As we begin new academic year, we have the opportunity to reflect back on graduation day in May. What a wonderful group of graduates! We are so proud of our award recipients, honors students, and graduates as they move on to the next phase of their lives. Bright futures are ahead. Graduates from a few years ago were back on campus to discuss how sociology informed the path to their current successes. Thank you to Donna, Elyse, and Caitlyn for a wonderfully informative session. And get ready recent grads! We will ask you next.

Our faculty continue to do amazing work. Dr. Christopher Kelly was recently recognized for his scholarship and Dr. Keith Brown is going on a much deserved sabbatical in the spring to do full-time research.

Our department continues to grow in number of majors and minors and in our contributions to the University community. I’m looking forward to a successful academic year.

Message from the Chair

Congratulations to our 2016 Graduates

Congratulations to our 2016 Sociology and Criminal Justice undergraduate degree recipients:

**B.S. in Criminal Justice**
- Ashley Burke
- Thomas Caporaso
- Ralph Colavita
- Kevin Curtis
- Hannah Dionne
- Daniel Elitz
- Timothy Fray
- Nicole Geraci
- Matthew Haskins
- William Hedley, IV
- Elizabeth Jenaway
- Giancarlo Lewis
- Ryan MckClure
- Bianca McCormick
- Isaiah Miles
- Stephanie Peppe
- Samantha Puleo
- Christopher Tagliaferro
- Emmanuel Temeh
- Daniel Tully
- Esteban Valencia
- Nicholas Weis

**B.S. in Sociology**
- Caitlin Clarke
- Alissa Del Grosso
- Michelle Donnelly
- Sarah Ferguson
- Chanelle Greene
- Alana Hilsey
- Allyson Markussen
- Steven Pennington
- Cameron Redfern
- Skylar Scrivano
- Connor Simpson

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GRADUATION AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Congratulations are extended to our three graduates who received department awards at the Undergraduate Awards Ceremony on May 14th, 2016.

Criminal Justice Award

Ralph “Rocky” Colavita is this year’s recipient of the Criminal Justice Award for academic excellence. A criminal justice major with a minor in Psychology, Rocky has an outstanding academic record and has been on the Dean’s list all four years. He is a member of Alpha Kappa Delta and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

Rocky plans to stay a Hawk, attending the Haub School of Business in the fall. He aspires to one day become an analyst in either business or law enforcement.

Sociology Award

Sarah Ferguson is this year’s recipient of the Sociology Award for academic excellence. Among her many accomplishments, Sarah received the service-learning award in 2013, the Women of Purpose Award in 2014, and completed her College Honors thesis. Sarah studies abroad in Cape Town, S. Africa and participated in the 2015 Phila. Service Immersion Program as the lead intern. She also participated in the Winter Immersion to El Paso and APEX to Virginia.

Sarah will spend a year of service with MercyWorks Volunteer Corps. living and working at Mercy Home of Boys and Girls in Chicago. She is considering a career in social work, law, reentry, or research.

Kane Sociology Award

Esteban Valencia is this year’s recipient of the Kane Award given for both academic excellence and a commitment to social justice.

As a student in the Honors Program, Esteban has been on the Dean’s list all four years while completing a double major in Criminal Justice and Psychology. He has been involved in service outreach with the Glen Mills School and Graterford State Prison. He also served as an Intern in the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office.

After graduation, Esteban will present research at a conference in London. He hopes to attend graduate school and work in the community mental health field.

Congratulations to all of our awardees!

Graduate Criminal Justice Award

Congratulations to Kenneth Pugh, this year’s award recipient for the Graduate Criminal Justice award.

PLS Graduation Awards

Congratulations to our two Professional and Liberal Studies evening students who received graduation awards in the Criminal Justice program.

Michael J. Barras, is this year’s recipient of the PLS Criminal Justice Award

Julius Cauley was awarded the Sergeant McDonald Award for academic excellence by a police officer. This award is given each year in honor of Sergeant Patrick McDonald who was a PLS alum killed in the line of duty in 2008.
Special Events and Department News

Alpha Kappa Delta Induction Ceremony

Congratulations to our Sociology and Criminal Justice majors who were inducted into Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology Honor Society, pictured above with Dr. Kim Logio, (far left), Chair of Soc. Department, at the AKD Induction Dinner/Ceremony on April 28, 2016.

Faculty News

Robert Moore, Assistant Professor, has been appointed interim director of the Justice and Ethics in the Law minor for a one-year period effective June 1, 2016.

Congratulations to Dr. Christopher Kelly, Assistant Professor, for receiving the Research Award for 2016 at the 9th Annual International Investigative Interviewing Research Group Conference in London in June 2016. IIIRG is a worldwide network for interviewing professionals.

Alumni Notes

We are happy to receive professional updates from two of our alum. Please read on:

Lauren Davies, ‘14, Criminal Justice, is currently working for the Lenape Valley Foundation as a Services Specialist. Lauren provides case management services for clients with intellectual disabilities. She creates individual support plans for clients, coordinates services and makes regular visits to clients throughout Bucks and Montgomery Counties. Lauren says that the skills she learned in senior seminar have been invaluable in her current position, particularly in creating support plans for clients.

Julia Collins, ‘15, Sociology, had her Summer Scholar research published in the Undergraduate Journal for Service-Learning and Community-Based Research: An Evaluation and Analysis of Issues Confronting Homeless LGBT Youth from the Perspective of Social Service Agency Providers.

Cassandra Tomkins, ‘14, is now a Program Coordinator at University of Pennsylvania, Fels Institute of Government.

Pictured to the right is our extraordinary panel of three Hawk alums who were invited back to discuss how they made the most of their time at SJU and their career paths. (From left: Dr. Maria Kefalas, Caitlyn Grabenstein, ‘12, SOC, Donna Leuchten, ‘09 SOC, and Elyse Haller. We were thrilled to have them speak to our majors about their experiences since graduating.)

What have your fellow Sociology and Criminal Justice Alums been up to? Send us an update on your personal and professional news and we’ll be happy to share it!
Special Events and Department News  (continued)

Community Service Scholar Award
Congratulations to Rebecca McIntyre, a senior Sociology major, who was selected to receive Winner of the 2016 Pan American Association of Philadelphia Community Service Award for outstanding excellence in service to the Hispanic/Latino community. Rebecca will receive a scholarship award of $5,000.00 and was a guest at the annual luncheon celebration of Pan American Day on April 14, 2016.
Rebecca was also a finalist for the San Damiano Servant Leadership Award. This award recognizes a faith filled college junior or senior who has a demonstrated passion for and dedication to service, social justice, and leadership.

(Save the Date, Thursday, September 29th, Time: 4:00-6:00pm, Location: President’s Lounge, Campion Student Center)

Panel discussion on “Coming of Age in the Other America”, the new book co-authored by, Susan Clamet-Lundquist, Associate Professor in the Dept. of Sociology, Stefanie DeLuca, and Kathryn Edin. We are excited to host this event with Dr. Clamet-Lundquist and featuring a distinguished group of panelists:

Jack Drummond—Mayor’s Office of Black Male Engagement
Ricardo Calderon—Director, Youth Commissioners, Office of Public Engagement
Kathryn Ott Lovell—Commissioner of Philadelphia Parks & Recreation

Patrick Carr, Moderator
Associate Professor, Dept. of Sociology, Rutgers University—New Brunswick

Light dinner will be served.
This event is free and open to the public.

Hosted by the Department of Sociology

Congratulations to our Sociology and Criminal Justice students who have been selected to receive Phi Beta Kappa honors, the oldest and most prestigious undergraduate liberal arts honors organization in the United States.
Saint Joseph University's chapter is Phi of Pennsylvania and these are the newest members:
GRADUATION PICTURES