

## NEWS FROM THE

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### *Occasional Newsletter of the Department of Sociology & Anthropology*

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#### **Where Did the Department Go?**

You've probably noticed those trailers sited near the south end of Glatfelter Hall. (How could you miss them?!) Those trailers are the temporary home of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. While our usual space on the ground floor of Glatfelter is under construction for the installation of a new ventilation system and for radon mitigation, we are being housed in "temporary office modules" (in other words, trailers). Here is your guide to finding department resources and faculty:

Trailer 1 (the one closest to the back door of Glatfelter) houses the main department office and the offices of Professors Betances, Lair, Potuchek (chair) and Rapuano. Trailer 2 (across the deck from Trailer 1) houses a student lounge and resource area and the offices of Professors Amster, Perry, Phua, Smith, and Young. Trailer 3 (the small one on the front side of Glatfelter) has a small meeting space and the offices of Professors Gill and Hendon.

Classes that were scheduled to be held in the Glatfelter ground floor classrooms have also been relocated to other classrooms across campus. So, before you head off to class, check the PeopleSoft Student Center to make sure you know where your class is meeting.

#### **Faculty Comings and Goings**

You may have noticed that no office was listed above for Professor Emmons. This is because Professor Emmons is on sabbatical this semester and is away doing research on the scientific search for spirit.

Professor Phua is returning from sabbatical and will be a welcome presence back in the department this semester.

We are also welcoming Russell Smith back to the department this semester. He taught Anth 103: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology for us last fall and will be doing so again this semester.

#### **Welcome Craig Lair**

We are fortunate to have a visiting sociologist teaching for us this year. Craig Lair comes to us from the University of Maryland, where he received his PhD in 2007 and has been teaching courses in Sociology. He specializes in social theory and in the sociology of work and did his dissertation research on the outsourcing of intimate affairs. While he is with us this year, he will be teaching sociological theory, including an upper-level theory seminar on Theories of Capitalism in the fall and Soc 306: introduction to Sociological Theory in the spring. His presence in the department will also make it possible for us to offer two courses that are not part of our regular course offerings. In the fall, he will be teaching Soc 231: Self and Society, a course that is very popular with students but which we have not been able to offer recently. In the spring, he will be teaching a special topics course on Sociology of Work. Please take a minute to introduce yourself to Professor Lair and to welcome him to Gettysburg.

#### **Student Comings and Goings**

This semester we have a number of department majors returning from off-campus study. They are:

Matthew Bechtel, returning from Vietnam  
Nichole Budden, returning from Denmark  
Tracie Desjardins, returning from South Africa  
Bridget Falco, returning from Seville, Spain  
Jennie French, returning from Australia  
Frank Hoban, returning from England  
Molly Johnson, returning from Athens, Greece

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Nyya Jones, returning from Argentina  
Caitlin McCarthy, returning from Perugia, Italy  
Margaret Reilly, returning from Seville, Spain  
Kelley Wirths, returning from Seville, Spain

As we welcome these students back, we also send our best wishes to the following majors who will be studying off-campus this semester:  
Julie Boyer, studying in Athens, Greece  
Angela Collier, studying in Denmark  
Kaitlin Kennedy, studying in Merida, Mexico  
Lynn Mione, studying in Denmark  
And Jordan Murray, studying in Morocco.

### **Events for Students**

In the weeks to come we will be planning a number of events for sociology and anthropology majors and prospective majors. More information coming to an email near you!

### **Electing New Student Reps**

One of the distinctive features of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology is the way that elected student representatives participate in the regular decision-making of the department. Four student representatives attend and participate in department meetings with department faculty.

Junior majors will soon be asked to participate in elections for department representatives. Watch for email about this! Professor Potuchek can provide more information about the responsibilities of student reps.

### **New Faculty Searches**

After a decade focused on building the Anthropology program, the department will be adding a new faculty position in Sociology to begin in Fall, 2009. We are particularly interested in adding a faculty member with expertise in international migration, sociology of work and organizations, or environmental sociology. In addition, we will also be searching for a visiting sociologist to teach for us while Professor Potuchek is on sabbatical next year. Much of this search activity will occur in the spring semester, and there will be opportunities for students to participate in meeting and evaluating candidates for this position.