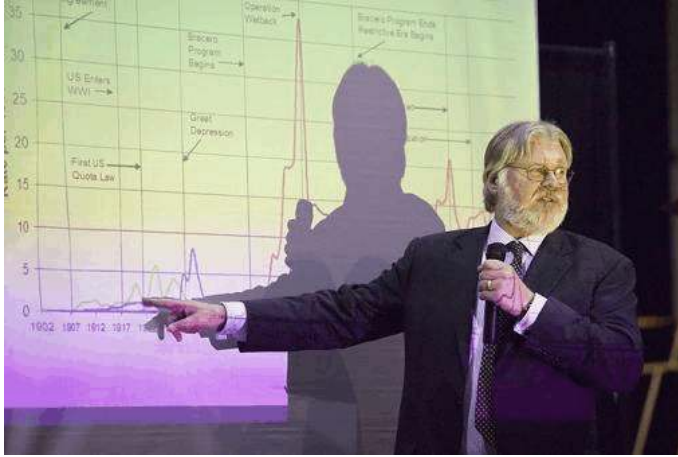


# Sociology Newsletter

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## Doug Massey is Chancellor's Distinguished Lecturer



Douglas Massey, LSU, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Photo courtesy of Jim Zeitz, LSU Public Affairs.

Douglas Massey, the Henry G. Bryant Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs and Faculty Chair of the Ph.D. Program at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, gave a public presentation titled, "Understanding America's Immigration Crisis." on October 19<sup>th</sup>. About 200 people attended the lecture, which was held in the Swine Palace Theater on the LSU campus. Professor Massey also met with the Sociology Department faculty on October 18<sup>th</sup> for an hour of discussion, which covered a wide range of social and professional issues. The same day he was the guest of honor at a dinner with an assortment of 34 LSU graduate students, 14 of them from the Sociology Department. Massey also went to a luncheon at the residence of LSU Chancellor Sean O'Keefe, along with Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development Brooks Keel, some members of the sociology department, and others.

Massey, arguably one of the foremost sociologists and demographers in the world, enjoyed his visit immensely, and was awarded the University Medal for his scholarly accomplishments. The graduate students and faculty all enjoyed the opportunity to talk with him, and Vice Chancellor Keel said he was fascinated by the range of topics on which Massey was conversant. The department thanks faculty member Mariano Sana for

convincing his major professor to come and deliver the lecture, and for hosting and shuffling Dr. Massey around.

## New Faces

Two additional scholars joined the Sociology department faculty this fall. Troy Blanchard was hired from Mississippi State University and came in as an Associate Professor, while Dana Berkowitz recently finished her PhD at the University of Florida and joins us as an Assistant Professor of sociology with a joint appointment with the Women's and Gender Studies program. Below, they describe what they are bringing to the department in terms of scholarly and professional interests.

### Troy Blanchard



*Troy Blanchard joins the Sociology faculty as an Associate Professor.*

"I received my PhD from LSU in 2001 and was an Assistant Professor in Sociology at Mississippi State University from 2001-2007. My research interests include social inequality, demography, and criminology. The central question guiding my research is: how do community social and economic institutions affect stratified and demographic outcomes? My research agenda is diverse and examines the manner in which these aspects of community impact employment outcomes, residential segregation, civic involvement, health and mortality, crime, and migration. I am currently involved in a series of projects that examine the relationship between the religious ecology of a community and the well-being of local residents (e.g. population health, crime rates, race/gender inequality). A second component of my research agenda examines the manner in which characteristics of the local business population influence earnings and career trajectories. Although I examine a wide variety of outcomes, the core theme of my work is to highlight the important role of community economic and social organization in understanding individual behavior."

## Dana Berkowitz



*Dana Berkowitz joins the faculty as an Assistant Professor.*

“I received my PhD in sociology with a certificate in women's studies and gender research from the University of Florida in 2007. I am a qualitative sociologist with a broad interest in the social construction of gender, sexualities, and families. My research aims to address timely and provocative issues. Previous projects have included ethnographies of a drag queen subculture and of adult novelty shops. My present research explores gay men's reproductive decision-making and fathering experiences. I am currently expanding my research to explore how institutions shape the construction of gay planned families and the subsequent narratives that emerge. I will be teaching such courses as sociology of gender, introduction to women's studies, and sociology of families. I design my courses as a catalyst for students to move beyond the role of passive observer toward becoming an active sociological scholar of social, historical, and cultural processes.”

## Graduate Student News

The new graduate student cohort this semester is a very interesting mix, and we welcome all of them to the department. Below a brief self report from each one is provided, and we wish them all the best of luck as their first semester here winds down.

### New Graduate Students

#### Clark, Jeri Ann Basden,

Received a BA in Political Science/Philosophy & Religion, MS in Sociology at Mississippi State University. Interested in criminology. I enjoy the arts, particularly playing the piano and going to the theater.

#### Knight, Karl Wesley,

Originally from Ohio, I received a BA in sociology at Oberlin College, Ohio. Interested in the historical development of Capitalism and the social impact

technology has on political participation for democratic nations. I enjoy listening to experimental music and watching Avant-Garde cinema, as well as weightlifting.

#### Maddox, David Traweck,

David Maddox was raised in Baton Rouge, where he attended Runnels School. He spent two years at LSU Shreveport and then transferred to LSU in Baton Rouge where he graduated with a BA in sociology. Following graduation, he worked for restaurants in nearly every demeaning capacity possible in an effort to pay off the debt he had accrued during his time as an undergrad. After zeroing his balance, he signed up for a year of Americorps service where he served as the Parent Liaison for two Title One public schools in Baton Rouge (not simultaneously). During his experience with the Americorps program, he became interested in the affects of social capital, especially with respect to the public school system. Also, he is devoted to watching movies and seeing as many live music shows as he can.

#### McPhee, Sareda Olisa,

Originally from Denver, Colorado. I received my BA in Sociology with a Criminology concentration from LSU in May 2007. I am interested in pursuing a master's degree and then eventually my Ph.D in sociology. I would like to focus on criminology with specific interests in juvenile crime, race, social inequality, and family background. I know that this seems like a lot but I feel as though they are all related and hope to narrow my studies down while in graduate school. I am a waitress at Chili's and during my free time I enjoy listening to music, reading, and traveling when time permits. I have seven siblings and am biracial. Last but not least, I am twenty-two years old.

#### Ortego, Leigha Venise,

I am originally from Opelousas, but have been living in Lafayette for the past four years. I received my BA at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette this past spring in Sociology with minors in French and English. I am still not quite sure what subject I would like to specialize in. At ULL, I was very involved in campus activities and organizations, but right now I am still trying to get used to Baton Rouge and LSU...so far so good!

#### Patrick, Lebrian Alexander,

I am originally from Amite, Louisiana. I received my B.A. in Anthropology at LSU, Spring 2006. I recently separated from the military, after serving 6 years in the

Army National Guard. I am the eldest of four children. I enjoy cooking, art in all forms, and my world would be shattered without the sounds of music (I enjoy all genres). I also run regularly. In addition to Criminology, I also am interested in gender, inspired by Dr. Jane Ward of the University of California, Riverside.

Smith, Joe Louis,

Attended the public school system in northwest Louisiana, graduating from high school in 1960; received a BA in political science, with a minor in military science, from Southern University in 1965; further study in international relations at the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy (1965-66); and, subsequently, received the Juris Doctorate from the LSU Law Center in 1976. I am interested in criminology (and criminal justice) and how it impacts and is impacted by race/ethnicity, gender, class, and age.

Vincent, Jan Meredith,

From Baton Rouge; got a BA in sociology at LSU; my concentration is in criminology, but I'm also kind of interested in race relations and gender, though I haven't taken any classes in them. I'm a huge LSU women's basketball fan and am really excited about the new coach.

Walsh, Sarah Prater,

I received a BA in sociology from the University of Tennessee, in Knoxville. I then attended the University of Mississippi, where I received my MA in sociology. My interests in sociology include social movements and community development. In particular, I am interested in the relationship between social aid organizations and those they serve.

**Recent Graduate Student Publications, Presentations and Accomplishments**

As usual, our graduate students remain busy and productive in their scholarly pursuits. Below are listed some of their latest accomplishments.

Candice Myers presented "Social Vulnerability and Migration in the Wake of Disaster: The Case of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita." at the 2007 meetings of the Rural Sociological Society in August and the Southern Demographic Association in October.

Ed Shihadeh and Ray Barranco presented "The Link Between Hispanic Low Skill Employment and Black Homicide in Urban Areas, 1990 to 2000" at the 2007 American Society of Criminology Annual meeting.

Ed Shihadeh and Shaun Thomas presented "The Concentration of Social Disengagement and Crime" at the 2007 American Society of Criminology Annual meeting.

Michel, Lacie M. 2007. "Personal Responsibility and Volunteering After a Natural Disaster: The Case of Hurricane Katrina." *Sociological Spectrum* 27:633-652.

Alex Lu presented his paper "Litigation and Subterfuge: Chinese Immigrant Mobilization during the Chinese Exclusion Era." at the Southern Demographic Association 38th Annual Meeting in Birmingham, AL on October 11, 2007. This paper also won the Southern Demographic Association's Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award.

In July, Laurie Chancey attended the week-long User Workshop on the National Longitudinal Surveys (NLS), sponsored by NICHD and CHRR, at The Ohio State University, for which she had an all-expenses paid stipend.

Chancey, Laurie. 2007. "His or Hers?: Socioeconomic Correlates of Male versus Female Contraceptive Sterilization." Paper presented at the 38th annual meeting of the Southern Demographic Association, Birmingham, AL. October 11-13.

Sana, Mariano, Katharine M. Donato, and Laurie Chancey. 2007. "Changes in the Composition of the Skilled Immigrant Population, 1994-2006." Paper presented at the 38th annual meeting of the Southern Demographic Association, Birmingham, AL. October 11-13.

Chancey, Laurie, Naomi T. Krogman, Joachim Singelmann, and Ann R. Tickamyer. 2007. "Getting Published in Rural Sociology, the Flagship Journal of the Discipline." Panel session given at the 70th annual meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Louisville, KY. August 2-5.

Chanika Jones successfully defended her dissertation, entitled "An Analysis of Gender Differences in Property Crime Arrest Rates.", directed by Dr. Thomas Durant.

Shaun Thomas successfully completed his comprehensive examination.

Emily Berthelot presented "The Spatial Mismatch Hypothesis, Vehicle Availability, Job Opportunity, and

Crime Rates: An Indirect Effect” at the annual meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association in October.

Emily Berthelot and Timothy Brown presented “Alcohol Availability and The Southern Culture of Violence” at the annual meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association in October.

Thomas, Shaun A. 2007 “Lies, Damn Lies and Rumors: An Analysis of Collective Efficacy, Rumors, and Fear in the Wake of Katrina” *Sociological Spectrum* 27: 679-703.

Lee, Matthew R. and Shaun A. Thomas. November 2007. “Changes in Civil Society and Rural Crime, 1980-2000.” Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA

Raymond E. Barranco, Shaun A. Thomas, and Jessica Simpson. November 2007. “Does Size Matter Everywhere: Linking Manufacturing Firm Size, Concentrated Disadvantage, and Crime in Metropolitan Areas.” Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA

Lee, Matthew R., Timothy C. Hayes and Shaun A. Thomas. August 2007. "Resource Disadvantage and Homicide: Regional variations in the Rural Context." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York City.

Shaun Thomas was recognized at a reception held by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences to acknowledge donors and recipients of scholarships and awards. He was invited for winning the Heberle award from the Sociology department last spring.

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Mimi Anderson presented “Technologies and Capabilities in the Kudumbashree Mission of Kerala” at the Society for Social Studies of Science annual meeting in Montreal in October.

Mimi also showed her film, “The Politics of Women's Dowries” at the National Women's Studies Association conference in St. Charles, Illinois, in June.

She is also heading to Mumbai for three weeks in January to work with Dr. Katie Vann, a researcher with the Virtual Knowledge Studio in Amsterdam and the Center for Science, Technology, and Society at Santa Clara University. There she will work on a video

ethnography component of her research on transnational water governance and water management policy.

Mimi Anderson received an NSF dissertation enhancement grant to help facilitate her research. The provisional title of her study is “Technologies and Capabilities: The Kudumbashree Mission of Kerala.” This study examines the social and economic consequences of Kudumbashree, a micro credit program for women in Kerala (India) that approaches economic development by addressing the social and economic causes of poverty. This program is of particular relevance to one of the most prominent current perspectives on development, Amartya Sen’s capability approach, which focuses on the freedoms generated by commodities rather than commodities themselves. Her research will compare two types of Kudumbashree programs. The first, ICT enterprises, offers information and communication technology (ICT) services and individual businesses rely to varying degrees on government support. The second, traditional enterprises, offers conventional goods and services and individual businesses generally compete on the open market. I approach this comparison in terms of development outcomes and sustainability.

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As a part of his Qualitative Research Methods course in the College of Education under Dr. Kim MacGregor, graduate student Jensen Jeung participated in the LSU Service-Learning Program through the Center for Community Engagement, Learning, and Leadership (CCELL). As a part of the College of Education's 100th year celebration each student in Dr. MacGregor's course conducted, transcribed, and completed an oral history report on distinguished individuals affiliated with the College of Education. He had the opportunity to interview and compile an oral history of Dr. Charlie Roberts who received his bachelor's and doctorate from the LSU College of Education. Dr. Roberts is currently President and CEO of the LSU Alumni Association. Each of the oral histories will be archived at the T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History on campus.

### **Graduate Student Workshop**

The SGSA is now sponsoring a “Graduate Student Research Workshop”. The workshop is to be held 3 times a semester. Recently our department has been experiencing an increased level of organized graduate student participation. This is enormously beneficial not only to the graduate students, but the department as a

whole. The workshop is intended to be a venue for graduate students to share ideas, discuss current or future projects and papers, practice presentations, brainstorm, and provide feedback, etc. in a informal, relaxed atmosphere. Our first two workshops were very successful.

Anna Cutlip and Emily Berthelot, the organizers of the event, took the initiative and discussed their recent academic endeavors at the first meeting. Everyone participated in the discussions and offered useful and informative feedback.

During the second workshop, the discussion centered around collaborating on a qualitative study that explores the evolution of controversial legislation being passed in Louisiana (which is also now being considered in counties and cities in other states).

The discussion fit perfectly with Skylar Gremillion's demonstration of ATLAS.ti, which provided the group the opportunity to learn about a new qualitative content analysis software.

The research workshop is an opportunity for our sociology graduate students to demonstrate true collaborative efforts by pooling our academic experiences and using one another as a resource.

## Transition



*Kamo steps in as the new graduate director.*

*Dr. Yoshinori Kamo*, or 'Kamo' as most of us fondly call him, has assumed directorship of the graduate program. In addition to directing students and serving on committees, Kamo has been a mainstay of the core methods sequence, where he teaches stats I and II with some regularity. His vision for the program is to maintain the high quality of students admitted to the program and to expand funding opportunities. Good luck to him in this new position.

## Placements

Recent graduate **Rick Duque** and graduate student **Mark Melder** have each accepted positions in academia that started this Fall. Dr. Duque is now a visiting assistant professor at Tulane University in New Orleans. Mr. Melder, who plans to defend his dissertation early in the Spring, is now a tenure-track assistant professor at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

## Lecture Series Speakers

The department continues to maintain an active speaker series, hosting a variety of scholars in public colloquia this semester. This series helps us maintain a lively and vibrant intellectual environment, and the presentations always stimulate ongoing discussion among those who attend them. We appreciate the time taken by all of these folks to come here and present their work.

The first presentation of the semester was on August 31<sup>st</sup>, when Raymond Teske, Professor at the Criminal Justice Center of Sam Houston State University, delivered a talk entitled "Routine Activity Theory and Crime Trends in Germany, 1962-2004: A Time Series Analysis."



*Raymond Teske Lectured August 31<sup>st</sup> on Crime Trends in Germany*

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, LSU alumnus Carl Bankston, Professor and Chair of the Department of Sociology at Tulane University gave a presentation titled, "Changing Populations and the Future of New Orleans Public Schools." Bankston earned his PhD here in 1995, and went to Tulane after several years at the University of Louisiana, Lafayette.

The final speaker of the semester was one of our own. On November 30<sup>th</sup>, Mark Schafer, an Associate Professor with a joint appointment between the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness and the Department of Sociology,

delivered a presentation titled “Should Dropouts Return to get a High School Credential?”

This work is based on his collaborative work with graduate student and co-author Matt Wilkinson, and the short answer is Yes, they should.



*Mark Schafer presented on the cost of dropping out of school.*

## Sociology Club News

The sociology club continues to grow, expanding to at least 40 members at the beginning of this semester.

**Amber Robichaux** is currently the student president, and she oversaw two main activities this semester. The first was an excellent talk by Special Agent Ron Stark with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration. Mr. Stark has been involved with various levels of federal law enforcement for more than 20 years. His presentation was wide ranging, covering everything from the credentials needed to secure employment in federal law enforcement to the day to day activities of a DEA field agent. He regaled the students with tales of exploding crystal methamphetamine labs and the apparently incredible frequency with which suspects try to run down DEA agents with their cars when they are being apprehended! All involved said it was a great experience, and events like these give the undergraduate students an up close feel for what their futures may hold once they leave school and matriculate into the labor market.



*Longtime federal law enforcement agent Ron Stark speaks with Sociology Society members about careers with the DEA.*

For the second year in a row, faculty member Ed Shihadeh gave a talk on successfully preparing for and applying to graduate school. In the free ranging conversation, the students peppered Shihadeh about application details, how to get letters of recommendation, picking programs that are a good fit, and the like. Afterward, a number of students expressed their gratitude for having had this opportunity, and the sociology club intends to invite him back next year. Thanks Professor Shihadeh!

Much to her surprise, Ginger Stevenson, instructor of sociology and coordinator of undergraduate activities and organizations, was selected to be a Guest Coach for the LSU Fighting Tigers football team. This honor involved getting a guided tour of the athletic department academic and practice facilities, meeting with coach Les Miles on the field during an actual practice the week before the homecoming game, and spending time both on the sidelines and in the press box in the hours leading up to the homecoming game. It was an exciting experience for her and gave her a greater appreciation for the amount of time and effort that goes into carrying through a Tigers football game!



*Ginger Stevenson provides a photo of pre-game on the sidelines in Death Valley. Chancellor Sean O'Keefe is pictured at center.*



*Ginger Stevenson with Les Miles on the field prior to the homecoming game.*

## Faculty News

### Incoming

Justine Tinkler, Ph.D., 2007 from Stanford University, has just accepted an offer to join the department as a tenure track Assistant Professor in the Fall of 2008.

Justine's areas of research are social inequality, law and society, gender, race & ethnic relations, and social psychology. She is currently a Postdoctoral Research Associate with the Michelle R. Clayman Institute for Gender Research at Stanford University. The department is pleased to have hired a scholar of this caliber, and we all look forward to having her join the faculty next year.

### Outgoing

Two faculty members resigned from the department at the end of the Spring 2007 semester. Nicholas Pedriana left to pursue personal endeavors. Sung Joon Jang took a position as an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Best of luck to both of them from all of us, and thanks to them for their contributions during their time here!

### Faculty Scholarship

As always, there is lots of faculty activity going on in terms of research projects, publications, conference activity, and so forth. This is not an exhaustive accounting of faculty activity, and is merely meant to convey the essence of the current departmental climate.

**Tim Slack**, Leif Jensen (Penn State), and Ann Tickamyer (Ohio University), were awarded funding from the National Science Foundation for a collaborative research proposal entitled "A National Survey of Informal Work." The project will entail carrying out the first nationally representative household survey of informal work in the United States. The overarching objective of the study is to provide an empirical examination of the contours of informal work at the national-level, including reliable and generalizable evidence about the prevalence, importance, and correlates of informal work. The study will also allow the investigators to test a number of debated questions in the informal economy literature, such as how informal work varies with formal labor supply, social capital, poverty status, and rural-urban residence.

Slack, Tim and Leif Jensen. Forthcoming. "Employment Hardship among Older Workers: Does Residential and Gender Inequality Extend into Older Age?" *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*.

Sana, Mariano. 2008. "Understanding the Growth of Migrant Remittances from the United States to Mexico, 1990-2004." Forthcoming in *Social Forces*

Slack, Tim and Leif Jensen. Forthcoming. "Birth and Fortune Revisited: A Cohort Analysis of Underemployment, 1974-2004." *Population Research and Policy Review*.

Lee, Matthew R. and Tim Slack. Forthcoming. "Labor Market Conditions and Violent Crime across the Metro-Nonmetro Divide." *Social Science Research*.

Singelmann, Joachim, Dudley Poston, Rogelio Saenz, and Tim Slack. Forthcoming. "African American and Latino Poverty in the Lower Mississippi Delta and the Texas Borderland." *Annals of Rural Sociology*.

Shihadeh, Edward S., Race, "Class and Crime: Reconsidering the Effects of Social Isolation and Crime." Forthcoming in *Deviant Behavior*.

Hu, Chiung-Yin and Yoshinori Kamo. 2007 "The Division of Domestic Labor in Taiwanese Households." *Journal of Comparative Family Studies* 38: 105-124.

Lee, Matthew R. Forthcoming. "Civic Community in the Hinterland: Toward a Theory of Rural Social Structure and Violence." *Criminology*.

Cossmann, Jeralynn, Ronald Cossmann, Wes James, Carol Campbell, **Troy Blanchard**, and Arthur Cosby. 2007. "Persistent Clusters of Mortality in the U.S." Forthcoming, *American Journal of Public Health*.

Blanchard, Troy. 2007. "Conservative Protestant Congregations and Racial Residential Segregation: Evaluating the Closed Community Thesis in Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Counties." *American Sociological Review* 72(3):416-433.

Broad, Kendal, Alden, Helena, **Berkowitz, Dana**, & Ryan, Maura. (forthcoming) LGBT & politicized parenting: Some observations, reflections, and considerations." *Journal of "LGBT families studies*.

Berkowitz, Dana. (forthcoming). "A socio-historical analysis of gay men's procreative consciousness." *Journal of GLBT Family Studies* (Special Issue: *Lesbian and Gay Parenting: New Directions*).

Berkowitz, Dana, Belgrave, Linda, & Halberstein, Robert (2007). "The interaction of drag queens and gay men in public and private spaces." *Journal of Homosexuality*, 52, 3/4.

Berkowitz, Dana & Marsiglio, William. (2007). "Gay men: Negotiating procreative, father, and family identities." *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 69, (2).

## Random Bits of Faculty Information

Congratulations to Mariano Sana for winning the 2007 Louisiana State Chess Championship! The tournament took place in Kenner over labor day weekend. It was the third time he played the tournament, having been fourth in 2004 and third in 2006. More info can be found at <http://www.louisianachess.org/>



*Mariano Sana poses with his championship chess trophy.*

Also, those of us who were cohorts with Ivan Chompalov look forward to seeing these two square off at the chess table sometime soon!

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Dr. Kamo is going to Japan Dec 5. until Dec 12, to attend a conference of family sociologists from Japan, Korea, and China. This is part of a project for the last couple of years on comparative analyses of Asian families. Three large scale surveys were conducted in these three countries. He will present in a plenary session a paper entitled "Determinants of Marital Satisfaction in Japan, Korea, and China: A Comparative Analysis."

### Roast Beast Party

Bill and Ethel Bankston again held their annual Roast Beast Party at their home in Clinton on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup>. Like last year, the main course was wild hog, and the event was well attended by faculty and

graduate students. Rick Weil has posted photos of the event at <http://picasaweb.google.com/fdweil/BillBankstonSRoastBeastParty>

and thanks to the Bankston family for again opening their home to the department and celebrating the end of the semester and the beginning of the holiday season.



*Bill and Ethel Bankston carve up the main course at the annual Roast Beast party.*

## Tigers Moving On

Joseph Hardy Jones, known as 'JH' to most people, passed away this fall semester. JH was a faculty member with a joint appointment between the Ag. Center, and the Department of Rural Sociology. He may be best known for his important article with Vernon Parenton, "The People of Frilot Cove: A Study of Racial Hybrids", published in the *American Journal of Sociology* in 1951, which was based on his Master's thesis. Rural sociology still lives on in his lineage, as his grand daughter Kathryn is currently taking a rural crime class in the department here at LSU. The obituary that was published in the *Baton Rouge Advocate* is below.

Joseph Hardy Jones Jr., Ph.D., age 88, passed away peacefully after a long illness. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hardy and Theodosia; a sister, Anise; and a brother, Horace Lynn. He is survived by a wife, Mary; two sons, Michael and wife Lisa, and Stephen and wife Judy; four grandchildren, Judson, Kathryn, Sophia and Andrea Grey Jones; two great-grandchildren, Cody and Miles; a sister, Theo Clark; and nieces and nephews. J.H. joined the U.S. Coast Guard on Dec. 8, 1941, and served in the U.S. Navy until 1946 in North Africa and England. He attended Northwestern Louisiana University, LSU and the University of Kentucky, where he earned a Ph.D. in sociology in 1955. He returned to LSU where he served for 31 years holding a joint appointment with the Cooperative Extension Service (Ag Center) and the Department of Rural Sociology, where he served as professor. He was instrumental in establishing a

doctoral program in Extension Education at LSU. J.H. was a longtime member of both University and St. John's Methodist church. He was active in Kiwanis Club, where he served as president. He served two terms as President of the Louisiana Division of the American Lung Association, and became active in the early years of the lobbying effort for the prevention of smoking in public buildings. For years he was in the LSU Chapter of the American Legion, where he served as commander of the chapter. Visitation at Greenoaks Funeral Home, 9595 Florida Blvd., on Sunday, Oct. 7, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Visitation at St. John's Methodist Church, 9375 Highland Road, on Monday, Oct. 8, from 9:30 a.m. until funeral service at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. John's Methodist Church. Special thanks are offered to Ollie Steele Burden Manor and to Hospice of Baton Rouge for their loving care.

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## **Solicitation, Etc.**

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If any alumni have news that you would like to share, feel free to send it to the editor at

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[www.lsu.edu/sociology](http://www.lsu.edu/sociology)

Louisiana Population Data Center Website:

[www.lapop.lsu.edu](http://www.lapop.lsu.edu)

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[www.lsu.edu/capergroup](http://www.lsu.edu/capergroup)

The World Science Project website:

[www.worldsci.net](http://www.worldsci.net)

Have a safe holiday season...