

## Sociology Department Has a New Chairperson and Assistant Chairperson

The Department of Sociology went through some leadership changes at the beginning of this academic year. Prof. Jacob Felson has assumed the role of chairperson for the Sociology Department. Serving with him as assistant chairperson is Prof. Deniz Yucel. Continuing to serve as Coordinator of the Criminology and Criminal Justice is Prof. Mark Ellis.

*Jacob Felson**Deniz Yucel*

Prof. Felson is an associate professor who came to the department in September 2007. He is "passionate" about quantitative data analysis, which he puts to good use in his research and his publications. Both his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees are from Penn State University.

Prof. Yucel is an associate professor whose primary fields of interest are the family, social stratification and quantitative methodology. She joined the department in September 2010, and completed her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Ohio Wesleyan University.

## Students Invited To Be Part of ESS Boston Meeting

Once again, the Sociology Department encourages undergraduate and graduate students writing a research paper in senior seminar or some other sociology class to enter their papers for a poster session at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. WPUNJ students have often exhibited in the past and sometimes received awards for their work.

Funding support is available for converting the paper into an attractive large poster and for the expenses of attending the ESS meeting, which will be held at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel on March 17-20. The paper does not have to be completed to meet the departmental December 1st deadline. Students should speak to their instructors or to Professors Mark Ellis, Jacob Felson or Michael Schlossman for further information.

William Paterson University is the host site for the Eastern Sociological Society, which is the regional professional organization for sociologists from Maine to Virginia.

*Mark Ellis*

Prof. Ellis has been with the Sociology Department since 1996, and he has served in a great many leadership roles in that period of time. He earned his M.A. degree and his Ph.D. degree from Northwestern University.

Prof. Vince Parrillo remains as the graduate director for the M.A. degree program in applied sociology.

As mentioned in the article to the left of this one, affiliated with the department is the Eastern Sociological Society. Its leaders, Emily Mahon (Executive Officer) and Jennifer McAdam (Assistant Executive Officer) are also adjunct professor of sociology.

## First Student Is Enrolled in BA/MA Program

Kathryn Greene may be one of 108 seniors currently majoring in sociology, but at the same time she stands alone as the only student in the accelerated five-year BA/MA sociology degree program. She may be the pioneer in this brand-new offering, but others will join her in the near future. Three juniors have signed up for eligibility and will be considered as seniors.

*Kathryn Greene*

Juniors who have completed 24 credits in sociology, including all of their undergraduate major and concentration core requirements (with the exception of senior seminar) and maintained an overall 3.2 GPA as well as a 3.2 GPA in sociology courses, are eligible.

Provisional admission to the combined program at the time of admission to WPUNJ is also available to outstanding freshman applicants who have SAT scores of at least 1800, with no score below 550 in the critical reading, math, or writing sections, and also have a high school grade point average of at least a B+.

By taking four graduate-level courses in their senior year in lieu of related electives, high-achieving students can double count the courses for both degrees and thereby reduce the number of post-baccalaureate courses required for the applied sociology M.A. degree program, thereby speeding up completion of their studies while saving on graduate tuition costs. For further information, students should contact the graduate director, Prof. Vince Parrillo. His office is in Raubinger Hall, room 430.

## Honor Invites Are Coming Soon

Once grades are posted from this semester, dozens of juniors and seniors will receive an coveted invitation to join Alpha Kappa Delta, the highly respected international sociology honor society. Their eligibility will rest upon completion of at least four sociology courses at WPUNJ, and a grade point average in the major that is 3.2 or higher.

In April 2016, the sociology faculty and university administrators will join these honor students, along with their family and friends, at an installation dinner in the beautiful Crystal Room at the Brownstone Restaurant.

The event typically has a guest speaker and several awards are also presented, including the Outstanding Student in Sociology Award, the Paul Vouras Award, and honor certificates to non-AKD students.

## Faculty News

**Maboud Ansari** received a Fulbright Scholar Award for 2016. In October, he was a panelist discussing "Iranian-American Identity and Community," at George Mason University, School of Policy, Government and International Affairs.

**Wendy Christensen** is giving a five-part lecture series on collective behavior and social change for the Institute of New Dimensions in Paramus.

**Jacob Feldman** had an article entitled "The Low-Hanging Fruit of Technology in Academia," published in *Academe* magazine in September.

**Charley Flint** is serving on the planning committee for the White Privilege Conference to be held in Philadelphia in April. She will present a workshop on whiteness and the prison system at the National Alternative to Violence (AVP) conference in May. She continues her work with the Paterson Municipal Alliance, and she will be honored in December at the New Jersey Association annual meeting for her work in corrections in New Jersey.

**Gennifer Furst** saw her article "Prisoners, Pups and PTSD: The Grassroots Response to Veterans with PTSD," published in *Contemporary Justice Review*. In addition, in July, she also contributed a research poster, "The Next Generation of Prison-Based Animal Programs: Training Therapeutic Canines for Veterans," to the International Society for Anthrozoology, Saratoga Springs, NY, and earlier presented a paper, "Experiences of Incarcerated Multiracial Males," at the Interdisciplinary Conference on Race at Monmouth University in West Long Branch.

**Arturo Lewis** taught a social problems course on campus to 25 high school students from Passaic High School as part of the WPU Summer Youth Program. In September, he was the pre-game speaker for the NFL Cleveland Browns on the topic "What college students expect from professional athletes," in

relation to media focus on professional athletes arrested for domestic abuse and drug possession. Also, he will be honored at the Ridgewood YMCA in November for his 30-plus years of community and faith-based service and 15 years as an adjunct professor.

**Michael Schlossman** had a paper, entitled "Searching for the Best Mix of Strategies: Delinquency Prevention in the Get-Tough Era and Beyond," accepted for publication in the December 2015 edition of *Social Service Review*.

**Vince Parrillo** published his second historical novel, *Defenders of Freedom*, and his fourth PBS television documentary, *Paterson and Its People*, was shown twice on PBS in September and had two public screenings on campus. In June he was the keynote speaker at an international conference held in the Czech Republic. The seventh edition of his book, *Cities and Urban Life* (with John Macionis) will be published by Pearson in December. He is giving a five-part lecture series on intergroup relations for the Institute of New Dimensions in Teaneck.

**Gabe Wang** is the 2015 recipient of the HSS Faculty Research Award. He and **Keumjae Park** have completed a textbook, *Student Research and Report Writing: From Topic Selection to the Complete Paper*, to be published by Wiley this December.

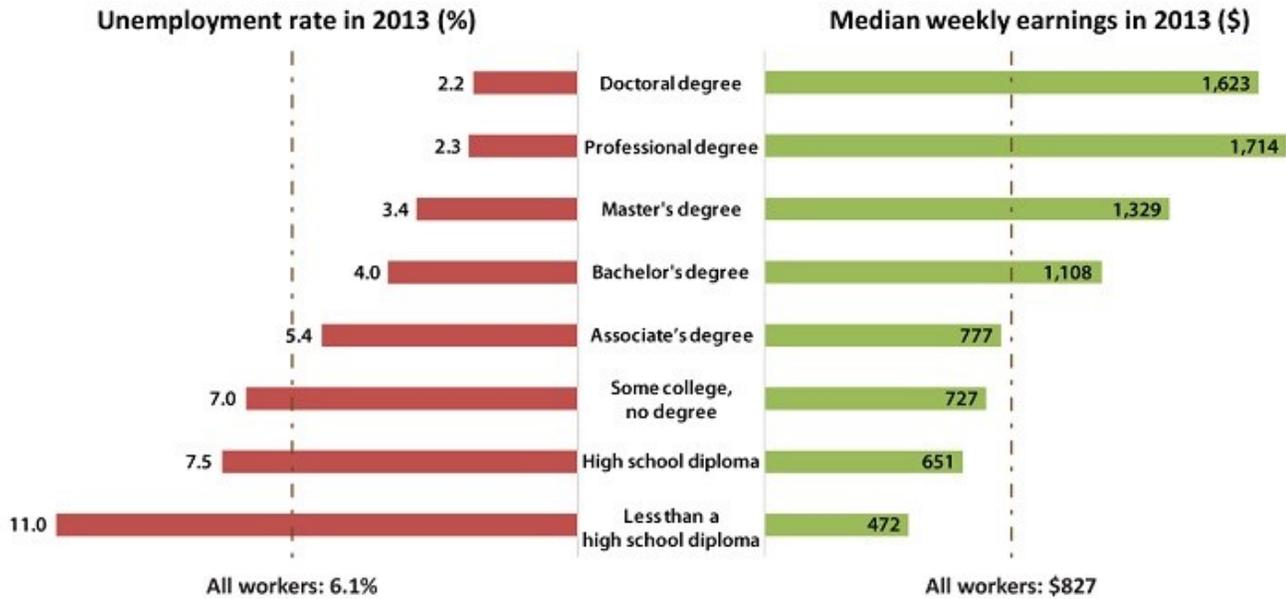
**Deniz Yucel** co-authored "Do Siblings Matter? The Effect of Siblings on Socio-Emotional Development and Educational Aspirations among Early Adolescents" in the September issue of *Child Indicators Research*. In August, she presented two research papers, "Marriage versus Cohabitation? Understanding the Dyadic Nature of Relationship Satisfaction" and "The Gendered Nature of Marriage: Exploring the Predictors of Marital Satisfaction in Northern Cyprus" at roundtable sessions at the 2015 American Sociological Association annual meeting.

## Earn Your M.A. in Applied Sociology

This highly practical program gives graduates a strong foundation in assessment and evaluation research. According to the Sociological Practice Association and the U.S. Department of Labor, employment for applied sociologists in the private and public sectors will continue to grow faster than the average for all occupations in the foreseeable future.

- ⇒ This program of studies thoroughly prepares students seeking employment immediately upon graduation, or those wanting to advance in their careers.
- ⇒ Students in this program learn the applied diagnostic and intercultural communication skills needed in today's society.
- ⇒ Program graduates understand how to successfully guide their organizations to create a more inclusive environment to meet the needs of an increasingly diverse population and workforce.
- ⇒ Small class size provides direct contact and support from program evaluation experts and widely published scholars in the field.

## Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.  
 Source: Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor

## Internships Give Seniors Job Experience and a Job Competitive Edge

Both employers and sociology graduates agree that doing an internship in senior year is a smart move. That practical experience gives you a competitive edge in the job search.

In this semester, 71 students are interns in a wide variety of assignments. Criminal Justice internships are in locales such as the U.S. Marshall Services; Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms and Explosion (ATF); New Jersey State Police; Passaic County Sheriff's Department; the Essex County Prosecutor's Office; Passaic County Prosecutor's Office; Passaic County Vincinage (Criminal Division); Passaic County Probation.

Others are in municipal police departments in Paterson, Jersey City, Clifton; the Millicent Fenwick House (a half-way

house for women offenders); the Passaic County Domestic Shelter; several private security firms; two law offices; Morris County Probation; Bergen County Sheriff's Office; William Paterson Police Department; Kintock Group (a Day Reporting Center for returning citizens/offenders), and OASIS: A Haven for Women and Children.

Sociology internship placements are the Windsor Garden Care Center, East Orange; Pediatric Occupational Therapy Solutions, Highland Mills, NY; Advanced Care Center at Lakeview, Wayne; OASIS, Paterson; the YES Academy Alternative High School, Paterson; State Police Headquarters, Trenton; Female Secure Care and Intake Facility, Bordentown; the Paterson Task Force Hilltop Haven, Paterson; Bergen's Promise, Rochelle Park; Eva's Village, Paterson; Kintock Group, Paterson; American Red Cross, Paterson; Morris County Prevention is Key, Rockaway; Wanaque Center, Pediatric Unit, Haskell; Strengthen Our Sisters, Newfoundland; WPUNJ Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program, Wayne; Newbridge Services, Pompton Plains; Center for Hope and Safety, Rochelle Park; Pass It Along, Sparta.

Graduate student internships are: Alissa Andre, William Paterson University Office of Institutional Advance; Robert J. Bell, St. Paul's Community Development Corporation; Jeff Latawec, William Paterson University Office of Veterans Affairs; Christopher Pec, William Paterson University Office of Student Development; Betty Vivero, Passaic County Board of Social Services.

Graduate interns conduct evaluation research at the organization to which they are assigned. Instead of working within that setting, they first observe and then engage in an on-site analysis of a program or activity, after which they make recommendations for its improvement. In contrast, undergraduate students go through a learning-by-observing-and-doing experience in that job setting. Each puts in an average eight hours a week on site.



Who is this sociologist?

Clue: Think Chicago and circles.

**"Money won't buy happiness, but it will pay the salaries of a large research staff to study the problem."**

**Bill Vaughn, journalist (1915-1977)**

# Three New Faculty Bring Interesting Backgrounds to the Department

Three new faculty members joined the Sociology Department in September, thus increasing its strength in methods and in criminal justice course offerings.

Beth Adubato received both her M.A. and doctorate in criminal justice from Rutgers University, as well as an M.P.A.P. from the Bloustein School of Planning and Policy, also at Rutgers. She was an assistant professor of criminal justice at the New York Institute of Technology as well as an adjunct professor at Rutgers School of Criminal Justice, Bloomfield College and County College of Morris.

Before her academic career, Prof. Adubato was a TV journalist, covering both news and sports in markets across the country, Court TV & News 12 New Jersey. She has acted in movies and television, most recently in *The Following* with Kevin Bacon. Her published works include *Grammar for Grown-Ups* and her recent novel *Life's A Mother*.

Joel Capellan received his B.A. in political science from Buffalo State College, and his M.A. in social science from the University of Chicago. Currently, he is a doctoral candidate in the criminal justice program at CUNY Graduate Center.



Beth Adubato



Joel Capellan



Amber Horning Ruf

Prof. Capellan specializes in Statistics and Spatial Analysis. Substantively, his research interests are wide. He has conducted and published research on state-sponsored repression, segregation, mass public shootings, lone wolf terrorism, policing bias, and criminological and sociological theories. Currently, he devotes most of his attention to the study of mass public shootings, a tragic phenomenon that is surprisingly understudied.

Amber Horning Ruf received her B.A. from Sarah Lawrence College and her Ph.D. in Criminology from the Graduate Center, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York.

She has researched and published about commercial sex markets and human trafficking for several years. Her dissertation, titled "Pimps of Harlem: Talk of Labor and the Sociology of Risk," used theories of risk to explore media depictions of sex trafficking and third-party narratives about this type of labor. Her research is based on one of the largest and most comprehensive data collection about third parties in the United States.

Currently, she is exploring the risk narratives of migrants and refugees seeking asylum in Sweden. This is a timely issue in light of the mass exodus of refugees from Syria to Northern Europe.

## Advisement Tips

- ◇ Check your degree audit online to see what you still need to take.
- ◇ Make up a tentative graduation plan.
- ◇ Save your Alternate PIN # in your cell phone for possible later use.

## Answer to page 3 photo quiz

Many students learn of Robert E. Park in their first sociology class when studying his concentric zone theory about urban growth. As one of the most influential of early U.S. sociologists, he is noted for his work in human ecology, race relations, social movements, social disorganization and migration. A reporter as a young man, he said a sociologist was a "super reporter on what is actually going on."

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## News About Sociology and Criminal Justice Club Activities

In addition to their participation in the annual Breast Cancer Awareness walk held Tuesday, October 20th, the members of the renamed Sociology and Criminal Justice Club also sold lollipops to raise money for research on breast cancer, and they helped in signing up other students to be participants in the walk.

Several of the club members are serving as mentors for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program at Paterson Public School #5.

The club's next activity occurs on November 13, when the club

members will tour Talbot Hall, a residential treatment facility that is located in Kearny and prepares prisoners for community release.

Anyone who is a sociology or CCJ major is welcome to join and participate in any of the club's activities. The weekly meetings (with pizza!) take place every Tuesday during the 12:30 p.m. activity period in Raubinger Hall, room 316.

Look for the club on Instagram at [wpunj\\_soc\\_cj](https://www.instagram.com/wpunj_soc_cj) as well as on Facebook by searching there for WPUNJ SOC Club.

## Graduation Application Deadlines

For January 2016 — September 1

For May 2016 — 1

For August 2016 — June 1