

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Summer Graduation August 4, 2007.**
- **Sociology Club Welcome Back Reception. Early in the fall semester. Details to follow.**

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## 2006-07 Bachelor's & Master's Degree Recipients

### Summer 2006

Jennifer Duc  
Justin Garrett-Kraus  
William Mader III  
Ashlee Mikels  
Sara Neuenschwander  
Lauren O'Brien  
Lise-Mariel Pilier

### Fall 2007

Joseph Anderson  
Desiree Ard  
Bernard Butler  
Danielle Hamel  
Clayton Huber  
Gail Larson  
Sherrie Lazo  
Casy Magee  
Jennifer Rehor  
Alene Smalls  
Melissa Todd  
Marianne Vitale  
Jenifer Woolley

### Spring 2007

Loni Andrew  
Meagan Arrastia  
Susan Bodner  
Jonathan Bonilla  
Lauren DeSantis  
Joseph Deyne  
Hilary Dotson  
Andrew Elrod  
Mychel Estevez  
Lisabeth Fryer  
Michelle Godwin  
Robert Griffin  
Wendi Kane  
Mark Kimbrell  
Leah Kremp  
Mary Manassah  
Michael Morgan  
Ashley Simpson  
Janasha Spady  
Sarah Welton

### Summer 2006

Judith Bogess  
David Cintron  
Michele Coleman  
Chantel Dufrene

Wayne Greenaway Jr.  
Meggan Jordan  
Kathryn Lausser  
Nicholas Libby  
Deborah Morgan

### Fall 2006

Rebecca Feiler  
Diane Praether  
Emmy Simms



Martin Smith  
Lisa Tims

### Spring 2007

Chasity Blankenship  
Matt Graham  
Debra Griffin  
Christy Spalding  
Jennifer Truman  
John Versaggi

## *New Faculty Profile: Dr. Scott Carter*

Dr. J. Scott Carter will be joining us from the University of West Georgia where he was an Assistant Professor in the Sociology and Criminology Department for 3 years. Prior to that position, he earned a Ph.D. degree in Sociology at the University of South Carolina where he studied racial inequality and urban and region subcultures. Before shifting his interest to Sociology, Dr. Carter earned a bachelor degree in psychology from the University of South Carolina and a masters degree in Applied Psychology from Francis Marion University.

Dr. Carter's research interests revolve around racial and gender inequality, attitude measurement issues, and urban and region subcultures. In particular, he has been interested in understanding the unique characteristics of Southern and rural living on residents. This interest developed primarily while growing up in a highly racially integrated small town in the middle of the Old South.

While research and teaching describes his academic life, Dr. Carter is very excited about joining UCF to be nearer to the beach and the warm weather where he enjoys outdoor activities such as tennis and swimming.

# Fellowship Recipients



## Student Publications:

Melanie Carlson. "I'd rather go along and be considered a man: Masculinity and bystander intervention." *Journal of Men's Studies.*

Erin Nabors, Tracy Dietz & Jana Jasinski. "A Sociodemographic Analysis of Domestic Violence Beliefs among College Students." *Violence and Victims.*

Carol Zugazaga, Raymond Surette, Monica Mendez, & Charles Otto. *Social worker perceptions of the portrayal of the profession in the news and entertainment media: An exploratory study.* *Journal of Social Work Education.*

Delores Forbes-Edelen and James D. Wright. "Public Housing." Pp. 3707-11 in George Ritzer (ed), *Encyclopedia of Sociology, Volume 10.* New York: Blackwell, 2007

Each year the university awards several different types of fellowships to graduate students. For the 2007-08 Academic year, the department of Sociology was awarded several different types of graduate fellowships.

### Graduate Ramp Fellowship:

Sara Neuenschwander  
Meagan Arrastia

### Summer Mentoring Fellowship:

Meagan Arrastia  
Latoya Prescod

### Provost Fellowship

Michele Covington  
Hilary Dotson

### Doctoral Merit Fellowship:

Amy Donley  
Mónica Mendez  
Michael Bachmann

### Delores Auzenne Fellowship

Mónica Mendez

If you are interested in learning more about fellowship opportunities please contact the Sociology graduate director.

## Faculty and Students Receive Community Award!



Left to Right: Nicholas Libby, Dr. Lin Huff-Corzine, Orlando Police Chief Michael J. McCoy, and Dr. Jay Corzine.

At an awards ceremony in March Drs. Lin Huff-Corzine, Jay Corzine and doctoral student Nicholas Libby received the Good Citizenship Award from the Orlando Police Department "for community spirit as demonstrated by donating valuable time to conduct research into homicides in Orlando." This research was completed in conjunction with the Mayor's Safe Orlando Task Force.

### Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence (SURE).

Every spring UCF hosts research week. As part of that week students are able to present their research at two events. Undergraduate researchers present their work at the SURE showcase.

This year the department was represented by two undergraduate students at the SURE event

Meagan C. Arrastia presented her research titled "Perceptions about HPV, the HPV Vaccine, and Condom Usage on a College Campus" and Wendi B. Kane, presented her re-

search titled "Social Class Justifications: The Capitalist Conspiracy?"

Wendi was also awarded honorable mention in the Social Sciences I category.

Congratulations!

# Data Analysis Annual Research Symposium



Jessica Rice

Every spring the fourth floor of Phillips Hall is filled with the sounds of students presenting their research in the annual Research Symposium. This display of research posters represents the culmination of work that Sociology majors have completed in their methods and statistics core courses. Students work to develop and carry out an empirical research project that they then present to the Sociology faculty. This year's symposium showed off projects using a class dataset with over 1,000 respondents. Attendees at the event include Dr. Panousis (COS Dean), Dr. Alison Morrison-Shelter (Dean of Undergraduate Studies), and Dr. Rick Schell (Vice Provost for Academic Affairs).

1st Place: **Lisabeth Fryor** "Attitudes regarding future care of an aging parent"

2nd Place (Tie): **Jessica Rice** "Alcohol use and sexual behavior"; **Wendi Kane** "Social class justifications: The capitalist conspiracy"

3rd Place: **Debra Romeo** "Religiosity and life satisfaction"



Elizabeth Fryer

Debra Romeo



## Graduate Research Forum

As part of research week graduate students are able to present their research in two different formats. They have the option of creating a poster and participating in the poster session or giving an oral presentation at this event. The following students participated in this year's Graduate Research Forum:

**Oral Presentations:**

- Michael Bachmann
- Minna Grantham

- Christa Polczynski
- Jenna Truman

**Poster Presentations:**

- Sara Neuenschwander
- Tony Saieva

Doctoral Student **Minna Grantham** was the Co-Winner of the Social Sciences Oral Presentations.

**Alumni Kudos!**

Jobe Baboucar was the recipient of the Endowed Teaching Chair at Seminole Community College.

Eirini Chaddon graduated from the University of Florida with a Master of Science in Management.

We would love to include your accomplishments in our future issues!

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We are taking a break from Trivia in this issue to make room for all the awards and congratulations. We did not forget about you, however, and the answers to the trivia questions from the last issue are listed below.

1. Brent Marshall
2. Ida Cook
3. Tracy Dietz
4. Libby Mustaine
5. Jana Jasinski
6. David Gay
7. Fernando Rivera
8. Jay Corzine
9. Jim Wright
10. Jason Ford
11. Penelope Canan
12. Liz Grauerholz
13. Warren Goldstein
14. Jessica Pardee
15. John Lynxwiler
16. Elzbieta Sikorska-Simmons
17. Anna Campbell

### We've Moved...

Around that is. After a long semester of wait and see the Sociology faculty have moved to their new offices. So if you cannot find your professor where they used to be check with the main office (still in Phillips Hall 403) and find their new office.

As part of the move, however, we do have a new phone number. You can reach us at 407-823-3744.

### More Excellence

Doctoral Student **Debra Marshall** was the College of Sciences winner for excellence in graduate teaching.

Master's Student **Oneshia Herring** was selected as Who's Who among Students at UCF. Oneshia also started the Black Graduate Student Association here at UCF.

Doctoral student **Nick Libby** was the department winner of the best graduate student paper.

Doctoral student **Rae Taylor** was the department winner for excellence in graduate teaching.

Doctoral Student **Melanie Carlson** was elected to the board of directors for the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

**Drs. Gay and Lynxwiler** took over editorial duties for Sociological Spectrum.

**Dr. Jana Jasinski** was the recipient of UCF's first award honoring faculty who work with undergraduate research.

**Dr. Elizabeth Mustaine** was the recipient of the Excellence in GEP Assessment Award.

**Dr. Fernando Rivera** is the recipient of a new Disaster Mental Health Research Mentoring Program funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, Dartmouth College and the National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (NCPTSD). (For more info go to: redmh.org). He also received funding from UCF to conduct a qualitative study about Puerto Ricans in Central Florida and their attitudes towards help-seeking.

**Dr. Jim Wright** (with Steven L. Nock and Laura A. Sanchez) has a new book coming out entitled "Covenant Marriage and the Marriage Movement: Religion, Divorce, and Public Policy" from Rutgers University Press.



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