Steve Taylor passed away at his home on November 8th. He had been at SU since 1979. He was appointed director of the Center on Human Policy in 1983 and served in this role until going on leave in the fall of 2014. While at SU he held positions in special education and cultural foundations of education. He was the coordinator of disability studies and helped to establish Syracuse University’s disability studies program, the first in the nation.

Steve was the chair of the IRB (Institutional Review Board) for the Protection of Human Subjects from 2000-2006. Taylor was the author or co-author of 13 books and over 100 professional articles. The fourth edition of his book “Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods,” with Robert Bogdan and Marjorie DeVault is scheduled to be published in 2015.

As director of the Center on Human Policy, Steve obtained over $17 million in federal, state, and private research and training grants and contracts on disability policy, advocacy, and the inclusion of people with disabilities in society. He was the recipient of numerous professional awards.

Steve was a graduate of the Sociology Department, held a courtesy appointment, served on dissertation committees and several of our students took his courses.

A memorial service was held for Steve on Friday January 16th in Hendricks Chapel. He is survived by his wife, Betsy Edinger, son Jeff and daughter, Lea.

**Maxwell Celebrates 90th Anniversary in Washington, D.C**

On November 20th Maxwell celebrated its 90th Anniversary at a gala at the School’s new home in Washington, DC, the Center for Strategic and International Studies. The event was co-chaired by former Secretary of Health and Human Services, Donna Shalala and former NASA Administrator and Chancellor of Louisiana State University, Sean O’Keefe.

Several Sociology faculty members attended the event.

Pictured to the right is current Department Chair, Madonna Harrington Meyer and past chair, Chuck Willie.
Faculty News


**Prema Kurien**'s NSF Grant, The Incorporation of Minorities in Canada and the United States was a featured article in the Fall/Winter issue of the Syracuse University Magazine.

**Gretchen Purser** was a panelist at the "Mobilizing the Academic Precariat: The Contingent Faculty Labor Movement at SU and Beyond" as part of the Labor Studies Working Group.

**Merril Silverstein**'s proposed project "Religious Transitions, Transmissions, and Trajectories Among Baby Boomers and their Families" has been conditionally approved for a $1.51 million grant from the John Templeton Foundation. The project is for three years and involves collaborative sub-contracts with the University of Southern California and California State University, Los Angeles.

Faculty Publications

**Dawn Dow**, "Negotiating the ‘Welfare Queen’ and ‘The Strong Black Women’: African American Middle-Class Mothers’ Work and Family Perspectives," *Sociological Perspectives*


**Cecilia Green**, "Outbound China and the Global South: New Entrepreneurial Immigrants in the Eastern Caribbean," *IDEAZ*


**Karyn Stewart & Andrew London**, "Falling Through the Cracks: Lack of Health Insurance among Foreign and Native-Born Blacks," *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*

**Andrew London**

**Rebecca Schewe**, "Letting Go of Conventionalization: Family Labour on New Zealand Organic Dairy Farms," *Sociologia Ruralis*

Faculty Presentations

Graduate Student News

Carrie Elliott passed her comprehensive exams. Jackie Orr is her chair.

Erik Rodriguez defended his dissertation proposal and is now ABD. Andrew London is his chair.

Graduate Student Publications


Kelly Szott, "Contingencies of the Will: Uses of Harm Reduction and the Disease Model of Addiction Among Health Care Practitioners," Health

Graduate Student Presentations

Angie Mejia, "La Llorona y La Frontera: Mapping the Border Crossing of Medicalized Depression," Sociedad Latinoamericana de Estudios Sociales de la Ciencia y la Tecnologia & Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Conferences in Buenos Aires, Argentina

Angie Mejia, "Nation, Economic Dispossession and Melan-colia: An Analysis of Mexican Newspaper Representations of Depression as a Socio-Political Illness," San Paulo Advanced School on Biotechnologies, Biosocialities and the Governance of the Life Sciences, Brazil. She was one of fifty foreign graduate students to receive a travel grant to attend this conference.

Kelly Szott, "Risk and Illness: The Health Concerns of People who Inject Drugs," 10th National Harm Reduction Conference

Alumni News

Medani Bhandari ’12 is now a faculty member and Deputy Program Director of Sustainability Studies at Akamai University, Hilo, Hawaii.

Gokhan Savas ’13 is now the Assistant Professor of Sociology and Director of the Center for Survey Research at the University of Ankara, Turkey.

Janel Martinez, BA ’10 participated on a panel discussion “Branding and the Millennial Woman” for Syracuse University’s Office of Program Development at Lubin House on January 22. Janel is the founder of Aint I Latina? and she discussed the challenges that came along with her brands and her newfound success.

Don Sawyer, ’13 gave a talk as part of Onondaga Community College’s Black History Month, “Hip Hop Keeps Me Sane: Understanding Resilience and Hip-Hop(e)in Urban Education.”
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Marj DeVault Retirement Symposium Schedule
3/20/15 1:00-4:00 pm 220 Eggers Hall

Learning from the Lives of Children and Youth: Ethnographies of Childhood and Parenting

1:00 Welcome & Introductions-Marj DeVault
1:15 Wendy Luttrell, CUNY Graduate Center
1:45 Cathy Richards Solomon, Quinnipiac University
2:15 Break
2:45 Ileen DeVault, Cornell University
3:15 Amy Best, George Mason University
3:45 Closing Remarks-Marj DeVault

You’re invited to celebrate…
MARJ DEVAULT’S RETIREMENT
with us!

When: Friday, March 20, 2015
Where: 220 Eggers Hall, Syracuse University
Time: Symposium 2-4 pm
Reception 5-7 pm

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