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WHAT ARE SOME OF OUR SOCIOLOGY MAJORS DOING AFTER GRADUATION?

Alyssa A. Wolf (2011) is currently living in Grand Rapids, MI going to law school full time. She writes, "I find it very interesting that a lot of the theory that we learned in theory class is quoted and analyzed in the court cases that I am reading. I'm now in my second semester and time has just flown by. It is hard to believe that, at this time last year, I just completed my sociology senior thesis. Law school is going very well. I pulled a 3.4 my first semester and am now working to find internship opportunities for the summer. I am applying at many firms in both Michigan and Ohio. I hope that things are going well at Wittenberg. I heard that the new University President has an extensive sociology background. I'm sure that she will be a great asset to the department and to the school in general. Thank you for all your continued help and support over the years!"

Bree Stewart (2011) is in the graduate sociology department at Ohio University and writes, "I just wanted to give you a quick grad school update. I just put my thesis committee together and will be writing about Social Movements, Grassroots Movements, and Astroturf Movements and the Rise of

Internet Activism. I also wanted to let you know that I was selected to teach this summer and next year and I will be teaching a soc 201 course, "Contemporary Social Problems." Just wanted to give you a quick update and thank you for everything you did for me during undergrad! Hope things are going well!"

Brenda Dootz (formerly Chomiuk) (2007) writes, "I wanted to send you a note to let you know that I was accepted into grad school! I will be starting University of Massachusetts May

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likelihood of police determining the legitimacy of a sexual assault claim. I presented the preliminary quantitative findings of this research at the 2011 Society for the Study of Social Problems, and presented the theoretical

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This summer I lived in a dorm for eight weeks with students and teachers in the SWEEEL Program at Indiana University! SWEEEL stands for Summer Workshop in Slavic, East European and Central Asian Languages. I studied, as you might guess, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian. The teacher from Zagreb, Croatia was very challenging. My classmates were graduate students who already spoke Russian. The course was a lot of fun, and I worked hard not to let my age group down. For each term I got an A plus. Now I am ready for an intermediate class in the Bosnian language and soon will be conducting interviews in Bosnia on elopements and family visitations after marriage.

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After more than a decade serving as Department chairperson, Keith Doubt has stepped down and will pursue new teaching and research activities. He is currently planning for an exciting sabbatical leave next academic year. Jerry Pankhurst re-enters the administrative role that he left after two terms in the 1990s. Dr. Pankhurst and the other department faculty members are planning some changes in the sociology major to make it more attractive, but the whole idea is to build on the strong foundation that Dr. Doubt preserved and improved during his term in office.

The department is deeply indebted to Dr. Doubt for his long and valuable service. We wish him great

success and joys in his upcoming projects!

It has been a good first year as a new faculty member in the Department of Sociology here at Wittenberg University. I've enjoyed getting to know students in the Department, working with seniors on their thesis projects, and becoming part of the University community. Teaching has kept me busy but I have been able to pursue my scholarship by presenting at local and national conferences. Last fall I presented a paper called, "Bakhtin, the American, and the Islander: Outside the Dialogue of Commonality?," at the American Anthropological Association meetings in Montreal. The paper was in a panel that examined the way that the identity of the researcher appears in the final writings that are produced.

I spent a month this summer conducting further research for this paper at New York University's Bobst Library and am currently revising the paper in a slightly different direction for publication. I also recently presented a paper called, "Navigating Lives through Self-Reference: Term Choice at Ogasawara Middle School," at the Midwest Conference for Asian Affairs held at Western Michigan State University. This paper stems from research I conducted with Japanese ninth-graders on language use during my dissertation fieldwork on Chichijima Island, Japan. I hope to rework this and other fieldwork scholarship into articles in the near future as well.

Dr. Pankhurst's Work and Travel Abroad

After returning from spring semester as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Tartu in Estonia, I have been very busy starting out a new term as Department Chairper

