

B.A. in Criminal Justice Becomes Reality in September 2012

With its proposed program receiving final state approval, the Department of Sociology takes great pleasure in announcing that its Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice (CCJ) will officially launch in September 2012. The culmination of years of planning, development, and approval through layers of the academic governance structure, the new major provides students with a curriculum enabling them to focus more specifically on criminological theories, the criminal justice system, and the ever-changing nature of crime.



Left to right are the six students who exhibited their research posters: Paul Trass, Erika Mann, Samantha Koop, Kelly Padillo, Jazmin Romero, and Caitlin Signorello.

William Paterson will thus be the only public university in this part of New Jersey to offer this degree. Ramapo College offers a Law and Society major and Montclair State offers a Justice Studies major.

Several factors led to the decision to develop the new CCJ major. First and foremost was student demand. Second was the growing demand from numerous organizations and agencies to give students a stronger knowledge base in criminal justice subjects. Third was the strong desire of faculty and administrators to meet the needs of the community.

Gearing up, the Department is increasing the number of faculty members specializing in the CCJ area. Soon exciting and interesting electives such as Environmental Crime, Drugs and Crime, and Cyber Crime will be offered.

The new major will require 36 credits, half of them core courses (Essentials of Criminal Justice, Criminology, Research Methods in Criminal Justice, Computer Applications in Criminological Analysis, Senior Seminar, and Internship). The remaining courses mostly will be CJ content courses, which include the new ones under development.

Students will soon get email information from Prof. Gennifer Furst about steps to take to change from the sociology/CJ major to the new CCJ program.

Students Display Their Research at ESS Meeting

Converting their senior seminar papers into research posters with assistance from faculty mentors, six sociology majors were among 31 exhibitors in their session (1 of 5 student poster sessions) at the 82nd annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society held in New York City at the Broadway Millennium Hotel on February 23-26, 2012.

One student, Erika Mann, was honored in having her poster chosen as the best in her session, as ESS judges praised its originality, content, and visual display. She received a cash award and a certificate for her poster, "The Effects of the OTC Availability of Plan B on Teens Contraceptive Decision Making Process, With Race and SES Considerations"

Other exhibited student posters included "The Impact of Parental Socialization Meth-

ods on Emerging Adult Male and Female Substance Use" by Samantha Kopp; "How Socioeconomic Differences in Low-Income Families Lead To Child Maltreatment" by Kelly P. Padilla; "Death Denying Society" by Jazmin Romero; "The Doors Are Locked" by Caitlin Signorello; and "Stress, Time Management, Academic Success and the Student-Athlete" by Paul Trass.

About 1,500 people attended the four-day conference, at which more than 450 research sessions were held. Under the conference theme of "Storied Lives: Culture, Structure, and Narrative," two WPUNJ faculty members—Vince Parrillo and Deniz Yucel—presented their latest research findings.

The ESS meets again in Boston in March 2013, when other students will participate.

Faculty News

Maboud Ansari (with Prof. Vince Parrillo) will go to Bosnia and Albania in June for three weeks to conduct field research on the impact of schooling in those countries on the value orientations of high school students and parents. Also, he and Prof. Parrillo gave a talk on the Gulen Movement for the Sociology Research Circle on March 13th.

Jennifer DiNoia had an article entitled "Process of Change for Increasing Fruit and Vegetable Consumption among Economically Disadvantaged African American Adolescents," accepted for publication in *Eating Behaviors*. She will present other research, "A New Measure of Dietary Social Support among African American Adolescents," at the International Organization of Social Sciences and Behavioral Research in April. She also received the Award of Excellence in Reviewing from the *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*.

Rosemarie Bello-Truland, now a tenured assistant professor of sociology at Brookdale Community College, continues to teach as an adjunct professor here in Sociology as well as in the Department of Women and Gender Studies.

Paula Fernandez had two co-authored articles published: "Ni Pardo, Ni Prieto: The Influence of Parental Skin Color Messaging on Heterosexual Emerging Adult White-Hispanic Women's Dating Beliefs," *Women & Therapy*, and "The Role of Skin Color on Hispanic Women's Perceptions of Attractiveness," *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*.

Gennifer Furst participated in a roundtable, "Effective Online Teaching Strategies: What Works?" and also presented at a themed panel, "Using Practical Experience in Teaching," both in November 2011 at the American Society of Criminology meeting in Washington, D.C.

Kathleen Korgen is working on the 2nd edition of *Sociologists in Action: Sociology, Social Change and Social Justice*, and is co-editing another book, *Sociologists in Action: Race, Class, and Gender* (both with SAGE). She co-edited a chapter, "How the Racial Ideology of Colorblindness Impeded Racial Justice,"

with a 2011 WPUNJ graduate, Donna Yang, for Michael Principe's *American Government, Policy & Law, 3rd Edition*. (Kendall/Hunt, forthcoming).

Emily Mahon, Executive Officer of the Eastern Sociological Society, handled all logistics for the annual ESS meeting at the Millennium Hotel in NYC from February 23-26, which now stands at the best attended ever.

Luis Nuño accompanied students who displayed their research posters at the ESS meeting in NYC on February 25th.

Vince Parrillo gave two presentations at the ESS meeting: "The National Social Distance Study: Ten Years Later" and "Stealth Sociology: Public Sphere Crossovers." He is in the editing phase of his documentary on Paterson sculptor Gaetano Federici. New editions of his books, *Diversity in America* and *Cities and Urban Life* are in production and will be published later this year. Since January, he has given eight book talks to library and community groups on his historic novel, *Guardians of the Gate*.

Sheetal Ranjan was an honoree at the annual Women's History Luncheon hosted by State Senator Nellie Pou.

Kevin Wronko, after retiring from the Passaic County Prosecutors Office as First Chief of its Domestic Violence unit, remains active in the fight against domestic violence. He is a Board member of Women Against Family Abuse (WAF), an Islamic support group. He is Chairman of the Little Falls Domestic Violence committee and was a panel member at 2011 WPU's religious symposium on domestic violence issues.

Deniz Yucel organized a session, "Exploring the Intersection of Race, Gender, and/or Class" for the February ESS meeting. She will present a paper, "Relationship Quality among Couples: Comparing Cohabitation and Marriage," this month at the Midwestern Sociological Conference. She recently published a paper, "Wives' Work Hours and Marital Dissolution: Differential Effects across Marital Duration" in the journal *Sociology Mind*.

Student and Alumni News

Greg Atry '05, Kamilah Bayete '08, Michael Campo-reale '10, Judith Cocilovo '07, Oswald David '11, John Futrell '11, Sheri Israel '06, Joel Keys '10, Avi Kramarczyk '09, Meredith Peters '09, Edwin Rodriguez '11, Destiny Rojas '11, Trulya Scott '07, Kara Simpson '07, Christina Vella '05, and Tiffani Walton '10 are all enrolled in the Applied Sociology M.A. program at William Paterson.

Lisa Gatto '11 is enrolled in the M.S.W. program at Rutgers.

Will Graulich, MA '10, Jennifer McAdam '94, Sarah

Murray, MA '04, Taylor Probst, MA '05, and Ruben Scolavino '99 are WPUNJ adjunct sociology professors.

Justin Pierce '10 is enrolled in the Professional Counseling M.A. program at WPUNJ.

John Runfeldt, MA '06 is WPUNJ Assistant Director of Institutional Research and Assessment, as well as a sociology adjunct professor teaching Quantitative Research Methods.

Elizabeth Westbrook '11 is enrolled in the M.S.W. program at Kean University.

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 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: Ariana Ames; New Jersey State Police-Hamilton; Iryna Coleman, Eva's Village; Carole Datzko, CASA of Union County; Charlene Johnson, Northern State Prison; Robert LaManna, New Jersey State Police-Troop C HQ; Megann Leithold, Bergen County Police; David Marco, New Jersey State Police-Netcong; Brandon McNeil, WPU Public Safety; Stephanie Pichardo, Passaic County Adult Probation; Rafael Quinonez, Passaic County Sheriff's Department; Marilyn Rey, Passaic County Sheriff's Department; Luke Serna, Hopatcong Police Department; and Ivory Williams, Newark Municipal Prosecutor.

Sociology internship placements include: Nicole Adamo, Woodland Park Public Schools; Zakkiyyah Beasley, Children's Aid and Family Services; Michelle Benanti, Oasis: A Haven for Women and Children; Kristina Butler, Bergen County Board of Social Services;

Danielee Cobuzio, Hackensack University Medical Center; Olga Correa, WPUNJ Office of Campus Activities and Student Leadership; Joseph Dinkelmeyer, Orange County Youth Bureau; Daniel Dipsey, Boys and Girls Club of Northwest NJ; Amirah Faradin, Paterson Public School No. 5; Jonathan Guerra, Oasis: A Haven for Women and Children; Kathryn Gunther, Strengthen Our Sisters.

Others include Nickola Jordan, Newark Extended Care Facility; Mercedes Lopez, City of Paterson, Office of the City Council; Christenson Mattoon, Bergen County Department of Human Services, Division of Family Guidance; Ida Nguyen, County Manor Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center; Kelly Padilla, Care Plus NJ Healthy Families; Branden Pelt, Saint Paul's Community Development Corporation; Kaitlyn Rich, Barnabas Health, Hospice and Palliative Care Center; Marnie Rountree, Oasis: A Haven for Women and Children; Alexandria Soprano, Northeast Elementary School.

Graduate interns are: Yolanda Baptiste, YMCA of Greater Bergen County; Kamilah Bayete, WPUNJ, Department of Sociology; Sherri Israel, Toys 'R' Us, Human Resources Department; Avi Kramarczyk, City of Paterson, Department of Community Development; and Trulya Scott, Eva's Village.



*Who was this social scientist?
Clue: He had much to say about broken windows.
Answer is on page 4.*

Census Bureau Updates Link Between Education and Income

How much is higher education worth in terms of cold, hard cash? A college master's degree is worth \$1.3 million more in lifetime earnings than a high school diploma, according to a recent report from the Census Bureau.

The report, "The Big Payoff: Educational Attainment and Synthetic Estimates of Work-Life Earnings," reveals that over an adult's working life, high school graduates can expect, on average, to earn \$1.2 million; those with a bachelor's degree, \$2.1 million; and people with a master's degree, \$2.5 million. Persons with doctoral degrees earn an average of \$3.4 million during their work life, while those with professional degrees do best at \$4.4 million. These projected earnings are based on a typical work life, defined as from ages 25 to 64.

Looked at on an annual basis, a college graduate typically earns nearly \$23,000 more each year than someone who did not go to college, while a master's degree recipient earns about \$13,000 more each year compared to a college graduate. Higher levels of education allow people access to more specialized jobs often associated with high pay.

CVPP Offers DVRT and SART Training

The Campus Violence Prevention Program, in partnership with Passaic County Women's Center, now provides a Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) and Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) on campus.

DVRT volunteers provide domestic violence victims with immediate support and information about the law, safety options, and available resources. Goals are to decrease emotional trauma, increase ability to make an educated decision about options and access to community resources, while maintaining confidentiality. All 24 DVRT volunteers completed 40 hours of training and are now certified.

SART volunteers provide emotional support to survivors of recent sexual assaults and accompaniment to the hospital. They also provide information to survivors regarding medical and forensic procedures, options for reporting to police, and follow-up counseling and advocacy services. Once the 26 SART volunteers complete 45 hours of training, they will become members of Passaic County Sexual Assault Response Team.

In Fall 2012, DVRT training on campus will again take place. For further information please email cvpp@wpunj.edu.

"We all know we are unique individuals, but we tend to see others as representatives of groups."

~ Deborah Tannen, 1945 -

Eight Grad Students Earn Assessment & Research Skills Certificate

In addition to the Sociology Department's 33-credit MA program in Applied Sociology, a 12-credit program rewards students with a Certificate in Assessment and Evaluation Research Skills. Whether earned in a stand-alone program of studies or embedded in the degree program, those who earn this certificate usually have a decided edge in the job market, as this recognition of their focused study identifies them as persons with skills sought by today's employers.

In February, eight graduate students, a new record, earned their certificates. They were Greg Atry, Yolanda Baptiste, Kamilah Bayete, Eve Estrick, Tara Haney, Avi Kramarczyk, Trulya Scott, and Christina Vella.

Based on the courses they are taking in the spring semester, another five students should also receive certificates in May.

Anyone interested in learning more about the certificate or M.A. programs should see or write Prof. Vince Parrillo, Graduate Director.



Left to right are six of the eight graduate students who earned their certificates in advanced methodology: Greg Atry, Trulya Scott, Christina Vella, Yolanda Baptiste, Tara Haney, and Kamilah Bayete. Not pictured are Eve Estrick and Avi Kramarczyk.

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

Answer to page 3 photo quiz

James Q. Wilson, former government professor at Harvard, co-authored an important 1982 article on broken windows theory arguing that unchecked small signs of disorder can lead to greater ones. He died on March 2, 2012, at age 80.

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.

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Students To Be Honored at Annual Dinner

A total of 45 juniors and seniors who completed at least four sociology courses at WPUNJ, and whose grade point average in the major was a 3.2 or higher, have been invited to join Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honor society. Another 50 students have been invited to receive an honors certificate.

Sociology faculty, administrators, students, their family and friends, will gather at the Brownstone Restaurant on Wednesday, April 11, for the annual installation dinner.

At the dinner, two awards will be

given: Outstanding Student in Sociology and the Paul Vouras Award. The latter honor was named after the late WPUNJ geography professor who took a keen interest in sociology students and this dinner.

Deepa Sadhwani-Monchak is the guest speaker. A WPUNJ sociology graduate in 1995, she earned an M.S.W. degree from New York University in 1999 and has post-graduate training in family therapy. A licensed clinical social worker, she is a school social worker for the Passaic Board of Education, is in private practice, and an adjunct professor in sociology at WPUNJ.

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.