

Sociology Department Creates a New Concentration in the Major

Sociology professors revamped the sociology major by eliminating one academic concentration and replacing it with another. Gone is the Sociological Practice concentration, which in recent years has not attracted many students. In its place the Department now has a new concentration, Work and Community Engagement, designed to help students make a positive impact on society.

In addition to the core sociology courses, students will have the opportunity to take such courses as Social Organization of Work, Public Sociology and Civic Engagement, Political Sociology, Minority Groups in America, Contemporary Issues in the Workplace, Labor Relations and Law, Evaluation of Social Action, Sociology of Law, Conflict Resolution, or Sociology of Democracy.

Students Encouraged to Enter ESS Poster Sessions

Once again, the Sociology Department encourages students writing a research paper in senior seminar or some other sociology class to enter their papers for a poster session at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Past student participants all agree that it was both a great experience and a great addition to their resume.

Funding support for converting the paper into commercially prepared poster cards is available, and for the expenses of attending the ESS meeting, which will be held at the Park Plaza Hotel and Towers in Boston on March 21-24. The paper need not be completed to meet the departmental December 1st deadline.

Students should speak either to their senior seminar instructor or to Professors Jacob Felson, Luis Nuño, or Deniz Yuçel about the steps necessary for participating in this most rewarding opportunity.

William Paterson University is the host site for the Eastern Sociological Society, which is the regional professional organization for sociologists from Maine to Virginia.

Kathleen Korgen, Department Chairperson stated, "We are delighted to offer this exciting new concentration. It enables students to put sociology into action, as they gain practical skills to make a difference in this world."

Other curricular changes include the replacement of Quantitative Methods and Qualitative Methods with new courses in Research Methods and Data Analysis, which must be taken sequentially. Also, a course in statistics is no longer required, as that material will be covered in the data analysis class. In addition, the minor now requires only SOC 1010 and five other sociology courses.



Pictured above are Dean Kara Rabbitt and Associate Provost Stephen Hahn (left center, middle row) with some of the 72 students, who last April received honor certificates and/or induction into Alpha Kappa Delta, the sociology honor society. The installation dinner took place at the Brownstone Restaurant, with family, friends, faculty, and administrators attending. Deepa Sadhwani-Monchak was the guest speaker. In January, invitations will go out to this year's eligible students.

Faculty News

Maboud Ansari was awarded the William Paterson University Award for Teaching Excellence at the May commencement. In June, he and Prof. Vincent Parrillo conducted field research on the Gulen schools operating in Albania and Bosnia.

Wendy Christensen writes for the popular blog "Sociological Images" (<http://thesocietypages.org/socimages/>), which invites student contributions.

Jennifer DiNoia had dietary articles on African-American adolescents published in the *American Journal of Health Behavior* and the *American Journal of Health Promotion*. She presented a paper on this topic last April at the International Organization of Social Sciences and Behavioral Research conference in Atlantic City. She is presently analyzing data from summer research on environmental strategies for food consumption in a summer camp setting. Prof. DiNoia was the recipient of the Award for Excellence in Reviewing from the *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*.

Charley Flint was consultant to Rider University for creation of a degree program in criminal justice. She received the Jack Memorial Award for outstanding leadership and dedication to CJ education, and now has NJ Department of Corrections certification as a facilitator for the Alternatives to Violence Program (AVP) at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women. She facilitated a discussion, "Whiteness and White Privilege: The Impact in our Work in Prisons," at the AVP-USA national conference in Maryland in June, and also a workshop for the Rutgers School of Social Work on whiteness and its impact on the delivery of services to communities of color.

Gennifer Furst published a textbook, *Crime & Society*, (with Kimberly Collica) with Bridgepoint Education. She served as peer-reviewer for several journal articles and also wrote an essay, "Terror Behind the Walls: Eastern State Penitentiary," on the blog CrimCast.

Kathleen Korgen co-organized a Teaching Public Sociology session, "What Do Sociologists Do?", for the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association held last August in Denver. There, she presented a paper "Teaching Public Sociology and Civic Engagement."

Vince Parrillo had two new book editions published: *Cities and Urban Life*, 6th edition (Prentice Hall) and *Diversity in*

America, 4th edition (Paradigm Publishing). He is completing a video documentary on Paterson sculptor Gaetano Federici, with funding by the WPUNJ Alumni Association. His paper, "The National Social Distance Study: Ten Years Later" (with Chris Donoghue) is under journal review. He is currently making revisions for the 11th edition of *Strangers to These Shores*.

Gohar Petrossian will be presenting two papers, "Using GIS to Understand the Global Hot- and Cold-Spots of Illegal Wildlife Trafficking," and "Using GIS to Examine Situational Predictors of Illegal Fishing Activities Carried Out Globally," at the American Society of Criminology conference in Chicago in November. She also co-authored a problem-oriented police guide, "Auto Theft for Export via Land Crossings."

Sheetal Ranjan Sheetal Ranjan gave a presentation at the John Jay International Conference, "Coordinated Community Response: Building Alliances, Best Practices and Results." She also presented to the NJ Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NJCASA) meeting, "Campus Violence Prevention Program: A Model for Best Practices on College Campuses." She serves on the national advisory council for "HAVEN-Understanding Sexual Assault," which helps institutions address the state and federal mandates for sexual violence prevention programming.

Susanna Tardi, as AFT State Federation Executive Vice President for Higher Education, was co-organizer of a Senate Higher Education Hearing in September that focused on three issues: student success, economic development and the future of NJ higher education. She testified on student success.

Gabe T. Wang published a paper, "The Global Cultural Economic Theory and the Importance of the World Culture and Economy to the Chinese Society," in *Jiang Su Social Science*. Last April, he spoke about "Changing China: Population and Socioeconomic Development" at WPU's annual Teaching Asia Conference. During the summer, he lectured in China at Nanjing Normal University on American sociology.

Deniz Yucel gave two presentations: "Number of Siblings and Children's Personality Development" at Eastern Mediterranean University, and "Changing Perceptions of Marriages in Cyprus: Comparing Turkish and Greek Cypriots" at Middle East Technical University, both in North Cyprus. She also lectured

Student and Alumni News

Maria de Candia, BA '12, and **Jonelle Rodriguez**, '04, are enrolled in the MSW program at Rutgers University.

Teresa Duffy, BA '12, is enrolled in the MSW program at New York University.

Sociology graduate students **John DiCesare**, **Sheri Israel-Duarte**, **Destiny Rojas**, and **Betty Vivero** earned their Certificate in Assessment and Evaluation Research Skills.

Richard Fiorilla, '90, was promoted to Captain in the West Milford Police Department.

John McGuiness, '91 was appointed Morris Township Police Chief. **Lauren Kuchar**, BA 11, is with the Essex County Sheriff's Office.

Salwa Muhammad, BA '11, has become Grant Manager for two programs at Bergen Community College.

Graduate students **Destiny Rojas** and **Todd Squitieri** will give their M.A. thesis presentations on October 24th.

Caitlin Signorello, BA '12, is in a training program to become a U.S. Government intelligence analyst.

Internships Give Seniors Job Experience and a Job Competitive Edge

Do you want to gain an edge on the competition when looking for a job? Both employers and sociology graduates agree that doing an internship in senior year is a smart move. That practical experience gives you an advantage over those who do not do one, and gains you a professional recommendation besides the academic ones from your professors. Furthermore, about 40 percent of all internships lead to job offers.

In this semester 26 students are interns in a wide variety of assignments, as the rest of this story reveals.

Criminal justice internships this semester are: Daron Burch, WPUNJ Campus Police; Chelsea Butler, Northern State Prison; Steven Diaz, Challenge Adolescent Unit in Counseling; Sheena Garvin, Passaic County Probation, Adult Drug Court; Valerie Jean Baptiste, NJ State Police, Totowa Barracks; Alyssa Learn, Bergen County Police Academy; Justin Lubrano, Old Bridge Police Department; Leon Semper, Passaic County Prosecutor's Office; William Agures, Passaic County Prosecutor's Office; Christopher Lynch, The Kintock Group; Tiffany Mack, WPUNJ Violence Prevention Program; Elizabeth

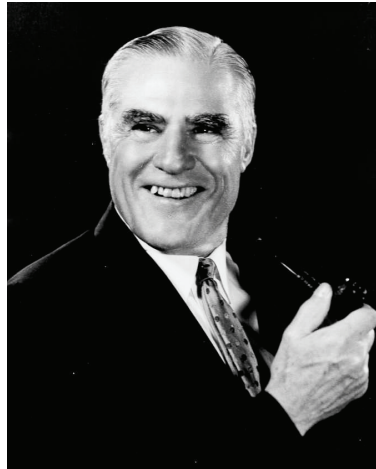
Trass, The Levine Law Firm; Joseph Maddolin, Dumont Police Department; Devine Pollaro, Wayne Police Department; and Brenda Rodriguez, Challenge Adolescent Unit in Administration.

The sociology undergraduate internship placements are Alissa Andre, Oasis, A Haven for Women and Children; Silvia Barrera, William Paterson Counseling, Health and Wellness Center; Jessica Fuentes, Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center; Jeffrey Moore, Bergenfield Senior Center; Laurna Oliveri, NJ Department of Children and Families, Division of Child Protection and Permanency; Crystal Tani, Hackensack University Medical Center.

Graduate student internships are: John Di Cesare, Bergen County Housing, Health and Human Services; John Futrell, Teen Pride; Joel Keys, The Kintock Group; Destiny Rojas, Hudson County Planning Board; and Tiffany Walton, Essex County Division of Child Protection and Permanency.

Interns work an average eight hours per week for a three-credit internship and attend an on-campus seminar. For more information

about internships, see Prof. Charley Flint regarding criminal justice placements, and Prof. Jennifer DiNoia for all others.



*Who is this sociologist?
Clue: An 8-year professional football player and ASA President, he coined the term "symbolic interactionism."
Answer is on page 4.*

Master's Program Attracts Students with Varied Career Interests

This year's new graduate students who are enrolled in the 33-credit M.A. degree program in applied sociology are a mixture of recent college graduates and of others who graduated from 5 to 12 years ago. Their varied career goals include the academic, business, criminal justice, diplomatic, and nonprofit sectors.



Lauren Cottings

Lauren Cottings earned her B.A. degree in sociology from Cedarville University in 2011. Interested in a career in marketing research, she thinks the program "will open up many contacts and possibilities, and aid in my personal growth as well as my career future."



John Gizzarelli

John Gizzarelli, a 2011 WPU sociology graduate and presently a sales rep with Stryker, noted, "The faculty's highest priority is a student's success and mastery of the course material. This sense of commitment to student success is the main reason why I decided stay here to earn my Master's."

Gary Lerner, a 2012 graduate of Richard Stockton College with a major in sociology and anthropology, added,

"I heard positive reviews from past William Paterson students about the success of the graduate program, that it gives great opportunities to students and has life-changing experiences. Also, I have deep respect for the faculty here, as I used some of their published research in my undergraduate papers."

Roswell Lawrie is a 1998 Rutgers alumnus with a degree in psychology. "As a recruiter and human resources representative, I wish to continue that career in helping people find jobs. I want to increase my 'people' skills, so, therefore, I think this program in Applied Sociology is the best fit for me."

Graduates qualify for such positions as planners, program development specialists, policy analysts, community coordinators, data analysts, and human resource directors. Work settings include corporations, research organizations, community agencies, government



Gary Lerner



Roswell Lawrie

***"Bad politicians are sent to Washington by good people who don't vote."
William E. Simon (1927-2000)***

bureaus and programs, school systems, medical facilities, courts, and private businesses. For further details, see Prof. Vince Parrillo.

Sociology Department Welcomes New Faculty

In September the sociology faculty welcomed their new colleagues, Wendy Christensen and Gohar Petrossian.

Prof. Christensen received M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Before coming to WPUNJ, she was a visiting professor at Bowdoin College.

This semester she is teaching Social Stratification and Qualitative Research Methods, and she will teach the latter course again in the spring and also social movements. Her research mainly focuses on the social inequalities that often shape political discourse and participation.

Prof. Petrossian possesses two criminal justice degrees: an M.A. from John Jay College and a Ph.D. from Rutgers-Newark. Before she joined WPUNJ, she taught courses



Wendy Christensen Gohar Petrossian

in the criminal justice and sociology departments at Rutgers.

Presently teaching courses in Social Statistics and Essentials of Criminal Justice, in the spring she will teach Comparative CJ Systems and Quantitative Methods. Her research involves numerous CJ areas and GIS mapping.

Both women have published their research in peer-reviewed journals.

SART Training Is Soon

From February through April 2013, the Passaic County Women's Center, in collaboration with the University's Campus Violence Prevention Program, will provide Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) training. Tentative dates for the free 45-hour on-campus training are Fridays between 10a.m. and 2 p.m., as well as a few Saturday sessions.

Students interested in being SART volunteers should come to an information session on either Tuesday, October 23rd, from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. in Hunziker Wing 111, or else on Monday, October 29th from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in Hunziker Wing 129. You may also call the Campus Violence Prevention Program at 973-720-3436.

Advisement Tips

- ◇ Check your degree audit online to see what you still need to take.
- ◇ Make up a tentative schedule.
- ◇ Save your Alternate PIN # in your cell phone for possible later use.

Answer to page 3 photo quiz

Honored as an all-pro, Herbert Blumer was on the Chicago (now Arizona) Cardinals and scored two touchdowns during their championship season in 1925, the first year of his doctoral studies at the University of Chicago. He brought much insight and coherence into the subfield of collective behavior and the interactionist perspective.

Help Is Available

Any student who needs and/or wants tutoring in sociology should call the department office at 973-720-2274 to set up an appointment with Prof. Lou Gaydosch.

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Sociology and Criminal Justice Clubs Are Active

As part of its community outreach activities, the **Sociology Club** is holding two bake sales: Tuesday, October 23rd, at the Valley Road campus, with proceeds to UNICEF, and Wednesday, October 24th in the Student Center on the main campus, with proceeds going to help fight poverty in New Jersey.

The club meets on Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. in Raubinger 301. New members are always welcome. For more information, write to Christian Agurto (agurtoc@student.wpunj.edu).

As part of its continuing lecture series, the **Criminal Justice Club** will present Lisa Colone, Assistant U.S. Attorney, New Jersey, on October 31st, and Robert Gonzalez, a former prisoner who served a 25-year sentence for gang-related murder, on November 21st. Both presentations will be held in the Library Auditorium. Coffee and cookies will be served.

The club hosted two other recent talks by Richard Potere, Special Agent for the U.S. Secret Service, and John LaRaia, FBI Special Agent.

Graduation Application Deadlines

For January 2013 — October 1

For May 2013 — February 1

For August 2013 — June 1

Online registration begins in early November.

Don't lose your priority!

Sign up to see your advisor early.