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Dedication to Dr. Marilyn Fernandez

It is with great collegial affection and gratitude that the Department of Sociology dedicates this issue of the research annual ***Silicon Valley Notebook*** to Professor Marilyn Fernandez. Dr. Fernandez, who will be retiring at the conclusion of the 2018-2019 academic year, has been a major contributor to the Department of Sociology throughout her years and Santa Clara. Among Dr. Fernandez's many other contributions, she was singularly responsible for launching ***Silicon Valley Notebook*** and has guided its development ever since. It is therefore quite fitting that the volume of ***Silicon Valley Notebook*** should be dedicated to Dr. Fernandez.

To inspire and edit a research journal devoted to publishing work of students in a discipline and at a university (which is similar to what Emile Durkheim had intended when he first established ***L'Année Sociologique***), a person must have many qualities including commitment to students, excellent command of written language, and facility in helping people articulate a thesis, marshal and assess evidence, and hone logical arguments. It also helps to be an outstanding researcher who can serve as a good role model. Dr. Fernandez is a first rate researcher who has helped shaped current sociological understanding of a number of important empirical topics, including domestic violence and social mobility in the 21st century. And as a methodologist, her collaborative work (along with Dr. Stephen Fugita) yielded what is certainly one of the most careful longitudinal research studies to explore complex relationships between behavioral and attitudinal factors over a long course of time. Her other methodological contributions include (along with Dr. Charles Powers) development of new methodological approach for quantifying and measuring meso-level features of organizational structure and culture.

As a teacher, mentor, and editor, as well as in her own research, Dr. Fernandez has demonstrated extraordinary methodological versatility. She has, furthermore, consistently stressed the necessity of keeping theoretical premises at the center of the research design process, the necessity of selecting methodological strategies appropriate to the topic being studied, and the desirability of employing multi-method research design (informed by a combination of quantitative, qualitative, and historical inquiry) whenever it is practical to do so. All these qualities of mind and intellectual approach have helped to make Dr. Fernandez an excellent role model for Santa Clara students for almost three decades, with her serving as editor or associate editor of ***Silicon Valley Notebook*** for the majority of those years.

Marilyn Fernandez has been more than a researcher at Santa Clara. She has also been a deliberative and effective contributor within the department and on campus, serving three different tours of duty in the demanding job of department chair. Arguably her most important new initiative in her years as chair, and certainly the initiative which Professor Fernandez cared about most, was launching ***Silicon Valley Notebook*** as a vehicle of professional socialization, to provide many students with a meaningful opportunity to benefit from steady guidance while honing their research and writing skills, and to encourage students to engage in meaningful professional work informing sociological understanding of important topics.