Welcome from the Chair

Hello! As we wrap up the Spring semester, our thoughts turn to all that has changed in the past year, and all that we have accomplished. This year, that is particularly true for me, as I will soon be ending my time as the Chair of the Department.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being the Department Chair and, while I look forward to the next stage of my career, I am proud of all that we have accomplished and created in the Department in the last 6 years:

- We have started two new scholarship funds, the Graduate Research Fund and the Forrest Study Abroad Scholarship, while continuing the Pearson Scholarship.
- We have developed and implemented two study abroad programs.
- We have created concentrations within the major, allowing students to better tailor their time with us—and have doubled the number of majors along the way!
- We have successfully conducted student learning outcomes assessment, participating in re-accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and been highly praised by external reviewers during a self-study.
- Our graduate students are continuing to accomplish great things after completing the MA—including going on to great doctoral programs and getting amazing jobs!

We’ve accomplished a lot more, of course—these are just the highlights. Please join me in welcoming to the Chair’s office Dr. Stephanie Moller. You’ll hear from her in the Fall!

Departmental Highlights

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Spring 2014 Statistics</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Majors</td>
<td>481</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Minors</td>
<td>269</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Master of Arts Students</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Global Village Learning Community</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tenured and Tenure-Track Faculty</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Full-time Lecturers</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Part-time Lecturers</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

In the Newsletter

- Faculty Spotlight pg. 2
- Buzz Around the Office pg. 2
- Alpha Kappa Delta pg. 2
- Graduate Students’ Corner pg. 3
- Buzz Around the Office: SSS pg. 3
- About the Department pg. 4
- Support the Department pg. 4
Faculty Spotlight: Joseph Dippong

Joseph Dippong is an Assistant Professor in the Sociology Department. He completed his undergraduate degree in Social Sciences at Hiram College in Cleveland, Ohio. He received his PhD in Sociology from Kent State University. His areas of study include: social psychology, group processes, status and power, criminology, and deviant behavior. Primarily his research and teaching interests center around social psychology, group processes, and criminology. He utilizes a multidisciplinary approach to study social interaction that focuses on identifying and exploring connections between existing theoretical traditions among many disciplines.

He is currently involved in three research projects on: Bridging Affect Control Theory and Status Characteristics Theory, unraveling status effects and power effects in the theory of differential coercion and social support, and he is continuing his ongoing research on priming effects and gender-based performance expectations.

In his limited free time Joseph is an avid runner, and he plays the drums, bass, and guitar. He also enjoys spending time with his family: his wife Nicole, and their daughter, Stella, and son, Niko.

Currently, he teaches courses on deviant behavior and research methods. In the fall he will be teaching courses on sociological social psychology and sociological research methods.

Alpha Kappa Delta/Student Association of Sociology

The Student Association of Sociology and Alpha Kappa Delta had an eventful semester full of events. The clubs continued their monthly participation in the Adopt-a-Highway program, in which they volunteer to clean up a stretch of Old Concord Road.

The clubs also continued their useful “Toolbox Series” in which invited speakers discussed resume writing, working in non-profits, and plans after graduation.

In addition to the continuation of events, both clubs participated in the Yellow Brick Road Walk, a Second Harvest food drive, and held an Kickball/Cookout event at Reedy Cark Park.

Buzz Around the Office: Announcements

Faculty Workshop
On February 27, 2014 UNC Charlotte hosted a faculty development workshop titled, “Every Semester Needs a Plan: How to Create a Strategic Plan for your Research and Writing and the Secret to Actually Doing It” with Kerry Ann Rockquemore, President of the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity. The workshop addressed issues of work/life balance and the need for structure, accountability and support while faculty strives to implement best practices during their time in the academy. Kendra Jason (Sociology), Takiyah Amin (Dance) and Janaka Lewis (English) organized the event with support from the Chancellor’s Diversity Challenge Fund, ADVANCE, and various university colleges.

International Women’s Day
Kendra Jason was recognized at the Charlotte International Women’s Day held March 27, 2014. She was nominated as someone who embodies the richness of internationalism and has made an impact on the lives of women locally or globally by one of her former Sociology students.
Graduate Students’ Corner

Savannah Larimore is finishing up her second year in the master’s program and is graduating this summer. Currently, she works as a research assistant on the NSF grant project, Roots of STEM. Her thesis research focuses on cultural boundaries to food access in Charlotte’s urban farmers markets. She is currently applying to PhD programs and believes that her experiences here at UNC Charlotte have adequately prepared her for a doctoral program.

Tremaine Winstead is a first year graduate student in the sociology department. He received his undergraduate Anthropology degree at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC. He is currently a research assistant for the Group Composition and Team Based Learning project assisting Dr. Lisa Walker and Dr. Coral Wayland. His research interests include urban communities and inequality.

Aaron Wood is a first year graduate student from Charlotte, NC. He is currently working as a research assistant on the Roots of STEM project with several faculty members. His research interests include the sociology of education and stratification. Aaron plans to continue working on the Roots of STEM project and to pursue his PhD after the master’s program.

Kayla Pierce, originally from Auburn Alabama, is a first year graduate student whose primary interests are small group interaction, nonverbal behavior and emotions. As the current Group Processes Lab Manager, she looks forward to building on her research experience by assisting Dr. Murray Webster and Dr. Lisa Walker with their upcoming study funded by the National Science Foundation. Kayla says, “the mentorship and support I have received here is invaluable. I look forward to growing more in the next year and sharpening the skills needed to excel in a PhD program.”

Yunsu Lee is a first year MA student. He is from South Korea and is now working as a teaching assistant for Quantitative Analysis. His research interests include Social psychology, Mathematical sociology, Micro-Macro interactions and Social order problems. Recently, he was accepted from ASA roundtable session (Social psychology) and will go to the ASA meeting 2014 in San Francisco. He is incredibly excited to be selected.

Buzz Around the Office: Southern Sociological Society Meeting

History on the Southern Sociological Society
The Southern Sociological Society was established in 1935. According to the Southern Sociological Society website, the Southern Sociological Society “promotes the development of sociology as a profession and scientific discipline by the maintenance of high academic professional and ethical standards, and by encouraging effective teaching of sociology, valid and reliable methods and research in the study of human society, diffusion of sociological knowledge and its application to societal problems, cooperation with related disciplines and groups, recruitment and training of sociologists, and development of sociology programs in educational and other agencies.”

Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting
This year the Southern Sociological Society meeting was held in Charlotte April 2nd-5th. This year’s theme was “Poverty, Social Policy, and the Role of Sociologists.” We are always excited to be able to participate in the Southern Sociological Society Meeting every year; however, it was incredibly exciting for it to be held in our very own “Queen City.”

List of Participants from UNC Charlotte:
- Ricardo Bailey
- Evelyn Bjerre
- Anita Blanchard
- Martha Bottia, Ph.D
- Charles Brody, Ph.D
- Leann Elizabeth Cauldill
- Daniel Davis
- Alexandra M. Dunn
- Scott Fitzgerald, Ph.D
- Tonya K. Frevert
- Jason Giersch
- Joseph Graham
- Samuel Grubbs
- Kendra Jason
- Justin Lane
- Savannah Larimore
- Yunsu Lee
- Andreas Lefrank
- Roslyn Mickelson, Ph.D
- Stephanie Moller, Ph.D
- Amy Hawn Nelson
-跟踪 displaying incorrect content.
About the Department & UNC Charlotte

The Department of Sociology in UNC Charlotte's College of Liberal Arts & Sciences has grown steadily since its beginnings. Currently, the program regularly supports more than 450 majors, over 230 minors, and 28 faculty members, offering classes in over 15 sub-disciplines including theory, race, methods, education, organizations/occupations/work, social psychology, criminology, and gender.

UNC Charlotte is one of a generation of universities founded in metropolitan areas of the United States immediately after World War II in response to rising education demands generated by the war and its technology.

The Charlotte Center opened Sept. 23, 1946, offering evening classes. After three years, the state closed the center, declaring that other on-campus facilities were sufficient to meet the needs of returning veterans and recent high school graduates.

Charlotte’s education and business leaders moved to have the Charlotte Center taken over by the city school district and operated as Charlotte College starting in 1949.

In 1961, Charlotte College moved its growing student body into two new buildings on what was to become a 1,000-acre campus 10 miles from downtown Charlotte.

In 1965, the legislature approved bills creating the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the fourth campus of the statewide university system. In 1969, the university began offering programs leading to master’s degrees. In 1992, it was authorized to offer programs leading to doctoral degrees.

Now a research intensive university, UNC Charlotte is the fourth largest of the 16 institutions within the University of North Carolina system and the largest institution in the Charlotte region.

The university currently offers 21 doctoral programs, approximately 62 master’s degree programs and approximately 80 bachelor’s degrees. More than 900 full-time faculty comprise the university’s academic departments and the 2012 fall enrollment exceeded 26,571 students. UNC Charlotte boasts more than 90,000 living alumni and adds 4,000 to 4,500 new alumni each year.

Become a Supporter of the UNC Charlotte Sociology Department

The Sociology Department is growing and needs your help. Your gift will help us support our students in all stages of their education. All contributions are tax deductible. If you would like to help the Sociology Department at UNC Charlotte continue its program of excellence, please pay by check by printing, completing, and mailing this form along with a check. Make checks payable to the UNC Charlotte Foundation.

Please apply my check to:

___ General Fund
___ Graduate Research Fund
___ Dr. Mike Pearson Scholarship Fund
___ Dr. Tom Forrest Study Abroad Scholarship Fund

Name ________________________________ ________________________________
Address _______________________________________________________________________
Phone #________________________ E-mail _________________________________________

Please return to: Sociology Department
Fretwell 476
UNC Charlotte
9201 University City Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28223

You can also give online at https://www.uncc.edu/giving/. Make sure to designate your gift to Sociology. On the 2nd page under gift designation select “Other” and then type “Sociology General Fund”, “Pearson Scholarship Fund,” “Forrest Scholarship Fund,” or “Sociology Graduate Research Fund” in the description box.

Thank you for your contribution!