Welcome Letter from the Head

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The Sociology Department has seen some enormous changes over the past 4 years. We have dramatically expanded our research agenda, introduced innovations in the classes we offer, and moved out and back into Lincoln Hall. In the pages of this newsletter, we will introduce you to our faculty, our students, and our alumni – and give you a glimpse of our newly renovated office space.

Our faculty has grown, enhancing our strengths in transnational studies, the sociology of race, and demography. We are also building new strengths in sociology of law and sociology of health. Our faculty members do research on some of the most pressing issues of the day – the Arab Spring and political and social changes in the Middle East, the impact of urban violence on mental health, access to the civil justice system, the experiences of immigrants in the United States and the global AIDS pandemic.

As always, we take great pride in our teaching, and we've been designing our curriculum with our students’ needs in mind. We've introduced courses to give our undergraduates background in law and health. We are joining with partners in our community to offer students internship opportunities. And we've begun to offer on-line courses -- our on-line version of SOC 100 has been a major success.

Finally, we have returned to Lincoln Hall. As we settle into our beautiful new offices overlooking the Quad and teach in our high-tech classrooms, we look forward to welcoming all of you for a visit! Stop by – we would love to show you around!

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