Another academic year begins and the sociology department is thriving. Welcome to our many new majors and minors. We wish you a year of academic and personal successes. While we miss our recent graduates, we know they are doing great things. As Liz Moyer writes about her impressive graduate school experience, several of our new graduates are embarking on their own graduate careers. In addition to continuing education, we also have criminal justice and sociology graduates serving in the Jesuit Volunteer Corp and the Council on International Educational Exchange. Speaking of service - our own Dr. Robert Moore received the Lifetime Service Award at Commencement. Congratulations, Dr. Moore! The new year brings more opportunities to serve the community, locally and beyond. We have service-learning courses, first-year seminars, and urban tours with Dr. Clampet-Lundquist and Dr. Chris Kelly. Newly tenured Associate Professor, Dr. Keith Brown, is once again supervising our interns and seeing some of these appointments turn into job offers. Our classes are at full capacity with a mix of majors, minors and students from other departments. Did you know that the MCAT, the entrance exam for medical schools, now requires sociology knowledge? Welcome to our pre-med students enrolled in SOC 101 or 102. We look forward to sharing our passion for sociology with the entire Saint Joseph's University community. I wish us all a terrific 2015-2016 year!

Congratulations to our Class of 2015 Graduate

Congratulations to our Sociology and Criminal Justice undergraduate degree recipients:

**B.S. in Criminal Justice**
- Emily Coldren
- Jessica Falkenstein
- Frank Flores
- Colin Hart
- John Kent
- Brian Lafferty
- Joshua Mansure
- Kevin McFadden
- Brendan Murphy
- Jennifer Narvaez
- Melissa Rivera
- Patrick Shelley
- Emily Smizaski

**B.S. in Sociology**
- Abigail Ananian
- Meghan Cleary
- Julia Collins
- Catherine Jones
- Anne Karlen
- Sarah Kelly
- Caitlin Lavorgna
- Michaela McGlynn
- Nicholas Palermo
- Holly Polakiewicz
- Nicole Quirk
- Kelly Sagastume
- Mary Santella
- Elizabeth Wood-Yesline

**LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD**

Dr. Robert K. Moore, Assistant Professor of Sociology, received the Lifetime Service Award at the 2015 Commencement in May. He is an example of selfless sacrifice to the greater good in service to the mission of Saint Joseph’s University. A very well-deserved award. Congratulations....
GRADUATION AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Congratulations are extended to our three graduates who received department awards at the Undergraduate Awards Ceremony on May 15th, 2015.

Criminal Justice Award
Melissa Rivera, a CJ major with a minor in Justice and Ethics in the Law has been named to the dean’s list four years as a Hawk and is a member of Alpha Kappa Delta, and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Melissa’s participation in the service learning course, Inside Out, was instrumental in choosing her career path. Melissa plans to attend William and Mary Law School in the fall and aspires to become an appellate lawyer and ultimately a judge.

Sociology Award
Michaela McGlynn is this year’s recipient of the Sociology Award for academic excellence. A Sociology major with minors in Behavioral Neuroscience and Faith Justice, Michaela has an outstanding grade point average as attested by her four years on the dean’s list. Michaela presented a research topic at the Annual Meeting of Eastern Sociological Society in NY, and participated in the Summer Scholars program in 2015. Michaela is a member of several honor societies and her future plans include working at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Phila. as an investigator for discrimination in the workplace.

Kane Sociology Award
Kelly Sagastume is this year’s recipient given to a Sociology major who displays both academic excellence and a commitment to social justice. While minoring in Faith Justice and Criminal Justice, Kelly’s outstanding commitment to service as a Hawk have included volunteering at Philabundance, participating in an Immersion Program to El Salvador, leading an Immersion Program trip Guatemala and two Appalachian Service trips. Kelly is already committed to a year of service with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. and will attend the Univ. of Pennsylvania’s graduate program in Social Work.

Congratulations to Anthony Fattizzi, this year’s award recipient for the Graduate Criminal Justice award, pictured here with Dr. Kim Logio, Chair of Sociology. Anthony has recently been hired for a position as a Research Associate working with the Philadelphia Adult Probation and Parole Department.

Special Events and Department News

Live the Mission Award
Congratulations to Dr. Marybeth Ayella who received the Live the Mission Award for “Outstanding Group/Program Advisor” for her work with Active Minds. This award is given by the Division of Student Life for significant contributions to the campus community, while living out the mission of the university. So well deserved!

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION & THE POPE’S VISIT—CLASS INFORMATION
The SJU campus community will be celebrating the Presidential Inauguration of our 28th president, the first lay, Dr. Mark C. Reed, Ed.D., on September 18th at 11:00am in the Hagan Arena. All students, faculty and staff are welcome.

For the Presidential Inauguration on Friday, September 18, here are the following class cancellations:
⇒ MWF 10:10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., and 12:20 p.m. classes WILL BE CANCELLED.
⇒ All classes that meet only on Fridays (science labs, art studios, language labs, etc.) WILL BE HELD as usual.

For the Pope’s visit:
⇒ On Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27, when the Pope is in Philly:
⇒ Evening classes on Friday, September 25, will be cancelled.
⇒ All classes and other academic programs will be cancelled on Saturday, September 26, and Sunday, September 27.

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We would like to share information about honor societies that are available to Sociology and Criminal Justice majors who have maintained a record of high academic achievement and fulfill the criteria for joining as listed below.

**Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society**
This International Sociology Honor Society, SJU local chapter of Mu, is open to junior and senior Sociology and Criminal Justice majors who have achieved a GPA of 3.3, have a Sociology GPA of at least 3.0 and have taken at least four courses in Sociology. Enrollment takes place in Spring. Please visit the AKD website for more details: [http://www.alphakappadelta.org/](http://www.alphakappadelta.org/)

**Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Society**
The Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society recognizes the most promising students who distinguish themselves in Scholarship, Loyalty and Service. Induction into Alpha Sigma Nu is one of the highest honors awarded on a Jesuit campus. SJU juniors and seniors who have a GPA of 3.5 or higher with about 75% of their program completed are invited by formal invitation to apply.

**Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society**
The National Criminal Justice Honor Society, the SJU local chapter of Theta Kappa, is open to CJ majors and minors, undergraduate and graduate, and have completed three full semesters or its equivalent. They must attain a minimum GPA of 3.2, ranked in the top 35% of their class.Minimum of four courses of the above course work shall be in the CJ field. Email campaigns for those students who quality are sent out in the fall and spring for enrollment.

**Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society**
The oldest and most prestigious academic honor society in the United States for the liberal arts, chapters select and induct new members throughout the year, usually in the spring. The Membership Committee reviews eligible seniors (GPA of 3.5) and juniors (GPA of 3.8) who show evidence of academic excellence such as doing original research, taking on a minor or second major, studying a second or third language, and taking courses beyond the minimum-requirement courses.

**Elizabeth Moyer ‘11, (SOC Major, Latin minor),** recently updated us on her progress since graduating from SJU. This past May, Elizabeth graduated from Columbia University’s School of International & Public Affairs with a Master’s in Public Administration in Development Practice. Below is a snapshot of her experience with graduate school:

“I’ve always had an itch for being abroad and helping this beautiful world we’re part of. I learned firsthand (and the hard way) that you need more than just a bleeding heart to make constructive change.

That’s where the Development Practice program comes in. It was perfect for me because it’s focused on equipping students with practical tools to work in the field, in terms of project management and policy reform. I’m now able to look at where a country or community is, where it wants to go, and offer advice on how to help it get there.

The DP program focuses on sustainable development by offering a well-rounded, multi-sectoral understanding of development work. I took classes on the global agriculture and health system, mastered economics and statistics, and practiced management skills through simulations and group projects. So the idea is that now I’m a specialized generalist who can work with the UN, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector alike - across sectors, disciplines and countries. A bridge, of sorts.

A key feature of the program is that, instead of writing a thesis, students work abroad at a development organization for the summer. This is how I found myself living in Bogota, Colombia this past summer, consulting for a nonprofit called Socialab that supports social entrepreneurships as a strategy to reduce poverty. I worked specifically with one startup called Minkay, an online time bank, to help them launch their pilot.

I just landed a short-term contract with the UN’s Sustainable Development Solutions Network to finish working on the SDG project I mentioned earlier. On top of this I’ve developed a great relationship with the online time bank TIMEREPUBLIK, and have been working with them to measure the impact they have on their community of users.

Right now I’m taking everything one step at a time, but foresee myself following one of two paths - project management through the traditional development field, or impact assessment for social enterprises. Or maybe even both! We’ll see what opportunities come up and take it from there.”
Special Events and Department News continued….

Summer Scholars Update
As an update about our Summer Scholars program, our three participants have been working with their mentors on their research topics:

Esteban Valencia, CJ major ’16, has been working with Dr. Chris Kelly on his topic “Police Interrogation”.

Michelle Donnelly, SOC major ‘16, has been working with Dr. Clampet-Lundquist on her research “Gender Expectations in the Juvenile Justice System”.

Sarah Ferguson, SOC major ‘16, has been mentoring with Dr. Logio researching her topic “How Race is Discussed in South Africa Post-Ferguson Protests”.

These students will be presenting their research topics at the Annual Summer Scholars Dinner in October 2015.

SJU Meeting on the Family—Save the Date
What Do We Mean by Family?: An Overview of Contemporary Families
Monday, September 21 – 3:30-4:45 • Cardinal Foley Center

This session will explore what we mean by “family” in contemporary American society. Panelists will include Marybeth Ayella, Ph.D., assistant professor of sociology; Maria Kefalas, Ph.D., professor of sociology; and Tia Pratt, Ph.D., Visiting Assistant Professor of CJ. The respondent will be Brendan Sammon, Ph.D., assistant professor of theology.

FACULTY NEWS!

Tia Noelle Pratt was one of ten scholars of American Catholicism selected to participate in The American Parish Project’s Symposium on the Sociology of the Catholic Parish in June 2015. The symposium was sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at the University of Southern California with funding support from The Louisville Institute. Dr. Pratt’s paper was selected from among the participants for inclusion in an edited volume that will be produced from the symposium.

FALL SEMESTER INFORMATION:

Last day to withdraw from classes: Friday—October 30th

CONGRATULATIONS DR. BROWN!!

We extend our congratulations to one of our newly-tenured faculty, Dr. Keith Brown, Associate Professor, in the Dept. of Sociology and Criminal Justice.

Don’t forget to:

Click on the button above or go to: Facebook and search Saint Joseph’s University: Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice.