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## When African Americans Moved North

This July, the University of Washington Department of Sociology will welcome, as its new Chair, **Professor Stewart E. Tolnay**, who joined the faculty in the fall of 2000.

A historical demographer, Professor Tolnay has focused his research primarily on the demographic characteristics and behavior of African Americans. He is widely published and perhaps best known for his award-winning books, *A Festival of Violence: An Analysis of Southern Lynchings, 1882-1930*, and *The Bottom Rung: African American Family Life on Southern Farms*. In 2002, he co-edited *American Diversity: A Demographic Challenge for the Twenty-First Century*.

"I've always been interested in the demography of blacks in the U.S., especially as it intersects with Southern race relations," he says.

During the past three years, he has been involved in two related research projects that tackle issues of race and migration.

### Migration Myths

The first project examines the social and economic consequences of the "Great Migration," a period between 1910 and 1970 during which millions of African Americans left the South and moved to northern cities.

Conventional wisdom has held that black southern migrants destabilized northern cities by carrying with them a dysfunctional family culture, but statistics show that the marriages of southern migrants living in the North were at least as durable as those of native northerners. "Southern African-American migrants in northern cities were actually doing quite well compared to African Americans who were native to the North," says Tolnay. Furthermore, in most decades, the children of migrants had a greater chance of living with two parents than did the children of northern-born blacks.

"There has also been an assumption that when lots of Southern migrants moved north, it brought negative consequences to native blacks," says Tolnay. He has found little support for the idea that native blacks were adversely affected economically, though he admits that this issue needs further study.

### Foreign-born immigrants

Tolnay's second project takes a look at a 100-year period of U.S. history to determine how the social and economic well-being of African Americans was affected by the size and growth of immigrant populations within their urban areas.

One article from this project shows that African American men and women were occupationally

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New  
Sociology Chair  
Stewart E. Tolnay  
uses hard data  
to challenge  
conventional  
wisdom.

## Soc Events

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### Bebop to Hip Hop

#### Candlelit tables, jazz piano & ... sociology?

The UW School of Arts and Sciences took over Dimitriou's Jazz Alley in Seattle the evening of March 17, 2003, for a unique benefit dinner—"Jazzing Up Society: Performance and Commentary from Bebop to Hip Hop." If you did not attend, you missed a great party and lot of faculty talent.

The idea began with **Sociology Chair Bob Crutchfield** and **UW Music Professor Marc Seales** and their lunchtime conversations about jazz. The UW Alumni Association knew a good idea when they heard one and organized an amazing affair—its first-ever off-campus event for Arts and Sciences.

A celebrated pianist and composer, Marc Seales and his award winning trio, New Stories, performed a range of musical selections from the 1950s to the present, while Professors Bob Crutchfield, **Al Black**, **Kate Stovel** and **George Bridges** filled in the set breaks with sociological insight.

The turn-out was impressive and the benefit was a great success, netting nearly \$4,000, to be shared by the Department of Sociology and the American Music Program.

### A Sociology 'family' reunion

Over the years, UW Sociology has not only been a top-ranking department, but also a close family.

"During the 1960s and early '70s, members and their families interacted as friends, not just sociologists," remembers former faculty member Bob Leik, "and there were frequent parties."

Last March, Bob and his wife, Sheila (a former Sociology student), decided it was about time for another party and invited the "old gang" to their Bainbridge Island home for a reunion. Twenty-nine people attended from all over the country. Many hadn't seen each other for three decades.

"We could even recognize each other without name tags," says Bob. "There just wasn't enough time to catch up with everyone, so we'll just have to do it again before too long."

In attendance were the following, all of whom were familiar with the recitation, "Lundberg, Schrag and Larsen is the only text for me..." Ron Akers, Ed and Marie Borgatta, Bob and Judy Burgess, Bill and Nancy Catton, Bill Chamblis, Karen Cook, Pat Emerson, Jack and Karen Faris, Lowell Hargens, Otto and Greta Larsen, Stan and Pat Lieberston, Frank and Michi Miyamoto, Clarence and Lee Schrag, Dave and Fran (Sue) Schmitt, Pierre and Irmi Van den Bergh, Wes and Marylou Wager.



Robert D. Crutchfield

## A Farewell Letter from the Chair

Dear Alumni and Friends,

It's nice to begin a letter with good news. I am, therefore, especially pleased that we now have an endowed professorship that honors **Professor Emeritus Frank Miyamoto**. Last year, members of Frank and Michi Miyamoto's extended family made a gift to the Department allowing us to endow the S. Frank Miyamoto Professorship in Sociology.

Frank is one of those Department members who believes it is important to contribute to scholarship and to the Department and University communities. His work has advanced the discipline, and his service has made it possible for others to do better work.

I am also very pleased to announce that **Professor Barbara Reskin**, who came to our Department from Harvard this year, was named the first holder of the Miyamoto Professorship.

In other Department news, **George Bridges** was named Dean for Undergraduate Education succeeding our colleague **Fred Campbell** who retired from that position. **Lowell Hargens**, who began his career here as an Assistant Professor, has rejoined the UW faculty after a stint at the Ohio State University. **Judy Howard** now serves as the Chair of the Women Studies Department, **Martina Morris** is the new Director of the Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology (which received a

coveted NIH Center Grant), and **Paul LePore** is the Director of Undergraduate Program Development in the College of Arts and Sciences. We also welcomed Research Associate **Alexes Harris** who completed her Ph.D. in 2002 at the University of California, Los Angeles, and said goodbye to **Assistant Professor H.-H. Daphne Kuo**, who is moving to Wisconsin.

Finally, I report that my term as Chair will end this summer. All of you who know me are aware that I have freely engaged in the time-honored practice of whining about being chair. But now, as my term draws to a close, I'll confess that I have been honored that my colleagues asked me to serve, and that there are actually things I enjoyed about the job. I have especially felt gratified by the opportunity to help my colleagues advance their work, and I hope that they feel that my five years in this office have resulted in progress for the Department.

**Professor Stewart Tolnay** will take up the mantle in July 2003. Stew's acceptance of the additional responsibilities of Chair demonstrate a commitment not only to teaching and research, but to the well-being of the Department as a whole. Rest assured: the Department is in good hands.

Sincerely,  
Bob Crutchfield

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for upcoming Sociology events: [www.soc.washington.edu](http://www.soc.washington.edu)

## Soc Events

### Sex, Lives, and HIV: a look at research & prevention

In May 2003, **Professor Martina Morris** partnered with national expert **Dr. Helene D. Gayle** to present a salon event called "Sex, Lives, and HIV: Two Perspectives on Research and Prevention."

Professor Morris holds the Blumstein-Jordan Professorship in Sociology and was one of the pioneers in the field of network epidemiology. She has been developing a methodology for studying social networks and their effect on disease transmission. Based on her recent research in Uganda, Thailand and the U.S., Professor Morris asserted that biases in how sexual partners are chosen and variations in timing and sequence of partnerships, can make the difference between an isolated outbreak of infection and a full-scale epidemic.

Dr. Gayle, directs the William H. Gates Foundation's HIV, TB and Reproductive Health Program. She spoke about the global spread and prevention of HIV in developing countries. Previously with the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Dr. Gayle has studied problems of malnutrition in children, implemented

child survival programs in Africa, and worked on HIV/AIDS research, programs and policy.

The salon was a great success, drawing 50 guests from diverse interest groups, and ending in a lengthy question-and-answer session.

Sociology salons are the result of the Department's desire to bring the relevance of sociological research to the forefront. Open to the public, the salon evenings are comprised of wine, hors d'oeuvres, and presentations by UW Sociology faculty about relevant and timely topics. Past salon titles have included "Working Our Way Out of Crime," "Misconceptions about Love and Sex," and "Do Civilized People Commit Genocides."

For the 2003-2004 academic year, the Sociology Advisory Board is planning a series of three salons about "America's Role in the World Community."

We encourage alumni (and their guests) to attend these salons, as a way of staying connected to one another and of broadening their understanding of sociology in the context of community.



Helene D. Gayle



Martina Morris

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disadvantaged in 1920 and 1970, compared with foreign-born groups of vastly different national origins. Another shows that the occupational fortunes of immigrant men appear to be enhanced by a larger population of African Americans.

"In the early part of the 20th Century," says Tolnay, "immigrants living in cities with larger black populations moved up in the occupational hierarchy, since blacks were concentrated on the bottom rung of jobs," says Tolnay.

Tolnay says his research provides a perspective on current conditions and stratification by race and nativity in the U.S.

"Compared to foreign-born immigrants – no matter which group – blacks have always been disadvantaged," he says. "That really puts into perspective the obstacles that have been faced by African Americans as they pursue the 'American Dream.'"

#### On the horizon

Tolnay already has plans for his next research project: Black Migration to the West, 1930-2000. He plans to look at the unique characteristics of the American West and how those different conditions might have affected opportunities for African Americans. This project, which is a collaborative effort with researchers at the University of Minnesota, recently received funding from the National Science Foundation.

*Professor Tolnay began his university teaching career in 1981 at the University of Georgia, Athens, after earning his B.A. and Ph.D. at the University of Washington. Before joining the UW faculty in the fall of 2000, he was Director of the Center for Social and Demographic Analysis at the University at Albany, State University of New York. He is currently a research affiliate of the UW Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology (CSDE). You can read about his research on his web site: <http://faculty.washington.edu/tolnay>*



Stewart E. Tolnay

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## Sociology alumnus Saad Ibrahim freed at last

UW Sociology alumnus **Saad Eddin Ibrahim** is a 64-year-old sociologist and Egypt's most prominent democracy and human-rights advocate. He is also a free man after spending 16 months in an Egyptian prison.

A tenured Professor of Sociology at the American University in Cairo and Director of the Ibn Khaldun Center for Development Studies, Dr. Ibrahim's research activities have included monitoring and reporting on elections in Egypt. He holds joint Egyptian and U.S. citizenship and has earned an international reputation for his work promote just elections, political participation by women and better understanding between the Muslim majority and Coptic Christian minority in Egypt.

In summer 2000, Dr. Ibrahim and 27 colleagues were



*Saad Ibrahim with his wife, Barbara, as he is released from Tora prison after an appeals court overturned his conviction. Photo by Thomas Hartwell/Corbis SABA*

arrested on charges that included tarnishing Egypt's reputation (by reporting past instances of electoral fraud) and accepting grant funds from abroad without government permission.



*Albert W. Black*

### **Al Black:** **UW's first Principal Lecturer**

Starting in fall quarter 2003, Professor Albert W. Black will be the University of Washington's first Principal Lecturer. Professor Black made it clear at the beginning of his academic career that his focus would be on teaching and service, and he has distinguished himself in both. In 1977, he won the University of Washington's coveted Distinguished Teaching Award, and in 1999 won the UW Outstanding Public Service Award.

**Katherine Beckett** saw the second edition of her book (co-authored with Ted Sasson), *The Politics of Injustice*.

**Julie Brines'** research on cohabitation and the division of household labor was covered in a November *Boston Globe* article ("A Couple's Work"), and in a recent *Newsweek* story on the effects of the economic recession on marriage.

**Michael Hechter** co-edited (with Christine Horne) the book *Theories of*

*Social Order: A Reader*, published by Stanford University Press this year.

**Jerald Herting** has received grants totaling more than \$1.3 million since 2002 from the Centers for Disease Control and National Institutes of Drug Abuse for his work on drug addiction and suicide prevention.

**James Kitts** is a joint recipient (with Affiliate Professor **Marc Smith**) of a grant titled "Mapping Social Cyberspaces" from the Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences (CSSS), with additional research support from Microsoft Corporation. The funds will be used to study social networks and participation in online communities.

**Ross Matsueda** holds the Clarence and Elissa Schrag Endowed Faculty Fellowship. The National Science Foundation and the National Consortium on Violence Research recently funded "Neighborhoods, Race, and Violence: A Seattle Victimization Survey," for which Ross is the principal investigator, with co-investigators **Bob Crutchfield**, **Pete Guest** and former graduate student **Charis Kubrin** (now on the faculty of George Washington University).

## Faculty Notes

### New Faculty

Lowell Hargens,  
Professor

Alexes Harris,  
Research Associate

Barbara Reskin,  
Professor

Two trials followed, each ending in his conviction and sentencing to seven years of hard labor. While imprisoned, Dr. Ibrahim suffered several small strokes. He was often kept in solitary confinement in an attempt to keep him from inciting other inmates.

His imprisonment mobilized a massive international human rights campaign. Last August, the Bush administration froze additional aid to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's government as a protest against the jailing of Dr. Ibrahim. He was finally cleared of all charges on March 18, 2003—a final verdict that cannot be overturned. Dr. Ibrahim recently underwent spinal surgery but is recovering and plans to resume his teaching responsibilities at the American University in Cairo in September.

He appears to be optimistic that Egyptian intellectuals are becoming less intimidated by their government.

“I reasoned that a regime so frightened of an aging sociologist and 27 young researchers pursuing their work peacefully must indeed be fragile,” Dr. Ibrahim has written. “This realization brought me a sense of inner serenity which never left me throughout my ordeal.”

*Saad Eddin Ibrahim earned his Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of Washington in 1968 and later taught at the UW. He will be honored for his research and career at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association this August. He is tentatively scheduled to lecture at the University of Washington in fall 2003. To read more about his trials and imprisonment, visit his web site at [www.democracy-egypt.org](http://www.democracy-egypt.org).*

**Debra Minkoff** received a Fulbright Fellowship as German Distinguished Chair in American Studies.

**Becky Pettit** was appointed Visiting Scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation for the 2003–2004 academic year. Her proposal to do research on The Consequences of Residential Mobility During Childhood was funded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

**Steve Pfaff** won the Best Published Article Award from the Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section of the American Sociological Association for his paper “Symbolic Resources of Collective Action,” published in *Theory & Society* in 2002.

**Adrian Raftery** was ranked among the world's 10 most cited mathematical scientists during the past decade between 1991–2001 by the Institute for Scientific Information.

**Barbara Reskin** saw the publication of a second edition of her book *Women and Men at Work*, co-authored by Irene Padavic.

**Pepper Schwartz** is now President Elect of the Pacific Sociological Association. (**Judy Howard** from our Department was PSA President in 2001–2002.)

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### **Handcock & Morris: A winning combination**

Sociology Professors Martina Morris and Mark Handcock's project “Quantifying HIV Transmission Risk in Sex and Drug Networks” was funded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) this year. In addition, their book *Divergent Paths: Economic Mobility in the New American Labor Market* (co-authored with Annette D. Bernhardt and Marc A. Scott) won this year's Richard A. Lester Prize for the Outstanding Book in Labor Economics and Industrial Relations, and the Annual Distinguished Book Award from the Cornell University Center for the Study of Inequality.

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**Rodney Stark** was named President Elect for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and saw the publication of his book *For the Glory of God: How Monotheism Led to Reformations, Science, Witch-Hunts, and the End of Slavery*.

### **Stay connected**

Visit the UW Department of Sociology web site and keep up on Department news. Check up on new faculty research projects or find the e-mail address of your favorite professors. Find dates and times of seminars, salons, and other events in the Department Calendar. Or find news about our affiliated research centers.

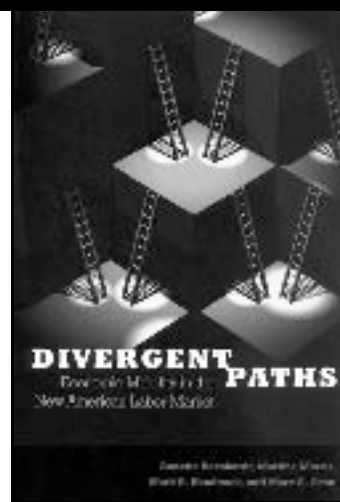
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### **Sociology Alumni: We want your news!**

Publishing alumni news is one way we can help our graduates stay connected to one another and to the Department. Whether months or decades have passed since you left campus, please drop us a line and tell us what you have been doing with your life and with your Sociology degree.

You may use the envelope attached at left if you like. (It's postage-paid!) Just fill in your name, postal and email addresses, graduation year, and your news!

If you prefer, contact **Outreach Coordinator Christine Felton** at (206) 543-1665, or via e-mail at [cfelton@u.washington.edu](mailto:cfelton@u.washington.edu).



### **Faculty Notes**

#### **Retiring Faculty**

Avery (Pete) Guest,  
Professor

Joseph Scott,  
Professor

## Support Sociology

The UW Department of Sociology has a reputation for excellence and leadership in education, research, and service. Despite budget cuts and hiring freezes over the last year, the Department remains committed to maintaining that reputation into the future. In order to meet the challenges ahead, we depend upon the commitment and contributions of alumni and friends of the Department.

There are many opportunities for giving that can help launch a promising career, support research on critical issues, and reward excellence in teaching and research. Here are a few of the specific giving opportunities within the Department of Sociology:

**Friends of Sociology Fund**—Gifts to this fund are directed at the discretion of the Chair to where the need is greatest. In 2002, for the first time ever, alumni contributions made up the majority of giving to this fund. Thanks, alumni!

**Sociology Graduate Student Travel Endowment**—Future endowed fund to meet the travel expenses of graduate students for professional conferences, seminars and other professional development opportunities. The Sociology Graduate Student Association began fund-raising this year and still requires about \$7,000 to meet the UW criteria for establishing an endowment.

**Sociology Graduate Fellowship Fund**—Fellowship support for graduate students in the Department of Sociology. More than half the faculty gave to the Department of Sociology's Graduate Student Support Fund in 2002.

**Blalock Memorial Fellowship Fund**—Endowed fund to support meritorious minority students in first-year graduate studies. This fund is named for the late Hubert M. Blalock, former President of the American Sociological Association and longtime UW Sociology Professor.

Other funds include the **Sociology Scholarship Fund** (providing undergraduate scholarship support); the **Sociology Faculty Fellowship Endowment** (fellowship support for faculty); and the **McCann Graduate Student Loan Fund** (providing emergency loans for graduate students).

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## Advisory Board

Board members **Christopher Cluett** and **Lori Kent** have volunteered to serve as co-chairs during the coming year. Chris earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology at the UW and is a Senior Research Scientist at the Battelle Transportation Division. Lori also earned her M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology from UW and is self-employed as a consultant. Chris and Lori will replace **Linda Capell** and **Nancy Durbin**, who are stepping-down as co-chairs after two years of excellent leadership.

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## Graduate Student News

### Doctor of Philosophy Degrees

Justin Baer  
Deirdre Bowen  
Paul Froese

### Master of Arts Degrees

Derek Kreager  
Lori Pflugst  
Andrew Cho  
Elizabeth Lammert  
Cara Titcomb

### Graduate Student Research Fair

On March 7, 2003, the following graduate students presented their master's theses at the third annual Graduate Student Research Fair: **Michael K. Abel**, **Derek Kreager**, **Christopher J. Lyons**, **Ratna Maya Magarati**, **Liz Mogford**, **Gillian Murphy**, and **Dan Renfrow**.

### Accepting Faculty Appointments

**Christine Bond**, *Lecturer (equivalent to Assistant Professor), University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia*

**Janine Chi**, *Assistant Professor of Sociology, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA*

**Paul Froese**, *Assistant Professor of Sociology, Baylor University, Waco, TX*

**Bruce Hoffman**, *Assistant Professor of Sociology, Ohio University, Athens, OH*

**Emory Morrison**, *Assistant Professor of Sociology, Mississippi State University*

**Katherine J. Curtis White**, *NICHD Postdoctoral Fellowship from the Center for Demography and Ecology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison*

**Deirdre Bowen**, *Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Washington, Bothell*

### Departmental Honors & Awards

**Michael Abel**, *Excellence as a Teaching Assistant*

**Lisa Haley**, **Susan Kingsbury**, **Erin Powers**, *Clarence & Elissa M. Schrag Graduate Fellowship*

**Derek Kreager**, *Herbert L. Costner Paper Award*

**Christopher Lyons**, *Outstanding Performance, Master of Arts Degree*

**Judy Loveless**, *Blalock Minority Student Award*

**Erin Powers**, *Norman S. Hayner Endowment Award*

**H. Theodore Welser**, *Excellence in Teaching*

### Other Honors & Awards

**Amy K. Bailey**, *National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship Honorable Mention*

**Karen Brooks**, *Fulbright-Hays Fellowship in South Africa*

**Alesha Durfee**, *Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation Dissertation Grant in Women's Studies*

**Jennifer Edwards**, *Ford Foundation Small Research Grant*

**Penny Huang**, *First annual Missy Carter Doctoral Dissertation Award, Brandeis University*

**Rachel Kuller**, *National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship*

**Maya Magarati**, *Population Reference Bureau's Population Policy Communication Fellowship*

**Virginia Rutter**, *Christine Mirzayan Science & Technology Internship, National Academies*

**Puk Teerawichitchainan**, *Population Council Dissertation Fellowship and Ford Foundation Small Research Grant*

**Ann Vogel**, *Transatlantic Idea Contest winner for best paper on voluntary communities, Koerber Foundation*

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### Making the major more meaningful

Over the last year, the Department has been exploring ways to make the undergraduate experience more meaningful. In April, **Paul LePore**, Director of Undergraduate Program Development, and Sociology Research Associate **Alexes Harris** met with some of Sociology's top undergrads to get input on the idea of an "Undergraduate Society" – a group that might sponsor workshops, peer mentoring, a webpage, a chapter of the Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society, and so forth.

The student response was positive and the next step will be to relay the students ideas to faculty and staff. **Kevin Mihata**, Director of Instructional Programs, envisions alumni having a potential role as mentors. More news as this project develops!

### Bachelor of Science Degree

The Department is moving ahead with its plan to add a new Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Sociology. Majors with a B.S. will take required courses in social statistics and research methods, gaining skills

useful in advertising, marketing, government and graduate programs. In addition, the Undergraduate Honors program has been revised to better reflect the achievements of our top students.

### Woolston Award Winners

The Howard B. Woolston Award for Academic Excellence is given out annually to outstanding undergraduate sociology majors. Finalists are judged on the basis of GPA, letters of faculty support, and the evaluation of submitted research papers. The recipients for the 2002-2003 academic year were: **Sabra Loewus** and **Kelsey Mertes**.

### Academic Honors

Congratulations to the outstanding undergraduates in this year's Sociology Honors Program: Haley Agatep, Michael Allen, Nadia Arab, Kevin Bang, Ireneo Bartolome, Erin Chiles, Lauren Davidson, Peter Graham, Sarah Guldin, Natasha Hill, Elsa Jensen, Stephanie Liddle, Kelsey Mertes, Matthew Ralston, Brenna Warren.



*Kelsey Mertes and Sabra Loewus*

**Undergraduate Student News**

## Social Science Research Centers

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### Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences

Begun in 1999 and directed by Professor of Sociology **Adrian Raftery**, CSSS is the first center in the nation devoted to the interface of statistics and the social sciences. New this academic year were three CSSS-based Ph.D. tracks available in the Departments of Sociology, Statistics, and Political Science. At the undergraduate level, CSSS offers courses on statistical methods taught in a case-based way, a radical departure from the traditional first statistics course. [www.csss.washington.edu](http://www.csss.washington.edu)

### Comparative Law and Society Studies Center

Sociology Professors **Katherine Beckett** and **Paul Burstein** are part of the faculty of the CLASS Center, which promotes interdisciplinary research and teaching about law, justice, and human rights. Directed by Political Science Professor Michael McCann, the Center's future plans include a graduate certificate program for Ph.D. students in various departments who are interested in socio-legal studies, and a conference on grassroots human rights efforts called "Human Rights From the Bottom Up." [www.depts.washington.edu/class](http://www.depts.washington.edu/class)

### Center for the Study of Ethnic Conflict and Conflict Resolution

CSECCR is co-directed by its founder, **Daniel Chirot**, Professor of Sociology and Director of the International Studies Program, and **Resat Kasaba**, Professor of International Studies and Adjunct Professor of Sociology. Its mission is to examine the intricacies of ethnic conflict and explore what scholars can do to prevent serious

conflicts from escalating toward genocide. In May of this year, CSECCR and the International Studies Center hosted a workshop entitled, "Whither Our World?" to review global developments in recent years fit together and as a basis for developing new courses. [www.depts.washington.edu/ethpeace](http://www.depts.washington.edu/ethpeace)

### Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology

CSDE has just completed its first full year as a national population center. The Center, directed by Sociology Professor **Martina Morris**, generates research that is relevant beyond the walls of academia. Its affiliates and students come from nine UW schools and departments. This year, the Center brought in off-campus affiliates from the Battelle Institute and Western Washington University, and established an international affiliation with a distinguished group of demographers at the University of Victoria, British Columbia. With support from a NICHD training grant, a Hewlett Foundation Grant, and additional funds, CSDE was able to offer 11 fellowships for demographic training in 2002-03 to graduate students in sociology and other disciplines. [www.csde.washington.edu](http://www.csde.washington.edu)

### Center for Research on Families

The Center for Research on Families, headed by Shelly Lundberg (Economics) and **Julie Brines** (Sociology) was established two years ago to promote innovative social science research on the family. This year, CRF sponsored a symposium on family policy in the United States and Canada that was attended by regional policy-makers. [www.depts.washington.edu/crfam](http://www.depts.washington.edu/crfam)

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