

# Behavioral Science Division NEWSLETTER

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## The Behavioral Science Division says “Goodbye” to Dr. John Corrozi

The Behavioral Science Division bids a fond farewell to Dr. John Corrozi who retired recently from his full-time position as Coordinator of the Psychology Program.

Born and reared in Wilmington, Dr. Corrozi graduated from Salesianum School and received his B.A. in Psychology from the University of Delaware. After a short stint as an epidemiologist with the U.S. Public Health Service, he enrolled in a Master’s program in Communications Research at Boston University, where he received his M.S. in 1966. He worked as a research manager in the field of advertising research in Philadelphia before deciding to continue his education at the University of Delaware. He received his Ph.D. in Behavioral Science in 1970 and continued working at the University of Delaware developing and directing the Delaware Teacher Corps Program. This federally-funded Master’s program trained liberal arts graduates to teach in urban classrooms in Wilmington. The following year, Dr. Corrozi was appointed Executive Director of the Educational Research and Development Council of Delaware to lead the effort to bring business and industry together with education to develop approaches to work toward goals common to both sectors.

Dr. Corrozi continued to have an impact on education in Delaware when, in 1975, he joined the new Delaware Postsecondary Education Commission, to serve as its first Executive Director. The Commission, later named the Delaware Higher Education Commission, had an advisory function to the Governor as well as a management function related to federal Higher Education Act funding. During his tenure with the Commission Dr. Corrozi created and managed several State grant and scholarship

programs that have, over the years, provided millions of dollars to Delaware’s college-going population. In 1994 Dr. Corrozi resigned his State position and spent six years doing consulting work with other states and with a national education organization while teaching as an adjunct professor at three colleges. He taught his first course as an adjunct at Wilmington in 1995.

In 2000, Dr. Corrozi extended his time at Wilmington, accepting the position of half-time Coordinator for Behavioral Science. The following year the position was expanded to full-time. During the next seven years both the Behavioral Science program and the Behavioral Science Division grew steadily. In 2002, Dr. Corrozi led the Division’s development of the Psychology major, and served as Coordinator for both Behavioral Science and Psychology until early 2007, at which point he devoted his time exclusively to the Psychology program.

John and his wife of 42 years, Ann Marie Boeck Corrozi, live in Wilmington and Ocean View, DE. They have five adult children, two sons and three daughters. So far John and Ann Marie have eleven grandchildren, ranging in age from two to nine years old.

When asked about retirement plans, Dr. Corrozi says that while he’s sure that he’s finished with full-time jobs, he’s not sure whether he’s finished working. After a couple of months of travel and relaxation, he plans to spend the summer playing with grandchildren and planning the next stage of his life.



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# Farewell John...



**Above:** John and his nursing division pals  
**Right:** AnnMarie and John Corrozi with Dean Trowbridge



**Above:** Dr. Corrozi and Dean Trowbridge  
**Below:** John with adjuncts Halle Humphrey-Jones and John Hollembeak



**Above:** Professor Kirk Trate, John and Dr. Tom Cupples  
**Below:** Colleagues John Corrozi and Johanna Bishop



**Left:** John at his retirement party  
**Below:** Dr. Craig Williams, Dr. John Corrozi and Dr. John Malarkey at a farewell luncheon



# Dean's Column

As Dean of our Division, I have the privilege of reading the names of our students at graduation. As I call the names, each new graduate steps up and walks across the stage to receive his or her degree. I have a front row seat to the best show in town! With each proud and smiling face comes a different story of success. Some have encountered adversities large and small. Some are young and will embark on their first careers while others will start new careers in their chosen discipline. Some have children and even grandchildren. One thing I know they all have in common; they **are** Wilmington University. We have a great community of students and graduates and their success is a measure of our success. We take very seriously our responsibility to provide outstanding academic programs in formats, times and locations that make it easier for our students to think about their course work and proudly to walk across that stage at graduation.

Recently I met a future student at an open house at our site on the Cumberland County College Campus in New Jersey. He related that most other opportunities to complete his degree were close to an hour away from his home, family and job and not possible under his circumstances. His story highlights why Wilmington University is located in Georgetown, Rehoboth Beach, Dover, Dover Air Force Base, Middletown, and New Castle, as well as our newest sites in Burlington and Cumberland, New Jersey, and online across the world. We are committed to providing our programs in locations that work for our students and proud that they can earn the same high quality degree no matter where they are located.

We have recently completed several projects that focus on helping our students achieve success. This semester, syllabi for every class were available on Blackboard and will continue to be available in all future semesters. Our undergraduate Criminal Justice degree is now fully available online and our graduate Administration of Justice degree will be online starting in September 2008. Select Behavioral Science and Psychology courses are available online and more are planned in the near future. We have renewed our focus on opportunities for undergraduate internships to provide practical experience in the field. Next year, our students should watch for

exciting new European Study Abroad courses that cross several of our disciplines. Beginning in early May, students will be able to register for fall 2008 classes, months earlier than in previous years. This early registration is the first phase in the implementation and availability of a new long-range schedule that will simplify planning and scheduling for our students.

Our Coordinators have worked hard to provide students in each of our disciplines with the recognition and networking opportunities that come with membership in a nationally chartered honor society. Both Pi Gamma Mu for undergraduate Behavioral Science and Tau Upsilon Alpha for graduate Administration of Human Services hosted their charter member induction banquets and ceremonies during this academic year. At the AHS Honor Society ceremony, we were honored with a keynote address from Michelle Taylor, President and CEO of the United Way of Delaware. The Coordinators have also excelled in another important area of student service. Each of our programs has developed an academic Advisory Board for their discipline. Members of the Advisory Board are practitioners and leaders in their fields. They are an amazing group of people who are committed to providing us with expert advice about changes and developments in the field to ensure that our students receive that information in the classroom. Our Division owes them a debt of gratitude for their service to the University.

The Division has continued to sponsor and host events that benefit our students, bring agencies and organizations on campus, and strengthen our relationships with the community. The Criminal Justice Programs planned and hosted the Fourth Annual Women in Criminal Justice Conference. This extremely successful event brought experts together from all areas of criminal justice for panel discussions and included a dynamic keynote address by The Honorable Ruth Ann Minner, Governor of the State of Delaware. The Community Counseling Program hosted the Delaware Counseling Association and Delaware Mental Health Counselors Association for a joint conference on human sexuality counseling. The Administration of Human Services Program will be sponsoring the Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition for the American Red Cross of the Delmarva Pen-



insula, at the Dover Campus in June. In May, the Criminal Justice Programs will partner with the Delaware State Police to provide Leadership in Police Organizations training at our Dover site. Finally, members of our Criminal Justice Association, Lambda Alpha Epsilon, visited the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Cheltenham, Maryland. We had some changes and additions in our office in the past semester. We welcomed Nycole Conlon to our office in New Castle as an administrative assistant. Many of you may have encountered her smiling face as she is already helping Debbie Pro, our senior administrative assistant, with student and adjunct faculty issues and concerns. Unfortunately, Dr. John Corozzi, our New Castle Psychology Coordinator, has left us to begin a well deserved retirement. However, I am looking forward to introducing our new coordinator, Dr. Debra Berke, when she starts with us in June. Finally, we are very fortunate to have added more expertise in our Community Counseling program. Joining the group as Program Assistants are Dr. Lewis Bennett and Dr. Janet Assay. Debra, Lewis, Janet and Nycole are just our newest examples of the excellent service provided in academics and support for our students. I want to express my thanks to our students, graduates, faculty and staff across the state and region who strengthen our community and make Wilmington University what it is. I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer and offer congratulations to those who are graduating in May.

# Pi Gamma Mu, Induction Ceremony, November 9, 2007



On November 9th, the chapter installation and first annual induction ceremony for the Delaware Beta Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu was held. There were 62 students inducted that evening and an honorary membership was bestowed on Dr. Brenda Brown-Wright, a former faculty member in the Behavioral Science Division. Dr. Wayne Burton, Pennsylvania governor of the national Pi Gamma Mu organization, was the keynote speaker. The seven ideals of Pi Gamma Mu are scholarship, science, social science, social idealism, sociability, social service and sacrifice. Membership in Pi Gamma Mu Delaware Beta Chapter is open to students by invitation only. Students must meet the following requirements: be currently enrolled in Wilmington University; major in Behavioral Science, Psychology, or Organizational Dynamics; have completed 20 credits in their major, and not have failed any courses in their major; rank in the top 35% of their class; and finally, agree to participate in the service of Pi Gamma Mu on campus.



# Alpha Phi Sigma, Induction Ceremony, March 7, 2008



The Wilmington University Eta Beta chapter of the Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society promotes excellence within the Criminal Justice major. The goal is to prepare students to become scholarly practitioners in their chosen profession. Membership is only for those students who are Criminal Justice majors. 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 toward their degree with a 3.75 GPA. There were 11 students inducted into the Eta Beta Chapter on March 7th.



# Tau Upsilon Alpha, Induction Ceremony, April 11, 2008



The Nu Chapter of Tau Upsilon Alpha National Human Services Honor Society at Wilmington University, hosted its charter induction ceremony and dinner, on April 11th. There were 16 students and 2 faculty members inducted. The keynote speaker was Michelle Taylor, who is the President & CEO of United Way Delaware. The United Way of Delaware is the State of Delaware's largest non-profit fundraising organization. The TUA national vice president, Dr. Kim Bates, who is a professor at Del Tech Terry campus, conducted the induction ceremony. Tau Upsilon Alpha (TUA) National Human Services Honor Society is open to graduate students in the Administration of Human Services program who have at least 24 credits, at least a 3.5 GPA, and who are in the top 35% of their class. The purpose of TUA is to honor academic excellence; to foster life-long learning, leadership, and development; and to promote excellence in service to humanity.



## Faculty Notes

Dr. Jim Walsh, Dr. Doris Lauckner and Dr. Craig Williams attended the Annual Convention of the American Counseling Association in Honolulu, HI in March.

Coleen M. O'Connor, MS, LPCMH, an adjunct instructor in the Psychology program, also attended the American Counseling Association convention in Honolulu.

Dr. Lew Bennett, MSCC Program Assistant, presented a workshop "Transference and Counter-transference Issues in Supervision to MSCC Interns and Site Supervisors at the Dover Site and at the Wilson Graduate Center, in February.

Dr. Craig Williams presented "Self Awareness: Transference and Counter-transference Issues in Counseling Sexuality Issues" at a conference entitled "Sexuality Counseling: The 10 Things Your Graduate School Never Told You". The conference, held at Wilmington University on April 5, was sponsored jointly by the Delaware Counseling Association and the Delaware Mental Health Counselors Association.

Dr. Doris Lauckner presented "Mindfulness Meditation" at the Wilmington University Faculty Development Day in March.

Dr. Craig Williams is scheduled to give a presentation on Membership in the American Counseling Association (ACA) to the graduate counseling program at Neumann College in mid-April.

Dr. Craig Williams presented "Outcomes Assessment: The CPCE and Cultivating Academic Excellence" to the WU faculty senate at its March meeting.



Professor Johanna Bishop attended the Delaware Healthy Marriages Coalition Step-Parenting Conference. She is pictured above with the Keynote Speaker Elizabeth Eistein, renowned therapist, author, and lecturer on the topic.

Dean Christian Trowbridge, Dr. Rebecca Mattern and Professor Lori Sitler attended a Middle States Commission on Higher Education seminar entitled: "Integrating Higher Education Planning and Assessment: Real Strategies for Real Institutions" at the University of Delaware campus in late January.

Dr. Jim Walsh was invited by the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling to be a keynote speaker and present a workshop at their annual statewide conference held on March 13 and 14. The keynote was titled: "Integrating Spirituality into Treatment" and the workshop was titled "Women and Gambling."

Dr. Jim Walsh co-presented an all day workshop worth 6 CEU hours to the Delaware Association of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselors (DAADAC) on Saturday, February 23 as part of their annual conference held at the Delaware Technical and Community College's Stanton Campus. This workshop, titled "Introduction to Mindfulness and Addiction Treatment," focused on clinical interventions using the most recent advances in Cognitive therapy to treat addictions and mood disorders. Dr. Walsh co-presented this workshop with William McCracken, LCSW, a professor at Del Tech.

Johanna Bishop will be conducting a training session on Organizational Memory and Organizational Learning at the conference of the Mid-Atlantic Nuclear Training Group in Gettysburg, PA in June.

Dr. Bey attended the National Organization for Human Services Annual Conference, in Atlanta in November. In December and January, Dr. Bey presented two workshops for the Capital School District's (Dover, DE) Parent Academy. One workshop was entitled: "Communication & Boundaries: Helping Parents to Communicate Love to their Children." The other workshop was entitled: "Discipline & Teaching Responsibility."

In February, Dr. Bey facilitated the staff retreat for the United Way of Delaware. In March, she facilitated two of the strategic planning sessions for the United Way Council of Executives retreat which the AHS program hosted at the Dover campus.

Monique Chadband (AHS Student) and Dr. Bey presented a workshop at the annual conference for the Mid-Atlantic Consortium for Human Services, in April in Poughkeepsie, NY. They presented a workshop entitled: "The 'X' Effect: Empowering Adolescent Females to Exemplify Excellence and Become Extraordinary" which discussed issues around best practices for gender-specific programming for adolescent girls.

Dean Chris Trowbridge attended a seminar in April sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute entitled, "The Rule of Law Today: The War on Terror: Immigration Reform."

Dean Christian Trowbridge attended the 14th Annual Employment Law Institute in Philadelphia in April.

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## Faculty Notes (continued)

### Dr. Gilliam-Johnson chairs event which honored Dr. Woodrow Wilson

Dr. Patrice Gilliam-Johnson, Coordinator of the Organizational Dynamics Fusion Program co-chaired the first annual Lions and Legends event on April 4, 2008. This event was hosted by the Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League in commemoration of Equal Opportunity Day and the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The event served as Delaware's "time of reflection" of the progress it has made in moving towards the dream of Dr. King.

The event honored a number of individuals who exemplify lions and legends in promoting human rights and equal opportunity. The honorees for this event were Senators Joe Biden and

Tom Carper and Congressman Mike Castle, who received the Whitney M. Young Award, named after the executive director of the National Urban League from 1961–1971; Ex-Mayor Jim Sills, Sr. who received the James H. Gilliam, Sr. Chairman's Award; the University's own Trustee, Dr. Woodrow Wilson, pictured at right, who received the James H. Gilliam, Jr. Humanitarian Award; and Ms. Renee Du Jean who received the Littleton P. Mitchell Award for community service.

Wilmington University served as a sponsor of this event which was held at the Chase Center on Wilmington's Riverfront. As indicated, the Lions

and Legends event will be an annual event to commemorate Equal Opportunity Day established by the National Urban League.



### Adjunct Professor Beverly Ross Elected Trustee of New Castle Common



Adjunct Professor Beverly Ross, Alumnus and Adjunct Faculty Member, pictured above with her husband David Ross, and the President of the

Trustees, was sworn in as the 13th Trustee of New Castle Common on Tuesday, January 9, 2008. The Trustees of New Castle Common is a unique organization within the State of Delaware, and perhaps amongst these United States. The Trustees have a history as old as New Castle because the common land has existed as such since the days of early Dutch colonization.

In 1701, William Penn surveyed and formally recognized the lands that were already being used as a common.

By the middle of that century, it became apparent that overseers were needed to manage, protect and preserve the common lands for the benefit of all. A body of 13 Trustees was appointed to life terms to act as stewards of the land. Although Trustees are now elected officials, and their terms shortened to 12 years, the mission has remained the same. Today, Trust income is derived primarily from property leases and investments. Beverly is only the 3rd woman Trustee in over 300 years.

### AHS Program News

For the 2008 tax season and our Spring 2008 semester, the AHS program collaborated with the Delaware Earned Income Tax Credit Campaign (DE EITC) and offered a new course - AHS 7635: Field Work in Community Asset Building. In the classroom portion, AHS students learned what it takes for low-income working families to become economically self-

sufficient. In the field instruction, AHS students were assigned to work in a Free Tax site as a "Cash Coordinator" to help customers open savings accounts, learn about their credit history, and assess their eligibility for public benefits. Cash Coordinators also made referrals to community programs which matched savings for home ownership and offered free per-

sonal money management workshops. The Service Learning portion of this course was integrated with the DE EITC Campaign which served 10,500 low income taxpayers in 2007 in 19 locations throughout the state.



# Women in Criminal Justice Leadership Conference

The 4th Annual Women in Criminal Justice Leadership Seminar featured dynamic and insightful presentations by an array of successful leaders. The event, held on Friday, April 4th at the New Castle campus, was sponsored by the Wilmington University Criminal Justice Program. This year's seminar featured women leaders representing the Judiciary, Victim Services, and Law Enforcement professions.

The event began with a distinguished law enforcement panel of Wilmington Police Captain Nancy Dietz, Maryland Transportation Authority Police Captain Lucy Lyles and United States Postal Inspector in Charge Teresa Thome. The panel set the tone for the day with a powerful and motivational discussion about how to navigate a path to success.

Following the law enforcement panel, Dr. Jack P. Varsalona, President of Wilmington University, greeted the 130 guests and introduced this year's distinguished keynote speaker: the Honorable Ruth Ann

Minner, Governor of the State of Delaware. Governor Minner's passionate address made an obvious impact on the audience and centered on the determination she needed to achieve success. She illustrated this resolve through accounts of her earlier years in the political arena, a career she was inspired to seek after being refused a car loan due to her gender. Since that time she has continued to break barriers for all women and promote many accomplished women into key roles in state government.

The Governor's presentation was followed by a panel discussion featuring Director Mariann Kenville-Moore, Director Debra Reed and Children's Advocacy Center Coordinator Terri Kaiser, who represent women working in Victim Services. This was a new topic for this year's event and was well received by the audience, who made many inquiries about how to initiate a career in the field.

Finally, two women working in the Delaware court system took the stage to speak

about their experiences. Ilana Eisenstein, Assistant U.S. Attorney and Maria Knoll, Delaware Deputy Attorney General, spoke about their judiciary experiences and how to pioneer in a male-dominated workplace. Both women encouraged the audience to prepare diligently for success and be accepting of new professional challenges.

To round out the event, recruitment officers from five different criminal justice agencies in the region provided information on state, local and federal law enforcement employment opportunities.

The seminar committee of Postal Inspector Yvette Thomas, Lieutenant Laura O'Sullivan, and Lieutenant Melissa Zebley received positive feedback from the attendees who enjoyed the unique opportunity to hear about the successful practices of women leaders in a variety of Criminal Justice professions. We look forward to 2009.



**Above:**  
Left to Right:  
U.S. Postal Inspector in Charge,  
Teresa Thome,  
Captain Lucy Lyles and  
Captain Nancy Dietz  
**Right:**  
Presenters and Organizers of the  
event



**Above:**  
Left to Right:  
Lt. Laura O'Sullivan, Governor  
Ruth Ann Minner,  
Postal Inspector Yvette Thomas,  
Lt. Melissa Zebley, and  
Wilmington University President,  
Dr. Jack Varsalona

## Students in the News

### MSCC Graduate Karen Barwick shares her thoughts and experiences

Karen Barwick graduated from Wilmington University (College, at the time) in May 2006. She took a little longer route than most, having begun the MSCC program in January of 2001. She decided to take a sabbatical in the summer of 2002 through winter 2005. 9/11 created a re-evaluative pause point in her life, which led her towards her current interest (passion, really) around the use of expressive arts as a wellness/healing tool.

Karen is currently in the pre-licensing period for her LPC (around 800 clinical hours to go!). Additionally, in 2005 she completed over 500 hours of training in body-centered expressive therapy at Leven Institute for Movement Therapy and is a certified Kripalu YogaDance/Shake Your Soul instructor. She is currently completing coursework to become a registered play therapist and sandtray therapist. In 2003 Karen did a one year internship in process painting with a registered art therapist. She has also completed a 200 hour yoga teacher training.

Karen graduated from the University of Delaware in 1985 with a BS in Human Resources. Her major was Community and Family Services. She points out that she is a class short of a minor in psychology.

Karen's practicum experience was with Daybreak Counseling in Milford, a pastoral counseling agency. She completed an internship with SOAR, Inc. in Wilmington and Lewes/Georgetown, working with survivors of sexual abuse. Karen says, "My clinical experiences superseded my expectations. The group and individual supervision I received was absolutely the highlight of my career with Wilmington College. I tend to be more of a hands-on learner, and of course as is the intention, the clinical experience was highly instrumental in helping me integrate the learning into practice. Additionally, the support I received from both staff and peers was invaluable. I found the staff to be exceedingly accessible and truly vested in my success as a clinician."

Karen is currently a clinician with SOAR, Inc. Her work is supported by 2 grants that allow her to provide services at no cost to survivors of sexual abuse and their

families. Under these grants she opened a satellite office in January 2007 in the Red Mill Center, Lewes. Incorporated as a 501 (c) (3) organization in 1992, Survivors of Abuse in Recovery, Inc. (SOAR) is a state-wide recovery program which provides counseling, referral, and education services to adult, adolescent and child survivors of sexual abuse and assault, their non-offending partners, and non-offending family members. SOAR also provides outreach programs to community organizations and businesses.

Karen's job responsibilities include intake for Kent and Sussex County, assessment and treatment for survivors in Sussex County as well as community outreach and referrals. Her youngest client is 3, her oldest is 65+.

Karen was attracted to SOAR for several reasons, "My interest in body-centered modalities lends itself well to trauma recovery, both in terms of attracting (consciously or unconsciously) survivors, as well as offering a potential vehicle for healing. I sought SOAR out for my internship. It felt important that I receive the experience and training they had to offer. Conversely, they had been looking for a therapist to work in Sussex County. We were a good match."

Besides her work with SOAR, Karen operates a business called the Open Heart Studio, LLC. The mission of the studio is to bring the healing aspects of creative process to the community. She offers workshops and classes that utilize art and movement as a wellness/personal growth tool. She also sees private clients individually, using traditional talk therapy as well as body-centered expressive therapy. She currently contracts with the Wellness Community Delaware in Sussex County and has facilitated or co-facilitated workshops at Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health in the Berkshires, Delaware Hospice's Camp New Hope, Telemor Corporation, Cedars Academy, and the Rehoboth Round-up. Karen will be collaborating with MSCC Program Professor, Dr. Jim Walsh on a workshop called "The ART of Counseling" for the State of Delaware's Summer Institute in July.



In addition to her professional accomplishments, Karen is the mother of two children, ages 11 and 13, and calls them the source of her "greatest education and ... humility!"

Karen's hobbies include dancing, yoga, walking, and taking advantage of living at the beach. She is an avid reader and loves to travel. Karen is also an artist who describes herself as, "eternally curious about the ways in which creative energy and human spirit interact and relate." Karen's education is ongoing. She says she can't imagine not being enrolled in "something" that will enhance either her professional or personal life, or both. She is giving serious thought to getting either a certificate in Expressive Arts Therapy or possibly a second Masters in the same. That remains an open question for the time being.



Dolsey Abadia, a Psychology Student at our Burlington campus, is deployed in Afghanistan as a medic in the U.S. Airforce

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**Below:** Faculty enjoy scrabble games between graduation ceremonies



**Below:** Mr. Joe Aviola and Ms. Lori Sitler at winter graduation





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