



Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice Newsletter

Summer 2014

Message from the Chair



Now that the spring semester is over and our wonderful seniors have graduated, I have a moment to reflect on what has been an amazing year. Despite challenges facing higher education institutions generally, and Saint Joseph's University specifically, our department continues to engage our students with academic material and with the larger community in ways that are meaningful and impressive. Some highlights this year include bringing Dr. Scott Brooks to campus to discuss his Philadelphia based research on urban youth basketball, and having our own Dr. Keith Brown work tirelessly to have SJU designated as a Fair Trade University. We also saw final projects of our

senior students, representing the culmination of 3 semesters worth of research.

I personally had the opportunity to spend a week with some of SJU's finest students and student leaders working with Habitat for Humanity in Greenbrier County West Virginia as part of the Appalachian Experience (APEX). The summer pace is slightly slower, but the great work continues, with Summer Scholar students in our department working closely with faculty. I am continually reminded that we have a remarkable group of people here that make Saint Joseph's University great. I wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable summer. And I look forward to another great year in 2014-15!

Congratulations to our Newest AKD Members

On April 24, 2014, the following Sociology and Criminal Justice majors were inducted into *Alpha Kappa Delta*, the International Sociology Honor Society at an induction dinner for students and their family members, held in the Champion Banquet Hall.

Marge Alleyne	Robert Lawn	
Julius L. Cauley	Kimble Mathews	Tyler Sacchetta
Julia Collins	Kevin McFadden	Kelly Sagastume
Idalenis Duran	Jennifer Narvaez	Mary Santella
Catherine Jones	Nicole Quirk	Cassandra Tomkins
Sarah Kelly	Rebecca Rabbat	Melissa Rivera
Brian Lafferty	Paula Robinson	



Graduation Award Recipients

Congratulations are also extended to the following graduates who received department awards at the Undergraduate Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 16, 2014:

- CRIMINAL JUSTICE AWARD**—Chelsea Letts
- SOCIOLOGY AWARD**—Jake Dillabaugh
- KANE SOCIOLOGY AWARD**—Cassandra Tomkins

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SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize our four Summer Scholars students who have been immersed in their faculty-mentored research projects this summer. These students receive a stipend for the summer period from late May through early August and the opportunity to participate in a variety of social and educational events during the program period. Here are some of the topics they are researching:

Jessica Falkenstein is doing a content analysis on interrogations provided by LAPD and looking at how the source (person being interrogated) responds to the interrogator's use of emotion provocation, specifically regarding self-interest, conscience, rationalization and religion.

Kevin Curtis is conducting research on the Clery Act, a law passed by Congress which requires all colleges and universities that receive federal funding to make certain crime statistics available to the public. He will be analyzing data from three universities looking for differences in the crime statistics and what may cause these differences between the universities.

Michaela McGlynn is working with Good Shepherd mediation and using their data to evaluate the effects of one of their programs on recidivism among teenagers.

Catherine Jones is conducting research to discover the impact of the service learning international program on SJU participants. She is in-

terviewing participants to see how their experience has changed them and how they wish to implement their newfound changes in their lives.

In exchange for the support provided to the students, these chosen students will publicly share and present the results of their work to the SJU community and provide written descriptions of their work for publication in a book prepared for the Summer Scholars Dinner.

Congratulations to all of these students and we will look forward to an update on the results of their research projects.

Special Events and Department News

SJU EARNS FAIR TRADE STATUS



Saint Joseph's University recently earned recognition as a Fair Trade University, where only 19 other higher education institutions have been granted this status.

Fair Trade USA defines fair trade as an economic system that provides opportunities for international farmers, artisans and workers to lift themselves out of poverty. Fair trade looks to enable economic development through equitable trading partnerships and assures consumers that the products they purchase were grown, crafted and traded in ways that improve lives and protect the environment.

Dr. Keith Brown, Associate Professor, Dept. of Sociology/CJ, has organized students who have led efforts to create awareness for fair trade options on campus. Adriana Zegarelli, one of the students who assisted Dr. Brown this past semester, has shared her

experience below:

"I travelled to Nicaragua in May of 2012 with Dr. Brown's Fair Trade Coffee: from Co-op to Cup study tour class. We got to see all the different steps involved in bringing the coffee I drink every morning to my table. It was really interesting to see how many different people are involved with my simple cup of caffeine.

After coming back home from my trip I thought it would be cool to have more people at SJU become more knowledgeable about the coffee they drink! I know everyone can't go on a study tour so bringing a different coffee option to them was the best way to show students, faculty, and teachers what is out there! Fair trade at SJU by no means forces anyone to make any decision they may not want to make. It simply allows people the choice to pick which type of coffee they choose to purchase.

By buying fair trade you are giving those men and women who work in the long process of bringing your coffee to your SJU thermos a fair wage. Similar to the way we have a minimum wage for working in the United States, this gives workers a decent paycheck so that they can support themselves and be happy and healthier workers and people! Sounds like the Magis".

Dr. Brown has published "Buying into Fair Trade: Culture, Morality and Con-

sumption" that discusses what is involved in trying to change the world through shopping. Dr. Brown teaches a course "Fair Trade Coffee: From Co-Op to Cup which culminates in a trip to Nicaragua to observe coffee farming firsthand.

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

The annual Take Back the Night Vigil was held on **Wednesday, April 9th** in the Chapel. Organized by REPP, this annual event is held to understand the power of speaking out and to help move our world toward eliminating sexual violence. This year's keynote speaker was Melissa Lucchesi, Executive Dir. of Voices. Once again, this was a moving and healing experience for those in attendance.

CONGRATULATIONS !

The Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice would like to announce that, along with her duties as associate professor, **Dr. Raquel Bergen**, will be the new director of Gender Studies. She will be replacing Dr. Catherine Murray.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Congratulations to the following Sociology and Criminal Justice undergraduate degree recipients:



B.S. in Criminal Justice

Danielle Battaglia
 Chad Becker
 Timothy Boyd
 Katie Cardone
 Ryan Chase
 Jonathan Chieppor
 Elizabeth Daly
 Lauren Davies
 Joseph Dolisi
 Jessica Falkenstein
 Steven Fallon
 John Gibbons
 Victoria Grieco
 Chelsea Letts
 Michael Macaluso
 Brendan Murphy
 Monique Myers
 Patrick Shelley
 Kevin Stasak
 Melanie Wright

B.S. in Sociology

Abigail Ananian
 Grace Buckley
 Jacob Dillabaugh
 Timothy Dolinger
 Megan Downing
 Allison Drozen
 Brenna Gallagher
 Chanelle Greene
 Colleen Gregg
 Jessica Heymann
 Elena Hyder
 Brian Lavin
 Allison Lyttle
 Sofia Peirats
 Rebecca Rabbat
 Anne Riddle
 Alexander Routson
 Tyler Sacchetta
 Mary Santella
 Kathleen Shull

Cassandra Tomkins
 Emilia Twomey
 Emily Wolf
 Adriana Zegarelli

Alumni Notes Congratulations to the newest SJU alums!



Cassandra Tomkins—Kane Award



Chelsea Letts—CJ Award



Jacob Dillabaugh—Sociology Award

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!



Kathleen Shull



Melanie Wright
Pres. of CJ Honor Society,
Alpha Phi Sigma

DEPARTMENT NEWS—Continued from Pg.2**Fall Semester Begins—Monday, August 25, 2014****Degree Works**

New academic tool for students!

DegreeWorks is a web-based tool for students to monitor their academic progress toward degree completion. DegreeWorks allows students and their advisors to plan future academic coursework. Students and advisors will be able to use DegreeWorks as an advising tool to better follow the student's progress and determine which requirements are still needed.

Please visit the FAQ link below for more information:

<http://www.sju.edu/int/resources/srfs/DegreeWorks.html>

**Dr. Scott Brooks Visits Campus**

We had the pleasure of having *Dr. Scott Brooks*, Associate Professor from the University of Missouri, on campus in April speaking on the topic: *All They Hear is Yelling: Coaching Basketball in South Philly from the Inside Out*. Dr. Brooks was a guest at our AKD Induction Ceremony as well where he spoke on the topic of leadership and how it affects the careers of basketball players.

SAVE THE DATE !!

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

Time: 11:00-12:15 (Free Period)

Location: President's Lounge

Alice Goffman, assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and author of *On the Run: Fugitive Life in an American City*, will speak about her hands-on accounting and research of the impact of the criminal justice system on daily life in a low-income African-American neighborhood in Philadelphia.

Recent Faculty Publication:**Dr. Tia Pratt**

Title: Catholic Young Adults' Attitudes Toward the Church's Pro-Life Teachings: A Bellwether for the Church's Political Strategy?

Journal: Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion, Volume 10, Article 3, May 2014

Abstract:

The current study seeks to examine what Catholic young adults think about the Roman Catholic Church's pro-life teachings and how their attitudes toward these teachings could inform the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' strategy for politically engaging this constituency. In the fall 2013 semester, I conducted four focus group sessions at a midsize Catholic university in the north-eastern United States. Each focus group lasted about one hour, and participants were recruited via snowball sampling. At each focus group session, the participants were asked a series of questions related to their knowledge of and attitudes toward the Church's pro-life teachings. The results fell into three main categories: their feelings about the pro-life movement; their feelings about the Catholic Church and what they, as Catholic young adults, want from the Church; and the potential of Pope Francis to influence them to alter their feelings toward the Church.

The article is available now at IJRR's website: www.religjournal.com