Welcome Seven New Graduate Students!

**Ynesse Abdul-Malak**
Manlius, NY  
BS (Environment) and Masters of Public Health, American University, Beirut

**Carrie Elliott**
Syracuse, NY  
BA (Women's Studies), Wells College, and MA (Gender/Cultural Studies), Simmons College

**Trent Fenner**
Brodheadsville, PA  
BA (Sociology), Shippensburg University, and MA (Sociology), Lehigh University

**Yasmin Ortiga**
Manila, Philippines  
BA (Psychology), University of the Philippines, and Ed.M. (Human Development and Psychology), Harvard Graduate School of Education

**Sivan Bomze**
Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
BS (Biology), University of Western Ontario, BS (Health Policy), York University, and Masters of Public Health, University of Toronto

**Catherine Farrell**
Quincy, MA  
BA (Sociology), LeMoyne College

**Jenna Sikka**
Valodara, India  
BA (Sociology), Bachelor of Law, and MA (Sociology), Maharaja Sayajirao University

Alumni News

**Stephanie Crist ’11** accepted a one-year Visiting Assistant Professor position at Kentucky State University.

**Karen Fox ’00** is the Program Director of the Aspen Program for Psychic Development in Lakewood, CO.

**Eugene Rosa ’76** has been selected as the Boeing Distinguished Professor of Environmental Sociology at Washington State University. The professorship 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 technological risk and in understanding the social drivers in coupled human and natural systems. He simultaneously holds the Edward R. Meyer Professorship in National Resource and Environmental Policy in the Thomas S. Foley Institute for Public Policy and Public Service, also at Washington State University.
Faculty Publications


**Faculty Presentations**


**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. Giambrone, in Health Promotion International.


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 Presentations


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).


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.

October Calendar
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.