

# SOCIAL MATTERS

FALL 2012

Biannual newsletter of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work and the Criminal Justice Studies Program.

## A Note from the Chair

Dear Majors and Minors of the DSASW Department,

Welcome back to a great new semester. And for those new to the Department, a special welcome- we look forward to getting to know you! This year is gearing up to be great! The Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work Student organization, SASSO, is under new leadership – two of our AKD (SOC Honors Society) Seniors, Erin Gahimer and Alec Schmidt. So be on the lookout for invitations to SASSO and the CJS Students orgs, as well!

The Department is hosting Anti-poverty activists and scholars, Willie Baptist and John Wessel-McCoy, authors of a recent book *Pedagogy of the Poor: Building the Movement to End Poverty* (Teachers College Press). With the recent release of the Pew Study showing the decline of the middle class, this is an important time to explore many avenues to alleviate Poverty. Mark your calendars for October 9 to be part of the “UD Conversation” on ending poverty!

Members of the Department are taking leadership in three very exciting upcoming Conferences. On November 15, we’ll be kicking off the Miami Valley Immigration Forum with our annual Huth Lecture, featuring Jane Bloom, MSW, who is the U.S. Liaison Officer for International Catholic Migration Commission. This is one of our Department’s special events and we hope all majors and minors will attend.

In Spring 2013, March 7th to be exact, the Consciousness Rising Conference on Issues of Race and Ethnicity will begin with our Annual Saxton AKD Induction and Memorial Lecture, featuring Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, Ph.D. whom some of our students met at the White Privilege Conference in Albuquerque last year. All you aspiring AKD inductees (juniors and seniors with SOC honors) will be invited – with your parents/guardians – to dinner before the public lecture for all our majors and minors, as well as others in the university community and beyond.

Drs. Simanti Dasgupta and Theo Majka are McGrath Fellows in Human Rights and are involved in the plans for a major Human Rights Conference to be held on Campus next fall, which will be a major and exciting campus event. All of our disciplines will be included.

So lots is happening and we’re in for an exciting year and beyond in the Department! Blessings on your new year and all your involvements. I look forward to crossing paths at these times and just on our everyday journeys!

Sr. Laura, fmi



## Spring Commencement ~ 2012

Nineteen sociology majors graduated from the University of Dayton during the Spring Commencement Ceremony held Sunday May 6. In addition, fifteen students from throughout

the University graduated with minors in sociology, anthropology or social work. Congratulations to our graduates!

### OUR MAJORS

Sara K. Brooke (SOC, minor in SWK) • Amy N. Bush (SOC, minors in WGS & PSY)  
Benjamin J. Codispoti (SOC) • Lauren M. Cummerlander (SOC) • Kathryn R. Fien (SOC, minor in SWK)  
Ashley A. Fiffick (SOC, minor in CTE) • Amanda L. Fioritto (INS/SOC)  
Leah M. Grandy (SOC, minors in PSY & SWK) • Keelie M. Gustin (SOC/WGS)  
Bernard D. Jones Jr. (SOC, minor in HRS) • Christa S. Natke (SOC/CJS, minor in PSY)  
Erin L. Nelson (SOC) • Mary E. Ridella (SOC, minors in REL & WGS) • Elaine M. Rocci (SOC)  
Ashley C. Sherman (SOC, minor in SWK) • Victoria J. Suther (SOC) • Katherine M. Tesensky (SOC, minor in PSY)  
Margaret S. Tobin (SOC) • April L. Velotta (SOC, minors in CJS, WGS & SWK)

# DSASW Department Dinner ~ 2012

Graduating seniors, award winners and scholarship recipients were honored at the annual department dinner held May 2 at the home of department chair, Laura Leming FMI, Ph.D. Please turn to page 2 for a complete list of award and scholarship recipients.



Above: Alpha Sigma Tau Honor Key recipients.

At right: (1 to r) Katie Bruce or Adriana White?, winner of the Margaret Mary Emonds Huth Memorial Award of Excellence to the Outstanding Senior in Anthropology with department anthropologists Simanti Dasgupta and Stephanie Litka.



Several sociology graduates enjoyed the festivities at the 2012 department dinner. Congratulations to all!



Nominating sociology faculty surround award winner Angela Isenbart (GEN) and her husband (2nd & 3rd from left). Angela received Continuing Education's Nora Duffy Award to a reentry student who has overcome significant obstacles in order to complete a college degree.

## Honors, Awards and Scholarships

### Graduating with honors:

- Amy N. Bush, Cum Laude
- Lauren M. Cummerlander, Magna Cum Laude
- Ashley A. Fiffick, Magna Cum Laude
- Leah M. Grandy, Cum Laude
- Keelie M. Gustin, Cum Laude
- Elaine M. Rocci, Cum Laude

### Department awards:

- The Margaret Mary Emonds Huth Memorial Award of Excellence to the Outstanding Senior in Anthropology  
- Kathryn M. Bruce & Adriana V. White
- The Dr. Edward A. Huth Silver Anniversary Award of Excellence to the Outstanding Student in Sociology  
- Amanda L. Fioritto & Erin L. Gahimer
- The Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Award in Human Relations for Excellence in Scholarship, Christian Leadership, and the Advancement of Brotherhood and Sisterhood  
- Frederick L. Cox III & Leah M. Grandy

- The Rev. Andrew L. Seebold Award of Excellence to the Outstanding Senior in Sociology  
- Amy N. Bush & Lauren M. Cummerlander
- The Joseph Zusman, '65 Award of Excellence to the Outstanding Senior in Social Work Studies  
- Theresa M. Goodwillie
- The Dr. Jan E. Stets Research Award  
- Amy N. Bush for her paper, "An Epistemic Evaluation of the Role of the News Media on Public Support for Humanitarian Intervention to Stop the Progress of Genocide"

### Scholarships:

- The Dr. Stanley L. Saxton Jr. Scholarship  
- Amanda C. Ogulnick
- The Dr. Mary Jo Huth First-Year Scholarship  
- Nathan C. Silverstein
- The Dr. Mary Jo Huth One-Year Scholarship  
- Grace F. Blumberg

## Eleven Students Inducted into Alpha Kappa Delta



Eleven students were inducted into Alpha Kappa Delta, the international honor society for sociology, at a ceremony held on April 19, 2012. The Annual Stanley L. Saxton AKD Address was presented by David Altheide, PhD, Emeritus Regents' Professor at Arizona State University. The title of his presen-

tation was "Mediated Fear and the Dramaturgy of Insecurity." Dr. Altheide's work has focused on the role of mass media and information technology in social control. His most recent book is *Terror Post 9/11 and the Media* (Lang, 2009). Dr. Altheide is a three-time winner of the Cooley Award, given to the

outstanding book in symbolic interaction, from the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. He also received the 2005 George Herbert Mead Award for lifetime contributions from the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, and the society's Mentor Achievement Award in 2007.

### 2012 INDUCTEES:

Grace F. Blumberg • Lauren M. Cummerlander

Amanda L. Fioritto • Erin L. Gahimer

Nicole M. Kotwasinski • William H. McCadden

Amanda J. Newlove • Dustin S. Paulus

Grace M. Pera • Mary E. Ridella • Katherine M. Tesensky

## Scenes from the 2012 White Privilege Conference

Faculty members Leslie Picca and Ruth Thompson-Miller, as well as students Fred Cox (SOC), Erin Gahimer (SPN/SOC), Leah Grandy (SOC), and Bernard Jones (SOC) attended the 13th Annual White Privilege Conference (WPC) in Albuquerque NM in March. The conference was in collaboration with the New Mexico Equity and Social Justice Alliance.

WPC examines concepts of privilege and oppression and offers solutions and strategies to work toward a more equitable world. It brings together high school and college students, teachers, university faculty and higher education professionals, nonprofit staff, activists, social workers and counselors, healthcare workers, and members of the spiritual community and corporate arena from within and outside of the United States.

Funding for student travel was provided by: the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Office; the Provost; Student Development, Leadership Development Office and Residential Life; and the Department.



[L to R] Leah Grandy, Fred Cox, Ruth Thompson-Miller and Bernard Jones enjoy a lunch break with a nice view of the city.



[L to R] Erin Gahimer, Leah Grandy, Leslie Picca, Eddie Moore, Fred Cox, and Bernard Jones. Eddie is the founder and organizer of the White Privilege Conference.



[L to R] Leslie Picca, Ruth Thompson-Miller, conference co-founder Peggy McIntosh, and Bernard Jones.



Leslie Picca and Ruth Thompson-Miller at the Shabbat Dinner.



[L to R] Erin Gahimer, Leah Grandy, Bernard Jones, Leslie Picca and Fred Cox at dinner in Old Town Albuquerque.

# Faculty Research ...

## McGrath Fellows

In spring 2012, Drs. **Simanti Dasgupta** and **Theo Majka** were awarded McGrath Fellowships for their research in human rights issues. The McGrath Fellows Program is offered through the Human Rights Studies Program with funding by a gift from University alumnus Peter McGrath to stimulate and sustain human rights research.

*Seated, from left to right: Tereza Szeghi (ENG); Alexandra Budabin (POL); Theo Majka (SOC); Simanti Dasgupta (ANT). Standing, from left to right: Glenna Jennings (VAR); Mark Ensalaco, Director of Human Rights Research; Natalie Hudson, Human Rights Studies Program Director.*



## Stephanie Litka in Mexico

During summer 2012, Dr. Stephanie Litka went to Mexico and conducted 50 surveys with tourists about their knowledge and experiences in the "Mundo Maya." Stephanie is in the process of writing and submitting an article pertaining to her ethnographic research in Coba, Mexico and she hopes to present a paper at the American Anthropological Association in November.



*Left to right: Dr. Litka with her two god-daughters, visiting the archaeological site of Coba, and preparing to interview tourists.*

## Faculty in India

**Sr. Laura Leming** paid a visit to the UD program in Bangalore, India where we have offered the B.A. in Sociology at the Deepahalli Educational Center for approximately seven years. Sr. Laura is pictured (at left) with Dr. Rani Thanickachalam and Bro. Sebastian Bara, a UD SOC grad who is now assistant director of the campus community.

**Dr. Jeremy Forbis** taught for the India program during the summer. He has taught in the program at Deepahalli for the past three summers. Jeremy is pictured (at right) with one of the other campus residents!



# Alumni Updates ...

**Jessica Benoit** (SOC '09) earned her Masters in Sociology from Loyola University in 2011 and works for a market research company in Chicago. She was recently chosen as the Oxfam Action Corps Organizer in Chicago. For this volunteer position she works several hours a week planning, organizing, and managing outreach events in Chicago for Oxfam and their current GROW campaign. After completing a training program in Washington DC, she had her first experience lobbying on Capitol Hill. Jessica loves every minute of her volunteer position and is thrilled to be using her education in the field while advocating for issues like foreign food aid in the farm bill and the food crises in the Sahel region of Africa.

**Emily Bonistall** (SOC/WGS '09) is headed into her fourth year of a Ph.D. program in sociology at the University of Delaware and is preparing for her comprehensive exams this fall. Emily completed her master's in sociology at Delaware in 2010.



**Hannah Cassidy** (SOC '08) stayed in the Dayton area after graduation. She attended the Kettering College of Medical Arts for a nursing degree and now works in two facilities as a renal nurse. Hannah reports that it is a challenging but very rewarding career. She hopes to start working towards a master's degree in a few years and become involved in nursing administration.

**Kim (Caperton) Dodson** (SOC '97) is the Executive Assistant for the Southwestern Pennsylvania Food Security Partnership, a task force dedicated to the proposition that 370,000 people confronting food insecurity is unacceptable from any ethical or practical perspective. The Partnership was formed in 2010 with an overall goal to establish means to help reduce hunger in a 12-county region of the State of Pennsylvania.

**Matt Hammer** (SOC/CJS '11) is a second-year law student at The University of Toledo College of Law and works at the City of Toledo Prosecutor's office as a legal intern. It's an interesting job and Matt loves being in the court room.

**Allison Kretz** (SOC '08) received her JD from Case Western Reserve School of Law and has been hired as a Presidential Management Fellow in the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. She is at HUD's headquarters in Washington DC. Allison sees this position as a perfect mix of sociology and law for her first job out of school.



**Mallaree Blake-Lodestro** (SOC '09) just finished year one of a clinical psychology program at the Adler School of Professional Psychology and celebrated her first wedding anniversary. She has been interning at Howard Brown Health Center, a premier gay

community health clinic in Chicago, working in their outreach department. She has been performing HIV/STD testing and sexual health counseling all over Chicago and reaching out online through sex-seeking websites and iPad apps. She has also done two oral presentations of her senior thesis research from UD at two different conferences. Starting in the Fall she will begin diagnostic practicum at United Stand Family Counseling Center where she will be doing cognitive and personality testing and assessment for school-aged kids in Chicago.



**Alex Orlowski** (SOC/POL '09) graduated from the University of Chicago Law School and will starting work this fall as a litigation attorney with Barnes and Thornburg in Indianapolis. While in law school, Alex was a member of the Exoneration Project, which represents innocent, wrongfully-convicted individuals.

One of his clients was exonerated last fall after spending 17 years in prison for a crime he didn't commit. Alex hopes to stay involved with the Exoneration Project as in an effort to serve the need for counsel for Indiana cases.

**Lizz Perkins** (WGS '09 with SOC minor) is now working for a US organization in Central America called Witness for Peace. This group is currently promoting a joint delegation with Friendship Office of the Americas in November that will start in Honduras and end at the SOA Vigil in GA. This delegation is co-sponsored by School of the Americas Watch.



**Cheryl McLaughlin Staats** (SOC '05) is a research associate at the Kirwan Institute in Columbus Ohio. Her work focuses on immigration, alliance building and intergroup relationships. She was recently involved in the Institute's biennial national conference Transforming Race, held in March 2012. The theme of this conference, Visions of Change,

envisioned what U.S. racial and ethnic justice would look like ten years from now. Following her graduation from UD, Cheryl completed a MA in Sociology at The Ohio State University.

**Lauren Stark** (SOC '10 with SWK minor) is now Social Policy Intern at Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA). This organization is the national office for local Catholic Charities agencies and affiliates nationwide. CCUSA provides strong leadership and support to enhance the work of local agencies in their efforts to reduce poverty, support families, and empower communities.

**Judith Stermer** (REL with SOC Minor '04) is the Director of Communications and Public Affairs at the Vermont Foodbank. Through a network of 280 food shelves, meals sites, senior centers, shelters, after-school programs, the Vermont Foodbank runs programs that help feed as many as 86,000 Vermonters who need food assistance.

## Engaging Refugees, Building Community, Becoming Citizens: Refugees in a New Community

The Third Miami Valley Forum on Immigration will be held November 16, 2012 at UD's River Campus. This event will explore the successes and challenges that refugees have in adapting to their new community and society. The focus will be on refugees and former refugees living

in the Dayton area. Keynote speaker Jane Bloom and several panelists will provide national and international contexts for our discussions.

The conference will cover hurdles for refugees to become better integrated and best practices by agencies that facilitate their incorporation and success. Speakers will represent a variety of organizations and refugee communities.

The conference is a project of the Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Caucus, a program initiative of the National Conference for Community and Justice of Greater Dayton, and is co-sponsored by University of Dayton's Human Rights Studies Program. It is inspired by research undertaken by Diversity Caucus members, including founding members Drs. Theo and Linda Majka.



The Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Caucus has been selected as a winner for the Big Read Humanitarian Award. The Big Read is an annual community reading project sponsored by the Dayton Metro Library.

The project honors individuals and organizations who personify the themes of the Big Read title. The 2012 Big Read selection, *Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers, tells the story of the Zeitoun family's struggles during one of America's greatest disasters, Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath. Awards were presented on May 1, 2012 at the Ponitz Center at Sinclair Community College in Dayton.

## Sociology Major Wins Writing Award

Spring 2012 sociology graduate and WGS minor Lauren Cummerlander won the Joyce Durham Essay Contest sponsored by the Women's and Gender Studies Program for her paper entitled "Drag Queens and Drag Kings: Feminist Political Messages," in which she applied and synthesized complex ideas not only of gender performance, but racial and class performance as well. The judges especially praised "the development and integration of the author's voice in the elaboration of her argument," as well as Lauren's "willingness to take theory a step further by immersing herself in a personal experience."

A special thanks is due to the faculty judges – Ione Damasco (Roesch Library), Andy Slade (ENG), and Jeanne Holcomb (SOC) – and to all the faculty members who encouraged their students to submit their work to the contest.

## LOOKING AHEAD ...



The Department is hosting Anti-poverty activists and scholars, **Willie Baptist** and **John Wessel-McCoy**, authors of a recent book *Pedagogy of the Poor: Building the Movement to End Poverty* (Teachers College Press). Mark your calendars for October 9 to be part of the "UD Conversation" on ending poverty!

The **2012 Forum on Immigration** will be held November 16 at the River Campus, 1700 South Patterson Blvd. The conference is a project of the Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Caucus.

As a kick-off to the Forum on Immigration, the department will hold the annual **Mary Jo Huth Memorial Urban Lecture** on November 15. This year's event will feature Jane Bloom, MSW, who is the U.S. Liaison Officer for International Catholic Migration Commission.

The **Sixth Annual Raymond A. Roesch, SM Social Sciences Undergraduate Symposium** will be

held Saturday, December 1, 2012. Details are forthcoming.

Dr. Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, Professor of Sociology at Duke University, will deliver the **Annual Stanley L. Saxton Memorial AKD Address** on Thursday March 7, 2013. This free event will be held in the Sears Recital Hall at 7 pm. The presentation is in conjunction with the **AKD Induction Ceremony** and will also serve as a kick-off for the **Consciousness Rising Conference**. The conference will address issues of race and ethnicity. Dr. Bonilla-Silva's has published on topics of racial stratification, critical race methods, Latinos, Latin America and the Caribbean.

The **2013 Annual Brother Joseph W. Stander Symposium** will be held on April 17, to recognize and celebrate academic excellence in undergraduate and graduate education. Learn more about Stander at: <http://www.udayton.edu/provost/stander/#1>.

## Majkas receive CAS Outstanding Faculty Service Award

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While in graduate school, Drs. Theo and Linda Majka, professors of sociology, met for the first time and soon discovered they shared the same passion for social justice and human rights issues. Moreover, they both developed this passion well before graduate school. Theo states that his orientation has always been toward social justice and human rights. He remembers growing up in southern Virginia during the time of segregation. He knew that this was wrong and was part of a small group that wanted racial integration.

“This experience gave me a perspective grounded in social justice,” Theo explains. “There are certain human rights that need to be adhered to.”

Linda recalls during her high school years that many things were going on in society that did not make sense to her. Many people were being persecuted, and she did not understand why this was happening. It was during this time that civil rights issues became an important topic to her. She wanted to try to find a way to make things better.

Now, Linda and Theo work together to try to help society. They use their roles at the University of Dayton and in the city of Dayton to encourage their students, colleagues and community members to be aware of the injustices in society and try to foster change.

“We need to combine our forces. We cannot do this alone,” Linda says about

Theo's and her efforts to eliminate injustices in the community.

The Majkas both teach in the Core Program where they implemented a project to learn more about Dayton neighborhoods. Students in the Majkas' classes go door-to-door in Dayton neighborhoods to learn what the residents like and dislike about their community. After evaluating the data, the results are used to improve the neighborhoods. Several small businesses have been created as an outcome of these surveys.

The Majkas also are involved with immigration issues in the Dayton area. They have held leadership roles in the efforts to assimilate immigrants into the community. The Majkas researched the obstacles and barriers that immigrants face once they arrive in Dayton. They presented this information at different conferences in Dayton, which was then used to create programs that would help the immigrants. The Majkas also used their results to hold conferences on UD's campus to spread awareness about lo-

cal immigration.

The Majkas try to incorporate their students in their projects as much as possible. They try to explain the rationale behind the projects and how they fit with what the students are learning in class. Many of their students launch their own projects based on the Majkas' research.

“We explain why we need the students to help,” Theo explains about the service-learning projects. “We let the students know that they do make a difference in people's lives.”

The Majkas are ever busy in their efforts to create change and do not plan on slowing down. They want to work more with immigrants and learn about refugees in the community. They want to continue their research and find ways to implement new programs and hold conferences to educate more people. Their hope is to make Dayton an immigrant-friendly city.

Written by Lindsey J. DiTiro for *University of Dayton College of Arts and Sciences Scholarship 2011*.



Faculty members celebrate the Majka's Service Award. [L to R] Back Row: Jamie Longazel; Department Chair Laura Leming, FMI; Dean Paul Benson. Front Row: Ruth Thompson-Miller, Shawn Cassiman, Linda Majka, Theo Majka, Stephanie Litka, Jeanne Holcomb.

## Years of Service Recognized

At the first department meeting, held on August 23, chair Dr. Laura Leming, FMI congratulated two department faculty for their valuable service to the department and the University, presenting them with anniversary gifts to a round of applause from those in attendance:

- **Dr. Paul Becker** for ten years of service, noting in particular his development of courses, pioneering the Senior Project course and taking on Juvenile Justice.
- **Dr. Shawn Cassiman** for five years of service, noting her development of courses, engagement with the SWK minor and the minors in the SEE program.



## FACULTY IN THE NEWS

The following faculty recently received media attention over their research and community service:

The ASA published a news release on **Drs. Linda and Theo Majka's** work on immigration and their presentation at the annual meeting in Denver on "Refugees in a Mid-Sized Midwestern Urban Area: Circumstantial and Institutional Challenges to Incorporation." The story also mentioning their involvement in Dayton-area programs to ease the transition for refugees and immigrants, noting their involvement with the region's third forum on immigration on November 16 at the University of Dayton.

The University of Dayton published a news release on **Dr. Art Jipson's** most recent research on the homeless and how they are "turning to social media along with everyone else. Social media sites are turning into places where all people are truly equal ... All you need is a phone."



## Miller family welcomes new addition

Over the summer **Dr. Dan Miller** and wife Barb welcomed a new grandson into the world. Daughter Lena and her husband, Tim, are the proud parents

of Timothy White, III, nicknamed "T3." Grandma and Grandpa Miller traveled to the Black Hills of South Dakota to make sure that little T3 had plenty of love upon his arrival. In addition to

that excitement, Dan prepared three manuscripts for publication including new readings of the work of George Herbert Mead and Erving Goffman.

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may donate online at the University's alumni site:

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# Crime & Justice Talk

Biannual newsletter of the  
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Hello Criminal Justice Majors!

Welcome to all of our new Criminal Justice Studies majors and a hearty welcome back to our returning students, colleagues, and friends.

We have an exciting year before us as we begin Fall semester! So, what did you do this past summer? Drs. Cassiman, Dasgupta and Forbis were in India doing research or teaching and Dr. Picca has been working on an anti-racism conference here at UD. Drs. Thompson-Miller and Picca have been at work on a new book on hidden and subtle forms of racism. Dr. Longazel has been working on publishing his research on communities, immigration, and crime. Dr. Becker traveled to numerous zoos conducting research on animal sanctuaries. Dr. Ingram worked on the latest edition of his award winning criminal procedure textbook. Professor Apolito visited the east coast to supervise our newest criminal justice internship site in Rockville MD, as well as Puerto Rico. During the past year, Tim has added over twenty-five internship and service sites in federal, state, and local criminal justice agencies. If you have any questions about internships, please talk to Tim. This past summer I conducted research on the Internet and the homeless use of social media. I will have a lot to share about this experience. I am also the host of an award winning radio show – Your Tuesday Afternoon Alternative – on [wudr.udayton.edu](http://wudr.udayton.edu), UD's student run radio station. (Tuesdays, 3-6pm)

The CJS program continues to participate in the integrated learning and living community, Community in the 21st Century. This year we are focusing on the presidential campaigns, civic engagement, and the process of choosing a political identity. There are several events planned this year, including films, discussions of political culture, and hope to watch some of the presidential or vice-presidential debates together.

As part of our effort to reach out with social media, we have a new webpage, Facebook group and a Twitter account. You can find our new webpage at <http://www.udayton.edu/artssciences/criminaljustice/index.php> and our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/46080441031/>. The CJS program Twitter account is located at <http://twitter.com>. Feel free to check out our sites, join the CJS Facebook group, or follow our updates on Twitter.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at [ajipson1@udayton.edu](mailto:ajipson1@udayton.edu) or call (937) 229-4242.

Go Flyers!  
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## CJS STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

**ΑΦΣ**  
Alpha Phi Epsilon

**ΩΦΔ**  
Omega Phi Delta

The CJS Program has two, combined student organizations: Alpha Phi Epsilon (APS), the National Criminal Justice Honor Society; and Omega Phi Delta (OPD), a Student and Professional Association. Fall events included: a "Meet the Brothers" cookout was held for potential members; K9 officer Brent Bailey spoke about the transition from college to the work force; all brothers adopted children for Christmas on Campus; and brothers collected food for Thanksgiving baskets for the Center for Social Concern. There were also fun activities such as Laser Tag. In the spring, they are planning a "Meet the Brothers" bowling night and will bring in speakers to discuss weapons safety as well as career choices.

**2012-13  
Officers**

President - Casey Kelly  
Vice President - Jennifer Fiore

Secretary - Jennie Hueneman  
Treasurer - Christine Fisher



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**University LLC Facebook group**

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/University-of-Dayton-Learning-Living-Communities/302794313075548>

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[http://www2.udayton.edu/llc/self\\_community\\_llc.php](http://www2.udayton.edu/llc/self_community_llc.php)

# CONGRATULATIONS GRADS & AWARD WINNERS!

The Criminal Justice Studies Program held its annual department dinner on Thursday, April 12 in the KU Barrett Dining Room to honor all of our graduates, scholarship recipients and award winners.

## AWARDS

Outstanding Criminal Justice Studies Student

*Lauren M. Wargacki*

Outstanding Service to the Criminal Justice Studies Program

*Lauren E. Maddente*

Outstanding Intern

*Megan B. Osborn  
Kyle M. Grabowski*

Research Assistants

*Keelie M. Gustin  
Briana M. Hollis  
Lauren E. Maddente*

Office Assistant

*Patrick J. Majeika*



*Lauren M. Wargacki, Outstanding CJS Student Award*



*Lauren E. Maddente received the Award for Outstanding Service to the CJS Program and the Alpha Sigma Tau Honor Key.*



*Left to right: Tyler Kennedy, Brian P. Focareto, Nathaniel S. Perry, Briana M. Hollis, and Jeffrey P. Ivas (not pictured) received the Alpha Sigma Tau Honor Key.*



*Megan B. Osborn received an Award for Outstanding Intern, as did Kyle M. Grabowski (not shown).*



*Keiter Scholarship recipients were Dustin S. Paulus (L) and Neil P. Hubbert (R).*



*The Program honored office assistant Patrick J. Majeika.*



*The evening festivities were enjoyed by all.*

## SCHOLARSHIPS

This scholarship is awarded each year to an outstanding full-time junior and/or senior Criminal Justice Studies major selected by the Keiter Scholarship Committee, under the direction of the Criminal Justice Studies Program.

Recipients for 2012:

*Dustin S. Paulus*

*Neil P. Hubbert*

## ALPHA SIGMA TAU HONOR KEY

Graduating Criminal Justice Majors receiving Alpha Sigma Tau Honor Key:

Brian P. Focareto ~ Magna Cum Laude

Briana M. Hollis ~ Summa Cum Laude

Jeffrey P. Ivas ~ Cum Laude

Tyler C. Kennedy ~ Magna Cum Laude

Lauren E. Maddente ~ Cum Laude

Nathaniel S. Perry ~ Cum Laude



# MEET OUR GRADUATES ...

The Criminal Justice Studies Program is proud to announce the graduation of 28 majors at the Spring 2012 Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony, held on Sunday, May 6. Our graduates:

Chanelle N. Baylor, POL/CJS • Lauren W. Bielak, PSY/CJS  
 Tyler R. Drabenstot, commissioned in the United States Army  
 Joshua R. Dunleavy, commissioned in the United States Army  
 Tyler J. Eidson • Caitlin E. Emmerich • Mario D. Falsetti  
 Brian P. Focareto, POL/CJS • Jacob A. Gebelle • Brian R. Heitz  
 Jeffrey P. Ivas, commissioned in the United States Army, graduated Cum Laude  
 Tyler C. Kennedy, graduated Magna Cum Laude • Craig M. LaRocco  
 Lauren E. Maddente, graduated Cum Laude and a Dayton Civic Scholar  
 John M. Maddock Jr. • Meredith D. Marcinik • Michelle M. Miller  
 Kayla L. Moses • Christa S. Natke, SOC/CJS • Casey J. O'Connor, CJS/HST  
 Julia N. O'Neil • Megan B. Osborn • Kevin M. Parkinson  
 Nathaniel S. Perry, graduated Cum Laude and University Honors  
 Lauren M. Wargacki • Paul A. Williams



## Internships Enhance Learning Experience for many Criminal Justice Studies Majors

The CJS Program is proud of its internship program and it continuously works to expand opportunities. These internships have proven to be a vital part of our students' education. For more information about internships, contact Tim

Apolito (Tim.Apolito@notes.udayton.edu) or visit the CJS internship webpage at <http://www.udayton.edu/artssciences/criminaljustice/index.php#7>.

### SUMMER 2012 INTERNSHIPS

- Timothy Cribbin: The St. Louis, MO Police Department
- Kathleen Harvey: The National Association for the Reform of Marijuana Laws in Washington, DC
- Sara Haydocy: The Columbus, OH Police Department
- Neil Hubbert: The U.S. Marshalls Office in Nashville, TN
- Spencer Krumheuer: Homeland Security in Cleveland, OH
- Eric Lanzer: The U.S. Marshalls Office in Nashville, TN
- Lisette Soto: The Juvenile Probation Office in San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Benjamin Tercek: Security Division for the Wonderworld Waterpark in Geauga, OH
- Cory Williamson: A.C.E. Task Force in Beavercreek, OH



*Tim Apolito visited Puerto Rico during the summer to expand the CJS Internship program to agencies there.*



# ALUMNI NEWS ...



**Sarah Albright** (2010) is now working as an Investigator for the Franklin County Public Defenders Office. The position entails interviewing witnesses, serving subpoenas, getting public records and helping attorney's with their cases.



CJS alumnus **Zack Bowen** (2010) graduated in August 2012 from Youngstown State University with a Masters in Criminal Justice Studies. He will start work as a US Pretrial Services Officer Assistant in Las Vegas, Nevada in September.



**Monica DiGiandomenico** (2009) received a promotion to Master Patrol Officer. Monica works for the Georgetown University Police Department.



CJS alumnus **Brian Bailey** (2009) visited with students and faculty last term to discuss his experiences in the field of law enforcement. Brian is a police officer in Louisville, KY.

**Ryan Clarke** is a December 2005 magna cum laude graduate of the Criminal Justice Studies Program. During his junior year he completed a summer internship at the U. S. Marshals office in Las Vegas. He recently completed a Ph.D. and is now a Research Fellow at the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies in Singapore. Dr. Clarke is working on issues pertaining to organized crime and anti-corruption programs in Asia, and recently published a report entitled *Lashkar-I-Taiba: The Fallacy of Subservient Proxies and the Future of Islamist Terrorism In India*.

Police officer and CJS Alumnus **Brian Dorsey** (2011) visited three CJS classes in February to share his experiences in the field. Officer Dorsey is currently working for the Columbus Division of Police on the south side inner city of Columbus. He began working for the Columbus Division of Police in June 2011. He graduated the CPD academy and has been working on the streets as a patrol officer ever since.

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## ILLC KICK-OFF!



An ILLC is a community of first-year learners who take classes together and live in the same residence hall. The Social Science ILLC, *Self and Community in the 21st Century*, held a Kick-off event on September 4, 2012. Coordinators for this ILLC are Dr. Arthur J. Jipson (CJS) and Dr. Melissa Berry (PSY).

## IN THE NEWS

### Tim Apolito Discusses Role of DNA in Solving Cold Cases

With increasing frequency, DNA is bringing law enforcement and science together to help close unresolved crime cases. Dayton-area law enforcement agencies are part of a growing number of entities across the nation who submit genetic samples to the Center for Human Identification at the University of North Texas' Health Science Center in an effort to match missing persons cases with unidentified remains. This topic was covered in a recent story by the *Dayton Daily News* in which Tim Apolito weighed in on the numerous difficulties involved in the solving of cold cases. Read what Tim has to say by accessing the *DDN* article in its entirety at the link below:

<http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/news/crime-law/police-hope-dna-will-help-solve-cold-cases/nR954/>



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## 24th Annual Bro. Joseph W. Stander Symposium & Honors Convocation

*Bro. Joseph W. Stander, S.M. served the university for four decades as a Professor of Mathematics (1960-2000) as well as Provost/VP for Academic Affairs (1974-1989). He died on Feb. 2, 2001.*

The 24th Annual Stander Symposium began with a Red Mass on Monday April 16. The Celebration of Arts took place at the Schuster Center on Tuesday, April 17. On Wednesday April 18, students presented their research.



Sociology majors (l to r) Ashley Sherman, Victoria Suther, Bernard Jones, and Keelie Gustin sum up their presentation.



Students from SOC 409: Senior Project take a moment to pose during the day-long symposium.

### PRESENTATIONS

Megan B. Osborn (CJS): Correcting Corrections-Based Programs in Juvenile Detention Centers (Advisors: Apolito, Jipson)

Lauren M. Wargacki (CJS): How are Juvenile Sex Offenders Perceived by College Students? (Advisors: Farrell, Jipson)

Christa S. Natke (SOC/CJS): Thinking Errors and Cognitive Distortions among Juveniles (Advisors: Forbis, Jipson, Picca)

Jeffrey P. Ivas (CJS): DEA vs. the World: Can the Illegal Drug Trade in Afghanistan be Stopped? (Advisors: Jipson, Schweikart)

Lauren E. Maddente (CJS): Prison Rehab: The Road to Sobriety or Recidivism? (Advisors: Currell, Jipson)

Chanelle N. Baylor (POL/CJS): The Forgotten Families?: An In-depth Exploration of the Perceptions of Public Child Welfare Employees on the Effects of Parental Incarceration on Families (Advisors: Jipson, Currell)

April L. Velotta (SOC): A Culture Forgotten: The Truth about Irish Travellers (Advisors: Holcomb, Picca)

Sara K. Brooke (SOC): Fitting In: Body Image within Sorority Life at the University of Dayton (Advisors: Dasgupta, Picca)

Lauren M. Cummerlander (SOC): Drag Kings: Performing Masculinity (Advisor: Picca)

Michelle M. Miller (CJS): Concealed on Campus: Should Students and Faculty with a Concealed Carry Permit be

Allowed to Carry Firearms on Ohio College Campuses? (Advisors: Apolito, Jipson)

Nathanial S. Perry (CJS): How Limitations Placed on University Police Affect the Campus Perception of Law Enforcement (Advisors: Ingram, Jipson)

Tyler J. Eidson (CJS): The Mental Crisis: The Use of CIT Training for College Law Enforcement Agencies (Advisors: Davis-Berman, Jipson)

Keelie M. Gustin (SOC/WGS): Joking as Justification: The Intersectionality of Sexism, Racism, and Ethnic Humor (Advisors: Thompson-Miller, Picca)

Ashley C. Sherman (SOC): The Choices Students Make in a School Cafeteria (Advisors: T. Majka, Picca)

Bernard D. Jones (SOC): The Epidemic of Higher Education among African Americans in their Collegiate Success (Advisor: Picca)



Megan Osborn (CJS) presents her research on juvenile detention centers.

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The audience listens as Christa Natke (SOC/CJS) presents her study of cognitive distortions and errors among juveniles.

Victoria J. Suther (SOC): Transracial Adoption: How White Parents Help Children of Color Form Their Racial and Cultural Identity (Advisors: Holcomb, Picca)

Joshua R. Dunleavy (CJS): DARE to Question Our Countries Juvenile Drug Programs (Advisors: Becker, Jipson)

Tyler R. Drabenstot (CJS): Pardon Me: An Inquiry into the Executive Clemency System in Ohio (Advisors: Forbis, Jipson)

Kayla L. Moses (CJS): The CSI Effect: A Study in the Percep-

tions of Crime (Advisors: Farrell, Jipson)

Leah M. Grandy (SOC): Managing Emotions and Coping Strategies within Pregnancy Help Centers (Advisors: Cassiman, Picca)

Mary E. Ridella (SOC): Success in the Non-Profit World: A Case Study of St. Mary Development Corporation (Advisors: Leming, Picca)

Margaret S. Tobin (SOC): The Providers: Relationships with Alzheimer's Patients (Advisors: Davis-Berman, Picca)

Amanda L. Fioritto (INS/SOC): Beyond the Golden Door: Exploring the Integration of Iraqi Refugees in the United States (Advisors: T Majka, Picca)

Erin L. Nelson (SOC): Communication Devices in the Family: Family Satisfaction in a Hand-Held Technological World (Advisors: Holcomb, Leming, Picca)

Elaine M. Rocci (SOC): Patterns and Trends of Juvenile Drug Use (Advisors: Jipson, Picca)

Briana M. Hollis (CJS): Human Trafficking Unveiled: Identifying Traffickers and Bringing Them to Justice (Advisors: Jipson, Talbott)

Lauren W. Bielak (CJS): Torture: Perceptions, Ethics, and Reality (Advisors: Farrell, Jipson)



Tyler Drabenshot (CJS) explains his research on executive clemency in Ohio.



Chanelle Baylor (POL/CJS) discusses the effects of parental incarceration on families.

**PANEL DISCUSSION**

Frederick L. Cox (SOC), Erin L. Gahimer (SOC), Leah M. Grandy (SOC), Bernard D. Jones (SOC): Lessons Learned: Applying the White Privilege Conference to the University of Dayton. (Advisors: Picca, Thompson-Miller)

**POSTERS**

Sarah F. Edwards: Banning the Burqa: France and the Specter of Colonialism. (Advisor: Dasgupta)

Jasmine C. Henderson: Socioeconomic Status Impacts on Learning and Development. (Advisor: Picca)

Amy N. Bush (SOC), Jamie A. Leaver: Human Trafficking: An Explanation of Forced Child Labor. (Advisor: Talbott)

April L. Velotta (SOC), Courtney E. Wimsatt: Human Trafficking: An Explanation of Involuntary Domestic Servitude. (Advisor: Talbott)

Amy N. Bush (SOC): We Remember ... the Holocaust and Other Genocides.

Samantha Tsuleff: A Catholic Response to Refugee Resettlement: A Case Study of Catholic Social Services in Dayton, OH (Advisors: Cassiman, Johnson)

Andrew M. Heitmann, James T. Kurzawa, Connor Ratycz: Dayton Public School: An Ethnographic Look at the Socio-economic Culture (Advisor: Dasgupta)

Michael J. Bennett: Capturing a Snapshot of the Urban Catholic presence of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (Advisor: Leming)

Michelle Connor, Eileen T. Klug: Ethnographical Perspectives and Volunteering at Dayton Public Schools (Advisor: Dasgupta)

Nathan C. Dombrowski, Alex K. Winrich: Structural Functionalism in Schools (Advisor: Dasgupta)



Joshua Dunleavy (CJS) discusses juvenile drug prevention programs.



The audience listens to one of several well-attended presentations during the day-long symposium.