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Director's Note

GREETINGS FROM WEST POINT! Well, another year kicks into gear—an intense summer wraps as did two exciting semesters before it. We are very excited about entering the next decade of the 21st century (wow!) with a worldly class of cadets. Thirty plus ARMY Sociology cadets comprise the Classes of 2010 and 2011 and they are settling into their sociology classes as the dog days of summer wind down in the Hudson Valley. This semester we are teaching Intro (Me), Criminology (Jason), Inequality (KeKe and Kate), and Social Research Methods (Bruce). The only constant has been changes. We had to say goodbye to Darcy, BD, Judy, and Stu. But we say hello to Kate. This 3rd volume of the ARMY Sociology Newsletter is full of photographs and text that highlights the rich trips both locally and abroad, summer internships in the sunshine states, rites of passage, alternative spring breaks, and academic excellence. We remain exceedingly proud of our engaged cadets. Most notably we highlight the friends and family and activities of ARMY Sociology. Hope you all are doing well wherever you are around the world. Keep sending us emails, updates, and photographs of what you are doing. Take care and keep in touch....MGE



(Photo by Alex Gladshtein)

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Cadets and Faculty Out and About





Sociologist listed as 8th Best Job in the Country: http://www.careercast.com/jobs/



2LT Jeff Laughlin (Sociology '09) and his fiancé volunteered in Charlie's Place serving breakfast to the homeless over spring break '09.



LT Jeff Laughlin (Sociology '10) sportin' ARMY Socilogy in Moscow during his Fall '08 semester abroad.

Cadets on Summer 2009 AIADS



CD1s Susie Burks (Sociology '10) (below) and Eddy Martin (Sociology '11) (left in white) recently completed AIADs at the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute at Patrick Air Force Base, Cocoa Beach, FL





wood, CA with the U.S. Army PAO Branch where she served as military consultant on the forthcoming film Iron Man 2.

Class of 2009

2LT David White

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Sociology Classes: Who Are They?

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USMA Graduation 2009



Drs. Morten Ender and Bruce Keith scarf some leftover covers at graduation 2009

2LT Ashley Rowland takes the oath from LTC (P) Rebecca Porter



Alternative Spring Breaks in Both New Orleans and Cocoa Beach

Two groups of faculty, staff, and cadets went south this past Spring Break but not for the typical reason students go south during Spring Break. For the third consecutive year faculty, staff, and cadets from the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, the Dean's Office, and across the Academy worked with the Lakeview Civic Improvement Association of New Orleans from March 14th through the 22nd to lead a major civic beautification project. Continuing their work from two previous years, the cadets focused on repairing green spaces in the Lakeview community and assisted homeowners from the Gentilly neighborhood that were devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. The project is known as Operation Sudden Impact III.

The cadets on the New Orleans trip this year included - Alexander Bowling, William Budke, and Stephanie Sefren ['09]; Ashley Sorensen ['10]; Woo Do, Ian Moss, Alex Rubilar, and Seth Wheeler ['11]; and Andre Shinda and Nick Ocegueda ['12]. Officers-in-Charge included Office of the Dean, associate dean for academic affairs and sociology professor Bruce Keith [Ph.D.] and Behavioral Sciences and Leadership department staff member LT Lené Baxter who volunteered to go to New Orleans during their 2009 spring break. The trip was co-sponsored by the Cadet Scouting Club and the Office of the Dean. The trip, which began two years ago as an idea between LTC Irving Smith (BS&L) and Dr. Morten Ender (BS&L), took on a new energy and focus last year with Dr. Keith. Dr. Keith, and cadets Bowling, Budke, Sefren, and Sorenson returned again this year from West Point. 1LT David Mudak (USMA '07), who participated the previous two years first as a Firstie and as a 2LT last year,

joined the team again this year as a 1LT. Having Dave and the other cadets return this year "provided ongoing relief to the residents of New Orleans and an opportunity to showcase the commitment on the part of West Point cadets" said Keith.

The trip was highly productive. Local volunteers were busy managing about 200 volunteers. Many people from around the U.S. continue the revolving door of volunteers in and out of New Orleans to help. Dr. Keith actually got schools of volunteers on two separate days and with cadets it became necessary to lead the volunteers in work. This year, many volunteers from upwards of a dozen colleges and universities descended upon New Orleans to provide assistance to the local communities. Keith acknowledged. "The leadership and work ethic displayed by the cadets was not overlooked by students from other schools, who eagerly worked along side the cadets and sought guidance from them."

A few hundred miles away at Cocoa Beach, Florida, sunny beaches, crashing waves and equal opportunity were traded in by Dr. Morten Ender and Cadets Joseph Callejas ('10), Vaughn Michael ('12) and Casey Roberts ('12) for their Spring Break for some hard hitting diversity education and research at the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. Under the guidance of Dr. Ender and research grant collaboration with members LTC Ike Wilson and Dr. Rachel Sondheimer in the Department of Social Sciences, the three cadets embarked on a mission to produce a document as part of a three year diversity research project. "The document," according to Casey Roperts, "resulted in a 37 page annotated bibliography composed of articles, books, reports,

and descriptions of data sources on diversity and the bibliography provides a foundation for a larger report on race and ethnic relations in the U.S. Army." CDT Michael from Company E-3, commented, "I learned a lot about training and education that I had no clue existed." The crew hopes that through continued work at DEOMI and West Point, future collaborations will result in more cadets knowledgeable about military diversity. All in all, the four made it back safe and with tangible evidence that Spring Break in Florida could be put to good use. In addition to working at the DEOMI library, Ender, never one

to pass up an opportunity to run, and the cadets did manage to take advantage of the exceptional gymnasium facilities on the air force base as well as pleasant weather to jog on the beach.

"For two years the project in NOLA had been a huge success," said Ender. "We again exceeded all expectations this year in terms of what a team of cadets, staff, and faculty could accomplish in physical labor in New Orleans. We added mental labor at DEOMI this year. No job is too difficult for us."

Cadets left to right are Vaughn Michael (USMA '12), Joseph Callejas (Sociology '10) and Casey Roberts (USMA '12) pose with Professor Morten Ender (BS&L) in the lobby of the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute building during an Alternative Spring Break research trip to Florida.



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Sociology cadets and faculty pose with Dr. David Segal on balcony of Eisenhower Hall at West Point following the 2009 Spring AKD Induction Ceremony and Lecture.

Alpha Kappa Delta 2009 Inductees

etv. ior and rank in the top 35 hosted by BS&L. percent of the class academically.

The purpose of AKD is to MAJ Jason Toole a fellowship group interested in developing scienbe applied to the solution '10 of social problems.

AKD is the International The keynote speaker for the Sociological Honor Soci- 2009 induction ceremony Members have was Dr. David Segal. achieved an overall GPA title of his presentation, Solof 3.0 and maintained this diers' Evaluations of their Leadsame standard in their ers and Soldiers:-Sociologists as sociology major as well. Leaders, was co-presented for Additionally, each mem-attendees at the 2009 Global ber must be at least a jun- Leadership Conference

Congrats to the Inductees:

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CDT Brad Swanson '10

West Point's Rosenberg Earns Truman Scholarship

By Staff Reporters

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation announced last week that Cow Alexandra Rosenberg of New York City has earned a 2009 Truman Scholarship.

She is one of 60 students from 55 U.S. colleges and universities to be selected for the prestigious scholarship and will have the opportunity to further her education with a scholarship valued at about \$30,000 for two years at any accredited university in the world.

Rosenberg, a sociology major, plans to earn a master's degree in public health from Harvard School of Public Health, Cambridge, Mass. She also plans to attend medical school after graduation.

She is first in her class academically, editor for the political science section of the Undergraduate Journal of Social Sciences vice president for recruitment for the PhiDE medical fraternity and plans to spend seven weeks in Africa this summer to volunteer with Operation Crossroads Africa. Rosenberg also volunteers at Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii where her Family lives and studies Chinese.

The Truman Scholarship Foundation was established by Congress in 1975 as the federal memorial to the 33rd president. The foundation awards scholarships for college students to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in government or elsewhere in public service. The activities of the foundation are supported by a special trust fund in the U.S. Treasury. There have been 2,670 Truman Scholars elected since the first awards were made in 1977.

U.S. Military Academy cadets have earned 27 Truman Scholarships since first competing in 1992.

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Cadets Sociologists Receive 2009 Department of Behavioral Sciences & Leadership Awards



Congratulations to Andrea, Jenna, and their families!



Firstie Jenna Lafferty (Sociology '09) received the 2009 Dr. Charles Hunter Coates Award for Excellence in Sociology presented by Sociology Program Director Dr. Morten Ender.



Firstie Andrea Gongaware (Sociology '09) received the 2009 Colonel Jeffrey A. McNally Award for Excellence in Leadership, Management, and Sociology. The McNally Award recognizes the First Class Cadet who has achieved the highest grade point average in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership's Leadership and Management Studies Program. and Sociology Program. Pictured with COL Tom Kolditz.



West Point ARMY Sociology Cadet Runs to Honor Wounded Soldiers

By Doug Warner, NEWS 9

YUKON, Oklahoma ~ How did you spend your last 24 hours? A Yukon man will spend 24 hours running, but why?

Other than a little sleep West Point Cadet David Swanson doesn't need much, just your support and a donation as he pledges to help our wounded soldiers.

He says he'll do all the work and he'll stay up all night if he has to.

Young David Swanson has always loved running. A few years back he ran in the cold and rain on behalf of Special Olympics.

And David has always loved his country.

"Truth be told, as the story goes, I saw Mel Gibson's 'The Patriot'," Swanson said.

Watching a movie about America's original fight for freedom hooked 13-year-old Swanson for life. And now, this weekend, the 3rd year West Point cadet will spend 24 hours straight doing what he does best.

"How I can combine my passion for running and my love for soldiers," Swanson said.

So starting Friday night at 5 p.m. Cadet Swanson will hit the track running to raise money for the Wounded Warriors Project; a charity organization designed to honor, empower and assist wounded soldiers, physically and emotionally.

"I just wanted to do this project, this run, and everything involved with it, to let soldiers know that I care," Swanson said.

And just like the soldiers fighting abroad Cadet Swanson needs some grass root support.

Roy Page was one of the first to donate money to Swanson's 24 Hour Brigade Run.

"The Wounded Warrior Project, I have a father who was wounded in battle; I thought this is something that I can support," Roy Page said.

Frederick Clifton Page was shot during the Battle of Okinawa in World War II.

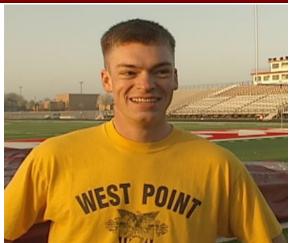
"The wound was much more than a gunshot wound, it was emotional wound, even at the age of 50, 60, 70 and now 80s he's still dealing with that wound," Frederick Page's son, Roy Page, said.

Swanson says he'll handle the sleep deprivation and the real running if you'll just join him for a lap and drop a few dollars in the bucket, for our country's wounded warriors.

"West Point is a gut check, 24 hour run will be a gut check," Swanson said. "My life is full of gut checks."

Friday night at 5 p.m. all night until Saturday night at 5 p.m. go out and cheer him on at the Yukon High School track.

Swanson has completed a 100 mile run before as he did 10 laps around Lake Hefner. This run will be about 130 miles.



1LT Danny Hwang at a Newly Renovated Girls' School in Samarra, Iraq

In the past year the security situation has significantly improved in Samarra. With the help of the Concerned Local Citizens, Iraqi Security Forces, and Coalition Forces terrorists have lost freedom of movement in the city. As a result, Coalition Forces can now begin transitioning part of their focus to improving essential services such as education. There are over 30 schools in Samarra; however, overcrowding is a big problem for the schools as there are 60 to 70 students in a classroom that is made only for 30. Furthermore, students are only allowed to attend 1 out of the 3 shifts in the day which limits the amount of time spent in the schools and impedes their learning. Part of the solution that is being implemented to combat overcrowding is the renovation of old schools by adding new classrooms and expanding old ones.

The Civil Affairs Team Leader, MAJ Wendy Weinell, along with the education representative, 1LT Daniel Hwang, visited Asma Girls High School in the Armoshia Neighborhood in the northern part of the city. We met with Dr. Omar, City Council President and DG of Education, and Sheik Riyath who was the contractor responsible for renovating this school. The headmaster gave the visitors a tour of her newly renovated school. I was impressed by the amount of detail and energy spent in improving this school. The counterinsurgency fight has never been about a war of attrition, but instead today's mission accomplishment can be measured by renovating one school at a time.



1LT Daniel Hwang (Sociology '06), Assistant Contractor, Dr. Omar (City Council President, DG of Education), Sheik Riyath (Contractor), and MA Wendy Weinell



Exterior before



Exterior after

ARMY Sociologists on the Move

- © CPT Dave Uthlaut and wife Haley moved to Chapel Hill where Dave begins graduate courses in sociology.
- ② LTC Brian Reed sends greetings from Iraq where he is in BN Command.
- ② 2LT Randy Shed (Sociology '08) recently married the former 2LT Michelle Lange.
- © LTC(P) Scott Efflandt is teaching at the Naval War College in Rhode Island.
- ② MAJ Todd Woodruff began Ph.D. studies in Management at UNC Chapel Hill.
- Lene Baxter (Sociology '08) has joined the corporate sector working for Sears Roebuck Corp.
- © CPT Kirsten Rowe (Sociology '06), recently promoted, serves as the Southeast Outreach Officer at USMA.
- © CPT Cassandra Facciponti (Sociology '03) is enrolled in graduate studies at Columbia University.
- © CPT Jimm Spannagel (Sociology '03) is attending the Language School in Monterey, California.
- ② 2LT Eric Wilson (Sociology '08) successfully completed Ranger School.
- ② 2LT Amie Foster (Sociology '08) recently deployed to Iraq.
- © CPT Faith Lee (née Copeland) (Sociology '02) recently took Company Command.
- © MAJ Remi Hajjar has been selected to earn a Ph.D. in Sociology and return to ARMY Sociology.
- ② Dr. Ryan Kelty and wife Ruth recently had their second daughter.
- © CPT Sharon Edens, recently spotted, begins graduate school in Sociology in 2010.
- © MAJ Katie Mathew (née Powell) (Sociology '00) completed an MBA and joined the BS&L faculty to teach PL300: Military Leadership among other courses.
- © LTC Irving Smith is spending the academic year at the War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA.
- Sara Skinner (née Skinner) (Sociology '02) began graduate study at Georgia State University.
- © MAJ Bill White sends regards from all points in Iraq.
- © 2LT David White (Sociology '09) and CDT Daniel White (Sociology '12) were recently spotted in Army Officership Commercials: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZb2e TpmQE&feature=related and http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r34x YiSWcE
- ② 1LT Abby Lanni (née Arp) (Sociology '07) sends greetings from Iraq working with Human Terrain Teams.

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David Segal Receives the 2008 American Sociological Association Award for "Public Understanding of Sociology"

The ASA "Public Understanding of Sociology Award" is given out annually to "a person or persons who have made exemplary contributions to advance the public understanding of sociology, sociological research, and scholarship among the general public." **David** has been a loyal friend to the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, most recently returning to give the key note speech at the induction of 2009 AKD inductees at the 2009 Global Leadership Conference.



Elizabeth Woodruff (wife of former Sociology Instructor Todd Woodruff) Honored as Volunteer of the Year in Hawaii



Elizabeth Woodruff was honored on April 23, 2009 at the Hale, Ikena as the installation Volunteer of the year and Spouse Volunteer of the Year.

Elizabeth myriad of activities include "[leading] the battalion's family readiness group, substitute teaching, coleading a Girl Scout Troup, volunteering for youth sports, [and] helping honor the fallen and their families by singing at memorial services."

Dr. Kate Coronges Joins the Network Science Center and ARMY Sociology

Dr. Kate Coronges has a joint appointment in the Network Science Center and the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership for the coming year. She is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership where she's teaching Social Inequality this fall and Social Network Analysis as a special topics course in the spring. Dr. Coronges is a banana slug where she studied Biology as undergraduate at the University of California at Santa Cruz. She received a Masters degree in Public Health with an emphasis in Epidemiology in 2005 and a PhD in Health Behavior in 2009 from the University of Southern California. Her dissertation used social network modeling techniques to investigate the role of friendship dynamics in the spread of alcohol and marijuana cognitions and behaviors. In additional to teaching part-time, Kate will be working



on several projects in the Network Science Center. Her husband, Joe, currently works at the American Film Institute in Los Angeles, but will be joining her in their Garrison farmhouse in the next couple of weeks. Photos are from BSL Faculty Development Workshop (no kidding).



Dr. David Rohall: Thomas Hawkins Johnson Visiting Scholar



Dr. David E. Rohall (Western Illinois University) was selected as a Thomas Hawkins Johnson Visiting Scholar for the Academic Year 2008-2009 at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. He was selected among scholars from around the country this year and your appointment is to the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership. Following Colonel Tom Johnson's death in June 1990, the United States Congress authorized the United States Military Academy to conduct a visiting scholar program whereby "not more than two scholars" a year are brought here to "serve as ... instructor(s) at the Academy for two weeks during the academic year and perform such duties as the Secretary may assign." The intent of the THJVSP is to bring scholars of national stature to West Point. **Dr. Rohall's** work in military sociology greatly fulfilled the intent of the program.

In addition to visiting classes and familiarizing himself with the culture of West Point, **Dr. Rohall** worked mostly on furthering his seven year collaboration with two BS&L professors—**Dr. Michael Matthews** and **Dr. Morten Ender**—as co-Principal Investigator on the seminal project titled the *Bi-Annual Attitude Survey of Students* (BASS) project. To

date, the tip of the data iceberg of this project has been tapped and yielded nine manuscripts in various stages of journal article and book chapter publications. This opportunity further cemented the scholarly research team and future contributions.



ARMY Sociology faculty and staff from L to R. Top row: DR. Judy Rosenstein, LTC Irving Smith, DR. Morten Ender, 2LT Lene Baxter, MAJ Keke Langkamp. Bottom row: MAJ Jason Toole, MAJ Darcy Schnack, MAJ Stu Greer. Not pictured: DR. Bruce Keith and LTC Brian DuRant.

Departing ARMY Sociology Faculty and Staff

- ② 2LT Lene Bacxter. 2LT Baxter spent the past year working with Dr. Ender on the BASS survey and assisting in the department. She is heading to Ocala, FL to be the Distribution Center Manager at Sears Holding.
- © LTC Brian Durant. PL393: Criminology. He is currently working as a PAO in the Pentagon.
- © DR Judy Rosenstein. Dr. Rosenstein has been with Sociology since June 2008. She has taught PL377: Social Inequality, PL371: Introduction to Sociology, PL384: Sociological Theory, and PL470: Deviance and Social Control. She has joined the faculty at the United States Naval Academy in the Department of Leadership, Ethics, and Law.
- MAJ Darcy Schnack. In September, MAJ Schnack will deploy to Balad, Iraq, to be the Support Operations Officer for the 2nd Battalion, 402nd Army Field Support Brigade. While at USMA, MAJ Schanck has taught PL300: Military Leadership, PL371: Introduction to Sociology, and PL470: Deviance and Social Control.

We wish you all the best of luck!

ARMY Sociology Faculty and Friends Research

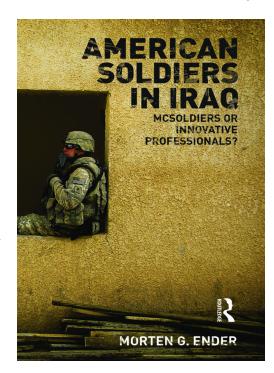
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