

SOCIOLOGY NEWSLETTER

CHAIR'S LETTER

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Last year, when Dr. Charles Powers requested that he be relieved, as of the summer 2000, from his positions as Chair of the Anthropology and Sociology department and Sociology Section Head, he was doing so after six years of exemplary leadership, endless energy, and unselfish devotion to the department. He was instrumental in the Sociology program winning the national teaching award in 1998. We are very grateful to him for that and more and would like to invite all of you to join us in congratulating and thanking him for everything he brought, and brings to our program. He will continue to be part of the Sociology program, teaching and guiding us as we work to make the Sociology program even better!

And make the program even better is exactly what we plan to do. Under Dr. Power's direction, we have laid the foundations for the developmental Sociology curriculum that won us the teaching award. In the next three years, we will be working on ways to fine tune and to assess the implementation of the developmental cur-

riculum. We will do much of this work ourselves. But, in the interest of objectivity and fairness, we will also seek external reviews from you and our other Sociology colleagues outside the program.



MARILYN FERNANDEZ, Department Chair

The Sociology faculty - Drs. K., Powers, Iwamoto, Garcia, Rattliff, Ginwright, and Nichols, Ms. Chiaramonte and I wish to thank you for your generosity to our program, be it in words activities, or donations. We would love to continue hearing from you. When you get a chance, do

tell us how your life is and how Sociology has helped you in your work and in your lives. Do offer us, your former teachers, advice and guidance on how to make Sociology more relevant to our students. And keep us in your thoughts and know that you are always in ours. With the approaching Holiday Season, we wish you and yours joyous holidays and a marvelous New Year!

Sincerely,

Marilyn

Marilyn Fernandez
Sociology Section Head
and Chair of the Anthropology and Sociology Department

ENDOWING A NEW SCHOLARSHIP

As reported in the last year's issue of the 'Newsletter', as the result of an agreement between Sociology and Anthropology, each discipline gained considerable autonomy which included the separation of previously jointly held gift funds. One such fund, known as the Mark Lynch Fund, was 'split down the middle' with one half going to Anthropology and the other half to Sociology with the Anthropology portion retaining the original name, and the Sociology portion becoming known as "Sociology Scholarship Fund B". During the past year, donations from the Alumni and Friends of the Sociology Program were deposited into this scholarship account. Particular recognition must be made of the substantial contribution to this fund by Michael Hindery '76 and his wife Penny Nelson who insisted that the (continued on page 2)

“TEMPUS FUGIT” ... (IN RETROSPECT)

*You might have noticed a new signature after ‘The Chair’s Letter’. YES!! ‘Habemus a new Chairperson’ and a new Head of the Sociology Section : DR. MARILYN FERNANDEZ!!! Unanimously selected by the Anthropology and Sociology Faculty, strongly recommended by the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, and approved by the University President, Dr. Fernandez began her first, three-year term as the Department Chair and Head of the Sociology Section on September 1, 2000. Our very best wishes go to Dr. Fernandez for successful and rewarding years in her new position....

*At the same time, we want to express our gratitude and convey our **thanks** to Dr. Charles Powers for his **exemplary service** as Department Head and his contributions to the Sociology and Anthropology programs during the past six years. It was under his leadership that the Sociology program at Santa Clara University, received the American Sociological Association’s Distinguished Contribution to Teaching Award, the program which was singled out as a “national model of purposive effective curriculum design.” At a special ceremony, the President of the University Fr. Paul Locatelli, S.J. emphasized that this honor brought the entire university “increased national recognition that our strategic vision challenges us to realize”...

*A warm welcome BACK to the Department and to Santa Clara University, to Dr. Laura Nichols who, after a few years of study and research in the American Midwest, accepted a full-time teaching position in Sociology! (For more information see the ‘Faculty and Staff Notes’ in this issue.)

*We are grateful to our colleagues who helped us out as lecturers during the past school year: in the Fall of 1999, professors M. Giovanola and B. Sinha (World Geography). In the Winter, 2000 Prof. E. Carlson (Business, Technology & Society). And in the Spring 2000, professors M. Mesmer (Prin. of Sociology), T. David (Computers, Internet & Society and Business, Tech. & Society), J. Cammarota (Race, Class, and Gender in the U. S.), and S. Yuter (Sociology of Aging). And a special “**Thank You**” to **Dr. Ashraf Zahedi** who taught more than the full load of classes during the past school year ranging from Principles of Sociology, and Social Problems to Social Change, Stratification, and Ethnic Enterprises. It was awfully good of you to help us out.

*In June 2000, 37 seniors received their Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology. Congratulations!!

*It is hard to believe but, during the current academic year, the next to the last phases of building activity on campus is coming to an end. A new permanent roof (which replaces the “bubble roof”) is nearing completion on the Leavy Activities Center, and a new, apartment-style residence building, the John and Susan Sobrato Residential Learning Complex is in operation, located between the Fine Arts Building and ‘Casa Italiana’. Also, on the ‘old’ Alameda, across the street from the Safeway store, is a handsome, brand new center for the Building, Grounds and Maintenance Services. In the planning stages is the new, state of the art, Business School Center, on Franklin Street, across the mall from the renovated and expanded Alumni Sciences Building.

Generosity is giving more
than you can, and pride is
taking less than you need.

--Kahlil Gibran

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 **ENDOWING A NEW SCHOLARSHIP**

‘Scholarship Fund B’ be named in honor of Witold Krassowski. This, then, is to advise you that the Sociology Program at SCU is in the process of endowing a scholarship for Sociology majors. The Witold Krassowski Endowed Scholarship Fund will not generate awards until after the principal exceeds \$100,000.00. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to upper-division students majoring in Sociology, with a minimum 3.0 GPA in their major and a financial need as defined by the University.

Recipients of the scholarship will be chosen by the Department Chair and the immediate Past Chair, or such other authority

as may, from time to time, be designated by the Sociology Department, on the basis of academic performance which includes the qualities of critical judgment and a clear expression of ideas, extracurricular activities, and financial need. In designating financial need as a criterion for the selection of recipients, it is not the intention of the donors that middle income students be excluded from consideration. The Sociology Department is to advise the donor of the identity (ties) of the recipient (s).



Plant the seed and watch it grow....

HONORS AND AWARDS ..

CONGRATULATIONS AND OUR BEST WISHES TO **DR. ALMA GARCIA** ON HER PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF FULL PROFESSOR IN SOCIOLOGY!!

The following students graduated with distinction:

Magna Cum Laude:

- Phillip Lloyd Arthur
- Natalie Fisher
- Stephanie Suzanne Sanchez
- April De Ann Valenzuela

Cum Laude:

- Kay Marie Boissicat
- Lindsay Joanne Payne
- Roseanne Ramirez

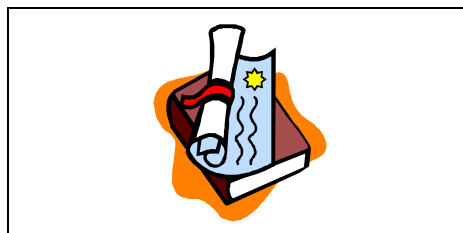
The **Witold Krassowski Award** for exemplary student work in sociological research was presented to:

- Satomi Takahashi
- Jessica Lizette Orozco

The Pat Malley Award presented to a male and female senior athlete who best demonstrates the qualities, character, desire, competitive spirit and the will to excel on and off the field; Women's Basketball—Katie Pursley, 1999 Team and Christine Silvernail Award Winner.

Inducted into the Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society, as Charter Members of the newly established **Chapter Alpha Mu** of California were:

- Phillip L. Arthur
- Kay M. Boissicat
- Irene A. De La Rosa
- Lindsay J. Payne
- Roseanne Ramirez
- Kazue Sakaue
- Stephanie S. Sanchez
- Satomi Takahashi
- April D. Valenzuela



Congratulations!!!!

SOCIOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION (SSA)

During the past school year, a small but determined group of students organized a variety of functions in the department. Their achievements were noteworthy as there was considerable amount of turnover among the officers of SSC. In their place stepped in other students and among them Juanita Pena Velasco was the true, hard-working leader who deserves our whole-hearted thanks!

The 'Fall Quarter Sociology Social' welcomed Sociology majors and minors, faculty and staff to the Sociology quarters on the third floor—north end—of O'Connor Hall. Gourmet pizzas were served with soft drinks and all who attended had a great time.

Old friendships were re-ignited, new ones were established, there was a tremendous amount of interaction, laughter, and fun.... The 'First 2000 Social' was on January 4th, also in O'Connor 301. At this get-together, we had a special treat: after refreshments were served, Dr.

Theodore Wagenaar, Professor of Sociology at Miami University of Ohio, gave an stimulating presentation on "Passionate Sociology: Deep Issues That Drive the Discipline"... In February, Ron Beaton, a 1979 Sociology graduate,

spoke in Dr. Ratliff's class on "Law in a Changing Society". During the last 11 years, Ron worked as a professional jury selection consultant and he shared with the students specific ways that his training as a sociologist (in particular his training in quantitative methods) has given him a great advantage in this growing field... And on June 10th, after the Commencement, there was a reception for all Sociology majors and minors and their families honoring and celebrating their graduation.



Student Club Officers for 2000-01 academic year are:

Gladys Garcia, President

Patricia Castorena and Katy Winters, Vice Presidents

Yadira Cadena, Secretary

Elsa Quintero, Treasurer

Juanita Pena Velasco, the main driving force of last year's activities agreed to help out the Club

27TH ANNUAL WESTERN ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

We are getting spoiled. As it happened so many times in the past, this year's conference too went on without a hitch. This was mainly due to the splendid preparation of this event by Ms. Sandee Chiamonte and her hard-working assistants. Even a modest conference like this one requires tremendous amount of planning, preparation, scheduling, reserving space and equipment, staffing the phones, etc., not to mention the last minute changes and 'surprises'. Dr. Ginwright who directed the 2000 conference, could probably add another long list of items which needed to be done before the first presentation was made.

Forty-nine papers were presented in twelve sessions and, this year, the presenters came from fifteen colleges and universities in the Western United States and from schools as far away as Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky!! Topics ranged from "The Neocolonialism of



Congratulations..... Job Well Done!!!!

Professor Anne Chambers, an anthropologist from Southern Oregon University, gave a keynote address titled "Telling Stories, Telling The 'Truth'", focusing on the challenges encountered by researchers when gathering field data from local respondents.

Education: The Peace Corps in Ethiopia" and "The Two Sides of Globalization: Globalization from Above and from Below", to "Spatial Relationships Between Slaves and the Withrows at Sleepy Hollow, Rockbridge County, Virginia" and "Women of Color in Sport and the Hurdles They Face."

All sessions were very well attended and the talks generated animated discussions between the presenters and their audiences.

Mark your calendars NOW, for next year's UGR Conference; it is scheduled for APRIL 21 (Saturday), 2001 in O'Connor Hall

FACULTY AND STAFF....

SANDEE CHIARAMONTE has had a very busy 1999-2000. The school year went by very quickly and, before you knew it, it was time to say good-bye to the seniors. Sandee enjoys seeing the students, getting to know them, but it becomes harder and harder to say good-bye. This year she said good-bye and many thanks to her two student assistants, Jennifer McKenzie and Erin Hester. They will be missed.... They have both landed jobs in the Silicon Valley.....Hurray for them.....

On a personal note Sandee has joined a peer ministry for Widowed, Di-

vorced and Separated individuals. The name of this ministry is THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE, it is under the guidance of the San Jose Diocese. It serves the counties of Marin, Monterey, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz. Sandee was very excited to attend the B.E. 25th Silver Celebration in Chicago this year and what a wonderful experience it was. You could hear her tell people what a thrill it was to meet and talk with Sister Josephine Steward who started Beginning Experience with Jo Lamia in 1974.

"There's a special heartache for those who find themselves

single again....." If you would like to learn more about this wonderful ministry, Sandee has just completed and published the first web site for Beginning Experience in the Bay Area. The address is <http://www-acc.scu.edu/~schiamonte/homepage.html>.

God Bless....



CONTINUED **FACULTY AND STAFF**
NOTES.....

The 1999-2000 academic year had an interesting mix of activities for Dr. **MARILYN FERNANDEZ**. She taught her regular courses in the fall and winter quarters (Human Services, Demography, Applied Statistics, and Introduction to Sociology), spent the spring quarter in India on the first third of her sabbatical leave, doing research, and came back to SCU in July to take over the position and duties of the Department Chair. It has been a daunting task to step into the roles ably filled by Dr. Powers. She will give it a good try.

While in India, she interviewed educators, politicians, lawyers, and community workers about India's affirmative action policies for the 'scheduled castes' (the former "untouchables"). The discourse, both for and against these policies, sounded remarkably similar to that found in the U.S.. She has also been working with Prof. Steven Fugita of the Ethnic Studies Program and Psychology Department at SCU on a book on Japanese American incarceration during W.W.II.

With her husband, Peter, Marilyn celebrated their 4th wedding anniversary (in July) and they continue to enjoy their married life. Next year, they are planning a trip to England (for a reunion with old college friends) and to Egypt (to visit the pyramids and to ride camels). She will have updates in the 2001 newsletter.

Dr. **KICHIRO IWAMOTO** has just completed his second year of a five-year phased retirement plan. Besides teaching, he continues to be active in the American Sociological Association as a member of its Teaching Workshop Service and serving on the Minority

Opportunities through School Transformation Program Advisory Board. During the past summer, while teaching leadership seminars for the U.S., C of C Institute for Organization Management, Kichi visited a variety of places in the U.S. ranging from the University of San Diego and Colorado College to the University of Delaware and College of Charleston. In October 1999, he presented a demonstration of classroom simulation activities for teaching 'race, gender, and class' issues at the Race, Gender, and Class Conference in New Orleans.

Last spring (during his quarter off from teaching), Kichi and his wife Caryn visited the Far East. The first nine days was in Japan, with their Iwamoto relatives. On the first night they stayed in a cabin just across a lake from Mt. Fuji, which was in 'all its splendor' at sunrise. Then, 'bullet-training' to northern Japan to see some traditional villages during the 'Golden Week' festival, and ending with the opening ceremonies and bouts of the Tokyo Sumo Championships. China was just as spectacular with the summer palace, the Great Wall, the terracotta soldiers archaeological site in Xion, the Three Gorges and the dam on the Yangtze River, and the beautiful gorges of Wohan. They visited many places and thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful regional foods, during their nineteen day tour of China.

This mid-September, their daughter, Michelle, became Mrs. Suffradini with the whole family participating in the wedding. Dr. Krassowski, Michelle's godfather, offered a toast to the bride and groom during the reception. Tony and Michelle intend to continue their respective careers in animal training for the entertain-

ment industry.

After a full year as a 'professor emeritus', Dr. **WITOLD KRASSOWSKI** was asked to name one thing that he enjoys most in retirement and one thing that he misses the most. The thing he likes best about retirement is that he is free from formal schedules and time deadlines. Life seems to be free-flowing, leaving him more time for reading, which he thoroughly enjoys. The things that he misses most are his contacts with students - these wonderful creatures who often drove him crazy in the past.

Dr. K tries to fill this gap by volunteering his services to the department, offering assistance to students and faculty. He is very grateful to his colleagues for their tolerance and support. Dr. K enjoys putting this Newsletter together and hearing from so many alumnae and alumni.

Now, he and Mrs. K visit their children more frequently, attend family gatherings, and look with amazement at how quickly their children are turning gray and their grandchildren are growing up.



Dr. Krassowski in Retirement.....

**You can discover
 more about a person
 in an hour of play
 than in a year of
 conversation.**

-- Plato

CONTINUED: **FACULTY AND STAFF**
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Dr. **SHAWN GINWRIGHT** is continuing his research on-and practice with-youth in urban communities. In March of 2000, he received an award from the National African American Youth Leadership Summit for his dedication and support of addressing issues confronting African American youths. His research plans are to expand the Oakland Urban Youth Project by providing the opportunity for Santa Clara University Sociology majors to gain first hand experience with program and organizational evaluation of his agency, Leadership Excellence. He is also pursuing funding to support a three-year ethnographic study on the social capital of urban youth in Oakland California. His project explores ways in which urban youth handle problems that are unique to growing up in an urban environment and examines the process by which youth arrive at a concept of justice.

In July, 2000 Dr. Ginwright co-directed a leadership camp that trained 85 African American youth about how to address community issues and personal challenges. Last summer, his agency also provided 75 children, ages 5-13, with reading activities and cultural field trips in Oakland. His work and research in the Oakland community has gained him wide recognition. His article, Identity For Sale: The Limits of Racial Reform in Urban Schools was published in Urban Review in April of 2000. Currently, he is working with Teachers College Press for publication of his book on race, class and politics of Oakland public schools. In July he hosted a presentation titled "The Role of Race in Community Youth Development" at the Millennium Connection conference sponsored by the

International Cultural Association, at the University of Denver. His talk explored the role of race in youth development work and discussed the preliminary findings of his ethnography of Oakland's urban youth.

On father's day last year, his wife Nedra surprised him with the news of a new child! Shawn, Nedra and their 3-year old son Takai are expecting an addition to their family in early February.

Dr. **LAURA NICHOLS** is the newest member of the Sociology faculty. A 1990 graduate from the department, she is happy to be back and is enjoying Santa Clara from this new perspective. She reports that the campus has changed substantially since her years of dodging cars on The Alameda and staring in wonderment at the new roof over Leavy. How-

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 SANTA CLARA
 UNIVERSITY

"DR."
 NICHOLS

ever, life in O'Connor seems very much the same and she is happy to be working with those who first inspired her interest in Sociology and commitment to undergraduate students.

Laura received her master's degree in Sociology from Western Michigan University and her Ph.D., in August, from the University of Akron, in Ohio. Her areas of specialization include quantitative and qualitative methodologies, inequalities, program planning and evaluation, hous-

ing and homelessness, and community-based research. During her doctoral work, she spent one year as a Research Fellow at the Institute for Women's Policy Research in Washington, D.C. where she worked on welfare reform, family leave, and housing policy research. At Santa Clara, she will be teaching Social Stratification, Applied Sociology, Group Dynamics, Principles of Sociology, and directing the Internship Program. She looks forward to reacquainting herself with the Bay Area and providing students with many opportunities to see sociology "at work" in business and human services organizations.

1999-2000 was a rewarding but grueling teaching year for Dr. **CHARLES POWERS**. Because of reorganization within the Sociology program and unexpected faculty medical leaves, Dr. Powers was called on to teach two separate directed-thesis research classes. In the fall, students interviewed volunteers and volunteer-coordinators at non-profit organizations. Among other things, students discovered that the on-site friendships volunteers develop are very important in influencing people's decisions about how long to stay with an organization. In the spring, students studied patterns of internet and cell phone use. They found that, at least in Silicon Valley, internet and cell phones are important in sustaining relationships, and that exposure to technology in schools does seem to help bridge the digital divide between rich and poor families. In both projects, students learned first hand that the sociological research skills can be applied to important questions relating to work and family life.

A journey of a
 thousand miles
 must begin with a
 single step.

-- Chinese Proverb

CONTINUED: **FACULTY AND STAFF
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1999-2000 also marked the completion of Dr. Powers' term as chair. This period has been marked by a significant degree of philosophical 'coming together' among sociology faculty, who want to do the best they can do to prepare students to be effective contributors at work and in their communities. Dr. Powers left his role as chair feeling thankful for having had an opportunity to lead, and looking forward to continued improvement of the program under Dr. Fernandez's leadership. (And he is feeling very thankful for having had Chiaramonte's marvelous administrative support).

In the summer of 2000, Dr. Powers was a Fulbright - Hayes award recipient, and traveled all over Brazil, with 16 U.S. educators learning about that country. The group visited schools, discussed local problems with community

leaders, were informed about regional and national programs by state and federal government officials, toured churches and historic sites, attended cultural events, compared mass transit systems, talked to shop keepers, assessed business activity, discussed crime and poverty, and also, of course tried many different kinds of food. It was a fabulous learning opportunity!

Late Addition:

Dr. **ALMA M. GARCIA** was promoted to the rank of full professor!! She published an anthology **RACE AND ETHNICITY** (Greenhaven Press) and is currently writing a book on Mexican Immigration in the post-1965 period (Greenwood Press). Professor Garcia received an SCU Thomas Terry Research Grant for her project

"Crusaders for Dignity: An Intellectual Biography of Henry B. Gonzalez and Edward Roybal". These congressmen dedicated their political careers for the improvement of Mexican-American communities during the 1950's and 1960's.

Dr. Garcia was the keynote speaker at the national conference of the Race, Gender, and Class Association which is affiliated with American Sociological Association. The Conference was held in New Orleans.

Dr. Garcia is currently studying for her Bat Mitzvah.

Sorry we missed Dr. Ratliff... We will have news from John in the next newsletter.



DR. K'S MAILBAG

CLASS OF 1961

On December 13 of last year, Dr. K had a wonderful surprise: JIM DUCKWORTH who, after graduating from SCU earned his J.D. degree from Stanford, stopped for a brief visit. After running a law firm in Novato, CA., for some 20 years, Jim quit the "law grind" and became a manager and an advisor to the various enterprises of his five children. His youngest is attending SCU's School of Business.

A very warm and deeply touching letter from BILL TSUSHIMA. (It contains so many compliments that my native modesty prevents me from quoting it 'in toto'.) A few

excerpts, then. "Dear Dr. K (or should I say Witold, because you are not that much older than I [now] than you used to be) .I wasn't planning on writing this year because there's not that much to report, but your recent Newsletter had too many important things not to respond to. For starters, your retirement, for me, is a mixed blessing. I'm very happy that you and Tweet [Mrs. K] can fully enjoy your free time.. From Hawaii I send you a big 'Mahalo' for all you have done for me and for all of your Sociology majors and a fond 'Aloha'. And belated congratulations to the department for the [national] Award. You must be extremely proud as the 'Father of Sociology' at Santa Clara....I

was delighted to hear about my Sociology Classmates and their accomplishments. I tip my Bronco cap to Ron Andersen of the first SCU class of Sociology majors and his huge awards of national prominence. God bless my fellow '61 grad, Norm Padilla, on his well-deserved retirement, and good to hear about Leo Pinard of the '62 class. Your Newsletter reminds me of the numerous friends and ties I have at Santa Clara. Your mailbag is a tribute to the countless lives you have touched.." [Thanks, Bill. And, by the way, you ask what is now in O'Connor 329 which was your dorm room when you were on campus? Well, it's now the department's office].

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CONTINUED: **DR. K's MAILBOX**



CLASS OF 1964

A welcome note from **SALLIE DIES** (Bamburg) : "After teaching elementary school for 32 years for Cupertino Union School District, I will be retiring in June [2000]. I have recently remarried, and my husband and I will retire to Rocklin, CA.. I will be closer to family and friends. P.S. There were eight of us who graduated in Sociology in '64. How time changes."

CLASS OF 1967

JAMES E. KELLY was in the area and stopped by to say "hi". He is president of Ingram Library Services Inc. in La Vergne, Tennessee. Any Alums in the area may want to give him a ring at (615) 595- 5595.

CLASS OF 1968

Last December, **FRANK KONECNY** called and talked to Dr. Iwamoto. Frank is an environmental lawyer with his office in San Francisco. He and his wife have two children.

A note from **SUZANNE ROSENBLATT**: "I am still practicing psychotherapy as an MFT specializing in couple therapy and HIV/AIDS. I am on the Board and Chairing the Policy Committee for Project Angel Food, a ten-year-old non-profit in Los Angeles, that delivers 1200 (!) meals a day to home-bound people with AIDS. We are in the process of developing programs to get service to the hard-to-reach, under-served clients in L.A. county who are part of the growing AIDS population, the poor, minorities, women, etc...Exciting work. Best to Kichi, et al." [Our graduates do remarkable things! Our best wishes, Suzanne.]

CLASS OF 1971

A short note from **WILLIAM SHADISH** who just finished a new book on "Experimental Design for Field Settings" [In fact, a copy of his book arrived a few days ago to our department and is being considered for adoption! Good work, Bill!!!]. He adds:" Keep the Newsletter coming! It's great."

CLASS OF 1972

JEANNE LABOZETTA writes: "Congrats on your 'Distinguished Contributions to Teaching' Award. I am most proud of my degree from your department (way back when)! Dr. K inspired me, Dr. Iwamoto taught me to understand surveys, etc., and many teachers contributed to my critical thinking - for this, I give thanks!"

CLASS OF 1973

The department was pleasantly surprised by the visit of **LANA (Jackson) KENNON** to the department. Lana, who is a Field Representative for the California Board of Corrections, was also visiting her daughter, Josi, who is a student at SCU, and was enrolled in Dr. Ginwright's 'Black Social Movement' course.

CLASS OF 1978

Dr. Iwamoto shared with us a note from **FERNANDO**

GUZMAN who writes: "I've tried several times to send you an e-mail. Hopefully you will receive this one. [We did] I'm Fernando Guzman and I graduated in '78'. It's been quite a few years since I attended SCU. Since graduating, I have earned my doctorate in Counseling Psychology from the University of Denver. I am, presently, the Director of the Denver Juvenile Community Assessment Center. Our Center is only one of four federally funded in the United States. At least, once a year I visit my family in San Jose and from time to time I drive by Santa Clara. It has really changed over the years! If you receive this e-mail, I would enjoy hearing from you. Take care. My work number is (303) 863- 1448." [Congratulations on your doctorate, Fernando!! Thanks for writing. We don't know if you have heard from Dr. Iwamoto, but at this writing he is recovering from a surgery on his neck and he is not teaching during this fall quarter.]

CLASS OF 1980

We thank **MAUDE HUNT** for her note and for remembering us with her yearly greetings.

CLASS OF 1982

An up-date from **DIANNE KOCHENBURG** : "THE ASA DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD! WOW - WAY TO GO, GANG. By way of shameless self-promotion, I am inviting everybody to visit my WEB Magazine "CLEVER" We have been in continuous publication now for over 1 ½ years. We publish the work of new writers and are always looking for interesting materials. Life is good." [We must add that Dianne teaches for us again as an Adjunct Lecturer, for which we are grateful].

CLASS OF 1983

A warm and touching letter from **CINDY SUE** [with an attached photo of her beautiful son, "JC"] "I am very impressed with all the changes which take place in the SCU's Sociology program. In all my years of graduate studies...I can honestly say, Dr. K., that you were one of the best teachers I have ever had. I still remember your wonderful stories about parenting your boys, and how creative and engaging you were in 'weaving' those stories into your lectures. It helped keep us 'awake'I am glad you encouraged me to stay in the Sociology program when I was about to 'give up' in my junior year after barely passing Dr. Iwamoto's stats course. Thank goodness I listened to you, and thank you for encouraging me, and most of all, for believing in me. Please, give my regards to Kichi! And how heartwarming it must be for you to hear how accomplished your sociology alums are!! My SCU experience was the BEST in my life and its effects continue to exhibit themselves in my life. I ALWAYS speak highly of SCU to

everyone. Perhaps, someday, my son who is now in third grade, will be a student there.!!! I am still working, part time, for the county's social service agency as an adoption social worker and I just finished the first year of my four-year term, as a human relations commissioner for the city of Mountain View...One of my former third-graders, who will graduate from Princeton, mentioned me in his valedictorian speech at high school graduation. I was SO PROUD of that moment, and when I hear of his success, I know exactly how you feel when you hear from your former students. It makes teaching worthwhile."

CLASS OF 1984

Early last March, **JULIE WERNER CROWE** stopped by the office with her husband and their 3 children. [I am so sorry I wasn't in; next time you plan to be in the area, please call]. Julie's Gerontology program at Kentucky Wesleyan College will begin before the year 2002. She left a note to Dr. K. saying: "Thanks to YOU the students in Kentucky will study aging with a professor who is a SCU grad."

CLASS OF 1985

A welcome note from **SUSAN STEINER**: "We're moving back to California in July. I lived in Hawaii for 5 years where I met my husband, Rick. In 1998 I earned a Master's in Educational Technology from the University of Hawaii. Previously, spent 7 years employed with Microsoft in the Bay Area. We're returning to Palo Alto and look forward to visiting the campus.. Aloha!!" [Congratulations on your Master's, Susan, and very best wishes to you both on your wedding.]

CLASS OF 1987

A short note from **JAMES Mc LEOD**: Jim is in his tenth year of teaching in Fremont CA... He completed his Master's degree in Educational Leadership, from California State University at Hayward. He lives in Palo Alto. He wrote:" I miss taking classes with Dr. Alma Garcia and Dr. Krassowski."

CLASS OF 1995

A note from **ROSA GUERRA-SARABIA (Duenas)** I am living in Sunnyvale with my husband Jose and our 1 1/2 year old daughter Maricarmen. I am the Program Coordinator for the Program for the Study of Women and Gender at SCU (across the hall from Sandee and the Sociology folk). I plan to apply to graduate school this summer. I miss my Sociology buddies, Toni Beamon and Christy Oh, and the rest of the sociology class of 1995. Hope everyone is doing well.

CLASS OF 1996

A series of e-mail letters from **JEFF VARGAS** (< jeffvargas@hotmail.com>): "All is going very well: I am enjoying my life and try everyday to be as curious as I can."..He moved from Southern California to the Bay Area about a year ago, and began working at the Pacific Stock Exchange in San Francisco on the 'options floor'." Wow! A very intense place to be! I was buying and selling stock to hedge those options positions. On the average I, probably, bought and sold 500k shares a day...The atmosphere there was too intense for my style, so I decided to leave. Where? Well, with the internet revolution happening in our own backyard, I wanted to learn how an internet company functions, what was different from a traditional business. So, I started to work for an on-line sporting goods store called 'fogdog.com'. To get myself up to speed, I went to computer learning school and learned a bunch of programs and geeky computer stuff (it also helped that I had won a computer in a drawing a month earlier. So, that brings me to where I am now, Fogdog.com. It's pretty cool, and I have a chance to be in a phenomenal industry whose potential, I feel, is boundless...I continue to play soccer (my passion), and I am planning to move down the coast along highway 1, and now that I am 'connected' to a computer world, pass my address to my classmates. And, could you refer me to a good tax person?" (Done!)...Last March, Jeff enrolled in a computer class called< lernit.com>. There, where they taught about 30 different programs, from the basics like Windows to more technical and fun things like Flash and HTML, he met Mary Herman, a '96 Anthropology graduate who works there. He highly recommends the program. Also, he thanks Dr. K. for the referral to the 'tax person'. In his last e-mail, Jeff sends his very best wishes to all." Thanks for the up-date, Jeff!

HOANG-CHI TRUONG begins her note to Dr. Fernandez with: "I have a great news to share with you! I passed the Bar!! Just found out about the results last night and it feels great! Four months of not knowing how I did was tough, but I am grateful for passing, and I wanted to let you know, because you've always encouraged and supported me. Thank you for being in my corner...Antonio, my boyfriend, is now an assistant basketball coach for the men's team at Santa Clara. If you are interested in any games, please let me know.."

CLASS OF 1998

An up-date from **JUDSON BOUCHARD** who says that he has been thinking a lot about SCU and the Soc. and Ethnic Studies Faculty." I guess I'll start by just saying that I really think and feel that my education at Santa Clara is being put to use daily. Not only in the practical application of the 'theoreticals' we discussed, but also in a larger scale of society and where I fit in now. Currently [as of this writing] I am enrolled in the Los Angeles Unified School District Internship Program. This is a two-year program in which I attend intensive training classes/ workshops while teaching under an emergency credential, at the same time. I teach in Central-South Los Angeles-my own 4th grade class- at Normandie Avenue Elementary. This is a school I am growing very fond of - but in the city it is a school which is located in the lower income, high transition area with a lot of kids living in foster homes...I feel very fortunate and very happy with the way things have been going.. I hope all of you, up North are doing well. I am including my work address and my home address (Grandma's) and would like to hear from you guys..."



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CONTINUED: DR. K'S MAILBAG

[Home: 1672 Sierra Vista Drive, La Habra, Ca., 90631; work: Normandie Avenue Elementary, 4505 So. Raymond Ave., Los Angeles, Ca., 90037]

A short e-message to Dr. Fernandez from **GREG FOX**: "Just dropping you a line from my new job. Today is my first day. Right now, I am just doing a lot of reading. I hope things are going well, down there, with you and Dr.K. Talk to you soon. "< @us.modalis.com> "P. S." I am reading this report about the 'have nots' in rural and urban America, in regards to telephone access and the information age. Government report. Kind of cool. Thought you would find it kind of interesting."

CLASS OF 1999

Drs. Powers and Iwamoto each received warm 'thank you' notes from **ERICA WILLIAMS** for writing reference letters supporting her application letters to graduate schools. She was accepted to graduate studies at the University of Washington and the Monterey Institute of International Studies. She decided on Monterey - her first choice. She is very excited to get back to school which she will start in January, 2001!! "But before I go, I am planning to go to South America to live in Buenos Aires, Argentina for about 3 ½ months....I hope, I will be able to stop by the department [before the year's end] to say 'hello'".

CLASS OF 2000

A short e-note from **SOWMYA AYYAR** to Drs.Fernandez and Krassowski who wanted to tell us that she is working [but she didn't say where] and that she was planning to stop by to say 'hello'. [Happy to hear from you, Sowmya].

Dr. Powers received an e-mail from **SONIA L. GONZALEZ** containing a 'big hello' and a bit of news: "Currently, I am working at The Carnegie Foundation in Menlo Park, on a project that is researching professions (legal, engineering, clergy, etc.) and comparing the preparation and curriculum for each field. It's very interesting stuff and I have to say that the Sociology dept. did a great job on preparing me for this type of work (SPSS, qual./quant. methods, etc.). Remind the students that this information is very practical...if not vital!... I also would like to volunteer my services for any SPSS coding that might be necessary toward the thesis quarter....If there's anything I can do to help the Soc. department, please don't hesitate to call." [Thank you, Sonia, for your offer; it's awfully nice of you. By the way: the name of last year's visiting scholar is Dr. Theodore Wagenaar who is at Miami University of Ohio.]

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Top: Shawn Ginwright, Chuck Powers, ASA Member, Witold Krassowski
Bottom: Kichi Iwamoto, Marilyn Fernandez, John Ratliff, Alma Garcia
(photo taken at the 1998 ASA Awards Ceremony).

We want to keep in touch with you..... email us or write us with all your up-dates such as: job titles, job descriptions, where you're working. If you are attending graduate school: what school and where, and what is your major. Please let us know what you are doing.....

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