CHAIR’S COLUMN

The magnolias that flank Bear Hall are in full bloom as I write this column. They are absolutely intoxicating and remind me that the spring semester is over and summer is in full gear. We have just celebrated another departmental commencement ceremony and are winding down from the excitement that happy occasion brings.

This is a time of transition for our department. Cecil Willis, who has been at UNCW for over 30 years, will begin his phased retirement process in the fall. We are lucky to have him around for the next three years and will miss him, along with our other two phased-retirement faculty members, Diane Levy and Lynne Snowden, when their final semesters here come around. We will also welcome new faculty member Rick Jones in August and we are very excited about him joining our department.

I am also leaving after 10+ years here at UNCW. I will miss everyone terribly but will continue my work with Feast Down East and other economic development projects in the state, even while afar, giving me lots of opportunity to stay connected to this wonderful department and university. Mike Maume will become chair of our department beginning July 1.

The Sociology and Criminology Student Club continues to provide great opportunities for the student body and campus community by hosting speakers and events on campus. These occasions and interactions allow for a better understanding and greater visibility of both sociology and criminology in general and for our department. The club sponsored and co-sponsored several high-profile events in the past year, including a screening of the documentary, Something You Can Call Home. Filmmaker Rebecca Kenyon and several local Wilmingtonians featured in the film attended the screening and answered questions about the documentary’s topic: homelessness in the area.

The club also co-sponsored two major all-campus events that were a part of the UNCW Presents Leadership Lecture Series. Former NFL player turned gay activist and public speaker Wade Davis, shared the story of his personal journal as a gay African-American man in the National Football League. His narrative explored countless sociological themes including gender identity, sexual orientation, culture and socialization.

Another speaker in the campus lecture series was Piper Kerman, author of the New York Time's bestselling book, Orange is the New Black. Many people are familiar with the award-winning television show of the same name that airs on Netflix and has garnered much praise. Kerman, who spent over a year in federal prison, recounted her experiences and discussed several important issues within the criminal legal system, such as the incarceration rate in the United States, drug laws, poverty and sentencing laws.

In addition to these events, the student club welcomed many guest speakers to their biweekly meetings, which cover a variety of topics from different professionals working in the field, as well as professors from the department. One of our most notable guests this year was director of the North Carolina Crime Laboratory, John Byrd. Having professionals speak to the students is a great way for our majors, minors and others to make professional connections within the field that they may otherwise not have the opportunity to build and cultivate.

While this year we say goodbye to several of the student club officers who are graduating, we thank them for their service to the club, the department and the university, and we continue to look forward to another great year beginning in the fall 2015 semester. If you are interested in being a guest speaker for club events or donating to the club, please feel free to contact Carrie Buist at buistc@uncw.edu

UNCW SOC CRM students with Piper Kerman
Taking the Pulse on Poverty in Southeastern North Carolina

Through funding support from the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Health and Human Services, UNCW held the fourth Annual Taking the Pulse on Poverty conference at the Burney Center March 30, 2015. State and regional community leaders and citizens attended. Keynote speakers were James Johnson, William Rand Kenan Jr., Distinguished Professor of Entrepreneurship and Strategy and Director of Urban Investment Strategies Center at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

Johnson captivated the audience with his lecture, “America’s Non-White Youth and the Triple Whammy of Geographic Disadvantage” in which he examined what he calls the root causes of racial violence in the U.S.: “hyper-segregation, educational disenfranchisement and economic marginalization that continue to characterize non-white residential life in America today.”

Johnson, a sociologist, holds degrees from North Carolina Central University, the University of Wisconsin at Madison and Michigan State University. Selected by Fast Company magazine as one of the “17 Brightest Thinkers and Doers in the New World” for 2014, his current research and consulting activities focus on the workforce and workplace implications of post-1990 demographic changes in the U.S. and how to create highly competitive and sustainable business enterprises and communities in the current era of economic uncertainty and global insecurity. His research on these and related topics has been widely cited in a number of national media outlets, including the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Detroit Free Press, Newsweek, Time, U.S. News and World Report and Business Week. He has also appeared on a number of national television shows, including The TODAY Show on NBC, CNN Headline News, the CBS Evening News, ABC Nightly News, Sunday Morning on CBS, This Week in Review on NBC and North Carolina People with William Friday.

Immediately following the keynote speaker were four experts discussing critical issues related to poverty in the state and region: Adrienne Cox, FOCUS Wilmington; Chris Fitzsimon, director of NC Policy Watch; Joseph Arthur Polich, postdoctoral research fellow, UNC School of Law; and Yolanda Burwell, formerly of the North Carolina Rural Center. A dynamic question-and-answer session followed the panel discussion.

Leslie Hossfeld, conference co-coordinator said, “Southeastern North Carolina has a longstanding tradition of high, persistent poverty. Finding solutions to poverty in our region is of critical importance as we try to grow and build healthy, vibrant communities that benefit all North Carolinians.”

Earl Sheridan, conference co-coordinator and UNCW public and international affairs department chair, said, “This conference is an attempt to shine a light on the issue of poverty in our area and how it has been affected by the recession. Too often issues of poverty are not a part of public discourse.”

As you read through this newsletter, you will learn more about the great work everyone has been doing this past year. The sociology and criminology department is committed to the mission and vision of the College of Arts and Sciences that focuses on “serving the betterment of the region, state, nation and world.” I am always impressed by the quality and quantity of our department’s scholarly engagement. I think you will be too!

Leslie Hossfeld, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair

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UNCW Hosts a Conversation with Alice Walker

Alice Walker knew her purpose at a young age. When she was a child, she would often write in the dirt with a twig in the backyard of her home.

“I was aware early,” Walker told a group of educators and students gathered on July 2, 2014 at the Wilmington Convention Center.

“I knew that I had something to do. I had to develop in order to foster whatever gifts were meant to come through me.”

Walker, an award-winning author, poet, educator and activist, was the guest speaker during a special workshop co-sponsored by the UNCW Honors College, Watson College of Education, College of Arts and Sciences, Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion, the Department of English, Department of Sociology and Criminology and the History Department. It was a part of the “Celebrating the Dream” events organized by the Brunswick County Countywide Community Development Center in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

The workshop, titled “A Conversation with Alice Walker,” was an opportunity to broaden the university’s involvement in the community, said Katherine Montwieler, chair of the UNCW Department of English. It was
Criminology Students Visit Supreme Court

Babette J. Boyd

On Nov. 11, 2014 – Veterans Day – several students from the Cornerstone Community who had expressed an interest in studying law traveled to the District of Columbia to hear oral arguments, scheduled for Nov. 12, 2014, before the United States Supreme Court.

The District of Columbia was preparing for a celebration that was to take place on the National Mall to honor our nation’s veterans. Despite this, we were able to make our way through the maze of street closings to the Holocaust Museum. Walking through the museum reminded us how dreadfully wrong things can go when law and justice are subverted to the whims and excesses of a few. It also highlighted the importance of understanding the system of justice we have in the United States.

At the Supreme Court we heard oral argument in two cases. Our students sat with rapt attention as the attorneys for both sides were challenged with questions from many of the Justices. They had an extraordinary opportunity to observe the pleasant and welcoming quality of Chief Justice Roberts, the legendary humor and sarcasm of Justice Scalia, the unpretentious and common-sense approach of Justice Breyer, the quiet and probing manner of Justice Ginsburg, the direct, no-nonsense approaches of Justices Sotomayor and Kagan, the analytical approaches of Kennedy and Alito, and the silence of Justice Thomas. Following oral arguments we were treated to a question and answer session led by the deputy clerk of the Supreme Court. He was able to provide us with additional insights about the court, its history and its operation. It was a terrific two days.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Steve Meinhold and his students, who familiarized the learning community students with one of the cases and made it much easier for them to understand the arguments as they were presented in the court. UNCW general counsel, John Scherer, proved invaluable in preparing the students for the trip and assisting in coordinating our activities. Previous knowledge gained from an earlier trip to the nation’s capital, co-led by Dr. Donna King and Babette Boyd, contributed to the trip’s success.

Donna King Wins Janet Mason Ellerby Women’s and Gender Studies Scholarly Award

Donna King was awarded the 2015 Janet Mason Ellerby Women’s and Gender Studies Scholarly Award, which recognizes UNCW faculty for substantial scholarship in the field of women’s and gender studies.

An active feminist teacher and scholar, King has consistently promoted women’s and gender studies at UNCW and in the community through mentoring students, organizing programming, collaborating with colleagues, contributing to our core sociology curriculum (including the areas of media and popular culture) with up-to-date course materials that reflect her ongoing commitment to women’s and gender studies, and through her feminist public scholarship.

King has produced a substantial body of feminist scholarly work. Her book, Men Who Hate Women and Women Who Kick Their Asses: Stieg Larsson’s Millennium Trilogy in Feminist Perspective (Vanderbilt University Press, 2012) is an edited collection of essays by prominent American and Swedish feminist scholars that analyzes cultural messages about misogyny and violence against women, gender and power and the wide range of feminist responses to Larsson’s hugely popular work.

King served as producer and writer for the award-winning documentary film, It’s a Girl Thing: Tween Queens and the Commodityfication of Girlhood, which critically and creatively examines the development and impact of pervasive corporate marketing to young girls. She has screened the film and participated in Q&As at numerous scholarly conferences both nationally and internationally. She helped organize a two-day UNCW Girlhood event to bring these issues to the local community, which included screening the film and acting as a panelist for discussion. Additionally, she co-authored a book chapter based on her contribution to UNCW’s Reel Girls project, where low-income middle school girls, mentored by sociology, film studies and women studies students, learned gender analysis, media literacy skills and basic film techniques before creating their own films and screening them for a public audience in Lumina Theatre.

In her extended essay, “Toward a Feminist Theory of Letting Go,” published in Feminist Frontiers: A Journal of Women’s Studies, King lays the groundwork for a new feminist theory that reconnects self-awareness, self-care and social responsibility. She develops and extends her theory in a new book she co-edited (forthcoming in 2015) entitled Letting Go: Feminist and Social Justice Insight and Activism (Vanderbilt University Press). King’s collection contributes to debates about the negative consequences of neoliberal policies for individuals, communities and the environment. It critiques lean-in “feminism” and contributes to the debate generated by Sheryl Sandberg’s problematic yet enormously influential book. King’s feminist theory of letting go explores a practice of self-awareness in the service of a more humane, interconnected, interdependent social system, positing that a feminist letting go and its attendant self-care has the potential to be a radical act of awakening to social and environmental injustice and a call to activism for more humane sustainable relationships and structures.

King was a founding member of the Women’s Resource Center. She sat on the advisory board of directors and successfully chaired it during a difficult time of transition. King is also a longtime and active member of many professional associations, including the feminist organization Sociologists for Women in Society, where she has presented papers and organized sessions on feminist issues.
Jake Day

Where were you prior to taking this position at UNCW?
I spent two years as an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology at Appalachian State University. Although I enjoyed my brief time in the mountains, I was excited to move to the beach. Prior to that I completed my Ph.D. at NC State. Although originally from Dallas, OR, I have spent the last 11 years in North Carolina and I was recently informed that, with my move to UNCW, I have now lived in each of three major geographic regions of North Carolina (the Piedmont, the Mountains and the Coastal Plain).

How would you describe your first year in Wilmington? What have you enjoyed most about your move to Wilmington and to UNCW?
Fun and exciting. It has been fun becoming integrated into the city of Wilmington and the University of North Carolina Wilmington, particularly getting to know my colleagues and students in the Department of Sociology and Criminology. It has been exciting to work in a dynamic and engaged department with highly accomplished and productive colleagues.

What research projects were you involved in this past year?
My research over the past year reflects my diverse research agenda. I have published three articles on three different topics. This includes a paper on the efficacy of gender-responsive programs for youth in detention; a paper examining prisoner misconduct that tests hypotheses derived from an integrated theory on criminal behavior; and a paper on racial inequality in the college football coaching profession. I hope to expand my research in each of these areas over the next few years.

Jennifer Vanderminden

Where were you prior to taking this position at UNCW?
I was working at the University of New Hampshire in the Crimes against Children Research Center and teaching in the sociology department.

How would you describe your first year in Wilmington? What have you enjoyed most about your move to Wilmington and to UNCW?
Challenging and very rewarding. I have truly enjoyed getting to know my colleagues as well as the students. I am excited by the students’ level of engagement with and commitment to their education.

What research projects were you involved in this past year?
My research mainly focuses on victimization among children, specifically children with disabilities. This past year, I have been finishing a project with colleagues from the Crimes against Children Research Center examining victimization and disability profiles among children in therapy. In addition, I have been working on turning a chapter from my dissertation into journal articles, focusing on the relationship between abuse and disability as children age.
Rob graduated from Cedar Cliff High School in Camp Hill, PA, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from Franklin & Marshall College and a Ph.D. in sociology from Temple University. After graduate school, Rob spent his entire academic career at the University of North Carolina Wilmington, where he taught a variety of courses. For many years, he single-handedly taught our required undergraduate research methods class. He also regularly taught courses in stratification, race and ethnic group relations, urban sociology, the sociology of education, and the sociology of religion. He earned a reputation as a strict but fair instructor who frequently weaved his own life story into his teaching. His students got to know him not just as a professor, but as a person with a life outside the classroom. His research was mainly in the areas of stratification and immigration with occasional ventures in other areas. He was an avowed structuralist who emphasized the importance of social context, time and place, and social background on individual life circumstances and the trajectory of life chances. His early research was on the experiences of European immigrants to Philadelphia. He especially focused on the structure of urban industrial labor markets that immigrants encountered and how those conditions affected their patterns of assimilation and prospects for employment and mobility. His later research with Stephen McNamee centered on barriers to mobility, especially the cumulative non-merit advantages of familial privilege and wealth inheritance.

We both had the privilege of working with Rob on various projects and learned to value his methodological expertise, creative insight and assiduous attention to detail. He was highly sought after by colleagues to edit and provide feedback on manuscripts. He was dubbed as “the hawk” who managed to catch every glitch. Rob was the consummate sociologist who was always on the job as an acute social observer, seeing and experiencing life through a sociological lens. This was especially evidenced in one of his later publications with medical sociologist Angela Wadsworth, “An Involuntary Ethnography of a Stay in the Hospital: Being Sick in a Sick Place” about his own experience being hospitalized after a major stroke.

Rob was active in the UNCW community, serving on a number of committees, and was active in the founding of the graduate program in sociology at UNCW. He was most proud of his role as an advisor and mentor of students. At the community level he served on the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (JDRF) Board of Directors for the Carolina Coastal branch. Having been diagnosed at age 30, he lived with Type 1 diabetes for more than 30 years. He loved being on the water in his boat at Wrightsville Beach with his family on board. An avid cat lover, his household was always home to a number of stray cats he and his wife adopted. A longtime season ticket holder of UNCW Seahawk basketball tickets, he was a loyal, passionate and verbal fan, often criticizing in colorful language his perceived ineptitude of the referees.

Along with his fondness for stray cats, Rob often befriended and was a champion of those among us who lived outside the mainstream of society. A true indication of his own character is reflected in how he dealt with his own adversity. Early during his academic career he went through a divorce and learned he had Type I diabetes. While these two episodes affected him deeply, eventually he came to accept them and face them with courage and conviction. He remained in an amicable and cordial relationship with his former spouse. He became active in the JDRF and contributed to this cause in many ways. The diabetes was only the first of a series of health problems he faced, including prostate cancer, a number of surgeries and a series of strokes. Until the end, like the cats he adopted, he seemed to have nine lives, always bouncing back from adversity with a greater determination. More recently, the death of his wife, Mary Susan, was the most difficult for him to overcome and was followed by a series of strokes that eventually overwhelmed him. He faced all of these with a courageous realism and determination that would have weakened a person of less character and strength. For those of us who knew him well, life is a little less full.
AKD and APS Induct New Members

Jean-Anne Sutherland, AKD Faculty Representative
Carrie Buist, APS Faculty Representative

Students and faculty gathered on April 17 for our annual induction banquet. Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) is the international sociology honor society. To be eligible for membership, a student must have an overall GPA of 3.3 or higher. This year we were pleased to induct eight students into the organization: master’s student Casey Errante; and undergraduate students Melinda Kanoy, Carrianne Leschak, Nicole Whaley, Lindsay Topping, Erica Malpass, Erin Cox and Kelley Griffin.

Alpha Phi Sigma (APS) began in 1942 as a Police Science Honorary; by 1976, it was officially recognized as the National Criminal Justice Honor Society. Today, APS is affiliated with the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) and has more than 360 chapters in universities across the United States. Undergraduate inductees must maintain a 3.2 grade point average and graduate students must maintain a 3.4 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. This year, we were pleased to induct a total of nine new members into the organization. Master’s student Robin Pascoe, who was awarded his membership from the sociology and criminology department based on his excellent academic and professional performance; and undergraduate student inductees Victoria Burke, Sydney Ellers, Kassie Fuchs, Felicia Jones, Lindsay Marciano, Alicia Mills, Johnathan Pierce and Hillary White.

This year we were honored to host David Embrick from Loyola University, Chicago, as our speaker. According to his university bio, “Embrick’s research and publications focus on the impact of contemporary forms of racism on people of color. While most of his research is specific to inequalities in the business world, he has published on race and education, the impact of schools, welfare and prisons on people of color, and issues of sex discrimination.” Embrick gave a talk titled, “What does diversity mean in an era of color blindness?” His presentation highlighted the myriad flaws within corporate structures that pride themselves in developing “diversity” policies in hiring. Embrick has found that while numerous corporations are praised for diversity policies, true diversity is not represented in the make-up of board members and upper management.

UNCW Department of Sociology and Criminology Welcomes Rick Jones

The Department of Sociology and Criminology is pleased to announce the hiring of Roderick (Rick) W. Jones, who will join the department in the fall. Jones joins us from Indiana University where he is completing his Ph.D., entitled “Toward a General Theory of Street-Level Crime Rates: A Multilevel Elaboration of Routine Activities Theory.” His research interests include spatial dynamics of urban crime rates; integration and elaboration of criminology theory; the role of urban housing policy and planning on crime rates; and social structure on homicide and suicide rates.

The members of the Department of Sociology and Criminology look forward to getting to know our new faculty member and we are very excited to have him here.
In October 2014, Jill Waity’s public sociology senior seminar course explored the topic of food insecurity in the United States. The class decided to cook a meal from Leanne Brown’s new cookbook, Good and Cheap: A SNAP Cookbook. This book was designed for those who have a limited food budget, like those on SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), commonly known as food stamps. With more than 60 recipes to choose from in Brown’s elaborate cookbook, our class settled on making the Peach Coffee Cake and Creamy Zucchini Fettuccini. The purpose of cooking these meals was to experience cooking on a budget, then disseminate our findings at the Annual National Food Day event. Food Day is a nationwide celebration and movement toward healthier, affordable, sustainable food, creating a day of action on October 24 every year; UNCW serves as a host location every year.

The public sociology class met on a rainy Monday morning at the Hillcrest Community Center kitchen, each bringing various cooking utensils and condiments. After we had prepared our class meal, we sat around the tables, eating and discussing our experiences. We asked ourselves, how was this cooking experience similar or different to what you normally cook at home? These were our responses:

“The pasta was similar, but I usually add meat/spice/extra vegetables. We had to limit [ourselves] because of the cost.” —Sloane Phillips

“Cheaper than eating out. I’m usually the one who buys groceries, but in this case we had to limit [ourselves] fiscally.” —Jenni Stifter

“This was healthier than eating out, better than eating cheese fries at Front Street Brewery.” —Jessica Favatella

“I don’t like eating out that much, it gets too expensive after a while. These recipes were relatively cheaper and proved to be a great alternative to eating out.” —Brittany Gragg

We all agreed that the recipes fit a college student’s budget and constitute as healthy meals, because try as we might, most nights students come home too tired or lazy to cook and usually end up eating sodium-filled frozen food.

We discussed the alternative to buying weekly trays of frozen dinners and examined the pros and cons of buying in bulk at Sam’s Club/Costco. The pros to this initiative are few: buying in bulk can save money on gas, money, and after each trip you have groceries for potentially two to three weeks. The problems with buying groceries at Sam’s/Costco is that some individuals may not have enough money to pay up front for large amounts of groceries, or the membership fee it requires.

We concluded that poverty and food insecurity in America is a real thing and that it is imperative we continue to find ways to ease the pains of perpetual poverty.

It was a great pleasure to present with other community partners, in conjunction with our UNCW partners at Feast Down East, working to combat food insecurity in the Wilmington community. The topic of our panel presentation was called “Food and Our Future,” which focused on childhood food insecurity and healthy, affordable food. On this panel, we met and presented with Emily Kraft from the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina That was the equivalent of 504 meals provided to our neighbors in need!
For the past two years, residents of Rankin Terrace have been able to enjoy their own private farmers’ market. In partnership with the Wilmington Housing Authority, the UNCW Public Sociology program and Feast Down East (FDE) have operated their Food Sovereignty Program in the public housing community. The program brings locally grown foods to low economic families, offering healthier foods for their plates.

“We provide a Fresh Market on Fridays year-round for residents to purchase affordable, healthy local food using Electronic Benefits Transfer and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits card swipe,” says Erin O’Donnell, a UNCW graduate student and Feast Down East UNCW Partners to Provide a Fresh Market for Local Public Housing Community

Food Sovereignty Program Coordinator. “We also provide nutrition and cooking courses using fresh local food, as well as a leadership course to train residents to operate the Fresh Market and build the project’s sustainability.”

This project is also O’Donnell’s master’s thesis. She explains that Rankin Terrace is located in a “food desert,” meaning that the nearest grocery store is at least a mile away. In establishing the market within walking distance (many of the residents rely on city buses for transportation), offering quality food at affordable rates and accepting EBT and SNAP benefits, FDE has provided a solution to a national nutritional problem facing many urban communities.

Joan Johnson, president of the Rankin Terrace residential organization and an FDE volunteer, said, “UNCW and Feast Down East didn’t just come over and do an assessment. They followed through and gave us what we need.”

Rankin Terrace is currently undergoing renovations. O’Donnell and others had planned to move the fresh market to a nearby location, but residents were able to sway WHA leadership to allow the market to remain at Rankin Terrace during the renovation period.

In addition to helping the residents of Rankin Terrace, the market is helping regional organic farmers by giving them a venue to sell their goods.

Town Creek Elementary School Garden Receives Lowe’s Toolbox for Education Grant for School Garden Addition

The Lowe’s Charitable and Educational Foundation has awarded a $5,000 Lowe’s Toolbox for Education® grant to Town Creek Elementary School in Winnabow for the construction of an outdoor garden learning space. Town Creek Elementary School, in partnership with Feast Down East, FoodCorps and Brunswick County Cooperative Extension, along with community volunteers, built the new learning space April 14-16.

Town Creek Elementary is one of more than 600 schools across the United States to be awarded a Lowe’s Toolbox for Education grant this spring for improvement projects during the 2014-15 school year. FoodCorps service member Elin Amundson applied for the grant to help the school realize its vision of creating a school garden that meets the learning needs of all students through hands-on sensory learning opportunities.

“The garden will provide a broader range of garden-based learning environments, so that all students can benefit,” Amundson explains. The new garden addition will be fully accessible to students with special needs and will include a shade pergola, raised wheelchair-accessible garden beds, vertical gardens and a music wall.

Amundson regularly teaches lessons in the classrooms and garden about eating and growing fruits and vegetables and works with the child nutrition team to bring more local fresh fruits and vegetables into the cafeteria. Town Creek Elementary is among four FoodCorps recipient schools in Brunswick County. FoodCorps is a Feast Down East and Cooperative Extension-sponsored national AmeriCorps service project focused on reducing the incidence of childhood obesity by connecting kids to real food and helping them grow up healthy.

FoodCorps is a national non-profit striving to reduce childhood obesity and diet-related disease through food education. FoodCorps service members serve in low-resource regions and teach science and nutrition classroom lessons, build and maintain school gardens, and work with cafeteria staff to promote fresh, local fruits and vegetables. For more information, visit www.foodcorps.org. Feast Down East sponsors two FoodCorps service members in two Southeastern North Carolina counties.
Healthy Communities the Focus of 5th Annual Feast Down East Local Food Conference

The Feast Down East fifth Annual Regional Conference held February 6 at UNC Wilmington attracted more than 300 people for the daylong event, a record number of attendees. Feast Down East (FDE) and UNCW bring regional partners together as they aim to establish a healthy local food community.

Feast Down East, also known as the Southeastern NC Food Systems Program, has been helping Southeastern North Carolina step to the forefront of the local food movement since 2006. No longer considered a movement, but rather an accepted way of life for many, Feast Down East continues to campaign for community involvement in the building of a fully-integrated, vibrant, healthy local food system. Food is essential to life, so ensuring that the supply is healthy and accessible is paramount.

The conference has created a renowned venue where all the partners involved can come together and support the local food effort. The conference included an array of workshops for farmers, fishers, chefs, food buyers and sellers, consumers, foodies, educators, local food advocates, gardeners, public health professionals, urban and regional planners, non-profits and government leaders.

“It is important that we bring everyone to the table. A strong local food system positively impacts the health and well-being of our communities, in addition to boosting the local economy,” explains Leslie Hossfeld, co-founder and executive director of Feast Down East.

The conference began with inspirational words from former Congressman Bob Etheridge, USDA state director for NC Rural Development Randy Gore was the keynote speaker during the Local Food Feast. Gore has been the leading force behind the recent “NC Strikeforce Initiative,” which has created a network of support and resources for small-scale farms.

The 2015 Feast Down East Agrarian Stewardship Awards went to Manna chef Jameson Chavez and farmers Jim and Rose Mary Lofts of Triple J Farm for their dedication to supporting local food systems. Previous winners Margaret Shelton of Shelton Herb Farm, Stefan Hartmann of Black River Organic Farm, chef Tripp Engel of Brasserie du Soleil and chef James Doss of Rx/Pembrokes Restaurants passed the torch to the next farmer and chef who have been voted as those in their craft who support, in an exceptional way, the work of Feast Down East and our local farm communities.

Jane Steigerwald, director of Feast Down East, noted, "Whether you grow, produce, cook, eat, sell or advocate for fresh local farm food, this conference is for you!" Join the movement toward a healthier local food community.

Feast Down East, also known as the Southeastern North Carolina Food Systems Program (SENCFS), was established in early 2006 in order to join public and private agencies together to create a local and regional food system that supports local farmers; increases the sales of local farm products; educates consumers and the public on the importance of ‘buying local;’ and sustains and expands farm employment, profit and ownership, particularly among limited-resource farmers. UNCW is the lead agent for SENCFS. The Feast Down East processing and distribution center is a USDA-designated Food Hub. For more information on how to get involved, visit www.feastdowneast.org.

Eighth Annual Public Sociology Community Breakfast and Research Symposium

The Department of Sociology and Criminology held the eighth annual Public Sociology Community Breakfast and Research Symposium on April 30 in the Azalea Coast Room of the Fisher University Union. As in past years, this was a time to recognize our community partners and share the excellent research that our students conducted throughout the year. We recognized the organizations where our public sociology students completed their practicum hours, including the Children's Museum of Wilmington, Coastal Horizons, DREAMS of Wilmington, the Good Shepherd Center, Feast Down East and New Hanover County Drug Court. We also recognized our partners at the Wilmington Housing Authority. Students from the public sociology class (Jessica Favatella, Brittany Gragg, Carrianne Leschak, Priscilla Montoya, Mandie Ross, Sloane Philipp and Jennifer Stifter) presented their community-based research on immigration and knowledge of English language services, in partnership with the Cape Fear Literacy Council. Other students who presented posters of their work included Kayla Malone, Leigh Brael, Kelley Griffin and Brian Pitman. This event was well-attended by community residents, community partners, and UNCW faculty, staff and students.
UNCW Unveils 250-Gallon Aquaponics Tank

The University of North Carolina Wilmington unveiled a 250-gallon aquaponics tank in Wagoner Hall on April 29. A joint project between UNCW’s departments of sociology and criminology, marine biology and biology, and environmental studies, the tank combines aquaculture and hydroponic technology, allowing plants and fish to coexist. Campus dining will utilize the vegetables and herbs grown, furthering the availability of sustainable foods on campus.

“Students are keenly aware of the importance of local food, sustainable food supplies and their role as citizens in minimalizing our ecological footprints,” said Leslie Hossfeld, chair of UNCW’s Department of Sociology and Criminology. “Aquaponics, like other sources of food production, is a perfect way to teach sustainability and the importance of being cognizant of one’s ecological footprint.”

Students will be able to conduct activities involving chemistry, physics, biology and sustainability to solidify their understanding of scientific theories. With hopes of creating a “how-to” guide for use in other educational settings, the tank will provide countless hours of learning for students across a wide array of disciplines.

Roger Shew, Anthony Snider and Leslie Hossfeld developed course material relating to sustainability and local food initiatives to further engage their students. The funding and support for this project is widespread and was provided by ETEAL, Feast Down East, UNCW Campus Dining, UNCW’s departments of sociology and criminology, environmental studies, the College of Arts and Sciences and local business Progressive Gardens. Owner and UNCW alum Evan Folds provided the vegetables grown in the tank.

Eat Healthy, Eat Local, Eat Well
Sydney Johnson, UNCW Community Health Education Intern with Feast Down East

Feast Down East’s AmeriCorps VISTA member, Justin Brantley, and UNCW’s community health education intern, Sydney Johnson, have been working together to facilitate an adult nutrition education program in the Hillcrest Public Housing Community called Eat Healthy. Eat Local. Eat Well., a program designed to educate public housing residents on how to make healthier diet options to reduce the risk of disease. Eat Healthy. Eat Local. Eat Well. is an eight-week program that provides low-income citizens with educational lessons on various nutrition-related topics, interactive activities, cooking demonstrations, guest speakers and field trips. The program aims to help residents incorporate the fresh local produce offered from the Feast Down East Fresh Market Programs into their diets.

The Feast Down East Food Sovereignty Program was established in 2011 to provide fresh, locally grown produce to low-income food desert residents in Wilmington. The first Fresh Market was established at Rankin Terrace and runs year-round on Fridays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The second Fresh Market was opened in December 2014 at the Hillcrest Community and is open on Fridays from 1-3 p.m. EBT SNAP (also known as food stamps) is available for residents to purchase food from both markets.

The program has been a huge success. Eat Healthy. Eat Local. Eat Well. has discussed MyPlate, food-related diseases with guest speaker Carol Highsmith, R.N. (a UNCW nursing professor), the benefits of consuming fruits and vegetables, how to read a nutrition label, and also visited Shelton Herb Farm in Leland.

Owner Margaret Shelton provided an informational tour of the farm. Although it was a gloomy day, Hillcrest residents were eager for the trip, with umbrellas and raincoats in-hand. Many were prepared with questions for Shelton and enjoyed being able to smell and taste some of the herbs. Shelton discussed the benefits of consuming herbs and the many nutrients associated with adding herbs to a diet. Many of the class members were very interested in gardening, making this trip an excellent learning experience for them to get gardening tips from a professional farmer.

Chelsea Smart, registered dietitian from UNCW, delivered a lesson on portion control. A field trip to a grocery store with Emily Kraft, outreach coordinator for the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina, provided the opportunity to learn about budgeting and putting their food label knowledge to the test. The last week of Eat Healthy. Eat Local. Eat Well. included an overview of the course and a celebration to honor the residents for their hard work and dedication to the nutrition program.

Hillcrest residents with Margaret Shelton at Shelton Herb Farm.
Public Sociology at North Carolina Sociological Association Conference

The North Carolina Sociological Association is a professional networking association of academic and applied sociologists and students of sociology in North Carolina. The annual conference provides a place to exchange ideas and examine issues affecting society. The public sociology senior seminar class attended the NCSA annual conference held in Raleigh in February. The theme this year was “Building Community in Hard Times.” The class attended several research presentations ranging in topics from poverty to the LGBT community. In addition, the students presented their yearlong research project in a session titled “Community and Immigration.”

Over the past year, public sociology students worked with the Cape Fear Literacy Council (CFLC) to conduct research about knowledge and usage of the CFLC’s English language services by the immigrant community in the greater Wilmington area. The class divided into two groups. The individual group focused on whether or not individuals knew about or used English language services. The community group focused on businesses’ knowledge of CFLC and whether or not they provided information about English language services. At the conference, each group presented its background, literature review and methodology about the research and the next steps that were to be taken in order to find adequate results. Our class received good feedback and criticism. The NCSA conference helped the class develop effective research and presentation skills, and was a great experience for not only our public sociology class research but for each of the students’ future careers.

FDE Holiday Box

Feast Down East (FDE) partnered with NourishNC and the Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) for the 2014 holiday season, bringing healthy, locally sourced produce into the homes of families in low-income communities. Affordable holiday produce boxes were offered to the families of D.C. Virgo Middle School students currently participating in the NourishNC Backpack Program, as well as to members of various Wilmington Housing Authority (WHA) communities.

The goal of both NourishNC and BRC align with that of FDE, which is to increase access to healthy local food in our low-income, food desert areas. NourishNC is a non-profit organization that exists to feed hungry children in New Hanover County. Typically the food provided through the program consists of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare, donated items. The BRC was formed in New Hanover County to address youth violence in what’s referred to as YEZ, or the Youth Enrichment Zone, near downtown Wilmington. Its goal is to provide additional resources to low-income communities as a way of addressing youth violence. The Blue Ribbon Commission works with at-risk youth at D.C. Virgo Middle School within the Youth Enrichment Zone.

Families were given the opportunity to have a holiday box of fresh produce included with their weekly backpack, just in time for Thanksgiving. The Feast Down East Processing & Distribution Center delivered 70 holiday produce boxes to the NourishNC warehouse, where staff and volunteers distributed them. In addition, FDE extended the opportunity to its communities benefiting from the FDE Fresh Market Program, generating 26 affordable holiday produce box orders from the WHA public housing communities, including the Solomon Towers, Rankin Terrace and Hillcrest communities, bringing the total to 96 produce boxes featuring locally sourced produce from FDE farmers!

Partnering with NourishNC and the Blue Ribbon Commission has enabled Feast Down East to expand its outreach and introduce locally sourced produce to limited-resource communities in the Wilmington area. Through this collaborative effort, Feast Down East has continued to provide fresh local produce boxes to the NourishNC families once a month as a complement to the foods provided through the NourishNC Backpack Program. Beginning in February 2015, 45 produce boxes per month are delivered to the NourishNC warehouse in Wilmington and distributed to participating families. The program has linked four vital community organizations and created lasting partnerships.
ALUMNI NEWS

Criminology and Public Sociology
MA Graduates Thesis Research

Casey Errante – Committee Chair: Dr. Randy LaGrange
Newspaper portrayals of race in Wilmington, North Carolina: A Content Analysis Using The Public Arenas Model
Future plans: Project Assistant at East Main Evaluation & Consulting, LLC

Kristin Godwin – Committee Chair: Dr. Daniel Buffington
Gender Equality and the Success of Female Athletes at the Olympic Games: A Statistical Examination of the Environmental, Societal and Political Practices that Impact Success
Future plans: Instructor, UNCW

Travis Kadylak – Committee Chair: Dr. Jean-Anne Sutherland
Sociology of Screens: An Analysis of Internet Access, Autonomy and Online Activities Among Adults 65 & Older
Future plans: Attending Michigan State University, Fall 2015, Ph.D. in Sociology

LaQuana Askew – Committee Chair: Dr. Christina Lanier
“Sex Offender Treatment Effectiveness: A Formative Evaluation of SOAR”
Future plans: FSS Coordinator, Wilmington Housing Authority

Brian Pitman – Committee Chair: Dr. Christina Lanier
American Indian Homicide in North Carolina: An Examination of the Impact of Structural and Economic Factors
Future plans: Attending Old Dominion University, Fall 2015, Ph.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Jamie Slominski – Committee Chair: Dr. Carrie Buist
Reality-Based Television Programs: An Analysis of Women in Law Enforcement
Future plans: Working as a Relief Residential Counselor at the Open House Emergency Youth Shelter

Sarah Williamson – Committee Chair: Dr. Yunus Kaya
Future plans: North Carolina State University, Fall 2015, Ph.D. in Sociology

Blair Yates – Committee Chair Dr. Michael Maume
Traditional Gender Role Beliefs, Rape Myth Acceptance, and Victim-Blaming Attitudes: Examining Fraternities as a “Rape Culture”
Future plans: Pursue teaching in higher education

Our New Alumni

Master of Arts in Criminology and Public Sociology
Casey Dickerson Errante
Kristin Anne Godwin
Brian Andrew Pitman
Jamie Hart Smolinski
Sarah Hupp Williamson
Blair Victoria Yates

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Sloane Elizabeth Philipp
Mandie Nicole Ross
Jennifer Christine Striffer

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SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROJECT
Leigh R. Brazel, M.A. candidate sociology and criminology

In the spring semester I had the great pleasure of working with Jill Waity, as well as Narcisa Pricope and graduate student Amelia Sosnowski from the Department of Geography and Geology, on an outstanding social entrepreneurship project that we presented at the UNC system-wide Social Entrepreneurship Conference at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro on Feb. 11.

Our project, titled MAPSS: Mapping and Analysis for the Provision of Social Services, is designed to assist non-profit organizations in identifying the location of their target population so they can better focus their services. They can also use the information we provide to apply for additional funding to assist their clientele. This was a tremendous learning experience as I have never created a business plan or been responsible for the starting budget of an organization or project.

We received assistance on this project from Fran Scarlett, regional director of the Small Business & Technology Development Center (SBTDC) at UNCW, who helped us with the business plan and proposal for our project. We also received support from Jess Boersma, director of ETEAL, and Ron Vetter, dean of the Graduate School.

At the conference, we delivered a four-minute presentation to three judges whose only background knowledge of our project was what they gathered from reading our business plan. At the end of our presentation there was a three-minute question-and-answer session. No technology was allowed during presentations; however, we were allowed one poster on which we could display any information we chose. I was the spokesperson, and Amelia created a very impressive poster with a sample map and information on the data collection process.

Although we did not win, we will be moving forward with the project in the fall. We received funding from ETEAL to pilot the project in Waity’s Sociology of Poverty class and Pricope’s introduction to GIS class. I am thrilled to still be a part of team MAPSS and I look forward to what will come from the project.

Additionally, I believe that everyone who attended gained valuable knowledge and insight, expectations for conference participants, as well as idea-sharing and networking with other universities and learning about their projects.

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. Members of APS are considered life members. There is a $50 fee to join. APS members receive a pin and certificate suitable for framing. Members also receive the society’s newsletter The Docket, published twice yearly.

For more information, contact Carrie Buist. 910.962.2422 or buistc@uncw.edu.

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 Katamanthanci Diakonesin – “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, 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.

For more information contact Jean-Anne Sutherland at sutherlandj@uncw.edu.
**Hossfeld Expands Poverty Alleviation Project to 11 States**

Leslie Hossfeld recently announced her move to Mississippi State University, where she will serve as head of the sociology department beginning July 2015. Hossfeld has been instrumental in economic development and poverty-alleviation projects in Southeastern North Carolina since early 2000; the move will expand her economic development model to persistent poverty counties in 11 states in the U.S. South. UNCW will remain a key partner in this work.

Hossfeld joined UNCW sociology faculty in 2005. She founded the department's public sociology program, a nationally acclaimed program, and was instrumental in the development and implementation of the M.A. in public sociology – the first of its kind in the nation. She has been an active member of the sociological profession, elected to national offices including president of the Southern Sociological Society, vice president of Sociologists for Women in Society, Executive Council of the North Carolina Sociological Association, and co-chair of the American Sociological Association Taskforce on Public Sociology. She has presented her research twice to the United States Congress at Congressional briefings and once to the North Carolina Legislature, all on job loss and what happens to communities when work disappears.

As a rural sociologist trained at NC State University, Hossfeld co-founded the Southeastern North Carolina Food Systems Program, also known as Feast Down East. The project expanded the textile manufacturing job loss project she developed while at University of North Carolina Pembroke and shifted the focus to small-scale agriculture that had been marginalized from the “Big Ag” model of food supply chains. Feast Down East began in 2006 and has had a multiplier effect, reaching more than $46 million. Bringing together more than 100 public and private sector partners in the region, Feast Down East has made significant contributions to economic development and poverty alleviation in the Southeast.

A well-known expert on poverty in North Carolina, Hossfeld has been a leader in the local food systems movement across the state, working closely with funders ranging from Golden LEAF Foundation, USDA Rural Development, Tobacco Trust Foundation and RAFI International. In April, Feast Down East received $300,000 in funding from the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation NC and in May received $120,000 from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation to expand Feast Down East’s work in food-insecure neighborhoods and to develop their Healthy Communities Initiative.

“Our longstanding partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield NC Foundation and Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation has been vital to our work,” Hossfeld notes. “We are so fortunate to work with funders who understand the need to have a multi-pronged approach to food systems development, from supporting limited-resource farmers in building their farm businesses, to marketing and educating the public on the importance of a ‘buy local’ initiative, to ensuring food access and nutrition awareness to low-income communities in food deserts, as well as developing farm-to-institution and important processing and distribution food hub work. We simply could not make the impact we have made thus far without the continued support of these extraordinary foundations.

“The work we are doing in the Southeastern North Carolina provides an exemplar in economic development and poverty alleviation for high poverty counties throughout the south,” she continued. “While I am excited about my new position and work in the Deep South at Mississippi State, I am comforted in knowing I will continue to work closely with partners and colleagues at UNCW, in Wilmington and throughout the state of North Carolina. As an alumni and long-time faculty member, I hold UNCW deep in my heart.” Hossfeld will remain on the Feast Down East board of directors and continue her work with state and local partners.

**Boyd and Maume Team Up for International Travel**

Last November, faculty members Babette Boyd and Mike Maume traveled to Turkey to present papers at the sixth International Symposium on Children at Risk and In Need, organized by the Turkish National Police Academy. Maume gave the opening address at the conference, titled “Crime in Schools: The Importance of School and Community Contexts.” Boyd discussed “Juvenile Courts in the United States.” The three-day conference was held in the resort city of Antalya, on the southwest coast of Turkey. Boyd and Maume met a number of scholars from Turkey and nearby countries, and heard a number of interesting papers (thanks to two translators working throughout the conference). They also had the opportunity to visit Antalya and tour Kaleici, the “old town” area established between the years B.C. 159-138 by ancient Greeks, then later settled by the Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman empires. The conference travel was made possible by Necati Anaz, a faculty member with the National Police Academy.

This summer, Boyd and Maume will co-lead a study abroad program in Europe focused on international criminal justice. Over the course of four weeks (the first summer session), they will visit international and domestic courts and law enforcement agencies in France, the Netherlands and Sweden. The highlight will be the visit to the International Criminal Court in the Hague, as well as a tour of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Boyd has conducted this study abroad previously; this is the first study abroad trip for Maume.
LINC Milestones Dinner

*Kim Cook*

*Leading Into New Communities (LINC)* hosted its first annual awards dinner and gala, and I was honored to serve as the mistress of ceremonies. LINC’s mission is “to educate and motivate youth to make positive life choices while empowering men and women returning from incarceration to be productive members in society.” The vision includes “creating a proactive movement to elevate the intellectual, political, social, and overall cultural life of youth and families touched by incarceration.”

LINC proudly helps thousands of residents at the Marvin E. Roberts II Transitional Living Facility, has a current 96 percent success rate by empowering people returning from prison to become employed, tax-paying citizens, contributing to and strengthening the local economy, making Wilmington and the surrounding areas safer and better places to live, work and play. Community support is vital to LINC’s success and that includes participation by UNCW SOC/CRM faculty such as Mike Maume and myself.

Wrongful Conviction Event

*Kim Cook*

Saundra Westervelt and I were invited to present the keynote address at a symposium on Wrongful Convictions at California State University – Fullerton on March 10, 2015. Other featured speakers included professor Mike Radelet from the University of Colorado, and exonerated former inmates Juan Melendez and Obie Anthony. The event was attended by approximately 250 people.

**Public Sociology and Criminology in the Media**

This past year, the work of our faculty and graduate students often made the news. Check out the “News and Events” section on our department Web page for a complete list. 

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DAVID Buffington

PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

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SERVICE
American Society of Criminology: 2014 Annual Meeting Program Committee Sub-Area Chair: Sex, Gender, and Sexuality. Area IV: Correlates of Crime and Oppression.

American Society of Criminology: 2014-present
Division on Women and Crime, Executive Counselor

SUSAN Bullers

PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS
“The Buddy Study,” Mobilization Through the Media Symposium, Georgia Regents University, Augusta, GA. March 7, 2015.

KIM COOK

PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS


Life After Death Row: Exonerees’ Search For Community and Identity (co-author: S. Westervelt), Wilmington Kiwanis Club, Wilmington, NC: August 20, 2014.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Board of Directors: LINC (Leading into New Communities), a prisoner reentry program in New Hanover County.

“Mistress of Ceremonies” for LINC’s annual fund-raising dinner and awards gala.

Board of Directors: Healing Justice Project, which aims to support victims and exonerated former prisoners and their families in the aftermath of a wrongful conviction.

Member: NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), New Hanover County Chapter.

Member: Re-Entry Task Force, “designed to form partnerships with community organizations and individuals that provide, or who may be interested in providing, resources to individuals released from prison, as well as those preparing for release.”


JAKE DAY

PUBLICATIONS

U.S. Prisons.” Criminal Justice and Behavior, 42(2), 133-155. cjb.sagepub.com/content/42/2/133.


PRESENTATIONS


KRISTEN DEVALL

GRANTS/RESEARCH

Research Partners/Evaluators, Reentry Systems of Effective Treatment (RESET) Program, Coastal Horizons Center, Inc. funded by SAHMSA ($600,000) October 2014-September 2016

“Evaluation of Behavior Health Services Provided to Inmates Diagnosed with a Mental Health or Co-Occurring Disorder Incarcerates in Wayne County (MI) Jails,” (2014)

PUBLICATIONS


LESLEY HOSSELD

GRANTS

Feast Down East Sustainability Project, Blue Cross Blue Shield NC Foundation, $300,000

Feast Down East Food Sovereignty Program, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, $120,000

ETEAL “Aquaponics Demonstration Project,” with A. Voley, A. Snider, R. Shew, J. Hall, C. Finelli, E. Folds/Progressive Gardens, M. Rogers UNCW Campus Dining, Wade Watanabe, $3,500

USDA, FMPP (with Jane Steigerwald) Feast Down East Food Sovereignty Program, $93,000

Feast Down East Whole Cities Project, Whole Foods Foundation, $4,800

PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS


YUNUS KAYA

Last year, Yunus Kaya completed work on three research projects. In the first project, which will be published in Social Currents, Kaya analyzed the level of social and political polarization in Turkey between 1991 and 2011 with Lutfi Sunar of Istanbul University. The second research project, which Kaya conducted in collaboration with Nathan D. Martin of Arizona State University, assessed the impact of globalization on managerial employment worldwide, and will be published in the Sociological Quarterly. Finally, in an article that will be published in Arab World Geographer, Kaya analyzed the dual process of xenophobia and transnational identity formation in Turkey. In addition, Kaya is in the process of publishing a book review in Contemporary Sociology.

Currently, Kaya is working on two research projects assessing transnational class and identity formation worldwide, and occupational status and socio-economic status (SES) groups in Turkey.

DONNA KING

PRESENTATIONS

Donna King organized and presided at the panel “Talking Back and Letting Go of Neoliberal Feminism” at the Southern Sociological Society annual meeting in New Orleans, LA. March 28, 2015.

AWARDS
Donna King received the Janet Mason Ellerby Women’s and Gender Studies Scholarly Award, a university-wide honor recognizing a senior feminist scholar at UNCW on April 13, 2015.

SCREENINGS
Donna King screened her film, It’s a Girl Thing: Tween Queens and the Commodification of Girlhood, and participated in a follow up Q&A at the International Sociological Association (ISA) XVIII World Congress of Sociology in Yokohama, Japan on July 17, 2014.

CHRISTINA LANIER

PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS
Maume, Michael O. Invited speaker, panel on “Childhood in a Security State,” UNCW April 8, 2015.

Maume, Michael O. “Muppets v. Vampire Squids: An Analysis of Recent Corporate Fraud Cases in the U.S.P.” Presented at the Southern Sociological Society meeting in New Orleans, LA. 2015


Maume, Michael O. “Crime in Schools: The Importance of School and Community Contexts.” Keynote address given at the 6th International Symposium on Children at Risk and in Need in Antalya, Turkey. 2014.


SERVICE

Leading Into New Communities (LINC, Inc.), Executive Board member, appointed June 2014.

STEPHEN MCNAMEE

PUBLICATIONS


JEAN-ANNE SUTHERLAND

PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

Sutherland, Jean-Anne and Kathryn Feltey. “Here’s Looking at Her: An intersectional analysis of women and power in film.” North Central Sociological Association, Cleveland, OH. April 2015.

JENNIFER VANDERMINDEN

PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS

GRANTS/RESEARCH
Research Partners/Evaluators, Reentry Systems of Effective Treatment (RESET) Program, Coastal Horizons Center, Inc. funded by SAHMSA ($600,000) October 2014-September 2016

“Evaluation of Behavior Health Services Provided to Inmates Diagnosed with a Mental Health or Co-Occurring Disorder Incarcerates in Wayne County (MI) Jails.” 2014.

PUBLICATIONS

MICHAEL MAUME

PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS
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Maume, Michael O. “Crime in Schools: The Importance of School and Community Contexts.” Keynote address given at the 6th International Symposium on Children at Risk and in Need in Antalya, Turkey. 2014.

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