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Upcoming Events:

- ☺ IUS in CANADA
- ☺ ESS in BOSTON
- ☺ GLC at WEST POINT

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ARMY Sociology

Acting Director's Note

Dear Friends of ARMY Sociology,

We're back! We've been so busy we managed to forgo the newsletter completely skipping 2011. Another couple of terrific years are behind us that need to be shared. We had to said good-bye to **MAJ Jason Toole** and **COL Brian Reed**. **Jason** is currently deployed to Afghanistan and **Brian** is now in BDE Command in Alaska. Notably we say good-bye, kinda, to **BG(R) Tom Kolditz**. Tom headed BS&L during the most productive years of ARMY Sociology. No doubt, much of our success can be attributed to his leadership. We don't totally say good-bye though. The USMA Academic Board has elected to confer the coveted title of Professor Emeritus upon Dr. Kolditz and with a position at Yale School of Management, where he is Professor of Practice, we expect to hear from him on occasion. We warmly welcome our new BS&L Department Head, **COL Bernie Banks**. We also introduce you to **MAJ Dave Uthlaut**, **MAJ Sharon Edens**, **Dr. Luke Gerdes**, and **Ms. Kristine Ringler** as they join the ARMY Sociology team. Other features of the newsletter: the Minerva Program is firmly anchored in the Sociology bullpen producing smart and relevant research and creating opportunities for cadets. Additionally, a wonderful line of thought leaders paraded through our sociology courses. Cadets and faculty are around the planet engaging populations in a whole host of ways. Closer to home, we continue good sociological deeds by engaging in community service—New York City and Yonkers, NY. We had another rich AKD induction ceremony. We continue to rock the Trip Sections as well and we're teaching high school students about sources of social inequality. ARMY Sociology faculty continue to make a scholarly impact. Last, we've received communiqués from many of you from around the world. So, on behalf of COL Irving Smith, who is currently deployed to Afghanistan, be you current, past, or future friends of ARMY Sociology, enjoy the newsletter. May your sociological imagination be filled with ideas. Let us hear from you. All the best in the coming academic year. Visit us on Facebook. MGE



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ARMY Sociology Classes



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ARMY Sociology 2011

2LT Avi Bakshani
2LT George Chewning
2LT Irene Colonna
2LT Joshua Covey
2LT Yecenia Diaz
2LT Cortney Heaps
2LT Nicole Hilaire
2LT Edmond Martin
2LT Michael Nilsen
2LT Jennifer Smith
2LT Haleigh Taylor
2LT Mel Walker
2LT Kathleen Woodhams

ARMY Sociology 2012

(June 2012)
Michel Clark
2LT Ariel Espinoza-Levy
2LT Hannah Minney
2LT Brianna Perez
2LT Rachel Stuhlmiller

(August 2012)
2LT Daniel White

(December 2012)
CDT Sara Lehman

ARMY Sociology – Class of 2013

- Shane Arguello
- Janae Bell
- Triada Cross
- Geoffrey Easterling
- Victoria Emerson
- Matthew Jedras
- Michael Joyner
- Shelby Kincaid
- John Lang
- Megan Metts
- Carlton Shelley

ARMY Sociology – Class of 2014

- Kimberly An
- Janelle Bass
- Donna Bennett
- Emily Carl
- Karlos Febus-Traphagen
- Cameron Goins
- Laivan Greene
- Joshua Kim
- Jocelyn Lewis
- Asim Lynch
- Kaley Mosher
- Kristin Rogers
- Hillary Rollins
- Katherine Wacker

Class of 2012



Class of 2011





RIGHT: Major David A. Uthlaut is a native of Charleston, SC and was commissioned as an Infantry Officer from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 2001. He has served in the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), 25th Infantry Division, and the 75th Ranger Regiment, including three deployments to Iraq and two to Afghanistan. During that time he served as a platoon leader, company executive officer, battalion assistant operations officer, Iraqi Security Forces liaison officer, brigade adjutant, and company commander. He completed a Master of Arts in sociology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2011, and he teaches both Sociology and Leadership courses at West Point. Dave is married to the former Haley Ann Dennison of Oklahoma City, OK, and they have two sons, Jackson (19 months) and Caleb (7 weeks).



RIGHT: Major Sharon Edens is a new rotating junior faculty member in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership and is initially teaching PL300. She finished her Master's Degree in Sociology from the University of Maryland, College Park in 2012. Her thesis focused on how the work identities of Army Engineers impact their decision to remain in the military. She began her military career in 1997 after graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and spent five years enlisted prior to commissioning as an Engineer out of Officer Candidate School. Prior to grad school, her most recent deployment was to Afghanistan as an individual augmentee from 2009-2010. MAJ Edens' current research interests are military sociology, military families, identity, and veterans. She is married and has a family of five boys.



RIGHT: Tom Kolditz's daughters, Jenna and Kerri, pin on his star as BG Tim Trainor looks on.



LEFT: On 17 May 2012 in the Thayer Awards Room, the BS&L department recognized COL Kolditz as the outgoing Department Head and welcomed COL Bernard Banks as the new Department Head with a Change of Responsibility Ceremony. BG Timothy Trainor presided over the ceremony. In addition, COL Bernard Banks was recognized as the newest PUSMA. A reception was held immediately following the ceremony in the BS&L department.

RIGHT: General Robert Cone talks with cadets in the BS&L Conference Room. GEN Cone earned a MA in Sociology at the University of Texas and taught in BS&L from 1988 to 1991. Ms. Cone and Dr. Mady Segal spoke with cadets in the Marriage and Family course during their visit. GEN Cone received the BS&L Distinguished Alumni Award at the Department's Annual GatherING affair.





Dr. Luke M. Gerdes joined the ARMY Sociology bullpen this past March. Luke is a Minerva Fellow, housed in the Sociology Program of the United State Military Academy's Department of Behavioral Science and Leadership. He came to USMA after spending a year conducting research at the Strategic Studies Institute at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA. He earned his PhD in Public and International Affairs from the University of Pittsburgh in 2012. He also holds a Masters in Public and International Affairs, with an emphasis on Security and Intelligence Studies, from the same institution, as well as an undergraduate degree in American Studies from Yale University. His Minerva research focuses on radicalization and radical groups in Southeast Asia, and he will teach a course on the same subject in the Spring of 2013. He lives outside Cornwall, NY, with his Boston Terrier, Beanie.

Learn about the West Point Minerva Fellow Program at: <http://www.usma.edu/minerva/SitePages/Home.aspx>



Kristine Ringler is a Research Associate for the Minerva Research Initiative. Ms. Ringler received a BS in Mass Communication from North Dakota State University in 1999. She served with the US Army as a Civil Affairs Reservist from 2002 to 2010, deploying to Iraq (2004 - 2005) and Kosovo (2007 - 2008). She received an MPP in Global Policy for International Development from the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, at the University of Minnesota in 2009. At the Humphrey Institute Kristine's studies focused on the importance of impact evaluation for development initiatives in multidimensional programs. In 2010 she worked as a Research Manager for the Department of the Army's Human Terrain Systems, conducting on the ground socio-cultural research in the Basra and Ninewa Provinces of Iraq. As a member of a Human Terrain Team, she conducted research for the Army, the State Department, US Agency for International Development (USAID) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). Most recently, Ms. Ringler was an instructor and developer on the District Stability Framework for USAID in Afghanistan; where she taught a methodology that enabled multi-national forces, US and foreign government officials and Afghan provincial government leaders to more effectively develop programs in order to mitigate or reduce the root causes of instability.

Her personal research interests include understanding societal and cultural dynamics of developing nations, to enhance community development initiatives which allow the US and foreign governments to make informed decisions based on sustainable agricultural development and resource management programs. Another interest is studying the effectiveness of COIN Stability Operations initiatives and connecting ground application efforts to strategic levels in a conflict environment. More specifically the relationship between civilian and military operations and the impact it has on the local population.



LEFT: Cadets enrolled in PL372 (Sociology of the Family) and members of the Corbin Forum attended the 10th Annual Relationships and the Military Forum on the evening of April 17th in the Haig Room. Cadets listened intently and networked in small groups with several married military officers assigned to West Point. The event was facilitated by CDT Brianna Perez ('12) and Dr. Morten Ender and after the formal program ended, discussions lasted well into the evening with many cadets remaining to engage panelists informally about marriage and family issues in the U.S. Army.

BELOW: Dr. Meg Harrell talk with cadets about her book Invisible Women to COL Reed's Marriage and the Family class.



LEFT: The Sociology Program hosted Mr. Mark L. Goldsmith the Founder, President, and CEO of Getting Out and Staying Out, Inc. (GO&SO). He oversees all public relations, court and criminal justice system advocacy; and program development initiatives at GO&SO and engages in and oversees all fundraising and financial activities. In addition to his endeavors with GO&SO Mr. Goldsmith has more than 35 years of experience in corporate management and entrepreneurship and has served on several corporate boards. He was recently honored the Purpose Prize, a \$100,000 grant for his work to reduce recidivism.



RIGHT: Mrs. Cone met with cadets enrolled in PL372 (Sociology of Marriage and the Family) in order to provide her perspective on the impact of military life on family readiness. LTC Remi Hajjar sat in on the session.



RIGHT: Mrs. Donna McAleer, the author of "Porcelain on Steel," visited the Academy on 9 February and spoke to Firstie sociology majors enrolled in PL482 (Armed Forces and Society). Mrs. McAleer highlighted the stories of several women from her book. Her talk helped cadets better understand the history of women in the military, the role of women in the military; gender issues in the military; contemporary gender issues in the military; and provided a perspective on how society influences the military and vice versa in our society.





LEFT: CDT Hillary Rollins (Sociology '14) visited an orphanage in Vietnam as part of her AIAD through Global Spectrum during Summer 2012.



LEFT and BELOW: Cadets Triada Cross (Sociology '13) and Shane Arguello (Sociology '13) pose for photos wearing ARMY Sociology t-shirts in Singapore before the Gardens by the Bay and the Straits of Malaca during a summer AIAD.



RIGHT Dr. Bruce Keith (left) worked this summer with the Center for Nation Reconstruction and Capacity Development (C/NRCD) as part of the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) at Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia.



RIGHT: Kate Coronges presented her research work at the 8th United Kingdom Social Network Analysis Conference in Bristol, UK, 28-30 June, 2012. Her co-authored work with BG(ret) Chris Arney was highlighted in sessions on Teams and Leadership. This 3-day conference included presentations by several international leaders in network research. Dr. Coronges gave a talk titled "How Organizations Self organize: Coevolution of Military, Team, and Friendship Dynamics." This conference brings together researchers from all of Europe and the United States to discuss topics on social influence, social media, public policy, health, business, and communication.





On 30 January, 33 cadets majoring in Sociology along with 4 USMA Preparatory School cadets, COL Irving Smith (Sociology), Dr. Morten Ender (Sociology), and Ms. Stephanie Marsh from the USMA Prep School, joined hundreds of other volunteers in NYC to participate in the NYC Department of Homeless Services HOPE Project. During the city-wide Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE), USMA cadets and faculty helped canvas the streets of NYC from 10 pm until 4 am. This is the third year USMA has participated in the count. This year there was significant outreach to homeless veterans. Cadets Victoria Mohl, Dan White, and Jozlyn McCaw are featured in the article in the Huffington Post: <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/01/31/homeless-count-hud->



Doing Sociology...



ABOVE: COL Irving Smith (Sociology) traveled to Patrick Air Force base to speak about racism at the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI). COL Smith provided valuable insights about the racism and its impacts on the armed forces.



LEFT: CDT Brianna Perez shared her senior research project titled *Hook-Up Culture at West Point* with Plebes in the PL100 Enrichment lesson.

ARMY Sociology and H4H

Below: Cadets from across the Academy accompanied Sociology cadets and Dr. Morten Ender and Dr. Bruce Keith where they continued work on two houses in Yonkers, New York that are being built for veterans as part of the Habitat for Humanity program. This on-going effort from cadets and faculty in the ARMY Sociology program has help renovate homes that will be ready at the end of 2012 for occupation by American veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan.



Below: The Sociology program had three cadets volunteer for an alternative Spring Break in Yonkers, NY. Dr. Bruce Keith and the cadets worked at a Habitat for Humanity site over the Spring Break period. The cadets worked at a house on Orchard



Street to prepare it for a veteran family scheduled to move into the home around 7 April. The cadets worked with students from St. Joe's College, Maine and Virginia Commonwealth University. The cadets reported that they not only had a great time, but also made some new friends while conducting a valuable service to the Academy and the community.

Habitat for Humanity in Yonkers, New York



On Saturday, 3 December cadets and faculty from the Sociology program along with other cadets (and O'Neill high school junior Axel Ender) continued the renovation of four homes for Habitat for Humanity in Yonkers, New York. The project was supervised by Dr. Bruce Keith and the homes will ultimately go to veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and their families in late 2012. Cadets participating in the project included Geoffrey Easterling '13 (CIC and Spirit/Community Service/Honor NCO); Carolyn Fiore '13; Dylan Heer '13; Cody Keogh '15; Chris Posadas '13; Brian Severson '13; Carlton Shelley '13; Matt Watkins '14; Zach Boyd '15; Fred Beebe '12; Chase Drummond '15; and Steve Davidson '13 .





NYC Social Inequality Trip

LEFT: PL377 (Social Inequality) attended an all-day cultural excursion to New York City. Cadets received a “Gangs of New York” walking tour that intersected course readings about immigrants to New York, the Civil War draft riots, and the recent Martin Scorsese film. Next the cadets toured the Tenement Museum and conducted cultural observations including a visit to the “Occupy Wall Street” demonstrations near the World Trade Center Memorial.



ABOVE: Dr. Diane Harriford, Professor of Sociology at Vassar College, led a discussion with faculty members about integration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) students into the classroom. Dr. Harriford’s discussion focused on considerations and challenges associated with openly homosexual students in a college environment. The topic was relevant and informative, especially due to the recent repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.”

ARMY Sociology—Out and About



ABOVE: Geoff Easterling ('13) meets with Mr. Troy Vincent, Vice President, Player Engagement, National Football League.

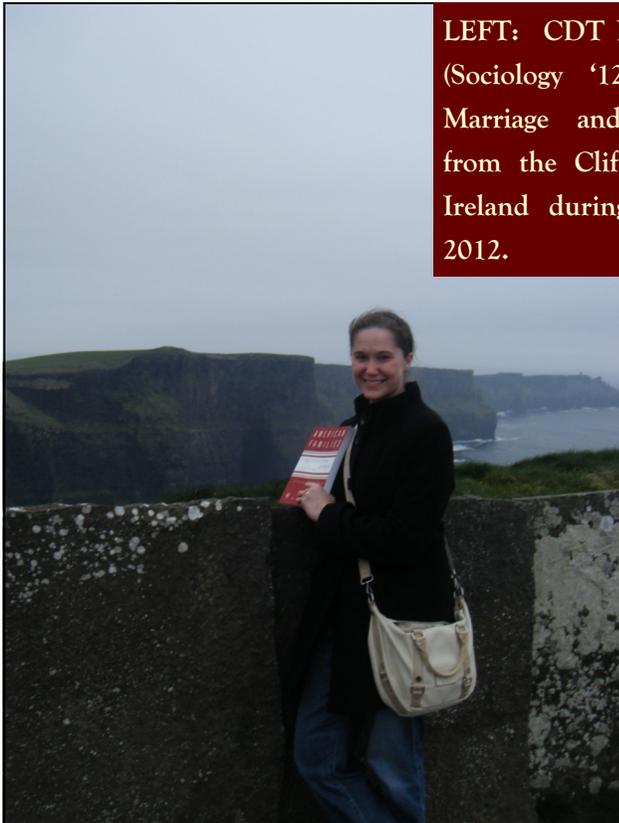


ABOVE: Dr. Ender instructs Plebes from the PL100 Enrichment class about the McDonaldization of society while at an actual McDonalds, in Highland Falls.

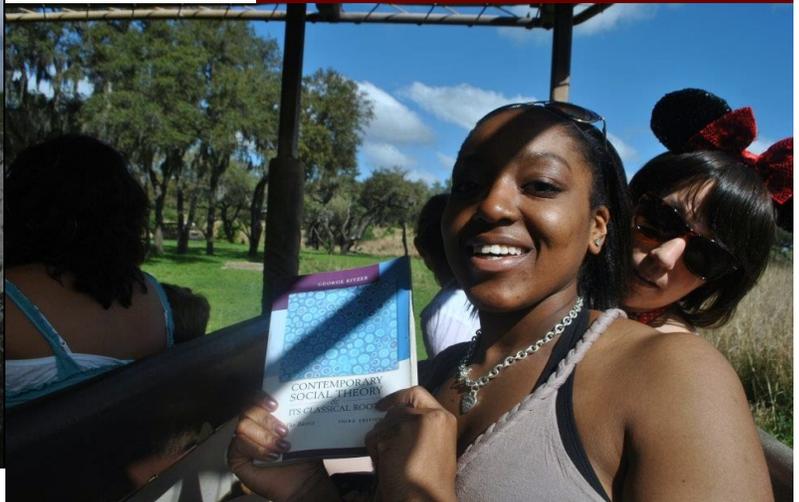
BELOW: ARMY Sociology t-shirt spotted at Andy's Restaurant in Highland Falls. Cadet Josh Jones ('12) in the Marriage and Family course spotted the shirt.



ARMY Sociology—Spring Break

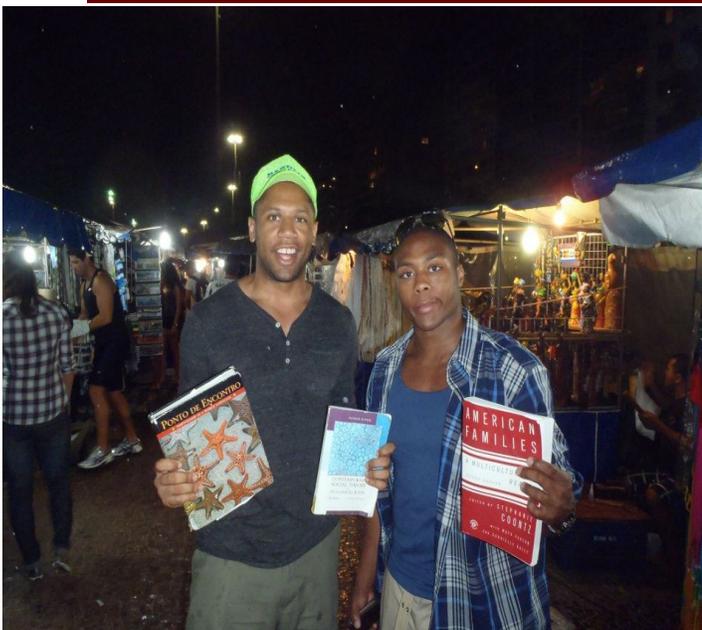


LEFT: CDT Hannah Minney (Sociology '12) displays her Marriage and Family book from the Cliffs of Moher in Ireland during Spring Break 2012.



BELOW: CDT Triada Cross (Sociology '13) displays her Sociological Theory book while on an African Safari at Disney World during Spring Break 2012.

RIGHT: Cadets Stephanie King (L) and Alecia Moore (R) pose with the Reverend Jesse Jackson in New Orleans during Alternative Spring Break.



LEFT: CDTs Geoff Easterling and Carlton Shelley (Sociology '13) display their books for extra credit in a late night market place in Rio, Brazil during Spring Break 2012.

ARMY Sociology Back in New Orleans—Alternative Spring Break 2011



While most cadets and faculty were off relaxing at their homes or in exotic places, seven cadets (Shelby Kincaid, Janae Bell, Sarah Pendergraft, Alecia Moore, Joshua Capers, Stephanie King and Shelby Jackson) and two faculty members (Dr. Bruce Keith and COL Irving Smith) embarked on an alternative spring break in New Orleans, Louisiana. The joint venture between the sociology program and the directorate of admissions, dubbed "Operation Sudden Impact IV," allowed cadets to engage in community service by re-vegetating green spaces and engaging citizens of New Orleans about the benefits and opportunities of West Point education. Some of the highlights included cadets meeting the Rev. Jesse Jackson, meeting with Congressman Cedric Richmond (D-LA) (above) and meetings with students from local high schools and middle schools. In the end Cadets also planted well over 250 trees! Below cadets and Dr. Keith, COL Smith, LT Mudak, and Mr Petrey, pose with cadets before the commemorative plaque.



ARMY Sociology—Alpha Kappa Delta



LEFT: Three cadets majoring in Sociology (Cadets Rachel Jean Stuhlmiller , '12, Triada Cross, '13, and Carolyn Fiore, '13) were inducted into the Alpha Phi Chapter of the International Sociological Honor Society Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD). The speaker for the ceremony was Dr. Stacie Furia (far right) from UCLA, who delivered an excellent talk

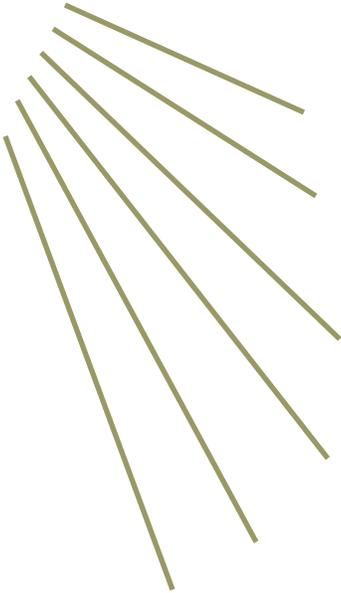
RIGHT: On April 11, the Sociology Program in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership inducted its newest members into the Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) International Sociological Honor Society. The inductees this year were Dr. Bruce Keith (Professor, Office of the Dean), Cadet Mike Nil- sen ('11) , Cadet Sarah Lehman ('12), Cadet Brianna Perez ('12), and Cadet Janae Bell ('13). Mr. Al Petrie, the President of the Friends of Lake View, a civics organization in New Orleans, LA was the invited induction ceremony speaker. His talk was a riveting account of how his community organized relief efforts after Hurricane Katrina and the impact of West Point Cadets in the relief effort.

on Film Reels: Cinematic Portrayals of Gender in the Military 1932-Present.”



ARMY Sociology—The Next Generation

BELOW: SLS high school students participate in “Modified Monopoly” with Dr. Morten Ender during Summer 2012.



ARMY Sociology—Awards and Projects Day



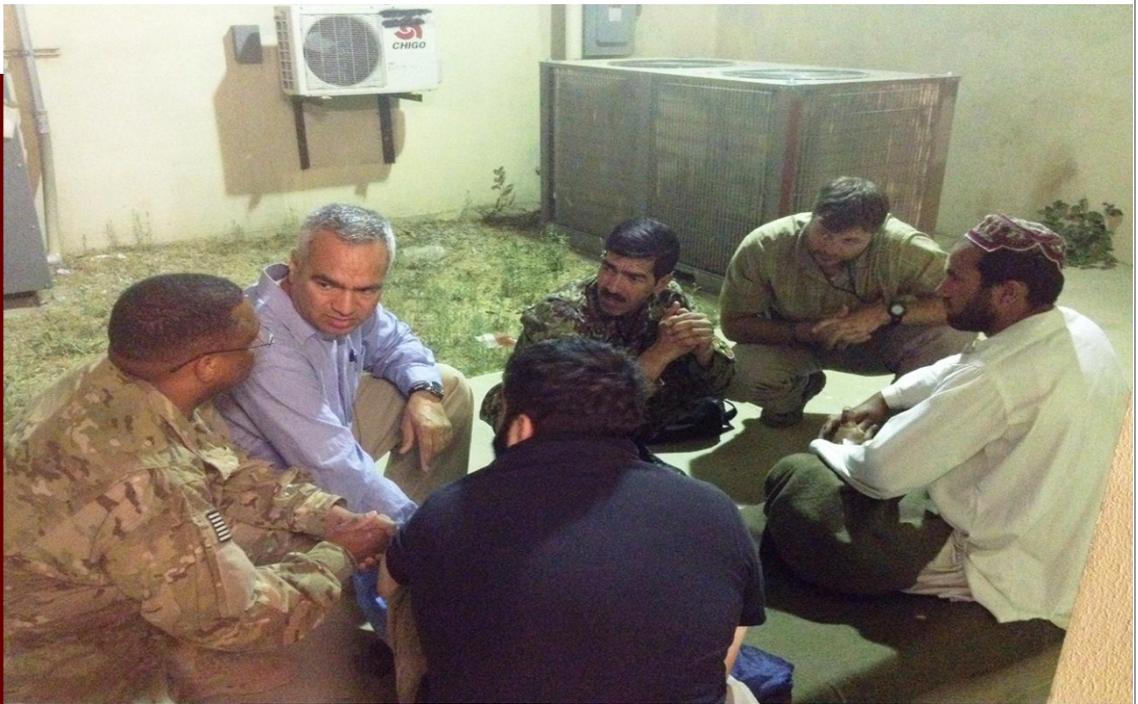
ABOVE: Rachel Stuhmiller (Sociology '12) (center) is the Dr. Charles Hunter Coates Excellence in Sociology 2012 recipient. Matt Jedras received the Award in 2011.

RIGHT: CDT Sara Lehman (Sociology '12) explains her research study about invisible mothers at West Point to COL Joseph DeAntono, USMA Brigade Tactical Officer during Projects Day 2012 at West Point.



ARMY Sociology—SUMMER 2012

RIGHT COL Smith, serving in Afghanistan reported that he has learned a great deal about the current operations and as a result is better equipped to speak to cadets and junior faculty about their roles and what will be expected of them in the Army. Of special note, he met with several female West Point Graduates serving on Cultural Support Teams and is currently working on a project to help them tell their story. COL Smith has also been working with the local population on social issues such as health care provisions.



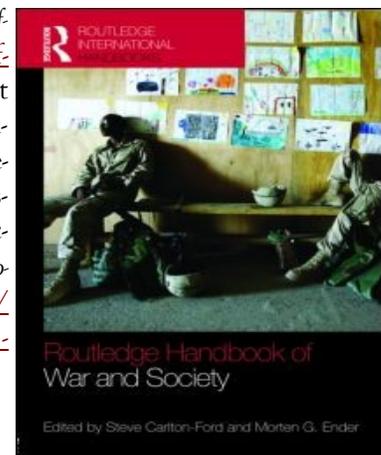
RIGHT: MAJ Darcy Schnack is promoted to LTC by COL Donna Brazil and MAJ Troy Schnack as the Schnack girls look on.



ARMY Sociology Faculty Research

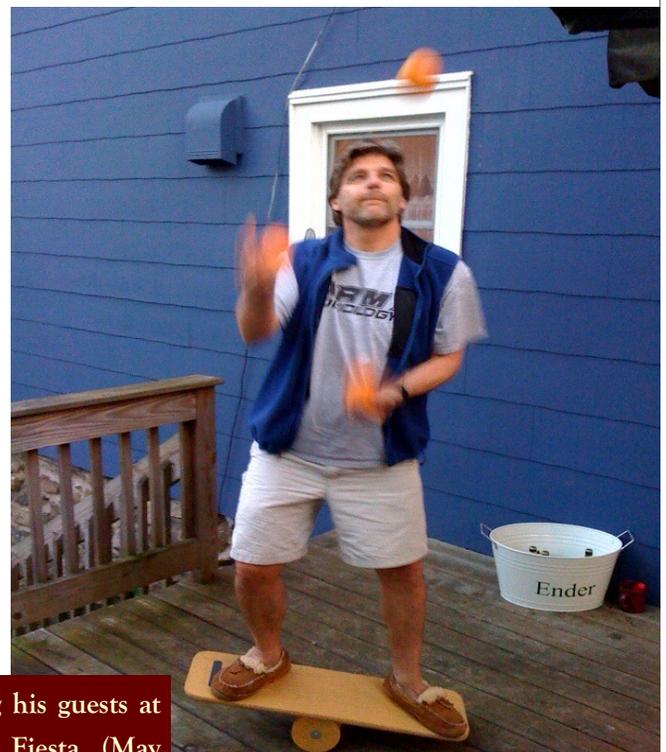
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Professor Morten Ender of BS&L and Professor Steve Carlton-Ford (University of Cincinnati) received the 2010 Outstanding Book Award from the Peace, War, and Social Conflict Section of the American Sociological Association for their collaborative book titled *The Routledge Handbook of War and Society: Iraq and Afghanistan* (Info at: <http://www.routledgestrategicstudies.com/books/Handbook-of-War-and-Society-ISBN9780415567329>). The book provides an introduction to current sociological and behavioral research on the effects of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, combat and non-combat aspects, in-theater and at home. The award was presented on August 15, 2011 at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association in Las Vegas, NV. Notably, Dr. Ender also received the 2009 PW&SC Section Outstanding Book Award for his book *American Soldiers in Iraq: McSoldiers or Innovative Professionals* (Routledge). Information at: <http://www.routledgestrategicstudies.com/books/American-Soldiers-in-Iraq-ISBN9780415777896>.



ARMY Sociology Alums

- ☺ Congratulations to COL Irving Smith on his promotion this Spring to Associate Professor.
- ☺ Congratulations **Dr. Mady Segal** on her recent retirement after 35 years of contributions to Military Sociology.
- ☺ COL **Scott Efflandt** sends greetings from Kuwait. He is headed to the War College in Carlisle, PA
- ☺ Congratulations to **Dr. Ryan Kelty**—promoted to Associate Professor and awarded tenure at Washington College.
- ☺ MAJ **Darcy Schnack** is finishing up her PhD course work at Boston College and is headed back to West Point..
- ☺ LTC **Remi Hajjar** continues his Ph.D. in Sociology at Northwestern University and will join Army Sociology in 2013.
- ☺ MAJ **Todd Woodruff** completed his Ph.D. at UNC Chapel Hill and joined BSL again this summer 2012.
- ☺ MAJ **Katie Mathew** (née Powell) (Sociology '00) recently had her second child and is headed to ILE in Leavenworth.
- ☺ **Lene Baxter** (Sociology '08) is teaching kite-sailing in Savanna, Georgia
- ☺ 2LT **Jonathan Seaton** (Sociology '11) publishes project Hope story: <http://ireport.cnn.com/docs/DOC-553047>.
- ☺ **Abby Shields Griffin** (Sociology '05) recently graduated from Nursing School.
- ☺ CPT **Laura Weimer** completed her first year of graduate work in Sociology at Duke University.
- ☺ MAJ **Dave Uthlaut** and his wife had their second son.
- ☺ **Sara Ewing Skinner** (Sociology '02) recently completed her MSW (Masters in Social Work).
- ☺ 2LT **Catlynn Arreguin** (Sociology '09) completed a deployment from Afghanistan.
- ☺ CPT **Gary Wade** (Sociology '04) began graduate studies at Columbia University in the Eisenhower Leadership Development Program.
- ☺ CPT **Jess Dawson** has been selected to attend graduate school in Sociology in 2013.



RIGHT: Dr. Ender entertaining his guests at the annual ARMY Sociology Fiesta (May

Parting Shots



ABOVE : CDT Carolyn (Nina) Fiore (Sociology, 2013) (right) before the Copacabana Palace in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil with Brazilian 2LT Davi Democris. Nina is spending the fall semester abroad studying in Brazil and learning Portuguese. LEFT: Nina with her study abroad “battle buddy” in Brazil CDT Erin McShane. (Comparative Politics, 2013).

