

Three Panel Discussions Held on CCJ Careers

Chanda Curtis, June Zieder, and Sonia Valentin

Three recent, well-attended events helped CCJ students to gain insights into post-graduation opportunities.

"Careers in the Judiciary" was the topic on March 29th, by a team from the Passaic Vicinage: June Zieder, Ombudsman (and sociology graduate student); Sonia Valentin, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, and Chanda Curtis, EEO/AA officer. "Thinking Outside the Box: Careers in Crime & Justice" on March 24th involved Manuela Garcia, Director of Assisted Outpatient Services, Mental Health Association, and Detective Kevin Parmelee, Forensics Investigator at the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office.

On February 25th, "The Path and Pitfalls to the Police Profession" brought speakers from the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office, the Passaic County Sheriff's Office, and the New Jersey State Police.

Paterson Center To Hold Conference On Urban-Suburban Interdependence

The Paterson Metropolitan Region Research Center will present a conference on Friday, April 15, in Ballroom A in the University Commons. It will bring together a broad spectrum of participants and attendees. Among them will be numerous experts, local and county officials, organization and agency leaders, interested residents, researchers, students, faculty, and academic administrators.

The morning session will focus on the general theme of thinking regionally. After lunch, the first afternoon session will focus on health and health care considerations among diverse populations in local cities and suburbs. Environmental considerations, more specifically the impact of changing populations on land-use policy in Paterson and surrounding communities, is the emphasis of the next afternoon session.

PMRRC Director Vincent Parrillo stated, "We're hoping to increase awareness and understanding about regional issues that cross local boundaries. With such an outstanding array of experts, this promises to be a highly interesting and informative conference."

The conference is in keeping with part of the Center's mission: to promote a greater understanding of the history, importance, and contemporary relevance of the Paterson metropolitan area to North Jersey's citizens, regardless of their urban or suburban residence and workplace.

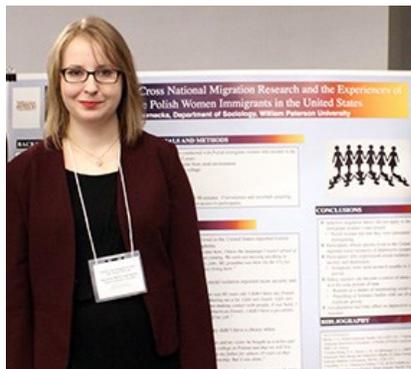
See or write Dr. Parrillo for further information.

Graduate Students & Faculty Present Research at ESS Boston Annual Meeting

WPUNJ sociology graduate students and faculty presented at the 2016 annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society held March 17-20 at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. It was the largest attendance ever in Boston.

Students Karolina Czarnecka and Salome Sigua had poster sessions on their research, and Professors Wendy Christensen, Mark Ellis, Jacob Felson, Gennifer Furst, Kathleen Korgen, Keumjae Park, Michael Schlossman and Deniz Yucel presented their research.

The Eastern Sociological Society has its executive offices at our university. Emily Mahon is the Executive Officer and Jennifer McAdam is the Assistant Executive Officer.



Karolina Czarnecka (left) and Salome Sigua (right) were among several hundred students who from the Eastern Seaboard whose research was on poster display over the four-day annual meeting attended by registrants numbering nearly two thousand.

Faculty News

Jennifer DiNoia is developing a web-based nutrition education lesson to promote fruit and vegetable consumption among children and women. She'll present her results at a conference in Alexandria, Virginia in July. Her study is funded by the USDA Center for Collaborative Research on WIC Nutrition Education Innovations

Mark Ellis was organizer/discussant at two ESS paper sessions, "To Stink or Not to Stink: Working with Labeled, Stigmatized and Discredited Bodies" and "The Video Got Me Pregnant: Hypersexuality, Violence and American Values in Music Lyrics and Music Videos." He also conducted a five-part workshop series at Rutgers-Newark, "Getting to Know Self," for 35 7th and 8th grade African-American and Latino males from Essex County.

Jacob Felson presented a paper at the ESS meeting entitled, "Does Student Satisfaction Come at the Expense of Rigor?"

Charley Flint received the Umoja Award for "outstanding and consistent efforts to create and maintain unity within the William Paterson University Community." She continues to work with female offenders at the Edna Mahan Facility for Women and with male offenders at the Garden State Youth Correctional Facility, as well as the Special Populations Committee, Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative, Passaic County Vicinage.

Kathleen Korgen edited a published book, *Race Policy and Multiracial Americans* (Policy Press). She also co-organized and presented at the ESS workshop, "Teaching Sociology through a Public Sociology Lens--a Win-Win-Win-Win for Sociology, Instructors, Students, and Higher Ed."

Arturo Lewis moderated a panel discussion on the impact of the 1995 and 2015 Million Man March in Washington, DC, as part of the African American History Month activities on campus in February.

Helena Lewis will perform her one-person show, "Call Me Crazy: Diary of A Mad Social Worker," at Essex County College on April 15. She won an AUDELCO for this play, which was also performed at the NASW-NJ Annual Conference.

Vince Parrillo is senior author of the newly published seventh edition of *Cities and Urban Life* (Pearson). His article "Assimilation and Pluralism: Dual or Dueling Realities?" will be published this spring in *Web of Science* (Thomson Reuters). He directed *The Pajama Game*, in December (Players Guild of Leonia) where in March he appeared onstage in *I Never Sang for my Father*.

Sheetal Ranjan is spending her sabbatical at American University in Cairo, where she organized a two-day international panel on building a community response to violence against women.

Michael Schlossman presented a paper at the ESS annual meeting entitled "Juvenile Justice Alternatives to Incarceration in Theory and in Practice: A Case Study of Pittsburgh's Community Intensive Supervision Program (CISP)."

Sheldon Shevack, inspired by the "A Panther in Africa" film will do research this May in Tanzania on efforts by the United African Alliance Community Center to reduce global poverty.

Deniz Yucel has a forthcoming article, "The Dyadic Nature of Relationships: Satisfaction among Married and Cohabiting Couples," in *Social Science Quarterly*. At ESS she presented a paper, "Gender Differences in Relationship Behaviors and Attitudes among Married Individuals," and was twice organizer and discussant for two sessions, "Gender and Work" & "Issues in Education and Teaching."

Kevin Wronko has joined the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence (NJCEDV).

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE				
Scheduled Exam Time	Monday, May 9 If class meets	Tuesday, May 10 If class meets	Wednesday, May 11 If class meets	Thursday, May 12 If class meets
8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	MW or WF or MF 8:00 a.m.	TR 8:00 a.m.	MW or WF or MF 9:30 a.m.	TR 9:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	MW or WF or MF 11:00 a.m.	TR 11:00 a.m.	MW or WF or MF 12:30 p.m.	This time will be used For conflicts
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	MW or WF or MF 2:00 p.m.	TR 2 p.m.	MW or WF or MF 3:30 p.m.	TR 3:30 p.m.



In December, the Sociology and Criminal Justice Club organized a Law Enforcement Question and Answer Panel in which several officers from the Passaic County Sheriff's Department (including adjunct professor Brian Weitzman), as well as two campus officers, presented their views on recent issues in policing and took questions from students. More than 75 students attended the event.

Sociology and CCJ Students To Be Inducted into Honor Societies

The annual dinner of Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honor society, will be on Wednesday, evening, April thirteenth, at the Brownstone Restaurant. In that elegant environment, students, their families and friends, as well as faculty and administrators, will gather together for a special installation dinner that will honor the several dozen new AKD members.

Juniors and seniors are eligible for membership if they have an overall 3.3 GPA in their major and completed a minimum of four WPUNJ sociology courses.

As is customary, a prominent speaker (not confirmed as this issue went to press) will give a brief talk relevant to students' interests and concerns about their future. Several surprise student awards will be given for



*Who is this prominent sociologist?
Clue: He wrote a highly influential book about reality.
Answer is on page 4.*

"Spring is Nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'"
~Robin Williams
1951-2014

outstanding achievement, as determined by votes by the sociology faculty.

The planning committee for this program include Mary Pat Baumgartner, Susanna Tardi and Debra Wilson-Brown.

"CCJ Salute" will honor our first CCJ graduating class (class of 2012-2016) at an invitational dinner Tuesday, April 26, in the multi-purpose room in University Commons.

Students, parents, faculty and academic administrators in attendance will be celebrating creation of a new local chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma, the national criminal justice honor society, by inducting its first-ever student members.

The planning committee—consists of Beth Adubato, Mark Ellis, Mary Pat Baumgartner, Michael Schlossman, and Debra Wilson.

CCJ CORNER

In mid-April, a juvenile and an adult probation officer from Passaic County will speak about various aspects of their jobs to members of the Sociology and Criminal Justice Club.

On Tuesday, April 12th, the club will sponsor a live-music event, "Calling into Question Common Stereotypes" that rejects and challenges the common stereotypes in various forms (videos, pictures, and mannequins) and invite

tion from 1999 to 2015 and she has spent many years in the field of corrections education.

Dr. Flint has also given lectures at various colleges and universities, professional meetings, conferences, and other venues. She has been interviewed on CBS, NBC, FOX, and BET and in local, national, and international newspapers on issues related to race/ethnicity, criminal justice, and gender.

Last semester Prof. Kevin Wronko invited William Young, an ex-federal inmate to speak to his students. An honorably retired Captain with the

years in probation and shared his extensive knowledge of the NJ prison and parole system.

On April 14th, Le'Var Starr, from the Passaic County court system and who coordinates county mental health services for juveniles and young adults, will speak to Prof. Schlossman's juvenile delinquency class.

Last fall Prof. Beth Adubato started a new chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma (APS), the Criminology and Criminal Justice Honor Society. Professors Amber Horning Ruf and Michael Schlossman are the faculty advisors.



Beth Adubato



Charley Flint



Michael Schlossman



Kevin Wronko

student comments on these images and their experiences with negative stereotypes.

Prof. Charley Flint was honored in December honored by the New Jersey Association on Corrections for her long-term service to the organization and to the field. She served as president of the Board of Trustees of that organiza-

South Orange Police Department, he became involved in a vigilante-type kidnapping on behalf of an ex-girlfriend. When he took that person from NY to NJ, the FBI tagged him as a Russian hitman!

He served 85% of a 10-year federal sentence, and gave the inside story on his county jail incarceration, followed by time in the federal penitentiary, then his halfway house and parole experiences.

Officer Marty Calia, of the Passaic County Probation Department, spoke to a corrections class on his 32

Prof. Adubato also organized student participation in our campus Take Back the Night event this April.

On Friday, April 1st, club members toured Bronx Community Solutions, a community-based diversion program that applies a problem-solving approach to non-violent cases.

The club has collected a fair amount of canned goods and clothing that it will donate to CUMAC, a non-profit in Paterson dedicated to feeding people and changing lives. Members also plan a volunteering event at CUMAC in mid-April.

Answer to page 3 photo quiz

Born in Austria, Peter Berger is one of the most prominent American sociologists of our times who wrote about the social construction of reality. He is known for his many contributions in the sociology of knowledge, religion, modernization and theory. Now 87, he writes a great blog, Religion and Other Curiosities. You can find it at (<http://blogs.the-american-interest.com/byline/berger/>).

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Graduation Application Deadlines

For August 2016 — June 1

For January 2017 — September 1

For May 2017 — December 1