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A Few Words from the Chair

It is an honor, and surprise, to be chair of PEWS. One of the best duties of the Chair-Elect was to chair the Book Award committee, and see some of the really great work being done by our members. And this year I'll get to see some of the new dissertations coming along. Please encourage colleagues [and yourself] to submit entries!

Here I should note the new deadlines for our awards: **March 1, 2007**. The idea here is to know the awards BEFORE the meeting, and have them announced in the ASA publicity for the meeting. [And that way winners, will know to come to the business meeting, and not go out for lunch!].

We have some exciting panels planned for August in New York, August 11-14, 2007...maybe we run

the temperature up even more with some lively discussions. And of course there will be the annual PEWS meeting, in Canton New York at St. Lawrence University, May 10-12, 2007. Get those papers ready for when ASA opens submissions.

Another change this year was to split the Newsletter editorship from the Secretary-Treasurer position. Happily Rebecca Clausen has agreed to take up that task. A hearty thanks to Becky and to Marina Karides and colleagues for finding her! Salvatore Babones will maintain our PEWS webpage, and has already been making a number of updates.

Enough of my chatter!
Happy Holidays to all!
tom

A Tribute to Terry Boswell

Terry Boswell, Ph.D., 1955-2006

Terry Boswell passed away of complications due to ALS this past June 1, 2006, leaving behind an influential body of work. The following thoughts are shared by his friends, colleagues, mentors, and students.



Terry and Arizona

By Albert J. Bergesen
Department of Sociology
University of Arizona

Terry grew up in Arizona; went to his state university (UA) and stayed on for a Ph.D. He and Edgar Kiser organized a Marxist study group, which put him at the center of the intellectual ferment that characterized the departments early years. With a history of mining strikes, immigrant laborers, and racial tensions, Arizona seems to produce outspoken activists with a certain desert induced prophetic zeal, like a Goldwater on the right and a Mo Udall on the left. Terry had a prophetic outlook as well, focused upon researching conditions of inequality and the potential for revolutionary movements that might, in that spiral of capitalism and socialism, bring about a better world. He held that prophetic passion till the end.

Terry said he turned to sociology after taking an undergrad course given by one of our grad student that emphasized social justice. It is a passion he has had from the start; the only thing that changed was the level of analysis at which the issue to be investigated was posed. At first the focus was race, class, and justice within national economic formations, but upon graduation he began to drift toward formulating his concern with inequality and social movements within a broader globological framework. He tilted toward a more world-system perspective, which he held through out his career.

A Comrade

Edgar Kiser
Department of Sociology and Political Science
University of Washington

Terry Boswell and I both began graduate school at the University of Arizona in 1978 – that was the first time I met him, and the last time I was even with him. He was the first in his cohort to publish, the first to get his degree and get a job, the first to get tenure, become chair of his department, publish his first book, become chair of the PEWS section of ASA – I could go on, but the point is clear, Terry was my contemporary, but also a model and a mentor. Terry's extraordinary productivity might give the misleading impression that he spent all of his time on work. He was amazingly committed to his work, he was a public sociologist long before the term was common, and extraordinarily energetic in its pursuit, including frequently working long past midnight. However, he always found time for his family, his friends, his students, and his many hobbies. Terry was a sculptor, working mainly with metal and found objects, loved baseball (ASA meetings always included a trip to the baseball stadium), Mexican food, cheap beer and expensive champagne, and travel (especially to the beach). We will all miss him – not only as a brilliant scholar, but as a great friend and as a comrade in our quest for peace, equality, and justice.

Brave Example and Hard Effort

Chris Chase-Dunn
Department of Sociology
University of California-Riverside

Terry Boswell was one of a small group of social scientists who used quantitative methods to study the modern world-system. His research has been fundamental to our understanding of hegemony, colonialism, world wars, world revolutions, and exploitation. Terry's strong sense of the patterns of world history and his commitment to global justice allowed him to not only understand the past but to use his powerful imagination to think about plausible and desirable human futures. The spiral book (*The Spiral of Capitalism and Socialism: Toward Global Democracy*, Lynne Rienner, 2000) summarized much of his world-systems research and made great strides toward thinking about a more just and humane world society. Terry was a socialist and he lived to see the beginnings of a revival of the global left. His untimely departure leaves a huge breach in the squad of global public social scientists, but we continue his work inspired by his brave example and hard effort.

We Take Terry With Us

Randy Blazak, (Portland State University) Cliff Brown, (University of New Hampshire)
John Brueggemann, (Skidmore College) Joya Misra, (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)

Terry was an excellent and challenging mentor, who encouraged his students to take seriously sociology's responsibility to reach beyond narrow disciplinary questions and strictly academic concerns. He pushed, prodded, and ultimately empowered all of the students who worked with him. There was no sugarcoating, no unearned praise, just penetrating honesty and high expectations. By believing that we always could do more, he convinced us that we could.

His expansive sense of the possibilities for a better world did not make him easy or uncomplicated, but hungry, demanding and above all hopeful. Resisting the usual platitudes of idealists and the clever cynicism so common in the academy, Terry maintained an abiding hope that it was worth doing, that our contribution as scholars and teachers is full of potent promise and that our lives are powerfully meaningful. These lessons have served us well as we have moved forward in our own careers and worked to mentor our own students. In many ways, Terry's influence ripples through a new generation of scholars who never had the opportunity to work with him directly.

We will miss our intense debates with him over the future of the world-system (which often occurred in bars and at ball games) and will always think of Terry as a great mentor and an even better friend. Yet, our debates will continue (in bars and at ball games), and we will not forget what it means to students when a professor has faith in them and in the potential of sociology to create a better future. We take Terry with us, wherever we go.

PEWS Book Award, 2006

The book award committee was composed of Marina Karides, Bruce Podobnik and Thomas D. Hall (chair). There were many nominations, most of high quality. Thus, we opted for two co-winners, and one honorable mention. The co-winners are:

Bunker, Stephen G. and Paul S. Ciccantell. 2005. *Globalization and the Race for Resources*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.

And

Foran, John. 2005. *Taking Power: On the Origins of Third World Revolutions*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

The honorable mention goes to:

Moghadam, Valentine M. 2005. *Globalizing Women: Transnational Feminist Networks*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.

All three share use of innovative methods to examine the myriad connections among localized processes and structures and global or world-systemic processes. All three are rich in data. All three push world-systems analysis to new levels.

All three books are far from “the final word” on their topics. Rather, they are all self-conscious and intentional attempts to open new avenues for future research and activism. All three books illustrate several answers in the response, TATA (there are thousands of alternatives) to claims of TINA (There is no alternative [to neoliberal capitalism]). Thus, they advance world-system theorizing, invite further research, and suggest ways in which their new found insights might be brought to bear on building a better world.

PEWS Article Award, 2006

Committee members Jennifer Blair, (Yale University) Bruce London, (Clark University)
Robert J.S. Ross, (Clark University), chair

“Theorizing the relationship between inequality and economic growth” *Theory and Society* (2005) 34: 277–316, by ROBERTO PATRICIO KORZENIEWICZ, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, and TIMOTHY PATRICK MORAN, Department of Sociology, SUNY – Stony Brook

Korzeniewicz and Moran bring a fresh perspective to the complex debate regarding inter-country inequality by revisiting the classic work of Simon Kuznets. They lucidly review the accumulating evidence suggesting that Kuznets’ association of income growth and less inequality does not necessarily predict the path of individual nations. Instead, they develop the argument, drawing on Schumpeter’s metaphor about the relationship between innovation and creative destruction, that capitalist development produces a “constant drive toward inequality”. Rather than being content to describe or measure current trends in inequality, these authors advance our knowledge by asking and proposing a new understanding of the mechanisms behind these trends. None who teach or do research on comparative stratification and development can do so in quite the same way as they might have before this seminal work.

Committee Members, 2006-2007

Nominations committee:
Chair (Robert J.S. Ross)
Member (David Smith)
Member (Ho Fung Hung)
Member (Andrew Jorgensen)

Membership committee:
Chair (Leslie Gates)
Member (Jeff Jansen)
Member (Trudy Coker)
Student Member (to be recruited)

Book award committee:
Chair (Shelley Feldman)
Final year council (Jennifer Bair)
Final year council (Tim Moran)

Publication committee (editorial board):
Chair (Marina Karides)
Member (Chris Chase-Dunn)
Member (Cynthia Hewett)
Student Member (Michael Jacobs)

Dissertation award committee:
Chair (Tom Hall)
Second year council (Ching Kwan Lee)
Second year council (Jennifer Bickham Mendez)

The Publications Committee reported that Andrew Jorgensen had been appointed new managing editor of the *Journal of World-Systems Research*.

Conferences and Call for Papers

PEWS SESSIONS AT ASA

August 11-14, 2007

New York City

Papers should be submitted through the ASA website by January 17.

See website for description of sessions: <http://www2.asanet.org/sectionpews/conferencehp.html>

1. From the Bottom Up: Impact of Peripheries on the Core
2. Methodology for World-Systems Research
3. Globalization and Urban Conflict
4. Referred Roundtables (followed by business meeting)

31ST ANNUAL PEWS CONFERENCE

May 10-12, 2007

St. Lawrence University

Send 2-3 page proposals to Eve Stoddard by December 15, 2006, estoddard@stlawu.edu

The Conference organizers invite abstracts on the following four sub-themes:

1. Geopolitics and New Developmental Visions
2. Women, Migrants, Diasporas, and Class Struggles
3. Culture, Science, Religion and Ideological formations and transformations in Asia
4. Asian Environments and Historical Trajectories

WORK, EMPLOYMENT, AND SOCIETY TRIENNIAL MEETING

The journal Work, Employment, and Society, in conjunction with the British Sociological Association, is holding its triennial meeting in September of 2007 at the University of Aberdeen. The organizers of this international conference are seeking papers for presentation on numerous topics within the sociology of work and labor markets. (continued)

Abstracts for presentations should be submitted for review by February 1st 2007. Abstracts will be refereed and contributors will be notified as to whether their abstract has been accepted by March 1st 2007. For more information on the conference, please consult our Web site:
<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/wes2007/index.php>

World System Activism

The World Social Forum committee delegated Grassroots Global Justice (GGJ) to coordinate a US Social Forum that represents those most adversely affected by the ravages of globalization and neoliberal policies. The U.S. Social Forum will be held **June 27-July 1, 2007 in Atlanta, Georgia.**

<http://www.ussf2007.org>. Sociologist without Borders is asking for volunteers from the social science community to help build the world social forum process: 1) make a donation, 2) become a part of the Writing Team. Email Jackie Smith for more information: jsmith40@nd.edu.

Recent Publications

A Climate of Injustice: Global Inequality, North-South Politics, and Climate Policy,

by J. Timmons Roberts and Bradley C. Parks.

MIT Press, December, 2006.

A Climate of Injustice combines World-Systems theory and methods with those from other strains of political economy, institutionalism from International Relations, insights from environmental justice research, and some from human geography. It first uses these to examine how poorer nations' insertion in world economy leads to vulnerability to climate disasters, as reflected in rates of death and homelessness from flooding, hurricanes and droughts. It updates unequal exchange theory to examine natural resources extraction and environmental impacts, and documents how export sectors, trade dependency, and income inequality drive great imbalance in responsibility for climate change. And it combines WST and IR theories to explain the vast differences in capacity and interest in participating in the Kyoto Protocol and other environmental treaties. *A Climate of Injustice* argues that the impasse over Kyoto is largely the result of savage global inequality and the neglect of the redistributive agenda of the 1960s and 1970s which sought to address it, but which was sidelined by the Washington Consensus and globalization.

<http://mitpress.mit.edu/catalog/item/default.asp?type=2&tid=11032>

The Recurring Dark Ages: Ecological Stress, Climate Change, and System Transformation

By Sing C. Chew

AltaMira Press, September 2006

In this modern era of global environmental crisis, Sing Chew provides a convincing analysis of the recurring human and environmental crises identified as *Dark Ages*. In this his second of a three-volume series concerning world ecological degradation, Chew reviews the past 5,000-year history of structural conditions and processes that define the relationship between nature and culture. He defines these specific conjunctures in world history, Dark Ages, as significant transitional phases, critical to the evolution of the world system. Chew reveals them to be periods of devolution of human communities, of socioeconomic and political decay and retrogression, at the same time as they are periods of the restoration of the landscape. Chew's message about the coming Dark Ages, as human communities continue to reorganize to meet the contingencies of ecological scarcity and climate changes, is a must-read for those concerned with human interactions and environmental changes, including environmental anthropologists and historians, world historians, geographers, archaeologists, and environmental scientists.

[http://www.altamirapress.com/Catalog/SingleBook.shtml?command=Search&db=^DB/CATALOG.d&b&eqSKUdata=0759104522&thepassedurl=\[thepassedurl\]](http://www.altamirapress.com/Catalog/SingleBook.shtml?command=Search&db=^DB/CATALOG.d&b&eqSKUdata=0759104522&thepassedurl=[thepassedurl])

Global Social Change: Historical and Comparative Perspectives

By Christopher Chase-Dunn and Salvatore J. Babones (Eds.)

John's Hopkins University Press, 2006

In this informative and exciting volume, Christopher Chase-Dunn and Salvatore J. Babones bring together accomplished senior sociologists and outstanding younger scholars with a mix of interests, expertise, and methodologies to offer an introduction to ways of studying and understanding global social change. In both newly written essays and previously published articles from the Journal of World Systems Research, the contributors employ historical and comparative social science to examine the development of institutions of global governance, the rise and fall of hegemonic core states, transnational social movements, and global environmental challenges. They compare post--World War II globalization with the great wave of economic integration that occurred in the late nineteenth century, analyze the rise of the political ideology of the "globalization project" -- Reaganism-Thatcherism -- and discuss issues of gender and global inequalities.

<http://www.lcoastpress.com/book.php?id=32>

Territory, Authority, Rights: From Medieval to Global Assemblages

By Saskia Sassen

Princeton University Press, 2006

Where does the nation-state end and globalization begin? In *Territory, Authority, Rights*, one of the world's leading authorities on globalization shows how the national state made today's global era possible. Saskia Sassen argues that even while globalization is best understood as "denationalization," it continues to be shaped, channeled, and enabled by institutions and networks originally developed with nations in mind, such as the rule of law and respect for private authority. This process of state making produced some of the capabilities enabling the global era. The difference is that these capabilities have become part of new organizing logics: actors other than nation-states deploy them for new purposes. Sassen builds her case by examining how three components of any society in any age--territory, authority, and rights--have changed in themselves and in their interrelationships across three major historical "assemblages": the medieval, the national, and the global.

<http://press.princeton.edu/titles/8159.html>

The World System and the Earth System: Global Socioenvironmental Change and Sustainability Since the Neolithic

By Alf Hornborg and Carole L. Crumley, eds.

Left Coast Press, Inc., September 2006

In this benchmark volume top scholars come together to present state-of-the-art research and pursue a more rigorous framework for understanding and studying the linkages between social and ecological systems. Contributors from a wide spectrum of disciplines, including archaeology, anthropology, geography, ecology, palaeo-science, geology, sociology, and history, present and assess both the evolution of our thinking and current, state-of-the-art theory and research. Covering ancient through modern periods, they discuss the complex ways in which human culture, economy, and demographics interact with ecology and climate change. *The World System and the Earth System* is critical reading for all scholars and students working at the interface of nature and society.

ARTICLES

Jorgenson, Andrew K. 2006. "Global Warming and the Neglected Greenhouse Gas: A Cross-National Study of Methane Emissions Intensity, 1995. *Social Forces* 84(3): 1777-1796.

Mahutga, Matthew C. 2006. "The Persistence of Structural Inequality?: A Network Analysis of International Trade, 1965-2000." *Social Forces* 84(4): 1863-1889.

Rothstein, Jeffrey. 2005. "Economic Development Policymaking Down the Global Commodity Chain: Attracting an Auto Industry to Silao, Mexico." *Social Forces*: 84(1): 49-69.

Job Announcements

Fordham University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Fordham University invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track appointment in sociology at the Assistant Professor level, effective Fall 2007, in two primary areas, theory and globalization. Candidates with secondary areas of social movements, race and ethnicity, culture, religion, or demography are especially welcome. We seek candidates with a Ph.D. in sociology with demonstrated excellence in teaching, potential for excellence in research, publication and funding, who have a commitment to teaching and an enthusiasm for working effectively and collegially within a diverse faculty setting. Teaching responsibilities will include a course in sociological theory at the undergraduate level. There are opportunities to teach in the sociology M. A. and Ph. D. programs at Rose Hill (Bronx). Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, plus TWO copies of each of the following: curriculum vitae, evidence of teaching excellence from peer and/or student evaluations, three letters of recommendation, and two samples of scholarly writing or publications by the closing date of November 15, 2006 to: Dr. Clara Rodriguez, Associate Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Fordham University, 113 W. 60 St., New York, NY 10023-7484. Fordham is an independent, Catholic university in the Jesuit tradition that welcomes applications from men and women of all backgrounds. Fordham University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Idaho State University, History and Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

The Department of History at Idaho State University invites applications for a new tenure track, assistant professorship from scholars who have extensive experience and training in the use of GIS and other tools of spatial analysis in the study of history. The successful candidate will be one of the leaders in the development of ISU's new GIS-based M.A. program in Historical Resources Management and a new undergraduate curriculum with a spatial emphasis. This person will teach core courses in the graduate curriculum, train graduate students in the use of GIS in historical studies, and develop undergraduate courses in his or her area of specialization. The field of specialization is open, though candidates should not duplicate the teaching and research priorities of the current faculty. A Ph.D. in history, historical geography, or related interdisciplinary degree is required by the time of hire in August 2007. Teaching experience and an interest in developing funded research are highly desirable. Idaho State University is a comprehensive teaching and research institution located in Pocatello, a community of approximately 60,000 nestled in a scenic mountain valley in southeastern Idaho. ISU is an AA/EOE and encourages applications from a diverse set of candidates. Apply with a letter of introduction, c.v., and three letters of recommendation submitted by December 8 to: Dr. Allan Christelow, Chair; Department of History; Idaho State University; 921 S. 8th Ave., Stop 8079; Pocatello, ID 83209-8079

Florida International University

The Women's Studies Center and the Department of Sociology-Anthropology

The Women's Studies Center and the Department of Sociology-Anthropology at Florida International University seek applicants for a sociologist at the Associate or Assistant Professor level for a tenure track position shared between Women's Studies and Sociology-Anthropology. Applicants must have a Ph.D., active teaching and research interests related to women's studies, and a strong scholarly record of publishing. Specialists in gender/sexualities, preferably within transnational or comparative perspectives, are encouraged to apply. Applicants with strength in seeking external funding are preferred. Please send letter of interest, c.v., and names and contact information for three references to Dr. Suzanna Rose, Director, Women's Studies Center, DM212, Florida International Univ., University Park, Miami, FL 33199, wstudies@fiu.edu, <http://womensstudies.fiu.edu>. Review of applications will begin on October 1 and will be accepted until the position is filled. FIU is an EO/EA employer and institution.