



Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice Newsletter

SPRING 2016

Message from the Chair



Another spring semester is nearly complete. We have had an exceptional year and are excited about all of our student accomplishments. The Alpha Kappa Delta Honors banquet will be held on April 28th and Commencement will be on May 14th. This group of graduating seniors will be missed, especially

our beloved Samantha Puleo, criminal justice major and work study extraordinaire! Her student success, intellectual wit, and never ending support for the department will be impossible to replace. All of our seniors will be celebrated this spring and we wish you happy and fulfilled futures. Please stay in touch.

Meanwhile, the work of the semester continues. Four students, Lizzy Jenaway, Skylar Scrivano, Sarah Ferguson, and Bianca McCormick, are completing college honors theses.

Ashley Varghese has been accepted to the Summer Scholars program and will work with Dr. Chris Kelly. Many more students are continuing with great work that started with sociology classes. Just read about Cat Jones and Brian Lafferty to know that our students go on to do great things. We have full courses and new ones coming for fall. Dr. Brown's Ethical Consumer course promises to be a favorite.

We are prepared for our incoming class of 2020 with First Year Seminar courses scheduled for this fall and several sections of SOC 101 and SOC 102. We will have new recruits for the Sociology Club in no time. Our department continues to grow in both numbers and accomplishments. We couldn't be prouder!

Special Events and Department News

Congratulations to our Newest AKD Members

On Thursday, April 28, 2016, twenty-one of our Sociology and Criminal Justice majors will be inducted into the *Alpha Kappa Delta* honor society, the international Sociology Honor Society, during a ceremony/dinner. Here is a list of our newest AKD members:

- Rachel Camelotto
- Sarah DeMarco
- Annemarie DiBlasio
- Sinead Egan
- Sarah Ferguson
- Wayne Francis
- Tim Fray
- Georgiana Honrath
- Jacqueline Manning
- Bianca McCormick
- Tracey Morris
- Stephanie Peppe
- Cameron Redfern
- Kelsey Roder
- Caroline Rogers
- Philip Rust
- Kyle Smith
- Megan Strickland

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Guest speaker at the ceremony will be *Dr. Laura Napolitano*, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Criminology & Anthropology, University of Rutgers-Camden.



Atlantic 10 Basketball Champions

Congratulations to **Isaiah Miles** and the SJU Men's basketball team for winning the A-10 Championship and for beating Cincinnati in the first round of the NCAA Tournament and nearly defeating Oregon in the second round.

Our department is especially proud of **Isaiah Miles** as he is one of our CJ majors and for his leadership on the court. **Isaiah** was also awarded the "Most Improved Player" in the Philadelphia Big 5. What an accomplishment for **Isaiah** and the entire SJU men's basketball squad.



Here is **Isaiah Miles** attending Senior Night at the Hagan Arena on Saturday, March 5th, 2016.

NEW COURSE SPOTLIGHT
THE ETHICAL CONSUMER
SOC 340
Dr. Keith Brown

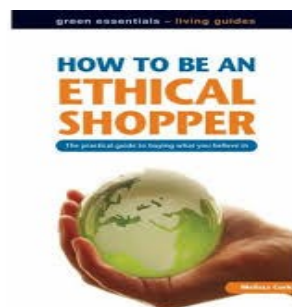
The recent “ethical turn” in markets has led to a growing number of products that give proceeds to a charitable or altruistic cause. We see Pink Ribbons when we shop for a car, fair trade coffee at Wal-Mart, and product (RED) clothing at the GAP. Many of these products and brands are creating significant social change; others are “greenwashing” or “fairwashing” markets by making false promises. In this course we will read research from sociology, marketing, and psychology to understand the consumer behavior of individuals trying to change the world through shopping; we will examine the strengths and weaknesses of these “consumer-dependent” social movements; and we will examine the social forces that led “shopping for a cause” to become a modern means for creating social change.

This course will conclude with an attempt to put our ideas into practice through group-projects designed to raise funds for local mission-driven businesses such as Cal’s Cupcakes, Alex’s Lemonade, or Fair Trade retailers.

Pre-requisite: PHL 154

This course fulfills the requirement for: American Studies, Ethic Intensive, GEP Social Science

Look for this course to be offered again in Spring 2017.



Special Events and Department News—Continued

SENIOR RESEARCH TOPICS

The senior class this year researched many interesting topics for their senior seminar. Here is a sampling of some of the topics:

- “Public Opinion of America’s Prison System”
- “Moral Panic in the Aftermath of School Shooting”
- “Fitting In: How Students Perceive Popularity Acceptance in School”
- “Impact of Disabilities”
- “Expectations & Aspirations for Marriage and Family”

9th Kristin’s Krusade 5K Run/Walk

The 9th annual Kristin’s Krusade 5K Run/Walk will take place this year on **Sunday, April 10th, 2016, 10am** is the start time.



Check in time: 8:30-9:30

\$10 for students—\$20 pre-registration for non-students.

This annual event is held to raise awareness of domestic and dating violence.



Thanks to the Alta Gracia speaker tour for visiting our campus in November. The Alta Gracia apparel factory in the Dominican Republic provides its workers with a living wage. The workers spoke to about 175 SJU students across four speaking engagements at SJU (including courses in Leadership, Ethics, and Organizational Sustainability; Sociology; and Theology/Religious Studies).

For more information about Alta Gracia, see [this link](#) and on Twitter #AGonTOUR

Save the Date

Annual “Take Back the Night Vigil”
 Date: **Thursday, April 21st, 2016**
 Time: **7:00pm**
 Location: **St. Joseph’s Chapel**



Organized by REPP, this annual event shows the power of speaking out to help move our world toward eliminating sexual violence.

THANK YOU

A special thanks and congratulations goes out to Samantha Puleo, a senior Criminal Justice major, who will be graduating in May.

Samm has been our work study in the department since her freshman year and has always gone above and beyond with helping out in the office and doing so with such a great attitude and spirit. You will surely be missed Samm! Best wishes for a bright future.



STUDY TOUR TO NICARAGUA—FALL 2016

SOC 316: Fair Trade Coffee: From Co-op to Cup

Instructor: Dr. Keith Brown

This course is designed to trace the path of fair trade coffee beans as they are grown in a cooperative in Nicaragua until they reach a consumer's cup in the United States. In this class, we will examine the labor-intensive activities that go into producing shade grown and organic coffees, and the economic benefits that farmers receive for growing coffee in Central America. We will travel to Nicaragua and live alongside coffee farmers who are growing fair trade coffee. We will learn about the "Coffee Crisis" that greatly affected Central American farmers in the early 2000s, and we will look at the limits and possibilities of producing coffee in a cooperative. Prior to attending the trip we will read about the political and economic dynamics of Central America, the history of coffee, and the fair trade movement. In thinking about the stories behind their purchases, students will gain broader insight into the limits and possibilities of integrating their values into their everyday shopping patterns.

TENTATIVE TRAVEL DATES: 10 DAYS JANUARY 2017

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Alumni News

Catherine Jones '15, Sociology major, International Relations minor, writes "I am teaching English in Madrid through CIEE Teach Abroad Program. Someone had dropped out of the program and they offered me the position. I officially accepted the "language and cultural assistant position. The program is 9 months long, September until June, and I will be teaching in a primary school 20 minutes from the city center.

I am so excited to be going abroad again, and learn from another culture and language. I can put that senior thesis to the test. "

Brian Lafferty, '15, Criminal Justice major, recently sent us an update since graduating as follows:

"As a senior CJ major, my initial plan after graduation was to enroll in Officer Candidate School for the Marines. I am still in the application process for next year, however, I was deferred at the time due to a shoulder injury that required a waiver in order to overpass it. In the meantime, I decided to look into non-profit positions within Philadelphia, based off of all the service that I was able to be involved with as a student and from learning about so much of the social justice issues in my CJ and Sociology classes. Two weeks after graduating, I had just returned from my second trip with SJU Collegiate Challenge, which is a week-long service trip at the end of the spring semester that goes to different Habitat sites across the country. I immediately looked

into any positions open with Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia. I luckily found the Volunteer Coordinator position, which is part of the AmeriCorps program here. In this position I am involved in a year of service, only receiving a small living stipend, and I work with various corporate groups and individuals that volunteer every day at our various sites and our Re-Store. I am gaining valuable experience in the non-profit industry as well as with building leadership and interpersonal skills.

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!

SOCIOLOGY CLUB UPDATE

We are very excited to announce we officially have a Sociology Club in our department. Thanks to Alana Hilsey and Caitlin Clarke, two of our SOC majors, for working with the Student Leadership & Activities Office to bring this club about and to Dr. Clampet-Lundquist for heading this worthwhile endeavor.

The Sociology Club is looking forward to offering our majors several opportunities throughout the semester to get involved and participate with other students in events being planned and to just get to know your fellow students in the department. The Sociology Club is working on scheduling the showing of the “**Making of a Murderer**” with a discussion afterwards –more information to follow.

We are also looking for volunteers to fill the executive board committee for the fall 2016 semester so let us know if you are interested. Please email Marie Stortini at mstortin@sju.edu.



Over the fall semester, our Sociology Club (headed by Alana Hilsey and Caitlin Clarke) invited a panelist of SJU alum’s, pictured above with Dr. Clampet-Lundquist, to speak to our majors about their various careers since graduating .

(From left: Elia Robertson, Assistant District Attorney for Phila. District Attorney’s Office, Alana Hilsey, SOC major, Caitlin Clarke, SOC major, Cathy Chesick Moffa, MSW Juvenile Law Center , Casey Callahan, from the EEOC and Dr. Susan Clampet-Lundquist, faculty in Sociology Department)