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Harvard University announces the recruitment of five new sociologists to its faculty ranks. At the senior level the Department of Sociology welcomes **Bruce Western** from Princeton University and **Kathryn Edin** from the University of Pennsylvania, both as Full Professors. **Western**, a leading social scientist in the field of inequality, has conducted seminal research on incarceration, labor market stratification, quantitative methodology, and union organization in Europe. In addition to his appointment in Sociology, Western will direct the Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy, which brings together faculty and students from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard and the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. **Edin**, who is best known for her influential studies of marriage and family life in the inner city, has been appointed Professor of Social Policy at the Kennedy School of Government and Faculty Affiliate in the Sociology Department. Edin's research focuses on urban poverty, qualitative methods, social welfare, public housing, child support, and non-marital childbearing. Western and Edin will collaborate with faculty across the university in developing a new phase of the Inequality and Social Policy Program.

At the junior level the Department of Sociology has hired **Jason Beckfield** from the University of Chicago, **Filiz Garip** from Princeton University, and **Jocelyn Viterna** from Tulane University and Harvard's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, all of whom have been appointed as Assistant Professors. Along with **Tamara Kay**, who joined the Department last year from the University of California-Berkeley as Assistant Professor, they bring a range of interests in economic and political sociology, globalization, migration, gender, inequality, transnationalism, and social movements, complementing and augmenting existing departmental strengths.

For more information on our new faculty and the current department please visit the web site at <http://www.wjh.harvard.edu/soc/>

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