As some of you may already know, the Center for Policy Research Director and Distinguished Professor of Economics and Public Administration, Timothy M. Smeeding, is leaving CPR for a position at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Tim has been the Center’s representative and voice for the faculty, staff, and graduate students for the past fifteen years. In addition to the many hats Tim has worn during his tenure here, he is also the founding Director of the Luxembourg Income Study project, which he began in 1983. For about the past decade, he and his assistant Kati Foley ran the US office of LIS in the Center for Policy Research, where they hosted many graduate students and workshops. Tim has written or edited 15 books and over 200 research articles over the past 30 years. Presently, he is spending the 2007-2008 academic year as a Visiting Fellow in residence at the Russell Sage Foundation in New York City, where he is examining cross-national patterns of economic mobility. He commutes back and forth from New York City to Syracuse regularly. Join us in wishing Tim good luck and great success in his new adventures as he bids us farewell.

Tim writes:

“It is my pleasure to write to all of CPR’s friends and colleagues for the last time as Director of CPR. On August 1 of this year, I will become Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor of Public Affairs at the La Follette School of Public Affairs, and Director of the Institute for Research on Poverty, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I have had many great experiences as director of CPR, and I can say that you who are reading this newsletter were involved in most of them!

It has been a wonderful 15 years working with a dedicated group of staff and outstanding faculty colleagues to add to the skills and abilities of great young graduate students who have now moved on to pursue careers in research and academia. Indeed, providing a pleasant and productive environment for research and learning is THE main accomplishment of CPR and will continue to be so. I am leaving CPR in the able hands of Doug Wolf as interim director, assisted by Peggy Austin and Johnny Yinger. I am sure that Doug will do an even better job guiding the ship at CPR than I have. I know many of you still have fond memories of life at CPR, and now it is my turn to carry them with me. Please stay in touch, and drop me a line if you are coming to Madison.”

Syracuse Seminar on Aging:
John Rowe, MD, delivered the fourth Seminar on Aging on Thursday, April 17, 2008, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm in the Global Collaboratory, 060 Eggers Hall. His topic was Who Will Take Care of Tomorrow’s Elderly? Recommendations from the Institute of Medicine. Dr. Rowe leads the MacArthur Foundation’s Initiative on an Aging Society and chairs the Institute of Medicine’s Committee on the Future Health Care Workforce for Older Americans, which issued its final report on April 14, 2008. The report, Retooling for an Aging America: Building the Health Care Workforce, is available on the National Academies Press website.
A warm welcome and sad good-bye to our CPR faculty. CPR is the new home for Sociologist Amy Lutz (Sociology) who came to SU in 2004 from Johns Hopkins University, where she was a Spencer Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow. Amy is an Assistant Professor with joint appointments in Sociology in the Maxwell School and Cultural Foundations of Education, in the School of Education, as well as a CPR Research Associate. She moved up to CPR this past fall and is actively working on a number of projects, including two forthcoming new papers: “Negotiating Home Language: Spanish Maintenance and Loss in Latino Families” Latino (a) Research Review and “Barriers to High School Completion Among Immigrant and Later-Generation Latinos in the United States: A Look at Language, Ethnicity, Family Structure and Socioeconomic Status” Ethnicities.

Perry Singleton (Economics) joined our CPR family last summer from the University of Maryland at College Park. His field of specialization is Public Finance and Health Economics, along with Labor Economics and Applied Microeconometrics. Perry has a newly published article “Aching to Retire? The Rise in the Normal Retirement Age and its Impact on the Social Security Disability Rolls,” with Mark Duggan and Jae Song in the Journal of Public Economics. Kalena Cortes (Higher Education and Economics Courtesy Appointment) has joined us as a Senior Research Associate. Her research interests include Labor Economics, Economics of Education and Economic Demography. Welcome to all the new CPR Senior Research Associates!

We said “good bye” to some familiar CPR faces this past year. Pablo Beramendi (Political Science) has gone south to Duke University to further pursue his field of specialty in Comparative Politics. Dan Black (Economics) has joined the University of Chicago. Dan is a professor in the Harris School and a senior fellow at the National Opinion Research Center. We wish him well in the windy city. And Lloyd Blanchard (Public Administration), a former CPR grad student, then Assistant Professor here at the Center, has moved on to another position outside the university. We miss them all and envy their better weather! We also wish them continued success in their future endeavors.

CPR Director, Timothy Smeeding, who is presently on leave at Russell Sage Foundation in New York City, will be receiving an Honorary Doctorate from Stockholm University. He has been invited to receive the signs of the appointment at the official Promotion Celebration of the University, which will be held at the Stockholm City Hall on September 26th, 2008. “Wunderbar” Tim!

Our faculty has been involved in many projects across varied arenas these past months. Andrew S. London (Sociology) was named President of the Board of Directors, AIDS Community Resources, Syracuse, NY. Along with his presidential duties Andrew co-organized three conferences at Syracuse University in 2007: Gender & Globalization Initiative Conference on “HIV, Gender, and Sexuality in a Globalized World,” (with Susan Wadley and Cecilia Van Hollen), in September; Center for Policy Research Conference on “Military Service, Social (Dis)Advantage, and the Life Course,” (with Janet Wilmoth [Sociology], in October; and the Regional Graduate Student Conference on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) / Queer Studies Conference (with Margaret Himley, Khristopher Dodson, and Jessica Bacon), in November. In July, Andrew will be spearheading the Sociology Department as the department Chair. Never a dull moment for this Sociology professor.

This past year, David Popp (Economics) was appointed to the Environmental Protection Agency’s Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis, and was a contributing author on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Mitigation of Climate Change report, chapter 11, “Mitigation from a cross-sectoral perspective.” He also presented the paper “Trade, Technology and the Environment: Why Do Poorer Countries Regulate Sooner?” at the Centre for Economic Performance, London School of Economics (June) & Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) annual meeting (November). And in January 2008, he presented “Where Does Energy R&D Come From? A First Look at Crowding Out from Environmentally-Friendly R&D” at the American Economic Association annual meeting.

Deborah Freund (Public Administration) has been named the Deputy Editor of the journal Medical Care in charge of health economics and has also been named on the middle states accreditation review team for Carnegie Mellon. She traveled to Qatar as part of her review. We look forward to hearing of those travels.

Persistence pays off. Douglas Wolf (Public Administration) received NIA funding for the proposal entitled “End of Life Trajectories: A Prospective Model” in September 2007. The proposal was originally submitted in January 2005, and then resubmitted in January 2006. So it took 18 months for it to be funded, which shows that one must be patient in this business! The purpose of this 3-year project is to use a combination of National Long Term Care Survey data and Medicare Claims data to predict how
close someone is to death and how disabled they will be as they approach death. **Jan Ondrich** (Economics) from CPR and Brenda Spillman (Metropolitan Studies Program alumna now at the Urban Institute) will work with PI Doug Wolf on this project.

**John Yinger** (Economics and Public Administration) was the 2007 recipient of the NASPAA/ASPA Distinguished Research Award, (The National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration and the American Society for Public Administration give this award to “an individual whose published work has had a substantial impact on the thought and understanding of public administration.”) Kudos Johnny! The issue of the *Public Finance Review* that is based on a CPR conference just came out: “The Determinants of Teacher Attrition in Upstate New York”, http://PFR.sagepub.com/content/vol36/issue1.

Look for **Madonna Harrington Meyer**’s 2007 book, published by Russell Sage, *Market Friendly or Family Friendly? The State and Gender Inequality in Old Age*, with CPR alumna **Pamela Herd**. As director of the SU Gerontology Center she hosted the 2007 Conference on Aging and Disability. Recognized for her teaching excellence here at Syracuse University, Madonna was named a 2007 Laura J. and L. Douglas Meredith Professor for Teaching Excellence. She also appeared on *ABC World News Tonight*, explaining the retreat from marriage, particularly for African Americans (1/16/07), and published op-ed pieces with Pam Herd entitled “Social Security Is Solid: Despite talk of a need for privatization, the U.S. government program still does the job and requires only modest tweaks: Pro or con? Pro: A Healthy Mainstay.” *BusinessWeek.Com* December 4, 2007; and “Can the Private Market Handle Long Term Care Insurance?” *San Francisco Chronicle*, November 16, 2007, B-11.

**Margaret Usdansky** (Sociology) was selected to join the first cohort of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Early Career Scholars Program. Margaret has a number of publications. Forthcoming, with **Douglas A. Wolf**, “When Child Care Breaks Down: Mothers’ Experiences With Child Care Problems and Resulting Missed Work,” in the *Journal of Family Issues*; and “The Emergence of a Social Problem: Single-Parent Families in U.S. Popular Magazines and Social Science Journals, 1900-1998,” *Sociological Inquiry*, 78:74-96.

**Tom Dennison** (Professor of Practice in Public Administration) has written an issue brief “Changes in Nursing Home Care, 1996–2005: New York State,” published by the Medicaid Institute at the United Hospital Fund, January 2008. Nursing homes in New York State aren’t just providing long-term care anymore. Instead, they have come to play a more active role for people recuperating after a hospital stay. This movement toward short-term care is a response in part to financial pressures on hospitals to decrease length of stay and move patients out, and in part to decreased demand for long-term care beds, as other options have become available for the elderly and disabled.

**Christine Himes**, who joined CPR in 1995 and has served as chair of the Sociology Department since 2003, was named Maxwell Professor of Sociology in recognition of her exceptional scholarship and many contributions to the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. Her research focuses on the demography of aging, obesity and health, and family caregiving. In July Chris will be stepping down as Chair of the Sociology department and returning full time to her home here in CPR.

**William Horrace** (Economics) was awarded a National Science Foundation Award grant for his work “Occupational Risk and Rights-Based Fisheries Policy: Studying Changes in the Deadliest Catch.” He was in Alaska this past February. Just hearing of his Alaska adventures gave us chills. See Diplomatic Pouch for more details.

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*When I hear somebody sigh, "Life is hard," I am always tempted to ask, "Compared to what?"*

Sydney J. Harris
Madonna Harrington Meyer, Director of the SU Gerontology Center, Laura J. and L. Douglas Meredith Professor in Sociology, and Senior Research Associate at CPR, joins The Center for Policy Research in wishing the Syracuse University Gerontology Center a happy 35th anniversary. She observes:

These are exciting times for the Gerontology Center. Even though the center is university-wide, the Gerontology Center is situated in the Center for Policy Research in the Maxwell School. Many of our faculty affiliates are members of CPR.

In addition to receiving a lot of support from CPR, the SU Gerontology Center received a sizable grant from the SU Chancellor's office to facilitate multi-disciplinary work. We recently hosted a multi-disciplinary national conference on Aging and Disability. Pulling together these groups of scholars and advocates who generally talk about the same sorts of issues—but not to each other—was fruitful indeed. We are now getting ready for our next international conference, on Engagement in Old Age.

The Gerontology Center now has 33 Faculty Affiliates from over a dozen academic departments. Our work spans the disciplines and the life course, but an element that is common to most of our work is our emphasis on the determinants of, and the impact of, engagement in old age. We have registered our logo, which features our prioritization on engagement in old age.

One of our most important announcements is that we launched a Lifelong Learning Institute through the Center. Our first 6 course offerings were May 12-June 5, 2008. The courses were offered by SU faculty for retired faculty, alumni, staff, and community members. The aim was learning for learning's sake, so no grades, but plenty of reading, writing, creating, and free parking. What makes our courses unique is that each balance academics with community engagement. Thus, students in one of our classes on the upcoming election helped to register voters. Students in the classical music course watched their instructor play bassoon with the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra and also helped donate musical instruments to inner-city schools. We hope you will take time to visit our web page and see what we have been, and will soon be, up to: http://www.maxwell.syr.edu/cpr/gerontology/

Some comments from our participants:

“On behalf of my folks who attended the Lifelong Learning Institute's Life writing class, I wish to express our appreciation for this wonderful experience. I've spent considerable time on the phone talking with some of the folks who attended who have expressed how this class enhanced their lives. I must add that it opened wonderful doors with cobwebs for me also. We are so grateful for this opportunity and hope that you will consider Syracuse Housing Authority for future adventures. “
-Deborah Banks, Program Coordinator Elderly Services, Syracuse Housing Authority

“This was an excellent opportunity to learn basic information in a dynamic way. Stimulated + challenged me greatly.”
-Pat MacLaughlin

“Professor Rosenzweig's outstanding presentation of information, his knowledge of the subject matter, his use of analogies, his enthusiasm (which was catching), and his sense of humor all came out together to make the course successful. Excellent! Far exceeded my expectations. The class certainly exercised my mind.”
-Donald MacLaughlin

In these past few years, we have worked to revitalize the Center in numerous ways. We have updated the web page, produced a bi-annual report, and introduced a monthly e-newsletter called Age and Engage. We hope you will take time to visit our web page and see what we have been, and will soon be, up to: http://www.maxwell.syr.edu/cpr/gerontology/

This column marks my last as Director of the Syracuse University Gerontology Center. I have enjoyed the position enormously. On July 1, 2008, Professor Janet Wilmuth, Professor of Sociology and Senior Research Associate in CPR, will take the lead as the Director of the Syracuse University Gerontology Center with all of our best wishes.
Associate Professor William Horrace (Economics) traveled to nearly the ends of the earth when he made a journey to Dutch Harbor in Alaska in February. He is working with Professor Kurt Schnier from Georgia State University on a research project funded by the National Science Foundation. According to Bill, “The purpose of this trip to Alaska is to improve our understanding of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab fishery.” Professors Horrace and Schnier “hung out” in Dutch Harbor and talked with the actual captains and crews “to understand vessel cost structure and their personal attitudes toward risk. The exploits of these vessels and crew have been recently popularized in the Discovery Channel show ‘The Deadliest Catch.’ The ultimate goals of the project are to understand how recent changes in U.S. fisheries policy have changed occupational risk in the crab fishery and to calculate the value of human life based on a captain’s decision to ‘put to sea’ in bad weather.” Professor Horrace has detailed his chilly trip to the Bering Sea in a blog, which recounts the challenges of doing research slightly off the grid in a less than hospitable environment. Who would have thought a Syracuse winter would actually be a more preferable climate? His blog can be found at http://billsbigadventure.blogspot.com/. We’re all glad the professors made it back home safely and we look forward to reading the results of their research.

Staff member Kelly Bogart had the opportunity to travel to Italy and France over spring break while taking a course on the life and work of Leonardo da Vinci through a short-term SUAbroad program. Kelly spent eight days in Milan, Florence, Vinci, Paris, and Amboise visiting the most famous works of the artist, including the Last Supper in Milan, several early paintings in Florence, and the Mona Lisa and several later paintings in the Louvre in Paris. In her second trip to Europe, Kelly was thrilled to return to Florence where “there is a museum or church around every corner”; however, she found that this trip was far more demanding than her first visit in 2005. “It seemed like everywhere we went we were walking up stairs. We visited the Cathedral of Florence to study the architecture of the dome, which meant we had to walk up to the top via the very narrow stairs between the inner and outer walls of the dome, some 436 steps later we reached the top. This was a trip that worked your legs as much as your imagination.” In Paris, Kelly visited several museums, including the Louvre and saw some of the most famous works of art in the world. “The Mona Lisa is much more impressive than we’re usually led to believe, and seeing some of my favorite paintings, such as the Madonna of the Rocks was just incredible. I also went to many of the toury places. I went to the Eiffel Tower twice, where I walked part of the way up the tower the first time, nearly 700 steps. The second time I took the elevator. I learned quite a lot in this class, such as just how brilliant Leonardo da Vinci was and how much historical distortion there is about him. Most people ask me about how it all fits into The Da Vinci Code. If they really knew how far off the book really is, they’d be very disappointed. Regardless, I wasn’t disappointed at all and had a wonderful time, although the Paris Metro system was quite intimidating.” Kelly is already making future plans to return again someday.

CPR research assistant Michael Eriksen traveled to South America and visited the countries of Peru and Ecuador. Eriksen, who is a graduating PhD student of Economics studying low-income housing policy, was originally encouraged to visit the region by former CPR resident Deborah Bailey-Whitman (Econ., Ph.D. ’97) who had a similar journey during her time at Maxwell. While in South America, he climbed the Inca Trail to Macchu Picchu, fished for piranha in the Amazon, and swam with sea lions among the Galapagos Islands. He also had the opportunity to visit former CPR residents Jose Galdo and Ana Dammert (both Econ., Ph.D. ’06) who were spending the summer in their native Lima, Peru, before they both started jobs at McMaster University in the fall. Eriksen contends “There really was not one specific highlight of my trip, as each experience would be significant and life-changing by itself.”

In September, CPR Director, Timothy Smeeding is being awarded an 'honors doctorate' from the University of Stockholm. Sharing the podium with Tim, with a similar award, is Beny Anderson, lead singer of Abba!
CPR’s former receptionist **JoAnna Moskal** and her husband Bill have moved to Indiana from DC where they’ve both been working since JoAnna left CPR upon Bill’s graduation from ESF. Ready to leave DC, they found jobs and a house with some land and a place to plant a huge garden. JoAnna presently works at INARF as a project coordinator for a trade association in downtown Indianapolis. Their members are facilities serving people with physical and developmental disabilities. JoAnna finds “Indiana to be a nice place, like Syracuse, and a welcome change from the craziness of Washington.”

Good bye to **Tammy Tanner** and Welcome **Roseann DiMarzo**! Tammy left us to join her husband in his new business. We miss her and wish her lots of luck in her new business adventure. Roseann is an SU graduate who recently moved back to the area from New York City (where she was born and raised) after spending the previous five years working as a producer for a commercial editing house. Roseann has adapted quickly to the CPR family and is actively involved in The Maxwell School and University committees, along with the CPR Community Calendar. We welcome this refreshing new addition to the staff! **Karen Cimilluca** has returned to her previous position of office coordinator working with **Peggy Austin**.

Congratulations to **Kitty Nasto** (Lindsay), **Mary Santy** (Anna) and **Peggy Austin** (Cassandra). All three CPR staff watched their daughters cross the SU stage at graduation this May. It’s all about the tuition benefits!

**Candi Patterson** joined CPR in the summer of 2002 as our resident computer specialist. Candi is responsible for all the computer systems within CPR, as well as our Beowulf computer cluster located in the SciTech building. She graduated from SUNY Institute of Technology with a B.S. in computer science. Before coming to SU, she worked for Northrup Grumman as a contractor at Griffis Air Force Base in Rome, NY. After four years of commuting to Rome, Candi decided to find something closer to home.

Because her position keeps her constantly hopping, it would be easy to assume that she goes home at night and relaxes. Not so. Her time away from CPR is just as busy as when she’s in the office. Candi was a parent-coach for the Jamesville-Dewitt Youth Athletic Association (JDYAA) for six years. She also sings in her church choir and her daughter, Sontaya, will be starting tenth grade this fall.

Candi’s life is very full and constantly in motion, and because of her love of activity, she has become the official “organizer” of any CPR community calendar events that involve sports. She organizes the Center’s basketball, volleyball and bowling activities each year. She has been a great addition to our team and we hope to hear her singing in the halls of the Center for many years to come. On those occasions when she is not singing, we know the computer server must be down. These days Candi isn’t spending much time working on the CPR computing systems. She’s far too busy with her brand new baby girl, Maya Chanel, who was born on June 4th of this year.

**Candi Patterson** is not the only CPR family member welcoming a new addition to the family. CPR is full of **Baby News** from the past year! Recent graduates **Lily Liu** and **Yong Chen** welcomed a baby girl, Lucy. **Janet Wilmoth** and her husband welcomed a son, Brian Jr., in October. **Yue Hu** and **Long Liu** are the proud parents of a baby girl, Amy, born on March 16th, 2008 in Madison, WI. This past April, **Mary Santy** welcomed her second grandson, Michael Thomas, who joins her first grandchild, Ernest Michael. **Kitty Nasto** is awaiting her first granddaughter, due to arrive in August.

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**20th Annual Herbert Lourie Memorial Lecture**

**David Lawrence**, MD, MPH, and Chairman Emeritus of Kaiser Permanente

**Friday, September 26, 2008, 2:00 - 3:30 pm**

Sheraton University Hotel, 801 University Ave.

Dr. Lawrence is returning for his second Lourie Lecture. He spoke in 1995 about *Health Care: Public Good or Private Enterprise?* This time his topic is team-based medicine, a concept he discussed in his 2002 book, *From Chaos to Care: The Promise of Team-Based Medicine*. This event is free and open to the public.

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**Candi Patterson**
CPR graduate students are making the news in the academic arena through their paper presentations, research, and various awards and fellowships. To highlight of few of these outstanding CPR citizens: **Javier Baez**, was awarded the 2007 - 2009 Hewlett Foundation/Population Reference Bureau Dissertation Fellowship in Population and Economic Development and the 2008 Roscoe Martin Research Fellowship, from the Maxwell School of Public Affairs here at Syracuse University. In December, he presented a paper at the Annual Conference on Population Impacts on Economic Development in Arusha, Tanzania. Javier presented papers from his dissertation work in Washington, DC, Bonn, Germany, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain, Mexico City, and the Australian National University, University of Sydney, and Deakin University in Australia. Javier successfully defended his dissertation in April, and in July he will begin working at the Human Development Department of the World Bank in Washington, DC.

**Maria Brown** was selected as the 2007 BSS Section Student Award (Pre-Dissertation level) recipient. She also presented a poster based on that paper at this year’s GSA meetings.

**Ryan Yeung** won a John Woodruff Simpson Fellowship from Amherst College for the 2007-2008 semester and ongoing. Ryan was also given the opportunity to present his paper “Gifted Education: Robin Hood or the Sheriff of Nottingham?” at the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management meetings in Washington, DC. And he presented his paper “Does the State Children’s Health Insurance Program Reduce Student Absenteeism?” at the American Education Financial Association Conference in Baltimore, MD.

**Cynthia Searcy** has taken a position as Assistant Professor, Public Administration & Urban Studies at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, at Georgia State University. We wish her well in her new appointment.

**Emily Pas Isenberg** is busy settling into her job at the US Bureau of Census in the Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) program in Washington, D.C. LEHD uses modern statistical and computing techniques to combine federal and state administrative data on employers and employees with core Census Bureau censuses and surveys while protecting the confidentiality of people and firms that provide the data. Great to see a CPR education at work.

Recent graduates **Lily Liu** and **Yong Chen** have found a home in the nation’s capital where they’re currently working for Fannie Mae.

**Mike Eriksen** (Economics), CPR’s senior grad student, deserves our heartfelt congratulations and good wishes. He defended his dissertation in March and he has accepted a position with the Terry School of Business at the University of Georgia as an Assistant Professor of Real Estate starting this summer.

CPR graduate students are constantly being recognized for their work and contributions in their respective fields. We look forward to hearing much more from these and many more future “policy makers” in our future “feedback from the field” section of the Pulse.

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**From the Field**

Former Metro alumna, Dr. **Ranjana Madhusudhan** (ECN) of the New Jersey Department of the Treasury, will in November assume the role as President of the National Tax Association, the premier organization in the tax and public finance area, bringing together government, corporate, academic, and independent tax professionals. Last year she was elected First Vice President of the NTA. Prior to joining State government, Madhusudhan was a consultant and researcher for the World Bank and previously an economist for the National Institute of Public Finance & Policy in New Delhi, India. Kudos, to our Metro alumnus.

**Yue Hu** (ECN) is working at the Wisconsin Center for Education Research, University of Wisconsin. Yue’s husband, **Long Liu** (ECN), will start his new assistant professor position in the Economics Department at the University of Texas at San Antonio in August.
James Laditka (PA 2002) and Sarah Laditka (PA 1995) will be calling Charlotte, NC home soon. They have both accepted new positions at UNC-Charlotte starting on August 1, 2008. Sarah will be an Associate Professor in their Department of Public Health Sciences, and will also serve as the director of the Master of Health Administration program. Jim will be an Associate Professor also in the Department of Public Health Sciences and will serve as the director of the PhD program in Health Services Research (both will be going onboard with tenure). They are also both faculty affiliates in the UNC-Charlotte Public Policy Program. UNC-Charlotte is very fortunate to have such talented CPR alumni.

On May 11, 2008, our CPR work study, Cassandra Austin, graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of science in History. She is leaving us to take a position as an archaeological technician with Transcon Environmental. She will be based out of Salt Lake City, although working in Northern Utah, California, and possibly Arizona. Her primary duties are assisting staff in conducting research, performing archaeological surveys and studies, and preparing reports associated with environmental compliance projects. These are exciting times for Cassandra, and we wish her well.

*Operation Paperback – Our projects were not always limited to those in our own backyard. Donation drives were held throughout the year for reading materials for our troops serving around the world. Based on requests from servicemen and women, 1700 books and uncounted magazines were donated and shipped overseas to our troops.

*Holiday Families and Holiday Exchange – Each year, CPR participates in two of our favorite holiday traditions. The Holiday Families supports local families during the Christmas season by donating gifts and necessities. The gifts are then wrapped and delivered to the families just before Christmas by Catholic Charities. The Maxwell School Holiday Exchange is held each December where individuals donate a basket filled with a variety of items, which are then raffled off for charity. This past year’s proceeds from the Holiday Exchange went to Francis House and The Samaritan Center.

*Social Activities – Although our Community Calendar focuses on service to our community, we also spend time getting together as friends as well as co-workers. Over the past year we’ve gathered together for fun activities that get us out and moving, such as basketball, volleyball, and bowling outings, where there’s always plenty of healthy competition. We’ve also gotten together for several events where we watch others do all the work, including attending an SU basketball game, a Syracuse Crunch hockey game, as well as attending the play, “The Fantasticks” at Syracuse Stage.

Our Community Calendar continues to be a great success, for both the community and the residents of CPR. The full calendar of events can be found on our website at: http://www-cpr.maxwell.syr.edu/community_events/2008/index.htm.

The Pulse Editors:
Mary Santy, Kelly Bogart, Roseann DiMarzo
CPR Family Picnic

August 8th, 2008
At Clark Reservation
Stop in and see us!

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2008-2009
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July · Syracuse Chiefs Baseball Game

August · School Supplies Drive for Danforth Schools

September · CPR Basketball Game
IMAX Film night

September to June · Reading at Dr. King Elementary

October · CPR Volleyball Game

November · Warm Clothing for Danforth School & the Rescue Mission

December · Holiday Families & CPR Holiday Party

January · SU Basketball Game

April/May · Syracuse Stage