

DEAN LEEDER'S NOTES

Well, the new semester is about to begin and the tempo around campus has begun to pick up. This semester appears to be a challenging one, with further budget cuts looming, greater numbers of students arriving and fewer classes available for all of them. Nonetheless, we continue our work hopefully. We are still happy to be in the privileged position of educating future generations and preparing citizens of the world.



Elaine Leeder, Dean School of Social Sciences

The big news that I have is that I will be retiring as Dean at the end of this academic year (2012-13); I will enter the Faculty Early Retirement Program (FERP) next July. I will be teaching three classes a year in the Sociology department and continue my writing, volunteering and traveling. My most exciting news is that my transition plan includes sailing for the third time on Semester at Sea. I will be gone for one semester (Fall, 2013) and will travel to Russia, Germany, Ireland, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Ghana, South Africa, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil and Dominica. Teaching Gender and Society, Race and Ethnicity and Globalization and the Family will be a challenge since I have not taught three classes a semester for twelve years. But the work is worth it, given where I get to go. I will also be leading a number of field trips while in some of those countries.

The news from the School of Social Sciences continues to be heartwarming and exciting, Professor Mateo Clark from the Geography Department received a grant from NASA for \$600,000 over three years, Professor Eric Williams took a group of students to the Supreme Court in DC and met with Justice Sotomayor, sixteen summer research grants were given out to faculty to engage in their scholarly work and donors were generous this year, with funds coming in to assist the Dean's Discretionary Fund, the maintenance of the Environmental Technology Center and for the Anne Frank Tree ceremony and exhibit.

Next April we are hoping to plant the Anne Frank Tree sapling that was donated to us by the US Anne Frank Foundation. The Consul General from the Netherlands will be there, as well as local politicians and the community. We are grateful to Mrs. Helena Foster, a survivor of the Holocaust herself, who was so moved by the Anne Frank Tree donation that she has generously given us funds to plant a circle of trees for peace and life. The eighteen trees are currently being planted around the Lakes on campus.

As usual we are grateful to you, our donors, community members, students, staff and faculty for all you do to make the School of Social Sciences the moral compass of the campus. We continue to do enormous amounts to make our world a better place. Warmly, Elaine

Check out our new Social Sciences Webpage!  
[www.sonoma.edu/socsci](http://www.sonoma.edu/socsci)

In addition to a new look, we have easier navigation, updated pages, a slideshow showcasing a few of our exciting classes, a Social Sciences Stars section that highlights new and interesting grants and projects that some of our professors are currently working on, and links to all of our departments' new pages.



## IN MEMORIAM



Steve Norwick on Applied Physical Science Field Trip.

Steve Norwick was truly a Renaissance man. With his knowledge of literature, art, music, geology and other sciences he could speak extemporaneously about just about anything one might want to know. I remember fondly a trip I took with him to recruit students from Napa Community College. On that trip he told me about the fault lines we were passing, about the flora and fauna and about the region I had just moved to. I was amazed at this vast knowledge as well as his humble and kind demeanor. One never heard a bad word from that wonderful man. He was a great human being, and a remarkable scholar and teacher. He is missed every day. I often find myself looking at every bicyclist, waiting for a “hi” from Steve. I am honored to have known him.

Elaine Leeder

## TEACHING, LEARNING, AND LIVING IN KOREA

Professor David McCuan of Political Science was joined by four SSU POLS majors for a sponsored trip to Jeju National University (JNU) in South Korea this past summer. Professor McCuan taught a course, “US Elections and Mass Political Behavior” over a three-work period as part of the JNU International Summer School program. Students from SSU were able to mentor their Korean counterparts on the nuances and details of the upcoming November 2012 elections in the US while also learning about campaigns and elections from a comparative perspective in Korea. Course meetings were held each morning for three hours and students had the opportunity to take Korean language and culture courses in the afternoon.



The four SSU students (Seniors Erica Cuevas and Ethan Brown; Juniors Holly Szlosek and Joseph Noonan) were joined by students from Richard Stockton College (NJ) and Delaware State University, lived on campus, hosted by their Korean counterparts and took part in a rich cultural program that included field trips to important historical and geological locations on the island of Jeju as well as diplomatic meetings with local leaders and politicians. The City of Jeju is also a “Sister City” of Santa Rosa and part of the program was devoted to growing the relationship between our two campuses and Sister Cities. One student, Joseph Noonan, created a blog of his Jeju experience and that can be found at: <http://joesjunioryearabroad.blogspot.com/>.



The next step in growing this relationship is to provide a broader exchange of Korean students from Jeju National University to Sonoma State and to increase the number of courses offered by SSU Professors at JNU next summer. The goal is to have SSU participate as one of the core exchange universities where Jeju students come to our University during the Academic Year and SSU students and professors return in the Summer. For more information about this exciting international opportunity for both faculty and students, please contact David McCuan in Political Science at: [david.mccuan@sonoma.edu](mailto:david.mccuan@sonoma.edu).

## SUMMER RESEARCH GRANTS~ 2012

**Theresa Alfaro-Velcamp, History~ “Environmental and Legal Exposures: Immigrant Histories in Northern California”.** Theresa aims to bridge several disciplines, and to examine the livelihoods of undocumented immigrants in Marin County by exploring how migrants have faced both legal and environmental exposures that put them and their families at risk. This grant supported Theresa’s acceptance to U.C. Berkeley’s Advanced Oral History Summer Institute at the Bancroft Library, enabling her to more effectively engage her informants with respect to the vulnerabilities and sensitivities of their legal status positions.

**Elisa Velasquez~ “Speed Diversity Dialogue: A Multicultural Training Workshop”.** Elisa and her research team developed the Speed Diversity Dialogue as a multicultural training workshop. Since Spring 2011, they have delivered this training to over 1000 students at SSU. With her grant award, she will have the financial support she needs to present her results of the data analysis (collected from over 300 participants assessing the effectiveness of the training) to the American Psychological Annual Conference in Orlando, FL and provide summer stipends to her research assistants while they finish the qualitative and quantitative data analysis of three sets of questionnaires collected in the past year.

**Stephen Bittner~ “Whites and Reds: Wine in the Lands of Tsar and Commissar”.** Stephen is working on a book-length study titled “Whites and Reds,” on the history of tsarist and Soviet winemaking. This grant assisted in defraying some of the costs of his two week long research at the State Archive of the Odessa Oblast, in Odessa, Ukraine. He consulted the collections of the Imperial Society for Agriculture in Southern Russia, which contains extensive materials on nineteenth-century viticulture and winemaking in New Russia and Bessarabia.

**James J. Dean ~ “Heterosexuals and the Rise of a Post-Closeted Culture: Gender, Race, and (Anti) homophobias”.** James is working on completing revisions to his book, *Heterosexuals and the Rise of a Post-Closeted Culture: Gender, Race, and (Anti)homophobias* which is under contract with NYU Press, and preparing a paper based on its primary argument for the Sociology of Sexualities Mini-conference on “Crossing Boundaries, Workshopping Sexualities” in Denver, Colorado.

**Patrick Jackson~ Breaking the Cycle of Criminality.** Over the past two years, Pat has been using photo elicitation procedures to interview foster children involved in animal assisted therapy and mentoring programs about their relationships with animals as well as their human mentors, and exploring how these relate to breaking the cycle of criminality. Pat’s goal in this research is to better understand what these young adults think and feel about themselves, animals and people at this significant transitional point in their lives.

**Amy Kittelstrom~ “The Religion of Democracy: The American Reformation and the Making of Modern Liberalism”.** Through the support of this grant, Amy will be able to finish the footnotes and bibliographic details for the historiography of this manuscript that is due to the publisher by January 2013. She has been able to hire a History graduate student to help her prepare her manuscript for publication. This additional help will guarantee her meeting her deadline and be a great addition to his cv.

**Melinda Milligan~ “Framing the Historic House Tour”.** As part of her ongoing research on historic preservation issues, Melinda has been attending historic home tours sponsored by preservation advocacy organizations and neighborhood associations. This summer, she plans on expanding her house tour research by interviewing tour planners, specifically the individuals affiliated with the sponsoring organizations of these tours. With this additional data, Melinda will be able to continue her analysis of preservation ideology as presented by preservation advocacy organizations as a means to continue assessment of these groups as social movement organizations.

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**Gerryann Olson~ Curator of “Art at the Margins”.** Geri has been invited to curate for an exhibit of artwork produced by artists with special needs that attend art programs for adults with disabilities. Most of the art students have profound cognitive impairments, and yet they produce astonishing art. With the summer grant, Geri plans on developing a catalog/e-book of the exhibit and to continue visiting various facilities such as: Creative Growth in Oakland, NIAD in Richmond, Cedars of Marin in San Anselmo, and Alchemia in Novato, Petaluma, and Santa Rosa.

**Diane L. Parness~ “Democracy’s Demise and Fascism’s Triumph? Hungary’s Post-communist Saga”.** Diane will be flying to Budapest to interview two prominent Hungarian political scientists at the University of Budapest. She also hopes to interview parliamentary representatives of the MSDV and Jobbik parties. She will have access to data collected at The Institute for Polity Studies at the University of Budapest. Lastly, Diane will travel to some of the villages where the most egregious incidences of attacks on Roma populations have occurred. This project has immense import for students of comparative and European politics. It will offer tremendous insight for her courses in Comparative Political Analysis, European Parliamentary Democracies, East European Politics and Politics of Russia.

**Don Romesburg~ “Arrested Development: Homosexuality and American Adolescence, 1890-1930”.** With the help from this grant, Don will be able to complete a research trip to the Schlesinger Library at the Radcliffe Institute in Cambridge, MA, and the Cornell Library Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections in Ithaca, NY. This would fill in key gaps in his book manuscript examining the tensions of homosexuality, gender, and adolescence. In total, this trip allows Don to bring substantially greater context to his work on homosexuality and delinquency, middle-class and working-class girls’ experiences and expert discourses on youth development and guidance.

**Heather Smith~ “Understanding Everyday Physical Appearance Comparisons-Emotional Consequences and Mitigating Factors”.** Heather is working on a grant proposal for a social comparison project. Psychological researchers propose (negative and frequent) physical appearance comparisons to be a key predictor for body dissatisfaction (Myers & Crowther, 2009). She plans on moving beyond young white women to young men and women of all ethnicities and sexual orientations to see if similar patterns occur. The second goal is to measure the specific discrete emotions that are more likely to be associated with different comparison types.

**Eric Williams~ “Six Prisons in Fourteen Days”.** Eric is seeking to use the relationships he developed when writing, “The Big House in a Small Town” to write a book on prison leadership. To do this, he plans on shadowing wardens across the country for a few days to discuss with them prison leadership and watch them in action. This includes wardens in Arizona, Colorado and several in Texas.

### NEWLY PUBLISHED

**Maria Hess (PSYC):** Poetry in Depth Psychology Alliance e-Zine.

**Karin Jaffe (ANTH):** 6 articles in “All the World’s Primates”.

**Adam Zagelbaum (COUN):** Produced third training video w/Alexander Street Press. “Working with Student Athletes”.

**James Dean (SOCI):** Recently awarded a book contract for his manuscript with NYU Press. (See Summer Grant Awards)

**Julie Shulman (COUN):** “Will marriage Matter? Anticipated effects of Marriage for same-sex Couples.” Journal of Family.

**Kathy Charmaz (SOCI):** 8 chapters published in “Handbook of Feminist Research” and “Qualitative Inquiry”.

**Mary Gomes (PSYC):** “Breaking the electronic media spell: An Ecopsychological Intervention” in Ecopsychology Journal.

**Adrian Praetzellis (ANTH):** Published 2nd revised edition of his book, “Death by Theory”. (Rowman & Littlefield)

**Heather Smith (PSYC):** 3 Peer-reviewed articles including, “Relative Deprivation” in Journal of Applied Social Psychology.