

# SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY NEWSLETTER



SOAN Faculty 2011-12, Back row (l to r): Raymond Gunn, Heather Fitz Gibbon, Anne Nurse, Tom Tierney, Pam Frese, Craig Willse; Front row (l to r): Setsuko Matsuzawa, P. Nick Kardulias, J. Heath Anderson, Abigail Adams

## MEET THE FACULTY!

*Abigail Adams.* Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology. B.A. The College of Wooster; M.A., Ph.D. University of New Mexico. Professor Adams combines a focus on medicine and human rights with research on social movements. Her research interests include political conflict and human rights, identity politics, postcolonial theory, urbanization and transnationalism, feminist anthropology, human sexuality, reproductive health and technologies, personhood in cross-cultural perspective, and ethics in scientific advancements; US Southwest and Latin America. She teaches Introduction to Anthropology, Medical Anthropology, and Gender in World Cultures.

*J. Heath Anderson.* Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Archaeology. B.A. Boston University; M.A., Ph.D. Pennsylvania State University. An anthropologist and archaeologist, Professor Anderson specializes in the archaeology of Central Mexico from the time of Christ to the Aztec Empire. His research interests include human impacts on ancient landscapes, settlement patterns, ancient imperialism and trade, and the collapse of complex societies. He teaches Introduction to Anthropology and Introduction to Archaeology.

*Christa Craven.* Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. B.A. New College of Florida; M.A., Ph.D. American University. Professor Craven teaches a wide array of subjects in cultural anthropology and WGSS. Her scholarly interests include women's health, the politics of reproduction, feminist ethnography, lesbian/gay/ bi/trans/queer studies, grassroots organizing, and feminist pedagogy. An activist herself, she has published articles in both scholarly and popular journals on midwifery and grassroots organizing. Her most recent publication is *Pushing for Midwives: Homebirth Mothers and the Reproductive Rights Movement* (Temple Press, 2010). [On leave 2011-12.]

*Heather M. Fitz Gibbon.* Professor of Sociology A.B. Kenyon; M.A., Ph.D. Northwestern. Professor Fitz Gibbon is presently researching the definitions of motherhood within the welfare system, beginning with governmental definitions and ending with the welfare recipients. She is also continuing research comparing the work of child care providers in for-profit centers, non-profit centers and family day care homes. Her teaching interests include urban sociology, gender, social psychology and classical and contemporary social theory. In 2011-12, she is serving as the College's Dean for Faculty Development

*Pamela R. Frese.* Professor of Anthropology. B.A. Maryland; M.A., Ph.D. Virginia. Professor Frese is widely known for her expertise on Anglo-American life cycle rituals and civil religious holidays in the United States. She has also done extensive research with the wives of retired military officers, gated retirement communities, and New Age religions. Her teaching covers such topics as religion and symbolic anthropology, contemporary American culture, Latin American culture, linguistic anthropology, ethnographic research methods, and gender studies.

*Raymond Gunn.* Assistant Professor of Sociology. B.A., Hunter College; M.A., Long Island University; Ph.D., The University of Pennsylvania. Professor Gunn's research focuses on race, masculinity, urban sociology, urban education, and social inequality. His publications can be found in *Against the Wall: Poor, Young, Black, and Male* (2008); *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* (2004), and *Penn GSE Perspectives on Urban Education* (2001, 2003). He teaches Racial and Ethnic Groups in America, Blacks in Contemporary American Society, American Masculinities, and Introduction to Sociology.

*P. Nick Kardulias.* Professor of Anthropology and Archaeology. B.A., M.A. Youngstown State; M.A. SUNY; Ph.D. Ohio State. An anthropologist and archaeologist, he conducts research in the Eastern Mediterranean and North America. He is interested in evolutionary theory, world systems, and the anthropology of sport and is currently engaged in field research in Cyprus, Greece, and central Ohio. He teaches Introduction to Archaeology, Old World Prehistory, Method and Theory in Archaeology, Contemporary Anthropological Theory, Physical Anthropology, and Political Anthropology.

*Setsuko Matsuzawa.* Assistant Professor of Sociology. L.L.B., Sophia; MP.P., Duke; L.L.M., Georgetown Law Center; Ph.D. California (San Diego). Professor Matsuzawa's research focuses on the roles that non-state actors – such as philanthropic organizations, international or domestic nongovernmental organizations – play in transnational and domestic social movements with a regional focus on East Asia (China and Japan). She teaches Introduction to Sociology, Environmental Sociology, Social Movements, Sociology of Law, and Globalization and Contemporary China.

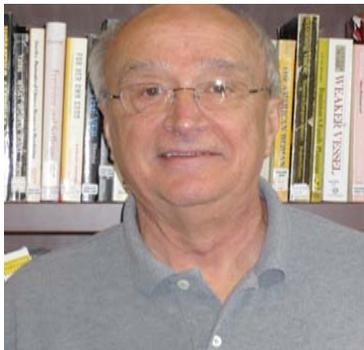
*David L. McConnell.* Professor of Anthropology. B.A. Earlham; M.A., Ph.D. Stanford. Professor McConnell is a leading authority on Japanese society, culture, and education. He has also conducted fieldwork on education and cultural change among the Maragoli people of Western Kenya and the Amish of northeast Ohio. His most recent book (with Charles Hurst, Professor of Sociology, *Emeritus*) is *An Amish Paradox: Diversity and Change in the World's Largest Amish Community* (Johns Hopkins, 2010). He teaches Introduction to Anthropology, Amish Culture, Peoples & Cultures of Japan, and Contemporary Anthropological Theory, and he leads the Wooster-in-Kenya Program. [On leave in 2011-2012.]

*Anne Nurse.* Associate Professor of Sociology. B.A. University of California, Berkeley; M.A., Ph.D. University of California, Davis. Professor Nurse's research examines juvenile prison culture, social network effects of incarceration, and re-entry issues for juvenile prisoners. She is the author of *Locked Up, Locked Out: Young Men in Juvenile Justice System* (Vanderbilt University Press, 2010) and *Fatherhood Arrested: Parenting from Within the Juvenile Justice System* (Vanderbilt Press, 2002). She also has an interest in criminology, stratification/inequality, and evaluation research. She teaches Introduction to Sociology, Criminology and Deviance, Research Methods, and Social Statistics. [On leave Spring 2012.]

*Thomas F. Tierney.* Chair. Associate Professor of Sociology. B.A. Moravian College; Ph.D. University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Professor Tierney's research interests include classical and contemporary social theory; medical sociology; and science and technology studies. His most recent research focuses on the social implications of the various bioethical issues that have been generated by advanced medical technology. Tierney's publications include *The Value of Convenience: A Genealogy of Technical Culture* (SUNY, 1993), as well as numerous scholarly articles. He teaches Classical and Contemporary Theory, Self and Society, Introduction to Sociology, and Globalization of Health.

*Craig Willse.* Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology. B.A. New College of Florida; M.A., Queens College, CUNY; Ph.D. The Graduate Center, CUNY. Professor Willse's research interests include political sociology, race/gender/sexuality studies, political economy, science and technology, medicine and health, urban studies, and historical and interpretive methods. Willse's recent publication is *Beyond Biopolitics: Essays on the Governance of Life and Death*. Patricia Ticineto Clough and Craig Willse, eds. (Forthcoming, 2011, Durham: Duke University Press) He teaches Research Methods, Social Problems, and Introduction to Sociology.

## NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN THE DEPARTMENT (SHHH.. IT'S A SECRET)



The Department is happy to announce the creation of the Charles E. Hurst Prize in Sociology and Anthropology. The family, colleagues, and students of Professor Hurst have decided to establish this prize in honor of his distinguished service to the Department of Sociology and Anthropology (1970-2008). Pending funding, the prize will be awarded annually to an outstanding senior who, in the judgment of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, displays the commitment to scholarship and social justice that characterized Professor Hurst's career at The College of Wooster.

We are hoping to reach the funding level required to make this an endowed prize. If you are interested in making a contribution, please contact the Development Office at 330-263-2080 or email Becky

Schmidt at [rschmidt@wooster.edu](mailto:rschmidt@wooster.edu). Checks can be mailed to the Development Office at 1101 N. Bever St, Wooster, Ohio 44691—just indicate that they are intended for the Hurst Prize. Any contribution will be much appreciated.

The establishment of this prize is intended as a surprise for Chuck so please keep the news quiet.

## AWARD RECEIVED FOR RECENT BOOK

Chuck Hurst and David McConnell received the Dale W. Brown Book Award for their recent book, *The Amish Paradox: Diversity and Change in the World's Largest Amish Community* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2010). The award, which was presented last month at the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown College, honors authors who have made significant contributions to Anabaptist scholarship. Judged by independent scholars, the book was chosen on the basis of originality and creativity, quality of scholarship, organization and clarity of writing, significance and importance of the topic, and enduring contribution to Anabaptist and Pietist studies. In addition to the honor, the two authors presented a lecture on campus.

## UPCOMING ALUMNI SURVEY

Guess what? It's time for the department's ten-year curricular review. All departments at the College assess their curriculum on an ongoing basis, but we do an in-depth evaluation every ten years. We take these reviews very seriously. For example, data from the 2002 review caused us to make significant changes to our classes and requirements. As part of our self study this time, we will be sending you a survey asking about your experiences in the department and since your graduation. We hope that you can take the time to help us by completing the survey. We will send it out by email in the spring semester. Thank you in advance.

## ALUMNI PROFILE: JESSICA SKOLNIKOFF

After graduating from The College of Wooster, Jessica went on to receive Ph.D. and M.A. degrees from American University in Washington, DC. Jessica currently is a professor at Roger Williams College where she teaches Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, The Anthropological Lens, Anthropology of Sport, Reading Ethnographies and Applied Anthropology. Her research interests focus upon youth and physical activity level, the role that sports play within the lives of college students, and marginalization issues for individuals with learning disabilities.

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In 2000, Jessica started the Roger Williams Anthropology and Sociology Department with a colleague. The department has grown from two faculty members to five and includes a senior thesis course. When the seniors turn in their thesis, Jessica passes out tootsie rolls and tells them about the Wooster tradition.

Jessica also has many roles and responsibilities outside the classroom but one she really enjoys is being the Faculty Athletic Representative to the National Collegiate Athletic Association for Roger Williams. While at Wooster, Jessica was a two-sport athlete (field hockey and lacrosse) and in 2009 was elected into the Wooster Athletic Hall of Fame.

During Jessica's sabbatical (Fall 2007-Spring 2008), her research involved observations of and interviews with families who had children ages 11-14 in Arkansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, Rhode Island and Virginia. The purpose of her study was to document attitudes toward physical activity in a variety of US settings.

Jessica said that she has a different appreciation for Wooster now that she teaches at the college level. She is able to see what goes into the teaching at all levels and only gets more and more impressed with her experience at Wooster the longer she is teaching.

**ALUMNI PROFILE: TRISH GORDON**

Trish Staiger (nee Gordon) graduated from The College of Wooster in 2006 as a Sociology major. After graduation, she obtained a position at an agency in Pennsylvania working with at-risk youth. Simultaneously, she continued her education at Duquesne University, obtaining her Masters of Education. Her graduate degree and training provided her the opportunity to become a National Certified School Counselor. Amidst her continuing education and working experience, Trish was married and purchased a home with her husband in Ohio. Trish is currently working at Liberty Center Connections in Wooster, Ohio as a Quality Improvement Coordinator. This position consists of writing annual reports, assisting with grant reporting, maintaining state and national accreditations, and analyzing data for process improvement along with other duties. Trish continues her relationship with the college by accepting interns and offering data for analysis for quantitative classes. She and her husband welcomed their first child, Gwyneth, this past May.

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