

Five-Year BA/MA Degree Program in Sociology Begins in Fall 2015

Beginning in September 2015, an accelerated BA/MA program will allow high achieving students to complete a B.A. degree in Sociology and an M.A. degree in Applied Sociology in five years. By taking four graduate-level courses in their senior year in lieu of related electives, students can double count the courses for both degrees and thus reduce the number of post-baccalaureate courses required for the M.A. degree, thereby speeding up completion of their studies while saving on graduate tuition costs.

Provisional admission to the combined program at the time of admission to WPUNJ will be available to outstanding freshman applicants who have SAT scores of at least 1800, with no score below 550 in the critical reading, math, or writing sections, and also have a high school grade point average of at least a B+. In addition, juniors who have completed 24 credits in sociology, including all of their undergraduate major and concentration core requirements (with the exception of senior seminar) and maintained an overall GPA of 3.2, and a 3.2 in sociology courses, will be eligible.

The M.A. program prepares students for careers in a variety of professional settings in the private and public sectors, including such occupations as program planners and development specialists, researchers, policy analysts, community outreach coordinators, data analysts, and human resource directors. Accepted students must complete 102 undergraduate credits before the start of their fourth year to become matriculated with the incoming Master's class in their senior year. The 18 graduate credits taken in their senior year will count as free electives in their Bachelor's program and as the first year's requirements in the Master's program. Interested students should speak to Prof. Vince Parrillo, Graduate Director.

Distinguished Lecturer at WPUNJ



Karen Cerulo speaks to listeners in the library auditorium.

On October 22nd, students and faculty had the privilege of hearing a talk by Prof. Karen Cerulo of Rutgers University, who is the 2014 Robin Williams, Jr. Distinguished Lecturer of the Eastern Sociological Society. Through a competitive process, ESS officials select only two institutions to host its honored speaker, chosen for excellence in research.

Prof. Cerulo gave a very interesting lecture, "Apologies of the Rich and Famous: Why We Care and Why We Forgive." In a down-to-earth approach, she explained and illustrated how content analysis of verbal sequence patterns can reveal why an apology is or is not effective.

A past ESS vice president, she is the editor of its flagship journal, *Sociological Forum*.

Leadership Changes for Sociology Department

Because all leadership positions in the Sociology Department have term limits, the 2014-15 academic year has brought about several changes. Now serving a three-year term as chairperson is Jennifer DiNoia. A nationally prominent researcher in the field of dietary assessment, she was previously an associate research scientist at Columbia University. A member of the Department since 2008, Prof. DiNoia has long served as the sociology internship coordinator. "I am delighted and honored to serve in this role," she commented.



Jennifer DiNoia

Stepping into the role of the criminal justice director is Prof. Mark Ellis, who has served for many years as the University Coordinator of the First-Year Experience. With a primary interest in the sociology of culture, he has taught a numerous courses, including Sociology of Police Work.



Mark Ellis



Charley Flint

Prof. Charley Flint is now criminal justice internship coordinator, a position that she has held in the past. A senior member of the Department, she was one of our first faculty to teach CJ courses. Active in community organizations, her research interests include gender and crime, and corrections.

Faculty News

Maboud Ansari is currently on sabbatical and giving guest lectures at universities on his research.

Jennifer DiNoia published "Defining Powerhouse Fruits and Vegetables" A Nutrient Density Approach in the CDC journal *Preventing Chronic Disease* in July. The article was featured in over 400 media outlets including *JAMA*, the *Washington Post* and *Time* magazine. She is the recipient of a \$275,000 grant from the USDA to develop and evaluate online nutrition education for women enrolled in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for women, infants and children (WIC).

Kathleen Korgen presented on "Teaching Intersectionality" at the August meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems held in San Francisco. The 5th edition of her book, *The Engaged Sociologist: Connecting the Classroom to the Community*, was published, and she will be general editor of the forthcoming *Cambridge Handbook of Sociology*.

Arturo Lewis will co-present a lecture, "The Socio-historical Experience of Economic Discrimination toward Ethnic Minorities in America and the Results of Income Disparity in Modernity," at Passaic County Community College in December.

Sarah Murray wrote an essay on sunscreen agents and the various market demographics, the culture of tanning, and misconceptions about sun protection in the *Sage Encyclopedia of Pharmacology*.

Vince Parrillo (with Maboud Ansari) traveled to Romania and Poland for their ongoing research project on Hizmet schools. His 5th edition of *Understanding*

Race and Ethnic Relations is in press and the 7th edition of another book, *Cities and Urban Life*, is in production (both with Pearson). He continues working on his latest documentary for PBS, "The People of Paterson," and he is the director of the Cole Porter musical *Kiss Me, Kate*, currently running in Leonia.

Michael Schlossman last May presented a paper, "The 'New Interventionism' and the Contemporary Juvenile Justice System's Approach to Intensive Community Supervision," at the Law and Society Association's annual meeting. In July, he gave a presentation on his ongoing research on the modern juvenile court before the administrators of the Community Intensive Supervision Program, a neighborhood-based juvenile justice therapy program located in Pittsburgh,.

Gabe Wang has been awarded the 2014 Fall Fellowship in Korean Studies. Along with five other editors and writers, Gabe will participate in a ten-day program in South Korea which includes lectures and discussions with leading scholars in South Korea. The group will also tour Seoul and other major historical sites in the Southern part of South Korea.

Deniz Yucel will have an article, "What Determines Religious and Racial Prejudice in Europe? The Effects of Religiosity and Trust," published soon in *Social Indicators Research*. She was presider for a roundtable session on "Parent-Child and Sibling Relationships" at the 2014 American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting, where she also presented a paper, "When Quality Trumps Quantity: Siblings and the Development of Peer Relationships."

Student and Alumni News

Blanca Carpio '15 was offered a job at Shelter Our Sisters in Wanaque where she interned.

Jean Colas '13 is now a supervisor at UPS.

Oswald David, M.A. '15 is Student Activities Assistant at Passaic County Community College.

German Decena '13 is an officer with the Hillsdale Police Department.

Selam Ghebremedhin '14 was accepted in MSW programs at Rutgers and Simmons School of Social Work.

Samantha Koop '13 had her senior research paper, "The Impact of Socialization Methods on Young Adult

Males' and Females' Substance Use," published in the *Journal of Integrated Social Sciences* (2014. 4(1):33-54). She is now an elementary school teacher in Rockaway Township.

Hayden Morgan '09 is medical support assistant at Veterans Affairs Medical Center for the Greater New York area.

Samuel Ocasio '13 was accepted in the M.A. program in Sociology and Social Justice at Kean University.

Danielle Tekirian '15 was offered a job at Children's Aid and Family Services (Paramus) where she interned.

Internships Give Seniors Job Experience and Job Competitive Edge

Seven students majoring in sociology completed their internships during this past summer while eighteen other seniors are doing their internships this semester.

Summer interns and their placements were: Brittany Baker, Brighter Day Behavioral Health Inc., (Lawrenceville); Sandy Bustamante, Department of Human Services, (Paterson); Blanca Carpio, Shelter Our Sisters (Hackensack); Garrett Kelly, Edison Police Department; Ashley Mendoza, Division of Child Protection and Permanency (Morris Plains); and also Chedleen Meriscar (Youth Consultation Services (Hackensack); Danielle Tekirian, Children's Aid and Family Services (Paramus).

Those students currently serving as interns are: Andrea Abeigon and Raquel Morillo, Department of Child Protection and Permanency (Paterson); Isaura Beato, Stratford Manor Care and Rehab (West Orange); and Dora New Jersey Community Development Corporation Vergara, United Way of Passaic County (Paterson).



Who is this famous sociologist?

Clue: He has the same name as a beloved comedian.

Answer is on page 4.

Jasmine Brinson, Department of Child Protection and Permanency (Plainfield); Catherine M. Buckelew, Jersey Battered Women's Service, (Morristown); Arom Chowdhury and Iris M. Laboy, Emeritus at Wayne;; Karolina M. Czernecka, Women and Families Ascending Association (Paterson); Max Dormerville, Orange High School; Amanda Gonzalez and Brittany Knight, Oasis, A Haven for Women and Children (Paterson); Fatima A. Hubbard, Youth Advocacy Program (Newark); Juvon L. Jones, Big Heart Christian Academy (Hackensack); Ingrid J. Nolasco, Dwight Morrow High School (Englewood); Adam Ransom, Department of Child Protection and Permanency (Randolph); Tierney Shine, Youth Consultation Service (East Orange); Desiree N. Tindell, Stratford Manor Care and Rehab (West Orange); and Dora Vergara, United Way of Passaic County (Paterson).

NYC Meeting Beckons Students

The annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society will be held at the Millennium Hotel in New York City from February 26 through March 1. At this gathering of more than 1,000 sociologists from the Eastern Seaboard, an exciting array of sessions on immigration, racial boundaries, elites, incarceration and adulthood are just part of the program. Students can also attend stimulating conversations with such prominent sociologists as Richard Alba, Elijah Anderson, Herbert Gans, Douglas Massey, Orlando Patterson and Alejandro Portes.

Once again, the sociology faculty encourages students writing any research paper to work with their professors to convert their paper into an attractive large poster. The Department provides funding support for the poster and attending the ESS meeting. The paper does not have to be completed to meet the departmental December 1st deadline. Students should speak either to their instructors or to Professors Mark Ellis or Deniz Yucel for further information.

William Paterson University is the host site for the Eastern Sociological Society, which is the regional professional organization for sociologists from Maine to Virginia.

Graduate Students Earn Their Certificates



Lauren Cottings and Renee Durkin Salage recently earned a Certificate in Assessment and Evaluation Research Skills, a valuable credential in the job market. They will receive their M.A. degree in applied sociology in January.

"If it's far away, it's news, but if it's close at home, it's sociology."

James Reston, journalist (1909-1995)

Sociology Club Plans Open Mic Night; Holds Charity Bake Sale in October

In mid-October the Sociology Club held a bake sale in the Student Center, at which students raised more than \$100 for the Center for Hope and Safety in Bergen County, a non-profit agency that assists domestic violence victims.

Next will be an "Open Mic Night" for students to show off their talent. It will be held in the Student Center Café from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5th. All proceeds from this event will also go to a local charity, but the recipient is yet to be determined.

The club meets every Tuesday in the sociology conference room (R428) at 12:30 pm. All sociology and criminal justice and majors are encouraged to join! The club is on Facebook and listed as "WPUNJ Sociology Club."



Pictured above are members of the Sociology Club at their October bake sale.

Upcoming Events

- November 5 Last day to withdraw from Fall classes
- November 6 Seniors and graduate students registration
- November 11 Juniors registration
- November 14 Sophomores registration
- November 19 Freshmen registration

Answer to page 3 photo quiz

Robin Williams was past president of both ESS and ASA, the founding editor of *Sociological Forum*, author of 150 articles and many influential books, often on intergroup tensions. A highly respected and renowned teacher, he was the key contributor to the amici briefs supporting the 1954 Brown vs. Board of Education Supreme Court case. He died in 2006 at age 92. The ESS Distinguished Lecturer Award is named in his honor.

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Need Help in Writing?

The William Paterson University Writing Center provides one-on-one tutoring for any student working on any kind of writing in any stage of development.

Tutorial sessions typically take thirty minutes to an hour. The staff works with you on writing issues such as outlining, thesis clarification, organization, style, transitions, citing, and grammar, and helps you learn how to edit and proof-read your own writing. They try not just to help you produce a better piece of writing; it's to produce a better writer.

Advisement Information

All CCJ and sociology majors should have received a customized email from Prof. Jacob Felson, the assistant chair, that contains information about courses still to be taken.

Students should make up a tentative schedule based on that input and see their advisor to obtain their Alternate Personal Identification Number (PIN), which is required to register. That PIN should be saved in your cell phone for possible later use.

Graduation Application Deadlines

For May 2015 — February 1

For August 2015 — June 1

For January 2016 — October 1

Online registration begins in early November.

Don't lose your priority!

Go see your advisor early.