

SOCIOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY

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Students Traveling to San Fran for PSA

The SSA is going to the 2004 Pacific Sociological Association Annual meeting, which will take place April 15-18, 2004 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, in San Francisco, CA. In order to go please contact Jordan Camp (SSA treasurer) at jtc17@humboldt.edu. Also, special thanks to the Sociology department, Clubs Coordinating Council, and faculty who are taking assistants for helping fund our trip

Did you know?

According to the United Nations Development Report 1992 the income disparity between developed countries in the North and underdeveloped in the South is reflected, "in real consumption levels, The North with about one fourth of the world's population, consumes 70% of the world's energy, 75% of the world's metals, 85%

On behalf of the sociology students and faculty at Humboldt State University we are proud to present the second edition of The Sociology Students Association Quarterly. The Sociology Student Association aims to facilitate social activism, social change and a round table for sociological discussion. This newsletter contains information on the current academic and social events of the SSA. The SSA is dedicated to creating an arena for open dialogue

between students and faculty. We aim to address the concerns, issues, and questions of students. Not only is the



SSA Social at Humboldt Brew-

SSA interested in fostering relationships between faculty and students-but also encouraging connection amongst undergraduate and graduate sociology

students. Our weekly meetings are currently in the Lower Library Lounge area at 11 A.M. on Wednesdays.

However, our meetings are subject to change for next semester in hopes of having a meeting time more conducive to undergraduate sociology majors schedules, possibly 4:00 on Wednesdays. However we will contact everyone again at the beginning of the Spring semester to confirm. The meetings are open for faculty attendance, yet most attending will be sociology students.

SOCIOPOLY

On Tuesday, November 25, those of us who stuck around for the break got together in the library for an exciting game of Sociopoly. The game is based on the actual game of Monopoly, but by adjusting the rules it builds a more accurate picture of stratification of the American economic system. There are four players, or four teams, each with its own ethnic identification or class.

Each ethnicity also has a certain set of rules to play by, as well as a specific amount of money and property allocated to them. The game last for 90 minutes and whichever team has the most assets by the end of that time period, wins! If a team happens to go bankrupt before the end of 90 minutes they are asked to devise ways to change the rules so as to stay in the game. The idea of Sociopoly was

presented to the SSA by a sociology undergraduate student, Yara Mery, who is using the game as her senior project to study experiential learning tools for non-traditional teaching methods. We would like to thank Yara and Sophia, for presenting us with this experience and the pizza!

If you have any questions or comments about Sociopoly, you can reach Yara via email at lam26@humboldt.edu.

Professor Bio: Lee Bowker, Ph.D.

Dr. Lee H. Bowker received his Ph.D. from Washington State University in 1973, a very long time ago. There were cars then, and he drove one 240 miles RT for each seminar from Whitman College, where he taught full time and ran the Social Therapy Program at the Washington State Penitentiary during his last years there (at the college, not the pen). He has taught at three liberal arts colleges, one research university and HSU. His current research interests are developing theories about woman battering (such as Phase I and II batterers, trigger mechanisms in lethal counter-violence, and differentiating criminal from non-criminal



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women who have killed their batterers) and pedophilia (specifically a methodology for harm reduction in adult-child sexual contacts and a causal theory for pedophilia). Is that enough? Childhood, mmmmm, I can't remember ancient history. Every time I have a childhood

memory, I find out that some ancient Greek philosopher wrote about it already. I'll try anyhow. I was never a good speller. When I was in Third Grade, I had this imposing old lady who had us all terrified. I cheated on spelling tests with a crib sheet between my legs. It wasn't long before she caught me. Nobody ever fooled Miss....., as we called her in those days. She almost broke glass screaming at me, and said she'd call my parents on me. I was beyond hope, but I had enough sense to keep my mouth shut. She must have liked me, because she never did place that call. Maybe I was still cute in those days.

Professor Bio: Sing Chew, Ph.D.

Dr. Sing Chew: I have been at Humboldt since the Fall of 1990. Before then, I was as an associate director at a bilateral development donor institution funding foreign aid for Third World development. The job required extensive missions to Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Beyond these mission trips, I have lived for long stretches in Malaya (now Malaysia), Australia (where I went to school), Canada (where I received my tertiary



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level education), Europe, and the United States. As a consequence, I speak three languages and two

dialects. My training and research interests have always been in the area of long-term and large-scale social change with a primary focus on world development. My current project is to understand the relationship between Culture and Nature over five thousand years of world history. Some of you will have read the first volume of a projected three-volume work. We have two kids, a boy and a girl and three dogs.

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Mark Blackhurst, Dr. Lee H. Bowker, Jordan Camp, Dr. Sing Chew, Christina Fritschi, Karen Nelson, Charmaine Stanec, and Dr. Mary Vimoche.

In the Moment: Service projects in collaboration with SSA:

Operation U-Turn

The SSA is working in cooperation with the organization Operation U-Turn or OUT. The main goal of out is to help non-violent ex-offenders succeed in obtaining a college education at HSU. OUT helps students with admission processes, applying for loans and other financial aid packages, and introducing students to the many resources available at HSU. Potential volunteer opportunities include:

- Giving students the opportunity to work on a Prisoner Art Exhibit
- As well as a chance for students who are willing to work with juveniles in the community.

For more info: phone: 826-3795, e-mail: uturn@humboldt.edu, located in house 55, room 101.

The Apology and Reconciliation Committee Update

The SSA is pleased to collaborate with ARC (The Apology and Reconciliation Committee) in social activism and community change on the campus of HSU. ARC is a student run organization dedicated to educating the community about local indigenous tribes and acknowledging these tribes in our community. The over arching goal of ARC is to change the behavior between indigenous and non indigenous groups to create a more caring and inclusive community. ARC feels this mission

could be facilitated by a week of awareness, education and dialogue. The Apology and Reconciliation Committee has planned and set the dates for its reconciliation week to be held on the campus of HSU. The goal of this week is to educate and aware the campus of indigenous populations in Humboldt County and to begin a reconciliation process with the indigenous peoples.

The week of apology and reconciliation has many activities planned to facilitate and expand the knowledge base of community members. This event has been planned for February 23-27, 2004 with a variety of events happening all week. The committee has selected speakers, videos, poetry slams, and interactive simulations to educate and aware members of Humboldt County of indigenous groups. It is the committees hope that these processes will help educate and aware the community with its connections to the indigenous tribes. All members of the community are invited to the reconciliation week and this event is free to the public. A schedule of all of the events will be distributed on campus and in the community. Please mark your calendars and get involved in this event. The week has something to offer for everyone. If anyone is interested in helping with the ARC week, please email teachpeace@redwoodhumboldt.edu, any volunteer assistance would

be appreciated.

Supply Drive

The Sociology Student's Association is sponsoring a supply drive for Northern California Regional Facility and Humboldt County Juvenile Hall from Monday, December 1st through Friday, December 12th. Northern California Regional Facility and Humboldt County Juvenile Hall are in need of various supplies. Both facilities house young adults up to age 18 who are experiences multiple difficulties and would benefit from caring support. Please visit our website at www.humboldt.edu/~soc/ for a list of needed supplies and drop off locations.

Grad/Undergrad Mentor Program

Reaching out and making a difference, for the 1st time the SSA is offering mentoring to undergraduate sociology majors. Graduate student volunteers plan to provide undergraduates an academic partnership to facilitate their learning experience help to create a more connected feel in the Sociology department. This is a way to meet your fellow students and just talk about ideas, hang out and have coffee, or ask specific question that will help to guide the learning experience while an undergraduate here at HSU. This is a chance to meet fellow students outside the classroom setting. For more info contact Amancio Elizaga at ae5@humboldt.edu.