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DURHAM, N.H. - A University of New Hampshire doctoral candidate in sociology has been chosen by the Carsey Institute as their 2008 graduate research fellow. Anne M. Shattuck of Amherst will work closely with Carsey Institute faculty and research staff who are experts in youth policy and programs. She will focus her work on addressing the challenges that face rural youth in the region.

Established in 2007, "the Nordblom" was established through the generosity of Peter C. and Kristin Van Curan Nordblom to provide a summer fellowship to an outstanding graduate student working with the Carsey Institute and the University of New Hampshire. Students are selected through a competitive process based on academic merit, the work they propose to do, and how the proposal relates to their career goals.

"We are very fortunate to have Anne join the Carsey Institute this summer. She is simply one of the brightest, most critically minded students I have ever come in contact with at the university, said Karen Van Gundy, associate professor of sociology. "Her writing and research skills are extraordinary and I look forward to working on Carsey projects with her."

The Carsey Institute at the University of New Hampshire conducts research and analysis on the challenges facing families and communities in New Hampshire, New England, and the nation. The Carsey Institute sponsors independent, interdisciplinary research that documents trends and conditions affecting families and communities, providing valuable information and analysis to policymakers, practitioners, the media, and the general public. Through this work, the Carsey Institute contributes to public dialogue on policies that encourage social mobility and sustain healthy, equitable communities.

The Carsey Institute was established in May 2002 through a generous gift from UNH alumna and noted television producer Marcy Carsey.

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