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Welcome to the October 2017 Issue of *Sociology News*!

Fall is here—and WSU Sociology has seen some exciting changes. We begin this issue with a letter from new department chair Monica Kirkpatrick Johnson. She shares her goals for the department, including implementation of a new strategic plan.



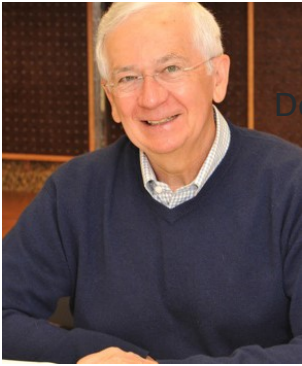
We also highlight the appointment of Justin Denney as William Julius Wilson Distinguished Professor, a new rural poverty book co-edited by Jennifer Sherman, and the team of WSU Sociology PhDs who received an Innovation Award from the American Association for Public Opinion Research in May.

This issue also includes a new feature “In Brief,” where we highlight several noteworthy happenings: including pictures from last year’s banquet and the graduate student-organized EARTHs conference. We close the issue with summer achievements and alumni updates from Chris Oakely and Larry Clinton.

In the next issue of *Sociology News*, we plan to focus on our undergraduate students and alumni. If you received a BA from WSU Sociology, we’d love to hear about how you’ve used sociology in your career and any memories of our department. Please send an email to Don Dillman. Thanks!

Please let us know if you have any questions, comments, or feedback.





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