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Carole Marks, Joan Countryman
and Oprah Winfrey

Professor Carole Marks Travels to Oprah Winfrey's Leadership Academy in South Africa to Announce Chair in Honor of Her Parents

Professor Carole Marks of the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice traveled to South Africa in March to attend the announcement of a fellowship named in honor of her parents. The Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy Foundation announced the establishment of the William and Virginia Banks Cannady Chair, inviting an outstanding educator to serve as a Visiting Teacher at the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls in South Africa for two weeks each year. The purpose of the chair is to bring to the Academy experienced American teachers who will advance the mission of the academy.

The Chair is named for Professor Marks' parents, an exceptional African American couple who worked tirelessly to support education and international understanding in their community. Virginia Banks was born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1914. Awarded a scholarship to Morgan University, she was not able to attend because her family could still not afford to send her. Thwarted in her dream for further education, Mrs. Cannady devoted herself to service, using her love of learning to serve as a volunteer in many schools and at Philadelphia's Friends Free Library, a public library with a long commitment to making educational resources available to the poor.

William Cannady, born in Oxford, North Carolina in 1913, graduated from Dunbar High School in Washington, D.C., received a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering, summa cum laude from Howard University in 1933, a Masters of Education degree from Temple University in 1950. One of the first African Americans to serve as a teacher in a Philadelphia public high school, Mr. Cannady had a 37-year career in the Philadelphia school system.

Graduate Program News

Inaugural Sociology and Criminal Justice Graduate Student Conference

Under faculty co-sponsorship by Aaron Kupchik and Aaron Fichtelberg, the graduate students organized the "Inaugural Sociology and Criminal Justice Graduate Student Conference." It was an all-day event held at the Trabant University Center on March 9, 2007. There were four thematic panels, each with four graduate student papers, and a faculty panel discussant. Professor Ray Paternoster from the University of Maryland, who also received his B.A. degree from the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at the University of Delaware, gave the keynote address titled, "Expect the Unexpected: Doing Research in the Social Sciences." The conference was a tremendous success and planning is already underway for the Second Annual Graduate Student Conference that will be held in February 2008.

2006–2007 Ph.D. Graduates

Brian Monahan
Amy Cass
William Donner
Erin Farley
Eric Faust
Heather Griffiths
Dana Hysock
Christina Lanier
Margaret Leigey
Elizabeth Mansley
Victor Perez
Anna Sanders Bonelli
Gabriel Santos

2006–2007 M.A. Graduates

Lauren Barsky
Nena Craven
Philip Kavanaugh
Ross Kleinstuber
Terry Lilley
Jamie Longazel
Daniel Marks
Jenniffer Santos-Hernandez
Manuel Torres
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FACULTY NEWS

ASC Young Scholar Award and ASC Book Award!

Aaron Kupchik was awarded two extremely coveted awards by the American Society of Criminology (ASC). The first was the Ruth Shonle Cavan Young Scholar Award, which is given to recognize outstanding scholarly contributions to the discipline of criminology by some who had received their Ph.D., MD, or LL.D. no earlier than 2002. Professor Kupchik's book *Judging Juveniles* also won the Michael Hindelang Award from the ASC for the book that makes the most outstanding contribution to research in criminology. This is the first time in the history of the ASC that both the Cavan and Hindelang awards have been given to the same person in the same year.

Fulbright Fellowship

Benigno Aguirre received a Fulbright Fellowship to teach and study at the Instituto de Ciencias Sociales of the Universidad Austral de Chile, in Valdivia, Chile. A specialist in the social science of disasters, Aguirre will be in Chile for four months teaching and also studying Chile's emergency management system, reputedly the best in Latin America! We are proud of you Ben!!

Award for Inside/Outside Prison Exchange Course

Lana Harrison's course titled, "Drugs and the Criminal Justice System: An Inside/Outside Perspective," received an award from the University Continuing Educa-

We Welcome Two New Faculty Members!



Dr. Karen Parker graduated from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC in 1996. She came to us from the Department of Criminology, Law and Society, University of Florida. Her research interests are: Urban Violence, Disaggregated (Race-, Gender-Specific) Homicide, Racial Inequality, Labor Market Stratification and Work, Recidivism, and Research Methods and Statistics.



Dr. Chrysanthi Leon graduated from University of California, Berkeley, Jurisprudence & Social Policy in 2007. Her dissertation is titled, "When Science Matters: Shifting Influences on Sex Offender Punishment." Her research interests are: Sex, Crime, and Punishment, Law and Society, and Criminology.

tion Association Mid-Atlantic Region in the "Special Populations" category. This course is a service learning course that includes both UD students and students who are inmates from the work release program from the Delaware State Correctional system.

Faculty Elected to Office in ASA and ESS

Margaret Andersen was elected Vice President of the American Sociological Association and will assume her office in August of 2008, following a year of service as Vice President.

Elizabeth Higginbotham is currently serving as the Vice President of the Eastern Sociological Society.

New Releases by Faculty in 2007

Margaret Andersen released three volumes in 2007, *Race, Class and Gender: An Anthology, Sixth Ed.* with Patricia Hill

Collins, *Sociology: The Essentials, Fourth Ed.*, with Howard Taylor, and *On Land and On Sea: A Century of Women in the Rosenfeld Collection.*

Tammy Anderson produced an edited volume titled *Neither Villain Nor Victim: Empowerment and Agency Among Women Substance Abusers.*

Ronet Bachman published the Third Edition of *The Practice of Research in Criminology and Criminal Justice* with Russell Schutt, and *Violence: The Enduring Problem* with Alex Alvarez.

Joel Best released *Social Problems.*

Aaron Fichtelberg published *Crime Without Borders: An Introduction to International Criminal Justice.*

Susan Miller released two edited volumes in 2007, *Rethinking Gender, Crime, and Justice* with Claire Renzetti and Lynne Goodstein, and *Criminal Justice Research and Practice: Diverse Voices from the Field.*



IN MEMORIAM

Helen Gouldner, who became the Chairperson of the Department of Sociology in 1973 and in 1974 became the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences until 1990, passed away on July 24, 2007. Helen was instrumental in helping the college take important steps in the areas of general education. During her tenure as Dean, she introduced several programs including the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program, centers in archeological research, climate research, disaster research, cognitive science, mathematics teaching and learning, the study of values, and drug and alcohol studies.

New Service Learning Course Sends Students to the Streets

An innovative course was piloted in Spring 2006, by Professor Lana Harrison in the Department and Professor Kathryn Denhardt from the College of Health, Education and Public Policy. The cross-listed Sociology and Criminal Justice course implemented an outreach program to youth in a low income, urbanized community in Wilmington known as the Eastside. Street outreach to “at risk” populations has been an ongoing tradition in European nations for 40 years, primarily aimed at preventing and reducing drug use. UD undergraduate students and several community volunteers were trained and monitored as outreach workers by their professors and a community group whose goal is to mentor Eastside youth—the Knoble Players. Students met in class on Wednesday evenings in February for training at a local Community Center, which also served as the base for the project. Training continued over the remainder of the



Lana Harrison

workers “played” with youth, served as role models, and engaged youth in thinking about their futures. Outreach teams were responsible for developing some type of communication strategy during the semester, as unmet needs were identified.

Projects included a “how to go to college” night at a local high school, a NIKE shoe design project, a Myspace account, a double dutch jump rope tournament, and a Community Festival with educational

vendors and recreational activities which about 200 people attended (90% were youth). According to the students, it was a huge success. One student reflected, “The children are amazing, the community is beautiful, and the feeling is great. I know on the surface the average person would look at the Eastside, then look at me, and wonder if we were talking about the same thing. But, despite the serious issues that you cannot afford to ignore, the Eastside holds a bond that is indestructible.

Through it all, I have realized the ‘guys on the corner’ who I deemed detrimental to the productivity of the Eastside turn into members who are just as concerned about the kids as I am.”

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semester, but the class time was reduced, as students began conducting outreach. Outreach was conducted in teams for two four-hour shifts per week beginning in March. Student outreach workers were trained to approach youth “hanging out” on the street, “engage” them (through conversation and recreational activities), identify their needs, and direct them to resources. The goal of the project was to increase social capital among youth by encouraging and facilitating youth participation in community educational, recreational, and social support services/activities.

Outreach workers distributed bulletins providing information about community services, recreational activities, and other subjects pertinent to youth. Outreach

Graduate Student Research Assistant Brian Starks, of the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, not only conducted a process evaluation of the course implementation but fully participated in the project as well. For Brian, the course was just the beginning.

Reflections from Brian: Hired as the process evaluator for the class, I had the opportunity of working closely with Professors Harrison and Denhardt, the members of the Knoble Players, the students, the community volunteers and a number of agencies in the community that offer services to the Eastside. The class was just the beginning of a successful collaboration that will continue to grow. Once the class ended, I was invited to be a member of the Knoble Players. I proudly accepted and began working closely with them on their endeavors to mentor the youth of the Eastside. Over the summer we were in the planning stages of organizing a Community Festival for the Eastside community and I was charged with inviting vendors to participate. I was excited about the opportunity to work with them and wanted to add something to the festival. I also work as a Research Assistant for the Center for Drug & Alcohol Studies (CDAS) and conduct interviews of incarcerated persons at two of the institutions located in Wilmington. From this research experience, I noticed that some of the issues that the incarcerated population dealt with at a young age were some of the same issues that we understood to be a part of the Eastside community. I had the idea of bringing these two worlds together with the hope that the experience for both groups would be beneficial. I presented the idea of having the inmates participate in the Community Festival to the Knoble Players, Lana Harrison and the administrators of the CDAS and it was accepted by all. The approval by the Delaware Department of Corrections soon followed. The group of inmates that has subsequently emerged is called the Impact of Decisions on your Future (I.D.F.). The goal of the I.D.F. is to educate youth in the Eastside community about the importance of decision-making and the consequences associated with those decisions. At the Community Festival, the inmates in the group served both as presenters and vendors for the event. The festival was a huge success, in part because of the I.D.F. participation. The experience was not only beneficial for the community residents, but for the I.D.F. members as well—the outreach experience was a positive forum for their rehabilitation. This was a win-win situation for all involved. In my opinion, the collaboration between the University of Delaware and the Knoble Players personifies what service is about.



FROM LEFT: James (Tim) Hulings, Scott Weaver, Marcia Cavanaugh Nickle, Heidi Carroll, Sara Hover, Diana D'Auria, Beth Savitz and Toni Durbano

Undergraduate News

What are you going to do when you graduate?

The first annual undergraduate symposium for Sociology and Criminal Justice majors titled, "What are you going to do when you graduate?" brought together faculty and alumni designed to help students answer this question. It was held at the Trabant University Center on November 1, 2007. Alumni from the department returned to campus to share their stories about the roads traveled from graduation to their current career choices, and to answer questions from students. Alumni panelists included Sara Hover from the Division of Family Services, Toni Durbano, from the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Diana DiAuria, a Temple Law School student, Beth Savitz, from the Public Defender's Office, James (Tim) Hulings, from the Delaware State Police, Scott Weaver, an intelligence analyst, and Marcia Cavanaugh Nickle, an emergency preparedness coordinator at UD. After the panel made their presentations, students were given the opportunity to ask questions for guidance and other general advice on what they should be doing now to make themselves marketable after graduation.

Alpha Kappa Delta Annual Spring Banquet 2007 AKD Inductees

Seventy-four Sociology and Criminal Justice Undergraduates were inducted into the Alpha Kappa Delta Society on May 1, 2007. Four other major awards were given at the banquet. Undergraduate Diana Filkins was awarded the Len Perfetti Memorial Award, which is given annually to an outstanding Criminal Justice major in honor of the late Len Perfetti, a graduate from the Criminal Justice program. Megan Denver and Jill Hurley were co-recipients of the Benjamin McLuckie Award given to an outstanding Sociology student in honor of the late Benjamin McLuckie, a member of the Sociology faculty. Jessica Hodge was awarded the Frank Scarpitti Graduate Student Award.

Professor Ivan Sun, was given the Jan Burrows Graduate Educator Award at the AKD banquet for making significant contributions to graduate students' socialization for the discipline. The Burrows award is given in honor of the late Jan Burrows, who was a doctoral candidate in Sociology.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Friends and Alumni:

As you will see from the stories in this newsletter, this has been an amazing year for the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice. Because we have so many wonderful happenings to report and only a limited amount of space, I will just highlight a few things. In May, over 103 graduated from our Criminal Justice major and over 44 graduated with Sociology degrees. For the first time, we conducted a survey of our graduating seniors and asked them about their experiences in our department and at the University. Faculty members were thrilled to find out that our hard work is paying off. More than 99 percent of the graduating seniors said they were satisfied with the quality of teaching in our department—more than 68 percent of these were "very" satisfied!! In fact, more than 94 percent said that a big part of selecting their major in Sociology or Criminal Justice was because they enjoyed the first course they took in our department! When seniors were asked what they would be doing next year, 40 percent said they would be working in a job related to their major while 20 percent reported their employment would not be related to their major. An additional 14 percent were going to graduate school and 12 percent were going to law school. Congratulations to all of you who graduated and stay in touch!

Our graduate program is also flourishing. Since 2006, a record 13 students obtained their Ph.D. degrees and 10 received their M.A. degrees. Virtually all of our graduating Ph.D. students are now holding tenure track positions around the country, while one is working for the U.S. Department of Justice and another has taken a Post Doctoral Fellowship. Congratulations to you all! We hope to see you at a conference sometime soon!

The faculty members in the department continue to set the standard for greatness, winning awards and being elected to office. We have a tremendous list of accomplishments to share. This year, we also welcomed two brilliant scholars to the faculty who will add greatly to both the undergraduate and graduate missions of the department.

As you can see from this newsletter, it has been a truly wonderful year. On behalf of the faculty and staff, I extend my very best wishes. We hope to hear from you!



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Professor and Chair

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