

# Behavioral Science Division NEWSLETTER

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## Pi Gamma Mu Sponsors Book Drive

In the spring of 2007, Judy Pantalino received a letter from the Division of Behavioral Sciences notifying her of her eligibility to join Pi Gamma Mu, the International Honor Society for the Social Sciences. On November 9, 2007, she was inducted into the Delaware Beta Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu at Wilmington University.

Judy was, “very honored” to be invited as a member of the honor society and wanted to be active in the Beta chapter. She is one of five charter members to become the first officers of the Beta chapter: Jerome Garrett, President, Toshonda McKie, First Vice President, Cheryl Regan, Second Vice President, Lisa Brown, Recording Secretary and Judy Pantalino,

Membership Secretary.

One of the requirements of membership was a service project. The Chapter organized a book drive and chose two day care centers in the area that were in need of a replenishment of books for their children, the Claymont Community Center, where books were delivered this summer, and the Latin American Community Center.

After gathering the boxes that had been placed strategically around campus, Judy and Professor Johanna Bishop, the Beta Chapter faculty advisor, delivered the books and children’s videos that had been thoughtfully donated by caring professors and students, to the Latin American Community Center on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Upon entering the community center, they were met by many excited children. Judy said, “They were so excited to see such a variety of books and videos for different ages. We could barely get the books out of the boxes quickly enough for them. One of the staff members read from a new book. They were eager listeners. The excitement showed in their eyes and smiles.”

Judy concluded, “It was an amazing afternoon for me. I was very excited to be part of this happy book delivery. The people of the community center were very thankful and they are interested in more deliveries. I look forward to being part of our next book drive.”



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# Interview with Stephen Martelli



On September 9<sup>th</sup>, Steve Martelli won the Democratic primary for a seat on Wilmington's City Council. Since he has no opponent in the November general election, Mr. Martelli will be seated to the Council early next year. He is currently a student in Wilmington University's Administration of Justice master's degree program. He also received his undergraduate degree in General Studies from WU. Shortly after his victory in the primary, he agreed to an interview for the Behavioral Science Division Newsletter.

Why did you decide to run for public office?

My entire adult life has been in public service; beginning with my enlistment in the Marine Corps to my current role as a staff and adjunct faculty member at Delaware Technical & Community College. In the years in between, I served the citizens of the City of Wilmington as a police officer for 14 years and spent three years overseas as a member of the CIVPOL program, training police officers in post conflict environments, specifically Iraq and Kosovo. Wilmington City Council seemed to be the next logical progression in my public service, as I believe it gives me the opportunity to serve the City of Wilmington on an entirely different level; going from the operational level to the strategic level.

What do you think you can contribute as a city councilman?

I believe I can contribute a fresh perspective, responsive representation and progressive leadership concepts as a Wilmington City Councilman. I firmly believe that in order to solve some of the problems we face as a city as a whole, we need people who are not afraid to look at alternative problem solving techniques and not rely simply on "business as usual" practices.

What district in the city will you be representing? What is the composition of the district?

I will be representing the 8<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District. The established neighborhoods represented in the 8<sup>th</sup> include, but are not limited to, Trolley Square, Highlands, Wawaset Park, Cool Springs, and Forty Acres. The 8<sup>th</sup> District is truly one of the most diverse in the City of Wilmington. From the young professionals and artists in the Trolley Square area to the growing families of the Highlands, from the working class history of Forty Acres to Wawaset Park. In addition to the residents, there are many established businesses, the Delaware Art Museum, numerous trendy restaurants and hip taverns & pubs. The 8<sup>th</sup> has it all with a little something for everyone!

What is your background? What are your interests?

I was a Wilmington Police Officer for 14 years. During my time on the department, I served as a Patrol Officer, a Community Police Officer, an Undercover Narcotics Investigator and the Public Information Officer. I resigned in good standing from the Department of Police and June of 2004 to work in Iraq training members of the Iraqi Police Service. I rose to the position of Director of Organizational Development and Reform prior to the completion of my contract. I then went to Cameron, Louisiana to assist with the recovery efforts following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. From there, I went to work with the United Nations Mission in Kosovo to train members of the Kosovo Police Service.

I received my undergraduate degree from Wilmington University and am completing my Master's in the Administration of Justice. I am one of nine children and, quite frankly, could not have had success in this past election had it not been for the support and assistance of my family. I have never been married and have no children. I am a huge fan of soccer and play in three leagues, as well as watch every match possible. I would say that I am the soccer equivalent of most fans of American football. I went to Germany in 2006 to watch the World Cup and am hoping to make it to South Africa in 2010 for that World Cup. I am also into cycling and running and recently competed in my first triathlon in June of this year; a half-ironman (1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike ride and 13.1 mile run). I am planning a trip to France next year to ride some of the Tour De France climbs through the Alps and Pyrenees with some cycling buddies of mine. I am a running coach for Special Olympics Delaware although my participation waned during the campaign.

How has your education at WU helped create opportunities for you, given you insight and skills for your career and elected office?

I can't say enough positive things about my experiences at Wilmington University and I am proud to be associated with this institution. The personal commitment and concern to students I've witnessed at the undergraduate and graduate level are beyond comparison. Dennis Cafferty in Academic Advising spent hours with me, encouraging me and working with me, while I was pursuing my Bachelor of Science degree. Professor Joe Aviola, Coordinator of the MAJ program, has gone above and beyond any expectations I could have had and am in the MAJ program today solely

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## From Dean Trowbridge's Desk

The first week of September – which brings the first week of classes – is an exciting time at Wilmington University sites across Delaware and New Jersey. The grounds are still green and colorful, and the weather still warm. Many students are returning from previous semesters, renewing contacts with friends and anticipating graduation. Others are finding their first classes, wondering who they will meet, what their instructor will be like, and what they will need to do to reach their goal of graduation. New students quickly discover what returning students already know: our faculty and staff work very hard to offer the best classroom experience, treat students as individuals, and provide the services that allow our students to concentrate on success in the classroom and graduation.

This summer we welcomed Dr. Debra Berke and Ms. Stephanie Berridge to our full-time faculty, adding further expertise to our Division. We also strive to find the best adjunct instructors, an integral part of our faculty, who have a broad range of real-world practical experience. Students take full advantage of these valued professionals' knowledge and experience in their fields. We, in turn, work to provide learning opportunities for our faculty to improve and enhance their skills – this fall the Division had record attendance at our Faculty Development Day.

Student associations for Criminal Justice and Behavioral Science, as well as Honor Societies for all of our disciplines, continue to thrive. Students have opportunities to participate in practical experiences, networking and volunteer efforts, and are exposed to recruiters in many career fields. Coordinators are currently working on plans for a unique study abroad program that will give students exposure to multiple countries and cultures while studying

Sociology and Criminal Justice. We'll keep you informed about this exciting new opportunity as it develops.

In addition, the new Student Success Center offers tutoring and other valuable services to all students at all sites. Students are encouraged to discover what the Center can do to help take them to the next level of success. Our library continues to significantly expand its resources, which are all available online through WebCampus, allowing students to research and prepare assignments from anywhere they choose. WebCampus also enables our students and faculty to access online grade reports, online registration, University email accounts, and Blackboard with newly enhanced technology features.

Wilmington University is now celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with various student activities and events planned throughout the year. The first of many successful events was the Alumni Picnic hosted at our New Castle site in September. Alumni both new and old renewed friendships, shared memories of favorite instructors, and fondly recalled their graduations. We are proud to know that our alumni not only accomplish their goal of graduation but become leaders, decision makers and contributors in every profession and all walks of life.



### *Martelli Interview Continued Below:*

because of him and his genuine commitment. If I am able to mirror the same commitment to residents as these two (and most WU faculty members I've been exposed to) showed to me and their students, I know I will be a successful councilman.

As far as my educational experience, I believe one of the things that helped me win and prepare me for this seat is my educational experience at Wilmington University. Because of the format of most of my courses, which has been to engage students and encourage discourse, I've had an opportunity to listen to others ideas, thoughts and concerns about certain topics. This is vital for any elected official and the classroom has proven and reinforced that concept. Couple the format with the instructors being the subject matter experts in their particular fields and disciplines and I've received a diverse, well rounded and excellent education that is relevant and germane to executive leadership in criminal justice in today's society.

On January 3rd of 2009, Mr. Martelli will be sworn in and take office. He looks forward to the opportunity to serve the citizens of the City of Wilmington and is, "humbled by the residents of the 8th District who have chosen me to represent them on City Council." The Behavioral Science Division wishes him every success in his latest endeavor.

## Alpha Delta Chi members visit FLETC



Pictured Above:

First Row (from left to right): Andrea Glover, Brianne Snow, Denise Riddle, Jynneli Riddle  
Second Row (from left to right): Funda Cinar, Tamara Butcher, Nichole Seager, Anna K. Brown,  
Professor Kirk R. Trate, and a FLETC staff member

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At the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, members of Alpha Delta Chi, the Wilmington University chapter of the National Criminal Justice Association, had an action packed day. Students observed a pepper spray demonstration, viewed vehicle maneuvers utilized during high-speed car chases, experienced a virtual police car ride in which students used a simulator to respond to various call out scenarios, visited the firing range where various firearms were demonstrated and students were allowed to fire MP5. They were also given a tour of classrooms for leadership management training as well as the athletic center where law enforcement officers train.

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## AHS News

On Oct. 30, 2008 at 6 PM, Tau Upsilon Alpha National Human Services Honor & Service Society (TUA), Nu Chapter, will hold the first lecture in its 2008-2009 lecture series with Brother Ronald Giannone, OFM Cap., Executive Director of The Ministry of Caring, Inc. He will talk about the services and programs offered through The Ministry of Caring, Inc. and how he was able to grow The Ministry of Caring, Inc. to the organization that it is today. This lecture is open to the university community, as well as the community at large.

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The goal of the AHS program is to provide students with the knowledge and skills to become leaders in the human services field. Congratulations to our recent graduates who are working in the following positions:

**Joy Evans** – Supervisor, The Crest Program

**Kimberly Jones-Waples** – following her placement with the agency, Kimberly is working at the YWCA

**John Klein** – Deputy Director of AIDS DE; currently, Acting Executive Director, AIDS DE

**Evette Watson** – Volunteer Coordinator - Bello Machre, Baltimore, MD

**Monique Chadband** – following her placement with the agency, Monique is the Volunteer Coordinator at the United Way of Delaware

**Corrin Omowunmi** – Program Manager (youth programs), Student Conservation Association, Baltimore, MD

**Kamysha Martin** – Director of Financial Services, Nehemiah Gateway; Adjunct Faculty - WilmU

The AHS program is also proud to announce that the following students are pursuing doctorate degrees:

**Malinda Hudson** – Ph.D. program – Walden University

**Michelle Williams** – Ph.D. program – Walden University

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## Grant Writing Workshop

On Nov. 6, 2008 from 8:30 AM to 3 PM, the Administration of Human Services program, in collaboration with the Association of Fundraising Professionals – Brandywine Chapter, will be sponsoring a grant writing workshop. The cost is \$35, which includes workshop materials and lunch. The workshop will be held at the Wilson Graduate Center (Rm. 324) and is open to the first 30 registrants. Oct. 30th is the registration deadline. Contact Dr. Adrienne Bey at [adrienne.m.bey@wilmu.edu](mailto:adrienne.m.bey@wilmu.edu) to register.



**Above:** Dr. Adrienne Bey (AHS Coordinator), Monique Chadband (TUA President), and Michelle Williams (TUA Secretary)



**Above:** WU team members from the AHS Honor Society, Tau Upsilon Alpha, form a group at AIDS walk in Wilmington

## Stephanie Berridge Joins the Behavioral Science Division

Since 1995, Stephanie Berridge has been an adjunct faculty member teaching at several colleges and universities in the tri-state region including Wilmington University. When enrollment at the New Jersey sites grew over the past year and the University was searching for a full-time faculty member to teach across divisions, Berridge, with her diverse background, fit the bill. Stephanie was hired in June to teach in the Behavioral Science, Business and General Studies Divisions. "I enjoy teaching in the three divisions because courses in each division offer a different challenge," said Berridge.

After a twenty-five year career in

the financial services industry, Ms. Berridge decided to pursue her doctorate. She is in the dissertation phase of the Executive Leadership doctoral program at The George Washington University. She anticipates graduating in 2009 with a Doctorate in Education with an emphasis on Human and Organizational Studies. Her dissertation topic is a case study of organizational memory in a for-profit business. Ms. Berridge earned her MBA from Monmouth University and her Bachelor's in Finance from Rider University. Both institutions are in New Jersey.

Ms. Berridge has been a vice president at several local and regional

banks over the course of her career in areas including commercial lending, commercial real estate lending, cash management, and credit administration. She was a registered representative with the National Association of Securities Dealers. Ms. Berridge said she "looks forward to working with the growing population of students in New Jersey who have discovered Wilmington University." She'll also enjoy working close to home. Stephanie was born in Wilmington but raised in New Jersey where she lives with her husband and seven cats.

## Donna Strachan-Ledbetter joins MSCC as Program Assistant

Donna Strachan-Ledbetter, who has been an adjunct instructor in the Behavioral Science Division since 1997, recently joined the University as a part time faculty member and a program assistant in the graduate Community Counseling program. She has been a member of Faculty Senate since 2001. Donna is a pastoral psychotherapist at the Brandywine Pastoral Institute in Wilmington. She has been in the specialized field of pastoral psychotherapy for nearly 20 years and prior to this worked as a special education teacher with persons with severe mental retardation and multiple developmental disabilities. As a pastoral therapist she works with individuals, couples and families and provides educational programs for congregations and for the local community. She leads courses

and retreats that involve the interface of spirituality and psychotherapy. With her husband, Tom, also a pastoral psychotherapist with the Institute, she conducts workshops, seminars and consultations.

Currently Donna serves on the patient advisory committee of the Helen Graham Cancer Center of the Christiana Hospital. As a city resident she has been involved with the Wilmington Interfaith Network and has served on the Board of Directors and Advisory Board of the West Center City Day Care and Nursery.

Donna is certified through the National Board for Certified Counselors and a member of the American Counseling Association. Other professional affiliations have been the American As-

sociation of Pastoral Counselors and the Association for Transpersonal Psychology.

For relaxation, Donna enjoys the beach, walking, cycling, spinning, yoga, Zumba dance fitness, backpacking, reading, and has been active in two women's groups—one a book group, the other a support and study group focusing on life-planning and personal growth. She is the mother of four adult children and one grandchild.



Pictured Above From Left to Right:  
Donna Strachan-Ledbetter, Stephanie Berridge,  
Debra Berke, and Dean Chris Trowbridge.

## The Behavioral Science Division welcomes Dr. Debra Berke

In the spring of 1993, Dr. Debra Berke had her first experience teaching at the, then, Wilmington College as an adjunct instructor in a course entitled Marriage and the Family. She thoroughly enjoyed the experience of teaching adult students who were returning to school while juggling work and family issues. She remembers how the life experiences of the students enriched that class, “when we were discussing parenting issues, I was able to draw a panel of ‘experts’ right from the students in the course.”

Fifteen years later when she saw the advertisement for the position of professor and coordinator of the Psychology Program at the, now, Wilmington University, her interest was peaked since she enjoyed working with “experienced students” who brought life experience into the classroom. She began transitioning from her former role as professor at Messiah College to Wilmington University in March upon the retirement of her predecessor, Dr. John Corrozi. Dr. Berke joined the faculty of the Behavioral Science Division full-time in June as the new associate professor and coordinator of the Psychology Program.

Dr. Berke held several positions at Messiah beginning in 1993 which included teaching in the [then] Behavioral Science Department and the [now] Human Development and Family Science Department as well as serving as the Director of the Gen-

der Studies Project from 2003-2008. Her final position was as the Interim Department Chair of Human Development and Family Science and coordinator of the Women’s Studies minor.

In addition to her academic career at Messiah College, Dr. Berke was a Visiting Associate Professor at Penn State University and an instructor and internship coordinator in the Department of Individual and Family Studies at the University of Delaware. Dr. Berke also has served as a consultant to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency in a project aimed at reducing the incidence of teenage pregnancy and has consulted with the State of Delaware’s Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities to design an evaluation plan for community-based long-term care.

Dr. Berke has published articles, book reviews and abstracts as well as edited and reviewed journal articles on a variety of topics including work and family, sexuality, family policy, and teaching family science. She has presented at dozens of conferences and professional meetings including those hosted by the National Council on Family Relations and the National Women’s Studies Association.

Having developed and taught many courses over her academic career, Dr. Berke reports that her favorite two courses to teach are human sexuality and ethics.

She has jumped in with both feet on the technology front – she is already starting to develop hybrid courses for the Psychology major. Having “survived” the intensive and fast-paced Hybrid Online Training (HOT) course for faculty over the summer, she is, “excited about the concept of technology in teaching.”

Dr. Berke came to Delaware in the mid-1980’s from her home state of Nebraska (she is a self-described “Cornhusker”) for graduate school. She earned her doctorate from the University of Delaware, Department of Individual and Family Studies. She settled in Delaware after her graduate program when she married a native Delawarean. Her Master of Science degree from the Department of Human Development and the Family and her Bachelor’s degree in Sociology were awarded by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

In her spare time, Deb enjoys reading,

cooking, water aerobics and travelling.

She and her husband have two cats, Calvin and Simone.



## Dr. Rebecca Mattern presents workshop

Dr. Rebecca A. Mattern presented a workshop at the Fall Faculty Development Day entitled: “She makes us think:” Motivating and Engaging Students in Problem-Based Learning. Dr. Mattern describes the workshop content: “Problem-Based Learning engages students in learning by asking them to cooperatively solve real-life problems. These real-world problems allow students to see the relevancy of course content while teaching them how to find, analyze, and evaluate information. Problem-Based Learning is a great method to use regardless of students’ age or academic experience—it allows students to take responsibility for their own learning.” Dr. Mattern clearly will be called upon for an encore as the workshop was filled to capacity!

## Dr. Patrice Gilliam-Johnson elected as Chair of MWUL



Dr. Patrice Gilliam-Johnson, Coordinator of the Organizational Dynamics program, was elected on September 11, 2009 to Chair the Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League (MWUL). She previously served as the organization’s Vice Chairman for Programs and Strategic Planning.

The mission of the Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League (MWUL) is to, “enable people of color to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power, and civil rights.” The services of the MWUL include economic development, research and education.

Dr. Gilliam-Johnson’s has close ties to the MWUL. In 1998, her father, Civil Rights Veteran James H. Gilliam, Sr., a former member of the National Urban League’s Board of Trustees, started the Urban League affiliate in Wilmington.

## Faculty Notes

Assistant professor Johanna Bishop was a participant in a professional development workshop sponsored by the Managerial and Organizational Cognition Section of the Academy of Management. The conference took place in Anaheim, CA. Her role was to discuss issues related to national security and the energy industry for The Project on National Security Reform workshop.

Professor Bishop is also a core member of the AOM caucus on organizational errors and reliability.



Professor Johanna Bishop at the American Sociological Association annual meeting which she attended in August.

Dr. Jim Wilson and Assistant Professor Johanna Bishop presented at the "Faith Communities Strengthen Families" conference on September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Wilmington University Campus in Georgetown. Dr. Wilson offered the Keynote presentation entitled, "Emotional Labor" and Professor Bishop presented a workshop entitled Applied Emotional Intelligence for Helping Professionals.



Dr. Wilson addresses the conference attendees

Adjunct Instructor, Dr. Hale Humphrey-Jones recently released the book, *Crossing the Line: When gambler's turn to crime*, which she co-authored with Melvin A. Slawik, MSW. The authors make the frightening connection between gambling pathology and illegal activity. This book offers research connecting gambling and crime as well as case studies and guidelines on how to avoid this deadly trap. The book is available on-line through [www.iuniverse.com](http://www.iuniverse.com) or Amazon. Both authors are nationally certified gambling counselors as well as licensed mental health practitioners. They presented on the topic of gambling and crime at the National Forensic Counselor's Association in Las Vegas on September 9th.

Adjunct Instructor Debra Laino, a sex therapist in Wilmington, was recently tapped as an expert by the News Journal and was quoted in an August 19<sup>th</sup> article related to women and sexuality.

Assistant Professor Lori Sitler attended a professional continuing social work education program entitled, "Perspectives in Trauma" on May 31st at the Bryn Mawr Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research.

Dr. James Walsh recently published a chapter entitled "Pathological Gambling" in the book *The Christian Handbook of Abuse, Addiction & Difficult Behaviour*. The book, available on Amazon, is described as being, "for everyone involved in pastoral, managerial, educational and professional work including clergy, teachers, youth workers, doctors and other health practitioners. Its purpose is to inform and guide those who find themselves having to deal with the fallout from one or all of these serious social issues." In addition to Dr. Walsh's chapter on gambling, the book deals with issues such as substance abuse, child sexual abuse and domestic violence.

Dr. James Walsh co-presented a workshop titled "The Art of Counseling" at the 37th

Summer Institute, a joint annual conference presented by the University of Delaware and the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health. His co-presenter was MSCC alumnus Karen Barwick, '07. He is pictured below with (from left to right) Jewel Hopkins, a current MSCC student, and Karen Barwick.

Dr. Walsh also presented a workshop titled "Forgiveness, Remorse, and Reconciliation: Lessons Learned from the Amish" at the same conference.



Through a Wilmington University speaker's bureau request, Assistant Professor Johanna Bishop made a presentation to the Brandywine Naamans Rotary Club on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The topic for her talk was the state of the nuclear power industry. She is pictured below with Rotarians Dan Levin and George Bellenger. Mr. Bellenger is the former dean of the General Studies Division at WU.





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**Above:** The Behavioral Science Faculty discuss planning at a division meeting.



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