

Sociology Department Offers New Course and Minor in Italian Studies

The Sociology Department offers an interdisciplinary minor in Italian and Italian-American Studies, and an elective, "Italian and Italian-American Culture: From the *Mezzogiorno* to the Jersey Shore." This Fall 2015 course, to be taught by Prof. Susanna Tardi, can be a major elective for sociology or criminology and criminal justice majors/minors and a free elective for all others.

Students should consider registering for this new and exciting course, and seek advisement to determine whether or not minoring in Italian and Italian-American Studies will be beneficial to them. Please note that knowledge of the Italian language is **not** necessary for enrolling in this course.

The minor will provide students with understanding and insights about the influence of Italian and Italian-American culture in a global context. Although the course and program may appeal to students of Italian descent, it also has application in the job market for all students. Italy is a leading country in the fashion, food and film industries. Students pursuing careers in these fields will benefit from the knowledge and skills they will gain from pursuing this minor.

Students, Faculty Present at ESS

Students and faculty presented at the 85th annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society held February 26 - March 1 at the Millennium Broadway Hotel in New York City. It was the largest meeting in ESS history with nearly 1,900 people registered.

Students Janaina Breve and Crystal Rivera had poster sessions on their research, and Professors Maboud Ansari, Gennifer Furst, Kathleen Korgen, Keumjae Park, Vincent Parrillo and Deniz Yucel presented papers on their research.

The Eastern Sociological Society has its executive offices here at William Paterson University. Emily Mahon, who has been the Executive Officer of the society since 2006, has been joined by Jennifer McAdam who now serves as Assistant Executive Officer.

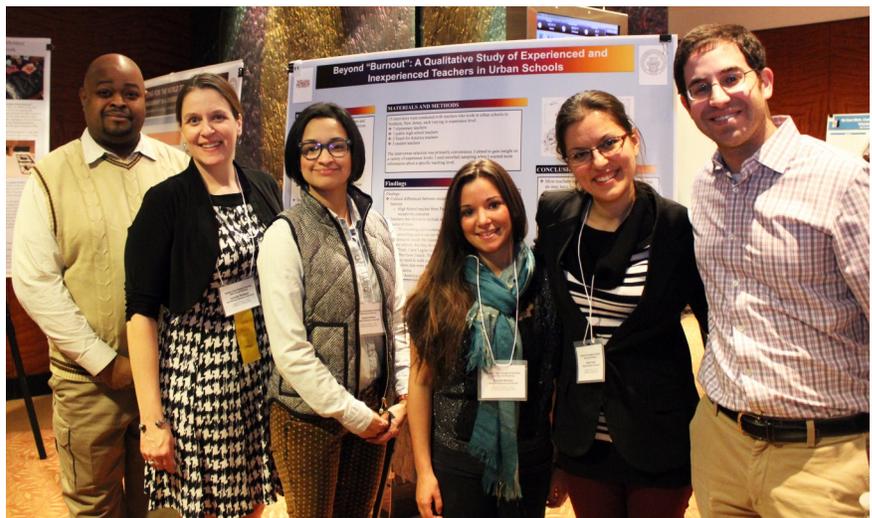
New Paterson Center for Students and Faculty Will Have Special Launch Event on April 28th

Students and faculty at many U.S. universities located next to cities use those urban regions for field research or learning laboratories for internships and practicums. WPUNJ is no exception, with many excellent activities an integral part of numerous departments. Until now, though, all mostly worked independently of one another and knew little of what others were doing.

The newly formed Paterson Metropolitan Region Research Center, will change that, and it begins on Tuesday, April 28th, with a special launch event in the Atrium lobby from 4 to 6 p.m. Students, faculty, staff and community leaders in the region are invited to see exhibits, videos and much more that will be on display from all five Colleges and other university departments. A jazz quintet will create a pleasant ambiance and an array of refreshments will be available.

Attendees can watch Paterson-related videos on women in silk factories, jazz, fire-fighting and the city's history. A special screening of *William Carlos Williams' Paterson*, a recently digitized version of a 1978 faculty-student collaboration will be shown in the Atrium auditorium.

The lobby will have many posters and continuous slide shows of student and/or faculty research efforts in the area.



At this undergraduate poster session, one of six over the four-day annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society that was held in New York City, are Mark Ellis, Jennifer McAdam, Janaina Breve, Crystal Rivera, Deniz Yucel and Michael Schlossman.

Faculty News

Maboud Ansari and **Vince Parrillo** co-presented their most recent findings in a three-year international study, "Hizmet Schools in Christian and Muslim Countries," at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society in February in New York City.

Jennifer DiNoia published a paper, "Features of Dietary Support Networks in Economically Disadvantaged Youth," in *Health Behavior and Policy Review*. Another article (co-authored with Cullen), "Fruit and Vegetable Attitudes, Norms and Intake in Low-Income Youth," is in press in *Health Education & Behavior*.

Gennifer Furst and **Kathleen Korgen** co-presented a paper, "Racial Identity Among Multi-Racial Prisoners" at the ESS February meeting in New York City.

Kathleen Korgen published the 5th edition of her book, *Our Social World: Introduction to Sociology* (co-authored with Jeanne Ballantine and Keith Roberts).

Arturo Lewis spoke to the Paterson Great Falls Rotary Club on "The Power of Poverty: How Sociology Can Help Break the Cycle." He will spend part of the summer teaching sociology for the WPU Aim High Summer Youth Program and another course on campus for Passaic High School Students.

Michael Schlossman presented a paper, "The 'New Interventionism' and the Contemporary Juvenile Justice System's Approach to Intensive Community Supervision" in November at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting. His contribution on the "Get Tough" era in juvenile justice will appear in the *Encyclopedia of Juvenile Delinquency and Justice*.

Vince Parrillo was named Director of the Paterson Metropolitan Region Research Center here at WPUNJ. Pearson published the 4th edition of *Understanding Race and Ethnic Relations* and the 5th edition of *Cities and Urban Life* is in press. He will give the keynote address at the 20th Annual Colloquium of American Studies in June in the Czech Republic. As the artistic director of Bergen Shakespeare he will be directing *The Comedy of Errors* in July at Overpeck Park.

Deniz Yucel has a forthcoming article, "Predictors of Marital Satisfaction in North Cyprus: Exploring the Gender Effects," in the *Journal of Family Studies*. At the annual ESS meeting, she presided at two paper sessions and in another session also presented her own paper, "The Effect of Siblings on Social Capital among Early Adolescents."

Student and Alumni News

Hayden Morgan '09 is now a student at Florida Coastal School of Law.

Edwin Rodriguez '11 is the Project Manager of Healthy Corner Store Initiative at The Food Trust.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Scheduled Exam Time	Monday May 4 If class meets	Tuesday May 5 If class meets	Wednesday May 6 If class meets	Thursday May 7 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.

Forty-Three Students Inducted into AKD Honor Society on April 14



Pictured in the Brownstone Crystal Room are 25 of the students inducted into Alpha Kappa Delta national sociology honor society.

This year's Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society dinner was held on Tuesday, April 14, at the Brownstone restaurant. In that elegant environment, students, faculty, administrators, family and friends gathered together for a special evening dinner to honor the 43 new AKD members.

Honor students are: Andrea Abeigon, Ruben Acosta, Adriel Alemany, Alexis Autrey, Deborah Bach, Thomas Benintende, Skye Bernardo, Catherine Buckelew, Alin Cinar, Kaitlyn Cockcroft, Elizabeth De Venio, Caitlyn Errico, Ashley Fratangelo and Allison Gordon,

In addition are William Haggis, Diamond Hannibal, Donneisha Harper, Julisa Isom, Kanayshia Johnson, Sibel Kaya, Tevin Kinchen, William Lakes, Taylor Lucyk, and Rebecca Mahabir, Steven Pinero, Andrew McCoy, Brenden Morales, Kevin McKeary, Anais Matos, as well as Keyli Panduro, and Douglas Mazanec, and also Meredith McCarthy, as well as Roberto

Ramos, Jr., Adam Ransom, Joseph Riccobono, Macy Robinson, Belin Martinez-Romero, John Rossi, Niki Siewerd, Alana Smith, Kayla Stepinac, Cierra Stowe and Michael Weber.

Dr. Steve Collesano--former senior vice president for global research for the ACE Group, before that AIG vice president for research, and now an adjunct professor in the graduate sociology program--was guest speaker.

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 criminology/criminal justice or sociology courses.

Outstanding student awards went to Tevin Kinchin and Catherine Buckelew. Diamond Hannibal received the Paul Vouras Award.

The planning committee for this program and dinner included Mary Pat Baumgartner, Jennifer DiNoia, Keumjae Park, Deniz Yucel (faculty) and Debra Wilson-Brown (administrative assistant).



Steve Collesano

“Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.”

*~Nelson Mandela
1918-2013*



Who is this prominent sociologist?

Clue: She is a well-known feminist thinker on the concept of social justice.

Answer is on page 4.

Sociology Club Invites Solitary Confinement Speaker; Plans Open Mic Night

On Tuesday, March 10, the Sociology Club sponsored a speaker event in the Library auditorium that was entitled "Behind Enemy Lines: From Slavery to Mass Imprisonment." Invited speakers were Ojore Lutalo and Bonnie Kerness from the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC).

Mr. Lutalo spoke to about 50 students about his serving 22 years in solitary confinement in a NJ state prison and how he passed his time by expressing himself through his artwork, of which more than 20 of his collages were displayed.

The club's next activity will again be a "Open Mic Night" for students to show off their talent. It will be in the Student Center Café from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Monday, April 27th. All proceeds from this event will also go to a local charity, but the recipient is yet to be determined.

The club meets in Raubinger 316 every Tuesday at 12:30 pm. All majors in sociology or criminal justice are most welcome to join! The club can be found on Facebook and listed as "WPUNJ Sociology Club."



This photo depicts some students in the auditorium front listening to Bonnie Kerness.

College Grads Earn Much More Than HS Grads

According to a recent analysis of census data by the Pew Research Center, the earnings gap between young adults with and without bachelor's degrees has stretched to its widest level in nearly half a century. The reason is the growing value of a college education despite rising tuition costs.

Young adults with just a high-school diploma earned 62 percent of the typical salary of college graduates. That's down from 81 percent in 1965, the earliest year for which comparable data are available.

The analysis by the Pew Research Center shows the increasing economic difficulties for young adults who lack a bachelor's degree in today's economy that's polarized between high- and low-wage work. Also, high-school graduates were more likely to live in poverty and be dissatisfied with their jobs.

In contrast, roughly nine in 10 college graduates ages 25 to 32 said that their bachelor's degree had paid off or will pay off in the future. Even among the two-thirds who borrowed money for college, about 86 percent said their degrees have been, or will be, worth it. For instance, college graduates ages 25 to 32 who were working full time now typically earn about \$17,500 more annually than employed young adults with just a high school diploma (\$45,500 vs. \$28,000); those with a two-year degree or some college training earned \$30,000.

About three-fourths of all college graduates say they regretted not doing more during school to better prepare themselves to find a job, such as getting more work experience, studying harder or looking for work sooner.

Answer to page 3 photo quiz

Nancy Fraser is professor of philosophy and politics at the New School for Social Research, Einstein Fellow of the city of Berlin, and holder of the "Global Justice" Chair at the Collège d'études Mondiales in Paris. Some of her books are *Redistribution or Recognition*; *Adding Insult to Injury*; *Scales of Justice*; *Justice Interruptus*; and *Unruly Practices*.

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Graduation Application Deadlines

For August 2015 — June 1

For January 2016 — September 1

For May 2016 — December 1