

Behavioral Science Division NEWSLETTER

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The Behavioral Science Division Welcomes a New Dean

At the end of the spring semester, Christian A. Trowbridge was named Dean of the Behavioral Science Division, succeeding Dr. Thomas Cupples who was promoted to Assistant Vice President in the Office of the President. Professor Trowbridge joined Wilmington University in the fall of 2003 as the Coordinator for the undergraduate Criminal Justice program. The following year, he took the reins of the Administration of Justice graduate degree program where he developed both a new concentration and post-master's degree certification in Homeland Security. Mr. Trowbridge has contributed to the uni-

versity community as a leader over the past four years. He served as Vice-Chair of Faculty Senate during the 2006-2007 academic year, is a past co-chair of the Faculty Development Committee, served on the Coordinator's Council and has been a co-advisor for the Criminal Justice Honor Society and the Criminal Justice Association.

Mr. Trowbridge graduated from Villanova University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. While at Villanova, he was selected to membership in Who's Who Among Students at American Universities and Colleges for his academic achievement and service to the University in the Division of Student Life. He went on to earn his Juris Doctorate from Temple University School of Law. Before joining the faculty on a full-time basis, he spent ten years as a prosecutor in the Office of the District Attorney of Chester County, Pennsylvania.



*Christian A. Trowbridge,
the new Dean of the Behavioral Science Division*

He served as one of four Deputy District Attorneys in an office of thirty-two lawyers and forty support personnel. He directly supervised trial attorneys, including those in the domestic violence unit, and prosecuted major felony criminal cases. During his tenure as a Deputy District

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Attorney he was also cross-designated to the United States Attorneys Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania as a Special Assistant United States Attorney as part of a federal initiative designed to combat gun violence. He is admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania.

In law school Chris participated in the Temple Law Education and Participation

Program as a high school mock trial team coach. He developed an interest in education as he continued to volunteer as a mock trial team coach at his local high school while serving as a prosecutor. Chris appreciates the "people" aspect of both his legal and academic work. Just as working with crime victims was a satisfying aspect of his prosecutorial career, Chris finds that advising students

along their academic path has been a favorite part of his coordinator and professor roles: "I have been very lucky to serve in two professions that every day I come to work I have the opportunity to make a difference for someone."

Chris and his wife, Elia, a practicing attorney in Delaware, enjoy spending their free time with their two young sons.



Debbie Pro, Joe Aviola, Dean Chris Trowbridge and Dr. Jim Walsh chat at the Fall 2007 University-Wide meeting



Fall 2007 Behavioral Science Division faculty

Behavioral Science Honor Society News

Pi Gamma Mu is an international honor society for students in the Behavioral Sciences. PGM was founded in 1924 to advance the social sciences. Several well-known people in history have been members of Pi Gamma Mu. Rear Admiral Richard Byrd served for a time as Honorary National President of Pi Gamma Mu, in 1928 carrying the Society's flag to the Antarctic. Two presidents of the Philippines were members of the Society; one U. S. president joined as a student--Lyndon B. Johnson.

Wilmington University was issued a Charter to establish the Delaware Beta Chapter in Spring 2007. On Sept. 11, 2007 the Chapter elected following students as officers:

President: Jerome Garrett

1st Vice President: Cheryl Regan

Recording Secretary: Lisa Brown

Chapter Advisor: Johanna Bishop

2nd Vice President: Toshonda McKie

Membership Secretary: Judy Patalino



A proud Organizational Dynamics graduate, Nicole Peck, shows off her honor cords from Pi Gamma Mu

The induction ceremony will be held on November 9 in the ACC Auditorium.

From the Dean's Desk

These are certainly exciting times at Wilmington University. That's right, Wilmington University! In September we officially changed our name to reflect the long standing fact that we offer a wide variety of dynamic and relevant academic programs and degrees ranging from Associate to Doctoral. The switch has been met with much fanfare and enthusiasm from faculty, staff, students and the community. Importantly, both within our Division and University-wide, we remain the place where students are treated as individuals in a caring atmosphere, faculty provide real world experience and academic excellence, and our graduates meet with success and impress employers across our region.

Simultaneously we have launched two major initiatives. First, in June the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education granted us a license to teach on campuses in New Jersey. The Behavioral Science Division now offers bachelor degree programs in Behavioral Science, Psychology, and Criminal Justice on the campuses of Burlington College and Cumberland College. Our faculty has worked very hard to provide new opportunities for success to students in New Jersey and we look forward to a long relationship with these two colleges. Second, in September our Criminal Justice Program introduced its Bachelor of Science degree totally online. Students anywhere in the world now have the opportunity to earn the same high quality, practical and professionally oriented degree as offered in the classroom. Online Behavioral Science and Psychology courses currently support this effort and full online offerings of these programs is a future challenge. Also watch for the anticipated offering of the Masters in Administration of Justice degree online starting in September 2008.

Along with all this exciting news we have experienced some significant changes in our Division. We bid a fond, but fortunately not distant, farewell to Dean Thomas Cupples. Dr. Cupples is now applying his considerable talents in the role of Assistant Vice President. The Division is very appreciative of Dr. Cupples' leadership and support and we wish him continued success in his new role. In May, I had the privilege of taking on the Dean's position and am enjoying the opportunity and many new challenges. In addition, we have welcomed Mr. Joseph Aviola as Coordinator of the Masters in Administration of Justice Program and Dr. Rebecca Mattern as Coordinator of the Bachelors in Behavioral Science and Psychology Programs at Dover and Georgetown. Furthermore, Dr. Doris Lauckner and Dr. Jim Walsh have moved within our Division. Dr. Lauckner has taken on the position of Assistant Coordinator for the Masters in Community Counseling Program at Dover. Dr. Walsh is now Assistant Professor in the same program. Our students are the beneficiaries when we can hire and retain such highly qualified and dedicated professors.

Our students also benefit when the Division sponsors events that enhance classroom learning and strengthen our relationships with the community. This past summer at our New Castle site we co-hosted a seminar with the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence on media relations for victim service providers. At our Dover site we welcomed the Delaware State Police for their Leadership in Police Organizations training. This fall, in partnership with our Nursing and Allied Health Division and

the American Institute of Forensic Education, we will host a seminar entitled "Interpersonal Violence, Crime and Sudden Traumatic Death." Additionally,



Dean Trowbridge and members of the Wilmington University faculty tour the Cumberland County College campus

thanks to the efforts of our coordinators, students' academic excellence will now be recognized through membership in a national honor society in all of our disciplines. Our newest organizations to be chartered are Pi Gamma Mu for undergraduate Behavioral Science and Tau Upsilon Alpha for graduate Administration of Human Services.

Hard work by the students and excellent instruction from our entire faculty are the principal reasons for our students' success. We have implemented several new tools for faculty to enhance student learning and service. A global email system for students and faculty will make it easier and more efficient to communicate. All course syllabi are conveniently available on Blackboard. Final grades are now submitted online for quick and easy access. I believe these improvements will make it easier for our faculty, especially our dedicated adjunct faculty, to continue delivering the highest level of instruction to their students. I want to recognize and thank both our adjunct and full-time faculty for their hard work and wish everyone a happy and productive semester.

Behavioral Science Division Welcomes New Faculty

Joseph Aviola

As a 2002 graduate of the Administration of Justice program, Joe Aviola knows the value of the Wilmington University's master's degree. As of this summer, he's back on campus working to promote the degree to other students as the new Coordinator for the Administration of Justice program, replacing Christian Trowbridge who was named Dean of the Behavioral Science Division in May. Aviola retired in the spring with the rank of Lieutenant after 22 years with the Delaware State Police. He had served in a variety of capacities including patrol, detective division and administration, most recently as the Director of the Public Information Office. He is a Master Certified Instructor for the Delaware State Police. In addition to his MAJ degree, he is a graduate of the North-

western University School of Police Staff and Command.

Mr. Aviola was the recipient of Wilmington College's Trustee's Award for Service and is a member of the criminal justice honor society. He has served as an adjunct instructor in the undergraduate criminal justice program. Mr. Aviola has lectured nationally to law enforcement groups on the topic of ethics.

Joe is a lifelong resident of Wilmington, a proud graduate of St. Elizabeth High School and an even prouder father of two children. His wife, Tanya, is also a graduate of Wilmington University with a master's degree in School Counseling. In his spare time, he coaches football for the Delaware Military Academy



Joseph Aviola, the new Coordinator for the Administration of Justice program

where he utilizes his skills learned while earning his undergraduate degree at the University of Delaware in physical education.

Dr. Rebecca Mattern

Rebecca Mattern joined the Division this summer as the Coordinator of the Behavioral Science and Psychology programs at the University's southern campuses fresh from receiving her doctorate degree. She was awarded her Ph.D. in Education with a specialization in Educational Psychology from the University of Delaware in May. Her dissertation focused on pre-service teachers' achievement motivation.

Dr. Mattern has been an adjunct instructor at Wilmington University in both the Psychology and Education programs and has taught undergraduate and graduate courses at the University of Delaware's School of Education. Her most recent professional presentations were as the keynote speaker for Dominion Power

Station's Instructional Excellence Workshops at their company sites in Virginia, Wisconsin and Connecticut on the topic of problem-based learning and implementing problem-based learning. She is currently a reviewer for two professional journals. Dr. Mattern is a member of the National Honor Society in Psychology and the International Honor Society in Social Science.

Rebecca, who is originally from Pittsburgh, now enjoys spending time at the beach and kayaking near her new home in Bethany as well as cooking and horseback riding. As for her new position she said, "I love teaching and couldn't be happier to be a part of an educational community that focuses so much on providing an excellent academic experience



Dr. Rebecca Mattern, the new Coordinator for the Behavioral Science and Psychology programs at the University's southern campuses

to such a wide variety of motivated students."

Focus on Faculty: Alvin Snyder

The Administration of Human Services (AHS) graduate degree program was designed to prepare working professionals for leadership roles in human service organizations. At the core of the curriculum is the course on administration and leadership taught by Alvin Snyder, a well-respected leader in the Delaware non-profit community.

Professor Snyder observed, "During this year I've gotten a true appreciation for how challenging and how much effort and art goes into teaching every class. I'm feeling that I can make some difference in transferring what I've learned during 40 years in the social service field. Teaching has helped me to rediscover and share the excitement of learning. For me teaching is learning and a constant discovery of new ideas, the challenging of fixed notions and the opportunity to constantly discover new ways of perceiving as new learning takes hold. It's a great feeling to see a student gain new insight in an area they are working hard to understand."

The knowledge and experience of human service administration that Professor Snyder shares with the AHS graduate students is unparalleled. The leaders in the human service field, like Snyder, are what make the AHS program such a valuable educational experience for students. AHS program coordinator, Dr. Adrienne Bey commented, "Al's many years in Human

Service Administration has enabled him to bring a practical perspective to the classroom. He teaches by inviting guest speakers who are experts in their fields, as well as engaging students in interactive activities that challenge them to think as human services administrators."

Professor Snyder retired recently as the long-time executive director of Children and Families First in Wilmington where he was responsible for administering a staff of 225 employees and a 9 million-dollar budget. He previously headed Family Service Delaware and has extensive experience in the administration of community mental health/mental retardation centers in Philadelphia. Al has been a leader and member of numerous committees, coalitions and task forces focused on children and family issues.

Mr. Snyder was named Social Worker of the Year 2006 by the Delaware Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers for his significant contribution to the profession of social work and the Delaware community.

As a graduate of the Executive Management Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, a Diplomat in Clinical Social Work from the National Association of Social Workers, and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work with an MSW, Professor Snyder

not only has professional experience, but also excellent academic preparation for guiding AHS students.

His class was so well received that, based on student feedback, the format has been changed from a weekend modular to a 7 week block because, as Dr. Bey stated, "students wanted more time to discuss leadership and issues related to human services' administration."

Mr. Snyder recollects, "I've never forgotten the help I've gotten along the way and want to do the same for others. Working in the field of Human Services Administration can make a big difference in the lives of many people. I hope my course offers a basis for students to understand that and to decide if this is the right career path for them." Professor Snyder's contributions as an instructor in the AHS program have, according to Dr. Bey, "really set the bar high for our AHS faculty!"

As for his experience as an adjunct, Professor Snyder commented, "I like working at Wilmington University because of the diversity of students and its emphasis on making learning practical. I feel supported by the University as an Adjunct Instructor. Students feel supported in the small university atmosphere and have more opportunity for individualized instruction and support. We want to do everything possible to help the student succeed."



Students listen to Liz Slater, WU adjunct, as she administers the writing assignment portion of Orientation



Prospective and current students attend the Administration of Human Services program Orientation session



Administration of Human Services program Orientation session attendees

Wilmington Experience Leads Student to Degree at Trinity College

When Dawn Reimschuessel returns to the U.S. this fall, she will have completed her coursework for a master's degree at one of Europe's leading colleges, University of Dublin - Trinity College giving much of the credit for her academic success to the preparation provided by Wilmington University. Dawn's academic career at Wilmington University began ordinarily enough. She transferred to Wilmington after a year at East Carolina University so that she could continue her studies while working full-time for an area law firm. As with many students, Dawn was attracted by the flexibility of course scheduling. Dawn knew that, "my family was very supportive of my education but were unable to support me financially so it was imperative for me to maintain employment to be able to afford college." Through hard work – enrolling in 18 credits per semester in block and modular class formats so as to fast track her degree – Dawn was able to graduate a semester ahead of schedule in the winter of 2005 with a degree in Behavioral Science.

Following graduation, Dawn was admitted into the Administration of Justice master's degree program where she encountered, "professors who were highly trained in the subjects they teach." Dawn felt that the professors in the MAJ program, "balanced theory with practicality." As with her undergraduate program faculty, Dawn liked the fact that her MAJ profes-

sors were largely scholarly practitioners – working in the subject they taught. She completed her MAJ degree in the fall of 2006. Dawn is a member of the University's Delta Epsilon Rho Honor Society and Alpha Phi Sigma, the national Criminal Justice Honor Society.

Her interest in Trinity College was sparked when she traveled with the Ireland Study Abroad group lead by Dr. Tom Cupples in June, 2005. Since Dawn was interested in pursuing advanced education in social research and had always wanted to study abroad, she investigated the program at Trinity after having visited the College on the Ireland study tour. She chose to pursue a degree at Trinity because the social research curriculum required a work placement, "after attending Wilmington College, I knew the importance of balancing coursework with work experience."

Dawn is wrapping up her coursework this fall for a Master's degree in Applied Social Research at Trinity College. In addition to classes in quantitative data analysis, qualitative methods, research design and ethics, and survey design, Dawn completed a work placement at Goodbody Stockbrokers – Economic Consultants where she worked on several research proposals. She also conducted interviews and moderated focus groups for the Citizens Information Board. Dawn



Dawn Reimschuessel

plans to relocate to the Atlanta area upon her return to the U.S. and will be seeking employment with a consultancy firm or market research firm.

Dawn feels that her academic experience at Wilmington prepared her very well to enter Trinity, one of the world's foremost academic institutions. "Both my undergraduate and graduate programs at Wilmington included courses in research. I was ahead of most of the students at Trinity because I had been exposed to research concepts particularly through Dr. John Corrozi's class. My degrees at WC were both writing intensive. Since writing skills are essential in social research, my WC coursework was, once again, a huge benefit."

One never knows where a Wilmington University degree will lead!

American Criminal Justice Association - Lambda Alpha Epsilon Alpha Delta Chi Chapter

The Wilmington University American Criminal Justice Association - Lambda Alpha Epsilon provides out-of-class learning experiences, networking opportunities, social interactions, and a sense of camaraderie among the Criminal Justice majors. The association is dedicated to promoting professional standards and a greater understanding of the professionals and agencies devoted to the Criminal Justice field. The Alpha Delta Chi Chapter is open to all criminal justice students; there are currently 46 members in the chapter. Joseph Aviola is the advisor and Kirk Trate is the associate advisor.

Faculty Spotlight

Dr. R. Craig Williams

Dr. R. Craig Williams, MSCC Program Coordinator was elected to a two year term as President of the Delaware Counseling Association (DCA) in July, 2007. Dr. Williams has served on the Board of Directors of that organization since its revival in 2005.

The mission of DCA is to enhance the quality of life in society by promoting the development of professional counselors, advancing the counseling profession, and using the profession and practice of counseling to promote respect for human dignity and diversity. DCA has approximately 40 members from throughout the state.

Dr. Williams indicates he would like to see the membership grow and he intends to lead the organization in reaching out to all students and professionals in Delaware who identify Counseling as their profession. Although Counseling encompasses many related sub-disciplines (e.g. mental health counseling, school counseling, community counseling, counseling psychology, etc), they are all tied together through a common belief in a developmental and humanistic philosophy of helping.

During the next two years DCA will promote the exchange of professional information among counselors and

other helping professionals by means of a website, organizational meetings, and through the provision of continuing education opportunities including a statewide conference. Dr. Williams is especially interested in promoting positive relations with other professional organizations for effective public advocacy of counseling-related issues.

Individuals interesting in obtaining more information about the Delaware Counseling Association may contact Dr. Williams by e-mail at r.craig.williams@wilmu.edu.



Drs. Lois Grande, Craig Williams, Doris Lauckner and Jim Walsh discuss issues at the Division retreat



Professor Johanna Bishop, Dr. Adrienne Bey and Delaware Governor Ruth Ann Minner at the Organization for Women in Higher Education dinner in the Spring



The Drs. John (Malarkey and Corrozi) at the Division retreat

Alpha Phi Sigma - National Criminal Justice Honor Society

Eta Beta Chapter

The purpose of this organization is to promote excellence within the Criminal Justice major. The goal is to prepare students to become scholarly practitioners in their chosen profession. Membership is for Criminal Justice majors only. Undergraduate students must have obtained junior status, must have a 3.4 cumulative GPA, with a 3.4 GPA in all Criminal Justice courses. Undergraduate students must have also completed 15 Criminal Justice credits at Wilmington University. Graduate students must have completed at least 30 credits towards their degree with a 3.75 GPA. There are currently 76 members in the Eta Beta Chapter. Kirk Trate is the advisor and Joseph Aviola is the associate advisor.

Criminal Justice Program News

Distance Learning Comes to the Criminal Justice Program at Wilmington University

The Undergraduate Criminal Justice Program at Wilmington University has gone online. In an effort to further meet the needs of students unable to attend courses within the bricks of our classrooms the University has initiated a complete program of criminal justice instruction through the clicks of their personal computers.

Beginning earlier this year the Criminal Justice Program began to offer a complete program of courses with multiple sections in the 7-week block format during each semester. A Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice can now be earned entirely online or in combination with traditional on-campus course offerings at the Delaware and New Jersey sites.

The need for well educated and professionally prepared criminal justice personnel in our nation's law enforcement, correctional, and court-related agencies continues to be evident. Wilmington University has again responded to that need by providing yet another means for our students to acquire a degree in this important academic field.

Trinidad and Tobago and Wilmington University

Recently Behavioral Science Division Dean Christian Trowbridge and Criminal Justice Undergraduate Program Coordinator Kirk Trate were approached by representatives of the Delaware Office of Management and Budget and its Trade and Development Unit to provide an overview of Wilmington University's Criminal Justice Program to a delegation from the country of Trinidad and Tobago.

On the afternoon of July 25th Trinidad and Tobago Permanent Secretary Jennifer Boucand-Blake, Correctional Commissioner John Rougier, and International Affairs Coordinator Mr. Michael Griffith attended a presentation in the University's Board of Trustees Meeting Room on the New Castle Campus concerning the criminal justice program at Wilmington University.

The Trinidad and Tobago government officials were especially interested in the courses in community corrections and corrections and rehabilitation offered at the University. The delegation commented on the many similarities between the programs at Wilmington University and their own University of Trinidad and Tobago in Port-of-Spain. They went on to

express hope of future cooperative interaction between the two institutions. University Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Betty Caffo, also had an opportunity to meet with the delegation members while they visited the New Castle Campus.

Later that evening Dean Trowbridge and Program Coordinator Trate were invited by Delaware Governor Ruth Ann Minner to a reception and dinner held in honor of the delegation from Trinidad and Tobago at the Buena Vista State Conference Center. During the evening's activities Dean Trowbridge and Mr. Trate had occasion to meet and speak with Governor Minner, Delaware Homeland Security and Public Safety Secretary David Mitchell, Delaware Commissioner of Correction Carl Danburg, as



Dean Trowbridge, Professor Trate and Delaware Gov. Ruth Ann Minner chat at the reception

well as with many other members of the Trinidad and Tobago delegation visiting Delaware.

As a result of the presentation earlier in the day and the reception and dinner that evening, it is anticipated that future interaction between Wilmington University and representatives of both the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and the University of Trinidad and Tobago will occur in matters related to criminal justice education.

Faculty Notes

Dr. Lauckner Named Assistant Coordinator for the Community Counseling Program

When **Dr. Doris Lauckner** handed over the reigns of the undergraduate behavioral science and psychology programs for southern Delaware to Dr. Rebecca Mattern, she accepted a new challenge in the Master of Science in Community Counseling program as the Assistant Coordinator. Doris replaces Dr. Jim Walsh who chose to relinquish his administrative duties but remains with the MSCC program as an assistant professor.

The Behavioral Science Division faculty has been engaged in a variety of professional development activities. Here are some highlights:

Dr. Adrienne Bey was the keynote speaker for the annual Families in Crisis Conference held at Delaware Technical and Community College in May. She was a workshop presenter at a session for parents at the Youth Violence Summit held at Del. Tech in Dover in August. Dr. Bey also presented a workshop for parents at the Youth and Family Conference at the Ezion Mt. Carmel Church in Wilmington.

Professor Johanna Bishop was a panel member at a workshop entitled, "Successful Organizational Consultants: Using Our Work to Build a Better World," at the American Sociological Association's 102nd annual meeting in August in New York City.



Johanna Bishop at the American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting in New York City



Johanna Bishop at the Academy of Management Annual Conference in Philadelphia

She also attended the Region 1 Women in Nuclear Conference in Albany in September where she presented a session on "Securing Your Professional Future: Choosing the Right Degree Program for You."

As a member of the Managerial and Organizational Cognition section of the Academy of Management, Professor Bishop was session chair and session discussant for the Leadership and Service Learning session as well as session chair for the Organizational Identification session at the Academy of Management Annual Conference in Philadelphia this summer. She organized the session and provided comment/critique of the papers that were presented. The presenters for these sessions included local scholars from University of Pennsylvania, Notre Dame, and Montclair State University, and scholars from Israel, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada.

Dr. Halle Humphrey-Jones, Adjunct Instructor in the Behavioral Science and Psychology programs, recently presented on the topic of Gambling and Crime at the National Forensic Counselor's Association in Las Vegas. She is writing a book on this topic entitled, *Crossing the Line: When Gamblers Turn to Crime*.

Professor Priscilla Murphy, Adjunct Instructor in the Behavioral Science and Psychology programs, has been elected the Assistant Northeast Regional Director for Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. Chi Eta Phi is a professional nursing organiza-

tion founded in 1932 with a membership of over 8,000 Registered Nurses.

Professor Lori Sitler attended the 2007 National Institute of Justice conference in Washington, D.C. in July

Professor Christian Trowbridge attended the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Education Conference at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, MD. He attended workshops and lectures on homeland security and emergency management. He was joined by adjunct faculty member, William Esposito.

Dr. James Walsh transitioned from Assistant Coordinator to Assistant Professor in the MSCC program. He presented two workshops at the University of Delaware's Summer Institute: a three day workshop entitled, "Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction" and a two day workshop entitled, "White Bears, Craving, and Addiction: Working With the Preoccupied Mind."

Dr. Walsh published an article in May in the peer-reviewed journal *Research in the Social Scientific Study of Religion* entitled, "Spiritual Transcendence and Religious Practices in Recovery from Pathological Gambling: Reducing Pain or Enhancing Quality of Life?" His co-authors were J.W. Ciarrocchi, R.L. Piedmont, and D. Haskins all of Loyola College in Maryland. Dr. Walsh presented his paper at the American Psychological Association meeting in San Francisco.

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