

Decena Is One of 10 National Finalists for Arthur Ashe Award

Sociology alumnus German Decena was named one of the 10 male national finalists for the *NCAA and Diverse: Issues In Higher Education 2013 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar Award*. The winners will be profiled in the April 11th edition. Finalists were chosen from over 500 outstanding minority student-athletes nominated by their respective institutions, and German is the only Division III student-athlete among the 10 male and 10 female finalists, and he is one of five non-Division I finalists overall.

Decena was previously honored as a 2010-11 and 2011-12 Arthur Ashe, Jr. Sports Scholar. A member of the Football Academic All-District 2 Team, he graduated magna cum laude from William Paterson in January of 2013 with a B.A. degree in sociology and aspires for a career in law enforcement. An eight-time Dean's List student, he was selected to the 2010-11 New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) All-Academic First Team and NJAC All-Academic Honorable Mention in 2010-11. His community service activities included helping with Toys for

Tots, a food drive, Habitat for Humanity, and a breast cancer awareness walk.



German Decena

A walk-on in his first sea-

son, Decena started the last three seasons on the defensive side of the ball for the Pioneers, moving to bandit last fall after two years at free safety. A member of the 2012 All-NJAC First Team Defense, he led WP with 78 tackles (38 solo), adding three pass breakups and a fumble recovery.

He also returned an interception 70 yards for a touchdown during a 21-14 victory in September at Maritime. Ninth in the league in tackles per game (7.8) this past season, in 39 career contests and 33 starts, he collected 196 tackles (84 solo), five interceptions, 10 pass breakups, two fumble recoveries and a forced fumble.

Black Issues In Higher Education, now *Diverse magazine*, established the Sports Scholars Awards to honor undergraduate students of color who exemplify standards set by tennis great Arthur Ashe.

Past recipients include: Baylor University's Robert Griffin III (2011), Heisman Trophy winner; the University of Tennessee's Kara Lawson (2003), ESPN analyst who played for the WNBA's Sacramento Monarchs; San Diego State University's Marshall Faulk (1993), NFL Hall of Famer; and University of Kansas' Jacque Vaughn (1996), assistant coach for the NBA's San Antonio Spurs.

Students and Faculty Present Research Findings

Converting their senior seminar papers into research posters with assistance from WPU faculty mentors, a graduate and two undergraduate sociology students exhibited their work, while another undergraduate student gave an oral presentation at the 83rd annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society held in Boston at the Park Plaza Hotel and Towers on March 21-24, 2013.

Samantha Grant Koop presented a paper at roundtable session entitled "The Impact of Parental Socialization Methods on Young Adult Males' & Females' Substance Use." The other students presented their research at poster sessions: "The Effect of Social Media on Academic Performance," by Gary

Lerner; "Student Perceptions on Academic Structures," by Jarline Rosario; "Female Criminals in the Media: TV Crime Drama and Print Media Portrayal of Female Offenders," by Paulina Smaka.

About 1,400 people attended the four-day conference, where more than 450 research sessions were held. Under the conference theme of "Sustainable Communities, Sustainable Lives, Social Change and Social Justice," two WPUNJ faculty members — Kathleen Korgen and Deniz Yucel—organized sessions at which they served as presiders and discussants.

ESS next meets in Baltimore in February 2014, when other students will participate.



In the Boston Park Plaza Hotel are Prof. Claudia Damari, Gary Lerner, Professor Jacob Felson, Samantha Koop, Jarline Rosario, Paula Smak, Prof. Deniz Yucel, and Prof. Keumjae Park.

Faculty News

Maboud Ansari had a new book, *The Iranian Americans: A Popular Social History of a New American Ethnic Group*, published by Edwin Mellen Press. In late spring, he and **Vince Parrillo** will travel to Kazakhstan and Tajikistan to continue their qualitative research on the impact of Gulen schools.

Staci Block is presenting a workshop, "Creative Check-Ins: Leading the Way to Connections," at the annual conference of the American Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychotherapy held in Arlington, Virginia, in April.

Jennifer DiNoia, Gennifer Furst, and Keumjae Park (with a Rutgers colleague) authored an article, "Designing Culturally Sensitive Dietary Interventions for African Americans: Review and Recommendations," in *Nutrition Reviews*.

Jennifer DiNoia completed a study, funded by the HSS Research Center, on strategies for improving the food environment in summer camps. A paper reporting findings of the study is currently under review. The findings will be presented at Research and Scholarship Day.

Charley Flint was appointed to the Board of the Paterson Municipal Alliance; reelected to the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Corrections Association; and invited by the Long Island University School of Education to present a Workshop on Whiteness and White Privilege to its faculty and staff. She is a board member of the Foundation for Aging, and a certified facilitator for the Alternative to Violence Program at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women.

Emily Mahon successfully defended her dissertation, "Paradoxes of Piety in Young Muslim American Women: Public Perceptions and Individual Realities," and thus earned her Ph.D. in sociology from the CCNY Graduate Center last month. As Executive Officer of the Eastern Sociological Society, she handled all organizational and logistical duties for a most successful annual, four-day meeting at which more than 1,400 people attended.

Vince Parrillo (with a Montclair colleague) had a paper, "The National Social Distance Study: Ten Years Later," accepted for publication in the September issue of *Sociological Forum*. On March 6th, President Waldron sponsored a premiere/reception for his documentary, *Gaetano Federici: The Sculptor Laureate of Paterson*, which will be telecast on NJTV on April 23rd. The eleventh edition of his book, *Strangers to These Shores*, is now in production and will be published in July. He serves as vice chairman of the Ridgewood Historic Preservation Commission.

Gabe T. Wang had a new book, *American Sociology and the Socioeconomic Development of China*, published by the People's University of China Press (Beijing 2013).

Deniz Yucel had a co-authored paper, "Number of Siblings and Social Skills Revisited among American Fifth Graders" accepted for publication in the *Journal of Family Issues*. She also presented a paper, "Number of Siblings and Generalized Trust: A Real or Spurious Relationship?" at the ESS meeting in Boston, and will give another presentation titled "Correlates of Generalized Trust: Evidence from the European Values Survey Data" at the upcoming Southern Sociological Society Conference in Atlanta, GA in April.

Student and Alumni News

Sociology major **Raymond Deacon** completed his ROTC training at Seton Hall and will become a commissioned officer when he graduates in May, the first to do so. President Kathleen Waldron plans to recognize his accomplishment at graduation.

Theresa Pedernea and **Crystal Tani**, who are both graduating seniors, have been accepted to the Rutgers School of Social Work.

Graduate students **David Fogmeg, Joel Keys, Jr., and Edwin Rodriguez, Jr.** have just earned

their Certificates of Assessment and Evaluation Research.

Graduate students **John Futrell** and **Craig Marccone** (theses) and **John DiCesare, Christina Vella, and Tiffani Walton** (deliverables) will present their work to faculty and other students on Wednesday, April 24.

Graduate student **Wafaa Saad** is the Executive Director of the Arab American Civic Organization in Paterson.

Senior and Graduate Interns Are in a Variety of Work Settings

This semester 32 undergraduate and five graduate students are doing an internship. Such internships offer practical experience and the value of a professional recommendation in addition to academic ones to help in one's job search. Although there are no guarantees, on average about 40 percent of all internships lead to job offers.

Undergraduate internships in criminal justice are: Leiddy Beato, Bergen County Police Department; Daron Burch, Hudson County Probation Department; Daniel Brown, Sparta Police Department; Michelle Molina, immigration law firm; Candice Williams, Paterson Great Falls Academy; Patrick Marella, New Jersey State Parole Board; Roberto Diaz, Passaic County Sheriff's Department; Christopher Bores, Clifton Police Department; Dorothea Powell, The Challenge Program; Kanifah Woods, WPU Campus Violence Prevention Program

Among the undergraduate sociology interns are: Ginellis Acevedo, Pass It Along, Sparta; Fateha Ahmed and Fateha Chowdhury, Oasis: A Haven for Women and Children, Paterson; Fahima Ali, Advanced Care Center at Lakeview, Wayne; Yessenia Alvarado Diaz, Special Homes of NJ, Denville; Jeffia Brown and Stephanie Zeron, Passaic County Department of Human Services, Paterson; Natalia Corchado, Eva's Village, Paterson.

Others include Amanda Cruz, Bergen County Adult Protective Services, Rochelle Park; Monique Dockery-

Harriott, Department of Child Protection and Permanency-Camden East Office, Voorhees; Kevin Doherty, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children of Bergen County, Hackensack; Doris Fernandez, Hyacinth AIDS Foundation, New Brunswick.

Jisela Gonzalez, is at the NJ Center for Healthy Living in Montclair; Vanessa Isaza, Turrell Childcare and Early Learning Center, Paramus; Yajahira Mendez and Ana Puello, Department of Child Protection and Permanency-Passaic Office, Paterson; and Megan Judge, Munzing, Inc., in Bloomfield; .

Additional internships involve George Nti, Pentecost International Worship Center, Princeton; Divya Patel, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County Elizabeth; Marnie Rountree, Paterson Public School 15, Paterson; Melissa Tracey, Department of Child Protection and Permanency - Morris West Office, Randolph; Natasha Varoqua, at the Prospect Park Municipal Building; Kiera Williams, Boys and Girls Club of Paterson;; Chandalear Wise, Creative Arts Morgan Village Academy, Camden.

Graduate interns are: John DiCesare, Bergen County Housing, Health and Human Services, Hackensack, NJ; David Fogmeg, William Paterson University Alumni Association; Diana Sensale, Morris Catholic High School, Denville; Christina Vella, WPUNJ Enrollment Management; Tiffani Walton, Department of Child Protection and Permanency-Essex Central Office, Maplewood.



Who was this social scientist?

Clue: She was an early feminist and a very influential social reformer.

Answer is on page 4.

Strong Student Response to Join AKD International Honor Society

Response has been strong from eligible students invited by the Department of Sociology to join Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honor society. New members and their friends and/or family will attend an induction ceremony and reception to be held on April 17th in Hobart Manor. Sociology faculty and some administrators will also attend.

To be invited to join, students must be an officially declared sociology major or show serious interest in sociology within an official university academic program.; be at least a junior; main-

tain at least a 3.2 grade point average in sociology courses taken at William Paterson prior to initiation; and complete at least four regular courses in sociology prior to initiation.

Come to Career Day!

Thursday, April 11th at 12:30 in R301

Food will be served

"The highest result of education is tolerance." ~ Helen Keller (1880-1966)

"He who opens a school door, closes a prison." ~ Victor Hugo (1802-1885), author of Les Miserables

Increase in Students Earning M.A. Degree in Applied Sociology

The M.A. degree program in Applied Sociology, which is now in its fifth year of existence, had five graduates in January with an additional five more expected to graduate in May, a record total thus far.

The growing number of students makes sense, given the economy. This highly practical program gives students a skill set in high demand and experience in using them to develop a credible portfolio. In addition to taking nine courses, students experience a six-credit professional internship, either in their work setting or through placement, working one-on-one with a faculty mentor to do evaluation research, just as any outside consultant would do. Any job applicant with proven assessment

experience such as this will be, say the Sociological Practice Association and the U.S. Department of Labor, in high demand for the foreseeable future.

Furthermore, built into the program is a 12-credit Certificate of Assessment and Evaluation Research Skills that can be earned before completion of the degree. Certificates are highly valued in both the private and public sectors because they show focused study in an area of great appeal to employers.

More information can be found at the department website, but anyone interested in learning more about the certificate or M.A. programs should speak to Prof. Vince Parrillo, Graduate Director, in Raubinger Hall, room 430.

Registration Schedule Summer/Fall 2013

April 4	Seniors: 104-127 credits Graduate Matriculated
April 8	Seniors: 90-103 credits
April 9	All seniors
April 10	Juniors: 75-89 credits Graduate certificate students
April 11	Juniors 58-74 credits
April 12	All juniors
April 16	Sophomores 42-57 credits
April 18	Sophomores 24-41 credits
April 19	All sophomores
April 22	Freshmen 14-24 credits Graduate Non-Matriculated

Note: Priority is based on total credits completed, excluding those in progress.

Answer to page 3 photo quiz

Jane Addams (1860-1935) was the greatest female sociologist of her day and the first woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize (1931). She was an activist for woman suffrage and co-founded one of the first settlement houses (Hull House) in America.

Help Is Available

If you need and want free tutoring in sociology courses, please contact Debra Wilson, department secretary to schedule an appointment at: 973-720-2274 or by email at wilsond@wpunj.edu.

Department of Sociology
William Paterson University
Raubinger Hall -- 4th Floor North
300 Pompton Road
Wayne, New Jersey 07470
Phone: 973-720-2274
Fax: 973-720-3522

We're on the Web!
www.wpunj.edu/cohss/sociology

Italian Visiting Professor Joins Department

Through a partnership agreement that William Paterson University has with the University of Pisa, Claudia Damari joined our department for this semester as visiting professor.

Prof. Damari received her Laurea Magistrale (B.A./M.A. equivalent) in philosophy and her Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Pisa in 2009. Her dissertation examined the construction of meanings within the theoretical framework of phenomenological sociology elaborated by Alfred Schütz.

Her research interests focus on social change, with a particular emphasis on culture and construction of individual and collective identities in a postmodern, multicultural world. Her past field research in Israel mainly explored the problem of social integration. Currently, she is exploring issues related to travel and religious tourism.

At William Paterson University, Dr. Damari teaches undergraduate courses in Sociology of Religion and Social Problems. During spring break, she joined department colleagues in attend-

ing the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society in Boston.

In Italy, her research was on volunteering, declining small communities in Southern Italy, and the cultural districts found

in Tuscany. She *Prof. Claudia Damari* has been a certified journalist since 2001 with the Professional Italian Association of Journalists.

For the University of Pisa, she has taught courses on the Culture of Travel, Sociology of Mobility, and Sociology of the Environment at its campus in Lucca, an old city with its surrounding walls still intact.

Beginning this summer, with a fellowship from the Israeli government, she will spend eight months at the University of Haifa studying religious pilgrimages.



Graduation Application Deadlines

For August 2012 — June 1

For January 2013 — October 1

For May 2013 — February 1

Online registration begins April 4th.

Don't lose your priority!

Sign up to see your advisor early.