Chair, Dr. Cheryl Childers

Faculty
Dr. Sharla Blank
Dr. Stephanie Decker
Dr. Karen Kapusta-Pofahl
Dr. Sangyoub Park
Dr. John Paul
Dr. Mary Sundal
Dr. Margaret Wood

Department Secretary
Nancy Bachman

News in 2012

Please welcome our new faculty member Dr. Stephanie Decker. She received her Ph.D from the University of Kansas in 2012. She will be teaching a variety of courses including criminology, deviance.

The Department of Sociology/Anthropology has a new homepage. Please check out the homepage.

Dr. Paul is the new director of Bachelor of Integrated Studies (BIS). BIS is a “degree that gives students exposure to multiple disciplines that are relevant to their personal interests, goals, aspirations, or career path, despite never completing the full set of major requirements in a specific discipline.”

Nancy Bachman joined the department as a secretary. She has been an important instrument to the department in a short time.

2012 Faculty Summer Activities

Dr. Paul presented two research papers at 2012 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO. His presentations include “Playing Vodou/Voodoo: Imitation and Meaning in Political and Popular Cultural Depictions of Baron Samedi” and “Prison-cum-nursing home in Japan.”

Dr. Park spent about two months on a Sweet Sabbatical in South Korea. He investigated Korea’s demographic trends including
growing numbers of aging population and immigrants. He also visited Tokyo, Japan to explore changing Japanese culture. Further, Dr. Park presented his two papers at 2012 American Sociological Association Meeting at Denver, CO. The research papers are “Prison-cum-nursing home in Japan” and “Redefining Singles.”

She took time to treat herself with a fantastic zipline while she did her research!

**Announcements**

**Study Abroad by Department of Kinesiology and So/AN**

Sport Traditional and Cultural History of Europe (May 20-29, 2013) London & Paris (WTE Scholarship available) Contact Dr. John Paul

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Dr. Park, Fashion Street Harajuku, Tokyo, Japan

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