Shepherd Publishes Book


Wilson Edits Book

Dr. Janet K. Wilson, UCA associate professor of sociology, recently edited *The Praeger Handbook of Victimology* (Greenwood Publishing Group, 2009), which included almost 200 entries from more than 90 contributors. This is the first reference book to fully cover the 70-year history of the field of Victimology.
Callan Pecoraro, senior sociology/psychology major, was selected by the faculty of the Sociology Department as the Fall 2009 Katherine Hinson Outstanding Sociology Student Award recipient.

Callan is currently writing a thesis entitled “Gender Stereotyping in Children’s Literature and its Effects on Children”. She is also writing a senior seminar paper on the relationship between religion and abortion attitudes. After graduation in May 2010, she plans to pursue a doctorate in clinical psychology.

George Publishes Article
Dr. Doug George, UCA assistant professor of sociology, has an article entitled “Will the Circle Be Unbroken?: American Multiculturalism and Black-White Aspirations for Social Integration into the Integration into the United States” forthcoming in Sociological Imagination.

Rich Publishes Article
Dr. Lynne Rich, UCA assistant professor of sociology, has an article entitled “Marital Instability: A Comparative Analysis of China and Taiwan” in press in the Global Studies Journal.
Akhter Publishes Articles

Dr. Rifat Akhter, UCA assistant professor of sociology, has an article entitled “Impacts of Global Economy on Women’s Labor Force Participation in the Developing Nation” in press in the Global Studies Journal.

Campbell Publishes Articles


Faculty Attend Annual State Meeting

Five faculty members and one student presented papers at the 39th annual Arkansas Sociological and Anthropological Association meeting on November 20th at Henderson State University.


While attending the meeting, Dr. Campbell was elected secretary-treasurer and Dr. George was elected vice president of the organization.
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Three other department members were present for dinner and conservation. Dr. Kennedy Upham came to UCA in 1974. He often taught Marriage and Family, Gerontology, and Population. Dr. Upham retired from UCA in 1997. Dr. Gordon Shepherd has taught in the department since 1980. He frequently teaches Sociology of Religion, Social Movements and Social Change, Social Theory, and Social Statistics. Mrs. Jan Strange, worked at UCA from 1974-1979, 1983-1985; from 1990-2007 she served as an Administrative Specialist in the Sociology (or GPSS) office.

The degree of Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science, with a major in sociology, requires the completion of 124 hours, including the general education component, 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.

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Pictured from left: Mrs. Jan Strange (former department secretary), Mrs. Melda Redden (wife of Dr. Redden), Dr. Carl Redden (former department Chair), Dr. Kennedy Upham (former faculty member), Dr. Gordon Shepherd (current faculty member), Mr. Vance Strange (husband of Mrs. Jan Strange), and Lia Wilson (daughter of Dr. Janet Wilson). Pictured on right: Dr. Janet Wilson (former Chair) and Dr. Carl Redden (former Chair).