directions and personal conduct. Finally, I recently learned that my book, Virtual Self, inspired a solo theatrical show, “Making Love with Espresso,” about the intersections among online dating, sexuality, and culture, performed in Toronto, Montreal and Edmonton. The play even has a sociologist in it!

Krystal Beamon, Sociology
Krystal Beamon presented a paper entitled “Professional Sports Experiences as Contested Racial Terrain” at the American Sociological Association’s annual meetings in New York, NY this August, which was subsequently published in the Journal of African American Studies (2013). Dr. Beamon also had articles published in the Western Journal of Black Studies and the Journal of Negro Education this year. Her book, The Enduring Color Line in U.S. Athletics, is set to be released November 14, 2013. With co-author Chris Messer, the book explores sports as a social construction, and more significantly, the large role race and ethnicity play in sports and consequently sports’ influence on modern race relations. Dr. Beamon was chosen to give the MavsMeet Convocation keynote address on August 20, 2013. Additionally, she served as a Faculty Associate for the Center for African-American Studies and as a judge for the ACES student research symposium. She was one of three Assistant Professors from UT Arlington nominated for the Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Award.

Naomi Cleghorn, Anthropology
This summer, Dr. Cleghorn returned for a third season to excavations at Pinnacle Point (South Africa), as part of the international team of scientists and students investigating this Middle Stone Age locality renowned for its highly detailed record of early human lives and landscapes. UTA students Chris Shelton (M.A. anthropology), Daniel Peart (B.A. graduate, anthropology) and Lori Phillips (undergraduate anthropology) also participated in this project, as well as work at the nearby open-air locality of Vleesbaai. In addition, Dr. Cleghorn led a team in the survey and production of a detailed, geo-referenced map of two newly documented Stone Age localities in Knydna, 100 km east of Pinnacle Point. Dr. Cleghorn, Mr. Shelton, and Ms. Phillips will return to test excavations at one of these new sites (named KEH 1) over the winter break. In addition to her work on South Africa, Dr. Cleghorn continues to investigate Neanderthal extinction and early modern human appearance in southern Russia.

Dana Dunn, Sociology
Dana Dunn is working on issues related to women and minority participation in Science, Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) fields. She is teaming with faculty and administrators from science and engineering to develop research proposals to the National Science Foundation. Topics focus on the development of STEM identity among students and on contributors to women and minority faculty job satisfaction and retention. She also presented a co-authored paper on “Women in University Leadership” (with J. Gerlach and A. Hyle) at the Digital Women’s conference at Pepperdine University. In addition to teaching and research, Dr. Dunn focused on leading the university’s strategic planning efforts and chairing the searches for a new Dean of Business, Dean of Nursing, and Director for the Center for Mexican American Studies.

Scott Ingram, Anthropology
Visiting Assistant Professor Dr. Scott Ingram was a TEDx UTA speaker this spring. He shared his ideas about using the past to provide insights, not lessons, for understanding modern social-environmental challenges. He traveled to Iceland this summer to a working meeting of colleagues investigating resilience, collapse, and climatic impacts on human history in the North Atlantic and the U.S. Southwest. Also this summer, he wrote a chapter for the Oxford Handbook of Southwestern Archaeology and completed editing of his multi-authored book, Traditional Arid Land Agriculture: Known Unknowns. Both are now in review. Dr. Ingram has greatly enjoyed teaching Principles of Archaeology, Sustainability and Collapse, and the Rise of Civilization. He will teach North American Archaeology and Principles of Archaeology in the spring.
Heather Jacobson, Sociology
Dr. Heather Jacobson continues her work on contemporary gestational surrogacy. Her book in-progress, now under contract, examines how commercial gestational surrogates experience and make sense of their work as surrogates and how they negotiate the complex ideological discourse of “work” and “family” within the assisted reproduction marketplace. She presented a paper, “Toeing the Line: Legitimizing Surrogacy through Market ‘Rules’,” on her surrogacy project at ASA in NYC this past summer. An article titled “Framing Adoption: The Media and Parental Decision-making” on her continuing work on international adoption was published in the Journal of Family Issues. She recently joined the editorial board of the journal Adoption Quarterly and continues to serve as the newsletter editor for the ASA Sociology of the Family section.

Dorothy Kalanzi, Sociology
Visiting Assistant Professor Dr. Dorothy Kalanzi has done extensive research on HIV/AIDS with emphasis on Africa; in the past few years she has added studies in the areas of pollution, climate change, and displaced population groups conducted both in Africa and the United States. Dr. Kalanzi is the author of a book entitled AIDS Crisis Control in Uganda: the Use of HAART, published by Cambria Press. She also authored two research studies published in 2013 in peer-reviewed journals. One of the studies is entitled “The Controversy over Euthanasia in Uganda: a Case of the Baganda,” published by the International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy (Volume 33, Issue: ¼). The second article is entitled “HIV Testing and Public Health in Uganda,” published by the American International Journal of Contemporary Research (Volume 3, No. 1). Dr. Kalanzi also co-authored an article entitled “To Disclose or Not to Disclose? Lower Class Parents Living with HIV/AIDS in Lome, Togo” published by the International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy (Vol. 28 (9/10): 351-364) in 2009. She is currently, working on three articles in the areas of refugees in Erie, Pennsylvania; climate change; and HIV/AIDS in Uganda, with intent to submit at least two for publication in 2014.

Ritu Khanduri, Anthropology
This year Dr. Ritu G. Khanduri spent a part of her summer and fall semesters launching her new multi-year project on women engineers in India, which is supported by a Fulbright senior fellowship. She presented a paper, “Secular sensibilities” at the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Society’s World Congress in Manchester, UK. Her article “Gandhi and the Satyagraha of newspaper cartoons” was published in the Visual Anthropology Review and a book chapter, "Another history of colonial India," was published in Hans Harder and Barbara Mittler, eds. Asian Punches (Springer 2013). Her visual essay titled "Terror Myths and Scenes of Violence" appeared in a special issue of South Asian Popular Culture on terror and media that she co-edited with Dr. Parciack (Tel Aviv University). Ritu’s book Caricaturing Culture in India is forthcoming from Cambridge University Press. This past year Dr. Khanduri taught Global Cultures, Anthropology of South Asia and Anthropological Theory. Dr. Khanduri continues to serve on the Women’s and Gender Studies Advisory Board and is the faculty sponsor of the Lambda Alpha chapter of the Anthropology Honors Society on our campus. Finally, Dr. Khanduri was elected to serve a three-year term on the American Anthropological Association’s Committee on World Anthropologies (CWA). The CWA aims to foster a network of international anthropologists and to identify shared themes of global interest.

Robert Kunovich, Sociology
Dr. Kunovich is currently teaching undergraduate and graduate Social Statistics. He will be teaching undergraduate Social Statistics and Social Research in the spring. One of Dr. Kunovich’s papers will soon be published in ASK: Research & Methods, an international journal focusing on research methodology: “Anti-immigrant Sentiment and Occupational Context: An Examination of Multilevel Model Estimates When Samples are Small” (forthcoming in 2013). He is completing several other papers on the gender gap in political knowledge in Poland and wage inequality between native and foreign-born workers in the US as well as a grant application to further his research on public attitudes toward immigrants in the U.S.

Karl Petruso, Anthropology
Professor Petruso, an archaeologist, also serves as Dean of the Honors College. In summer 2013 he directed and taught a course on the Archaeology of northern Britain (Stone Age to Vikings) in the Honors College study abroad program in Scotland. In summer 2014 he will direct the Honors College study abroad program in France and teach a course on Paleolithic through Roman France; anthropology undergraduates (Honors and non-Honors) are welcome to participate. He published two articles on best practices in honors study abroad in a monograph of the National Collegiate Honors Council in 2013. He continues his work on artifacts from Early Bronze Age Troy in a private collection in the United States.

Linda Rouse, Sociology
Dr. Linda Rouse continued her research with the American Medical Women’s Association, including a focus group with women physicians at the AMWA annual meeting in New York City in March, and returned to present a paper, “Women Physicians: Gender and the Workplace,” at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in August. This year she began teaching a section of the undergraduate Social Research course with an evaluation research focus and community service learning component. In Spring 2013, students managed to contribute over 200 hours of community service while learning about quantitative and qualitative methods for generating, analyzing, and reporting social research.
Josephine Ryan, *Anthropology*
Dr. Joci Caldwell-Ryan is a cultural anthropologist whose interests include food and culture, gender and sexuality, human rights, public health, and medical anthropology. This spring she will be teaching Peoples of Africa and a new course on the Anthropology of Sexuality. She was recently honored as a recipient of the UT Board of Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Award. Dr. Ryan has served as the Graduate Advisor for the Anthropology Program since 2009.

Beth Anne Shelton, *Sociology*
Beth Anne Shelton earned her Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of Texas at Austin. After spending ten long winters in Ohio and New York, she moved back to Texas and began working at the University of Texas at Arlington. Her work focuses on gendered patterns of time use in the home, in the paid labor force and in volunteer work. She has published numerous articles on the relationship between work and family, focusing on how the inner workings of the home impact individuals’ labor force activities as well as how the constraints of work impact families, including children, mothers and fathers. Her most recent article (co-authored with Rebecca Deen in the Department of Political Science) “Are Stay-at-Home Mothers Really at Home?” will be published in early 2014. She regularly teaches courses on family, work and the intersection of the two. In her free time, Beth Anne Shelton plays tennis and enjoys the mild Texas winters.

Jason Shelton, *Sociology*
Jason E. Shelton’s primary research interests concern the sociology of religion, as well as the intersections of race, class, and political/social attitudes in the post-Civil Rights Era. His articles have appeared in *Social Science Quarterly, Du Bois Review, Sociological Perspectives, Journal of African American Studies, American Behavioral Scientist,* and other respected publications. New York University Press published his first book, *Blacks and Whites in Christian America: How Racial Discrimination Shapes Religious Convictions,* which won the Southern Conference on African American Studies’ 2012 C. Calvin Smith Award for “the most distinguished scholarly book on African American Studies published in the calendar year.” Dr. Shelton has been interviewed by major media outlets for news stories relevant to his research such as the *Chicago Tribune, USA Today,* the British Broadcasting Company (BBC), *Houston Chronicle,* and network television affiliates in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Shelley Smith, *Anthropology*
Professor Smith has devoted most of her time over the past five years to administrative duties connected to being department chair. She teaches one course per semester and does research when time permits. This semester she is teaching a class on Adaptation and the Concept of Race, a course she last taught 10 years ago. Professor Smith recently published “The utility of domestic dogs in assessing human morphological variation” (biologist co-authors Drs. Trey Fondon, UT Arlington and Jesse Meik, Tarleton State) in *HOMO – Journal of Comparative Human Biology.* Her current research project examines the volumetric growth of the maxillary sinus in children and adolescents. This research is being conducted with Professor Peter Buschang of the Department of Orthodontics, Baylor College of Dentistry (Texas A&M Health Science Center).

Amy Speier, *Anthropology*
Dr. Amy Speier is an anthropologist specializing in medical anthropology, with a focus on reproductive health, globalization and medical tourism. In the fall of 2012, she completed a National Research Foundation funded ethnographic fieldwork project about North Americans who seek fertility treatment in the Czech Republic. She recently published an article and is currently working on her book, both of which are a result of this multi-year research project. In the book, she traces North American fertility journeys to the Czech Republic, examining the multiple motivations that compel them to travel halfway across the globe in their quest for parenthood. Dr. Speier is currently teaching Global Cultures and Anthropological Theory, and in the spring looks forward to teaching her Anthropology of Tourism class.

Robert Young, *Sociology*
Professor Young teaches courses on Individual and Society, Deviance, the Social Psychology of Crime, and Small Groups. His scholarly interests lie within the domains of symbolic interactionism, cognitive sociology and social psychology. Although his previous research has focused primarily on social interaction processes, the sociology of language and discourse and attitude structures, he has recently turned his attention to understanding humans’ relationships to other species and the nature of non-human animal mind. This past year, he presented a paper at the Pacific Sociological Association in Reno. He published two articles: “Regarding Rocky: A Theoretical and Ethnographic Exploration of Interspecies Intersubjectivity” in *Society and Animals* and “The Selves of other Animals: Reconsidering Mead in Light of Multidisciplinary Evidence” in *Studies in Symbolic Interaction.*

Christian Zlolniski, *Anthropology*
Work, labor, and transnational flows of migrant workers in the U.S. and Mexico are at the heart of Christian Zlolniski’s research. This year he finished a co-authored book with two faculty researchers in Mexico about the way in which the production of fresh fruits and vegetables in Baja California for consumer markets in the U.S. affect the lives of farmworkers who produce these crops and the social fabric of their community. Titled *De Jornaleros a Colonos: Residencia, Trabajo e Identidad en el Valle de San Quintín,* the book will be published in 2014 by Colegio de la Frontera Norte in Mexico. In September 2013 Professor Z was appointed Director of the Center for Mexican American Studies (CMAS). As such he plans to foster awareness among students about topics relevant for Latinos in the United States, and promote dialogue and collaboration among faculty across different disciplines and academic departments who conduct research on Mexican American/Latino topics. Dr. Z has two children – Pablo and Natalia – who are five and three years old and who keep him busy and happy.
Robert Kunovich: Associate Professor of Sociology

Congratulations to Dr. Robert Kunovich, who was honored at the Spring Meeting of the Faculty and Associates held April 22, 2013. He has been inducted into the Academy of Distinguished Teachers and has been granted the title of “Distinguished Teaching Professor.”

The Academy of Distinguished Teachers is comprised of tenured faculty at UT Arlington selected for membership for their outstanding teaching, personal commitment to students and the learning process, and the ability to inspire and motivate students. Members are chosen on the recommendation of the President of the University and approval by the UT System Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Kunovich is Distinguished Teaching Professor (2013), Associate Professor of Sociology, Associate Chair, and Sociology Program Director. He has a B.A. in Political Science and Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs from Miami University (1993) and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology from The Ohio State University (1996, 2001). His areas of specialization are race, ethnicity, and nation; social stratification and inequality; political sociology; and quantitative research methods.

Josephine Caldwell-Ryan, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Anthropology

Dr. Josephine Caldwell-Ryan was selected for a 2013 Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Award. The University of Texas System honors only a select few faculty members with this prestigious award, making the receipt of this award a tremendous achievement. Congratulations, Dr. Ryan!

The recipient must have demonstrated extraordinary classroom performance and innovation in undergraduate instruction. It is the Board of Regents’ highest honor, and the recipients receive a sizeable monetary expression of appreciation. Nominees must go through rigorous evaluations by students, peer faculty and external reviewers. The reviewers consider teaching performance, classroom expertise, curricular quality, innovative course development and student learning outcomes. We are delighted that the UT System has recognized Dr. Ryan’s extraordinary dedication to teaching, and we are proud to have her as a member of our faculty!

Dr. Ryan received her BA in Anthropology from the University of Georgia (1976), her PhD in Anthropology from Southern Methodist University (1996), and her MPH from the University of North Texas Health Science Center (2010). Dr. Ryan was invited to a special dinner honoring all of the Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Award recipients on August 21, 2013 and was honored at this fall’s University Faculty Meeting.
Kudos to Our Faculty: Honors and Achievements

Krystal Beamon, Assistant Professor of Sociology

Dr. Krystal Beamon spoke with students and staff as the keynote speaker for the MavsMeet Convocation on August 20, 2013 at the College Park Center. She discussed with students the ideas of teamwork, playing like a champion today, “we believe,” and don’t quit. She told students that they can succeed in college by getting involved and attending class. They have to believe that they can achieve their goal of graduating. (The Shorthorn: photo by Victoria Ponceti, article information by Tanasia Curtis)

Naomi Cleghorn, Assistant Professor of Anthropology

Dr. Naomi Cleghorn was recently selected as a recipient of an Outstanding Teaching Award (Tenure Track Faculty) for the College of Liberal Arts. She was honored at the Accolades ceremony this past spring. Dr. Cleghorn has passed her third year review and has a research reapportionment semester this fall. Her training is in archaeology (with an emphasis in Old World Paleolithic studies and zooarchaeology) and biological anthropology (with an emphasis on human skeletal anatomy). She has field and research experience in Eurasia, Africa, and North America, in time periods ranging from the historic through the Miocene. Dr. Cleghorn was also awarded a Research Enhancement Program Grant for 2013-14.

Christian Zlolniski, Associate Professor of Anthropology

Dr. Christian Zlolniski has been appointed by The University of Texas Arlington as the Director of the University’s Center for Mexican American Studies. Dr. Zlolniski is an Associate Professor of Anthropology and is an expert in international migration and economic globalization. The Center administers an 18-hour academic minor in Mexican American Studies.

Dr. Zlolniski said, “I am honored by the appointment and excited about the opportunity it provides me to contribute to the growing Latino student population at UT Arlington and the Latino community at large. It took the effort of many committed people in the Mexican-American community in the past to create and develop the Center, and my job is to ensure we reach out and deliver to our Mexican American and Latina and Latino students, many of whom are first of their generation going to college.”

Dr. Beth Wright, Dean of the UTA College of Liberal Arts, has said of Dr. Zlolniski, "He is committed to helping Mexican-American students and their families – some of them the immigrant parents that he has studied for decades – to succeed in their dreams of obtaining a college education.” (http://www.uta.edu/news/releases/2013/08/zlolinksi-CMAS-director.php)

Summer 2013 Sociology and Anthropology Faculty Mentors:

Dr. Susan Gonzalez-Baker, Sociology
Mentored Sociology major and McNair Scholar Chad Austin

Dr. Josephine Caldwell-Ryan, Anthropology & Dr. Christian Zlolniski, Anthropology
Mentored Anthropology major and McNair Scholar Gabriel Escobedo

Dr. Shelley Smith, Anthropology
Mentored Anthropology major and McNair Scholar Brandon Butler
FIELD AND STUDY ABROAD ADVENTURES
Summer 2013

South Africa with Dr. Naomi Cleghorn, Anthropology

UTA students Daniel Peart and Lori Phillips documenting KEH1 in South Africa

Dr. Cleghorn and Leesha Richardson (South African undergraduate) surveying in KEH1

Scotland with Dr. Karl Petruso, Anthropology

Students pause while exploring Tantallon Castle (coast of East Lothian), built in the 14th century

Student Marvin Brown analyzes the architecture of the megalithic stone circle at Loanhead of Daviot in Aberdeenshire (ca. 2500 BCE)
The following Graduate and Undergraduate students were honored at the Annual Department of Sociology and Anthropology Awards Ceremony held April 29, 2013.

Graduating Anthropology Seniors were Angel Aymond\(^{(M)}\), Molly Beyer\(^{(M)}\), Oscar Bisot, Evan Ellis\(^{(C)}\), Azure Garza\(^{(M)}\), Leonel Giron, Ana Mariscal\(^{(S)}\), Freya McDonald\(^{(C)}\), Roland Olson, Daniel Peart\(^{(M)}\), Charles Perea, Christopher Rodriguez, Tonya Smith\(^{(M)}\), Joseph Vasquez, and Phillip Whitfield.

Graduating Sociology Seniors were Aamal Alabed\(^{(C)}\), Nicholas Baker, Coral Bell, Priscilla Bonsu, Ceola Brown, Phebe Cannon\(^{(S)}\), Nicolas Chambers, Ana Clay, Carley Crandall\(^{(M)}\), Hillary Cromer, Brandon Dean, Erica Demeis, Katherine Donovan, Anny Espinosa, Rosheia Hodge, Mia Hudson, Brian Jones, Jamaica Kennedy\(^{(S)}\), Samantha Lafon, Sabra Lowell-Hanson, Letecia McClendon\(^{(M)}\), Linh Nguyen, Emily Nixon\(^{(S)}\), David Ofuoku, Laura Olivas, Ryan Peters, Reynaldo Rangel\(^{(S)}\), Jennifer Ray, Diana Rodriguez, Rebecca Rodriguez, Denise Sanchez, Lynne Seaborn\(^{(M)}\), Shawnquinsha Simpson, Alexandra Strebeck, Monica Tarbox, Roy Vann, Andrea Vaughn, and Julian Wheatley.

*Summa Cum Laude\(^{(S)}\), Magna Cum Laude\(^{(M)}\), Cum Laude\(^{(C)}\)

Graduating Anthropology Master's Student: Crystal Daniel.

Graduating Sociology Master's Students were Karla Arenas, Tim Bielik, Rory Bradbury, M. Faye Hanson-Evans, Christina Heiden, and Shannon Kern.

McNair Scholars were Chad Austin, Brandon Butler, and Gabriel Escobedo.

The Blaine T. and Jean W. Williams Endowed Scholarship in Sociology went to Christina Carney.

Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society Inductees were Phebe Cannon, Gabriel Escobedo, Christina Heiden, and Lori Phillips.

Anthropology Honor Roll Recipients who maintained a GPA of 3.5 or higher within the major and 3.0 overall were Shawn Dunlap, Chloe Hobbie, Sarah Hope, Hannah Keller, Ivy Lopez, Hayley Mumaw, Thiviyah Raman, and Chelsea Sims.

Sociology Honor Roll Recipients who maintained a GPA of 3.5 or higher within the major and a 3.0 overall were Mary Ann Allain, Brandon Brewington, Howard Clemens, Diana Davis, Cynthia Dorries, Kelsey Lusby, Melody May, Paul Morgan, Garth Pickard, Brandi Simpson, Tracy Stoff, and Erin Taylor.

Anthropology Scholars who maintained a GPA of 3.5 and completed more than 12 hours of coursework within the major were Briana Amelio, Angel Aymond, Molly Beyer, Dane Devoe, Evan Ellis, Gabriel Escobedo, Ryan Gates, Keith Hause, Marlen Ibarra, Elizabeth Lin, Ana Mariscal, Derek Miles Martin, Freya McDonald, Sunnie Nesuda, Daniel Peart, Lori Phillips, Kenneth Rhodes, and Tonya Smith.

Sociology Scholars who maintained a GPA of 3.5 and completed more than 12 hours of coursework within the major were Aamal Alabed, Phebe Cannon, Ana Clay, Carley Crandall, Erica Demeis, Brittany Hathorn, Mia Hudson, Devyn Jackson, Jamaica Kennedy, TiMar Long, Letecia McClendon, Matthew Moody, Emily Nixon, Matthew Plant, Reynaldo Rangel, Estefania Rodriguez, Lynne Seaborn, Lukas Szrot, and Elizabeth Waller.

Sociology students who pursued a specific area of concentration with a minimum of 12 semester hours were Aamal Alabed (Family and Gender Studies), Coral Bell (Social Diversity), Ceola Brown (Family and Gender Studies and Social Diversity), Nicolas Chambers (Social Psychology), Katherine Donovan (Family and Gender Studies), Rosheia Hodge (Social Diversity), Jamaica Kennedy (Social Psychology), Linh Nguyen (Social Psychology), Ryan Peters (Deviance and Social Control and Social Psychology), Denise Sanchez (Family and Gender Studies), Alexandra Strebeck (Social Psychology), Roy Vann (Social Diversity), and Andrea Vaughn (Family and Gender Studies).

College of Liberal Arts Scholars were Karla Arenas, Ryan Gates, Letecia McClendon, Lori Phillips, and Stephanie Ray.

A Liberal Arts Merit Scholarship went to Hannah Keller.

A Junior Women's Club of Fort Worth Endowed Scholarship went to Christina Carney.

Lambda Alpha Inductees were Molly Beyer, Evan Ellis, Gabriel Escobedo, Ryan Gates, Marlen Ibarra, Freya McDonald, Erin Nichols, Lori Phillips, Kenneth Rhodes, and Tonya Smith.

Alpha Kappa Delta Inductees were Ceola Brown, Carley Crandall, Erica Demeis, Devyn Jackson, Letecia McClendon, Reynaldo Rangel, Diana Rodriguez, Lukas Szrot, Stephen Lott, Jaala Robinson, and Sabuna Timilsina.
SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY M.A. GRADUATES

Karla Arenas                              Rory Bradbury                      M. Faye Hanson-Evans                       Christina Heiden

Hooding Ceremony

KARLA ARENAS, Sociology
Psychological Distress in Interracial Couples, Spring 2013

TIM BIELIK, Sociology
Non-Thesis project, Fall 2012

RORY BRADBURY, Sociology
Couch Surfing in North Texas: A Localized View of a Global Phenomenon, Spring 2013

CRYSTAL DANIEL, Anthropology
Archaeological and Current Diagnostic Measures of Disease Manifestations in Bone at Childhood: Osteosarcomas, Osteochondromas, and Hematopoietic Disease, Spring 2013

M. FAYE HANSON-EVANS, Sociology
Color Coding Poverty: Selectivity in Commitments to Individualism and Structuralism across Various Racial and Ethnic Groups, Spring 2013

CHRISTINA HEIDEN, Sociology
Income Inequality and the Association between Socioeconomic Status and Health, Spring 2013

SHANNON KERN, Sociology
The Process of Overcoming Challenges within an American Social Movement: An LGBT Case Study, Fall 2012

NATIONAL PRESENTATIONS BY GRADUATE STUDENTS:

M. Faye Hanson-Evans, Sociology

Destiny Micklin, Anthropology
The People of Actuncan: Locals or Migrants? Society for American Archaeology (SAA), Honolulu, HI, April 2013

Zachary Overfield, Anthropology
Resurrecting Old Pattonia: Uncovering the Lifeways of a Nineteenth-Century Shipping Port Community. SAA, 2013

Congratulations also to Zack on his upcoming publication, a book review of Suzanne Burikova’s and Daniel Miller’s ethnography, “Au Pair,” in the peer-reviewed AAA journal, the Anthropology of Work Review. This review will be published in the AWR late Fall issue. Zack wrote this review as part of graduate coursework in Dr. Khanduri’s Anthropological Theory and then revised it for publication.

Christopher Shelton, Anthropology
Parameters for Lithic Raw Material Choice: Modeling the Middle Stone Age on the Southern Coast of South Africa. SAA, 2013
Molly Beyer (ANTH BA, 2013) is in the dual Public Health (MPH)/MA program at the UNT Health Science Center.

Sastra Bour (SOCI MA, 2010 and SOCW MA) is now the Refugee Resettlement Supervisor for Refugee Services of Texas in Dallas.

Heather Champeau (SOCI MA, 2010) has been working as a Research Analyst for 2M Research Services. She was just admitted to the PhD Program in Sociology at the University of Colorado Boulder with a specialization in Qualitative and Interpretive Design.

Louwanda Evans (SOCI MA, 2006; PhD from Texas A&M) is now a Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology at Millsaps College.

M. Faye Hanson-Evans (SOCI MA, 2013) is in the PhD program in Sociology at the University of North Texas.

Kaitlin Johnson (SOCI BA, 2012) moved to West Lafayette, Indiana to enter the PhD program in Sociology. In addition to her regular coursework responsibilities, Kaitlin works as a research assistant for Professor Suitor. In her first year, Kaitlin co-authored two papers, both of which have been accepted for publication, one at *The Gerontologist* and one at the *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*. Kaitlin survived her first graduate course where she was the only student without an MA.

Kyle Knight (BBA in Marketing 2006 but with 25 hours in Sociology) recently earned his PhD in Sociology at Washington State and is Assistant Professor of Sociology at Alabama-Huntsville.

Ashley Kranjac (SOCI MA, 2012) has been admitted into the PhD program in Sociology at the University of Buffalo.

Lori Lee (ANTH Honors BA, 1993; ANTH MA, 1997) is Ainsworth Visiting Professor of American Culture at Randolph College in Virginia. She specializes in the archaeology of the antebellum South and has conducted excavations at Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest for many years. She is ABD in historical anthropology at Syracuse University, where she is completing her dissertation on the archaeology of slavery in central Virginia.

Megan Meier (ANTH BA, 2010) is completing her MA in Criminal Justice this semester at Texas State University in San Marcos. She is a TA for six sections of Statistics.

Natalie Morrissey (ANTH BA, 2012) is in the dual Public Health (MPH)/MA program at the UNT Health Science Center.

Elizabeth Nelson (ANTH BA, 2012) is in the Structural Anatomy and Rehabilitation Science PhD program at the UNT Health Science Center.

Faith Nibbs (ANTH Honors BA, 2005; PhD from SMU) is the director of a new Forced Migration Innovation Project (Department of Anthropology, SMU), the goal of which is to research “the role of innovation, career laddering, and the private sector in securing sustainable livelihoods in forced migration.”

Daniel Peart (ANTH BA, 2013) is focusing on biological anthropology in the Anthropology PhD program at Ohio State University.

Sylvain Rey (ANTH Honors BA, 2009) completed his master's degree in the archaeology of late antiquity at the Sorbonne in June, and did extensive fieldwork at the ancient port of Narbonne in southern France. He is planning to continue his studies at the doctoral level at Oxford University.

Jason Rodriguez (ANTH MA, 2003) is an Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, New York.

Hamidullah Qeyam (SOCI MA, 2012) has been admitted to the PhD program in Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at Indiana University.

Leslie Smith (ANTH MA, 2011) is in the Biomedical Sciences PhD Program at the Baylor College of Dentistry, Texas A&M Health Science Center.

Kristi Stephenson (SOCI MA, 2003) is Manager of Consumer Insights and Innovation at Dr Pepper Snapple Group.

Annie Tuttle (SOCI BA, 2003; MS and PhD from FSU) is an Assistant Professor at Onondaga Community College, Syracuse, New York.
**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

**Anthro Club**
The Anthropology Club kicked off with a great start this year with a new set of officers: Shawn Dunlap, President; Rosa Hayes, Vice President; Gabriel Escobedo, Secretary; Danni Martin, Treasurer; and Dr. Amy Speier, Faculty Advisor. Our plans include museum visits, distinguished brown bag lectures, exciting events like flint knapping, and helping with the annual goat roast hosted by Dr. Naomi Cleghorn. We are looking forward to the Tuesday morning Coffee and Donut Study Session for all members as well as continuing with social events like our cultural lunches at local venues. We seek to promote increased awareness of local and national events in anthropology while encouraging fun activities for our student body. For more information on the Anthro Club you may go to [http://mavorgs.collegiatelink.net/organization/anthropologyclub](http://mavorgs.collegiatelink.net/organization/anthropologyclub).

**Lambda Alpha**
The 2013-14 school year promises to be an active one for Lambda Alpha. In addition to assisting with the Termini Lecture and Brown Bag series, we will be focusing on developing professional and scholarly skills such as networking and research. We will be attending conferences and lectures throughout the year. This year will also see the introduction of social hours, events designed to give members an opportunity to discuss anthropological topics and career paths. 2013-14 Lambda Alpha Officers are Hannah Keller, President; Colleen Mullen, Vice-President; Destiny Micklin, Treasurer; and Dr. Ritu Khanduri, Faculty Advisor.

**Sociology Student Association (SSA)**
The Sociology Student Association (SSA) is an officially recognized, student-led organization at the University of Texas Arlington. The purpose of SSA is to demonstrate the practical and theoretical aspects of Sociology in ways beneficial to its undergraduate and graduate students interested in sociology. Membership is not limited to sociology majors. SSA engages in a range of activities including career development events, educational activities, community involvement, and social events. Each semester’s activities are determined by the student members. The SSA President is Rebecca Goerdel, and the Faculty Co-Advisors are Dr. Krystal Beamon and Dr. Jason Shelton.

**AKD**
The Alpha Kappa Delta Sociological Honor Society Omicron Chapter of Texas welcomed new sociology scholars from UTA to its ranks during the 2012-2013 year. Dr. Chunping Han, faculty advisor and chapter representative for AKD, inducted new initiates at last year’s ceremony co-sponsored with the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and Lambda Alpha. The ceremony also honored UTA’s own Sociology Scholars and Sociology Honor Roll students with a lavish banquet and reception afterward. AKD also assists with funding for students interested in attending or presenting at professional conventions. To stay informed of the latest national AKD news, join the Facebook group: Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society; for more information on the Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society of Sociology, you can go to: [http://alphakappadeltainternational.com](http://alphakappadeltainternational.com).

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**March 27, 2013 Student Presenters were**

**Angel Aymond (ANTH):** Animal Services in Arlington, Texas: An Evaluation and Recommendation for Improvements.

**Veronika Ellison Terrian (SOCI):** A Voice of One’s Own: Women’s History in American Media.

**Gabriel Escobedo (ANTH):** Sacred Arts or Black Belt Factories? The Globalization of Martial Arts in North Texas.

**Carl Feagans (ANTH):** Sex, Gender, and Identity Represented Through Anthropomorphic Figurines of the Neolithic.

**Lanchi Vu (SOCI):** The Impact of the Women’s and Gender Studies Discipline.
Blaine T. and Jean W. Williams Endowed Scholarship in Sociology

Christina Carney, Sociology

The Blaine T. and Jean W. Williams Endowed Scholarship in Sociology was presented at the department’s Celebration of Achievement Ceremony in the spring of 2013 to Christina Carney.

The Blaine T. and Jean W. Williams Endowed Scholarship in Sociology was established by their son, Blaine Williams and his wife, Elaine Davenport. Blaine T. Williams, Sr., and his wife, Jean Wood Williams were pioneers in the Dallas - Fort Worth Sociology and Social Work community (photo, right). The scholarship is awarded annually to a junior or senior majoring in Sociology at the University of Texas Arlington.

Ms. Carney is also the recipient of The Junior Woman's Club of Fort Worth Endowed Scholarship for 2013. The scholarship was established in 2012. The award is intended for undergraduate students who are minoring in Women’s and Gender Studies at the University of Texas Arlington. It is intended to recognize students whose commitment to addressing women’s and gender issues is evident in their academic accomplishments, creative activities, community involvement or civic engagement.

McNair Scholars

The McNair Scholars Program is a federal program established in memory of physicist and Challenger astronaut Dr. Ronald E. McNair. The program prepares the undergraduate recipients for entrance to a PhD program in all fields of study. The program’s goal is to increase the number of first-generation graduates, low income and/or under-represented students in PhD programs with hopes to diversify the faculty in colleges and universities across the U.S. Three of our students participated in the program and completed their research during the summer 2013 term: Chad Austin, Brandon Butler, and Gabriel Escobedo.

Exploring the Latino Homelessness Paradox: The Social and Cultural Buffers of Race, Poverty, and Homelessness
Mentor: Dr. Susan Gonzalez-Baker; Special Student Co-Mentor: M. Faye Hanson-Evans

Brandon Butler, Anthropology
Dog Behavioral Patterns in Dog Parks
Mentor: Dr. Shelley Smith

Gabriel Escobedo, Anthropology
Loss of Language and Cultural Identity: U.S. Born Mexican-Americans in North Texas
Mentors: Dr. Christian Zlolniski and Dr. Josephine Caldwell-Ryan
The Ben and Trudy Termini Distinguished Anthropologist Lecture for 2013 was presented by Dr. Wenda Trevathan. Dr. Trevathan is a New Mexico State University Regents’ Professor Emerita. She is a biological anthropologist with an expertise in the evolution of human birth and in aspects of evolutionary medicine related to women’s health. Many anthropology students have used her highly successful *Introduction to Physical Anthropology* text, now in its 14th edition (Jurmain, Kilgore, Trevathan, and Ciochon 2013, Wadsworth); she is co-editor of the more specialized text, *Evolutionary Medicine and Health: New Perspectives* (Trevathan, Smith, and McKenna, 2008, Oxford University Press). She has written two sole-authored books, *Human Birth: An Evolutionary Perspective* (1987, Aldine DeGruyter) and *Ancient Bodies, Modern Lives: How Evolution Has Shaped Women’s Health* (2010, Oxford University Press) and numerous journal articles, book chapters, and shorter articles and reviews. She currently serves on the editorial boards of two evolutionary medicine journals and the *American Anthropologist*. In 2008-2009, Professor Trevathan was a resident scholar at the School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe. Her more prominent awards include the following: Distinguished Lecturer, Biological Anthropology Section of the AAA (American Anthropological Association, 2006), Fulbright Senior Scholar Award (1999-2000), New Mexico Professor of the Year (Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, 1994), and the Margaret Mead Award (Society for Applied Anthropology/AAA, 1990).

Photo of Dr. Trevathan from New Mexico State University webpage: http://www.nmsu.edu/~anthro/trevathan.html.

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