



Nooner Named UCA Intern of the Year



Tisha Nooner, December 2011 graduate, received the 2011 UCA Intern of the Year award at a ceremony held March 15 in the Student Center Ballroom on the University of Central Arkansas campus. Ms. Nooner was the sociology department's Spring 2011 recipient of The Dr. Carl Redden Outstanding Sociology Intern Award. She was selected for the high level of responsibility she assumed and the excellent work she completed while performing duties in the Faulkner County Volunteer Probation Officer program. She was nominated by her supervisor Mrs. Faye Shepherd, Faulkner County Community Resource Coordinator.

Ms. Nooner had this to say about her experience at UCA:

The University of Central Arkansas, and more specifically the Sociology Department, has provided me with the knowledge and understanding needed to be successful in life. Currently, I am a Program Eligibility Specialist (PES) with the Department of Human Services. I am responsible for interviewing program applicants in order to determine their eligibility to participate within certain public assistance programs. For the most part, I conduct interviews for the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), more commonly known to the public as food stamps.

This job is rewarding and also difficult at times. Having a thorough understanding of how society works and how people are affected by different circumstances is vital for this job. People from all different walks of life come through the doors to apply for benefits and even though their situations are always different, I can see the similarities between them. I see a picture different from what another person might see because I look with a different lens: a sociological lens. This job provides the opportunity to apply to real world conditions many of the concepts I learned at UCA. The things I have read through text and tested over in class can now be used to relate to and understand the "real world" situations many of the families coming through my door face.

All of my classes, including my internship, were pivotal building blocks I needed to prosper early in my career. The sociology department set high expectations and required more than just minimal effort to succeed, which prepared me for a job market and a career field that expected no less. I gained all of the tools necessary for diligent and productive work from UCA and the sociology department. I now look forward to a dynamic and fruitful career paved by my edifying experience at UCA.

Read more alumni success stories on pages 5-7.

Notices:

· Sociology Club meets during X-period in Irby 308 on the first and third Thursday of each month.

· Sociology Club membership dues are \$15. You will receive a t-shirt upon payment.

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Congratulations Dr. Rifat Akhter

Dr. Rifat Akhter recently received tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor of Sociology. Dr. Akhter joined the UCA faculty in August of 2006. A native of Dhaka, Bangladesh, she completed her Ph.D. at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, an M.S. at University of London, an M.S. and her B.S. at Dhaka University, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Her specialty fields include social demography, gender studies, and globalization. Her other areas of interest include social inequality and violence against women.

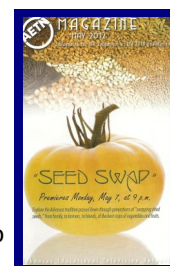
During the past semester, Dr. Akhter has peer reviewed several articles for professional journals, completed articles for journal submission, and prepared a data set for an upcoming research project. She also serves as the director of the interdisciplinary gender studies minor program. She developed an ongoing lecture series titled "Doing Gender" which features guest speakers who present their research or participate in panel discussions.

Congratulations Dr. Brian Campbell

Dr. Brian Campbell recently received tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor of Anthropology. Dr. Campbell, a native of Kansas City, Missouri, joined the UCA faculty in August of 2006. He completed his Ph.D. and his M.A. at University of Georgia. He completed his B.A. at Truman State University. His specialty fields include applied anthropology, environmentalism, and ethnoecology. His current focus is on Agricultural biodiversity conservation, sustainability, and visual anthropology in the Ozark Highlands.



Dr. Campbell has produced two documentary films. One of these films is "The Natural State of America," which has aired at University of Central Arkansas, Arkansas Tech University in Russellville, and University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Arkansas. The film was also an official selection at the 2011 Little Rock Film Festival in Little Rock, Arkansas, and the 2011 Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival in Hot Springs, Arkansas. It was screened at Cinema on the Bayou Film Festival in Lafayette, Louisiana, and it won Best Documentary at the 2011 SFAA Applied Video Festival in Seattle, Washington. The other film, "Seed Swap," aired May 7 on AETN public television. (Watch for additional airings in June.) Dr. Campbell is currently working on another documentary film. Additionally, he recently travelled to Denver, Colorado, where he presented his paper "Closest to Everlastin' Agrobiodiversity and Subsistence Traditions in the Ozarks, USA." He is also the director of CAAH! (Conserving Arkansas's Agricultural Heritage!) seed saving project which through applied anthropology strives to collect, catalog, and redistribute open-pollinated, heirloom seeds and get the public involved in localized food systems.



Rohweder Distributes Free Books

Ms. Mimi Rohweder, Lecturer II in Sociology, participated in World Book Night U.S. on April 23. The campaign encourages adults to read and provides free books to adult readers. Ms. Rohweder distributed to college students John Irving's [A Prayer for Owen Meany](#). She learned of the nationwide program on Maya Angelou's website. Five thousand American cities participated.



The department and students extend our congratulations to both Dr. Akhter and Dr. Campbell!

Shepherd and Brother to Publish Book

Dr. Gordon Shepherd, UCA Professor of Sociology, and his brother, Dr. Gary Shepherd, Oakland University Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Anthropology, have a book scheduled to publish in fall 2012. [Binding Earth and Heaven: Patriarchal Blessings in the Prophetic Development of Early Mormonism](#) is a historical case study of the way in which Mormonism, as a new religious movement in nineteenth century America, attracted converts and strengthened their commitment in the face of concerted opposition by both established religions and secular authorities. In particular, the Mormon ritual practice of bestowing “patriarchal blessings” on early converts is examined as an important means for propagating new religious doctrines and reinforcing converts’ faith and religious commitment.



The book examines the charismatic appeal of early Mormonism to nineteenth century religious seekers; provides essential historical context for understanding many of the doctrinal themes expressed in patriarchal blessings, and focuses on the origins of the office of the church patriarch and the communal ritual characteristics of early patriarchal blessings. The authors analyze gender differences in early patriarchal blessings concluding that while patriarchal blessings reflected nineteenth-century gender norms concerning male authority, blessings were relatively egalitarian in their thematic contents.



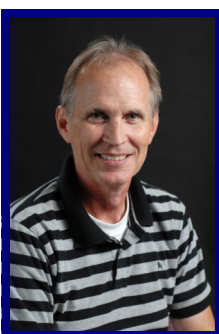
Shepherd

Faculty Present Papers at San Diego Conference

Three UCA sociology faculty members presented papers at the Southwestern Social Science Association annual meeting in San Diego, California, in April. Dr. Doug George, Associate Professor of Sociology, presented his paper “Sis Boom Bah, Humbug? An Analysis of University Student Attitudes toward Inter-collegiate Sports.” Dr. Gordon Shepherd, Professor of Sociology, presented “Civic Tolerance among Honors College Students.” Dr. Edward Powers, Associate Professor of Sociology presented “Playing with

Higher Education: Student Athlete Perceptions about the Role of Sports in the Academic Enterprise.” Husband and wife presentation team, Dr. Powers and Kathy A. Powers, 2011 Arkansas Teacher of the Year, presented “Class in Class. Student School Performance and Community Economic Disadvantage.”

The group also found a bit a free time to attend a Padres vs. Dodgers baseball game, tour parts of the city, and walk along the west coast shoreline.



George



Powers



Powers

Wilson and Rich Attend Drug Court Training

Dr. Janet Wilson, Associate Professor of Sociology, and Dr. Lynne Rich, Assistant Professor of Sociology, attended Drug Court Annual Training presented by the Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts. The pair learned about drug courts in Arkansas as preliminary research for a possible research grant.

Dr. Rich also participated in a Women’s History Month roundtable discussion on March 9, at Arkansas State University, Beebe. The discussion focused on “Sex and the Campaign” and women’s roles in electoral politics.

Dr. Wilson served as the 2011-2012 UCA Faculty Senate President. Thank you for a job well done, Dr. Wilson!



Wilson



Rich



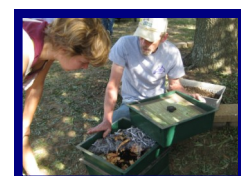
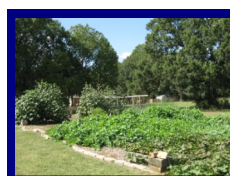
Students enjoy live music during the Urban Farm Fest.

“Students and community members demonstrating collective, sustainable home food production.”



Sweet potatoes are just one crop that can be grown in a back yard.

Beacham Leads Volunteer Group of the Year



Friends of the Library recently honored the Faulkner County Urban Farming Project as the Volunteer Organization of the Year. The coordinated community garden project is spearheaded by Mr. Cliff Beacham, UCA Lecturer I of Sociology, and currently has approximately six community volunteers and 30-40 student volunteers from UCA and Hendrix, including several UCA Sociology Club members. According to Mr. Beacham, the group’s mission is “Students and community members demonstrating collective sustainable home food production.” By June 1, the group had already donated almost 300 pounds of produce to St. Peter’s Episcopal Church food bank.

The group presented the first Urban Farm Festival in October, which educated adults and children alike. Activities included making sack gardens, birdhouse painting, and presentations on composting, seed saving, and bee keeping. Live music, face painting, and refreshments were also offered. The next scheduled event is “Back Yard Gourmet: From the Garden to the Table” to be held at the Faulkner County Library on June 16th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. The next Urban Farm Fest at the library will be September 29. The community is invited to “come play at the farm” every Sunday at 5:00 p.m.



Come Play at the Farm...Sundays at 5:00 p.m.



Gardner Applies Sociology Degree to New Career

Byron Gardner graduated from UCA in August 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology with a criminology concentration and a minor in anthropology. During his senior year he completed an internship with the United States Postal Inspection Service. In July 2010, before his graduation, Gardner accepted a juvenile probation officer position with the Lonoke County Juvenile Department. In May 2011, he accepted a position with the Arkansas Department of Community Correction Probation and Parole Services in Little Rock where he began working as a drug court probation officer for adult offenders. He attended the Arkansas Department of Community Correction Probation and Parole Academy in September and October of 2011.



There he learned state probation and parole policy, evidence-based practices, interview techniques, crime scene investigation, search and seizure of contraband, motivational interviewing, and team building skills. As part of his training (and experience), Byron qualified for the use of a law enforcement firearm and participated in various firearm training exercises. He also certified in defensive tactics. His least favorite part of the training was being sprayed in the face with pepper spray (see bottom right photo).

Byron has this to say about his UCA classroom and internship experience:



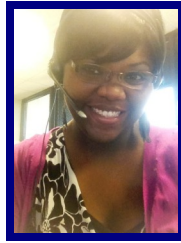
“My experience as an undergraduate student at UCA was very influential in my success in law enforcement. As an intern for the United States Postal Inspection Service I gained first hand professional experience in federal law enforcement. I was given the opportunity to experience interrogations, arrests, and also handle cases. The knowledge I gained during my internship has helped me in my career as a probation officer in that I am comfortable in my knowledge of the criminal justice system and I am able to apply that knowledge to my every day duties. My sociology degree with a criminology concentration has also helped me as a probation officer in that it has given me the ability to communicate with a diverse group of people within the community.”



Alumni: What Are They Doing Now?

Any UCA students who are interested in social issues may join the Sociology Club. Email Mr. Beacham at cliffb@uca.edu.

UCA students who would like to participate in the Anthropology Club or simply keep informed about club activities may email Dr. Campbell at briancc@uca.edu.



Aja Hogan, May 2011

"I am employed as a Claims Adjuster at Progressive Insurance. It is my responsibility to assist customers from the moment after an automobile accident through the repair process. I work with our customers in a partnership to find coverage, investigate liability, and handle damages. Many times, the process is very smooth and procedural. Unfortunately, a lot of the job requires investigating potential fraud. There are times when people do present false claims or misrepresent the information, which can be detected with a couple of investigative techniques that I have learned in the industry. I also spend a great deal of my time speaking with people who have been injured in automobile accidents, and I have dealt with a few fatal accidents. I communicate with collision repair facilities and aid in managing the repair process. I assess damage to the vehicles and provide settlement offers.

"Some may wonder how a degree in Sociology has helped me in such a position. Honestly, my educational background has provided me with the tools that I need to be successful in the industry. The position requires one to be very objective. On a daily basis, I am forced to remove myself and any preconceived notions about the people that are involved. I have to accept the facts and form a causal relationship between what is presented and what is a truth. The sociology world has taught us to debunk and to utilize our sociological imaginations to examine our worlds beyond the surface. Without this mindset, there would be a great deal of misjudgment. I have also utilized my degree to understand the demographics of my customers. Not one claim is identical in any way. It is my role to be able to internalize how these demographics affect the expectations of the claim handling process. I have not been here long, but I can truly say that I am thankful for the UCA sociology department and all that I learned during my time there. "



Candace Perry, December 2011

Candace Perry graduated with a BA in sociology with a criminology concentration and a minor in Public Administration (CJA plan).

"I am currently working for Conway Housing Authority as the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Coordinator where we provide housing assistance to very low-income families. A majority of our client families are headed by young, single parents who are dependent on some form of government assistance. Although many of our clients have expressed interest in getting off the welfare system, their lack of education, vocational and technical skills, and work experience have been major barriers. I help move families off government aid by assisting them in acquiring skills and/or career oriented employment to improve their economic well-being.

"FSS program is designed to promote social and economic independence for low-income families. This program encourages our clients to take advantage of educational and job training programs that are available in our community. We are able to continue to provide housing assistance to our client families who are actively pursuing self-sufficiency. My goal is to make the FSS program as productive as possible."

April Riley Gill, December 1997

April Gill (inset on left) is the Chief Intake Officer and office supervisor for Lonoke County Juvenile Department where she has worked for 12 years. She does all of the pre-court contact/interaction with juveniles that have been charged and she also runs a Teen Court Program. Ms. Gill says, "I did not intend to work with juveniles but I do love my job!"

Ms. Gill occasionally contacts the UCA Sociology Department when there are job openings in her office "because of the excellent people I have apply, much better than through the paper, etc. They have been more prepared and knowledgeable than grads from other schools."

Alex Denton, December 2011

"As the only FINS (Families in Need of Services) and Truancy Officer in Lonoke County I am in contact with the schools in the county on a daily basis. All area schools now know who I am and what services I can offer to them and their students. When a student is truant, I get them into my office; sometimes I must do a home check because the parents and juvenile do not respond to my appointment letters. I talk to them to make sure they know that they are breaking the law by not attending school as the Arkansas Mandatory Attendance Law requires and explain that they will have consequences. Because of my UCA sociology degree and my internship with the Faulkner County Juvenile Department I know how to talk and respond to juveniles and their families.



"I also interact with many families who are desperate for services to help their children. I see suicidal, homicidal, and aggressive kids on a weekly basis. I have also seen several juveniles with sexually deviant behaviors. I let them know that I can refer them to services to help with counseling and case management. If they continue missing school or are a flight risk, I can assign electronic monitors, fines, community service hours, Intensive Supervision and Tracking (IST), random drug tests if needed, and even detention (jail) time. However, I do a lot more than just provide consequences. I help kids in desperate need of immediate and/or long term treatment find the long term care that is appropriate for their needs. I try to provide the families of struggling juveniles with some hope that I will find the services that are needed. I have seen several success stories as well. Recently, I helped a female juvenile apply for a scholarship that is offered every year by the Arkansas Juvenile Officer Association (AJOA). I am pleased to say that she received the scholarship and will be attending college in the fall. My sociology degree has helped me figure out different ways to connect with people who often do not connect with anyone else. It has helped me to network with people and have a greater understanding for people of different backgrounds, and I see A LOT of different backgrounds in my office!" (Ms. Denton is shown above on the right.)

Accepted to Graduate School

Cathrine Schwader, May 2012—"I will attend the Clinton School of Public Service this fall to get my masters in Public Service. I hope to focus on food security issues and some day work for a non-profit that addresses such issues. I have volunteered with Heifer International in the past and look forward to possibly working with them as part of my field service projects at the Clinton School or as my career in the future. The Clinton School program is unique and I was drawn to it because of the emphasis they put on learning through action. One third of the program is devoted to 3 field service projects: the practicum (group project), the international internship, and the capstone project. I enjoy field service projects and really working to make a noticeable difference. I feel the Sociology Club as been an outlet for my desire for public service as well as the Faulkner County Urban Farm Project that Mr. Cliff Beacham and many students of the sociology department are a part of. I also am very appreciative of Mr. Beacham and Dr. Shepherd who both wrote letters of recommendations for me which I'm sure helped seal the deal. I feel that the possibilities are endless for working in public service and hope that the Clinton School will prepare me for my future career."

Natalie Leong, December 2011—"I was accepted by the University of Kansas. I will pursue a Master's degree with an emphasis in Environmental Sociology. I do have the intention to continue pursuing my PhD, but that can only be determined by whether or not I get funded by the school(s) I apply to. If I have to stop at my Master's degree, I will either teach in Singapore or be engaged in research work for an institute. If I get to complete my PhD, I will definitely aim for a teaching job at a college or university."

Undergraduate Scholars
Do you want to push yourself beyond class-based exercises?

The Undergraduate Scholars Program allows high-achieving, motivated juniors or seniors to work with sociology faculty on independent research projects.

If you have a 3.5 GPA in the major and 3.25 overall, talk with your advisor about this exciting opportunity to push academic boundaries beyond the classroom.

Was your internship experience exceptional? Would you be willing to share your experience in a future newsletter? If so, please stop by the sociology office to let us know.



Conference participants at the Southwestern Social Science Association annual meeting take time out to “root, root, root for the home team” during a break in San Diego. From left: Belinda Welch with daughter/senior Willow Welch, senior Kathy Hill, Dr. Doug George, Dr. Gordon Shepherd with wife Faye Shepherd, and Kathy Powers with husband Dr. Ed Powers.

Outstanding students display their awards at the College of Liberal Arts Honors Convocation on Sunday, April 29. Seniors Cathrine Schwader (left) and Kathy Hill were this school year’s recipients of The Katherine Hinson Outstanding Sociology Student Award. Also recognized at the banquet was Alex Denton, recipient of The Dr. Carl Redden Outstanding Sociology Intern Award.



Faculty and students enjoy “college aged” photographs of the sociology faculty and staff at the end-of-year potluck awards celebration.



Byron Gardner, alumnus Aug 10, (left) speaks with Dr. Gordon Shepherd during a recent visit to the department.

On right: Dr. Janet Wilson (left) and Dr. Rifat Akhter (center) enjoy a visit with Natalie Leong, alumna Dec 11, during her recent visit from Singapore.



Classmates and professors happily converse after the meal at the end-of-year potluck awards celebration.



2011 Outstanding UCA Intern Tisha Nooner (with badge) stands with her mother, Billie Kaiser, at the awards banquet. (From left) Dr. Ed Powers, Dr. Doug George, and Dr. John Toth also showed their support.

Guest Speakers Enhance Spring Classroom Experience

Dr. Janet Wilson's **Victimology** class participated in a panel discussion composed of professionals who deal directly with victims and offenders. The panel examined how victims are treated throughout the criminal justice system. The participants discussed the procedures for dealing with both victims and offenders and various services available to crime victims in Conway and the surrounding area.

Serving on the panel were MeKisha Childers and Brenna Willis of the Department of Community Corrections; Autumn Davis and Brandy Wiseman of the Children's Advocacy Alliance; Jenny Morse of Haven (a residential shelter for abused girls); and Faye Shepherd, Community Resource Coordinator for the Faulkner County Juvenile Court.



From left: Jenny Morse of HAVEN; Autumn Davis and Brandy Wiseman of the Children's Advocacy Alliance.



Ms. Mimi Rohweder (left) speaks to Dr. Alison Hall's class.



Senator Joyce Elliott (left) visits with students, Michelle Hale (center) and Cassandra McQuay.

Dr. Alison Hall's **Intentional Communities** class is concerned with intentional culture change, visions for a better culture, and how groups attempt to implement their visions. Topics covered include intentional communities from 19th century Utopias to fictional Utopias and modern day experiments. The class hosted nine guest speakers: Katie Elliot, the founder of Arkansas Sustainability network; Marie O'Connell, Mac Miller, and Steve Shay, representatives from Occupy Little Rock; UCA alumni David and Janet Crow, Chairman and member of the Faulkner County Tea Party; Hendrix Alumna April Ambrose, the founder of the Arkansas Earth Day Foundation who is now a consultant with Veridian, an independent sustainable building consulting firm; Mimi Rohweder, Lecturer II in Sociology and a former resident of The Farm; and Josh Lockyer, an anthropologist from Arkansas Tech University in Russellville who has done research on eco villages.

As part of the examination of religion as a social institution, Dr. Gordon Shepherd's **Sociology of Religion** class looks at the social development and consequences of religious beliefs and practices for both groups and individuals. This class hosted seven speakers who covered a wide array of topics: Dr. Conrad Shumaker, UCA Professor of English, *Native American Religion*; Mr. Philip Spivey, UCA Lecturer II of Philosophy, *Judaism in Arkansas*; Reverend Lynne Kilbourne, Associate Pastor, First United Methodist Church of Conway, *Ordained Women Clergy in the Methodist Church*; Reverend Timothy Smith, UCA student and pastor of Mount Ararat Baptist Church in North Little Rock, *Pastoring a Rural Arkansas Church*; Dr. Clayton Crockett, UCA Associate Professor of Philosophy and Director of Religious Studies program, *Religious Doubt and Religious Tolerance*; The Honorable Joyce Elliott, Arkansas State Senator, *Politics and Religion in Arkansas*; and Mr. Bryan Borland, Poet and the owner of Sibling Rivalry Press, LLC, *Religion and Homosexuality*.

Attention Alumni!

If you are applying your sociological or anthropological skills in your current job please contact us. We would love to feature you in an upcoming newsletter. Do not be shy; what you share may inspire someone else.

If you are considering a major in sociology, please set up an appointment to speak with Mr. Beacham.
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Students Present Papers at Research Symposium



From left: Corrine Stocking, Kathy Hill, Colton Henry, Richard Darden (back), Jamie Lee, Caroline Huff, Robert Harper, Karen Watts, Travis Alexander, Raven Ambers, Anna Davis and Andrew Wright (front). Inset: Sadeidre Smith.

Thirteen sociology and anthropology students presented papers at the Arkansas Sociological and Anthropological Association's Undergraduate Symposium held at the Reynold's Business Building on the University of Arkansas at Little Rock campus, April 13, 2012.

Papers and presenters:

Inside and Outside the Compound: Polygamy, Gender, and the Media, Corrine Stocking

Rape Fantasies: Women's Arousal in Submission Positions, Sadeidre Smith

He Controls Me Because He Loves Me: Female Submission in Vampire Fiction, Jamie Lee

The Status of a Superhero: The Transgression Zone of the Justice League and the Legion of Doom, Andrew Wright

What are you looking for? Gender differences in online dating searches, Colton Henry

Fairy Tales and Image of Marriage, Robert Harper

The Presentation of Dating, Hooking Up and the Changing Sexual Scripts on Primetime Television Shows, Karen Watts

Orientalism, Patriarchy, and Capitalism: Causes of Marriages between Filipinas and American Men, Kathy Hill

Women's Struggle for Equality Throughout History: Legal Note of U.S. v. Virginia, 518 U.S. 515 (1996), Caroline Huff

The Culture of Cannabis Users: A Sociological Non-Participant Study of the Cannabis Subculture, Travis Alexander

Arkansas Delta, Land of Plenty: Legacy of Poverty, Anna Davis

Sustainability and Culture: How Social Movements Shape Society and the Environment, Raven Ambers

Please Don't Stop: Group Identity in Conway's Local Music Scene, Richard Darden

Alpha Kappa Delta Members Inducted

Five UCA students accepted membership into Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honors society, during the sociology department's end-of-the-year awards and celebration potluck held on April 27. New members are (from left) Willow Welch, Mallory Roberson, and Sharon McBeth. Not pictured: Marc Gates and Desirée Shay.



Two Seniors Attend SSSA Conference

Kathy Hill (left) presented her honors thesis "Colonialism, Capitalism, and Patriarchy: Relationships between Filipino Women and American Men" at the Southwestern Social Science Association meeting in San Diego in April. Senior, Willow Welch also attended the conference. Ms. Welch assisted Senior Matt Knudtson, in administering the survey that helped produce the data Dr. Powers and Dr. George used in their presentations.



Anthropology Students Educate Throughout State

Students in the anthropology program participated in many activities this past semester. The Anthropology Club hosted several movie nights that were open to all UCA students. The club, as a service project, also made cards for overseas veterans. CAAH! (Conserving Arkansas's Agricultural Heritage!) held 12 seed swaps throughout the state where they were able to share seeds from the CAAH! seed bank and also collect replacement seeds and new varieties. Seed swaps were held in Conway, Russellville, Jasper, El Dorado, Mountain View, Ashdown, Eureka Springs, Fayetteville, Yellville, Hot Springs, Little Rock, and Bee Branch. For Green Week the club and CAAH! participants set up a display near the student center and the film "Natural State" aired at assorted universities.

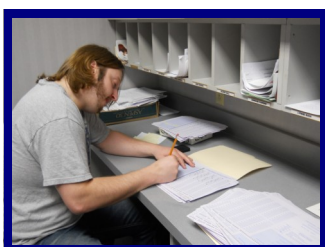
Sociology Club: Changing the World One Project at a Time



UCA students explore an informative display and receive free plants and food samples during Green Week.

The very active Sociology Club had another successful semester. Students continued to gather data about UCA students' opinions through the survey project. The club hosted the first *SOC Talk* with Dr. Doug George, who presented "Enough with the critical thinkin' already, Dr. Doug." The Green Week display complemented both the Anthropology Club and the Faulkner County Urban Farming Project displays. Together, the three displays included a composting demonstration, a plant giveaway, fresh strawberry samples, seed saving information, and a garden seed giveaway. The Sociology Club recently built and donated a raised-bed garden box to the Faulkner County Juvenile Probation program to be placed at the juvenile court building to help offenders in restitution and training and in hopes of feeding some hungry families in the court system. CAAH! (Conserving Arkansas Agricultural Heritage, an applied anthropology project) will provide the seeds for the plants. Sociology Club meetings were well attended throughout the semester and culminated in a cook-out at Dr. Gordon and Mrs. Faye Shepherd's home. Dr. Shepherd proved himself as a master grill.

Plans for next year include building more garden boxes for the juvenile court, continuing the survey, more *SOC Talks* on relevant sociological matters, and the club plans to again celebrate World Peace Day.



Rob Kay organizes completed surveys.



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The degree of Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in sociology requires the completion of 120 hours, including the general education component, special degree requirements, major requirements listed below, a minor worked out with a minor advisor, 40 upper division hours, and a minimum 2.0 GPA overall, in the major, and in the minor. Students may declare a major in sociology after they have completed SOC 1300 with a grade of C or better.

We are on the web!

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Hill Named Outstanding Sociology Student

Katherine “Kathy” Hill received the Spring 2012 Katherine Hinson Outstanding Sociology Student Award. Faculty chose her for the honor because of her outstanding grade point average, Sociology Club participation, personal initiative, and overall contributions to the department. Ms. Hill, a May 2012 graduate with a sociology major and interdisciplinary minor from the Honors College, was awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to teach English for one year in South Korea. She was also accepted to graduate school at the University of California, San Diego, University of Texas, Austin, and University of Denver. She is considering seeking a Masters of International Studies or possibly a Ph.D. in Sociology.



The first sociology class that hooked me was Race and Ethnicity with Doug. As a “happa,” I was provoked by how race can influence people’s lives. I found that the characters from the readings, such as Philippe from “In Search of Respect,” reflected people in my own life who were pressured by social structures in their own search for respect. Today I find myself questioning every judgment I make about people, wondering if theirs is another story yet to be read in Doug’s sociology class. The professors in the sociology department really do a great job of facilitating sociological conversations outside of class as well, through Sociology Club and at conferences. I am so grateful to have had academic support as well as encouragement and friendship from the sociology professors, Mary, and fellow students in the department! Thank you for a great four years!

Kathy Hill