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An Interview with an Icon of the Department

You will see in the guest article below that the author describes Professor Rose Arnhold as being “synonymous” with our Department. This is not a stretch in the minds of our Department alumni and many other FHSU alumni at large. Countless times as I traveled the state extensively for ten years when on the staff of FHSU’s Docking Institute of Public Affairs and many times during the thousands of phone interviews with Kansans through the Institute’s telephone surveying, I discovered that Kansans who graduated from FHSU were quick to ask “Do you know Rose Arnhold?” upon finding that we were visiting or calling from FHSU.

Our 2013 newsletter features an interview with Professor Rose Arnhold, someone who has served this Department for over 40 years as an award winning professor, a provider of services internal and external to the campus, an applied scholar, and as the Department’s Chairperson for more than ten years. While serving as Chair she worked very closely and tirelessly with the inaugural Director of Social Work, Professor Judy Caprez, to establish FHSU’s professionally accredited Bachelor of Social Work program in the Department, and also under her leadership the Virtual College BA in Sociology degree program was launched. On many occasions graduates of FHSU have related stories about Rose that suggest her profound influence on their perspectives of the world and their lives in it. Sometimes the influence was subtle and not even recognized until some time had passed after taking one of her classes or receiving her advisement. Other times the influence may not have been subtle, but was always delivered as one of her former students put it to me, “as honey on steel.” It our pleasure to bring to our readers a feature on this icon of our Department, still touching the minds and lives of so many FHSU students.

- Dr. Brett Zollinger, Department Chair

An Interview with Rose

By Kaci Norman, Sociology Senior

I had the distinct pleasure of interviewing Rose Arnhold for this piece of the annual newsletter. I don’t say “distinct pleasure” as a catch-phrase



Professor Rose Arnhold on the job!

because it sounds good and professional. I say it because it is true. She, like all of the other incredible Sociology faculty members, is a wonderful individual, willing to share herself first and foremost with her students and also with the community and the world. One cannot speak of the Department without mentioning Rose Arnhold. Her name has been synonymous with the program for the past 44 years. This humble, spitfire of a woman has earned multiple national and international awards for her work as a professor and advisor to students.

Prior to Rose’s birth her mother worked in an ammunition factory in Denver making bullets for the war. Europe was fully engaged in WWII, the Holocaust was ongoing, and the invasion of Pearl Harbor had just happened. Rose says that when she hears people talk about not wanting to bring children into the world when it is in such a “bad state,” she smiles to herself, and is thankful that her parents did not think that way. Rose was born into a family of four other children, and raised in the small town of Jennings, Kansas. Her father was Czechoslovakian and her mother German. As we continued to talk it was clear that Rose got her unrelenting outspokenness from her fiery mother. In Rose’s words her mother, “...was really keen, very sensitive to people. For her time she accepted so much diversity. She

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Counting the on-campus and the adjunct faculty, the Department is almost 30 teachers strong. Visit the Department's website to see faculty profiles.

Social Entrepreneurship Education Initiative Includes FHSU's First MOOC!

The 2011 Department newsletter reported the start of social entrepreneurship (SE) training in both our undergraduate and graduate curricula. It was in the 2011 newsletter where we described a nascent initiative to teach social entrepreneurship principles and practices. As Dr. Keith Campbell had done over 20 years prior with the creation of grantwriting training in the Department, he saw a need and avenue to impart applied sociological skills in undergraduate and graduates, and he went to work realizing this vision. As with any new endeavor, unscripted opportunities become apparent simply by immersing one's self and others of the organization in the initiative. One of the latest opportunities is known as a "MOOC."

This Fall 2013 semester FHSU offered its first MOOC (massively open online course) developed and taught by Dr. Campbell. This was a MOOC on social entrepreneurship. Interested individuals anywhere in the world may enroll and complete this course at no cost! A second offering of this five-week MOOC will be held during the Spring 2014 semester. Dr. Campbell teaches the

course through a combination of FHSU CTEL produced video discussions led by Professor Campbell and assigned Internet-hosted case study readings. **The first offering of the course saw over 800 enrollments from across more than 40 countries!** Through the generosity of a long-time donor, the "Rose Arnhold Social Entrepreneurship Student Assistantship" was created this year, and the first student to hold this assistantship, Marlowe Basgall, has been and continues to be very instrumental to both the MOOC and the broader SE education initiative in the Department. The Department also thanks FHSU's Virtual College for supporting a student assistantship dedicated to support of the SE MOOC. Sociology major Kaci Norman is doing a superb job in this position.

The SE MOOC has become a new tool in the kit, joining our successful Masters of Professional Studies concentration in SE, our undergraduate curriculum in SE (leading to a Certificate of Completion), Dr. Campbell's Grants and Social Entrepreneurship blog, and an FHSU Sociology

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Selected Faculty Scholarly Activities Fall 2012-Spring 2013

PUBLICATIONS

G. Brinker and R. Amonker.

2012. "Socioeconomic Development and Fertility Trends Among the States of India," *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*, 33, ¾.

Levy P., 2012 (Chapter). Critical Incident Trauma Intervention: A Sense of Coherence Approach to Psychological First Aid with Student Survivors, *Handbook of Critical Incident Analysis*, M.E. Sharpe, Inc. in cooperation with John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York.

Levy, P. and Vaz, P. December 2012. Submitted book proposal on the topic of aging to Perseus Books.

PRESENTATIONS

Levy, P. June 2012, "Resiliency to Trauma in New Orleans Senior Center African American Elderly", *The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program*

Directors National 2012 Conference.

Levy, P. December 2012. Principles of Spirituality in the Management of For Profit Businesses, 13th *International Conference on Knowledge, Culture and Change in Organizations*, University of British Columbia, Canada

McGonigal, K. 2012. "What it Takes for Her to Put Up with the Bull: The Professionalization of Women's Bull Riding." Paper presented at *American Sociological Association Conference*. August 17. Denver, Colorado.

Vaz, P. 2012. "Successful Aging." Presentation at the AARP Regional Summit Hays, October 4, 2012

Zollinger, B., K. Campbell, and F. Runfeng. 2013. "Undergraduates' Awareness and Perceptions of Globalization: A Comparison of USA and Chinese Students: Second Year of Data." Presented at the *Midwest*

Sociological Society Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, March 2013.

SELECTED TECHNICAL REPORTS/APPLIED SCHOLARSHIP

Walker, M. 2012. "Leavenworth County Labor Basin Labor Availability Analysis: Including a Comparison to 2009." Docking Institute of Public Affairs. Hays, KS.

Caprez J. Weekly Column on Family for *Hays Daily News*, Hays, KS, 1997-present.

Sun, J., **G. Brinker**, and C. Rackaway. 2013 *Kansas Speaks Statewide Public Opinion Survey*. Docking Institute of Public Affairs. Hays, KS.

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was just not a judgmental person. It was hard coming from the town we came from. At times the townspeople disagreed with her violently, but loved her dearly.”

Rose was introduced to the discipline by then FHSU Sociology Department Chair, Robert Witt, when she began her undergraduate studies. Coming from a small Kansas town, “To say that I wasn’t worldly is the understatement of the world!” Witt’s class opened her eyes to a whole new way of thinking. Rose graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in Sociology in 1963. Rose returned to FHSU as a professor and Master’s student in the fall of 1969 after teaching at Hays High School for five years as a part of the National Defense Act Program that helped fund her undergraduate studies. She was invited by the Department Chair to start on a temporary contract, and 44 years later she is still here. She pointed out that it would have been so much easier for her to continue teaching at the high school, and taking the job at the University was scary for her, “... but I think that we just need to step out on that ledge and fly and not be so concerned with security.”

The year she returned the Vietnam War was raging, and to avoid the draft young men went to school. She remembers the hallways lined with young men asking professors to enroll in their classes on the first day of school. She couldn’t take any more students; it was a hard time for her. Rose can recall the war protests on campus. The war was a hot topic, but she talked to her students about it and let them share their feelings.

When asked of her most interesting research, Rose mentioned her work collecting information on FHSU students’ feelings about sexual assault. She surveyed just over 1,000 students, and found a world of misunderstanding about the concept and perceptions about victims. It led her to write the grant proposal that funded the first women’s shelter and rape crisis center in Hays, Kansas. The organization is known today as “Options.” Rose added, “Study sociology, see what isn’t right, and do something to change it.”

Rose co-taught the first university course on the topic Death and Dying in the State of Kansas at FHSU. The more they studied the topic, the more they saw a need for a hospice in the community. At that time no one talked about death. People died so alone. As a result, Rose and her colleague met with personnel from both Hadley and St. Anthony hospitals, and Hospice of the Plains was born. It was established as a non-profit, and all of its funding came from money they raised themselves. Services were made available to anyone in need. If residents could pay for their care they would. If they couldn’t afford, it they still received treatment. Today, it is known as HaysMed Hospice. Rose said, “If you see a problem, ask yourself if it can be addressed, and what would be the best way to handle it.” Rose is impressed with the revolution happening in the area of death and dying. People are finally starting to talk about death, treating the dying with dignity, and learning what constitutes a good death.

I could go on and on about Rose’s many achievements and write books of students’ stories that are a testament to her caring as a professor. But knowing her candor, I think she would rather me wrap this up with some of her advice to Sociology students. **“First of all, no one ever looks in the paper and finds an ad ‘Sociologist Wanted.’ Most people don’t know what Sociology is, but I would say being a sociologist gives you a tremendous advantage in the workplace. If you take that degree and fashion it to emphasize an area of interest, you can go out and sell yourself to that prospective employer. Sociology students leave this university knowing a lot more than they think they know. They are smart, bright and understanding; otherwise, they wouldn’t have been attracted to Sociology. If you understand a human group, you understand a whole lot more than most of the population.”**

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students facilitated Facebook site, which can be found by searching for “Student Social Entrepreneurs — FHSU” (222 “likes” and growing!). Special thanks go to Sociology students Marlowe Basgall and Kaci Norman for creating and facilitating this vibrant, growing, student-facilitated Facebook site.

What is a social entrepreneur? Our Sociology Program considers a social entrepreneur to be a social actor that innovatively tackles a social problem, particularly social problems in “communities of need,” like disadvantaged racial/ethnic minorities and any other

social groups in pockets of extreme need, such as refugees, the homeless, and the working poor. A social entrepreneur creates social value. We teach ways that individuals and small groups can develop grass-roots organizations to help communities of need.

Sociology and Social Work Clubs

Sociology Club members attended the 2013 MSS conference held in Chicago in the spring. Club members are engaged in several community service activities throughout the academic year. Sociology Club President, Marlowe Basgall, describes the ways in which the Club most benefits her, “My favorite part of being involved in our club is getting the chance to interact with and learn



from my fellow sociology majors outside of classes. Being in Sociology Club has given me opportunities to work on and present research, opportunities that I didn’t think were possible in my undergraduate work!”

Social Work Club aims to heighten its campus and community service during the 2013-14 academic year. The Club chose a quote from Mahatma Gandhi as this year’s theme: “The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” The Club has 24 active members that are working hard at fundraising activities in order to be able to fund future service projects and extramural learning oppor-

tunities. During the Fall 2013 semester the Club baked cupcakes for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, helped to host the NAMI Kansas 2013 conference, and participated in a food drive to stock the FHSU Food Pantry and the Hays Community Assistance Center. Club President Patricia Lujan stated “It has been an amazing semester!”



We would love to hear from you!
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