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Sociology professor Woldoff joins *Contexts* Editorial Board

Morgantown, W.Va., October 22, 2007: Dr. Rachael A. Woldoff, assistant professor of sociology and criminology at WVU, has been named to the editorial board of *Contexts*, a publication produced by the American Sociological Association.

Dr. Woldoff has been engaged with the American Sociological Association on the subject of negative portrayals of Appalachia and West Virginia in media outlets and has published research on place-related inequalities. As a consulting editor, Dr. Woldoff will help determine the content of *Contexts*, a publication intended to bring sociological knowledge and insight to a wider public audience.

“*Contexts* is a publication that I greatly admire,” Dr. Woldoff said. “I’m very much looking forward to working with the board to help this visionary magazine gain more visibility. This magazine is important for promoting sociological work, and I am convinced that we can use research to better influence real world policies and debates.”

Woldoff joined the faculty at WVU after completing her Ph.D. at the Ohio State University. At WVU, Dr. Woldoff has published studies related to neighborhood/community inequalities and urban crime. Her most recent project is a study of white flight in urban neighborhoods.

The Division of Sociology and Anthropology is housed in the School of Applied Social Sciences in the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences at West Virginia University.

For more information, visit the *Contexts* Web site at <http://www.contextsmagazine.org> or contact Dr. Woldoff at 304-293-5801, ext. 3211, or at rachael.woldoff@mail.wvu.edu.

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