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The Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work began the academic year with a new Head of the Department. Dr. Jerry D. Cardwell came to Western from Longwood College where he had been the Head for the past three years. Prior to his Virginia position, Dr. Cardwell was a member of the faculty at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, where he served as Director of the Graduate Program, and had served as Chairman of the Department of Sociology at Stetson University. Dr. Cardwell has also held faculty appointments at Auburn University and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Program News

The Sociology Graduate Faculty has approved a reorganization and restructuring of the Graduate Program (M.A.) in sociology as recommended by the Graduate Program Review Committee. While the entire revised program will become effective in the Fall Semester, 1982, certain provisions of the program will begin in the Spring Semester, 1982. The revisions should provide for a substantial upgrading of the quality of graduate education at Western and for a more orderly and stable program through which graduate students can move with greater facility. More information on the graduate program in sociology can be obtained by contacting the Director of Graduate Studies.



The Sociology faculty acted to approve a major reorganization and restructuring of the undergraduate sociology program. The new program represents a complete reworking of the undergraduate offerings with an eye to increased quality and recognition of recent changes in our discipline. A key feature of the new program is balance in area offerings and a curriculum that will "roll over" every two academic years. The new undergraduate program will become effective with the Fall semester, 1982, if it is approved by the various university committees. Students currently enrolled in the undergraduate program will have the option of remaining under the old program or choosing the revised program.

The Social Work faculty has revised and restructured the social work curriculum. The revised curriculum represents an extensive reworking of the undergraduate social work curriculum for the purpose of increased quality and more intensive social work experiences for the undergraduate. The revisions will become effective with the Fall semester, 1982, if it is approved by the various university committees.

### Faculty Activities



Fuad Baali published, with J. Brian Price, their article entitled "Economic and Social Interpretation of History" in the Arab Journal of the Humanities, Vol. 1, No. 1. With Ali Wardi, Dr. Baali published "Ibn Khaldun's Typology of Society in the Light of Modern Thought," in Vol. 9, No. 3, of the Journal of Social Sciences. Dr. Baali's new book entitled Ibn Khaldun and Islamic Thought-Styles: A Social Perspective, was published this fall by G. K. Hall and Co., Publishers.

Louis M. Beck served as Chairman of the Social Problems Section at the Mid-South Sociological Society meetings in October. Dr. Beck was also elected Vice President of the Barren River Chapter of the Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency.

Edward Bohlander addressed Psi Chi (Psychology Honorary) on careers in criminal justice. With John Faine, Dr. Bohlander prepared a book review for the journal Criminology. Also with Dr. Faine, Dr. Bohlander is participating in workshops on Crime and the Black Community sponsored by the Kentucky N.A.A.C.P. and the Kentucky Humanities Council. Dr. Bohlander is also consulting with the Louisville Times journalistic research on sentencing alternatives.

Jerry Cardwell presented his paper entitled "Some Perceived Methodological Deficiencies of Symbolic Interactionism at the Macro-level" at the Mid-South Sociological Society meetings in Shreveport, La. Dr. Cardwell also presented his paper "The Proper Domain of Symbolic Interactionism" to the annual meetings of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, in Toronto, Canada (the paper was read by Dr. Levy). Dr. Cardwell has also signed two publishing contracts, one with Allyn and Bacon for a manuscript in progress entitled Social Psychology: Individuals vs. Persons, and one with General Learning Publishing Company to publish a completed monograph entitled Macro-Symbolic Interactionism, co-authored with Dr. Glenn M. Vernon. Dr. Cardwell also served on a committee of the Graduate College addressing the possibility of meeting with business and industrial leaders



throughout Kentucky to appeal for funds and to inform them of our graduate programs. Dr. Cardwell served as a consultant to Radford University in Virginia on an EEOC matter dealing with employment policy and practice. The case was resolved out-of-court. Dr. Cardwell has agreed to serve as a Reviewer for Sociology: Review of Books.

H. Kirk Dansereau has been on sabbatical leave this semester. While on sabbatical Dr. Dansereau traveled to eight states and the District of Columbia conducting discussions with officials in the area of Vocational-Technical Education at the secondary level, collecting legislation, state five year plans and other relevant documents, visiting two Vo-Tech schools for interviews and observation of classes and facilities. In Washington, D.C., information was obtained from the office of Rep. Carl Perkins, the National Advisory Council for Vocational Education, and the American Vocational Association (Arlington, VA.). Dr. Dansereau served as a Discussant for the Industrial Sociology session of the Mid-South Sociological Society Annual Meetings in Shreveport, Oct. 29-30.

Thomas P. Dunn spoke to the Auburn Rotary on "Television and Society." Dr. Dunn served as a resource person for the Teacher Information Exchange sponsored by the ASA Projects on Teaching Undergraduate Sociology. In addition, Dr. Dunn submitted a proposal for inclusion in WKU's proposal to the grants program of the Council of Public Broadcasting--Anneberg School of Communication.

John Faine has been serving as a half-time consultant to faculty research projects. Dr. Faine acted as a referee, reviewing two articles for publication. Dr. Faine has also been a co-author and co-participant in many of the projects cited in conjunction with Dr. Bohlander.



Ann Goetting participated in the Mellon Regional Faculty Development Program Workshop, "The Russians--Literature, Society, and Government," in June and July at Vanderbilt. Dr. Goetting published "The Guatemala Prison System: An Application of Familism," in the Prison Journal. Dr. Goetting presented her paper entitled "Conjugal Association in Prisons: Issues and Perspectives" at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, in Washington, D.C. Dr. Goetting organized and participated in the panel, "Conjugal Association in Prison" at the annual meeting of the Midwest Association for Latin American Studies at Ohio University in October. She also serves on the Citizens' Advisory Committee to the

Warren County Jailer.

Jim Grimm delivered a paper entitled "A Model for Studying Union Decertification in the U.S.," (co-authored by Stephen Lacy, a WKU Masters Candidate in Sociology) at the Mid-South Sociological Society meetings in Shreveport in October. Dr. Grimm received a WKU Faculty Research Grant to study union decertification in the U.S., and is currently conducting a nation-wide survey of U.S. Firms which held decertification elections in 1979.

Kathy Kalab attended the Fall meeting of the Tennessee Consortium for Asian Studies (of which she serves as a member of the Board of Directors and of the Steering Committee) at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga in November. Dr. Kalab was selected by the Kentucky Council for International Education as one of WKU's two participants in the "Global Issues" Conference and attended the first conference at Barren River State Park in November. Dr. Kalab also assisted with the visit of 36 Japanese educators to the City of Bowling Green.

Joan Krenzin is serving as Chairperson of WKU's faculty senate and approximately 19 other committees including the State Congress of Senate Faculty Leaders. Dr. Krenzin has reviewed two chapters of an introductory text for McGraw-Hill. She has also composed material on "bleeding" at Western for a packet being prepared by Kiwanis Club.

Brent Tuthill is a participant in the Quantification Subcommittee of the Academic Program Evaluation Project which is charged with developing, administering, and evaluating student-based tests in the areas of mathematical, statistical and dimensional thinking to supplement the traditional qualitative-quantitative mode of testing.

Paul R. Wozniak presented "World Population Trends and Problems" at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Council of Social Studies Teachers in Owensboro, Kentucky, in September.



Jack M. Schock gave a report of archaeological work conducted during the year at the Annual Meeting of the Ohio Valley Archaeological Conference held in Lexington in August. Dr. Schock participated in the Archaeological Resource Protection Planning Process for the Green River Archaeological Management Area in September. He served as discussion leader on historic Indian and pioneer time periods for the Kentucky Heritage Commission in October. Dr. Schock also submitted a report entitled Archaeological Testing of Six Sites at Barren River Lake in Allen and Barren Counties, Kentucky, to the Louisville Corps of Engineers.

Will R. Berry conducted workshops on Death and Dying and on Reality Orientation for the staff of a local nursing home. Mr. Berry developed and wrote a social service delivery system for a hospital in South-Central Kentucky. He also conferred with regional leaders concerning the continuum in social work education and also Kent School's plan to develop an advanced social work program in Western Kentucky.

Duane Andrews co-presented a seminar on community resources and referrals for the training program for Hospice Volunteers, served as a member of the task force to form a Voluntary Action Center in Bowling Green, chaired the program committee of the Kentucky Chapter for the Prevention of Child Abuse which developed the format for the Kentucky Conference on Children and Youth, and received a silver julep cup for her work as interim director of the Barren River Area Safe Space (the spouse abuse center).



Janet Henry attended the Kentucky Association of Social Work Educators meeting in October. Ms. Henry chaired the Barren River Area Safe Space Board. She also presented a training component on community resources for the Hospice Training Committee in November. Ms. Henry also presented an assertiveness training program to the Girl's Club.

Tom Isherwood presented a workshop on crisis intervention to the staff of the Barren River Comprehensive Care Center and acted as Social Work Consultant for the staff of a local dialysis center.

Vernon Moore participated in the WKU Paralegal Workshop, "Client Communication," in October. Mr. Moore served as a consultant to the State Director of Parents Anonymous in grant proposal preparation. He also served on the Executive Committee and the Conference Planning Committee of the Kentucky Association of Social Work Educators for the fall meeting. Mr. Moore presented the Pro-Choice issues in the WBGN Abortion Debate.

### Graduate Student News

Congratulations are in order to Sharon Hogen and Scott Marx! Ms. Hogan and Mr. Marx successfully completed their M.A. Examinations during the Fall semester. Both Sharon and Scott were commended by Dr. Bohlander for their performance on the examinations.



Three new students will be entering our M.A. program as Graduate Assistants in the Spring Semester, '82. They are Mr. Ray E. Ammons, Ms. Judith E. Hardinge, and Mr. Earl Washington. Mr. Ammons received his B.A. (Sociology) from Western. Ms. Hardinge comes to us from Longwood College in Virginia where she received her B.S. (sociology). Mr. Washington is a graduate of the University of Louisville with his B.A. in sociology.

Mr. (Tony) and Mrs. (Rebecca) Cecil are the proud parents of a new baby daughter, Sarah. Tony is a candidate for the M.A. in our graduate program. We wish the new parents and Sarah our very best.

Chester Ballard, WKU M.A., has joined the faculty of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Longwood College, Farmville, Virginia, as Assistant Professor.

It has been announced that the amount of stipends for graduate assistantships will be substantially increased beginning the Fall, 1982.

Undergraduate Program

A plaque has been installed in the lobby of Grise Hall commemorating the sociology recipients of the N.O. Taff Scholarship. Listed are:

1965-66	Diana Lynn Nuckols
1966-67	Wanda Jean Carpenter
1966-67	Diana Lynn Nuckols
1967-68	John Louis Dec
1970-71	Peggy Miller Burks
1970-71	Edward R. Henderson
1972-73	Judy Gaye Hayes
1974-75	Linda R. Jones
1975-76	Linda Jones Collie
1976-77	Marilyn N. Anderson
1977-78	Jack Hewson Ray
1978-79	Carol Lorene Cornette
1979-80	Volice Ann Schofield
1980-81	Bryan Scott Fuller
1981-82	Victor Craig Miller

The Department will be sending a large contingent to the upcoming Southern Meetings in Memphis this April. See you there!

Editor, Vol. 1., No. 1., Mr. Craig Taylor.