FEEDBACK FROM THE FIELD

We need your input! We are in the process of putting a guestbook on the web for our alumni. You could add any updated or new information into this alumni guestbook for other alumni to see. Look for the new alumni web link on the CPR Home Page at: www.cpr.maxwell.syr.edu

Each year the Luxembourg Income Study, under the overall direction of CPR Director, Timothy Smeeding, organizes a one-week pre- and post-doctoral workshop designed to introduce young scholars to research in social policy using the LIS database. The 1999 LIS Summer Workshop will be held in Luxembourg, July 11 to July 17. Visit the LIS website for any information on the LIS program at: http://lisy.ceps.lu/index.htm

E-mail us at: cpr-alum@listserv.syr.edu

FOOTNOTES

Congratulations, Esther Gray! She's graduating in May with an Honor's Bachelor's degree in Anthropology & Women's Studies. Esther has been working for 8 years to earn her degree, while working at CPR, and raising her family. She is celebrating by inviting all her old cronies to her graduation party (YES, YOU) on May 16th, 1999. Contact her for details at: eegray@maxwell.syr.edu.

Former CPR Post Doc, James McNally, became a new father to Sarah Abigail, on April 2. Jim is the NACDA Project Manager of the National Archive of Computerized Data on Aging, in Ann Arbor Michigan.

Phillip Joyce, of the Maxwell Campbell Institute, and CPR alum, is leaving us for his hometown of Washington, DC. Phil has accepted an offer from George Washington University. We all wish him our best.

In January, CPR's receptionist, Anne Wormuth received recognition with a plaque for her work on the creation of a web site for the Chinese Economic Association of North America (CEANA), under the direction of CPR's Duke Kao, Vice President of CEANA.

Welcome to Debra Tafel, new administrative secretary for Timothy Smeeding. Debbie replaces Gina Husak (former Editor of The Pulse) who in December had a little girl, Sophie. Congratulations Gina and best of luck to you, Andy and Nicholas!
**FACTORY FOCUS**

Congratulations to newly promoted, Associate Professor, Christine Himes (Sociology). Chris was Director of the All-University Gerontology Center effective this past July.

Duke Kao (Economics), Associate Professor of Economics, was the recipient of the S.U. 1999 Economic Department's annual award for outstanding graduate teaching.

Thane Dinn (Economics) has completed his work as editor for the Proceedings of the 1998 Third International Conference of German Socio-Economic Panel Study Users.

Jacqueline Johnson (Sociology) was named chair of the 1999 Society for the Study of Social Problems, (SSSP) “Minority Graduate Scholarship” award. The $10,000 scholarship is awarded to a student accepted into an accredited doctoral program in one of Social and/or Behavioral Sciences. Jacqueline will be presenting the winners awards at the SSSP annual meetings to be held in Chicago, on August 5th and 6th.

Good By! This spring, Andrew Houtenville, Post Doc/Fellow is leaving us to join Richard Burkhauser as a research associate at Cornell University. He will continue his research work on “Employment Policies for Individuals with Disabilities & their Economic Well-being.” Andrew and his wife, Valerie, are relocating to Ithaca where they will await the arrival of their first child due in May. Good Luck!

**STAFF STOP**

Peggy Austin, Associate Director for Budget and Administration, is this issue’s featured staff person. Peggy started her career at Syracuse University in 1983 in the Chemistry Department as Purchasing Assistant. In 1988, David Greytak took her under his wing into Metro Studies as Associate Director for Budget and Finance and in 1994 Peggy helped create the Center for Policy Research under the direction of Thomas Smeeding.

Peggy is diligently working on her Bachelor’s degree and hopes to finish before she is ready to retire! She keeps herself involved with the campus community, whether it be with one of the many focus groups or committees, being an SUIQ trainer, or during opening weekend as a volunteer “Goon” to help fresh man move in. Her personal life with Phil and daughters, Cassandra and Michelle, keep her constantly on the move.

**IPLOMATIC POUCH**

Don Bruce

C. Katharina Spiess, Professor and has accepted a job at the University of Tennessee, in Knoxville, in a joint appointment in the Economics and The Center for Business and Economic Research. Don will also be getting married at the end of May. Congratulations! Jim Laditka has had two conference presentations coauthored with wife (former CPR Grad) Sarah Laditka, at the Gerontological Society of America and at the State Society on Aging of New York 26th Annual Conference. Kathrin Ross has accepted a position at Mathemateca in Princeton. KUDOS to all!

**DIRECTOR’S CORNER**

As one of the newer members of the CPR faculty, Chris Himes extends a warm welcome to all of the friends and colleagues of CPR. Chris serves as the Director of the Gerontology Center, one of the many groups included under the CPR umbrella.

The Gerontology Center, originally formed in 1972 in the School of Social Work, has been part of The Maxwell School since 1990. Despite its location within CPR, the Gerontology Center is a University-wide program with associates in varied departments. With its new motto, “Someone you love is aging,” the Center’s major mission is educational.

Affiliates have been active working with public agencies involved in aging issues. In October, Chris and several associates of the Center, including Alejandro Garcia (Social Work), Vernon Greene (Public Administration), Del Monaco (Economics and Public Administration), and Douglas Wolf (Public Administration), participated in the “Long-Term Care 2000” conference organized by county agencies.

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**DIPLOMATIC POUCH**

Newly promoted, Professor Jan Ondrich (Economics) is our featured diplomatic traveler, sharing a few details of a recent trip to Amsterdam, the Netherlands and Berlin, Germany. Professor Ondrich along with coauthors C. Katharina Spiess, Qing Yang, and Gert Wagner presented “Full Time or Part Time? German Parental Leave Policy and the Return to Work after Childbirth of German Mothers.” The paper was presented at the Twelfth Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics, this past summer.

Jan noted that “while Berlin was a major metropolitan center bustling with character, Amsterdam was much more laid back. This is due to a direct result of the Calvinist “mind-one’s-business” attitude. No one is criticized for anything, so accordingly, people working in hotels, restaurants and shops do not always answer the customers back and call.” Amsterdam’s canals and museums add to the beauty of this small city. One can spend an amazing afternoon looking at the van Goghs in the Van Gogh museum.

What is The Netherlands without wooden shoes? Wooden shoes can be purchased at any Delft (a region in the Netherlands) gift shop. “You can even fax them an outline print of your feet and they will custom-make the shoes for you.” A final newsworthy note: “The really nice thing about being in nearby Berlin was (Americans can take note of this fact) that you can get the “real” Budweiser beer there. Although it’s now called Budvar by Anheuser-Busch, it still tastes really good!”

**GRAD BAG**

This has been a busy year for CPR’s grad Don Bruce. Don defended on March 29th and has accepted a job at the University of Tennessee, in Knoxville, in a joint appointment in the Economics and The Center for Business and Economic Research. Don will also be getting married at the end of May. Congratulations! Jim Laditka has had two conference presentations coauthored with wife (former CPR Grad) Sarah Laditka, at the Gerontological Society of America and at the State Society on Aging of New York 26th Annual Conference. Kathrin Ross has accepted a position at Mathemateca in Princeton. KUDOS to all!

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