

Happy Holidays from the Sociology Department

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Dr. Ron Matson,
Interim Dean of LAS
Dr. Jodie Hertzog,
Department Chair



Dr. Ron Matson Chosen as Interim Dean of LAS

Dr. Ron Matson was chosen to be interim dean of the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences this year. Matson, longtime chair of the Department of Sociology, replaced Dean Bill Bischoff after he stepped down at the end of the last spring semester. Matson was selected from a pool of candidates reviewed by the LAS College

Council. On top of being chosen as interim dean, Matson was also named the 2011 Kansas Professor of the Year. With Matson in the Dean's office, Dr. Jodie Hertzog, associate professor, was chosen to fill the role as Department Chair of Sociology. Hertzog has been with the Sociology Dept at WSU since 2003.

Faculty Highlights

Faculty Presentations

Hertzog, J., LeBrun-Martin, C., Rodriguez, R., & Smith, T. (2012). ***Engaging early adolescents and school staff in dating violence prevention.*** Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix, Az.

Thrane, L. (2012, October). ***Young Women's Unmet Medical Needs: The Effects of Unstable Living Transitions.*** Poster presented at the annual conference of the Institute for Public Health at Washington University, St. Louis, MO.

Wilkinson, L. and Pearson, J. 2012. ***"High School Context, Same-Sex Sexuality, and Post-Secondary Enrollment and Attainment."*** Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Vancouver, BC.

Current Research Projects

Dr. Hertzog recently conducted focus groups on USD 259 school staff perspectives on teen dating violence.

Hill, Twyla J. ***Family Caregiving in Later Life.*** (book; under contract for publication by Sage).

Hori, Makiko. "Multi-Level Analysis of Happiness: the Effect of Marriage, Employment, and Parenthood." Under preparation for journal review submission.

Koeber, Charles, Wright, David W. and Elizabeth Armour. 2011. "Self-Service: Control and Consent in the Performance of 'Consumptive Labor.'" *Humanity and Society* 36: 1-24.

Matson, Ron (ed) 2012 ***"One of the Guys: Masculinities in Social Context"*** Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt.

Special events 2013:

Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) Conference
March 27-30, 2013
Chicago, IL
www.themss.org for more info.

WSU Graduate Research and Scholarly Projects (GRASP)
2013 Symposium
May 8, 2013,
Marcus Welcome Center, WSU
www.wichita.edu for more info.

Spring 2013 Job Fair,
February 28, 2013
4:00-6:30 pm,
Koch Arena, WSU
www.wichita.edu/careerservice.s.edu for more info

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Trunk or Treat 2012



Thanks to the efforts of Soc Club, the Sociology Dept. tied for 2nd place in the 2012 Shocktoberfest door decorating contest. This years theme:.. The Final Countdown



Undergraduate Student Research Funds

The Honors Program administers funding for Undergraduate Student Research Grants, which are grants of up to \$1000 each to support student research and creative/performance projects. These grants are available to all undergraduate students who meet the eligibility criteria.

The purpose of these funds are to encourage undergraduate students from all disciplines to participate in research and creative projects in collaboration with WSU faculty.

Eligibility:

1. Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors with a college GPA of at least a 2.5 and who have at least two semesters

remaining at WSU including the semester in which they apply for the grant.

2. Student must be full-time with a declared major.
3. Student must have a faculty research mentor.
4. Preference is given to students whose projects are not currently receiving funding from another source.
5. Students who have received funds from this program in the past are not eligible.

For more info or to download an application go to www.wichita.edu and search *Undergraduate Student Research Funds*

Graduate Students Accepted to Present at MSS

The following graduate students were selected to present at the Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) Conference on March 27-30, 2013 in Chicago, IL.

Jessica Niblack will be presenting her thesis topic exploring factors that influence bystander engagement in cyber bullying situations.

Stephen Juza will also be presenting his thesis topic, which looks at the relationship between extracurricular activities and student academic achievement.

Cassandra LeBrun-Martin will present her Soc 812, Advanced Qualitative Methods project, exploring themes present in 1930s and current anti-marijuana posters and public service announcements.

Are you a student presenting or even simply wanting to attend a sociological conference, but are a little short on cash?

There are campus funds available for students who may need financial assistance!

For more information, about student research opportunities contact:

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Scholarship Winners:

John J. Hartman Endowed Sociology Scholarship:

Rainee Locke (2012-2013 Academic Year)

Rebecca Rodriguez (2011-2012 Academic Year)

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*"Whatever sociology
may be, it is the result
of constantly asking
the question, what is
the meaning of this?"
~C. Wright Mills*

Classes of Interest for Spring and Summer 2013

Soc. of Culture/Ethnicity (399P):

This course will review the sociological framework and history of the ethnic groups that make up America to understand the society as it is today. Controversial topics, such as affirmative action, and theories of discrimination, culture vs. race, will be discussed and analyzed.

Media & Society (399X):

This survey course is designed to increase student awareness and general understanding of the relationship between mass media and society. By exploring the history of the development of the media industry from a sociological perspective, students will be encouraged to examine their own reflexivity (personal world view) with an emphasis on living in a society that is immersed "from cradle to grave" in a variety of Media forms.

Global Women's Health (847D):

This new graduate course provides an overview of international women's health issues presented in the context of a woman's life. The approach to women's health is broad, taking into account economic, social, and human rights factors and particularly the importance of women's capacities to have good health and manage their lives in the face of societal pressures and obstacles.

Particular attention will be given to critical issues of women's health such as: the demeaning of women; poverty; unequal access to education, food, and health care; and violence. Such issues as maternal mortality, sexually transmitted disease, violence in conflict and refugee situations, the effects of traditional practices, and sex trafficking will be discussed.

[**Cross-listed with WOMS]

Looking Spify @ President Bardo's Inauguration...



Soc Club

Join us on *OrgSync.com* or on Facebook @ *Shocker Soc Club*

Upcoming Spring Event:

Wild Wild Welcomefest Campus Scavenger Hunt Jan 28th & 29th

**Fandango after party & prize ceremony starts at 5pm on Jan 29th
in the RSC Wreck Center**