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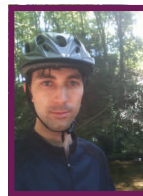
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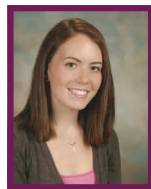
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Alumni News

Stephanie Crist '11 accept-
ed a one-year Visiting Assistant
Professor position at Kentucky
State University.

Karen Fox '00 is the Program
Director of the Aspen Pro-
gram for Psychic Development
in Lakewood, CO.

Eugene Rosa '76 has been
selected as the Boeing Distin-

guished Professor of Environ-
mental Sociology at Washing-
ton State University. The pro-
fessorship is to recognize a
social scientist with a national
and international reputation
for outstanding scholarship on
environmental issues. Gene is a
recognized leader in the field
of environmental and techno-
logical risk and in understand-

ing the social drivers in cou-
pled human and natural sys-
tems. He simultaneously holds
the Edward R. Meyer Profe-
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and Environmental Policy in
the Thomas S. Foley Institute
for Public Policy and Public
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ton State University.

Faculty Publications

Steve Brechin co-edited “Networking for Nature: Network Forms of Organization in Environmental Governance” as a special issue of the *Journal of Natural Resources Policy Research*, with C. Benjamin and C.A. Thoms. In that journal he co-authored two articles:

“Introduction: Organizational Networks and Environmental Governance: Network Function and Dys-

function,” with C. Benjamin and C.A. Thoms, and “Government-NGO Networks for Nature Protection in Belize, Central America: Examining the Theory of the Hollow State in a Developing Country Context,” with O. Salas.

Steve Brechin also published a review of Kathryn Harrison and Lisa McIntosh Sundstrom’s edited volume “Global Commons, Domes-

tic Decisions: The Comparative Politics of Climate Change” in *Perspectives on Politics*.



Faculty Presentations

Several faculty members presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in August:

Steve Brechin and current graduate student Medani Bhandari presented “What the Public Wants?: Comparative Public Opinion on Global Climate Change.”

Christine Himes participated in a session titled “Sustainable Las Vegas?: Reflections on Environment, Quality of Life, and Urban Living in the 21st Century.” Her paper was entitled “Aging and Demographic Change in Las Vegas.” She also chaired a session, organized by **Madonna Harrington Meyer**, on “Health Care and Care Delivery.”

Andrew London presented “Work

–Related Disability, Veteran Status, and Poverty: Implications for Family Well-Being,” with **Janet Wilmoth** and Colleen Heflin, and “Veteran Status, Marital Infidelity, and Divorce,” with **Janet Wilmoth** and Elizabeth Allen.

Margaret Usdansky presented “Social Class and Father Involvement with Infants,” with A. Colaner and R. Gordon, and was a co-presenter of “Teaching Workshop: Teaching Family Diversity: Pedagogical Strategies and Curricular Resources.”

Marjorie DeVault participated in a day-long Institutional Ethnography pre-conference workshop at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. She was a

panelist in a session entitled “Old Hand Questions—IE’s Theoretical Framework,” and facilitated a session entitled “Extending the Range of IE Thinking: Pushing Boundaries.”

Amy Lutz presented her paper “Beyond the School Yard: The Contributions of Parenting Logics, Financial Resources, and Social Institutions to the Social Gap in Structured Activity Participation,” with P. Bennett and L. Jayaram, for the NYS Department of Public Health. Their research will be published in the journal *Sociology of Education* in 2012.

Jackie Orr was a panelist at Hendricks Chapel’s Commemoration of 9/11 entitled “Whose Memories Count-Rethinking Trauma, Patriotism and Citizenship in the Post 9/11 U.S.”

Faculty News

Steve Brechin, **Prema Kurien**, and **Gretchen Purser** have been elected to the Executive Committee of the Sociology Department for 2011-2012.

Christine Himes has been appointed to the Board of Scientific Counselors of the Center for Disease Control’s National Center for Health Statistics. This 4-year appointment is made by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The

Board is tasked with providing advice and guidance on statistical and epidemiological research and activities that focus on a range of health issues, including life expectancy, illness and injury, chronic disease and impairment, infant and maternal morbidity and mortality, nutrition, environmental and other hazards, resources, cost trends, and data security and collection.

Emeritus Professor **Lou Kriesberg** moderated a dialogue between Dr. P. Kohona, the Sri Lankan Ambassador to the United Nations, and Dr. K. Arulanantham, a representative of the U.S. Tamil Political Action Council, in April for Maxwell’s South Asia Center.

Student Publications

Sivan Bomze published “‘About Time!’ Insights from Research with Pride: A Community-Student Collaboration,” with Kira A. Abelsohn, Jessica M. Ferne, Kyle A Scanlon, and Broden L. Giambrore, in *Health Promotion International*.

Angie Mejia published “Writing from Un Lugar Negro: A Call Towards Healing Fantasmas Chingadas” in *Theory in Action*.

She also co-authored “Guardarse Las Cosas Adentro(Keeping Things Inside): Latina Violence Survivors’ Perceptions of Depression,” with C. Nicolaidis, M. Perez, et al., in

Journal of General Internal Medicine.

Gokhan Savas published “Southern Anatolian Project (SAP) and Forced Migration in Turkey: Resettlement in Aydin/Didim and Konya/Yenikent due to Karakaya Dam,” with Zuhul Guler, in the *European Journal of Social Sciences*.



Student Presentations

Medani Bhandari presented “The Green Economy Initiatives, Applicability and the Future” in Geneva at the Oikos Foundation’s Conference for Economy and Ecology. He also presented “Input for the Zero Declaration” at the Annual Conference of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs in Bonn, Germany.

Karen Macke presented “Que(e)ring the ‘Welcoming Congregation’: Organizational Culture and LGBTQ

Activism in Unitarian Universalist Churches” at the Association for the Sociology of Religion Conference, and “State Legislation and the Problem of Bullying in Schools” at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP).

Alecea Standlee presented “Monsters, Ghosts and Cyborgs: Techno-organic Systems and Cy-

bercommunications” at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association.

Kelly Szott presented “Optimization Under Fire: The Health Care of Injection Drug Users in an Era of Biomedicalization” at the annual meeting of the SSSP.

Student News

Medani Bhandari has been recognized as a global scholar in the field of Biological Diversity, Green Economy, and Sustainable Development and nominated to serve as a member to the Expert Group Meeting on Biodiversity for Poverty Eradication and Development in the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity. He was also chosen as a Young Scholars Fellow of the International Economics

Academy 2011 by the Oikos Foundation—Students for Sustainable Economics and Management, St. Gallen, Switzerland. In addition **Medani** has been elected to serve on the editorial board of the *Himalayan Journal of Sciences*, Florida International University, a peer-reviewed international journal.

Bernadette White has passed her comprehensive exams.





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A **scholarship fund** has been established in Bruce's name. If you wish to honor Bruce's memory with a donation, please direct it to the "Bruce L. Berg Memorial Scholarship Fund" and send it to:

CSU Long Beach
Attn: Dr. Hank Fradella, Chair
Dept. of Criminal Justice
1250 Bellflower Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90840

Alumni Highlight

Bruce L. Berg, Ph.D. '83

Bruce died suddenly on February 20, 2009. He was an active and highly productive member of the Criminal Justice faculty at California State University, Long Beach. After he graduated with his Ph.D. from Syracuse University in 1983, he accepted a faculty position at Florida State University. In 1986, he took a position at the University of Massachusetts, Boston Harbor campus. In 1988, he moved to Indiana University, achieving tenure and full professor status. He stayed there until 1996, and in 1997, he moved to Southern California and took a faculty position at CSULB, where he remained until his death.

According to his wife Jill, Bruce "was energetic, enthusiastic, passionate, and generous with his time. Perhaps his most memorable trait was his sense of humor. His students adored him, and classes were often filled to capacity. As a professor, his style was academic, with a touch of stand-up comic. He would entertain his students in class, prodding them to learn while they were laughing. He spent hours correcting student papers, agonizing over each word. He was motivated by the desire to do the right thing, and was frequently an advocate for the underdog. He possessed a love for teaching and mentoring students, especially those in the graduate program. He also served as a role model for junior faculty, guiding them toward research and publication. He was admired by faculty inside and outside of the Department of Criminal Justice. He was consumed with passing on 'the gift' of mentoring."

"Bruce was a highly productive scholar. At the time of his death, he had written and revised 6 texts, 8 book chapters, and over 40 research articles. Most recently, he published the seventh edition of his highly regarded book, 'Qualitative Methods for the Social Sciences'."

Bruce is survived by his loving wife and best friend Jill, daughter Kate and son-in-law Jon, who are lawyers, and son Alex, an accountant.