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Child Advocacy Studies Certificate Approved

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences is pleased to announce the creation of a new certificate program in Child Advocacy Studies (CAST). The certificate was formally approved by Faculty Senate in April. Wilmington University is one of a small group of academic pioneers offering a certificate in child abuse recognition and investigation. The objective of the 15 credit undergraduate certificate is to help better prepare the next generation of child protection professionals. The Child Advocacy Studies courses will educate professionals who respond to child maltreatment to provide ethical, sensitive services and to demonstrate interdisciplinary collaboration as well as competent case management. Core courses are taught by professionals with significant experience in the field.

Anyone working in situations in which they come into contact with children: teachers, nurses, medical personnel, case workers, clergy, law enforcement, mental health and child welfare workers, etc. should consider enrolling in the CAST Certificate. The three core classes in the certificate have been offered as special topics courses over the past few semesters and have been well received by students. In addition to the three required courses, students will need to take two elective courses in Behavioral Science, Psychology or Criminal Justice. Depending on their major, students may be able to substitute courses from other degree programs with approval of the Behavioral Science Program Director. Courses are offered in the classroom format at several Wilmington University sites.

For more information about the CAST certificate and its requirements, please visit the certificate webpage at:

http://www.wilmu.edu/behavioralscience/childadvoc_cert.aspx

FALL 2011

CUMBERLAND, NJ SITE

SOC 425 –Block 1 Thursday evenings

GEORGETOWN SITE

SOC 425 –Block 2 Monday evenings

NEW CASTLE CAMPUS

SOC 425 – October Weekend modular

SOC 426 – Block 2 Wednesday evenings

SPRING 2012

CUMBERLAND, NJ SITE

SOC 426–Block 1 Thursday evenings

DOVER CAMPUS

SOC 425 –Block 1 Friday evenings

SOC 426 –Block 2 Friday evenings

NEW CASTLE CAMPUS

SOC 425 – February Weekend Modular

SOC 426 –Block 1 Wednesday evenings

SOC 427 –Block 2 Wednesday evenings

Legal Studies Program Update



On March 1st the Legal Studies Program and its Chair, Amy O'Dell, Esquire, moved from the College of Arts and Sciences to the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. O'Dell's program, which includes a Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies and Post-Bachelor's Certificate in Legal Studies, is well respected in the legal community. Through Professor O'Dell's efforts the program has been granted approval from the American Bar Association.

For information about the Legal Studies program, visit the web page at:

<http://wilmu.edu/behavioralscience/legalstudies.aspx>

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A Note from the Dean:

As we wrap up the 2010-2011 academic year, the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences is engaged in a multi-year process of Program Review. With the help of many, we are busy evaluating syllabi, program competencies and outcomes assessments. I will keep you apprised of our progress in future newsletters but wanted you to know that our College is engaged in this self-study and committed to maintaining quality educational experiences for our students.

This spring it was our pleasure to extend a warm welcome to Chair Amy O'Dell as she and the Legal Studies Program moved from the College of Arts and Sciences to the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Amy has built a fantastic program that is well respected in the legal community. She recently guided the program (Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies and the Post-Bachelor's Certificate in Legal Studies) through a successful self-study and approval process, earning the coveted American Bar Association Approval, the highest available for the program.

In this edition, you'll learn about an innovative new Certificate program in Child Advocacy Studies and read an interesting profile on one of our students in service to our country.

Congratulations to our most recent graduates and those students who were accepted into one of our honor societies this semester!

Enjoy your summer!

Chris Trowbridge



Criminal Justice Association on the Move

On March 11th, the Association took a trip to Hershey, PA which included a visit throughout the entire PA State Police Academy facility, stables, and grounds and also included lunch with the staff and cadets. The students also received a lecture on the PA State Police's Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations and had an opportunity to listen firsthand to one of the PSP helicopter pilots and get a tour of their aircraft. The day concluded with a quick trip to Chocolate World. The vice-president of the Criminal Justice Association, Eric Butler, brought back recruitment information for any interested students.



The April 8th trip to Washington, DC, included guided tours of both the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Capitol. Many of the students, on their own time, undertook additional visits to the Holocaust Museum and the various buildings of the Smithsonian Institute. Although it rained much of the day, everyone agreed it was a great trip and expressed their appreciation to Student Affairs for allowing the CJA students to go along!



Clubs and Honor Societies News

CRIMINAL JUSTICE HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS 45 STUDENTS

Forty-five students from the Criminal Justice Program recently celebrated their induction into the Eta Beta Chapter of the Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society. Both undergraduate Criminal Justice students and graduate students from the Administration of Justice program participated in the 7th annual induction ceremony on May 13th. Inductees were inspired by Senior Corporal James P. Warwick, of the Delaware State Police, who offered a keynote message encouraging inductees to pursue their passion when selecting a career path. Warwick was inducted as an honorary member of the Chapter during the ceremony.

Kirk Trate, Director of Criminal Justice Programs and Eta Beta Advisor, conducted the ceremony with assistance from Chapter officers, Johanna Peuscher, President; Amanda Walters, Vice President; Dustin Skorny, Secretary and D'Von Stallings, Treasurer.

Alpha Phi Sigma is open to student, faculty and professional members of the criminal justice community. Student members must meet rigorous academic guidelines; the Eta Beta Chapter has established higher criteria than is required by the national organization. Members pledge themselves to the mission of Alpha Phi Sigma which is to promote analytical thinking, rigorous scholarship and lifelong learning; to keep abreast of the advances in scientific research; to elevate the ethical standards of the criminal justice professions and to sustain in the public mind the benefit and necessity of education and professional training.



2011 Inductees:

David J. Balseiro, Caitlin V. Baskerville, Kristie-Anne Booth, Michael J. Bradshaw, John Brooks, Joseph M. Brooks, Amanda E. Cordrey, Sara Dehoyos, Alexander DiMeglio, Mark J. Doughty, Simohammed Elamri, Lauren Fleury, Latasha L. Hawkins, Kaitlin M. Hearn, Amy L. Holliday, Carolissa F. Holmes, Jade Holzinger, Colleen M. Jackson, Jeremy Janowski, Gary D. Kobosko, Andrew Mensack, Brian S. Mitchell, Timothy A. Mitchell, Charles R. Mullett, Danielle N. Musso, Dominique M. Musso, Michael P. O'Leary, Mark W. Oneschuck, Sherry L.M. Peoples, Johanna Peuscher, Nakita Q. Price, Brittany L. Rakow, Jynelli A. Riddle, Dustin J. Skorny, Cherise C. Solomon, Micheal Spadea, D'Von J. Stallings, Gary A. Stout, Joshua H. Taylor, Jacqueline Vizcarrondo, Brion A. Walsh, Amanda B. Walters, Bryan D. Watson Jr. , Brendan S. Wham, Regina N. Williams.

Clubs and Honor Societies News

Lambda Epsilon Chi Inducts Newest Members



Wilmington University's chapter of Lambda Epsilon Chi, the National Honor Society in Paralegal Studies, celebrated the induction of its new members at the University and Whist Club on May 13th. Eight students formally joined the Chapter during the ceremony which was conducted by Amy O'Dell, Chair of the Legal Studies Program. Lambda Epsilon Chi recognizes individuals who have demonstrated superior academic performance in an established program of paralegal/legal studies. Members commit to promoting rational discourse in the legal field, providing equitable treatment to all and holding the law in high honor. Welcome to the Chapter's newest members.

2011 Inductees:

Ashley Callaway, Martin Finestrauss, Kelli Hawkins, Brittany Kennedy, Dawn Lee-Johnson, Batiekro Nabwe, Alicia Rodriguez, Gina Wilson



ADMINISTRATION OF HUMAN SERVICES STUDENTS HONORED AT INDUCTION CEREMONY

In late January, nineteen students were inducted into Tau Upsilon Alpha - Nu Chapter. Tau Upsilon Alpha is the National Human Services Honor Society whose purpose is to honor academic excellence; to foster lifelong learning, leadership, and development; and to promote excellence in service to humanity. It is open to graduate students in the Master's degree program in the Administration of Human Services.

Festivities took place at the Iron Hill Restaurant and Brewery in Wilmington. Inductees were honored with a keynote address by Michelle Taylor, President and CEO of the United Way of Delaware. The evening's ceremony was conducted by Dr. Adrienne Bey, the Administration of Human Services Program Chair and TUA Chapter Advisor. Congratulations to the chapter's newest members.

2011 Inductees:

Gladys Akrong, Letisha Bowers, Rene Brathwaite, Danielle Byard, Khadilla Dhanoolal, Jamie Johnson, Melissa Jones-Harris, Iazia McTeer, Kathleen Kaczmarczyk, Carlos Mackall, Kim McKinnie, Michelle Mitchell, Peggy Mitchell, Tiffani Nibbs, Lisemene Osias, Rosalyn Peterson, Barbara Russell, Christina Savich, Rennet Williams



Faculty Notes

Johanna Bishop Appointed to Ethics Commission

Professor Johanna Bishop has been appointed to serve on the New Castle County Ethics Commission. The Ethics Commission was created in 1990 to administer the New Castle County Ethics Code. According to its webpage, the work of the Commission is directed by the Ethics Code: "In order to reduce the incidence of conflict of interest and increase the public's confidence in the impartiality of those conducting the public business, the New Castle County Ethics Code requires specified public officials and employees to file an annual statement of personal financial interests with the Ethics Commission. The Ethics Code provides authority for the Ethics Commission to issue Advisory Opinions at the request of public officials and employees as well as to investigate complaints of unethical conduct and to apply sanctions if the complaints are proven."

Bishop is one of seven New Castle County residents appointed on a bipartisan basis by the County Executive and County Council to serve on the Ethics Commission.

MSCC Faculty at ACA Conference

Dr. Craig Williams and Dr. Doris Lauckner attended the 2011 Annual Conference of the American Counseling Association in New Orleans in March.



Dr. Williams and his co-presenter, Dr. Steve Eichel, led a day long Pre-conference Learning Institute on March 23rd at the Annual Conference of the American Counseling Association entitled: ***What Doesn't Kill You Makes You Stronger...or Does It? Tools for Fostering Real Resilience in Children, Adults and Ourselves.*** This workshop was developed by Dr. Eichel, Dr. Williams, and MSCC faculty member, Dr. Jim Walsh (who was unable to attend the conference due to a family emergency). It provided an overview of current research literature regarding the factors that promote emotional well-being and psychological resilience in children and adults and tied this to what counselors can do to promote resilience in themselves and their clients.

Psychology Program Faculty at Family Science Conference

On June 9th, Dr. Deb Berke and Dr. Rebecca Ghabour made a presentation entitled, ***Assessment of and for Learning: Skills for the 21st Century Workforce*** at the Teaching Family Science Conference in Portland, Oregon.

Faculty Notes

Emergency Management Institute Higher Education Conference

Kirk Trate, Director of Criminal Justice Programs, Joe Aviola, Chair of the graduate Criminal Justice programs, Joe Paesani, Chair of undergraduate Criminal Justice programs and Johanna Bishop, Director of Behavioral Science Programs recently attended FEMA's Emergency Management Institute Higher Education Conference at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD.

In addition to attending the conference, Johanna was a session moderator for several sessions. The first session was "Visions of the Future: Emergency Management and Higher Education" presented by Drs. Jessica Jensen Assistant Professor of Emergency Management at North Dakota State University, Joe Trainer Research Professor of the University of Delaware Disaster Research Center, and David Neal, Emergency Management professor at Oklahoma State University. The focus of this session was to generate discussion about what the future of Emergency Management programs in Higher Education should look like.

The second session consisted of two very different, but relevant, presentations for higher education. One presentation titled "Plan Writing and Preparedness Exercises in Academic Learning" presented by Thomas Mauro, Director of Exercise and Training at in the NYC Department of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Dorothy Miller, of the Foundation for Higher Education Accreditation discussed the need for hospital nurses to review exercise plans and develop strategies to cope with the effects of weapons of mass destruction.

The second presentation discussed the results of a research study conducted in the Chicago area. The study examined the assumption gap between emergency first-responders and parents of unattended or "latch-key" children. The study showed several areas of assumption gaps, notably communications gaps.

The faculty members who attended this conference plan to incorporate what they learned into the Criminal Justice and Behavioral Science classes taught at Wilmington University.



Faculty Attend Regional and National Conferences

In addition to attending the FEMA conference, Professor Kirk Trate attended the New Jersey FBI National Academy Graduate Re-trainer Conference in Wildwood, New Jersey in May. He also assessed and completed the International Association of Chiefs of Police course entitled, Leadership in Police Organizations, at the Pennsylvania State Police Academy in May.

Professor Lori Sitler attended the National Institute of Justice annual conference in Arlington, Virginia in June. This year's conference theme was Translational Criminology: Shaping Policy and Practice with Research.

Faculty Development Day Presentations

At the March 2011 Faculty Development Day, the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences was well represented! We had two teams of College faculty present workshops.

Dr. Adrienne Bey, Assistant Professor and Chair of the Administration of Human Services program and Dr. Patrice Gilliam-Johnson, Associate Professor and Chair of the Organizational Dynamics program, presented a workshop entitled, *Engaging Students by Creating Culturally Responsive Classroom Environments*.

A session entitled, *Self-Assessment: Joining Together Traditional Academic Assignments with Self-Assessment Assignments to Promote Student Success*, was presented by Dr. Rebecca M. Ghabour, Chair of the Psychology program and Dr. Debra L. Berke, Director of the Psychology program.

Adjunct Faculty News

Wilmington University prides itself on offering students “real world” experiences through its adjunct instructors who are scholarly practitioners. We are happy to share news about the accomplishments and activities of the adjuncts in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Coleen M. O'Connor is a co-author of a research study entitled, *Evaluation of a Model, Outpatient Hospital-based School for Chronically Ill Children and Adolescents*. The research was featured at a poster presentation at the Pediatric Psychology Conference in San Antonio, Texas in April.

Coleen has been busy with community education efforts on the topic of bullying. Her interview about bullying appeared in a *News Journal* insert about Project Life, a suicide prevention effort. Coleen also was a featured panel presenter at Del Tech and Delaware State University on the topic of Cyberbullying, Sexting and Suicide earlier this year. On May 20th she spoke on the topic of bullying at the "Academy Awards Night Against Bullying" at Delcastle High School. Eight teams of students filmed 3 minute commercials about bullying. Coleen addressed the audience prior to the screening of the commercials.

Finally, she attended the American Counseling Association conference in March.

Community service has been keeping **Angus N. MacLennan** engaged for the past few months. In association with the United Methodist Church, Angus was part of a team that went to Gilbert, West Virginia from April 10th through the 16th to help with flood damage.

On June 11th, he participated in a nationwide simulated hurricane response with the Red Cross in Oak Orchard.

Patricia Burrell (*pictured second row center*) has been busy with both service to Wilmington University as well as community activities. Pat is currently one of the co-chairs for the WilmU. Kent/Sussex County Alumni Association. As an MSCC graduate, she has been invited by Dr. Doris Lauckner to sit in on and assist with the interviews for the Community Counseling program for the last few years and she also assisted as a committee member to develop the First Year Experience course. In the community, Pat serves as an executive board member for S.T.A.N.D. (Statewide Training Advisory Network of Delaware) as their Special Assignments Officer.



We wish much luck to **Ronald W. Stephenson II** who will begin taking courses towards his doctorate degree at Wilmington University this fall. Of his decision, Ron said, “I enjoy teaching college so much that I want to make being a professor my full time career!”

Student News

MSCC ON THE FRONT LINES

Working with veterans is a career goal that some would say Shannon Ayres has been preparing for since birth. The daughter of a career Navy man, she joined the active duty Air Force in 1996 at age 19 out of Louisville, Kentucky after having lived all over the country as a child due to her father's assignments. Although it was, "eye opening and amazing to fly on the back of AWACS all over the world," Shannon was ready to leave active duty after 4 years of service and pursue a bachelor's degree.

She wound up in Delaware when she decided to be the roommate of a good friend she met in the Air Force. When she moved here in 2000, Shannon joined the Delaware Air National Guard as a medic, and enrolled in the, then, Wilmington College in the fall after completing her medic training. Graduating Summa Cum Laude with a B.S. in General Studies in May, 2002, Shannon left for pilot training a week later.

When she returned from training in the fall of 2004, most of her unit was actively rotating to Afghanistan and she joined them just a few months later, "The first time I was in Afghanistan I stayed for 4 months and it became a life changing experience. Although I had deployed before, this deployment seemed different, the people seemed to be much more affected by their experiences. One of our mechanics returned home and committed suicide a week later. It was then that I realized that I wanted to help soldiers, airmen, sailors, marines deal with their unseen wounds and adjust back to civilian life."

In pursuit of that goal, Shannon applied to and was accepted in the Master of Science in Community Counseling (MSCC) program in 2007 and began classes that fall. She has been accepted as a candidate in the program, however, due to multiple deployments, still has a few classes, her practicum and internship left to complete in order to graduate. In fact, Shannon would be on a deployment now if she were not expecting her first child in the fall. She hopes to do an internship at the Wilmington VA Medical Center and eventually work there or find another avenue to serve veterans using her counseling skills. Shannon has her sights set on graduating in May of 2013.



Student News

GRADUATES MAKE CONNECTIONS



Graduates from the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences have made such an impression on the management of one local non-profit social service agency that they've been hired as staff!

Connections Community Support Programs, Inc. is a large nonprofit 501(c) 3 organization with over 55 locations across the state of Delaware. In 2011, Connections will serve more than 10,000 unduplicated individuals. Connections helps vulnerable and disenfranchised individuals, families, children and youth to improve

their lives by providing a comprehensive array of affordable and accessible primary medical, mental health and substance abuse treatment, employment, and housing opportunities that help the people served to become accepted and productive members of their communities.

Joining the Connections staff are the following Wilmington University graduates: Romina Lankford, BS Psychology 2010, will be employed at the Millsboro location as a Program Assistant/Counselor. Deborah Mustachi, BS Psychology 2011, recently started as an Associate Clinician at one of the organization's licensed group homes. Christine Mathis, BS Criminal Justice 2008; Antoine Wilson, BS Criminal Justice 2005; and Dana Veasey, BS Criminal Justice 2000, all joined the organization in June as Associate Clinicians in the new Youth Residential Services program. In addition to these new hires, Jennifer Slater in the Human Resources department at Connections also writes, "We are happy to report that we

have another 25 or more Wilmington University graduates who are currently employed at Connections in various roles across the state." Thanks to Ms. Slater for this update!



Clockwise from top left:

Deborah Mustachi, Christine Mathis, Dana Veasey, Antoine Wilson, Romina Lankford

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