



Advisement Meeting Planned

Our department has taken a strong position on good advising. We, the faculty, want to be good advisors, but we need you--our majors and minors--to help. We encourage you to take an active role in your relationship with your advisor. Get to know them. Ask questions! If we do not know the answers, we'll do our best to find them for you.

In an effort to enlighten our majors and strengthen our advising program, the department will hold an informational meeting for its students. Such a

meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 21 at 4:30 p.m. in the CUB Orndorf Theater**. It is VERY important that all majors attend this meeting. Anthropology and Sociology Minors may also find this meeting useful. Refreshments will be served!

Who is your advisor and where are they located? What courses are required? How will the new language requirement affect you? When are required courses offered? What electives are being offered? What summer courses

will be offered? If you find yourself asking any of the above questions, you will not want to miss this meeting.

Keep in touch with your advisor and they will help keep you informed and on track. Scheduling for the Spring 2005 semester begins on October 25th. Please make sure to see your advisor well in advance of your magic day. Please Note:

- SOC 385 offered every semester.
- SOC 386 offered in the spring only.
- SOC 450 offered in Fall only.
- SOC 415 in Fall, Spring 04/05.

Department Newsletter

You are reading the first issue of the Sociology / Anthropology Department's newsletter, *The Source*. This newsletter will be published twice a year, every Fall and Spring semester. It is written for three audiences: current students who are majors and minors

in the department, the department faculty, and those who have previously graduated from the department.

News items normally contain information on the activities of current students, faculty and alumni. Please forward any information that would be of interest to

any of the above parties. We are especially eager to report on faculty / student research, career and internship opportunities, and alumni news. Please forward this information to: The Source Editor, Sociology / Anthropology Department, Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA 17257, or cmkimm@wharf.ship.edu

Graduate School

We have many great students in our department, some of who will continue beyond Shippensburg University, into graduate programs at other colleges and universities. Yet, graduate school can be a tricky business: Where do I go? What is an assistantship? What does a teaching assistant (TA) do? How do I know that this school is right for me?, etc.

Graduate school is an important step, one that should be taken with great care and assurance. Why not lean on those who have traversed through these waters and



Enjoy Your Fall Break! October 18th and 19th

survived? You know who they are—YOUR FACULTY! We want you to do well and are very willing to speak with any major or minor who seriously wishes to take this leap into the unknown.

Toward this end, the department will, over the next few weeks, evaluate the level of interest among its students on graduate school issues. If the numbers demand attention, we will organize an informational session on the search, the application process, letters of recommendation, etc. That said, if this is something that you have been thinking about, share your interest with a faculty member you feel close to. Or, contact the editor of *The Source* directly (Dr. Kimmel, x1706 or cmkimm@wharf.ship.edu). I will

Graduate School continued

keep a listing of interested students and will inform you of our next move.

For your information, the department purchases each year the American Sociological Association's "Guide to Graduate Departments in Sociology." This is an invaluable guidebook on graduate programs in the U.S. and abroad. Be sure to ask Lisa

Dubbs, Department Secretary, x1735,

*What are your plans
for the future?*

Important Phone Numbers:

Department Secretary, Mrs. Lisa Dubbs, 477.1735

Department Chair, Dr. Walt Konetschni, 477.1247

*Information Hotline, 477.1200
University Police, 477.1444*

Undergraduate Research Program

We've heard it before: "I have a great idea for a research project but I cannot afford the expense." There is money for you! Each year the Undergraduate Research Program awards students up to \$1,500 to conduct research. While the deadline has passed for the 2004-2005 year, it is never too late to begin thinking about how to use such

funds to support your SOC 386 project, for example, or some other research endeavor next fall (contact your advisor for more information).

The department is also eager to support faculty/student research projects. If you have a research project idea, or if you know of a faculty member who is doing research that interests you, do not hesitate to inquire about a possible joint venture. Our major Brad

Keen, along with Dr. Philip Broyles, has paved for himself a nice path of research experience by taking advantage of such opportunities. Indeed, Brad won the "Provost's Award" in the "Write the Ship" paper competition for his criminology paper entitled, "The State of the Street." There are outlets for your writing. Don't be shy! Congratulations Brad!

Internships

In this past five-year review of department graduates, 38 percent of responding alumni said they took advantage of an internship opportunity. Every student had great things to say about their experiences. Of those alumni who wanted more career guidance or faculty support in finding a job, as expressed in their alumni survey, no one had taken an internship.

This is very telling! It suggests that those who took advantage of internships had an advantage over their peers on the job market. Internships provide hands on experience. They

enable you to work in areas of the field that interest you, applying classroom discussions to the real world. And the best part about it: you pick the internship. Explore the depths of creativity! Find an agency, organization, business, or some other kind of job environment that interests you, ask if they take internships, and you are on your way. Are you interested in the FBI

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summer internship? If so, contact Carol Moore at 215.418.4379 ASAP!

Stop by Dr. Phil Broyles' office to pick up an application or visit the department web page: <http://www.ship.edu/%7Epabroy/Intern.htm>. You will need a faculty advisor to help you complete the paperwork. Don't hesitate! You can take up to 9 internship credits for the University, 6 of which can be used toward department requirements.

Sociology / Anthropology Club

The Soc / Anthro club will be meeting on Tuesday, October 5th at 3:30 p.m. in Grove Hall 401. Are you a member? If not, it is the belief of some that you may not be fully human. Only through social interaction in the club can you accomplish this task.

On the agenda for this meeting will be the need for new leadership. Are you a leader?

Would you like to take an active role in your education? If so, you would be smart to consider running for office. The club is growing. Interest in this group can be heard in the hallways of Grove Hall, and I shall admit, it is quite loud.

*Do you wish to be
fully human?*

The group will also be brainstorming on the different ways that academic interests and fun can be joined in marriage. It has been done before. If you find any of the above interesting, you are encouraged to contact either Dr. Chad Kimmel at x1706 or Dr. Karl Lorenz at x1771. You can also visit their website at

Sociological Fodder in the News

Have you ever stopped to read what faculty post on their doors?: Cartoons, pictures, posters, flyers, stickers, quotes, poems, etc. This sounds like a qualitative project waiting to happen. Nonetheless, if you're ever on the 4th floor of Grove Hall, and have time to spare, you may be interested in a new sec-

tion on the bulletin board called "Sociological Fodder in the News." It is here where some hang those stories that have a slight to severe sociological or anthropological tone. Indeed, newspapers often do showcase the thoughts of sociologists as they apply to a variety of topics. Stop by and read a few lines. What you read may intrigue you. Students are also encouraged to display

their own newspaper clippings.



Happy Halloween!

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Welcome New Faculty

If you have noticed lately, there are some new faces around town. The department hired Dr. Barbara Denison and Dr. Chad Kimmel in Fall 2003, and Dr. Allison Carey in Fall 2004. In case you haven't had the opportunity to meet them, read on.

Career Resources Hot Off the Press!

We've all seen those nasty bumper stickers that read, "Graduation Happens!" And when it does, you should be prepared, and the department has the tools you need. If you wonder, "what can I do with a BA in sociology?," you will not want to overlook the department's new "*Careers in Sociology*" resource—a brief booklet that can be obtained upon request from your advisor. A quick look at the table of contents may draw you in: *sociological specialties, career preparation, job prospects, conducting a job search, graduate training, etc.*

For students interested in majoring in sociology, we also offer a "*Majoring in Sociology: A Guide for Students*" brochure (see Mrs. Lisa Dubbs, Department Secretary, GRH 428, for your own copy).

The Career Development Center at Shippensburg (2nd floor CUB, www.ship.edu/career, or 477.1484) is also an invaluable resource. The "Career Expo 2004" will be held on October 7th from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the CUB MPR (contact x1484 for more information). Check CDC website for listing of upcoming events!

Dr. Denison grew up in the suburbs of Northern Virginia and was drawn to sociology early in her life. "All I wanted to be was a sociologist," she wrote, "so you know how much I enjoy the field." She finds the "ah ha experience" one of the most rewarding parts of the teaching process—that point at which some students pause in their thinking, blink or frown and say, "yes, I get it!" Dr. Denison, a Northwestern University graduate, encourages her students to "think in a different way." Her interests vary from sociology of religion to organizations and social change. As Director of the Organizational Development and Leadership (ODL) graduate program, Dr. Denison works directly with students in the field. The ODL program, she boasts, "is a great opportunity...because you can pick your own concentration." Her favorite book: President Jimmy Carter's autobiography "An Hour Before Day Light." Dr. Denison can be found in GRH 439, x1257, or bjdeni@wharf.ship.edu.

Dr. Carey grew up on Long Island, New York, and completed her Ph.D. in sociology from Michigan University. In the classroom, Dr. Carey sees herself as a facilitator, "helping students to see things in a new way." She aims to highlight the "trends," the "bigger picture," so that students can better understand "their placement in the [social] world." She describes her academic interest in disabilities as an evolutionary story, one that was shaped by both the literature and personal experience. Her dissertation, a historical analysis of the debate regarding civil rights and people with mental retardation over a 100-year period, was, as she put it, "very cool." Before coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Carey was the Coordinator of Research and an Instructor in the Institute on Disabilities at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA. Along with her husband and young daughter, Dr. Carey enjoys canoeing and hiking. Her favorite book: "To Kill a Mocking Bird." Dr. Carey can be found in GRH 436, x1582, or ac-care@ship.edu.

Dr. Kimmel grew up in Levittown, Pennsylvania, and completed his Ph.D. in sociology at Western Michigan University. As an undergraduate student, he was impressed by the enthusiasm toward sociology held by one of his teachers. "The man would sweat up a storm," he said. "He must have loved it." In the classroom, Dr. Kimmel tries to replicate the same approach (without the sweat, of course). He encourages students to challenge themselves with the materials, to dig deep into the readings, to entertain ideas through dialogue. "Without dialogue," he says, "teaching becomes a lifeless, passive enterprise." Dr. Kimmel's dissertation, a sociological history of Levittown, PA, has, at times, been mentioned in one or more of his courses. He and his wife live in an 18th century log farmhouse and dig in their back yard for fun. His favorite book: "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." Dr. Kimmel can be found in GRH 431, x1706, or cmkimm@wharf.ship.edu.