

Deadric Williams Named to MSS-ASA Minority Fellowship

The American Sociological Association has named Deadric Williams the recipient of the 2012-13 MSS Minority Fellowship.

Once planning a life as a high school English teacher, Deadric's career path changed direction sharply when he enrolled in a junior-year college class about social inequality.

"That class sealed the deal," he said. "That was my *life* they were talking about in that class. It was my first realization that there was a profession that studied something that spoke directly to my living conditions. 'Inequality' was how I grew up."

Raised in the small town of Macon, Mississippi, Deadric had seen neighbors and family members struggle daily with issues of inequality and poverty. Inspired anew by what he learned in his first sociology course, Deadric finished his undergraduate degree in English, graduating from Mississippi State in 2006; and went on to earn a master's degree in sociology from Mississippi State in 2009.

His master's thesis was titled "Predictors of Paternal Commitment and Paternal Involvement among Low-income, African-American Fathers."



Now a doctoral candidate at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Deadric is still exploring inequality and family issues. His dissertation, still in its early stages, will explore the issue of economic hardship and how couples respond to it. Using longitudinal data, Deadric plans to delve

into the problems created by economic hardship – especially depression, inter-couple conflict, and relationship instability.

A doctoral student in sociology at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln since 2010, Deadric had good things to say about the institution, the department, and his mentor, MSS member Jacob Cheadle.

"They are very supportive of graduate students here, financially, as well as the whole gamut of other ways. My personal and academic growth have increased exponentially since I have been here."

A fourth-year MSS member, Deadric attended the 2010 MSS meeting in Chicago, and the 2012 annual meeting in Minneapolis. He is currently polishing an article for submission to the *Journal of Family Issues*. When asked about his free-time interests, Deadric laughed, "Free time? I don't know what that is!"

Please congratulate Deadric on receiving the MSS-ASA fellowship with an email to him at: dwilliams0881@gmail.com

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EDITOR'S NOTE

In this issue, TMS introduces a new layout and an updated design, as well as a new feature showcasing individual members. Look for four member SPOTLIGHTS scattered throughout the issue.

Members! Do you like the new design and the new feature? Would you like to be featured in an upcoming SPOTLIGHT? Let us know with an email to TMS editor Michael Haedicke at:
michael.haedicke@drake.edu.

Come to Chicago!

MSS Annual Meeting March 27-30, 2013

Integrating the Sociology Eclectic: Teaching, Research and Social Activism

MSS will feature:

- 250 sessions: papers, panels, workshops, and roundtables
- Special performance of *Marx in Soho*, the play by Howard Zinn
- Back by popular demand: Trivia Night with Supper Buffet
- Welcoming event: Wear your favorite T-shirt
- Meet and greet luncheon buffets for special interest groups
- Poster sessions for professionals, graduate students and undergraduates

Paper submission portal open Sept. 17 - Oct. 24

Online registration available Dec. 1 – March 6

at www.theMSS.org



MSS ANNUAL MEETING: CHICAGO MARCH 27-30

A Special Performance at the MSS Annual Meetings Thursday, March 28



WHAT THEY'RE SAYING.....

"This production does several different things with great skill, subtlety, and professionalism. The audience will encounter a Marx who remains passionate about injustice, critical of inequality, and combative with his rivals ... but also a Marx who is loving toward his family, saddened by their poverty, and willing to rethink some of his ideas. Bob Weick is a gem of a performer, taking the audience on a whirlwind tour of different moods, attitudes, and ideas." —Steve Buechler, Minnesota State University, Mankato

"Bob Weick captured Marx and his ideas with the proper strength and subtlety, moving very effectively through a range of moods: humorous, angry, poignant."
—Howard Zinn, Author, *Marx in Soho* and *The People's History of The United States*

"You may be surprised how many ideologies you share with the title character in *Marx in Soho*. But if you're worried this somehow makes you a Marxist, fear not – it turns out even Karl Marx didn't consider himself one."
—J. Cooper Robb, *Philadelphia Weekly*

FRUSTRATED WITH WHAT HE SEES AND HEARS OF OUR WORLD, KARL MARX RETURNS TO EARTH FOR ONE HOUR TO DEFEND HIS IDEAS AND HIGHLIGHT THE SERIOUS SOCIAL ISSUES FACING THE WORLD TODAY. ... UNDAUNTED BY THE LIMITATIONS OF TIME AND POLITICAL CLIMATE, MARX PRESENTS A DYNAMIC, HEARTFELT, HUMOROUS EXAMINATION OF WORLD HISTORY AND AMERICAN POLITICS IN HOWARD ZINN'S BRILLIANT, ENGAGING PLAY.

STARRING BOB WEICK
DIRECTED BY JOHN DOYLE
IRON AGE THEATER

MSS ANNUAL MEETING: CHICAGO MARCH 27-30

MSS T-shirt Day: Wednesday, March 27

Declare your allegiance to your favorite university, social movement, music group or motorcycle. Inspire us with wise quotations. Make us smile with your humor. Test the boundaries of political correctness or socially-constructed decency? ... Maybe not ...



The dress code for the first day of our MSS conference is casual with a special invitation to wear your favorite T-shirt. Is any other American cultural artifact more closely symbolic of social activism? Our T-shirts declare our identification with groups, values, humor, and places. Speaking of places, we recommend a warm turtleneck under your T-shirt in the Windy City on March 27.



Awards will be given for the best T-shirts at the T-shirt Happy Hour in the Exhibit Hall.



Categories include:

- » The funniest
- » The most inspirational
- » The smallest college
- » The largest university
- » The place farthest from Chicago
- » The oldest T-shirt with a year printed on it (will have to beat a 1995 MSS T-shirt)



And ... of course ... the best T-shirts illustrating the sociological imagination or advocating social justice, social change or peace.



See you in Chicago March 27th!

Barbara Keating

President-elect
Program Chair MSS 2013

mss member SPOTLIGHT

**SINE
ANAHITA**

University
of Alaska
Fairbanks.



Associate
professor in Sociology; Coordinator,
Women's & Gender Studies;
Associate Director of Northern
Studies.

MEMBER SINCE:

"...1995 when I was an undergrad student at Iowa State, studying rural sociology."

FAVORITE THING ABOUT MSS:

"The balance between friendliness and professionalism! I travel a long way to come to the meetings, but I've never been disappointed. MSS has sustained me intellectually and professionally for many years. There's always stimulating discussion in the halls at the annual meetings."

NEW at MSS 2013: POSTER SESSIONS at three levels

MSS 2013 will offer poster sessions for professionals, graduate students, and undergrads. Professionals and graduate students should enter their posters through the online MeetingSavvy portal before the paper-submission deadline, Oct. 24.

Undergrad posters are not due until Jan. 10, 2013. Undergrads entering posters should follow the directions below, and enter their posters directly to Jean Karlen, coordinator of the Undergrad Poster Competition. Undergrad posters are eligible for the Student Poster Competition, which carries a \$200 prize.



What is a poster?

"A poster presentation consists of an exhibit of materials that report research activities or informational resources in visual and summary form. Poster presentations provide a unique platform that facilitates personal discussion of work with interested colleagues and allows meeting attendees to browse through highlights of current research and ideas."

—American Sociological Association

Call for Undergrad Research Posters

Purpose: The Undergrad Poster Session is designed to feature undergraduate work in Sociology and promote interaction between all members of the *Midwest Sociological Society*.

What is a poster? See the box, above right.

Content: Undergraduate students experience and study the "art" of sociology in many ways. This session is designed to feature these experiences and studies. Posters may present original research and data collection, theoretical works and applications, studies of public policy using sociological frameworks, as well as other forms of being engaged with the sociological imagination.

Format: Posters must be freestanding with the ability to be displayed on an easel. Posters can be created using PowerPoint or with more traditional methods and attached to a tri-panel board. More information on constructing posters, session logistics (date, time, place), presenter expectations, and poster competition details will be sent to all students accepted into the session.

Submission Information:

Send poster submissions directly to **Jean Karlen by email to:** jekarle1@wsc.edu.

Deadline: January 10, 2013

Include the following information:

POSTER TITLE:

AUTHOR(S):

(If there is more than one author, indicate with an asterisk (*) the principal author responsible for presenting the poster and give that author's address and email information.)

FACULTY SPONSOR: (must be a current member of MSS; provide sponsor's current address and email)

ABSTRACT: (a summary of your poster in 100 words or less)

Expectations of Poster Presenters:

Students must be members of the Midwest Sociological Society. Student membership fees are \$23. Students may join online at www.theMSS.org

Students must preregister for the meeting. Students must become members AND pre-register by February 1, 2013. Those who do not join and register will be dropped from the program and ineligible for the competition.

Posters will be placed on easels in the exhibits area and students should be present during the poster session to answer questions about their projects.

All posters presented will be considered for the \$200 Undergraduate Poster Competition*prize, to be awarded by the Student Issues Committee.

Other Information: Undergrad poster presentations are treated like other submissions for sessions at the MSS with two exceptions: (1) All poster presenters must have a faculty sponsor. (2) Poster presentations are submitted directly to the coordinator and are NOT submitted through the online paper-submission portal.

Undergrad Poster Submission Deadline:
January 10, 2013

***Poster Competition**

Undergrad student posters will be judged for the competition on the following criteria:

1. The logic of the argument
2. The clarity of the argument
3. Visual presentation
4. Conclusions drawn by the student

50th Annual Student Paper Competition in Honor of R. Dean Wright

MSS announces the 2013 Student Paper Competition. The competition is open to currently-enrolled undergraduate and graduate student members of MSS. Papers are judged through a blind review with separate panels of judges for graduate and undergraduate papers.

Three prizes in each division:

1st Prize: \$250

2nd Prize: \$150

3rd Prize: \$100

plus waiver of annual meeting fee.

Prizes may be picked up by the winner at the annual meeting in Chicago.

MSS reserves the right not to award prizes, or to award 2nd or 3rd prizes but no 1st.

Rules for the 2013 Competition

Papers Research-based papers involving research on human subjects must secure Institutional Review Board approval prior to beginning research; or undergo an equivalent review procedure and describe it in the methodology section of the paper. Papers may be co-authored by students, but not by students and faculty. Advisors are expected to provide guidance, but not to assist with writing the paper. A student may author or co-author only one paper in the competition.

Students may nominate their own work. With a student's permission, an advisor may submit a paper on a student's behalf. Maximum text length is 25 double-spaced pages (12-point font), not counting abstract, references, tables or figures. Students who submit papers to this competition may submit the same paper to sessions at the annual meeting and/or to the editor of *The Sociological Quarterly* for publication consideration.

Submission Procedures and Deadline

Student competitors must pay MSS dues for 2013 prior to submitting a paper. (Pay online at www.TheMSS.org.)

The paper may be submitted as two to three pdf files (preferred!) or as two to three text files, but it must be submitted as two to three documents, as follows:

- (1) A cover sheet including title of the paper; the name, institutional affiliation, email address, telephone number, mailing address and the graduate or undergraduate status of the author(s); and the name, email address, telephone number, and mailing address of the student's advisor.
- (2) The paper itself must include NONE of the identifying information from the cover page, but must include, at the top of its first page, the full title of the paper, followed by the abstract, if one is included. (See www.theMSS.org for sample documents.)
- (3) IRB certification or appropriate documentation must be submitted as a third document for research-based papers involving human subjects.

All submissions must be received by January 10, 2013. Send submissions electronically ONLY to: MidwestSS@centurytel.net. (*IMPORTANT: Do not send submissions to the competition chairs.*) Your submission will be acknowledged by email when received. If your submission is not acknowledged within 72 hours of your sending, it is your responsibility to follow up with the MSS Executive Director at: MidwestSS@centurytel.net; or with a call to (608)787-8551.

Notification of Competition Results
Competitors will be notified of results by Feb. 1, 2013.

Questions? Please contact Graduate Competition Chair Jennifer Dunn at jennifer.dunn@ttu.edu or Undergraduate Chair Marybeth Stalp at Marybeth.Stalp@uni.edu. **NOTE: DO NOT send papers to the chairs!**

NO reviews will be provided to competitors, either verbally or in writing.

mss member SPOTLIGHT

EMILY PERDUE

Undergrad,
Northern
Michigan
University



Recently had an article accepted by a journal. See 'Published' on page 9.

MEMBER SINCE:
2011

FAVORITE THING ABOUT MSS:

"The competitive opportunities for undergrads, like the student paper competition, are a great opportunity. And I'm especially grateful for the travel award I won in 2011.

I wouldn't have been able to go to the conference without it –it really helped me."

Bob Wazienski Receives President's Special Service Award

Bob Wazienski was awarded a Presidential Special award at the annual meeting in Minneapolis last spring for his hard work and exemplary four-year service as MSS treasurer. The award was presented by then-President Mary Zimmerman on Friday, March 30, during the annual ice cream social.

Zimmerman lauded Bob for his business sense, his skillful financial management, and his ability to work with board members and the finance committee to achieve consensus on new policies and procedures.

During Bob's tenure as treasurer, he developed MSS's first capital fund-raising campaign, oversaw the adoption of new investment policies, spearheaded the re-investment of MSS assets, raised the annual budget process to a new level, and streamlined MSS accounting practices.

"I think I'm proudest of the capital campaign," Wazienski said. "The money we raised through the capital campaign helped MSS stay in good shape despite the recent financial melt-down."

A member of MSS since 1976, Wazienski has missed only two MSS meetings in that time. He has been a board member, has served on committees and task forces; and has chaired several committees, including Long Range Planning and Finance.

"I consider MSS my professional reference group," Wazienski said. "My well-being is closely connected to the organization's."

Wazienski acknowledged friends and MSS colleagues who preceded him as treasurer.

"I really was inspired by the good models of Tom Eynon and Dean Wright," Wazienski said. "Tom Eynon (treasurer 1987-98) set MSS on the path to financial success by his insistence on building up assets. And Dean Wright (treasurer 1998-02) modernized MSS's approach to asset management. They both had a realistic idea of what kind of assets a nonprofit should hold."

MSS now holds assets enough to create annual income in support of grants and awards to members; to keep dues and meeting fees low; and to guard against an unforeseen loss, a financial downturn like that of 2008, or a reduction in income.

Recently retired from Illinois State University, Wazienski intends to continue attending and participating in MSS annual meetings to keep up with friends, colleagues, and sociology. He also plans to continue volunteering for MSS.



News from MSS Members

Did you know? The 1200+ MSS members reside in 41 U.S. states and 8 countries abroad.

Finalist

"The Tyranny of Dead Ideas in Teaching and Learning" by Diane Pike, Augsburg College, was designated a finalist article for the 2012 Maryellen Weimer Scholarly Work on Teaching and Learning, sponsored by Magna Publications. Published in *The Sociological Quarterly* in January 2011, Past MSS President Pike's article was first presented as her presidential address at the MSS Annual Meeting, spring 2010.

Published

"Democracy's Demigods: A Look at Contemporary Leadership Curricula," by Emily Perdue, will be published in an online journal, *The Dialectics: Journal of Leadership, Policy, and Society*, in October. Perdue is an undergraduate student and McNair Scholar at Northern Michigan University.

New Book

Families with Futures: A Survey of Family Studies Into the 21st Century, 2nd Edition, by Meg Wilkes Karraker and Janet Grochowski, was published in February by Routledge. Karraker is Professor of Sociology at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN.

Quoted

Charles L. Harper was quoted in a July 11 Omaha World Herald Article, "'Godless' billboard reaches out to nonbelievers." Dr. Harper is an emeritus professor at Creighton University.

Elected

Thomas W. Sanchez was recently elected as the University of Nebraska – Omaha AAUP Chapter President. Dr. Sanchez is an Associate Professor of Sociology and Latino/Latin American Studies at UNO.

Promoted

Daniel Hawkins was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure at the University of Nebraska – Omaha. He was also the recipient of the 2012 Alumni Outstanding Teaching Award.

Named to Editor

Kathy Lamb is the new editor of *Sociological Imagination*, the journal of the Wisconsin Sociological Association. Lamb is an Assistant Professor of Education at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point.

Awarded

Paige Miller has won the University of Wisconsin – River Falls College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Research Award – Social Sciences. Miller is an Assistant Professor in Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice at UWRF.

Mellon Award to Ripon

The Department of Sociology at Ripon College has received funding for a two-year Mellon Post-Doc. David J. Hutson from the University of Michigan will be starting in that position this fall, which will be shared with Gender Studies. Hutson's interest areas are gender, sexuality, health and the body.

Nebraska Event

Nebraska Wesleyan University is set to host the Nebraska Undergraduate Student Symposium (NUSS) November 1-2. Past MSS President Peter Adler, University of Denver, is the keynote speaker for the event.

Elected

Wisconsin Sociological Association has elected new officers: President, Jackie Clark, Ripon College; President-Elect, Leda Nath, University of Wisconsin – Whitewater.



In memoriam

Passed away

George W. Barger, Jr., University of Nebraska-Omaha, passed away May 14, 2012.

Passed away

James Lee McCartney, Ph.D., 76, of Columbia, Missouri, passed away peacefully at home on Aug. 28, 2012, after a two-year battle with multiple myeloma. He received his doctorate in sociology from the University of Minnesota in 1965, after which he began his long and distinguished teaching career at the University of Missouri. Dr. McCartney edited *The Sociological Quarterly* from 1971-77; and served as MSS President in 1983-84.



Send news

Have you been promoted or published, received an award or made a media appearance? Send your news for the spring issue of TMS by April 15 to Editor Michael Haedicke, Drake University: michael.haedicke@drake.edu

CALLS FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS & GRANT APPLICATIONS



Call for Applications for MSS Research Grants

Applications accepted ONLY from Jan. 15 - Feb. 15, 2013.

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR AN MSS RESEARCH GRANT IF:

- You are a current member of MSS.
- You hold a faculty position with Ph.D. (Includes teaching, adjunct, visiting and non-tenure track faculty as well).

The MSS Endowment Committee offers research grants up to \$2,500. Research must be innovative and in the early stages of conceptualization. Research in the early stages of conceptualization means that data collection has not yet been completed and the ideas are in the process of being carried forward. Also, research in the early stages of conceptualization could entail collection of a second wave of data based on a new research question which emanates from previous research completed. References should follow the ASA style guide.

A COMPLETE PROPOSAL INCLUDES:

- cover page;
- statement of the research problem;
- theoretical framework;
- summary of methodology and design;
- itemized budget with a brief budget justification. The statement of the research problem, theoretical framework, summary of methodology and design and itemized budget should comprise no more than 1200 words.
- Proof of IRB approval or a completed IRB submission if human subjects' research is part of the project. (IRB approval not required at the time of grant application, but will be required upon completion).
- Proposals must identify a principal investigator and a mailing address to which correspondence will be sent.
- Applicants should clearly state what types of supplemental materials they need funded in order to carry out their research. Thus, the committee needs to know the entire funding needs of the project so that

the committee can determine whether the research is likely to be successfully carried out in the one-year time period allotted. Also, the applicant must list all other funding awards, pending grants, and /or any monies applied for in relation to the submitted proposal.

- A letter approving your access to any agency/organization/research facility / databank required for your project.
- Statement of intention to attend the MSS Annual Meeting the following year to present your research findings if you are selected to receive MSS funding. (Grant winners are expected to be present at a special invited session.) We do not fund travel to the MSS conference to present your results: Your itemized budget must not include this.
- C.V. and list of references.

SEND HARD COPY

Send one hard copy of ALL your application materials to: Kevin McElmurry / Indiana University Northwest / 212 Lindenwood Hall / 3400 Broadway / Gary, IN 46408-1197.

SEND E-COPY

Please send an electronic version of all non-sensitive documents, with "MSS RESEARCH ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION" in the subject line of your email, to the executive office at MidwestSS@centurytel.net (Please make pdfs of all documents, if possible, before sending. If possible to combine several pdfs into fewer documents, that is even more desirable.)

TIMING

The submission process opens January 15, 2013, and closes at midnight, February 15th, 2013. Remember to have your mailed application postmarked no later than February 15, 2013. Applications submitted before or after this time period will not be considered.



Call for Nominations for MSS Social Action Awards

Nominations due Nov. 1, 2012.

The MSS Social Action Committee invites nominations of community-based organizations for two annual \$1,000 Social Action Awards. The nominated organizations are typically located in the area of the annual conference; however, other organizations from the MSS region or an international organization that affects the local or regional area will be considered. The award recognizes grassroots work toward social justice and social change. The awards will be presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Please include the following information when nominating an organization:

1. Organization's name, address, phone and fax number
2. Name of a contact person
3. Brief (1-2 page) description of what the organization has done that merits this award.

Submit nominations by **November 1, 2012** to:

Xavier Escandell, Chair
MSS, Social Action Committee
University of Northern Iowa
Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology
324 Baker Hall
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50701
Phone: 319-273-3932
Fax: 319-273-7104

Electronic submission (MS-word document):
xavier.escandell@uni.edu

CALLS FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS & GRANT APPLICATIONS



Call for Nominations for MSS Visiting Scholar / Visiting Researcher Grants

Applications accepted year-round as long as funds available. Before applying, inquire about fund availability.

The MSS Endowment Committee accepts applications for the Visiting Scholar/ Visiting Researcher Program year-round, as long as there are funds left to give. The purpose of the program is to support the dissemination of scholarship and research by providing funds for leading researchers and scholars to make short visits to colleges, universities, and state association meetings to share their knowledge and skills with faculty and students.

The host school or association may be in the nine-state Midwest Sociological Society region (The Dakotas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and Wisconsin) and must not have a Ph.D. program in sociology. An at-large member of the MSS whose host institution has no Ph.D. program in sociology may also apply on behalf of his or her institution.

The invited scholar/researcher must be a member of the Midwest Sociological Society at the time of application. (To determine whether a scholar/researcher is an MSS member in good standing, please contact MSS at MidwestSS@centurytel.net.) The grant provides up to \$1000 (as long as funds are available) to cover transportation costs, incidental costs for

the scholar/researcher while traveling to/ from the host institution, and reasonable hotel/lodging expenses, while the host school provides meals, hospitality, and any honoraria. The scholar/researcher contributes his or her time and skill.

Visiting Scholars/Researchers may, among other things, participate in:

- Workshops on methodologies of interest
- Seminars on special topics
- Public lectures on current issues
- Conferences with faculty members on their research
- Meetings with students interested in advanced work.
- Classroom presentations
- Keynote presentations at state association meetings.

Applications can be submitted by host institutions year-round, and require a letter containing a plan for the visit, a letter of support from the host's dean or equivalent academic administrator, the contact information for the invited scholar/researcher, a tentative schedule of dates and times, and a travel budget. You may name one or more scholars you would like to have for a visit. If you have no nominees, indicate the fields or specialties of particular interest to your students and faculty, and the committee will seek to recruit a scholar/researcher for the visit.

To apply, send materials to:
Kevin McElmurry / Indiana University
Northwest / 212 Lindenwood Hall /
3400 Broadway / Gary, IN 46408-1197.

Visiting Scholar Grant in Action in Nebraska

Nebraska Wesleyan University will host the Nebraska Undergraduate Student Symposium (NUSS) November 1-2. Past MSS President Peter Adler, University of Denver, is the keynote speaker for the event. Support for Dr. Adler's engagement came from an MSS Visiting Scholar Grant.



Call for Nominations for the Annual Jane Addams Outstanding Service Award

Nominations due Nov. 1, 2012.

The Women in the Profession Committee invites nominations for the Jane Addams Outstanding Service Award. Service to girls and women has traditionally been invisible and under-rewarded in society and in the discipline of sociology. This award is one effort to reward and make visible such efforts and to highlight positive role models who advance girls' and women's issues, causes, or status through personal involvement in service activities.

**Before nominating, see the complete nomination requirements online or request them from the MSS Exec Office by email to: MidwestSS@centurytel.net.*



Call for Nominations for the MSS Distinguished Book Award

Nominations and review copies are due Oct. 31, 2012.

The Midwest Sociological Society invites nominations for the MSS Annual Distinguished Book Award to recognize outstanding contributions to sociological research, theory and policy analysis. Eligible books advance sociological analysis in an original and substantive way and must have been copyrighted in 2010, 2011, or 2012.

**Before nominating, see the complete nominations requirements online or request them from the MSS Exec Office by email to: MidwestSS@centurytel.net.*

New Co-editors Take Charge of *The Sociological Quarterly*

By Lauren Tiffany, MSS Executive Director

Betty A. Dobratz, Iowa State University, and Lisa K. Waldner, University of St. Thomas, have begun work as new co-editors of the society's flagship journal, *The Sociological Quarterly*.

Dobratz and Waldner were selected from a field of several applicants by the Publications Committee in the spring of 2011. Initially hesitant to choose co-editors who worked at different campuses, the Publications Committee was impressed during the team's interview by their well-thought-out plans for working together in spite of their distance from each other, and their long record of successful collaboration. Acting Publications Committee Co-chair Jan Thomas said of the Dobratz-Waldner team's interview, "They absolutely hit it out of the park."

The board of directors unanimously affirmed the committee's choice. During the past year, Dobratz and Waldner have set up their office at Iowa State University in Ames, hired a managing editor, learned the online submission system, recruited reviewers, and prepared their initial issues for publication. Their first co-edited issue will be distributed to members and subscribers in January 2013, and features a special section on first-person ethnographies, with ethnographies of a border militia and a school for privileged students.

"We're learning very fast about what it means to be a generalist sociological publication," said Dobratz. "The biggest challenge has been the sheer number and variety of manuscripts."

Waldner echoes that sentiment. "I'm learning a lot – even from the articles that don't get published. It's a great opportunity to learn more about sociology's cutting-edge research."

Dobratz reports that the full team is in touch constantly by email, and meets weekly with managing editor Leslie Kawaler by Skype. "We play off each other, learn from each other," said Dobratz. "We often –but not always – share the same perspective."

Both long-time MSS members, Dobratz and Waldner brought deep experience in publishing as well as a history of successful collaboration to their editorship. Their most recent collaborative project was a book titled *Power, Politics, and Society: An*



Introduction to Political Sociology, which was co-authored with Timothy Buzzell, and published this year by Pearson/Allyn and Bacon.

Dr. Betty A. Dobratz received her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin in 1982. A professor of sociology at Iowa State University, she also holds a rank-only appointment in political science and is an affiliate of the Women's Studies program and the ISU Center for the Study

of Violence. Her main areas of research and teaching are in political sociology and social inequality. She has authored, co-authored, or co-edited 15 books or journal issues, about 50 research articles or chapters, and numerous other works. She received a College of Liberal Arts and



Sciences Mid-Career Award for Excellence in Research/Artistic Creativity. She regularly teaches undergraduate courses in political sociology and social inequality.

Dr. Lisa K. Waldner is professor and chair of the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at the University of St. Thomas. She received her Ph.D. at Iowa State University in 1992, where her major professor was Dr. Betty Dobratz. Her research interests are broad-ranging, and include social inequality, AIDS knowledge and prevention, and hate crimes. She has published extensively in several journals on a variety of topics including gay skinheads, anti-gay hate crimes, domestic violence, sexual coercion, AIDS education, identity issues of lesbian

and gay adolescents, and political participation. Previous book chapters have appeared in publications from Routledge, Oxford University Press and Temple University Press. She has received the Undergraduate Research and Collaborative Scholarship award from the University of St. Thomas for her work with students.

Waldner marvels at the path she has taken from grad student to co-editor: "I went to my first MSS meeting in 1986 when I was a grad student - and I never dreamed I would someday have the honor of co-editing *The Sociological Quarterly*."

Both new editors invite MSS members to submit articles to TSQ. Waldner believes the peer review process assists authors in refining their work. "I really see our job as helping authors develop the best articles for TSQ but also assisting other authors in moving their projects forward - even if they end up publishing in another journal," Waldner said.

Dobratz described the journal's requirements: "We look for each article to contain sound theory, the author's empirical results and an appeal for a generalist audience," said Dobratz. "Take a look at the author guidelines that are accessible through the TSQ web page and if your article fits the guidelines, we'd like to see it."

Both Dobratz and Waldner expressed gratitude to their institutions for supporting their appointment as editors. Both were deeply appreciative of immediate past editors, Brian Donovan and William Staples of the University of Kansas, and past managing editor, Ada Van Roekel, for their work with the journal, and their assistance during the transition.

Congratulations to Betty Dobratz and Lisa Waldner on your appointment as co-editors of *The Sociological Quarterly*; and best wishes from your fellow MSS members as you tackle the work ahead.

NEW MANAGING EDITOR

The new managing editor of *The Sociological Quarterly* is Leslie Kawaler. A graduate of Cornell University, and a former attorney, Kawaler has worked as a freelance editor and proofreader since 1989.



Kawaler encouraged more MSS members to step forward as reviewers: "Reviewers get an early look at new research in their field, and reviewing others' articles helps hone your own skills as a writer." (See related article, page 14.)

THANKS TO OUTGOING TEAM

Outgoing co-editors Brian Donovan and William G. Staples opened their TSQ office at the University of Kansas in March 2008. Their first co-edited issue appeared in January 2009. The Donovan-Staples editorial office closed in August 2012 when the new editorial team assumed full responsibility. The Donovan-Staples team's last issue will be in your hands this month. With assistance from managing editor Ada van Roekel, the Donovan-Staples team reviewed thousands of pages in hundreds of submissions and worked closely with dozens of authors to produce four volumes - 16 issues - of *The Sociological Quarterly*. Our thanks to Bill, Brian, Managing Editor Ada Van Roekel, and the University of Kansas for maintaining and enhancing the journal's high quality and impeccable reputation while they were at the helm. Best wishes in all your future endeavors.



DOBRATZ AND WALDNER ARE THE FIRST WOMEN TO EDIT *THE SOCIOLOGICAL QUARTERLY* IN ITS MODERN FORM. FROM 1939 UNTIL 1960, THE *MID-WEST SOCIOLOGIST* WAS PUBLISHED AS THE BULLETIN OF THE MSS, OFFERING MEMBER NEWS AND SHORT ARTICLES. THIS EARLY COMBINED PUBLICATION WAS EDITED BY A WOMAN ONLY ONCE, IN 1944-45, WHEN MARGUERITE REISS OF MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY SERVED AS EDITOR. IN 1959, THE SINGLE PUBLICATION BECAME TWO, WITH THE NEWSLETTER RETAINING THE TITLE, *THE MIDWEST SOCIOLOGIST*, AND THE NEWLY-INDEPENDENT JOURNAL BECOMING *THE SOCIOLOGICAL QUARTERLY*.

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Writing and Reviewing for *The Sociological Quarterly*

By Lisa K. Waldner and Betty A. Dobratz, co-editors, *The Sociological Quarterly*

At *The Sociological Quarterly* (TSQ) we strive to publish high quality papers regardless of substantive area, theoretical orientation, or methodological approach. The 2011 Journal Citation Reports ranked TSQ 39 out of 137 sociology journals. Although anyone can submit a paper, we encourage MSS members to do so.

As editors of a generalist journal, we are especially interested in empirical papers guided by an appropriate theoretical framework. Successful papers demonstrate importance, feature valid data, and are creative and innovative. Importance means quickly making a case for publication by answering the question “So what?” Valid papers use data that can actually answer the research question posed. Creative and innovative papers explore ideas that span subfields interesting to a variety of scholars. To submit a paper, review the author information section on the back cover of every issue or visit the Wiley-Blackwell TSQ page: [http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/\(ISSN\)1533-8525](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1533-8525).

We strive to keep the average manuscript turnaround time under sixty days. To accomplish this, we rely on evaluations by qualified peer reviewers. Even a speedy rejection helps authors move forward with revisions. Prompt reviews of ultimately accepted manuscripts provide authors additional time to improve the quality of their papers.

We use a blind review process and share with reviewers the publication decision and all reviewer comments. Seeing how other reviewers evaluate the same paper ideally helps one become a more effective reviewer and researcher. Helpful reviews provide constructive criticism to authors by pointing out potential problems **and** offering advice on a way to move forward with projects if possible.



As editors, we especially appreciate reviews that are consistent with the publication recommendation. At times, some reviewers recommend “Revise and Resubmit” even though the reviewer

believes the paper suffers from one or more “fatal flaws.” Other times reviewers are extremely negative in the confidential comments to editors but offer much softer feedback to authors. This confuses authors who cannot understand why their paper is being rejected. We ask reviewers to check the appropriate manuscript decision box but refrain from putting publication recommendations in their comments to authors.

We especially encourage all published TSQ authors to accept our invitation to review. No one can be published without the labor of reviewers. Paying it forward by reviewing manuscripts of potential TSQ contributors supports other scholars and expresses appreciation for the past work of TSQ reviewers. We also encourage junior scholars and graduate students to review for TSQ in part because they are often very current in the literature and can gain important experience in the research process.

We are continually adding to our database of reviewers on Scholar One. We invite anyone interested in becoming a TSQ reviewer to send their vita to our Managing Editor, Leslie Kawaler, at tsq@iastate.edu with “reviewer” in the subject line. Reviewers are listed annually in the final issue for a volume and can receive a 30% discount on selected Wiley-Blackwell publications.

Talking Teaching with Erik Larson of Macalester College

By Michael Haedicke, *TMS* Editor

Midwest Sociological Society welcomes student members as well as faculty and professional sociologists. But what can undergraduate sociology students gain from participating in the MSS? And what can departments and faculties do to encourage their students to submit their work to panels or round tables and to attend the Annual Meeting? Erik Larson, an Associate Professor of Sociology at Macalester College, a Minnesota liberal arts college, can offer some ideas about these questions.

Students from Macalester often attend the Annual Meeting and submit papers to the MSS Undergraduate Paper Competition. MSS has noted their achievements: Recently, students from Macalester submitted eight of the twelve papers entered in the 2012 Undergraduate Paper Competition; and took the first, second, and third place awards. Larson and I spoke in June about Macalester's program, undergraduate teaching, and the MSS.

Macalester's four-person sociology department is organized around the college's mission of promoting internationalism, multiculturalism, and service to society. The department is strong in comparative and international sociology, and faculty members study and teach about topics that range from indigenous rights movements to health care policy to the global development of Islam. Many of the department's majors have international experience and are drawn to sociology by their interest in inequalities and cultural diversity.

Participation in the MSS Annual Meeting is an important part of what Larson calls "the culture of student research"

at Macalester. All the department's graduating seniors pursue independent research projects during a semester-long senior seminar. The department has worked to make the seminar into a collaborative environment for teaching and learning. During each seminar meeting, one student takes responsibility for discussing a research-related puzzle or challenge that she or he has encountered. Topics range from interviewing and survey design techniques to the construction of literature reviews, and other students and instructors draw from their own experiences to provide ideas and advice.

Not all senior seminar students end up submitting their papers to the MSS Annual Meeting or the Undergraduate Paper Competition, but many of them do.

"It's not a formal requirement," Larson explained, "but once there is a culture of participation among the students, it kind of becomes an expectation, in terms of, 'Hey, we should all do this.'" During the 2012 Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, twelve of the sixteen graduating seniors presented their work on formal paper panels or at roundtables. Since the deadline for submission to panels and roundtables falls before that for the paper competition, many of those students had research papers ready to go when the competition deadline rolled around.

Macalester students enjoy and benefit from their participation in MSS, Larson explained. During a recent departmental assessment, a number of students mentioned that presenting at the Annual Meeting and interacting with other students and professional sociologists helped them improve the quality of their



work. It is also an exciting way to conclude an intensive, individualized research experience and, Larson noted, a good way for students to prepare for professional activities in the future.

The faculty in the Sociology Department also gleans insights about how to build the sociology curriculum as they watch their students prepare and present research.

"Student participation at the MSS allows us to reflect on our own teaching," he remarked. "It allows us to see students presenting their work in a different setting and to a different audience and to see areas where we could give more emphasis in how we teach."

MSS members, take note: Larson is happy to talk about taking students to the MSS annual meeting.

Email Eric at larsone@macalester.edu.

Explore these JOBS & OPPORTUNITIES at MSS's website

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS at these schools are currently advertised at the MSS website:

- Case Western Reserve University
- The Gallatin School of Individualized Study at New York University
- Luther College in Decorah, IA
- The University of Arkansas
- Grand Valley State University
- Oakton Community College, Illinois
- Northern Kentucky University
- Texas Christian University

OPPORTUNITIES offered by these groups and publications are currently advertised at the MSS website:

- North Central Sociological Association Student Paper Competition
- Society of Behavioral Medicine 34th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions
- Nebraska Undergraduate Student Symposium (NUSS) Nov. 1-2
- Illinois Sociological Assn. Nov. 2
- Special Issues of Organization Studies

See the JOBS & OPPORTUNITIES page at www.themss.org for details.

VOTE in the MSS Elections

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Candidates for MSS President

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Meredith Redlin, South Dakota State University

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"Went to my first meeting in 1965
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FAVORITE THING ABOUT MSS:

"MSS is a thoughtful organization - keeps costs down, built an endowment fund to provide stability, has members who pitch in and do what needs to be done - especially long-time stalwarts like Sue and [the late] Dean Wright. I loved the conferences, catching up with former students, seeing old friends, connecting my students with job opportunities....it's the one meeting I really miss going to."

Evaluating the Annual Meeting

By Annual Meeting Committee Chair Deb White

- *Did your discussant miss your presentation?*
- *Was your hotel room during the meeting up to par?*
- *Are you having trouble getting funding to attend the annual meeting?*

If so, tell us about it in the MSS Annual Meeting evaluation. Since 2008, the MSS Annual Meeting Committee has conducted online meeting evaluations. The Annual Meeting Committee Chair reports results to the MSS Board of Directors and committee chairs. These evaluations provide information about the scholarly quality of meeting sessions, participants' experiences at the meeting, and ways to improve future meetings. This information shapes planning for future meetings, influences decisions about meeting locations, and allows us to explore means of increasing interest in and access to the annual meeting.

Several of you expressed in these evaluations your frustration with presenters who are underprepared, present material with limited scholarly merit, or who fail to present. As a result, the MSS Board of Directors approved changes to our paper submission and acceptance process, enacted a policy of striking from the program individuals who missed their presentations, and established a task force to explore ways to improve the scholarly quality of meetings. More will be done to improve the quality of meetings but results suggest that we are moving in the right direction.

Nearly 1/5 of 2012 respondents (17.2%) rated the quality of sessions at this year's meeting as better than the last meeting they attended (only 5.1% rated it as worse).

Information garnered from evaluations led us to explore ways to make annual meetings more accessible. In 2011, expense and lack of funding for travel were most frequently named as reasons respondents

missed meetings. In response, we began offering a limited number of travel stipends to adjunct/contingent faculty and increased the number of travel stipends for students from 90 to 150. These efforts were aimed at MSS members who reported they were least likely to receive travel funds and who otherwise might not be able to attend annual meetings.

We also use the meeting evaluation to gauge the percentage of meeting participants who attend the meeting but stay at other hotels. In 2012, 17.9% of respondents (an increase from 12.9% in 2011, and 13.1% in 2010) stayed at a hotel other than the one where the meeting was held.

With travel sites such as Priceline and Orbitz providing easy access to discount hotels, many wonder why they should stay at meeting hotels. However, MSS's ability to negotiate favorable contracts with meeting hotels is contingent upon meeting our guest room blocks. Hotels will, for instance, offer meeting rooms at reduced or no cost if we meet our guest room block. We then pass along this savings to our members in the form of lower meeting registration rates.

The annual meeting evaluation gives our members a voice in shaping future meetings and allows us to make evidence-based decisions. We appreciate the valuable input so many of you have provided and look forward to hearing from you next year!

Upcoming Meetings

2014 — Omaha, NE
Thursday - Sunday, April 3-6

2015 — Kansas City, MO
Thursday - Sunday, March 26-29

2016 — Chicago, IL
Wednesday - Saturday, March 23-26

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"...I was a grad student at the University of Chicago in the mid-1970s."

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"MSS and its members are the heart of American sociology - committed to working with policy-makers and practitioners to find solutions to social problems based on both theory and empirical evidence. And the annual meeting is a great place for younger and older scholars to meet and inspire one another."

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Deadline for the next issues of *TMS*

Dec. 15th for Annual Meeting Packet / April 15 for spring issue.

Send news by email to Editor Michael Haedicke: michael.haedicke@drake.edu



About MSS membership

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DON'T KNOW WHEN YOU 'EXPIRE?' MEMBERSHIP is for the calendar year, beginning Jan. 1 and ending Dec. 31. To determine your membership expiration date, just check the label on this issue of *TMS*. If it says, "2012," your membership expires Dec. 31, 2012. Please renew for 2013 before Jan. 31st to ensure that you receive an annual meeting packet and uninterrupted publications; and that you remain eligible for MSS committees, grants and awards.

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Questions? Contact the MSS executive office:
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