

Students Present Their Senior Seminar Papers as Posters at ESS Annual Meeting

At the 87th annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society held this year in Philadelphia in late February, four WPUNJ students displayed their senior seminar research papers in a poster session in the Liberty Foyer of the Sheraton Hotel meeting site.

Luljeta Beqiri, won the best poster award for hers, "The Experiences of Younger and Older Muslim Women from 9/11 and Onward." This was a qualitative study based on interviews with Muslim women living in NJ and in Illinois, where she has family ties. She compared Muslim identity and experiences of Islamophobia between two groups of women, those who were adolescents (under 18) at the time of 9/11 and those who lived through 9/11 as adults. A member of the judging committee declared Luljeta's poster to be "one of the best we've seen in many years." This statement is quite a compliment given all the entries from the larger and Ivy League universities.

The other students with posters and their research topics were: Carla Rogeen Eliezer, "The Effects of Social Media on Self-Worth: Do Young Adults Have Confidence in Who They Are?"; Keara George, "The Impact of College Preparatory Programs on Minority Students' Preparedness and Success in College"; and Jeanette Morel, "How Does the Mass Media Affect a Woman's Body Image?"



Luljeta Beqiri stands beside her award-winning research poster. In the second photo at the ESS meeting are Prof. Keumjae Park, Jeanette Morel, Keara George, Carla Rogeen Eliezer, Luljeta Beqiri, and Prof. Gabe Wang.

52 Students To Be Inducted Into CCJ and Sociology Honor Societies

The annual installation dinner of the Department's two honor societies will be held on Thursday, April 13th, at the Brownstone Restaurant. Thirty-one students will be inducted into Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honor society. Another 21 students will be inducted into Alpha Phi Sigma, which is the national criminal justice honor society. In addition to the students, their friends and family, department faculty and academic administrators will also be in attendance.

Assemblywoman and Deputy Speaker Mila Jasey is the invited speaker. She serves as chair of the Higher Education Committee and vice chair of the Housing and Community Development Committee.

In addition to inductees receiving their honor cords to wear at commencement, several special awards will also be given. One of



Mila Jasey

these is the Paul Vouras Award for outstanding achievement.

The Alpha Phi Sigma inductees are Litheran Alford, Geradine Aliaga, Blaise Calandrillo, Andrea Cardona, Jessica Contino, Austin, Court, Joseph Cuozo, Maya Deleon, Deona Edgerton, Andre Grant, Cassidy Trause, Julissa Herrera, Waleska Herrera, Brianna McKinley, Corey Morris, Dhawilson Pena, Brianna Pennington, Michael Pressler, Courtney Ross, Alisha Samuels, and Daniel Sherdo.

AKD inductees are Anny Alonzo, Rebekah Battersby, Rebecca Bell, Matthew Bernardo, Marlene Calixto, Gabrielle Castelli, Aleena Crawford, Patrice Crocevera, Karolina Czernecka, Genairis Dones, Christina Dovedytis, Deona Edgerton, Mariela Garcia Capellan, Greta Gazo, Jennifer Haggis, Dayana Harris, Megan Hickey, Caitlin Hughes, Elif Inal, Jessica Irwin, Alli Kopesky, John Kroschwitz III, Victoria Marian, La Tasha Munn, Michell Orozco, Darlene Rodriguez, Justin Schwarz, Kara Simpson, Allison Speranza, Emily Tully, and June Zieder.

Faculty News

Wendy Christensen gave an invited talk at Haverford College in March on her *Ethnic and Racial Studies* journal article, "The Black Citizen-Subject: Black Single Mothers in Military Recruitment Material."

Charley Flint received an award for her anti-violence work from Women and Family Ascending Association (WAFAA) and another from two student groups (SABLE and the AKA sorority) for her dedicated services to the university and its students.

Gennifer Furst presented a paper in Philadelphia at the ESS annual meeting: "Incarcerated Veterans in NJ: Experiences and Challenges," where she also co-facilitated and participated in a workshop "Creative Strategies for Teaching at Resource Strapped Institutions," with **Wendy Christensen**, Denise Copelton, Anne Eisenberg, Crystal Jackson, and Carrie Smith. Last November at the New Orleans meeting of the American Society of Criminology, she was discussant at the session, "Animals in Prison: Program Evaluation Design and Measuring Outcomes" and presented a paper, co-authored with **Kathleen Korgen**, "Has the Colorblind Ideology Permeated Prison Walls?"

Kathleen Korgen had the 6th edition of *Our Social World: Introduction to Sociology* (co-authored with Jeanne Ballantine and Keith Roberts) published by Sage in January.

Emily Mahon was honored at the ESS annual meeting in Philadelphia at the Saturday night plenary session following completion of more than 12 years as its Executive Officer. Her position is now filled by **Jennifer McAdam**, another sociology adjunct professor.

Vince Parrillo won the award for Best Documentary Feature for his film, *Paterson and Its People*, at the Garden State Film Festival in Atlantic City in early April. He completed the 12th edition of his book, *Strangers to These Shores*, which will be out later this year. He gave a talk on immigration and woman suffrage in an assembly program at Manchester Regional HS in March.

Sheetal Ranjan was honored at the NJ Assembly in March, as Assemblywoman Shavonda Sumter and Assemblyman Benjie Wimberley spoke about her applied research work and service to the community. Prof. Ranjan also spoke to UN Women at NYC headquarters about her research related to her forthcoming book, *Violence Prevention: A Coordinated Community Response Approach*.

Kevin Wronko became a board member of the NJ Coalition to End Domestic Violence. He invited Amy Locane, the star of *Melrose Place* and actress in 16 movies, to speak to his corrections class about her prison experiences for killing a passenger in another car while driving drunk. WCBS filmed her class talk and it aired March 8th on the late night news.

Deniz Yucel published a co-authored article, "Parents, Siblings, or Friends? Exploring Life Satisfaction among Early Adolescents" in *Applied Research in Quality of Life* (December 2016). In February, she presented a paper, "Real vs. Ideal Working Conditions and Job Satisfaction: The Moderating Effect of Gender and Type of Employment" at the 2017 ESS meeting, where she also presided at two paper sessions: "Couple Relationships"

Student and Alumni News

Robert J. Bell, MA '16 is a research analyst with Ipsos, a global market research and a consulting firm.

Sarah Keenan, MA '14 is Assistant Director of Institutional Research & Assessment at William Paterson University.

Craig Marcone, MA '13 is Senior Manager at Automatic Data Processing.

Salome Sigua, MA '17 is an Initial Response and Emergency

Services Specialist with the Bergen County Department of Human Services in its Division of Alternatives to Domestic Violence.

Kara Simpson, MA '17 is Outreach Coordinator at JDRF International, for the Greater New York City area.

Gina M. Van Winkle, BA '07 is Care Manager at Circle of Care for Families and Children of Passaic County, Inc.

"I am extremely happy that I decided to take advantage of the accelerated program. I am not sure I would have been able to go on to graduate school any other way." ~ Kathryn Greene

As a senior Kathryn entered the accelerated program, taking 12 graduate credits as part of both her BA and MA programs. She saved thousands of dollars and reduced her remaining graduate credits to 21.

If you have a 3.2 GPA or higher, you are eligible. Write to gradsoc@wpunj.edu for details.

PROF. CHARLEY FLINT WILL RETIRE IN JUNE

After 46 years of teaching in higher education, sociology professor Charley Flint is retiring. *Dialogue* asked about her thoughts as she nears that date.

Why did you decide to be a college professor?

I got into teaching after reading the book *Teaching as a Subversive Activity*. I realized that would be a way I could continue as an activist and also a scholar. I saw my teaching as a way of helping students gain skills needed to become agents of change.

What is your teaching style?

I use the sociological imagination concept of C. Wright Mills' (which is the vivid awareness of the relationship between personal experience and the wider society) as my paradigm for teaching. What students learn from me should have applicability to their lives.

As you look back, what gives you the most satisfaction?

It's the feedback from students indicating that I have been successful in my teaching goals, as well as being honored

with the first Student First Award to be awarded to faculty at William Paterson, and honors received from the students at Rutgers University during my tenure there.



Prof. Charley Flint

What will you miss most when you leave?

I will miss my students and especially the accomplishment I feel when a student has that "Aha moment." However, I am sure that I will continue my teaching after WPU in the capacity as an adjunct in my new home state of North Carolina.

Do you have any other plans?

I will continue working with incarcerated and formerly incarcerated persons. My partner of 41 years and I will continue our work on whiteness and publish the work of others researching that topic.

Any other comments you'd like to make?

To all, thanks for the experiences. Say what you mean and mean what you say. Speak truth to power and live a life of integrity.

Prof. Stephen Collesano Offers Job Search Advice for M.A. Students

I spent my career (38 years) working in the private sector as a researcher. It was both rewarding and fulfilling. Armed with a master's degree in sociology, I began in an entry level job with the American Council of Life Insurance; I later became responsible for all survey research. Next, I joined American International Group where I remained for 25 years; at AIG I was the senior corporate officer responsible for world-wide research and information. When I left, I had a research staff of 250 with offices in 12 locations around the world. After AIG I joined ACE group (now Chubb) where I built up a fledgling research function. After five years, I retired from ACE and joined WPU as an adjunct sociology professor.

Graduates with an M.A. in Applied Sociology are very marketable in the private sector. Here are some suggestions on how to start looking.

Most large organizations have their own research facility; they need both experienced and entry-level personnel. At the same time the majority of large companies farm out their field and tabulation work. This has spawned an entire industry that handles the research needs of organizations of all sizes; these firms need employees with your skill-set.

If you have not already done so you need to establish a profile on LinkedIn.com. This has become the go-to for many in human resources. You should also include your LinkedIn URL on your vita to make it easy access.

Virtually every company has its own web site that generally includes job prospects. If there is a company or industry of particular interest, go direct.

The American Association of Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) is the preeminent association for opinion researchers. AAPOR offers a student membership at \$10 for the first year; membership includes access to their "Career Center." AAPOR membership is extensive and the related organizations are always looking for staff.

Look on-line in any directory under "research firms" and you will find a wide network of primary research organizations, large, mid-sized and small, in all states. These organizations are often the training grounds from which private corporations lick their own personnel.

Relatedly, the research skill you have learned are the same the world over; if you speak a foreign language or have an interest in another culture you are well trained.

The AMA Gold Report lists the top 50 market research companies. Greenbook.org provides an extensive list of market research firms.

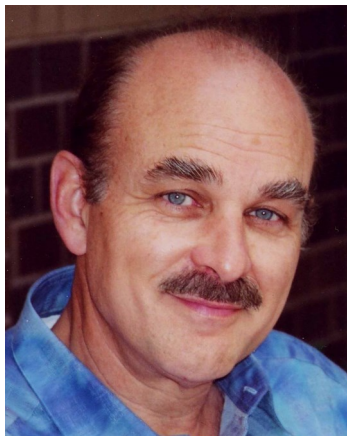
Work your networks and contacts; get recommendation letters from professors.

Other worthwhile sites include: Careerbuilder.com; Monster.com "research assistant"; Researchresearch.com; Careeronestop.org; Governmentjobs.com "research"; Higheredjobs.com; Glassdoor.com; Indeed.com; Quirk's.com.

Good luck! Dr. Stephen Collesano



Prof. Collesano



Who is this prominent sociologist?
Clue: He studies immigration and second-generation Americans.

Emily Mahon Honored For Her ESS Leadership



Left to right: John Torpey, ESS President; Emily Mahon, and Sarah Willie LeBreton

Emily Mahon, sociology adjunct professor, officially stepped down as Executive Officer of the Eastern Sociological Society, after serving from 2006 to 2017. At the last plenary session of the four-day conference, John Torpey, ESS President, presented her with a plaque, following a 10-minute retrospective presentation by Sarah Willie LeBreton

"I was totally surprised!" said Prof. Mahon. "I was so focused on making sure everything was going smoothly that I never noticed the lovely conspiracy at work."

As Executive Officer, she was responsible for all administrative work of the society—including management of procedures for membership/registration and voting, the hotel negotiations for meeting sites, and event planning. During her tenure, ESS step by step moved into the digital age—from sorted slips of paper to today's smartphone "app"

Looking back, she said, "The hallmark of ESS in the world of sociological societies is its warmth and openness—an environment that for me resulted in so many wonderful memories and wonderful friendships."

Jennifer McAdam, an adjunct professor in the Sociology Department as well, is the new ESS Executive Officer.

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Participating students at the dinner and papers event were: Jessica Contino and Christopher Wise (standing); Judith Felner; Christian Jimenez; Thomas Mikovich and Luigi Cascarano; (sitting); Sanad Washah and Leida Calvo (front row).

On December 6, 2016, students in Dr. Susanna Tardi's Italian and Italian-American Culture and Criminology course were invited to her home to enjoy a traditional home-cooked Italian/Italian-American holiday experience and present their final research papers.

Student topics included: "A Comparative Analysis of Italian and Peruvian Immigration to the US"; "Homosexuality in the Traditional Italian-American Family"; "A Comparative Analysis of Italian Catholicism and Islam"; "The Origins of Organized Crime in Sicily and the US"; and "Classical and Positivist Criminology in Perspective."

If you want to learn more about how your culture compares with Italian culture, the important role Italians played in the development of criminological theory, and the effect of Italian and American political systems on the police and the courts, for the fall semester register for SOC 2660-60 Italian and Italian-American Culture and Criminology, which will meet on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 8:40 p.m.

Answer to page 3 photo quiz

Rubén Rumbaut is a Cuban-American sociologist at the University of California, Irvine. He is one of the chief architects of the segmented assimilation model for varying adaptation paths taken by immigrants. Among his 150 articles, book chapters, and dozen books are the critically acclaimed *Immigrant America: A Portrait* as well as *Legacies: The Story of the Immigrant Second Generation*.

Advisement Tips

- ◇ Look for your customized email on advisement from Prof. Felson.
- ◇ Consult with your advisor on your fall and/or summer tentative schedule.
- ◇ Save your Alternate PIN # in your cell phone for possible drop-adds later.

Graduation Application Deadlines

For August 2017 — June 1

For January 2018 — September 1

For May 2018 — December 1