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## REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Undergraduate Paper Competition
- Graduate Paper Competition
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Greetings. As a long time member of the MSSA, I am honored to serve as its president. The vibrancy of our organization was demonstrated at last year's meeting in Biloxi, where the MSSA experienced one of its largest turnouts in recent years. As you may know, I volunteered to assist Frank Glamser as Program Chair for last year's meeting as he faced an "unfortunate situation" at his institution. Little did I know when I volunteered that it would turn into a full time effort and lead to my appointment as MSSA president when Frank chose to resign. I did know, however, that I would have the support of an incredible organization with many dedicated and enthusiastic members. After all, it is truly the membership that makes the MSSA the best regional sociological association in the country.

This year, our 31<sup>st</sup> annual meeting will be held in Atlanta, GA at the Westin Atlanta Airport Hotel, October 26-29. Tom Calhoun, President-Elect and Program Chair, is working hard organizing sessions and facilitating submissions. Tom has selected the following theme: "Unfinished Business: The Quest for Inclusion". There is a wide variety of paper, panel, and roundtable sessions in which you can participate. A complete listing has been mailed to the membership and can be found on the MSSA website: <http://www.midsouthsoc.com>. In addition, our meetings will include a plenary address, receptions, a banquet, a book exhibit, and numerous opportunities for informal interaction and socializing. I also want to draw your attention to the Stanford M. Lyman Distinguished Book Award, the Donna Darden Undergraduate Student Paper Competition and Award, and the Graduate Student Paper of Distinction Award.

This is your organization and its success and strength depend on your involvement and support. I encourage you to participate and to invite new members to become involved. Our quality scholarship, relaxed style, and orientation toward inclusiveness are appealing characteristics of a professional organization. Sustaining these qualities, however, depends on your commitment. The MSSA needs all participants to pay their dues and pre-register for the annual meeting. Ideally, all attendees will stay at the conference site, the Westin Atlanta Airport Hotel. As our Hotel Contract Negotiator, Ken Davidson, will tell you, it is becoming increasingly difficult to keep conference costs down to a reasonable and affordable level. The MSSA is not the best regional organization by accident; it comes on your continued support.

The MSSA Executive Committee is working hard to improve our organization. First, we are close to formalizing a process for making awards from the Stanford M. Lyman Memorial Scholarship Fund. A committee chaired by Jackie Eller is diligently working out the details and we anticipate being able to make the first award in the Fall of 2006. Second, the Committee on Women, chaired by Cheryl Brown, and the Committee on Minorities, chaired by Earl Wright, are discussing a possible merger that would create a Committee on Diversity. I encourage you to carefully consider their proposals and assist them in developing a committee that would represent the wonderful diversity inherent in our organization. Finally, we are still searching for a new Secretary-Treasurer. Sahadeo Patram has provided outstanding leadership in this position for many years and is ready to pass the torch to another person. Please consider volunteering for this position or encourage a well-qualified individual to do so. Pat has a well organized set of materials and is very willing to assist the next person settle into this essential position.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to all who have contributed time, energy, and resources to this outstanding organization. Keep up the great work and I look forward to seeing you in Atlanta!

**From the Secretary-Treasurer's Desk**

**Sahadeo Patram  
Morehouse College**

The Association is in good financial state. Current assets at May 10, 2005 are \$79,813.91. This figure includes \$40,775.00 in the recently established **Stanford M. Lyman Memorial Scholarship Fund**.

Membership for 2005 is currently 220 (Active Regular 155, Student 58, and Joint Active and Student 7). The Association needs to increase the membership and every member can help by encouraging one colleague to join MSSA. Membership application form is available on our website [[www.mdisouthsoc.org](http://www.mdisouthsoc.org)].

This year's annual meetings will be in Atlanta, Georgia, October 26 – 29. The conference hotel is The Westin Atlanta Airport, 4736 Best Road, College Park, GA 30337. Reservation details will be mailed at a later date.

This is the first time we will meet in Atlanta. The hotel requires 319 – 375 room night reservations. Failure to meet the requirement will result in payment for meeting room rental space on a sliding scale ranging from \$850.00 to \$3,400.00 per day. I hope that every member will attend the meetings and stay at the conference hotel.

Have a great summer.

**Committee On Women  
Kim Davies  
Augusta College**

The women's committee has not been very active during the year as a committee; however, as individuals, we contributed much to the 2004 meetings in Biloxi. As chair of the women's caucus, I followed our practice of reviewing the program with regard to sex equity. I counted the number of women and men listed as paper presenters or panelists in the preliminary program. It is important to note that I only did this once, I made some assumptions about women's and men's names, and people were counted each time they appeared so that one woman for instance, could count as two women if she both organized and presented a paper at a session. Nevertheless, the results indicate that Duane Gill put together a balanced program. There were 32 women and 37 men listed as organizers or presidents. There were more women listed as first authors with 111 women and 87 men first authors. Women were listed as second author 25 times and men were listed as second author 24 times. Nine men were listed as third or later author and seven women were third or later author. The committee looks forward to working with our new chair Cheryl Brown.

The Annual Meeting of  
The Mid-South Sociological Association  
October 26-29, 2005  
Atlanta, Georgia

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION**

The Mid-South Sociological Association invites the submission of student papers for its annual undergraduate student paper competition. The competition is open to students in the Mid-South Region and to other undergraduate students who are members of the Mid-South Sociological Association. A prize of \$50 will be awarded for the best paper. The authors of all papers selected will be presented with certificates of merit after presentations of papers at the 2004 MSSA Annual Meeting.

**Rules for the 2005 Competition**

1. Each paper must be accompanied by a cover letter requesting participation in the undergraduate competition session. The letter must include the title of the paper, author(s) of the paper, the school affiliation, and the telephone number of the author(s). Only the author's name and title of the paper should be included on the title page. The title of the paper must be repeated at the top of the first page of the text.
2. The maximum length of an eligible paper shall be 20 double-spaced pages of text, not counting abstract, references, tables, and figures.
3. Papers may be co-authored with a maximum of three student authors, but not by graduate students or faculty.
4. Papers must not have been submitted for publication prior to submission for this competition.
5. Papers are evaluated upon (1) originality, (2) contribution or potential contribution to the discipline, (3) clarity of arguments, and (4) mechanics (i.e., neatness, use of an appropriate format, grammar, spelling, etc.).
6. **Four copies of each paper must be received by July 30, 2005.** Send papers by "First Class" mail to: Keith F. Durkin, Ph.D. Department of Psychology/Sociology, Ohio Northern University. Office phone: 419.772.2143 or e-mail k-durkin@onu.edu if you have any questions regarding the competition.
7. To receive full recognition for participation, submissions must meet deadlines and participants must present their papers at the 2004 Annual Meeting in Biloxi.
8. Students are strongly encouraged to seek faculty advice prior to submission of papers.

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GRADUATE STUDENT "PAPER OF DISTINCTION" AWARD\*

The Mid-South Sociological Association invites the submission of student papers for its first annual Graduate Student Paper Session and "Paper of Distinction" Award. The award replaces the Graduate Student Paper Competition. The award process is open to graduate students who are members, or become members, of the Mid-South Sociological Association. Among the papers submitted, an award will be presented to any paper that is reviewed and evaluated as possessing a high level of originality and significant potential for contribution to the discipline. If such a paper is so identified, the author(s) will be presented with a "Paper of Distinction" award at the MSSA Banquet. The award will also include editorial review assistance from suitable persons so identified by the Vice President in coordination with the Editor of *Sociological Spectrum*.

**RULES FOR THE 2005 AWARD PROCESS**

1. Papers may be submitted by the graduate student or nominated by faculty, but in any case, each paper must be accompanied by a cover letter requesting consideration for the Graduate Student "Paper of Distinction" Award. The letter must include the title of the paper, author(s) of the paper, the school affiliation, telephone number, and email address (if available) of the author(s). Only the author's name and title of the paper should be included on the title page. The title of the paper must be repeated at the top of the first page of the text.
2. The maximum length of an eligible paper shall be 25 double spaced pages of text, not counting abstract, references, tables, and figures.
3. Papers may be co-authored with a maximum of three student authors, but no faculty.
4. Papers must not have been submitted for publication prior to submission for award consideration.
5. Papers are evaluated upon (1) originality, (2) contribution or potential contribution to the discipline, (3) clarity of arguments, and (4) mechanics (i.e., neatness, use of an appropriate format, grammar, spelling, etc.).
6. **Four copies of each paper must be received by August 1, 2005.** Send papers by "First Class" mail to Dr. David A. Gay, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, P.O. Box 25000, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL 32816 (office phone: 407-823-2227; e-mail: [dgay@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu](mailto:dgay@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu)).
7. To receive full recognition for participation, submissions **must** meet deadlines and participants **must** present their papers at the 2005 Annual Meeting in Atlanta.
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Semi-Annual Report to the Editorial Board

October 20, 2004

Assumption of Editorship: February 2, 2002

Editor: DeAnn M. Kalich

Managing Editor: Brooke O. Breaux

**Manuscripts Processed Since February 2, 2002**

*Sociological Spectrum* has received 201 manuscripts (including 41 inherited from the previous editors). Of these, 17 have been newly accepted for publication, 10 are under the status, "revise and resubmit," 110 have been rejected, 8 are under initial review, and 56 are published/in Press.

The Journal's rejection rate (based on number of manuscripts [n=183] that have reached final decision stage) is 60 percent. (\*Note: This figure does not account for the 10 manuscripts currently in 'revise and resubmit' status.) This is a 3 percent decrease in the rejection rate from November 2003, which is likely a reflection of the two additional issues per year beginning with volume 24 (issues 5 and 6).

Table 1. Manuscript Status (n=201) (Note: Vol. 24 began the increase by two issues).

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Accept	17*
R&R	10
Reject	110**
Initial Review	8
Published/in Press	56 (Vol. 22:4-25:1)***

\*8 of these have been submitted to guest editor of 25:2 (special issue).

\*\*3 of these were submitted to guest editor of 23:2 and 2 of these were submitted to guest editor of 25:2.

\*\*\* 9 of these were submitted before assumption of new editorship 2-2-02.

**2003 Spectrum Best Paper Award Winner**

***"Serious Crime in Urban Neighborhoods" by Edward S. Shihadeh and Wesley Shrum (24:4)***

**Other nominees were:**

- Ladies First: Race, Class, and the Contradictions of a Powerful Femininity" by Kristen Myers (24:1)
- "Working at Home: Experiences of Skilled White Collar Workers" by Samantha K. Ammons and William T. Markham (24:2)
- "Laissez-Faire v Regulated Capitalism: A Cross-National Analysis of Social Costs" by F. John Mehrrens (24:3)
- Strategic Ritualization and Ethnicity: A Typology and Analysis of Ritual Enactments in an Italian American Community" by J. David Knottnerus and David G. LoConto (23:4)

**SPECIAL ISSUE(S)**

The papers for the next special issue (to be guest edited by Craig J. Forsyth, University of Louisiana at Lafayette) are at the publishing house. This special issue will be titled "A Sociological View of Sport, Leisure, and Recreation," and will be published in 2005, volume 25(2).

**PROCESSING DETAILS**

Volumes 24:5 and 24:6 are currently in press and due to be released on schedule. Current projections for volume 25 (2005) anticipate a continued one year lag time from time of final acceptance of the manuscript to appearance in print. We have accepted manuscripts through

**Davidson and Moore Deposit Research Collection with Kinsey Institute  
University of Wisconsin– Eau Claire**

The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction at Indiana University has announced that Dr. J. Kenneth Davidson Sr., professor emeritus of sociology and former coordinator of family studies at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, and Dr. Nelwyn B. Moore, professor emerita, Texas State University-San Marcos, will have their lifelong collection of research files and scholarly work on human sexuality gathered into an archival collection to be named for them. For more than 20 years, Davidson and Moore have been research partners, collaborating on much of their work.

Davidson, who retired last August after 28 years at UW-Eau Claire, began shipping the significant collection of journal articles, correspondence, published papers, unpublished manuscripts and research data which has been housed at UW-Eau Claire to the Kinsey Institute last month. Davidson said he started the collection, which includes more than 10,000 articles on human sexuality, 37 years ago when he was a sociology faculty member at Augusta State University and research instructor in the department of obstetrics and gynecology at the Medical College of Georgia. Over the years Davidson has carefully catalogued the journal articles into broad categories. He started out using old-fashioned note cards and later moved to computer files.

Liana Zhou, head of the library at the Kinsey Institute, said the Davidson/Moore archival collection is an important addition to the Institute Library.

"For the past four decades, their research contributions covered a wide range of topics, from studies on sexual emotions to sexual relations and knowledge of marriage and family," said Zhou. "The Institute library aims to acquire, organize, preserve as well as provide access to human sexuality resources and is visited by students and scholars of sexuality from all over the world. The Davidson/Moore collection will expand and enhance our collecting scope, and we are very pleased that they have decided to deposit their lifelong collection with the Kinsey Institute."

The Kinsey Institute is a private, not-for-profit organization that was established by Alfred C. Kinsey in 1947, just before the publication of his groundbreaking study "Sexual Behavior in the Human Male." The general public was recently reminded of the work of the Kinsey Institute with the release of the movie "Kinsey," director Bill Condon's interpretation of the life of Alfred Kinsey. Today the Institute investigates sexual behavior and sexual health through the development of collections of resources for scholars, programs of research and research publications; interdisciplinary conferences and seminars; information services; and graduate training.

Davidson, who admits that he often found others somewhat uncomfortable with his work and research topics, said he started on the path to becoming an expert on human sexuality almost by accident.

"It was at a 1968 Medical College cocktail party that a student and her pediatrician husband introduced me to the department chair of obstetrics and gynecology and a medical student who were doing some research into the medical aspects of human sexuality," said Davidson. "What they had to say was fascinating, and I agreed to serve as a research consultant in the department to assist with additional data collection. Some of that data became an intriguing topic for my doctoral dissertation."

Almost 40 years later, Davidson said that he is still intellectually challenged by sexuality research and glad his that life's work will now be more widely available for new scholars to use and build upon.

**MSSA Membership Survey: Additional Results**  
**Steven Hundersmarck, Scott E. Wolfe, and Keith F. Durkin**  
**Ohio Northern University**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) Membership Survey was commissioned by the Executive Council of the organization in 2004. The survey was conducted by the Ohio Northern University Institute for Social Research. The major quantitative findings from this undertaking were reported in the Fall 2004 issue of *MSSA Forum* (Durkin, Wolfe, Bushatz, and Elzey 2004). Please consult that publication for a more detailed discussion of the survey, its history, and the demographic characteristics of the respondents. The current report details the qualitative results from the survey.

From an initial usable sample of 278 people who were classified as recent or current “active” members (excluding students), complete surveys were received from 201 respondents. This translated into an overall response rate of 72.3%. Two open-ended questions were included on the instrument:

- A) Asked respondents to indicate what they valued most about being an MSSA member.
- B) Asked respondents in what ways, if any, do you think the MSSA should change to confront the continuing challenges of a small, professional organization, such as membership retention and expansion.

**METHODOLOGY**

Content analyses were performed on the written responses to the two open-ended questions. A content analysis is a methodological procedure that involves the systematic analysis of text (Chambliss and Schutt 2003). This is essentially a coding operation in which a conceptual framework is used in the classification of data. Content analysis allows for the application of statistical and empirical methods to textual material (Lindkvist 1981). The responses to each of these items were coded for the presences of themes. In turn, the frequency with which each theme appeared was calculated.

**RESULTS**

The first open-ended question that was, “What do you value most about being a member of MSSA?” Of the 201 respondents, 155 provided an answer to this item. Each of the responses to this question was classified into one of four coding categories. These categories included; *interaction with others in the field, professional interests, presentations, and location*. If a respondent made more than one comment to this question they were included into multiple coding categories for each response.

The results of this analysis are reported in Table 1. The most common theme was interaction with others in the field (52.7%). Examples of actual responses to the question were “collegial relations” and “collegial environment” at meetings. The second most valued aspect of MSSA membership was found to be professional interests (33.3% cited this). Examples of this theme included exposure to new ideas, the facilitation of professional development and opportunities for scholarship. The third major theme, cited by 8.9% of those responding, was presentations. The most common example of this was mentioning the opportunities for student involvement in presentations at the meeting. The final theme was location, which was cited by approximately 8% of the respondents. Included in this category were things such as travel distance and cities where meetings are held.

The second item that respondents answered was the question, “In what ways do you think the MSSA should change to confront the continuing challenges of a small professional organization such as membership retention and expansion?” A total of 95 of 201 answered this question. Coding for this question proved to be somewhat challenging due to the variance in the responses. However, there was enough continuity for general trends to emerge and be coded. The responses were coded into seven related coding categories (see Table 2).

Most respondents who answered this question were concerned with current and future membership of the MSSA. This category had the most coded answers, having been cited by 21.3% of respondents. Most of the responses classified in this category stressed the need for new membership of some type. The type of recruitment suggested was equally split between those that felt new recruits should emanate from existing scholars and those that felt the organization should recruit students. The second most popular theme, cited by 13.4% of respondents, reflected an interest in the expansion of the professional agenda for the MSSA. The advice in how to do so was quite diverse, and included things such as focusing more attention on small and community colleges, as well as continuing to foster an inclusive environment in the association. Finally, 11.4% of respondents suggested improving conference proceedings. Examples of responses in this category included improving the overall quality of papers and having larger audiences for presentations.

**TABLE 1**

**THINGS RESPONDENTS VALUE MOST ABOUT MSSA MEMBERSHIP**

Interaction with Others in the Field	52.7%
Professional Interests	33.3%
Presentations at Meetings	8.9%
Location of Meetings	7.9%

**DISCUSSION**

The results of this investigation suggest that members value the collegiality of association and its annual meeting. The meeting is seen by members as an opportunity to expand and renew their knowledge base, and network with others in the field. It is worthy of noting that scholarly interactions occur during formal events and during social interactions outside of the presentation rooms. Members wish to come together to share and accumulate ideas with fellow professionals. It is also apparent that for many members, the MSSA constitutes a major part of their professional development, and is valued accordingly.

On a more general level the comments seem to portray that some members see a need for the MSSA to expand their services and influence. These members expressed the need for diversification through the recruitment of new members and through the expansion of the role and professional agenda of the organization. Means for promoting the expansions of the MSSA (in their opinion) was through the quality proceedings and papers presented at the annual conference, focusing on small community colleges, and increasing student membership.

**TABLE 2**

**SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGING/IMPROVING THE MSSA**

Expanding Current/Future Membership	21.3%
Expanding Professional Agenda	13.4%
Improving Conference Proceedings	11.4%

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## Announcements

### Call For Nominations

Just a reminder that the Stanford M. Lyman Distinguished Book Award Committee is still soliciting nominations for the 2005 MSSA Distinguished Book Award.

Nominations should be sent to Dr. Lachelle Norris, Department of Soc/Political Science, Box 5052, Tennessee Tech University, Cookeville, TN 38505.

Nominations may be faxed or emailed to Dr. Norris (fax number is (931)372-6395; email address is Lnorris@tntech.edu). All nominations must contain complete bibliographic information, including the name and full address of the publisher.

To be eligible for the award, books must be original (single or co-authored) works. Authors must hold current membership in the Mid-South Sociological Association and must have been members of the Association for at least three years, including the current membership year. A book is eligible for the award for three years after its publication. Thus, a book published between 2002 and **2004 could be considered for the award in 2005.**

**The deadline for receipt of nominations is July 1, 2005.**

Please feel free to call 931/372-6220 should you have any questions.

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### Call For Papers

The newly created on-line journal of the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association, A-MSA on-line Sociological Review edited by Gary Long, is looking for a few good manuscripts. Intended as a scholarly journal for the dissemination of the work of faculty and student alike, A-MSA is now a leader among state associations in creating this unique forum. Look up the journal on the Internet and encourage students and colleagues to submit their work for evaluation by what promises to be an outstanding board of editorial advisers. ([www.olemiss.edu/pubs/AMSA/index.htm](http://www.olemiss.edu/pubs/AMSA/index.htm)).

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### Alabama Mississippi Sociological Association

The University of Alabama was the host institution for the 2005 annual meeting of the Alabama Mississippi Sociological Association held in Tuscaloosa during February 24-25.

Welcomed to campus by A-MSA President Dr. Dennis L. Peck and Program Coordinator Darren Surman, the large group of faculty and students from the two-state region, many of whom are current members of the Mid-South Sociological Association, enjoyed the ambience of the University setting and participated in a series of 30 paper, roundtable, and poster sessions.

The Plenary Address speaker was MSSA member and Past-President Dr. J. Kenneth Davison, Sr. Distinguished speakers and guests included Dr. Michael Hughes, President of the Southern Sociological Society, Dr. Carla Howery, Deputy Director of the American Sociological Association, and Mr. Stephen Foster Black, practicing lawyer and founder of IMPACT: An Alabama Student Service Initiative, each of whom spoke at the Thursday evening banquet. Yet another highlight of the banquet was the recognition of Dr. Donald Bogie of Auburn University, Montgomery, a long-time member and past Vice-President of the MSSA, who was honored by the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association with its "Distinguished Service Award".

# M.S.S.A. People

**J. Steven Picou**, University of South Alabama, has been nominated for Vice-President of The Society for the Study of Social Problems.

**Alex Thio** and **Thomas Calhoun** have recently completed the Fourth edition of *Readings in Deviant Behavior*, Boston: Allyn and Bacon

**C. Eddie Palmer**, Professor of Sociology and Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, recently became a member of the Executive Committee of the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS). CSGS is an organization of over 200 graduate schools in fifteen states of the southern region of the United States. Dr. Palmer was selected for a three-year term on the Executive Committee by the Nominating Committee of CSGS and was unanimously approved by conference attendees at the CSGS annual meetings held in Biloxi, Mississippi, 24-27 February 2005. Executive Committee members and the officers of the association are charged with planning, organizing, and conducting annual meetings for CSGS, providing information and problem-solving strategies to the CSGS membership, and with promotion of standards for graduate education throughout the region.

The Newcomb College Center on Women of Tulane University has announced that the Center has awarded this year's Shelley W. Coverman Memorial Award to **Danielle A. Hidalgo**, a graduate student member of MSSA. The Coverman Award is given in recognition of a student who has excelled in conducting an empirical social science research project on some aspect of women's roles in society, or who has pursued with distinction a curriculum focusing on this area. She has also been awarded the Andy B. Anderson Outstanding Graduate Student Award. This award is given by the Tulane Department of Sociology to a graduate student who has excelled in all areas of scholarship and professional service. Ms. Hidalgo has also received a Foreign Languages Area Scholarship (FLAS) to continue her study of Thai during the summer.

**Kara Lewis**, a student member from Ohio Northern University, has received a VIGRE Fellowship to pursue graduate studies in Statistics at North Carolina State University.

**Scott E. Wolfe** and **Kara Lewis**, student members for Ohio Northern University co-authored a chapter "Binge Drinking on College Campuses" (with **Keith F. Durkin**) that will appear in *Readings in Deviant Behavior* (edited by **Alex Thio** and **Thomas Calhoun**).

**Kinko Ito**, of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock had her "A History of Manga (Comics) in the Context of Japanese Culture and Society" published in the *Journal of Popular Culture* in February 2005. Her review of Fiona Devine and Mary Waters' *Social Inequalities in Comparative Perspective* was published in *Teaching Sociology* in January 2005 also.

**Tim Clark** has taken a position as an assistant professor of sociology at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Tim and Kirsten Ostergren Clark, who first met at the 1995 MSSA Meeting, had a son, Austin Hunter Ostergren Clark, on Thanksgiving Day 2004.

**Ruth A. Chananie** contributed a chapter, "Janet Saltzman Chafetz: An Accidental Sociologist" to *Portraits of Women Sociologists: Past to Present* edited by Pat Nation, Calvin Easterling, and Brenda D. Phillips. Island Park, NY: Whittier Publications. She also had the paper "Pharmaceutical Advertising Strategies: Empowerment in a Pill?" accepted for publication in *Sociological Spectrum*.

**Dana M. Greene**, **James R. Peacock**, and **Katrina Seitz**, Appalachian State University received a small grant from the American Sociological Association to do a pilot project geared at integrating quantitative data analysis into the Sociology curriculum. With ASA's Integrating Data Analysis project as a model, Greene, Peacock, and Seitz will develop sociological modules using the General Social Survey (GSS) and Census data. They will integrate these modules into their introductory courses in order to introduce quantitative data, methodology, research methods, and statistics earlier in the sociology curriculum.