

# MARIAL WELCOMES NEW FACULTY, FELLOWS

Three faculty members and two graduate students have joined the MARIAL Center, bringing projects that expand the research agenda to Japan, Egypt, and the Caribbean. The new research will allow MARIAL to start comparing middle-class family life in America with similar families around the world.

MARIAL's new core faculty members are Nancy Eiesland, who studies the sociology of religion; Carla Freeman, an anthropologist; and Kathryn Yount, a sociologist. Freeman will study middle-class families in the Caribbean. Yount, who also teaches in the school of public health's international department, will study gender and work roles in Egypt's middle-class families. And Eiesland is looking at the role of family life centers in suburban churches.

The new graduate fellows are Donna Mote, who will do a comparative analysis of the camp-meeting tradition in rural Georgia and the Obon

(Buddhist Festival of the Dead) tradition in rural Japan, and Gillian Wickwire, whose research will focus on sororities as substitute families.

Two core faculty—Carol Worthman and Karyn Lacy—have ended their MARIAL work, and another—Mark Auslander—has become an affiliated faculty member. Worthman, an anthropologist, had multiple commitments and decided to leave MARIAL. Her research on how the body reacts to stress will continue through her student Jason DeCaro, who is a graduate fellow at MARIAL. Lacy, a sociologist, accepted a job at the University of Michigan and may continue her research on the black social organization Jack and Jill at the Sloan Center there. Auslander, who is teaching at Brandeis University, continues to work on MARIAL projects, including a book that he is collaborating on with MARIAL Director Bradd Shore.