CHAIR’S COLUMN
Greetings from our department’s new home in Bear Hall. I am pleased to have the opportunity to highlight all of the great work that our faculty, staff and especially our students have done over the past academic year. Our professors work very hard to share their expertise with students and to bring the latest knowledge in their fields of study to bear (and to Bear!) on their classes and research. As I write this, it is a few days after commencement, with the largest graduating class in UNCW history. Our own department congratulated 110 baccalaureate and four master’s degree recipients this spring, along with another 57 graduates from this past December’s commencement.

We remain a large and robust department with 26 full-time faculty members, five part-time lecturers and five staff members (including three in Feast Down East). Our undergraduate majors number well over 400; but even with that many majors, faculty continue to engage students in applied learning experiences. Our annual public sociology and criminology brunch held this spring serves as a marvelous example of the community engagement work that our students are doing with residents and organizations in the region. Other examples of such engagement that you will see featured in these pages include the annual Poverty Conference (co-organized with the Department of Public and International Affairs and the School of Social Work), the housing affordability survey conducted for New Hanover County and the tremendous work of Feast Down East.

On Jan. 21, the Department of Sociology and Criminology held its inaugural master’s program open house. Departmental attendees included members of the graduate faculty, current graduate students and master’s program alums.

All were present to help advertise the program’s unique qualities to prospective master’s candidates and answer any questions. Candidates were able to learn about the differences between the sociology and criminology tracks, ask about the range of career opportunities that a master’s degree in either of these fields provide, speak with current graduate students about their experiences in the program and be matched up with graduate faculty who shared their research interests.

In total, 17 prospective master’s students attended, including several who applied and were accepted to the program for fall 2016.

Given this success, the department plans to make this an annual event early in the spring semester. We would love to see more master’s program alums at future events. In addition to helping us grow our program, it would be an excellent opportunity to catch up with faculty and stay up-to-date on department news. We hope to see you all there in January 2017!
Donna King (left) was awarded the UNCW Alumni Association’s J. Marshall Crews Distinguished Faculty Award on Sept. 10 at the fall 2015 faculty meeting. The award honors a full-time faculty member with a minimum of seven years of service to the University of North Carolina Wilmington who has exhibited exceptional service, leadership, student support and community outreach. In addition to receiving a plaque and $500 stipend, King also received a hand-carved wooden bowl created by the late Dr. Crews.

This past year has also seen a number of transitions for faculty in the department. We say fond farewells to Carrie Buist and Yunus Kaya, who leave us for new posts in Michigan and Turkey, respectively. We also thank and congratulate Steve McNamee for his three decades of service at UNCW, which included stints as department chair, associate dean and interim dean. He will enter into phased retirement this fall. In his address to students at the College of Arts and Sciences this spring, Steve provided some useful words of advice to graduates, asking them to think about themselves at retirement age, and what they would want that future version of themselves to be able to say to them about the lives they’ve led.

Overall, it has been a very productive year for our department, as I hope the pages of this newsletter will demonstrate. Please contact us or drop by to say hello the next time you make it to campus.

Mike Maume, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair

King Takes Students to Europe in Study Abroad

Eleven students in Donna King’s sociology and Paula Kamenish’s English classes travelled together with their professors to study abroad in Bonn, Cologne and Berlin, Germany; and Prague, Czech Republic, during April. “April in Europe” is a cutting-edge academic program that allows students to begin their semester at UNCW, taking courses that fulfill University Studies requirements, then complete them while living in Europe for four weeks. Students studied popular culture, history, literature and sociology in an international setting. Excursions included behind-the-scenes visits to Cologne Cathedral and the Deutsche Welle international media broadcasting service, guided tours of the Nazi documentation center in Cologne and the Sachsenhausen concentration camp in Oranienburg and visits to the Jewish museums in Berlin and Prague and the Prague castle.

Carrie Buist Wins a Major Award

At the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in November, the Division on Women and Crime (DWC) honored Carrie Buist with its New Scholar Award. According to the DWC, the award “recognizes the achievements of scholars who show outstanding merit at the beginnings of their careers.” Buist’s outstanding achievements include her recently published book (with co-author, Emily Lenning), Queer Criminology (London: Routledge) (see page 13 for a picture of the book’s cover), several articles and book chapters and a special guest editorship for the journal, “Critical Criminology”, in 2014 on the topic, “Queer/ing Criminology: New Directions and Frameworks.”

“April in Europe” students enjoying a group dinner after a long day of classes and travel in Berlin. Photo by Donna King.
Fifth Annual Poverty Conference Held in March

The fifth annual Taking the Pulse on Poverty Conference was held March 29 in McNeill Hall Auditorium. The conference was founded by former chair Leslie Hossfeld and Earl Sheridan from PIA. Mike Maume and Jill Waity served on the planning committee for this year’s conference, along with faculty from PIA and the School of Social Work.

The theme of this year’s conference was “Transportation and Poverty.” Mike Ciriello, planning director for Person County, NC, delivered the keynote address. Panelists included Albert Eby, director, Wave Transit Authority; Laura Padgett, co-chair of the mayor’s task force on rail realignment; Sara Pascal of Interfaith Refugee Ministry – Wilmington; Susan Silver, executive director of Aging in Place Downtown; and Glendora Mullins, Creekwood community organizer. The discussion was moderated by Lori Messinger, UNCW associate vice chancellor for community engagement.

The goal of the conference was to initiate a conversation and propose solutions regarding how we can address issues related to transportation and poverty in the greater Wilmington area. By raising awareness of the transportation challenges that low-income Wilmington residents experience, we can begin to address these challenges. The audience for the conference included UNCW students and faculty, Wilmington residents and local leaders, including county commissioners and city council members. Bill Saffo, mayor of Wilmington, and Charles Hardy, dean of the College of Health and Human Services, provided welcoming remarks to the attendees.

Ciriello gave an excellent keynote address highlighting the importance of thinking about transportation as a key component of development. The panelists expanded on the barriers that low-income residents face when it comes to transportation, including infrequent bus service on limited routes, distance to bus stops, lack of bus shelters, cost of bus service, difficulty navigating the system, target population for bus service, and limited walking and biking opportunities. The evening ended with a discussion about how to improve transportation, including increasing funding to WAVE, targeting a broader population for transportation services and the creation of a passenger rail line.

Funding for the conference was provided by the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Health and Human Services and the Office of the Provost.
New Faculty Interviews:

RICK JONES
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY

Where were you prior to taking this position at UNCW?

I was at Indiana University finishing my Ph.D. and working at Eastern Kentucky University as an adjunct professor in the School of Justice Studies. I taught research methods, statistics and criminology at EKU.

How would you describe your first year in Wilmington? What have you enjoyed most about your move to Wilmington and to UNCW?

My first year in Wilmington has been great! UNCW is a great place to work and grow as a professional. The balance between research and teaching has allowed me to progress in both areas. My favorite part about being at UNCW is the collegial environment within our department. Everyone enjoys being around one another, and we have a lot of fun. Also, I really liked teaching senior capstone in the spring semester.

What research projects were you involved in this past year?

I have been working on several projects over the past year. I have a book proposal under review with Springer. The book is being co-authored with Bill Pridemore and is an extension of my dissertation. Additionally, I have a journal article on a similar topic currently under review at a top criminology journal. I have been working on another project looking at the effects of student loan debt and delinquency on suicide rates. That paper will be under review soon. I am working on a paper with Mike Maume looking at the effects of foreclosure on crime here in Wilmington. Finally, I am working on two additional papers. The first is a methods paper that compares two different methodological approaches for estimating the effects of neighborhood-level variables on street segment-level crime. The second project is focused on exploring the influence of various facilities (e.g., bars) on fatal and alcohol related car crashes.

UNCW Sociology and Criminology Student Club

It was another exciting year for the Sociology and Criminology Student Club as the officers and members welcomed numerous guest speakers and sponsored or co-sponsored on-campus events that reflect the mission of UNCW and the sociology and criminology department. In early November, the student club co-sponsored a screening of the acclaimed documentary, “The Hunting Ground,” which turned our focus to sexual assault on college campuses across the United States. Also in November, the club sponsored the all-campus and community screening of the locally filmed documentary, “Guns in the House.” This documentary was directed by Mandi Edwards, a notable filmmaker from the United Kingdom who travels to Wilmington every year for the Cucalorus Independent Film Festival.

In addition to these campus events, the students toured the North Carolina Crime Lab where they spoke with scientists who conduct various crime scene related testing. This was a great opportunity for the students who have welcomed the director of the crime lab and associates to speak at their bi-weekly meetings for the last several years.

The student club meetings were regularly attended this year by members and non-members alike, in fact we are confident that the student club meetings saw the highest attendance throughout the fall 2015 and spring 2016 semesters than we have seen in the last two years! Guest speakers included a club favorite, UNCW police officer and crime prevention specialist Kara Mariotti; Frankie Roberts from Leading Into New Communities (LINC), a nonprofit agency that provides shelter and services for men and women returning from prison; Kevin Blackburn from Brigade Boys & Girls Club; as well as recruitment officers from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg police department.

The club looks forward to another exciting year ahead of us as we welcome new faculty advisors, Jennifer Vanderminden of sociology and Jacob Day of criminology and, of course, our new and continuing club officers:

President: Brooke Graham
Vice President: Mike Thompson
Treasurer/SGA Liaison: Holly Gardner
Secretary: Alyssa Hunt
Public Relations: Devan Francisco
Public Relations: Gretchen Beauchamp
Bullers takes students to the farm

Susan Bullers’ sociology senior seminar students at Centripetal Farm in Castle Hayne

Child Maltreatment: Let’s Talk about It!  
UNCW & GAL Coalesce for a Cause

This past fall, Jennifer Vanderminden’s sociology senior seminar (SOC490) was focused on family violence. The students worked on a community-based project in collaboration with the Cape Fear Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) volunteers and staff. Prior to the start of the semester, Vanderminden and the director of the Cape Fear GAL program, Liz Kachris-Jones, identified a need for updated information on rates and correlates of child maltreatment in North Carolina, specifically in New Hanover and Pender counties, in an accessible format for the volunteers and community. The students in SOC490 compiled this information in the form of fact sheets and presented it on Nov. 4 to GAL staff and volunteers. Since the audience was filled with people working directly with abuse and neglected children, the aim was to provide national, state and county-level context for their experiences (e.g., what percent of children in North Carolina are sexually abused? What percent of children in the U.S. are sexually abused? What percent of children in North Carolina are sexually abused?).

The students began with a presentation on the rates, risk factors and outcomes of physical abuse, sexual abuse, psychological abuse, neglect and witnessing intimate partner violence and then opened the floor to questions/comments. The students were pleasantly surprised by the number of questions, level of engagement and stories shared by the volunteers. The volunteers were elated to see so many bright young people engaged with a topic so close to their hearts. This was an excellent opportunity for the students to be engaged with the larger community and to see how the skills and information gained in sociology classes can be applied in the “real world” and enable them to make a difference in the lives of others.
Study Abroad

This past summer, Babette Boyd and Mike Maume co-led a study abroad program in Europe focused on international criminal justice. Over the course of almost four weeks, they visited international and domestic courts and law enforcement agencies in France, the Netherlands and Sweden, including visits to the International Criminal Court in The Hague, as well as a tour of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Boyd had conducted this study abroad previously; this was the first study abroad trip for Maume. Maume provided some highlights from their trip…

Day 2 (Paris). I would have started this entry on Day One, but Boyd and I, along with two of our students, were delayed a day by weather problems in the States. After finally arriving in Paris, and after a cramped and lengthy cab ride to our hotel, we stepped into the lobby to find our 14 other students waiting to tell us about their experiences since arriving the day before. After settling in, we met Melissa, our French host from the study abroad agency, Classport. She had gathered the students from the airport and had gotten them to the hotel. She and Babette had worked together before and were happy to be reunited for this trip.

Day 4 (Paris). We had to get up very early this morning to meet with an attorney and tour the French courts. After a quick petit déjeuner and headcount (everyone had to respond to their number before departing or boarding any train or bus) we marched a few blocks to the nearest Metro station to catch a train to the first arrondissement, the center of Paris. After a brief lecture on the French justice system by the attorney, we toured the Palais d’Justice, or Paris courthouse, but calling it a courthouse does not do “justice” to the enormity and beauty of this building. Metter (“Master”) Etienne showed us various courtrooms—some in session—but none was as impressive as the courtroom where Marie Antoinette was sentenced to death. Just about everything was restored to how it looked in the late 18th century. Picture-taking, unfortunately, was prohibited.

Day 6 (Strasbourg, France). Our time in this city included visits to the Council of Europe and European Court of Human Rights, but what turned out to be the most memorable portion of our stay in Strasbourg was our trip to nearby Struthof, a former Nazi concentration camp located in France and the one where the Nazis began testing their gas chambers and medical experiments that were later extended to the better-known camps such as Auschwitz and Birkenau. The tour was in French, so we relied on Melissa to translate as best as possible. Through snippets we overheard here and there, we learned about the thousands of déportées, many of whom were French political dissidents identified by the Nazis when they occupied the country. Hundreds were killed at this camp, and many hundreds more died after the Nazis moved them to interior camps upon learning of the Allied Forces landing at Normandy. The saddest fact was that inmates who thought they would be liberated by the Allies never saw freedom. The somberness of our visit was dissipated somewhat by a visit and lunch at Mont Saint Odile, a mountaintop monastery built in the 17th century. That night we had our first group dinner in the basement of a German-French café in the center of Strasbourg (see picture).
**Day 11 (The Hague, the Netherlands).** On our first full day here we visited the International Court of Justice, housed in the Peace Palace, where we met with a UN lawyer in the ornate judges’, chambers. Later that afternoon we visited Humanity House, run by the International Red Cross, where we learned about international humanitarian law. We were then grouped into pairs and put through an interactive experience of what a typical refugee experiences when leaving their war-torn country and the long process of being reunited with loved ones in a foreign country.

**Day 13 (Amsterdam).** The most memorable part of the day-trip to Amsterdam was our visit to the Anne Frank House. We had tried to visit in the morning but the line was much too long. We returned an hour before closing and made it into the museum with just enough time remaining to complete the tour. I can’t describe adequately what it was like walking through that house, particularly the rear section where Anne and her family hid for two years. I couldn’t help but think of my own 12-year-old daughter, as Anne was 12 years old when she wrote her diary, which captured not only the experience of hiding in silence from the Nazis who occupied Holland, but also her dreams and longings for a better life.

**Day 16 (Stockholm, Sweden).** This morning we left very early to catch a bus to Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam for our flight to Stockholm. We also had to say goodbye to Melissa, who returned to her home in Paris and whom we all will miss dearly. We arrived in Stockholm in the afternoon, and after a train ride to the city’s central station, we walked with our bags to the hotel. The Hotel August Strindberg is named after a famous 19th century poet and playwright from Stockholm. It is housed in two old buildings separated by a courtyard. After a brief meeting in the courtyard, everyone received their room keys and (most) proceeded to lug their baggage up two flights of a wide, carpeted spiral staircase. There is no elevator. Unlike the rooms we had in The Hague, the windows in these rooms opened—large, double windows with no screens that opened over the courtyard. Shortly after checking in we assembled in the lobby to meet Johann, an official with the Swedish National Police Academy, who had met Boyd a few years ago and graciously agreed to give us a walking tour of Stockholm. Johann took the time to shake hands individually with each student and ask them about their studies. As we walked through downtown Stockholm, Johann stopped every now and then to relay some famous crime stories, such as the murder of Olaf Palme, the Swedish prime minister, on a street corner in 1986. The murder remains unsolved.

**Professors Boyd and Maume Lead Study Abroad to Europe**

**Day 22 (Gothenburg, Sweden).** Although much of our time in this city was spent learning about the Swedish criminal justice system and crime from professors at the University of Gothenburg, today we visited the Gothenburg District Court, where we met Judge Roy Johansson. Judge Johansson arranged for our group to attend hearings in criminal cases being processed that afternoon. Criminal pretrial hearings and trials in Sweden are presided over by one professional judge and three lay (elected) judges, many of whom are retirees with an interest in local affairs and politics. Although the trials we observed were conducted in Swedish (to no one’s surprise), the adversarial arrangement of the attorneys and the cross-examination of witnesses lent a familiar air to the proceedings.

**Day 27 (Gothenburg).** After a few final free days to tour historic Gothenburg and its archipelago of nearby islands (we also were fortunate enough to be there for the summer solstice celebrations), the group departed this morning by taxis and trains to catch various flights home. It has been a tremendous learning experience, but all of us are anxious to return to the U.S. Boyd and I spent some of our time on and between the homeward flights making plans for the next study abroad! Au revoir, Europe!
Growing Our Local Food System

2015-16 Updates

Feast Down East (FDE) continued to help grow the local food system of Southeastern North Carolina. The mission of this nonprofit organization is to help connect limited-resource farmers with local markets to build and sustain their farms. FDE is affiliated with UNCW through the Southeastern North Carolina Food Systems Program (SENCFSP), a program of the sociology and criminology department. SENCFSP is an economic development project that was developed in response to massive job loss and high poverty levels in Southeastern North Carolina, especially in the agricultural sector. In an effort to generate economic growth in that area, Feast Down East programs are designed to support several key aspects of the local food system including farmers support, produce distribution and food access.
On Oct. 23, 2015, Feast Down East and the community came together for Food Day, a national day to celebrate and enjoy real food, while learning about how to make positive dietary changes and take action for improved food policies.

FDE brought Food Day Wilmington to the UNCW campus through food-related workshops and a Sustainable Food Fair at the Campus Commons amphitheater. Students and the general public were invited to hear guest speakers present on topics such as healthy nutrition, sustainable eating and the local food movement.

Numerous local organizations presented information on their programming and services, which help support healthy lifestyles and a vibrant, just food system. These included Centripetal Farms, Tidal Creek Food Co-op, Progressive Farms, Brunswick Family Assistance, FoodCorps, Shelton Herb Farm, NC 10% Campaign, New Hanover County Health Department and NourishNC. Also present, to help proclaim Food Day 2015, were UNCW Chancellor Jose Sartarelli, Margaret Haynes of the Wilmington City Council, Jonathan Barfield of the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners and FDE executive director Jane Steigerwald.

In celebration of Food Day 2015, numerous restaurants and cafes across Wilmington and the surrounding area offered locally sourced specials for the weekend. During the week leading up to Food Day, and at the event on campus, Feast Down East coordinated a food drive at several local grocery stores to benefit the Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC.
M.A. Program Reviewed in Fall 2015

Last fall, our department hosted two sociologists from the American Sociological Association’s Departmental Resources Group who served as external reviewers for the first-ever review of our M.A. program in sociology and criminology, which is now in its seventh year. The review was based on a self-study conducted last year by a committee of faculty members in the department. Based on the report, other materials provided and their two-day visit to campus, the reviewers reported that they were “struck with the high commitment of the faculty (and students) to student learning and research excellence and their high level of collegiality and collaboration.”

We were pleased that the reviewers highlighted these points, as they are points of pride amongst our faculty and the basis of recruitment efforts for the M.A. program in sociology and criminology. The site visitors also noted the strength of the junior faculty and mentoring of senior faculty in the department, as well as the preparation provided by the faculty to students for either doctoral or professional work. The reviewers focused on three broad areas in their report: recruitment challenges, resources and curriculum. We look forward to facing these challenges and the opportunities ahead in continuing to refine our M.A. program.

ALUMNI NEWS

Criminology and Sociology M.A. Graduates
Thesis Research

Andrew Bartels – Committee Chair: Kristen DeVall
Internship title: Barriers to Offender Success, Social Support and Suicide: An Examination of Suicides and Criminal Offending within North Carolina 2012-13
Future plans: I plan to continue working as an assessment retention specialist at Cape Fear Community College while applying for full-time positions. I will be applying for positions in the Washington, D.C. area and seek a career in federal law enforcement.

Rose Domanico – Committee Chair: Jennifer Vanderminden
Future plans: I hope to work at a research institute for a year to gain work experience and then apply to sociology doctoral programs for the fall semester 2017.

Tyler McCarty – Committee Chair: Mike Maume
Thesis title: Recruitment and Retention for Law Enforcement: An In-Depth Examination of Recruitment for the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation from Four-year Universities
Future plans: Following graduation I will be starting a job with the Department of Justice.

Erin O’Donnell – Committee Chair: Kristen DeVall
Thesis title: Addressing Food Access: A Case Study of Leadership Development
Future plans: Outreach coordinator at Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC

Robin Pascoe – Committee Chair: Christina Lanier
Internship title: New Hanover County Gangs: An Integrated Approach to Analyze Gang Crime in New Hanover County
Future plans: Currently employed with Wilmington Police Department as a criminal intelligence analyst. I am assigned to the gang unit as their gang analyst. In the future, I would like to move into the federal side of law enforcement.

Interview with Sean Sullivan

Sean Sullivan graduated with his B.A. in 2012, receiving the John H. Scalf Jr. Outstanding Sociology Graduate Award. We recently caught up with him to see how he put his sociology degree to use.

What year did you graduate from UNCW and what degree(s) did you earn?
I graduated in 2012 with a major in sociology and a minor in psychology.

What led you to choose UNCW and this department in particular?
I signed up for Sociology 101 at Cape Fear Community College and assumed it was just an elective course that I needed to check off my list. However, it ended up being the most interesting class I had ever taken. At the time, I had a ton of friends in business school who didn’t enjoy their classes and, as a result, considered going to class to be a chore. I didn’t want my college experience to be like that. Instead, I decided to pursue my interest in sociology, and UNCW had a great curriculum with a ton of interesting courses to choose from.

What are you doing now?
After graduating, I spent every last dollar in my savings account to travel around Europe with my now wife. Worth every penny. We moved to Charlotte, and I’m working for a sales/marketing company called Red Ventures. I manage the day-to-day sales operations for one of our partners (a major Internet service provider). We work hard and play hard. Shameless plug ahead... we are hiring! Check us out at redventures.com.

How do you use the skills developed in the sociology major in your current job?
Critical thinking. Red Ventures routinely tests everything from the quality of our websites to the scripts we use in our sales process. Having broad exposure to sociological concepts and the scientific method has propelled my career further than I ever thought possible!
Our New Alumni

Master of Arts in
Criminology and Sociology
Fall 2015
Erin Marie O’Donnell

Spring 2016
Andrew Scott Bartels
Rose Anna Domanico
Tyler Michael McCarty
Robin Alexander Pauce

General Sociology
Fall 2015
Joshua Thomas Bass
Mitchell Boles
Elizabeth Holden Cororan
Krystal Lina Diaz
Mary Elizabeth Dills
Montez Dubois Downey
Jonathan Bradley Everette
Terrance Claude Hampton
Melinda Kay Karney
Saber Mohamed
Josey Lee-Ann Newman
Christopher Lloyd Parker
Metra Z. Zekaryas

Spring 2016
Daniel E. Austin
Cameron Douglas Cecil
Shatia Arlett Cole
Victoria Loren Cook
Garrett Roger Corbett
Jessica Lynn Coulombe
Kayla Lynn Edwards
Breana Shanay Floyd
Taylor Nicole Foxler
Landon Ray Griffin
Allison L. Kiglics
Anna Elizabeth Lewis
Eric Marie Malpass
Kathleen Nicole Marino
Michael Thomas Rasberry
Katie H. Raynor
Melanie Ann Ritter
Nicklaus Andrew Selgren
Emma Louise Stimac
Deas Manning Winborne

Public Sociology
Fall 2015
Vicki Elaine Smolen

Spring 2016
Andre Von Elliott
Megan Elayne Mauldin
Hannah R. Paddock
Halle Rae Steimen
Lindsay Nicole Topping

Public Criminology
Spring 2016
Thomas Geoffrey Cregan
Paul James Markus

Criminal Justice
Fall 2015
Lisa Marie Tokbley

Criminology
Fall 2015
Miranda Paige Britt
Kasey William Brown
Susan Ashley Burwell
Ryan Joseph Caton
Mitchell Thomas Coggins
Devin Michael Corso
Devonne Nicole Curtiss
Alex Davidson
Ryan Dickerson
Mark John Dolak
Austin J. Dow
Taneeka Vosbee Deziar
Kaitlyn Whitney Edwards
Sydney Kate Ellers
Edmund Alexander Evans
Adam Charles Ferguson
Kassie Nicole Fuchs
Joshua Ryan Fulbright
Lauren Elizabeth Garritland
Earic Denoria Gayfield
Zachary Shane Godwin
Zoe Kathleen Guarino
Brandi L. Herring
Taylor Nicole Houk
Jessica Marie Hughes
Anthony Garrett Inman
Ariana Kelly
Derek Anthony Leagan

Suzette Hahn Lemmond
Michael Deville Lewis
Matthew McLane
William Andrew Meade
Shquanda Ayeisha Meylor-Monace
Philip J. Mulligan
Jessica L. Murray
Travis James Muselman
Violeta Perez-Villa
Alicia Irene Polites
Christian Franklin Roberts
Matthew Ryan Rose
Samantha Audrey Rosa
Charles Robert Sahamas
Christopher Wayne Smith
Matthew Clarke Smith
Rebekah Diane Snyder
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Harrison Corbett Booth
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Bradley Singleton Carter
Erin Ashley Cox
Avis Jaleen Cruz
Jessie Marie Daly
Lina Marie DiPietro
Christa Taylor Diggs
Matthew Emerton
Caitlin Mara Evans
Nathan Randall Fett
Anastasia Forte
Kelsey Elizabeth Gibbs
Zachary Shane Godwin
Brittany Taylor Hash
Kelly A. Heaxon
Travis Durham Honeycutt
Ryan Christopher Hudson
Jerome Romeo Huff
Andrea Denise Jenkins
Felicia Marie Jones
Molly Catherine Jones
Morgan Elizabeth Kendall
Katie Li Kerupetski
Hayden Medina Lopez
Aedon Lee Lozzi
Kindel Lee Mathis
Tyler Shawn McElroy
Colin Peter McManus
Jarrell Stephen McQueen
William Alexander Meeks
Kaitlin Leeann Merritt
William Ryan Minton
Abigail Leigh Moore
Kimberlin St Claire Murray
Kevin Neal Nelson
Briana-Marie Norworth-Lingao
Anne Caitlyn O’Connell
Meghan Strode Petani
Johnathan William Pierce
Michael Thomas Piroozzi
Craig Clifford Ponder
Ashley Lauren Rishin
Kendall Wilson Rockett
Mathew Ryan Rose
Victoria Sanchez
Tyler Shaun Sanders
Jackson Taylor Simmons
Michael Farrington Smith
Nicholas Connor Smith
Trevor John Solis
Sabrina Stanley
Madison Taylor Temple
Alexander Michael Templin
Jennifer Carrie West Underwood
Lori Jay VanFossen
Karin Leigh Vick
Jade Michelle Watkins
Cassidy Quinlan Wauters
Howard Dylan White
Lauren Ashlee Wilder
Brian Louis Wilson

Suzette Hahn Lemmond
Michael Deville Lewis
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Zachary Shane Godwin
Brittany Taylor Hash
Kelly A. Heaxon
Travis Durham Honeycutt
Ryan Christopher Hudson
Jerome Romeo Huff
Andrea Denise Jenkins
Felicia Marie Jones
Molly Catherine Jones
Morgan Elizabeth Kendall
Katie Li Kerupetski
Hayden Medina Lopez
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RESEARCH


PRESENTATIONS
Mike Adams debated Nadine Strossen on Jan. 21 at Oregon State University. Strossen is the former national president of the ACLU. She is both the first woman and the youngest person ever to hold that position. The Adams/Strossen debate was on the topic of *Roe v. Wade* and was held on the eve of the 43rd anniversary of that Supreme Court decision.

DANIEL BUFFINGTON

RESEARCH

SERVICE
Graduate program coordinator, UNCW M.A. program in sociology and criminology.

KIM COOK

PUBLICATIONS


JAKE DAY

PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

KRISTEN DEVALL

GRANTS/RESEARCH
Kristen DeVall and Christine Lanier, 2016. “Housing Affordability Community Study: Brunswick County.” Community Engagement Grant. UNCW Office of Community Engagement. $5,000.


PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

RICK JONES

PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS


DONNA KING

PUBLICATIONS

AWARDS
J. Marshall Crews Distinguished Faculty Award in recognition of exceptional service, leadership, student support and community outreach. Fall faculty meeting, Sept. 10, 2015.

CHRISTINA LANIER

GRANTS/RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS


Angela Wadsworth

RESEARCH/PRESENTATIONS


“Health Related Quality of Life and Wellness of Aging LGBT populations in Wilmington and the Cape Fear Coast.” Rowan, Noell and Angela L. Wadsworth-Principal Investigators. UNCW Community Engagement Grant. April 2016.


Jill Waity

PUBLICATIONS


GRANTS/AWARDS

PRESENTATIONS
2016. “Challenges to Employment in Southern Rural Persistent Poverty Counties.” Southern Sociological Society meeting in Atlanta, GA.


Michael O. Maume

PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS
Maume, Michael O. 2015. “Justice Deferred? An Analysis of Recent Corporate Fraud Cases in the U.S.” American Society of Criminology meeting in Washington, DC.

In March, Michael Maume spoke on a panel appearing on WingSpan, a political news program appearing on TV and online and entirely produced by UNCW students. He commented on the “culture of fear” in the U.S. (See www. uncwingspan.com, Season 2, “Climate of Fear”)

Also in March, Michael Maume spoke on a panel with other LINC board members to approximately 40 NC State students (Park Scholars) on the topic of juvenile justice and youth reintegration. The students had decided on juvenile and criminal justice issues in Southeastern North Carolina as their “learning lab” this year.

Jean-Anne Sutherland

PUBLICATIONS
Sutherland, Jean-Anne and Kathryn M. Feltey. 2016. “Here’s Looking at Her: An Intersectional Analysis of Women, Power and Feminism in Film.” Journal of Gender Studies Published online, March. (Print copy to follow.)

PRESENTATIONS

Jennifer Vanderminden

GRANTS/ RESEARCH
Community Engagement Grant – $3,000
Awarded Summer Research Initiative salary stipend – $3,500
College of Arts and Sciences Travel Award – $1,000
New Hanover County Housing Affordability Study

by Kristen DeVall and Christina Lanier

The overall objective of the New Hanover County Housing Affordability Study was to examine various aspects of housing affordability in New Hanover County and the City of Wilmington. Specifically, there were three measurable outcomes, which were:

1. Developing an understanding of community members’ perceptions and attitudes regarding housing affordability;
2. Identifying supported solutions to increase access to affordable housing within New Hanover County; and
3. Increasing knowledge among City of Wilmington and New Hanover County leaders regarding the issue of affordable housing.

Online and paper surveys were distributed to New Hanover County residents between March 1 and April 15, with a total of 550 surveys completed. With the assistance of student research assistants, the data will be analyzed and presented to the Wilmington City Council and the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners.

In the fall, this study will be replicated in Brunswick County to obtain residents’ perceptions regarding housing affordability and to assess what solutions would be supported and most appropriate for the area. Both the New Hanover and Brunswick studies have been made possible by community engagement grants awarded by the UNCW Office of Community Engagement.

The Social Science Applied Research Center (SSARC)

by Kristen DeVall

Over the course of the 2015-16 academic year, Kristen DeVall, Christina Lanier and Mike Maume worked with Dan Masters (public and international affairs) to create a proposal to establish a Social Science Applied Research Center (SSARC) at UNCW. This proposal was submitted to Dean Aswani Volety (UNCW College of Arts and Sciences) in April 2016 and an administrative commitment was secured.

This center will provide high-quality survey research, program evaluation, performance measurement and experimental research using scientifically rigorous social science methods. The SSARC will provide these services to UNCW faculty, as well as the non-academic community. Specifically, the SSARC will be a resource for faculty in need of assistance for research projects, grants and contracts. Community organizations and agencies can utilize the SSARC in a variety of areas such as program evaluation or community surveys.

Cook Community Involvement

by Kim Cook

This past year I have remained an active member of the NAACP, serving the local chapter as a member of the criminal justice committee. I am chair of the board of directors for LINC Inc., which is a local prisoner reentry program in New Hanover County. At the national level, I have served on the board of directors for Healing Justice, a nonprofit developing and providing restorative justice based services for people directly impacted by wrongful convictions. With that work, I have engaged in additional training on restorative justice practices led by the nationally renowned practitioner Sujatha Baliga.

I have been working within the community to develop and deliver restorative justice programming; I helped to deliver two training events for New Hanover County Schools.

With my research partner, I presented findings of our ongoing research at the North Carolina Sociological Association annual meeting in February, and at the University of Kentucky. I also attended the annual conference of the Innocence Network, as well as the annual gathering of Witness to Innocence.

UNCW screens film and hosts panel on campus sexual assault

Last November, the department co-hosted a screening of “The Hunting Ground,” followed by a panel discussion at Lumina Theater.

The documentary deals with the issue of rape on college campuses and the administrative processes and obstacles involved in bringing these cases to justice. The film documented the efforts of one student-victim’s creation of a national advocacy movement to address the problems.

The screening was followed by a panel discussion with Lance Oehrlein, assistant district attorney in the New Hanover County D.A.’s Office; Colleen Mistovich, sexual assault nurse examiner coordinator from NHRMC Emergency and Trauma Services; Meredith Staley, rape prevention education coordinator at Rape Crisis Center of Coastal Horizons Center Inc.; Katie Vance, victim advocate for UNCW’s CARE office; and Rebecca Caldwell, director of the UNCW CARE and CROSSROADS centers for substance abuse and violence prevention.

The event was well-attended and discussion covered the issue of rape and reporting processes at UNCW. Partners for the event included the Cape Fear Coalition for a Drug Free Tomorrow, NHRMC Emergency and Trauma Services, UNCW CARE, UNCW Women’s Studies and Resource Center and UNCW School of Health and Applied Human Sciences.
Public Sociology/Public Criminology

During the 2015-16 academic year, the public sociology/public criminology students partnered with Men and Women United for Youth and Families (MWUYF) to conduct research on the needs of residents in Bladen, Brunswick and Columbus counties.

MWUYF is a nonprofit organization located in Delco, NC that provides outreach activities and programming to youth and adults within the tri-county area. Please visit their website – www.menandwomenunited.com – to learn more about the work they do.

In the fall semester, the students met with Karla Freeman and Randolph Keaton from MWUYF to learn how their research skills would benefit the organization. Based upon this information, the students formulated research topics and began reviewing the extant literature on employment/unemployment, “third places” and delinquency in rural areas.

In the spring semester, the students collected data using surveys and interview guides to collect information on their respective research topics. These data were analyzed and presented at the ninth annual Public Sociology/Public Criminology Brunch and Research Symposium on April 28 in the UNCW’s Golden Hawk Room, where faculty and community members were in attendance.

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