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Greetings, Environment and Technology Section members!

I'm honored to assume the position of Section Chair this year, and look forward to working with you over the next couple of years. This is a great Section and I'm committed to nurturing our intellectual community as well as keeping the voice of environmental sociology strong—inside our field of sociology and out in the public space beyond our academic circles. I'm also glad to welcome Timmons Roberts as Chair-Elect, and the other new Council members elected this year—Beth Caniglia, who is heading the Membership Committee, and Lori Peek, who chairs the Teaching and Training Committee. To those who have rotated off the Council, many thanks for your service. Thanks also to those who are continuing through the next year. Much appreciation also goes to Phil Brown for his leadership of the Section, and for seeing us through a by-laws change that makes the Section's organizational structure operate more smoothly. Thanks also to Stephan Scholz, who continues as our Newsletter Editor, our Listserv manager Andrew Van Alstyne, and our Webmaster Rob Gardner. The ETS website has recently been moved to Linfield College, and can be found at: <http://www.linfield.edu/soan/et/index.html>.

We had a nice turnout at the Environment and Technology sessions at the ASA meetings in Philadelphia, including our three paper sessions, the section roundtables, and our memorial for Fred Buttel (a special moment for the Section, written up in our summer newsletter). The Section also creatively expanded its space for discussion when Maurie Cohen organized a well-attended symposium on "The Death of Environmentalism" at nearby Drexel University. We would like to use this model more often in the future, since the space that the ASA allocates to us is limited by current membership numbers and imposes time and format constraints. While we would certainly like to increase our membership, we can also expand our space/time by co-sponsoring sessions with other sections, the ASA, and other groups, as we have done in the past. We will continue to look for those opportunities, and I welcome your suggestions. Ken Gould, who is now officially our liaison with Sociologists Without Borders, is looking into some interesting possibilities for co-sponsorship and local/global connections that would suit our location in Montreal next year. Riley Dunlap is talking to some of our Canadian colleagues about local arrangements and possibilities for dialogue and interchange with them at the meetings. I am working on building some bridges with the Community and Urban Sociology Section, and look forward to hearing from you about other ideas.

As I did last year as Chair-Elect, I will be organizing the paper

sessions for our 2006 meetings in Montreal. We will have two sessions*, one with an open topic that will be put together based on papers received, and a second one that will focus on the theme "Society and Nature: Theoretical Approaches." As stated in the Call for Papers, this session gives us the chance to explore the theoretical core of environmental sociology as well as its edges and intersections with other subdisciplines of sociology. We will also have the usual one-hour roundtables, and I will be working with Jan Meij, Ph.D. student at Oklahoma State University, on organizing these. Please remember that groups of people may suggest informal discussion groups around topics they want to explore, but for which they do not have formal papers. This includes students—I heard some interesting ideas for student-organized roundtables when we were in Philadelphia, so do make yourselves heard (and remember that Marcia Gossard is the student representative on the Council). We also plan to have an "Author Meets the Critics" session, for which I invite your suggestions. We hope that this combination of presentation and discussion spaces reflects the variety of scholarship in our Section and also leaves plenty of room for the public sociology side of our work.

The ASA has gone to an electronic submissions process, so watch for the deadlines in the Call for Papers and remember to download your materials when the time comes. Most importantly, send us your work! Although the space in the paper sessions is always limited, the roundtables give us more flexibility, and they work well to connect us across our range of interests and in the various phases of our projects. [*last year we had three paper sessions because our Section Day was on the last day of the meetings—this year we're back to two, but we will be at the front end of the meetings—until we pass the 400 membership mark, we will only get two sessions, so by all means encourage your colleagues and students to join!]

As the recent events surrounding Hurricane Katrina so vividly demonstrate, our voice and our expertise are badly needed as part of the public dialogue, even if they are too often ignored. To amplify our public voice, the Council recently supported the initiative of Secretary/Treasurer Bob Brulle and Chair-Elect Timmons Roberts to construct a list of environmental Sociologists who could serve as potential media contacts. The Section then purchased two press releases, one from eReleases and one from the Society of Environmental Journalists, which will reach a wide audience. The ASA supported our efforts and helped us to get the message out. Likewise, earlier this year under the leadership of Phil Brown the Section Council took quick action in response to the firing of Willy Fontenot from the Louisiana Attorney General's Office for defending the

right of students to engage in legal research on corporate pollution. This resulted in an ASA resolution condemning the incident as interference with free inquiry. These are just a couple of examples of public action on important issues. I know that there are lots of ways that each of us contributes to our Environment and Technology community, and I encourage you to share your ideas, questions, projects, and experience with the Section through our listservs and newsletter.

There are many things coming up that will benefit from your careful attention and most welcome participation. Aside from the Call for Papers, you will see the Call for Nominations for our various awards. Please give some serious thought to making nominations for our Outstanding Publication Award, our Distinguished Contribution Award, and the Marvin E. Olsen Student Paper Certificate. We will also be electing a new slate of candidates for the Council for this year, so there will be quite a few opportunities for those who want to become involved in the Section. Bob Edwards is Chair of the Nominations Committee, and will be seeking nominations to fill these positions. Since all of these things shape the future of our Section, please don't underestimate their importance or hesitate to participate. Finally, watch for updates about the Council's letter to the ASA Executive Committee requesting the ASA to "green" its practices (our letter was printed in the corrected edition of our summer ETS newsletter).

Thanks for being members of this Section—I look forward to hearing from you and meeting even more of you at next year's meetings in Montreal.

Best wishes,

Stella M. Čapek
Chair, ETS



*Stella M. Čapek addressing members
at the annual business meeting*

Distinguished Contribution Award

Dr. Lee Clarke was awarded the Fred Buttel Distinguished Contribution Award at this year's American Sociological Association Meeting. He is the author of "Mission Impossible" and "Worst Cases," both from the University of Chicago Press, and his edited volume, "Terrorism and Disaster: New Threats, New Ideas", was published in 2003. He is an internationally known expert in disasters, and organizational and technological failures. He has also written about the Y2K problem, risk communication, panic, civil defense, evacuation, community response to disaster, and organizational failure.

Dr. Clarke has written for, or been featured in, The Atlantic Monthly, Boston Globe, National Public Radio, the Washington Post, the NY Daily News, among others. He has most recently appeared on the NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, ABC World News Tonight, and National Public Radio's affiliate in Irvine, CA, KUCI. He has been featured in the New York Times and the Harvard Business Review.

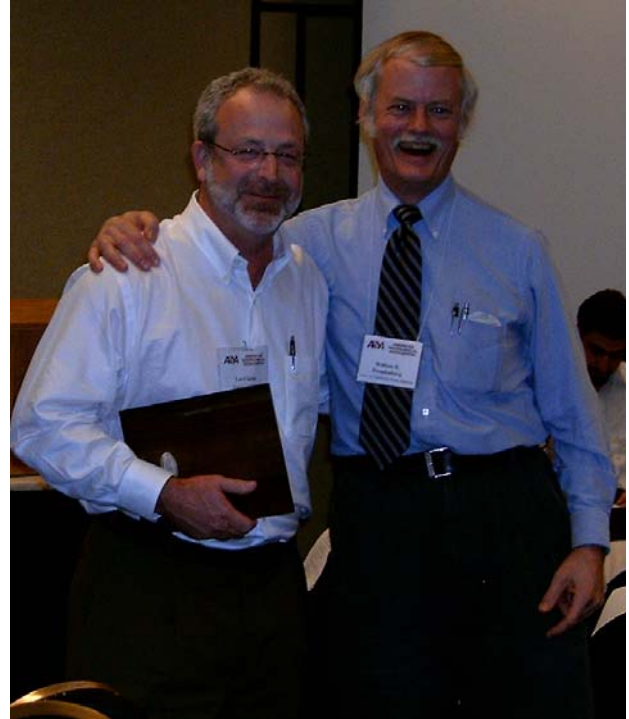
Within the academy, he has bridged important chasms between areas of work that have had too little to do with one another in the past, bringing some of the key concerns and insights of the sociology of environment and technology to organizational sociology, as well as bringing organizational analysis to environmental sociology in ways that had not been imagined before he made them apparent. Rather than being content to stop there, however, he has made the extra effort that is required if the insights from the Sociology of Environment and Technology are to make their way into the consciousness of the broader public. In both fields of ambassadorship, his work has been exemplary. In aggregate, his work has demonstrated such a high level of quality and impact, that the Environment and Technology Section awarded him this year's Fred Buttel Distinguished Contribution Award.

write up submitted by Bob Brulle

Outstanding Publication Award

This year's Outstanding Publication Award went to Dara O'Rourke for his book Community-Driven Regulation: Balancing Development and the Environment in Vietnam.

Honorable mention went to Scott Frickel for his book Chemical Consequences: Environmental Mutagens, Scientist Activism, and the Rise of Genetic Toxicology.



Dr. Lee Clarke (left) and Bill Freudenberg



*Scott Frickel (left), David Sonnenfeld
and Maurie Cohen*

Lost and Found: The Boguslaw Award for Technology and Humanism

by Stella M. Čapek

Section members might be interested to know that I was recently contacted by Dr. Janet Boguslaw, daughter of Robert Boguslaw, for whom our Boguslaw Award for Technology and Humanism is named. As written up in the previous newsletter, this year's winner was Dr. William James Smith Jr. for his paper, "Filling a Gap in International Water Development Discourse: Challenges to Capacity Building at the Rural, Remote and Least-Wealthy Small Island Scale in Chuuk, Micronesia". Janet wrote that although her family had proposed the award, the ASA had never notified them that it actually existed. She was delighted to come across it recently, and wondered who our recipient was. After I wrote to her she replied with the following note, including some recollections about her father:

In short, he was a large (tall and round) guy with a big laugh, big heart, and always worried about the little guy. He was a C.Wright Mills Award winner for his book, *The New Utopians*. Interestingly, Tom Shapiro, co-author with Melvin Oliver, dedicated his part of the book *Black Wealth/White Wealth* to my dad - and that book won the C. Wright Mills award too! He taught for many years-until retirement-in the Sociology Dept. of Washington University in St. Louis. He died twelve years ago of pancreatic cancer at age 73 and we tried to get an award set up in his name through the ASA- for him to know it would happen- before he died. But then we never heard about it so I thought maybe it didn't happen! He would be very happy and so am I!

The Boguslaw Award came to us from the ASA, and many of us did not know about its history, or more about the person for whom it was named. This connection gives even more meaning to an award that supports young scholars in an important area.

Life as an Applied Environmental Sociologist

by Ross Mitchell

I've been asked to write a few words about what I do at the Alberta Research Council (ARC) in Edmonton. I am an environmental sociologist who began working in 2003 with ARC's Sustainable Ecosystems unit (see <http://www.arc.ab.ca/Index.aspx/ARC/4360>). My goal as a research scientist is to make useful recommendations for clients and others looking for solutions to socio-environmental challenges. More specifically, as an applied social scientist, I am interested in the human-nature interface, particularly those impacts and issues that affect rural communities. My work is not limited to theoretical aspects of sociology and environmental science, or 'theory for theory's sake.' Instead, I believe in the adage 'science is not done in a vacuum,' which I interpret to mean that one must merge theory with both experience and intuition if something truly innovative is to result. For me, it also means spending significant time in the field. I like to work in places where I can meet and interact face-to-face with individuals, groups, communities, and agencies, especially those that have some connection to environmental issues.

Environmental sociologists recognize that human-caused environmental problems or crises involve many complex factors and diverse actors. To address this complexity in ways that make sense, I study various

(and sometimes opposing) perspectives that illustrate tensions and conflicts among people and institutions, but that also point the way toward sustainable solutions. My research is driven by the way that people perceive, value, and use (sometimes abuse) our natural resources and the environment. I especially want to examine how issues are defined, perceived, and responded to by those that live and work in rural or resource-dependent areas, or are otherwise affected by environmental decisions – whether those decisions are their own or are those taken by someone else. Participatory decision-making over natural resource use has been one of my main research interests over the past ten years.

Prior to becoming an environmental sociologist, I spent many years working in rural planning and development, and in forest management, more specifically. It was my work in the late 1980s in northern Peru as a forestry advisor with CUSO that made me realize some of the ways in which both social inequalities and wellbeing are manifest in environmental matters. The places in which I work are often far removed from fast-paced urban environments. They have included mountain, forest, agricultural and service-based communities in Canada (British Columbia, Alberta, and Ontario), as well as in Latin America. In the latter region, my research work

has taken me to the Sierra Madre mountain range of Oaxaca in southern Mexico, the Andean highlands and Amazon of Peru, and the Atlantic Rainforest of northern Paraguay. All of these regions are rich in biological and cultural diversity, but are also experiencing high levels of poverty and often severe environmental pressures on threatened landscapes.

My recent work includes an environmental governance project in northern Paraguay, where ARC has teamed up with the Moises Bertoni Foundation (FMB) and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). One of our key goals is to establish a land management planning process that is dynamic, participatory, gender-balanced, equitable, and sustainable. Other work includes creating or applying sociological tools for measuring attitudes and indicators of sustainability. These tools are meant to allow for greater public participation and improved societal understanding in natural resource management. This research will eventually be applied to landscape cumulative effects modelling and may help support rural extension activities with farmers and other rural folk. Ultimately, I hope to contribute to better societies and the environment that we depend upon, whether in Alberta or elsewhere.

Recent publications include a book chapter called "Planting Trees, Building Democracy: Sustainable Forestry in Mexico," in *Environmental Issues in Latin America and the Caribbean* by Springer Publishing (2005), and a forthcoming Canadian Forest Service report co-authored with John Parkins called the "Practitioner's Guide to Deliberative Practices in Natural Resource Management" (2005). I have also edited a book, *Consuming Nature: Essays on the Political Ecology of Thorstein Veblen*, which is currently under consideration with Berghahn Books.

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* This is also being published in the next issue of Rhizome, the newsletter of the Environmental Studies Association of Canada (ESAC). Other newsletters, and the call for conference papers, are at <http://www.thegreenpages.ca/esac/>



Calling all ETS Students!

by Marcia Hill Gossard

As the Student Council Representative, I wanted to write a short note asking students to send article ideas or proposals for upcoming ETS newsletters. The newsletter is a terrific place to cover student news, topics of interest, or other student issues. The most recent article covered the transition from graduate student to new professor of three environmental sociologists. It would be wonderful to have a short piece in the newsletter each quarter that addresses the interests of ETS students. Please send me an email (mgossard@wsu.edu) with your ideas!

Call for Papers: ASA 2006

by Stella M. Čapek

Here is the call for papers for the Environment and Technology Section's sessions at the ASA meetings in Montreal next August. The submission process will once again be set up electronically through the ASA. Please think about ideas you want to share and possible ways to participate. More information will be coming soon.

The Environment and Technology Section welcomes submissions for paper sessions and for one-hour roundtables. The paper sessions include: 1) an open session, with the theme to be constructed based on accepted papers; and 2) a thematic session on "Society and Nature: Theoretical Approaches." This session will explore the theoretical core of environmental sociology, as well as its edges and intersections with other subdisciplines of sociology.

Please send papers to Stella M. Čapek, Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Hendrix College, 1600 Washington Ave., Conway AR 72032, capek@hendrix.edu (phone: 501-450-1308).

Roundtable submissions may be sent to Jan Meij, Oklahoma State University Campus, Sociology Department, CLB # 015, Stillwater, OK 74078-4062, jmmeij1976@yahoo.com (phone: 405-744-9455).

Department Spotlight:
Environmental Sociology at Oklahoma State University
by Beth Schaefer Caniglia

The graduate program in environmental sociology at Oklahoma State University has recently grown significantly, thanks to strong administrative support for environmental research and studies at OSU. Our most recent hires, Riley Dunlap and Tamara Mix, bring us to five resident faculty with a primary interest in the field of environmental sociology. In addition, Tom Burns of the University of Oklahoma has recently been appointed an Adjunct Professor at OSU and will participate in graduate-student training.

Sociology students will benefit from courses and faculty in OSU's graduate programs in Environmental Science and International Studies. The presence of these two large programs also makes it possible for our environmental sociology faculty to offer a wide range of graduate courses on a regular basis. Our current courses include seminars in environmental sociology, international issues in environmental sociology, and the sociology of disasters as well as an advanced topics course that can be used for seminars on topics such as "environmental attitudes, beliefs and values," "environmental justice," and "environmentalism."

While we are committed to offering graduate students comprehensive training in the broad field of environmental sociology, our program is unique in that most of our faculty have a major interest in environmentalism per se, ranging from international environmental action to U.S. environmentalism to local, environmental justice movements.

The graduate program at OSU offers M.S. and Ph.D. degrees with concentrations available in environmental sociology, complex organizations, social inequality, social psychology and deviance & criminology. Recent graduates have taken jobs in academia, public administration, social service and the private sector.

Several scholarships and financial aid packages are available to both in- and out-of-state students, and many graduate students are employed as teaching assistants. Applicants should apply to both the Graduate College and the department by February 1 in order to be considered for admission for fall semester.

Our main campus of 22,000 students is located in Stillwater, Oklahoma, which is 65 miles northeast of Oklahoma City and 65 miles west of Tulsa. A true university town, Stillwater is nationally known as one of the safest cities in the United States and its temperate climate offers an average temperature of 60 degrees.

Students interested in intercollegiate athletics will enjoy OSU's membership in the Big 12 Conference.

As you can see below, our faculty are involved in a wide range of research projects designed to expand our theoretical and substantive understanding of environmental issues around the world. Please give us serious consideration when suggesting graduate programs to students interested in environmental sociology. Direct questions related to our environmental sociology program to Dr. Tom Shriver, tshrivr@okstate.edu, (405) 744-6121.

Beth Schaefer Caniglia (Ph.D. U. of Notre Dame, 2000) conducts research focused at the intersection of social movements, organization and policymaking, especially related to the environmental movement. She has collected extensive data on the Multistakeholder Dialogues at the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development, where she also served as a consultant to the NGO Steering Committee. Her more recent work has turned toward the interaction of science, social movements and public opinion in the creation of environmental policy. She teaches graduate courses on International Issues in Environmental Sociology, Contemporary Organization Theory and Qualitative Methods. Recent publications include: "Informal Alliances vs. Institutional Ties: The Effects of Elite Alliances on Environmental TSMO Network Positions," *Mobilization*, 2001; "All the Rioting That's Fit to Print: Selection Effects in National Newspaper Coverage of Civil Disorders, 1968-1969," *American Sociological Review*, 2004 (with Daniel J. Myers); and "Scholarship on Social Movement Organizations: Classic Views and Emerging Trends," *Mobilization*, 2005 (with JoAnn Carmin).

Riley E. Dunlap (Ph. D., University of Oregon, 1973) joins the OSU faculty in January, 2006. His interests include environmental sociology, social movements and survey research methods. He tracks public opinion on environmental issues, facilitated by serving as Gallup Scholar for the Environment with the Gallup Organization, and also conducts in-depth studies--including cross-national comparisons--of the nature and sources of environmental attitudes, beliefs and worldviews. He is also studying anti-environmentalism, with special attention to the role of the Conservative Movement as a "counter-movement" opposing environmentalism. In addition, Riley analyzes the evolution of environmental sociology, contributing to the

theoretical and methodological development of the field. He will alternate teaching the graduate seminar in environmental sociology with Tom Shriver, and also offer seminars on topics such as environmental attitudes, beliefs and values and American environmentalism. Recent publications include the *Handbook of Environmental Sociology*, 2002 (co-edited with William Michelson) and "Defeating Kyoto: The Conservative Movement's Impact on U.S. Climate Change Policy," *Social Problems*, 2003 (with Aaron McCright).

Tamara L. Mix (Ph. D., University of Tennessee, 2002) joined the OSU faculty in Fall, 2005. Her research interests include environmental justice, inequality, social movements, and social justice. Tammy has studied environmental justice issues in communities impacted by environmental contamination, including examining the influence of class-based perceptions on coalition building between environmental justice and national environmental organizations. Her current projects include an examination of urban sprawl and social justice in small cities, an analysis of power and politics in Alaska's interior predator control program and a study of environmental illness and impacted workers at the Oak Ridge Nuclear Reservation. Tammy's teaching interests include environmental sociology, inequality, social movements and qualitative methods. Recent publications include "Mission Impossible? Environmental Justice Movement Collaboration with Environmentalists and Academics." in D. Pellow and R. Brulle (eds.), *Power, Justice and the Environment: A Critical Appraisal of the Environmental Justice Movement*, 2005 (with Sherry Cable and Donald Hastings) and "Different Voices, Different Venues: Environmental Racism Claims by Activists, Researchers, and Lawyers," *Human Ecology Review*, 2002 (with Sherry Cable and Donald Hastings).

Tom Shriver (Ph.D., University of Tennessee, 1995) is the Graduate Program Director and Chair of the Environmental Sociology Committee. His research interests are in the areas of environmental conflict, social movements, environmental illness, and social inequality. He is particularly interested in state control of environmental activism. He has conducted extensive research on the Oak Ridge Nuclear Reservation and recently completed a project on veterans organizing around Gulf War illness. Currently, he is collaborating with Gary R. Webb on environmental justice research among Native Americans in Oklahoma and he is coauthoring a book manuscript (with Sherry Cable) on the emerging environmental movement in post-communist Czech Republic. Tom regularly teaches graduate seminars in environmental sociology and social movements. Recent publications include "Contested Environmental Hazards and Community

Conflict over Relocation," *Rural Sociology*, 2005 (with Dennis Kennedy) and "Managing the Uncertainties of Gulf War Syndrome: The Challenges of Living with Contested Illness," *Symbolic Interaction*, forthcoming 2006 (with Dennis Waskul).

Gary R. Webb (Ph.D., University of Delaware, 1998) has been a member of the faculty since 2000. His research focuses on the social aspects of natural disasters, technological crises, and other mass emergency situations. He has conducted extensive research on organizational preparedness for, response to, and recovery from various disasters, including the Northridge earthquake, Hurricane Andrew, and the 1999 Marmara, Turkey earthquake. Currently, he is collaborating with Tom Shriver on a study of environmental justice in Oklahoma that also examines the role of public and private sector organizations in the production and concealment of risk. He regularly teaches graduate seminars in the sociology of disaster and organizational deviance. Recent publications include "Sociology, Disasters, and Terrorism: Understanding Threats of the New Millennium," *Sociological Focus*, 2002 and "Role Improvising During Crisis Situations," *International Journal of Emergency Management*, 2004.

Thomas J. Burns (Ph.D. 1990, Maryland) is Professor of Sociology at the University of Oklahoma and Adjunct Professor at OSU. Tom does both quantitative and qualitative research on the interface between human social organization and the natural environment. He has an ongoing collaborative project involving statistical modeling of how macro-level social, demographic, political and economic processes affect environmental outcomes including pollution, deforestation and ecological footprint. He also analyzes rhetorical practices surrounding environmental issues. Tom regularly teaches seminars in environment, ecology and society, social theory, and advanced quantitative methods. Recent publications include "Theorizing and Rethinking Linkages between the Natural Environment and the Modern World-System: Deforestation in the Late 20th Century," *Journal of World-Systems Research*, 2003 (with Edward Kick and Byron Davis) and "How Environmental Movements Can Be More Effective: Prioritizing Environmental Themes in Political Discourse," *Human Ecology Review*, 2001 (with Terri LeMoyné).



Final Call for Paper Proposals RC24 sessions at ISA World Congress 2006 Durban (July 23-29, 2006)

The Research Committee on Society and Environment (RC24) of the International Sociological Association (ISA) is organizing 15 sessions at the ISA 16th World Congress of Sociology, to be held in Durban, South Africa, July 23-29, 2006. To present a paper in one of the sessions, please submit an abstract to one of the two session organizers, as listed below, before October 31, 2005. RC24 has a few travel fellowships for RC24 members from C (and B) countries. For more information on the ISA World Congress, including hotels, fellowships, etc., see: <<http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/congress2006/>>. Contributions are invited for the following sessions:

Session 1

Civil society and the environmental state: Directions in environmental governance.

Organisers: Dana Fisher, Columbia University, USA, drf2004@columbia.edu and Ingolfur Bluehdorn, University of Bath, United Kingdom, mlsib@bath.ac.uk

Session 2

Globalisation and environment.

Organisers: Timmons Roberts, The College of William and Mary, USA, jtrobe@wm.edu and Maria Tysiachniouk, Center for Independent Social Research, Russia, tysiachn@indepsores.spb.ru

Session 3

Innovation and controversy in theories of environment and society.

Organiser: Gert Spaargaren, Wageningen University, Netherlands, gert.spaargaren@wur.nl

Session 4

Environmental justice for sustainable development.

Organisers: Hellmuth Lange, University of Bremen, Germany, lange@artec.uni-bremen.de and Dai-Yeun Jeong, Cheju National University, Korea, jeongdy@cheju.ac.kr

Session 5

Environmental movements and environmental organisations for a sustainable future.

Organisers: Koichi Hasegawa, Tohoku University, Japan, hasegawa3116@yahoo.co.jp and Bill Markham, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, USA, bill@uncg.edu

Session 6

Consumption and lifestyles.

Organisers: Maurie Cohen, New Jersey Institute of Technology, USA, mcohen@adm.njit.edu and Mette Jensen, National Environmental Research Institute, Denmark, mje@dmu.dk

Session 7

Environmental attitudes and behaviors.

Organisers: Riley Dunlap, University of Central Florida, USA, rdunlap@mail.ucf.edu and Seejae Lee, The Catholic University, Korea, seejaelee@catholic.ac.kr

Session 8

Science, technology and risk.

Organisers: Cecilia Claeys Mekdade, University of the Méditerranée, France, claeys.mekdade@luminy.univ-mrs.fr and

Gene Rosa, Washington State University, USA, rosa@wsu.edu

Session 9

Environmental and health issues related to food production and consumption.

Organisers: Julia Guivant, Federal Santa Catalina University, Brazil, juguivant@uol.com.br and Ralph Matthews, University of British Columbia, Canada, ralph.matthews@ubc.ca

Session 10

Community, natural resources, and the environment.

Organisers: David Sonnenfeld, Washington State University, USA, sonn@wsu.edu and Stewart Lockie, Central Queensland University, Australia, s.lockie@cqu.edu.au

Session 11

Nature by design.

Organisers: Matthias Gross, Centre for Environmental Research Leipzig-Halle, Germany, mgrosz@uni-bielefeld.de and Kelly Moore, Brooklyn College, USA, kmoore@brooklyn.cuny.edu

Session 12

African environments: the impact of global apartheid?

Organisers: Jacklyn Cock, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, cockj@social.wits.ac.za and David Fig, South Africa, davidfig@iafrica.co.za

Session 13

Current research in environmental sociology.

Organisers: Arthur Mol, Wageningen University, Netherlands, arthur.mol@wur.nl and Ray Murphy, University of Ottawa, Canada, rmurphy@uottawa.ca

Session 14

Disasters and the Environment (Joint session with Research Committee on Sociology of Disasters, RC39).

Organisers: Ray Murphy, University of Ottawa, Canada, rmurphy@uottawa.ca and Joe Scanlon, Carleton University, Canada, jscanlon@ccs.carleton.ca

Session 15

New technologies, public participation and environmental monitoring: New possibilities for public engagement?

Organisers: Steven Yearly, University of York, United Kingdom, sy3@york.ac.uk and Maria Eugénia Rodrigues, University of York, United Kingdom, mer113@york.ac.uk

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- 2) *Ecological Degradation and Restoration*;
- 3) *Ecological Time*; and
- 4) *Ecological Futures*.

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May 31 - June 2, 2006

ESAC Conference to be held at York University, Toronto, Ontario as part of the Congress of the Humanities and Social Science. The Federation suggests the theme of The City: A Festival of Knowledge/La ville: un festival du savoir and ESAC encourages sessions broadly related to that theme. ESAC is an association made up of academics in a variety of disciplines, activists, and people employed in the environmental sector. We encourage participation in our conference program in a variety of formats, including Special Papers, Regular Papers, Panels (Paper sessions, Workshops, Seminars), Roundtables, Posters and Films/Multimedia Presentations.

Deadline for proposals: January 14, 2006. (Proposals must submitted at www.thegreenpages.ca/esac/conf.htm)



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To increase your chances of having your paper accepted, try to submit your proposal as part of a pre-arranged panel. To connect with others working in your subject area, check the ESAC membership directory (available to members only) and/or join ESAC-L, our electronic discussion list. Look for updates about who is organizing sessions on what at the ESAC website after October 17.

Questions may be directed to Dr. Barbara Jane Davy at barbdavy@sympatico.ca.

Job Openings

University of Florida. The Department of Sociology invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Sociology with primary research interests in environmental and natural resource sociology, to begin as early as August, 2006. The Department of Sociology is building an environmental sociology program and seeks to add to its existing strengths in land use/land cover change and social institutions. This program will contribute to the University of Florida's many research and training initiatives featuring interdisciplinary environmental science. We are interested in all topics within environmental and natural resource sociology, but particularly seek candidates working on environmental health (epidemiology, disasters), environmental change and social inequalities (environmental justice, scarcity and conflict), and natural resource management and policy (water issues, air pollution, global change). We will give priority to candidates with past participation in project grants and experience working across disciplines, particularly with biophysical scientists. The successful candidate will be expected to continue an active research agenda, including the pursuit of external funding and participation in interdisciplinary research efforts, in addition to participating in the Department's undergraduate and graduate teaching program. Candidates must have a Ph.D. in Sociology by August, 2006. Further information on the Department and environmental research at the University of Florida is available on our web site, www.soc.ufl.edu/environment/. Applicants should submit a letter of application, a curriculum vita, and three reference letters to: Stephen G. Perz, Search Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, P.O. Box 117330, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611-7330. The deadline for receipt of applications is December 1, 2005. The University of Florida is an Equal Opportunity employer with a strong commitment to diversity.

Research Assistant Position at OSU. Riley Dunlap, who will join the Department of Sociology at Oklahoma State University in January, is seeking a research assistant beginning Fall semester of 2006. The position will involve conducting research on the Conservative Movement as a counter-movement opposing the Environmental Movement, with particular emphasis on the roles played by Right-Wing Think Tanks in fostering anti-environmental rhetoric, supporting skeptic science and promoting anti-environmental policies. Students interested in the position should apply to the graduate program in Sociology at OSU. The initial position will be for two years, but a student making good progress toward his or her degree can expect funding for completion of the Ph.D. either in the form of an extension of the RA position or a departmental Teaching Assistantship. To obtain materials for applying to Oklahoma State University's Graduate School and to the Department of Sociology contact Dr. Tom Shriver, Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology, 006 CLB, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078 or tshrivr@okstate.edu.

Please note that in addition to the materials required for applying for grad school at OSU, applicants should submit two writing samples such as term papers. For additional information on the research project contact Riley Dunlap at rdunlap@mail.ucf.edu.

Member News

Lawrence Hamilton is part of a team of natural and social scientists recently awarded a three-year \$520,000 grant from the Arctic System Science program of the National Science Foundation to study "Humans and Hydrology at High Latitudes." This collaborative effort by University of New Hampshire and University of Alaska researchers takes a multi-scale approach, integrating pan-Arctic hydrologic and human-dimensions datasets while also conducting more detailed case studies in Alaska.

Hamilton's nine-year North Atlantic Arc project is nearing the end of its cycle. In September, he presented a review of "The human dimensions: Demographic impacts of fisheries decline" at meetings of the International Council for Exploration of the Seas (ICES) held in Aberdeen, Scotland. This will be a chapter in a forthcoming book on *Cod in a Changing Climate*.

On another project directed by Mil Duncan at the University of New Hampshire, Hamilton began analyses of rural trends in "Family, Faith and Politics," under a new \$100,000 grant from the Kellogg Foundation.

This fall, Hamilton joined the Polar Research Board of the National Academies.

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