



# Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice Newsletter

Summer 2012

## Message from the Chair



We hope all of our students and alums are enjoying a relaxing, peaceful summer. We would like to keep you updated on all that is going on in the department, with our students and faculty during the year through our newsletter.

We also hope to hear from you... our students and alums... with updates on your lives, both personal and professional. So we welcome news from you!

The end of the spring semester was a busy one for our students and faculty. I was part of the faculty/staff ten day faith-justice immersion experience to Bolivia. This was an incredible trip where we were hosted by the Bolivian Province Jesuits and the Fe y Alegria staff. The work of this amazing educational organization is to serve the poorest of the poor. The mission of this group is to serve those "where the sidewalk ends." The delegation of SJU faculty and staff

traveled throughout the country to primary schools, secondary schools, boarding programs and vocational schools to meet with students, faculty and staff and learn about the incredible work that is being done there. Living in community with this terrific delegation of colleagues from SJU and experiencing the warmth and joy of the people we met in Bolivia was life-changing.

Dr. Keith Brown and Prof. Donna Gottardi led a study tour class through Nicaragua, living with and learning about coffee farmers and fair trade co-ops. (see more on page 4).

Dr. George Dowdall has agreed to postpone his retirement for a semester and teach for the department during the fall semester. We are very grateful for his generous service to our students and the department!

## Congratulations to our Newest AKD Members

On April 11, 2012, 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.

Thomasa D. Aponte	Jessica DePaul	Lisa M. Kennedy	Donna O'Day-Dunbar
Joanna Marie Barlow	Kaitlyn M. Doherty	Tara B. Kirk	Dominic R. Pellegrino
Michael J. Barras	Gabrielle M. Eichelberger	Julie A. Kohler	Elia A. Robertson
Melissa C. Bruckner	Daniel B. Glatz	Allison L. Kolankiewicz	Bennett D. Steidle
Melanie L. Burgos	Nicole M. Groff	Cassandra E. Kot	Anne M. Tilton
Casey E. Callahan	Tory O. Harrington	Kaitlyn A. Kraenbring	Gretchen C. Timer
Dana M. Camacho	Elizabeth A. Helfrich	Lara A. Maciejewski	Michael E. Vitaliano
Colleen C. Charles	Sarah M. Jordan	Deneen Miller	Robert L. Wehrmann



## Graduation Award Recipients

Congratulations are also extended to the following graduates who received department awards at the Undergraduate Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 11, 2012:

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AWARD**—Melanie Grimes  
**SOCIOLOGY AWARD**—Katherine Oaks  
**KANE SOCIOLOGY AWARD**—Elia Robertson

## COURSE SPOTLIGHT—FALL 2012

**SOC 204 Cultural Anthropology** is back by popular demand this fall semester! Not offered on campus since fall 2005, we are happy that Prof. Donna Gottardi has agreed to teach this class in her special field.

There are a few seats remaining in this class which will be taught on TWF from 2:00 until 2:50 pm.

*“This course will introduce one of the four major fields of anthropology—cultural anthropology—and to provide a close look at the cultures of central Asia and South America through ethnographies that examine the cultures and the lives of particular individuals in these communities. Key concepts in the field of cultural anthropology will be discussed as well as the complexities of conducting fieldwork in anthropology. Special attention will be*

*given to issues of cultural continuity and change, the relationships between individuals and their society, and what is universal in the human experience.*

**SOC 225 Intro to American Criminal Justice** will be taught on MWF from 9:00–9:50 am this fall semester.

This is now a requirement for all CJ majors beginning with the class of 2015 and also a great course for SOC majors to fulfill an upper division requirement. This course will be taught by Dr. Melissa Logue:

*“This course provides an introduction to the criminal justice system in the U.S. The primary goal of this course is to foster a general understanding of the functions and impact of the 3 components of the criminal justice*

*system: police, courts, and corrections. In addressing these components, we will examine each component from the due process and crime control perspectives of criminal justice. Due process stresses individual rights while crime control stresses the protection of the society at large. Some of the topics that we will cover include policing, the courts, incarceration and alternative sanctions, the War on Drugs, and the War on Terrorism. The course will conclude with a discussion of the future of criminal justice.”*

If you are interested in enrolling in either of these classes, please contact your advisor.

## Special Events and Department News

### ACTIVE MINDS— SEND SILENCE PACKING EVENT



Dr. Marybeth Ayella was instrumental in bringing a chapter of Active Minds to SJU. Dr. Ayella is now the faculty advisor for this organization that aims to remove the stigma which surrounds mental health issues and create a comfortable environment for open conversation about mental health issues on college campuses.

On March 29th, SJU hosted **Send Silence Packing**, a moving display of 1,100 backpacks and personal stories representing the 1,100 students who die by suicide each year reminding people to start a dialogue about suicide and encouraging people to reach

out for help before it's too late. By displaying backpacks with personal stories of loved ones that put a "face" to lives lost to suicide, Send Silence Packing carries the message that preventing suicide is not just about lowering statistics, but also about saving the lives of students, daughters, sons, brothers, sisters and friends. Contributions serve as a meaningful outlet for survivors' grief as well as a powerful way to raise awareness and work towards suicide prevention.

If you would like to contribute or would like more information on Active Minds at SJU please contact Dr. Ayella (mayella@sju.edu).

### TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

The annual Take Back the Night Vigil was held on Wednesday, April 18th 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 speakers were Jannine Kelly from the Women's Center of Montgomery County and Alison Kiss, an alum of our

program and a current adjunct professor with SJU who is the Executive Director of the organization "Security on Campus, Inc." Once again, this was a moving and healing experience for those in attendance.

### STUDENT "MODELS"

Thank you to the following students who took part in a photo shoot of Criminal Justice and Sociology majors for use in our new brochures and web pages (to be published in the fall).

Cherokee Gibson  
Lara Maciejewski  
Aaron Doherty  
Bailey Casey  
Crystal Ramos

### SOCIOLOGY & CJ DINNER

The first annual Sociology & CJ dinner was held on April 16th at the Vietnam Café in Philadelphia. We are hoping to have an annual dinner open to all majors and faculty and have this organized next year by the Sociology Club (see page 4).

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

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



### B.S. in Criminal Justice

Monica Aguilar  
 Jacquelyn Ahl  
 Dawn Brown  
 Melissa Bruckner  
 Aaron Doherty  
 Kyle Duch  
 Richard Fini  
 Christopher Gallagher  
 Larry Gatti  
 Cherokee Gibson  
 Charles Grebloski  
 Meredith Griese  
 Melanie Grimes  
 Nicole Groff  
 Heaven Henwood  
 Christopher Jones  
 Tyrone Jordan  
 Stephen Kinky  
 Tara Kirk  
 Karen Malec  
 Joseph Maruca  
 Larissa McClain  
 John McCormick

Michael McGettigan  
 James McGinty  
 Ryan Murray  
 Kevin Myslinski  
 Bree Pailin  
 Joseph Renzi  
 Matthew Romberger  
 Alexis Rowe  
 LeVaun Rudisill  
 Kyle Sargis  
 Stephanie Serrao  
 Danae Steadley  
 Alex Tuminello  
 Michael Vitaliano  
 Felecia West  
 Thomas Windels  
 Nicholas Worby

### B.S. in Sociology

Elise Barrett  
 Megan Berry  
 Samuel Blackmon  
 Melanie Burgos  
 Grace Dinn

Louis Fusilli  
 Caitlyn Grabenstein  
 Kaleigh Griffith  
 Kirnita Hinton  
 Emily Howard  
 Maile Jacobson  
 Bradley Jones  
 Allison Kolankiewicz  
 Kristin Loeser  
 Anna Martucci  
 Laura Matias  
 Caitlin McManus  
 Meghan Miller  
 Katherine Oaks  
 Anamaria Penaloza  
 Crystal Ramos  
 Emily Riccio  
 Elia Robertson  
 Alessandra Schnitzer  
 Alexandra Souliotis  
 Gretchen Timer  
 Benjamin Voight

## Alumni Notes

Congratulations to the newest SJU alums!



**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!**



## Faculty Profile—Dr. Susan Clampet-Lundquist



Congratulations to Dr. Susan Clampet-Lundquist on her promotion to Associate Professor of Sociology. Dr. Clampet-Lundquist has had a busy few semesters

and continues this summer with her research on young adults' experience of trauma in low-income Baltimore neighborhoods, as well as a research project on police-youth relations in Philadelphia.

awarded a sabbatical for the spring 2013 semester in order to work on her book project with two other sociologists on the topic of how low-income youth in Baltimore are managing the transition to early adulthood.

Dr. Clampet-Lundquist was also

**UPCOMING EVENTS—Save the date!****Fall Semester Begins—Monday, August 27****Welcome Back Picnic for Sociology and CJ Majors** — Sunday, September 23rd. Students, watch your email for more information.**Pencils of Promise** - “The Impossible Ones” October 9, 6:30 pm Forum Theater

Pencils of Promise has built 50 schools in Laos, Guatemala, and Nicaragua and their goal is to complete their 100th school by the end of this year. A group of PoP members are traveling all over the country and visiting colleges to screen a 30 minute film on PoP and to encourage students to join the movement for global education. We encourage your attendance!

**NICARAGUA STUDY TOUR—COFFEE FROM CO-OP TO CUP**

Professors Keith Brown and Donna Gottardi led a fair trade study tour to Nicaragua with fifteen Saint Joseph’s University students. The trip was designed to show the steps involved in growing and exporting fair trade coffee. Students were exposed to the limits and possibilities of the fair trade movement. Farmers gain economic benefits, abide by strict environmental policies, and are able to keep their kids in schools longer due to fair trade premiums. At the same time, fair trade does not radically transform the difficult living conditions of many farmers. Some fair trade cooperatives are dealing with

corruption and some farmers expressed frustration at the costs and paperwork associated with growing fair trade coffee. During the trip students met with farmers who support and reject fair trade, they traveled to a nature reserve, and they met with non-profit leaders designing programs to reduce the number of homeless children. Professor Brown is exploring ways to create long-term relationships between SJU and the organizations they observed throughout Nicaragua.



## Interested in being part of starting a Sociology Club at SJU?

Dr. Susan Clampet-Lundquist is looking for volunteers to help launch a Sociology Club at SJU. This organization will benefit both the students and the department by helping build unity among the various constituencies that make up the department.

Please contact Dr. Clampet-Lundquist by:  
 email: [sclampet@sju.edu](mailto:sclampet@sju.edu) or call: 610-660-1680  
 for more information.