
The Interactionist:

An Informative Newsletter for Sociology
Students

Sociology Department Mission Statement

Uniting sociological and anthropological perspectives, the students and faculty of the Department of Sociology join in exploring human society and culture.

Course offerings and co-curricular activities address a full range of issues in both the applied and the more academic areas of the disciplines. The department is unique in its international and interdisciplinary emphases.

Sociology Club Officers, 2006-07

President: Krissie Wells (s08.kwells)

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Faculty Advisor, Jerry Pankhurst

The Sociology Club will meet every other Thursday at 6:30 in Morris Lounge in the Student Center. See page eight for this year's activities. The first meeting is September 7th.

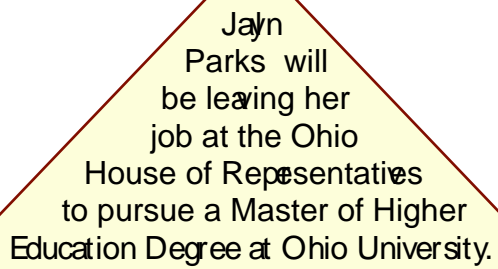
First Sociology Fall Colloquium

Dr. Steve Fr

News from Blake Troxel sociology graduate currently working with Peace Corps in Vanuatu

Ok, I don't really even know where to start, there's so much. I've been living with a host family for the past 3

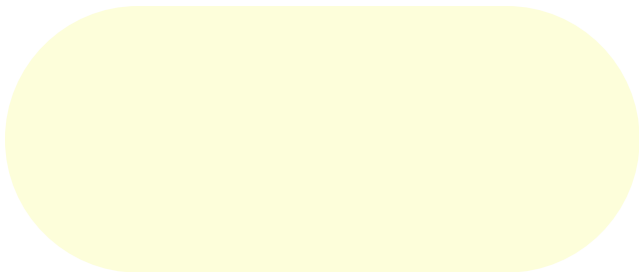
months in the village - Namasari. I eat with them and my house is a stone's throw away. I should be able to start cooking for myself when I go back to site because they just finished my kitchen. My host father and I made a charcoal grill so I'm going to start using that to cook my island kaekae (food). I have really gotten used to the island food and even start to crave it some...about the poison in manioc...we just boil it or bake it in stones. I have three small



Jayn
Parks will
be leaving her
job at the Ohio
House of Representatives
to pursue a Master of Higher
Education Degree at Ohio University.



Nicole
Spirgen is
attending
American
University on a
full scholarship to
pursue her
Masters degree in
Public
Administration



More
Sociology
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News

Ashley
Burloff is
working this fall
for Teach for
America.

Marianne Hitchcox is
working as a case
manager at Project
Woman here in
Springfield.

Travette
Harper is applying to
a Culinary Program in
North Carolina and hopes to
work eventually in Spain.

Faculty News/Jerry Pankhurst

Jerry Pankhurst, Professor of Sociology, convened a session at the international conference on “Religion, Culture, and Conflict in the Former Soviet Union and Beyond,” held in Moscow, Russia, May 22-24. The conference,

and afternoon together, and an overnight
in Chefchouen, a city that retains many
connections to the Spanish
Andalusian-Muslim-Jewish experience.

Faculty News/Keith Doubt

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Sociology Club Activities, 2006-07

1. Programing in the area of Fair Trade, collaborating with STAND in the Fair Trade display and food stand at homecoming, etc., and mounting a letter writing campaign to advocate for grocery stores to sell locally grown foods more than just the corporately produced. The club will use IDED: A Toolkit for Local Farmers online to serve as a basic resource.

2. Sponsor a program that reviews the sexual assault policy on campus and gives the student point of view. Krissie says there are problems

that could be corrected if there was an organized student voice, and the Sociology Club could lead in mobilizing that voice.

3. In cooperation with Project Womyn, get movie tickets for children in battered women's shelters in the area. Try to assist in the children's circumstances.

4. A film series of undetermined theme, joint with STAND and maybe other groups.

5. Some kind of program on socially responsible careers for Sociology majors. The club might want to arrange for this to be the theme for the Alumni Careers Day speakers in October. Find some good examples of alums with socially responsible careers and ask them to speak. The Club could

be a special host for the program, even introducing the speakers.

6. Join with STAND and AIA, a speaker sponsored by aidemocracy.org. The group will help sponsor good speakers.

7. Come share your ideas for this year.

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