In May 2008, after years of hard work and collaboration between representatives from Wilmington Housing Authority and the University of North Carolina Wilmington, Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo signed a formal partnership agreement between the two organizations. A key feature of that agreement was the creation of an extension campus at the Hillcrest housing community. One of the principal goals of the Community Campus was to offer a variety of educational opportunities and programs to historically under-served populations.

The impetus behind the UNCW Hillcrest Reading Program was reducing the enduring achievement gap between white and black children in New Hanover County. John Rice, associate professor of sociology, Martin Kozloff, Watson Distinguished Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership and also a sociologist, and Eric Irizarry, an outstanding graduate student in the Master of School Administration degree program, worked with several colleagues to plan and design the program. Two public sociology graduate students also played pivotal roles. Jessica MacDonald, Rice's graduate assistant, was the onsite program coordinator for the reading program, and Raven Bruno was a tutor and co-testing coordinator. In addition, a large number of undergraduate sociology students volunteered as tutors in the program. With “applied learning” and other support from the College of Arts and Sciences, the Hillcrest Reading Program was off to a great start.

In early August 2008, volunteer tutors were recruited from among undergraduate students in sociology and education classes. On Aug. 19, with generous assistance from and the expertise of colleagues from the Roger Bacon Academy, in particular Mr. Cary Andrews, more than 70 tutors were trained for the reading program, which eventually employed more than 30 individuals.

Over the course of the entire year, the program recruited 10 second and third graders, and seven kindergarteners and first graders to make a total of 17 students enrolled the program. Below is a brief description of the program's progress to date.

- Two of the original four third graders graduated in December.
- The remaining two third graders were considered at-risk but have made significant progress. One student is now just below his grade level, and the other student, who was officially diagnosed with a learning disability, progressed from reading only eight words correctly in a minute in September to reading 40 correctly by April.
- Among the second graders, all but one finished the year reading at a level expected by spring of their third grade year. The remaining student is reading right at grade level.
- All of the first grade students are reading at grade level and are on the way to being ahead of where they should be next spring.

Congratulations to all students and tutors for all their hard work!

To learn more about the Hillcrest Reading Program, go to www.uncw.edu/wha/hillcrest. An executive summary detailing the programs findings can be found at www.uncw.edu/wha/hillcrest/FirstYearResults.html. The Hillcrest Reading Program was also featured in a Feb. 24, 2009, StarNews article which can be read at the Web site listed above.
Michael Kimmel visits UNCW

In November 2008, the office of CARE, in collaboration with the Department of Sociology and Criminology, brought professor Michael Kimmel of Stony Brook University to campus for three days. As one of the world’s leading scholars on gender, Michael’s expertise was put to use!

His talk titled “Mars and Venus or Planet Earth: Women and Men in the New Millennium” was received by a standing room only crowd. The response was enthusiastic, with students remaining afterward to ask questions and get signed copies of his new book *Gayland: The Perilous World Where Boys Become Men.*

The next day, he visited with students who were delighted to meet the author of the textbook used in their Introduction to Sociology class. Most of the questions that students posed to Kimmel continued the dialogue from the previous evening. Later, he met informally with graduate students in the sociology and criminology department who talked with him about the public nature of his work – making sociology visible to an audience beyond academia.

On the last day of his campus visit, Kimmel served as the keynote speaker at the annual men’s leadership conference organized by Adam Tate of the UNCW CARE office. The conference provides a place for men to discuss issues of masculinity on a personal and societal level. CARE is committed to addressing issues of sexual assault, relationship abuse, stalking and harassment by bringing men into the dialogue.

In addition to all of this campus activity, Kimmel also managed to pop into a local television station (WWAY-TV 3) for an on-air interview. He stayed quite busy, and all of us in the sociology and criminology department and CARE were grateful for his time, his commitment to students and his passion for gender equality.

Mary Chayko visits UNCW

Mary Chayko visited UNCW in March to discuss her new book *Portable Communities: The Social Dynamics of Online and Mobile Connectedness.* Chayko is a professor and chair of the Department of Sociology at College of Saint Elizabeth in New Jersey. Her research areas include the intersections of Internet and mobile technologies, interpersonal relations and modern community.
CAPS program celebrates inaugural graduates

The master’s program in criminology and public sociology (CAPS) completed its second year and graduated several students from its inaugural cohort. The following students were awarded Master of Arts degrees in spring 2009. Thesis titles and thesis committee chairs are also listed.

Raven Bruno – *Farm to School: An Exploration of Purchasing Local Foods for School Cafeterias in Southeastern North Carolina*, Susan Bullers, chair

Michele Deming – *Exploring the Social Context of Rape and Sexual Assault Among College Women: A Qualitative Analysis*, Ellie Covan, chair

Katie Gay – *Democracy in Action: A Case Study of InternetforEveryone.org*, Donna King, chair

Samantha McNeill – *North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Compliance Checks: Do Characteristics of the Seller Predict Alcohol Sales to Minors?,* Cecil Willis, chair

Abby Reiter – *Getting What They Expect: Teacher Expectations and Inequality in the Classroom*, John Rice, chair

Miranda Reiter – *Self Perceived Sex Role Identity and Development of Eating Disorders in Women*, Sangmoon Kim, chair


CAPS students present their research at academic conferences

Working closely with faculty throughout the year, CAPS students traveled to sociology and criminology conferences to present their research.


Kyle Wehmann presented her research findings in a poster titled “Assessing IPV in Rural North Carolina: An Exploratory Study” at the American Society of Criminology meeting held in St. Louis in November 2008.

New faculty

Kristen DeVall

Where were you prior to taking this position at UNCW?
I was living in Kalamazoo, Mich. and finishing up my dissertation at Western Michigan University.

How would you describe your first year in Wilmington?
I can honestly say that my first year in Wilmington has been wonderful! My colleagues in the sociology/criminology department have been incredibly welcoming and collegial, so I really could not ask for a better working environment. The students have also been very welcoming and I really enjoy being able to work with them on a daily basis.

What have you enjoyed most about your move to Wilmington and to UNCW?
John and I have very much enjoyed the weather in Wilmington and meeting new people.

What research projects were you involved in this past year?
I have continued my work as a program evaluator for several drug court programs in Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties in Michigan.

Christina Lanier and I were hired as program evaluators for the City of Jacksonville Weed and Seed Program.

I am presently working on publishing two articles from my dissertation and an article on the social construction of felony probation orders with a colleague from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

My first publication came out this spring:

In the spring I was invited to be part of the Hillcrest Reading Program research team with John Rice, Leslie Hossfeld, Marty Kozloff and several graduate students.

Daniel Buffington joins us fall 2009

Daniel Buffington moved to Wilmington from Athens, Ga., where he received his doctorate from the Department of Sociology at University of Georgia. His teaching and research interests center on culture (especially media and sport) and inequality (race, class, gender and nationality).

Buffington’s dissertation focused on men’s World Cup soccer. One major component of this project centered on the ways national, racial, gender and class identities were constructed in media coverage of this event. The second major component used ethnographic fieldwork to analyze how fans who gathered to watch this event made meaning out of these broadcasts.

When not teaching, researching or writing, Buffington can usually be found watching football (soccer) or cooking gourmet vegetarian food.
## Our new alumni

### Master of Arts in Criminology and Public Sociology

- Helene Raven Bruno
- Michelle E. Deming
- Katie A. Gay
- Samantha J. McNeill
- Abigail B. Reiter
- Elizabeth M. Reiter
- Tinamarie Scanno
- Kyle A. Wehmann

### Bachelor of Arts in Criminology, General Sociology and Public Sociology

| SOC | Mary C. Eller                  |
| SOC | Brianna N. Eastridge           |
| SOC | Andrea V. Ferrell              |
| SOC | Erica S. Finch                 |
| SOC | Morgan C. Grauman              |
| SOC | Leah J. Grignon                |
| SOC | Joseph M. Hembry               |
| SOC | Carl W. Huffstetter            |
| SOC | Blair A. Mimrey                |
| SOC | Annie M. McLeod               |
| SOC | Mary M. Parker                 |
| SOC | Shaine Ray                     |
| SOC | Demetrus Sapienza              |
| SOC | Adam Saud                      |
| SOC | Dawn P. Vega                   |
| SOC | Mary E. Wall                   |
| SOC | Samuel L. Wooden               |
| Public Soc | Amanda B. Case               |
| Public Soc | Lauren E. Fiederlein        |
| Public Soc | Darryl L. Harrison            |
| Public Soc | Kimberly A. Lancaster          |
| Public Soc | Kelly N. Ridenbour        |
| Public Soc | Whitney L. Sellers           |
| Public Soc | Ashley L. Vestal             |
| CRM  | Christa M. Abate              |
| CRM  | Regina A. Ashcraft            |
| CRM  | Elliot L. Bass                |
| CRM  | Brandon W. Batten             |
| CRM  | Nathan Z. Belk                |
| CRM  | Alexander P. Benario          |
| CRM  | Laura R. Berry                 |
| CRM  | Nina A. Borowski              |
| CRM  | Keenan O. Bracey              |
| CRM  | Scott W. Bramley              |
| CRM  | Elizabeth F. Braxton          |
| CRM  | Tonya T. Caddleton            |
| CRM  | Amanda J. Calvert             |

### CRM

- Max A. Cameron
- Joshua R. Campbell
- Virginia L. Carter
- Kimberly A. Ciesco
- Brian D. Coleman
- Tiffany M. Coles
- Jennifer D. Cooke
- Kelvin K. Daise
- Jeremy R. Davis
- Kathryn R. Dawson
- Brandy L. Dier
- Cassie D. Earley
- Justin L. Eli
- Samantha L. Evans
- Derek J. Faircloth
- Paul R. Fitzpatrick
- Donald M. Fitpin
- Kevin Flowers
- Blake G. Floyd
- Chelsea D. Forbes
- Kecan D. Fortune
- Floyd W. Gabert
- Lindsey W. Gant
- Sean E. George
- Quisha L. Gilliam
- Nina V. Goliseva
- Jason M. Goodwin
- Jason M. Gries
- Emilia I. Guerrero
- Clarissa L. Hale
- Adam W. Hall
- Andrea K. Harrington
- Shamiak B. Harvey
- Shane F. Hellman
- Katy E. Henderson
- Nicole L. Hess
- Preston B. Hilton
- John J. Holly
- Katie L. Holsworth
- Tonya M. Hooks
- James D. Hoover
- Adam J. Houghton
- Hannah A. Huffman
- Matthew A. Hunter
- Mary L. Hunter
- Cory D. Johnson
- Diane E. Komm
- Annie E. Lancaster
- Brandon W. Lollis
- Brittany M. Main
- Elizabeth L. Massey
- Paul G. Matarafailo

### Other

- Lisa J. Mazur
- Adonica M. McAllister
- Crisenda B. McFadden
- Rachel S. Meritt
- Jason A. Miller
- Jason T. Miller
- Emily N. Moczo
- Cory J. Moffett
- Justin L. Morris
- James M. Noble
- Christopher M. Nussman
- Lara M. Ostapiej
- Shannon M. Pearce
- Christopher A. Pierce
- Heather A. Pritchard
- Bradley N. Richard
- Eboni D. Roberts
- Gila J. Sadeghi
- Heather C. Sangitnette
- Laura E. Scarborough
- William D. Schenk
- Peter D. Schwarz
- Courtney Shaver
- Jaracc C. Shepherd
- Robert R. Skamperle
- Brendan H. Skipp
- Amberle M. Stanberry
- Randy V. Stanberry
- Robert G. Steinheiser
- Abbey L. Stoesel
- Andrea A. Taylor
- Sabiba A. Taylor
- Abigail G. Tuffs
- Vanessa M. Vigil
- Raymond F. Wallace
- Jacob D. Ward
- Kayece Q. Welb
- Tirasha N. Williams

**Congratulations!**
An insight trip to Guatemala

Diane Levy

In February, I participated in a week-long “insight trip” to view the work of Friendship Bridge, a nonprofit non-governmental organization (NGO) working in Guatemala to improve the lives of the poor Mayan families.

As a member of the Friendship Bridge steering committee in Wilmington, I was eager to meet a new group of borrowers supported by donations from Wilmington. The group, called Puente de Vida – Bridge of Life, was headed by two Marías – grandmother and granddaughter. The elder María, all of four feet tall, was a force to be reckoned with. She discovered Friendship Bridge at a local market and asked for a loan to start a small store – a tienda – on her property. She and her granddaughter, a striking young woman of 21, run the tienda and make enough money to feed and supply the family of nine who live in the small two-room house.

In the house, we were shown the beautiful embroidery work and weaving done by the younger María and the other women in the group. The women work on their textiles making gorgeous blouses called huipiles that all Mayan women wear. Each woman may work for up to three months on a huipile and then sell it at market. Young María could speak Spanish; she had been to school for three years before her father insisted that she stay home and help with the family. She and the other young women giggled and covered their mouths as we asked them about their lives. They were clearly proud of their handwork and their contribution to their families.

We were invited to see the tienda – just a small room stocked with snacks, drinks, some vegetables and cleaning supplies. This little shop on a lonely road allows local residents to avoid long walks to town for goods. The profit from the tienda enables the women to repay their loan and helps pay the school fees and other necessities for the children.

As we left this borrower’s house, we were impressed by the difference that Friendship Bridge was making in the lives of these women and their families.

Friendship Bridge is one of several NGO’s working in developing nations to combat poverty through microlending. The original concept of microlending was started in Bangladesh by economist Mohammed Yunus. He wrote of his success in microlending and the formation of a communally owned banking system called Grameen Bank in his book, *Banker to the Poor*.

The basic concept is very simple – lend people small amounts of money to start their own businesses to create their own sustainable solutions to poverty in their home communities. It attacks poverty from the bottom up, not the top down. Yunus and others found that when lending money to women for businesses, the profit has the best chance of enriching the entire family.¹ He won the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in 2006.

Friendship Bridge employs this concept by lending money to individual women in Guatemala within a system of “trust banks” – groups of borrowers who vouch for each other. Since these are non-collateral loans, the only guarantee is the support of the group.

Beginning in 1998 with 30 clients, Friendship Bridge now serves about 14,000 borrowers. Its focus is on the areas in the Western Highlands of Guatemala – the areas that suffered most in the 30-year “civil war” ending in 1996. The average loan today is about $150-$200. For this, the women may purchase some chickens to raise and sell at market; they may rent a small plot and raise vegetables; they may purchase the materials for handicrafts; or they may start a small tienda, as we saw in our Puente de Vida group.

They meet monthly, usually in the home of one of the borrowers, for group meetings and repayment. At the monthly meetings, a Friendship Bridge loan officer, a local indigenous woman, provides an educational module for the women on some basic topic – women’s rights, children’s education, business or health.

As a sociologist, this first-hand glimpse into the world of poor Mayan families was a rare opportunity to view intentional social change as it was happening. Organizations like Friendship Bridge offer real people real solutions to life’s problems, and their lives and the lives of their children benefit. A loan of a few hundred dollars means the difference between absolute poverty and a sustainable life.

Friendship Bridge does not create great wealth for the borrowers, but it does inspire women to use resources to grow businesses and care for their families. What are the men doing?
They are usually working in the fields for a few dollars a day and perhaps assisting their wives in business.

Agriculture is still the number one income earner in Guatemala, followed by tourism and remittances from abroad – and all of these industries are on hard times. The traditional Mayan family is still very patriarchal, but it is clear that organizations such as Friendship Bridge and the “rising tide” of cultural change is having an impact on the lives of these communities.¹

I came away from my time in Guatemala energized and hopeful. This program was not charity or a handout. Microlending offers poor people a way to improve their everyday lives within their own local economy on their own initiative. The women appear resilient and strengthened by their relationships with each other.

These programs are dependent on the generosity of donors outside the region to provide the infrastructure and support to run the organization. Friendship Bridge in North America is structured into circles of local women who each support a borrower’s group in Guatemala. You can check their Web site at www.friendshipbridge.org for a more complete overview of the organization and their work.

¹ As a group, women are consistently successful at repaying their loans in a timely fashion, and they are more likely to willingly participate in group lending programs. Likewise, when women earn an income, they obtain more decision-making power within the family and over their own welfare. Women are more likely to use the profits from their businesses to feed their families, improve their living conditions, educate their children and save money to reinvest in their businesses. Ninety seven percent of all microcredit services around the world are provided to women.

Source: www.friendshipbridge.org


Public sociology goes public – building community capacity

Leslie Hossfeld
Director, UNCW public sociology program

Community-based participatory research uses a rich methodology that brings together community members and researchers – each sharing their particular vantage points and knowledge – to make change and address needs within communities.

The UNCW public sociology program is based at Hillcrest Public Housing Community at the Wilmington Housing Authority-UNCW Community Campus. Eight public sociology undergraduate students – Amanda Case, Lauren Fiederlein, Darryl Harrison, Kim Lancaster, Kelly Ridenhour, Whitney Sellers, Ashley Vestal and Allison Whitley – devoted more than 300 hours each working, collaborating, researching and revitalizing the Hillcrest Public Housing Community.

By participating in community social action projects over the past nine months, public sociology students have worked with community partners to address community identified needs in low-income neighborhoods. Students worked in research teams over the nine-month period creating a literature review on building community capacity, identifying five research topics, designing research protocol, collecting data, participating in community-based programs, analyzing data, writing reports and disseminating findings.

Through scholarly engagement, public sociology students examined community capacity at Hillcrest and, based on their research, made policy recommendations to the City of Wilmington that address specific needs of low-income residents. (Their presentation to City Council can be viewed at http://wilmington.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=1648&meta_id=47539).

In addition, students made several presentations over the academic year disseminating their research findings: at the UNCW Undergraduate Research Symposium in April 2009, to the UNCW Board of Trustees in February 2009 (Kim Lancaster represented the group); and at the Colonial Collegiate Undergraduate Research Conference in Maryland in April 2009 (Lauren Fiederlein represented the group).

A celebration of the year-long community-based participatory research project was held at the Burney Center in April 2009 at a community breakfast and poster session honoring community partners and celebrating the new and continued relationships developed during the year.

Through an internship experience, under the experienced direction of UNCW public sociology alumna Danielle Aldrich, students worked directly in the community, helping residents create a community garden at Hillcrest; working with the Hillcrest reading program team to improve reading scores of Hillcrest elementary school kids; partnering with the UNCW Obesity Prevention Initiative to increase nutrition awareness; working with Sunset South Community Garden; and partnering with the Southeastern North Carolina Food Systems Program, DREAMS of Wilmington, Southeastern North Carolina Food Bank, UNCW parks and recreation, Coastal Horizons and the UNCW Honors Program.

The public sociology students learned a great deal over the two-semester project, particularly about the complexities of and rewards from working with communities and using research and collaborative strategies to find solutions to social problems.

Kim Lancaster presenting her research at the public sociology breakfast.
The West Pender Rail-Trail Alliance

Sociology in the local community

Susan Bullers

The West Pender Rail-Trial is a non-profit community initiative to preserve and enhance the quality of life in western Pender, New Hanover and Sampson Counties by converting an abandoned railroad corridor into a multi-use community heritage trail.

The entire trail route consists of the abandoned Atlantic Coastline rail corridor, which runs from Fayetteville to Wilmington. The current focus is on the section that begins along the Cape Fear River across from downtown Wilmington near the USS North Carolina Battleship Park, continuing north near US 421 and then west near Blueberry Road to about Montague Road, near Currie.

This corridor in Pender County also coincides with NC Bike Route 5 and the East Coast Greenway, a national pedestrian and bicycle trail development project stretching from Maine to Florida. This particular trail concept has been endorsed by several county, regional and national organizations and advisory councils.

As with the rest of the country, North Carolina residents have become more interested in health, public recreation and the environment. Access to public recreational facilities promotes healthier residents, lower obesity rates and a better quality of life. Southeastern North Carolina lags behind in public recreational resources. This trail will offer public recreation and an alternative transportation route to an area slated for industrial, commercial and residential development. It is very important, economically and environmentally, that this trail be incorporated into local and regional plans before any more development begins along this corridor. We have a wonderful, but narrow, window of opportunity to preserve this trail corridor for future recreation, transportation and historic uses.

The area covered by this trail has a rich local heritage that draws people to the area. It includes Moore’s Creek National Battlefield and Point Caswell at the northern end and the USS North Carolina Battleship Park and ferry access to historic downtown Wilmington at the southern end. The proposed rail-trail project would preserve and promote this rich local history and would offer an extended tourism experience.

In addition to the increased value of living and working near a multi-use trail, these trails draw high-income, low-impact tourism to the area, encouraging small businesses in otherwise economically challenged rural areas. They benefit the local communities while preserving their natural beauty and rich heritage. The trails garner free publicity in several national and state rail-to-trail publications, as well as through various outdoor, sports, environmental and travel publications guides and Web sites.

Most of the proposed corridor is free of development and ownership has reverted to adjacent landowners. Significant sections of the proposed trail run along US 421 through land currently slated for industrial, commercial and residential development. We are focusing our current efforts to request that future development on these parcels accommodate this trail which could be incorporated into developers’ green space plans. A trail of this scope would greatly enhance the value of all the parcels along the corridor and serve as a model linear park for Pender County and the region.

The Conservation Trust for North Carolina has made arrangements to hold any parcels granted to the project until a permanent holding entity can be established. There are efforts under way to form an inter-county agency to oversee funding and maintenance of the trail. Grant funding has been procured through National Rails-to-Trails Conservancy to develop a plan for this project. Other funding and maintenance models are being explored.

We have gathered support for this project from a wide variety of community, regional and national organizations, and we have conducted a series of community open-house information and feedback sessions. We are currently formalizing our organization, working toward getting our Phase I plan approved by the Pender County Commissioners and under way!

If you would like more information or would like to get on our mailing list please contact us at West Pender Rail-Trail Alliance, P.O. Box 98, Currie, N.C. 28435 or WPRTA@yahoo.com.

relay for life

Undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and family participated in Relay for Life to raise money for cancer research April 24-25 at Ashley High School in Wilmington.

Team members included Kateri Bruno, Kimberly Cook, Erin Farley, Christy Lanier, Diane Levy, Mike Maume, Rob Miller, Ashley Morton, Matt Mosher, Shannon Santana, Elizabeth Soukup, Adam Watkins, Kyle Wehmann and Deanne Winkler. All together the sociology and criminology department team raised $1,210. Thanks to everyone who donated and participated.
Congratulations to John Rice

John Rice received the Distinguished Teaching Professorship, a three-year award recognizing excellence in teaching.

According to the office of the provost, “The purpose of the award is to exemplify UNCW’s commitment to excellence in teaching and in teaching related activities by recognizing faculty members who have made a profound contribution to higher education through their dedication and service to students.”

The criteria considered for this award include: teaching philosophy, mastery of subject and pedagogical techniques, leadership and initiative, guidance of students in thesis work, honors projects, research, internships, independent studies and student perceptions of teaching.

We in the sociology and criminology department are very proud of Rice’s success and value his commitment to teaching. We are thrilled to call him one of our peers! Look for the fancy new medallion around his neck at commencement ceremonies!

Returning graduate students 2009

Nick Chagnon’s research interests include white-collar crime and media influence on criminal justice policy. During his second year he hopes to write his thesis on media influence on criminal justice policy using in-depth interviews with upper echelon law enforcement personnel and news personnel. This summer Chagnon worked as a research assistant with Mike Maume, helping him with his research on school violence.

Alicia Larkin just completed an eventful year of graduate school as a criminology major. She was offered the opportunity to expand the minds of undergraduates at the tutoring center, which proved to be very interesting. As a graduate assistant she was able to see first-hand the rigors of teaching a class and experience the joy of grading the well-polished papers of freshmen. Larkin hopes to explore gendered drug use of college students and the influence of academic pressures with her thesis. She spent part of the summer putting together a survey for the fall. She also took part in an ethnographic study of the tourists in Carolina Beach as she worked at a local restaurant for the summer.

Jess MacDonald is a public sociology master’s candidate, working on her thesis on student political and social engagement. She is also the program coordinator for the Hillcrest Reading Program located at the WHA-UNCW Community campus and has been lucky enough to have travelled to New Orleans to present her work on the program at the Southern Sociological Society 2008 conference. She is working on an article about the reading program with the research team headed by John Rice. This summer and fall, Jess has been a research assistant in the Master of Public Administration degree program, working on a capacity building project for nonprofit organizations in eastern North Carolina. She plans to graduate in 2010 and continue on to get her Ph.D., which may or may not be preceded year or two of global gallivanting to ensure sanity!

Lindsey Martin is looking forward to returning this fall for her second year in the M.A. program. She will be beginning work on her thesis, which will focus on sexual assault perpetration in a college population. She also has a thing for old Law and Order re-runs.

Student Awards

Criminology Students Honored

Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, was established in 1942 to recognize outstanding students in criminal justice. Today, Alpha Phi Sigma has more than 280 chapters in colleges nationwide. Alpha Phi Sigma is affiliated with the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and holds its annual meeting in conjunction with the ACJS meeting. The faculty advisor for Alpha Phi Sigma is Randy LaGrange.

Lucas Borton, Emilia Guerrero, James Hoover, Alicia Hope, Jennifer Jaco and Kendall Mercer were inducted into Alpha Phi Sigma during the 2007-08 academic year.

Two special awards were presented at the May 2009 graduation ceremony by the criminology faculty. Lara Ostatiejer received the Academic Excellence Award which is given to the graduating senior with the highest overall GPA. Adonocca McAllister received the Troy Carr Student of the Year Award, given in memory of ALE Agent Troy Carr (UNCW Class of ’92), who was killed in the line of duty on May 14, 1994.

Sociology Students Honored

The Department of Sociology and Criminology announced the third recipients of the John Rice and Ben David scholarships in spring 2009. Applicants are required to complete an application form, a short essay and other supporting documents. Recipients are awarded a scholarship of $2,100 for one year. Elizabeth Dodson won the John R. Rice scholarship for 2009-10. Kevin Whitley won the Ben David scholarship for 2009-10. We are grateful to Dave Robertson and Mark Griggs for the financial scholarship donations.

Alan Neal received the John Salf award.

The Sociology Academic Excellence Award went to Amanda Case, Dawn Vega, Kim Lancaster and Joseph Hemby.

The winner of the sociology bookstore scholarship was Hillary Engel.

M.A. student Jessica MacDonald won the Sylvia and B.D. Schwartz Graduate Fellowship which provides $2,100 for the 2009-10 academic year.
Faculty highlights

**Susan Bullers**
The first UNCW India study abroad program trip took place at the end of the spring 2009 semester. The course was developed by Bullers in the Department of Sociology and Criminology and Paige Tan in the Department of Public and International Affairs in spring 2008.

Bullers continues her work as chair of the West Pender Rail Trail Alliance, a Pender County community development project that she initiated last year (see article page 8). This project involves converting an abandoned railroad corridor into a public recreation trail. Bullers hopes to involve students from sociology, environmental sciences and economics in the project next year.

Bullers oversaw graduate students Raven Bruno and Nick Chagnon on the assessment study of regional farmers and buying institutions for the Southeastern North Carolina Food System Council. This was one part of Bruno’s work in the area of Food Systems and Food Security, including her master’s thesis on the feasibility of a local farm-to-school effort that would provide local schools with locally grown food.

**Kimberly Cook**


Invited presenter: “Academic Street Smarts for Professional M.A. Students in Sociology” (jointly presented with Leslie Hossfeld) at the chairs conference of the American Sociological Association, Boston, July 31.

**Kristen DeVall**

In the spring Kristen was invited to be part of the Hillcrest Reading Program research team with John Rice, Leslie Hossfeld, Marty Kozloff (Watson School of Education) and several graduate students. Christina Lanier and DeVall were hired as program evaluators for the City of Jacksonville weed and seed program.

**Erin Farley**
“When in Doubt: An Examination of Mock Juror Attribution of Blame.” Presented at the American Society of Criminology in November 2008 in St. Louis.

O’Connell, Daniel J., Farley, Erin J., Gealt, Roberta E., Martin, Steve S. “Examining the Relationship Between Different Rationales for Adolescent Prescription Drug Use and Where They Obtain Their Drugs.” Presented at the American Society of Criminology in November 2008 in St. Louis, M.O.

During spring 2008, Farley, along with Christina Lanier, surveyed numerous introductory courses in the department regarding students’ use and perceptions of use of alcohol and drugs. The research project included the development of the instrument as well as administration of the survey with funding from the UNCW Crossroads office. Analysis from this research, titled “An Examination of Illicit Prescription Drug Use among College Students,” was presented at the American Society of Criminology.

**Leslie Hossfeld**
Hossfeld has focused much of her work this past year on the Southeastern North Carolina Food Systems (SENCFS) Project (see www.feastsoutheast.org), an economic and community development program directed at keeping local food dollars within the region. In 2006, Hossfeld and Rev. Mac Legerton of Lumberton, co-founded the SENCFS which has developed into a partnership of public and private institutions and agencies among six counties along and adjoining the I-74 corridor east of I-95. SENCFS includes both rural and urban counties in order to maximize market opportunities and profits from the sales of local farm products for both local and regional markets.

The major project goals are to:
1. expand the local and regional institutional buying and direct marketing of local farm products in rural and urban counties along the I-74 corridor in southeastern N.C.;
2. increase the local production, marketing and profits of local farm products in rural and urban counties in southeastern N.C.;
3. sustain and expand employment and income on limited resource farms;
4. link rural farmers to rural and urban markets and consumers through new infrastructures and networks created through the SENCFS;
5. expand farm and food-related jobs through the expansion of businesses that produce, distribute, market and sell farm products in southeastern N.C.;
6. increase the opportunity and capacity of limited resource farmers to meet the demand for local farm products in the expanded local and regional markets;

7. provide fresher, healthier and safer farm products for local and regional consumption, increasing the biodiversity of farm production and consumer health and safety;

8. keep a greater percentage of the food dollar within southeastern N.C. and increase local and regional wealth through the multiplier effect of expanded markets, sales and profits.

Raven Bruno (M.A. student) served as coordinator for SENCFS since August 2008, and Nick Chagnon (M.A. student) worked closely with Susan Bullers on a regional farmer survey to support the research agenda of the SENCFS program.

To date, Hossfeld has received $70,000 from the Golden LEAF Foundation, $70,000 from Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, $10,000 from Southern SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education), $50,000 from ASAP (Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Program) and the North Carolina Tobacco Foundation and $10,000 from Southern SAWG (Sustainable Agricultural Working Group).

Hossfeld and Legerton work at the state-level on the Working Initiative Team of the Farm to Fork Program of the Center for Farming Environmental Farming Systems addressing state-wide policy recommendations to support local food systems councils and programs across the state.

Darrell Irwin

Irwin also discussed his findings with administrators from Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, when they visited UNCW in May.

Darrel spoke on the topic of random violence on Byline which can be viewed at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7apV_UV2pw&feature=channel.

Yunus Kaya


Forthcoming. “Globalization and Industrialization in 64 Developing Countries, 1980-2003.” *Social Forces*

In addition, Yunus continues his work on cross-national analysis of intimate partner violence with Kimberly Cook.

Donna King

Christina Lanier


Mike Maume
Last fall, Maume was on a much-needed and long-overdue research sabbatical. In addition to collecting and analyzing data on intimate partner violence in southeastern N.C., he began work on a large project on community and school-based correlates of violence across U.S. public schools. For most of the spring Maume was on leave to help care for his second daughter, Kate, who was born in November.


At the Southern Sociological Society meeting, Maume sat on an “author-meets-critics” panel to contribute to a critique of Karen Parker’s ’89 recent book, *Unequal Crime Decline: Theorizing Race, Inequality, and Urban Violence* (NYU Press).

Stephen McNamee


Rob Miller


Miller was elected to the office of region four representative for AKD, the international sociology honor society. One of the 10 AKD “regions,” region four includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. It is a three-year term that began in August. Miller also served as region four representative back in the last century, specifically in the early 1980s.

**John Rice**

With Martin Kozloff and Eric Irizarry of the Watson School of Education, Rice began the Hillcrest Reading Program (see article on front cover).

With Jess MacDonald, he presented findings from the first semester of the reading program—“Learning to Read at Hillcrest: Public Sociology in Action” – to the New Hanover County Human Relations Commission in January 2009 and the Southern Sociological Society (SSS) annual meetings in New Orleans, in April 2009.

With Abby Reiter, he presented “Getting What They Expect: Teachers’ Expectations and Classroom Inequality” at the SSS meetings in April 2009.

Rice published a review of Zygmunt Bauman’s *Does Ethics Have a Chance in a World of Consumers in Sociological Inquiry*.

He received the Distinguished Teaching Professorship Award for 2008-10.

**Shannon A. Santana**

No doubt her greatest achievement this year occurred on Feb. 4, 2009, when Shannon gave birth to her daughter Gabriella May Santana (who weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces).


**Jean-Anne Sutherland**

Sutherland and Kathryn Feltey (Watson School of Education) completed the manuscript and await the October 2009 publication of their book *Cinematic Sociology: Social Life in Film*. Sage/Pine Forge Publishers.


**Angela Wadsworth**


Presentation: “Roadside Memorials and Spontaneous Shrines within United States’ Culture: What Purpose Do They Serve?” Seventh Annual College Day on Oct. 25, 2008 at UNCW.

**Adam Watkins**


On May 23, 2009, Adam and his wife Jaime celebrated the first birthday of their son Seth. Adam is convinced that Seth has developed a bit of a “Stewie Griffin complex.” Apparently, Seth takes great delight in mocking his dad. For example, he only seems to laugh (mostly in a condescending fashion) when Adam can’t do something right, like blowing good bubbles outside with his bubble wand and soapy water, or when Adam verbally stumbles while reading one of his Dr. Seuss books, or when Adam starts to put his diaper on backwards. Adam swears he is being mocked.
Sociology and Criminology Club

Adonicea McAllister

Over the course of the 2008-09 school year, the Sociology and Criminology Club participated in several activities. The first major one, UNCW’s Fall Student Involvement Carnival, was quite successful and helped spread the word about the club to the entire campus community. The club also had guest speakers which included Officer Matt Malone of the Wilmington Police Department and Dee Casey of UNCW’s CARE program. The Sociology and Criminology Club also held movie nights dealing with related issues, had a resume and career building workshop with Mark Werbeach of Career Services and had faculty members give presentations on various topics. On top of it all, members got new T-shirts!

Officers for 2009-10 are Caitlin Brieter, president; Gabrielle Holt, vice president/secretary; Laura Cochrane, treasurer; and Kayla Dixon, SGA liaison.

ALPHA PHI SIGMA
National Criminal Justice Honor Society

ALPHA PHI SIGMA, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, invites applications from criminal justice majors. Established in 1942, Alpha Phi Sigma is the nationally recognized honor society for students in criminal justice. Today, Alpha Phi Sigma has more than 280 chapters in colleges nationwide. APS is affiliated with the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and holds its annual meeting in conjunction with the ACJS meeting.

To become a member, undergraduate students must have completed 42 hours toward graduation and be recommended by the chapter advisor. Undergraduate students must maintain a minimum of 3.2 overall GPA and 3.2 in the criminal justice major. Graduate students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.4 and complete at least four courses within the criminal justice curriculum.

History

In September 1941, Vivian Anderson Leonard was asked by the president of Washington State University if he would accept the directorship of a Police Science Academic Program. Leonard accepted the offer and became responsible for developing a four-year curriculum which would lead to a bachelor’s degree in police administration.

Leonard began to realize how important it was that a police science honorary be established. The purpose of this honorary would be to promote excellence in scholarship and performance. In January 1942, Leonard met with 17 police science majors, and Alpha Phi Sigma was established. Glenn Hill was elected as the first president and appointed a committee to draft the first constitution and by-laws.

During its initial years Alpha Phi Sigma experienced only limited growth, but on March 24, 1976, the executive board of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences voted unanimously to designate Alpha Phi Sigma as the National Criminal Justice Honor Society. At this time, Alpha Phi Sigma had only 14 chapters; however, since then, it has grown at a very rapid rate, and there are now more than 280 chapters.

Academy of Criminal Justice Science Affiliation

At the 1976 meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Science in Dallas, the academy recognized Alpha Phi Sigma as the Criminal Justice Honor Society. Since 1978, Alpha Phi Sigma has held its national conference in conjunction with the annual ACJS meeting. The academy’s continued support of Alpha Phi Sigma serves to enhance the organization’s purpose – the recognition of scholarly achievement in the field criminal justice.

Member of the Association of College Honor Societies

The Association of College Honor Societies was organized on Oct. 2, 1925, by a group of college and university teachers, administrators and representatives of a few well-established honor societies. Alpha Phi Sigma was granted membership by the Association of College Honor Societies in 1980.
Alpha Kappa Delta – the honor society for sociology majors

The department has a chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD), a non-secret, democratic, international society of scholars dedicated to the ideal of Anthropon Katamanthein Diakonesein – “to investigate humanity for the purpose of service.”

AKD seeks to acknowledge and promote excellence in scholarship in the study of sociology, the research of social problems and social and intellectual activities that will lead to the improvement of the human condition. AKD was founded in 1920 at the University of Southern California by Emory S. Borgardus, professor of sociology.

There are active chapters of AKD at more than 500 colleges and universities, and AKD has more than 50,000 lifetime members. The UNCW chapter inducted its charter members in spring semester of 1980. Since then, more than 140 sociology majors have become members. To be eligible for membership in the UNCW chapter, NU of North Carolina, students must meet or exceed the following requirements:

- Be an official declared sociology major
- Have junior or senior standing
  (62 or more credit hours passed, including transfer credits)
- Have an overall grade point average of 3.00 or better
- Have completed four or more sociology courses with a grade point average of 3.00 or better in sociology courses

The initiation fee for life membership is $40. Membership in Alpha Kappa Delta is considered an honor and is appropriate for inclusion on one’s resume. Each initiate receives a certificate of membership, as well as one-year subscription to Sociological Inquiry, the official journal of AKD. Rob Miller, who founded the chapter, and Stephen McNamee, are faculty co-sponsors.
Friends and Alumni! We’d like to hear from you!

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