

## Message from the Chair



What an amazing academic year we are having! Our senior students completed their thesis projects. Their poster presentations were remarkable. Students expressed great pride in their accomplishments and we certainly feel that pride too. Our Summer Scholars and their faculty mentors were recognized at a dinner for the entire program and it was a terrific event. We are pleased to welcome Dr. Tia Noelle Pratt to the faculty as a Visiting Professor and her new course is highlighted in

this edition of the newsletter. We have benefited from some really wonderful programming, including a visit from Alice Goffman and a panel to discuss the Ferguson MO case.

We look forward to the new semester and to graduating another group of phenomenal sociological thinkers!

Happy Holidays and think spring.

## Congratulations to our Summer Scholars



Jessica Falkenstein



Caitlin Lavorgna



Michaela McGlynn \



Catherine Jones

Job well done by our Summer Scholar students who presented their research at the 15th annual **Summer Scholars** dinner on Tuesday, October 21st along with their faculty mentors.

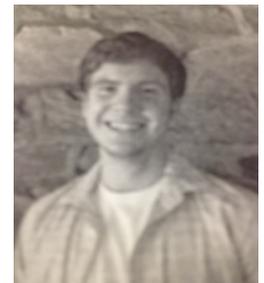
**Jessica Falkenstein**, '15, who worked with Dr. Christopher Kelly presented on "Interrogation Method and How Techniques of Emotion Provocation Influence Suspect Responses."

**Caitlin Lavorgna**, '15, who mentored with Dr. Raquel Kennedy Bergen, presented on "Violence Against Women".

**Michaela McGlynn**, '15, who worked with Dr. Susan Clampet-Lundquist, presented on "Restorative Justice Programs for Juvenile Delinquents in Philadelphia".

**Catherine Jones**, '15, who mentored with Dr. Kim Logio, presented her research on "The Impact of Weeklong International Service Immersion Experience on the Student".

**Kevin Curtis**, '16, was unable to attend the presentation dinner but was mentored by Dr. Tia Pratt and his research project was on "An Analysis of the Clergy Act Across Three Universities".



Also, congratulations to Michaela McGlynn whose Summer Scholars research paper was accepted for presentation at the Eastern Sociological Society conference in 2015.

## NEW COURSE SPOTLIGHT—SPRING 2015

We would like to announce that we will be offering a new course in the Spring 2015 semester which will be taught by Dr. Tia Pratt.

### **SOC 210 Sociology of African-American Catholicism**

#### Here is a course description:

A sociological analysis of religion is as old as sociology itself, and race is one of the key themes in sociology. This course will combine the two themes by using a sociological lens to study African-American Catholicism. We will begin by examining theoretical perspectives that can then be used to study Black American Catholicism. We will use these theoretical perspectives to examine several key works by historians, theologians, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops that tell

the story of African-American Catholics in the United States.

Here is more detail about the course from Dr. Tia Pratt:

This course provides a unique take on two well-versed topics: African Americans and the Roman Catholic Church. African-Americans have a long, rich, dynamic and often troubled history as members of the Roman Catholic Church. These experiences, which are foundational to the development of the Catholic Church as an institution in the United States, are largely unexplored by social scientists.

We will begin to rectify this by exploring key sociological themes by scholars examining race, identity, and the

current state of the sociology of religion in the U.S. We will then use these themes as a lens to look at works from historians, theologians, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, among others. I am very excited about this course and believe students interested in sociology, theology, religious studies, history, Africana Studies, and American Studies will benefit from this course.



## Special Events and Department News

### **Congratulations !**

The Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice is pleased to announce **Dr. Tia Pratt** as the new Visiting Instructor for Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

### **Faculty Award**

Congratulations to **Dr. Maria Kefalas** who received the Justice Award at the Faculty Merit Awards Ceremony on November 18th.



What a well deserved honor !

### **Covenant House Initiative !**

We have a group of students who dedicated the month of November to ending youth homelessness. They joined in with members of the Covenant House for a vigil on November 20th at 6:00pm and slept outside the chapel for the night for a very worthwhile cause.

### **Senior Research Topics**

The senior class presented their research topics for senior seminar during a poster session on **Monday, December 2nd**.

Here are some of the research topics that were presented:

- Factors That Influence Violent Crimes—
- How Race & Economic Class Influence Media Coverage of Natural Disasters
- Juvenile Delinquency—Analysis of Risk Factors
- Factors That Contribute to Peoples' Opinion on Gun Control
- Alcohol & Drug Misuse in Stressed College Students

### **Alice Goffman visit**

We had the pleasure of having Alice Goffman, assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and author of *"On the Run: Fugitive Life in an American City"* speak on campus on September 23rd. The turn out for this event was extremely successful and our Sociology/CJ majors were treated to a copy of her book as well.

### **Philadelphia Service Immersion Program**

A special thanks goes out to our two faculty professors, Dr. Susan Clampet-

Lundquist and Dr. Chris Kelly, who spent an evening introducing PSIP students to our city on August 23rd.

Dr. Susan Clampet-Lundquist took the students on a walking tour of African American historic sites and Dr. Chris Kelly visited the Eastern State Penitentiary with the students.

130 of the members of the Class of 2018 completed four days with Philadelphia Service Immersion Program. These students engaged communities within the city of Philadelphia and Camden to learn what an asset our neighbors are to the learning environment of SJU.

### **From Ferguson to Philadelphia**

Thanks to Deputy Commissioner of the Philadelphia Police Department, **Richard Ross**, along with Solomon Leach, Daily News journalist, and Tony Newton, for visiting campus on October 30th to speak about police, youth and media which was sponsored by the Sociology Department and Department of Communication and Digital Media Studies.

## Active Minds Update !



Dr. Marybeth Ayella, faculty advisor for the Active Minds chapter here on campus, along with 5 Active Minds' members attended the National Active Minds Convention on the weekend of November 14-16th. On an added

note, Active Minds will be hosting "Send Silence Packing", an anti-suicide exhibit, on Thursday, April 9th ! More details to follow....

Active Minds is an organization that strives to remove the stigma that surrounds mental health issues and create a comfortable forum for open dialogue about mental health issues on college campuses.

To support mental health awareness on campus and to support the Active Minds cause, Dr. Ayella along with other members recently held a Krispy Creme fundraiser which was very successful and will be running another fundraiser with California Pizza Kitchen on campus.



Since 9003, Active Minds has changed the culture on college campuses, empowered millions of students to speak openly about mental health, and saved lives.

- 67 % of students tell a friend they are suicidal before telling anyone else.
- 70-90% experience significant reduction of symptoms and improved quality of life with treatment.
- 75% of mental health conditions appear by age 24.

## Alumni News

How do we reduce gun violence in neighborhoods high in crime ? How can we make these neighborhoods safe for the families who live there—most of whom are not involved in the violence?

Two of our recent alumni are directly involved in addressing these questions.

**Sarah DeBarberie** (2011/CJ major) and **Meghan Gallagher McDonald** (2008 Sociology) visited Dr. Clampet-Lundquist's Crime and Urban Communities class this November to speak with students about their work with "Focused Deterrence" in South Philadelphia.

Focused Deterrence is an initiative used in several cities as a collaborative effort among police, prosecutors, defense attorneys, social workers, and community members to focus on the small group of people who are at-risk for killing or being killed.



**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!**

**DEPARTMENT NEWS—Continued from Pg.2**

Spring Semester Begins—Thursday, January 15, 2015

**NEWS FROM THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER—SPRING 2015**

“SAVE THE DATE” for some very worthwhile networking opportunities:

**Talk with Hawks: Creating Professional Connections**

Wednesday, January 28, 2015 / 6:00–8:15pm / Doyle Banquet Hall, Campion

**Hawk Career Network Series:**

Health & Science: February 3rd / 5:30–7:00pm / Doyle Banquet Hall (South)

Non-Profit & Human Services: February 4th / 5:30–7:00pm / Doyle Banquet Hall

Marketing & Communications: March 4th / 5:30–7:00pm / Doyle Banquet Hall

Education: March 23rd (tentative) / 5:30–7:00pm / Doyle Banquet Hall

**SJU Career Fair**

Thursday, February 19th / 10:00am–1:30pm / Athletic Center

**Non-Profit Career Fair**

Thursday, March 26th / Villanova University / Time: TBD

**How to Land an Internship:**

Wachterhauser Seminar Room / 11:15–12:00pm

Tuesday, February 10th

Tuesday, March 17th

Tuesday, April 14th

**To contact the Career Development Center:****MAIN OFFICE**

101 Moore Hall

Monday–Friday: 8:00am–5:00pm \*\*

\*\* Morning and evening appointments available!  
Please call 610-660-3100 to schedule an appointment.

**VISIT A DROP-IN CENTER:**

For Resume/Cover Letter Critiques and Quick Questions:

Campion 306: M-W-F, 1:00–4:00

Mandeville 206E: Tuesday & Thursday

**FACULTY PROFILE— Government Sponsored Study of Interrogation**

**Dr. Chris Kelly**, Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Sociology has received a \$60,000 grant from the government aimed at providing a holistic view of the field of interrogation, drilling down to discover what works and doesn't work and how interrogation can better serve justice, examining the most effective, humane and lawful interrogation strategies. Dr. Kelly is designing a study in collaboration with the Philadelphia Police Dept. to investigate how contextual cues can influence the memory, cooperation, and openness of witnesses to serious crime in the city. He is working with the Southwest Detective Division-Special Investigation Unit, which focuses on non-lethal shootings. Please visit our website for more details about the investigation : [www.sju.edu/news-events](http://www.sju.edu/news-events)

**Recent Faculty Publication:**

**Dr. Kim Logio, Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Sociology/CJ**

***Title: Understanding Society—An Introductory Reading***

Co-Authors: Margaret L. Andersen and Howard F. Taylor  
5th Edition, Cengage Learning