

## **The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Welcomes a New Dean!**

### **Dr. Ed Guthrie joins College and Christian Trowbridge named VP**

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences welcomed Dr. Ed Guthrie as Dean on July 1<sup>st</sup>. “It is a privilege to be part of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences,” says Guthrie. Dr. Guthrie previously served as the Dean for the College of Technology at Wilmington University beginning in September, 2008. Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Guthrie worked over 20 years in the Salisbury, Maryland Police Department ultimately serving as Deputy Chief of Police and Acting Chief. He later moved to Idaho and served seven and one-half years, as the Chief of Police for the Pocatello Police Department. In 2007 he was named as the Technical Department chair at the Idaho State University College of Technology. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and holds his Doctor of Education degree from Wilmington College, as Wilmington University was known at the time. He also earned his undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice and master’s degree in Human Resource Management through Wilmington College. Dr. Guthrie is returning to his law enforcement roots as he will oversee Criminal Justice programs as part of his new role. “I look forward to working as a team to build new and existing programs to prepare our students for the changing landscape of the 21<sup>st</sup> century,” Guthrie says. “Our students directly impact the lives of those they serve in their professions and their success is our goal.”



*Dr. Ed Guthrie*



*Christian Trowbridge*

Guthrie replaces Professor Christian Trowbridge, JD, who has accepted a new position at the university as Vice President of Administrative and Legal Affairs. He served as Dean from May, 2007 through June, 2015. 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. 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. Trowbridge shares, “It has been a privilege to work together with my colleagues in the College and play a part in helping students achieve their goals.”

Under Trowbridge’s leadership, the College has flourished with a number of programs now available in the on-line format and at campus sites in New Jersey. He will be missed by faculty and students who valued his thoughtful counsel.

Best wishes from the College to both Dr. Guthrie and Mr. Trowbridge as they enter this new phase of their careers at Wilmington University.

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## CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENT TESTIFIES DURING VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

Meredith Gardner, a Criminal Justice student, is a survivor of violent crime. Her mother, Tammy Gardner, was murdered in July, 2006 by a former boyfriend. Meredith and her family were active participants in the criminal trial in 2009 where she came to know adjunct faculty member, Mariann Kenville-Moore, LCSW. Kenville-Moore was the director of Victim-Witness Services in the Attorney General's office at the time of the trial and was assigned to work with Meredith and her family. Meredith was asked to testify before the Delaware General Assembly during National Crime Victims' Rights Week 2015 to share how, at the age of 12, she and her family became victims of crime. Below are excerpts from her testimony:

"I grew up in a relatively happy home in Pike Creek. Some would say I had a 'white picket fence life.' I lived with my mom, my dad and my younger brother Kyle. My parents absolutely adored us, they would go to the end of the world for us just to make sure we were happy... In February, 2004, my parents decided to get divorced. My mom [Tammy Gardner] started dating Clifford Wright. He was a nice guy to me but... Cliff led a life of crime. He was out of prison and things seemed pretty good. Small arguments here and there ... eventually the fights turned bad and my mom would have a bruise.... I heard every excuse in the book, "I fell down the stairs. I opened the cabinet into my eye..." Everyone noticed what was going on.... it was a constant circle of getting back together and breaking up.

My mom and Cliff were in a domestic violence relationship. Domestic violence relationships are extremely dangerous. I was too young to understand. I also didn't know that the most dangerous time for a woman in a domestic violence relationship is when the woman decides to leave. It can cost her life. And sadly, my mom leaving her relationship did cost her life.

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006, my mom and Cliff had broken up again and my mom said it was for good this time. Cliff was stalking my mom. He kept calling and calling to get my mom's attention. One of the voicemails even said, "You've done it now. Now you've made me mean..." A few days later my mom dropped my brother and I off for vacation with our dad...[but] the next day I called and asked her to drop off some of my dolls and when she dropped them off ... I kissed her goodbye through the car window and told her I would call her later. Not knowing that this would be the last time I would see her, hug her or kiss her goodbye.



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That night I called my mom to say goodnight. We chatted for a minute and then said good night. I said "I love you, mommy" she said "I love you too, Mere. I always will don't ever forget that." Almost like she knew this would be the last time she would ever talk to me. We hung up the phone and I went to sleep. The next morning I woke up, it was July 9<sup>th</sup>. As the late afternoon rolled around I began to feel anxious because I still hadn't heard from her and that was not normal considering she always answered the phone when I was calling. Eventually, I took it upon myself to call Cliff. I thought he would know where she was but when I asked if he knew where my mom was, all he said was "I don't know, sweet pea, I'm on my way out..." That night my dad and my pop-pop went over to my mom's house to see if they could see her van in the garage or anything that looked like she was home. When they arrived at the house the van was not in the garage which was strange... That same night my dad filed a missing persons report with the police.

Our lives were flipped upside down. I would...repeatedly call my mom's phone, thinking she would pick up. Every time we left the house I found myself looking for her van thinking that maybe she was still around but I knew deep down that she probably was not coming home but I knew she wouldn't disown my brother and [me] like that - she loved us too much. As my mom was reported missing so was a man named Gabe Gabrielli. We assumed that my mom and Gabe were together but we did not know what happened. All I knew was that Cliff was involved. My dad tried so hard to keep my brother and me out of the media but we were still very much involved.

### **Mommy Won't Be Coming Home...**

It was July 13<sup>th</sup>, and my dad took my brother and [me] upstairs and sat us down on his bed. My dad looked at me and my brother telling us the sad news "that mommy was beat up, she won't be coming home..." My mom and Gabe Gabrielli were found beaten to death in my mom's van at a construction site in Hockessin. The van was set on fire in attempt to remove evidence and left there for days. Clifford Wright was the prime suspect.

From that moment on it was almost as if I was on auto pilot. I don't remember much from July 13, 2006 until we started the court process in 2009. By that time I was a sophomore in high school. Court was one of the most unsettling moments of my life. I could safely say that court was almost worse than my mom's death itself. The things I was learning were breaking my heart. I learned my mom was using drugs. The defense pointed fingers at my dad saying that he was the one who killed my mom. This was heart breaking because everyone knew my dad didn't do it.... He loved her so much. All of these things were too painful for me to handle as a 15 year old.

Eventually the time came when they put me on the stand to ask me questions. I was last to go. I'll never forget that day. Asking me to point to the defendant, I could barely stand up. I was shaking and crying. I could not believe I was 15 years old and in Court for my mom's murder. The case went on for months. It felt like an eternity. Finally it came to a close. Clifford Wright was found guilty of the murder of Tammy Gardner and Gabe Gabrielli. He's serving four life sentences plus 125 years, plus more jail time suspended for probation. It felt like a huge rock had been lifted off of our shoulders. Cliff was not going to be a free man, he wasn't going to haunt our lives anymore.

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### **Confronting the Offender**

A few days after I turned 18, I emailed Kim Book who is the Executive Director of a non-profit, Victims' Voices Heard, that gives victims the opportunity to meet with the offender in their case. I told her I wanted to meet with the man who murdered my mother. Kim met with Cliff and called to tell me, Cliff still does not take responsibility for the crime but he would still meet with me. Kim was hesitant but I was persistent. I was not going to let anything stop me from meeting with him. Kim and I began meeting every other week for about 5 months to prepare me to meet with him. She was also meeting with him at the prison. While all of this was going on, I was also going into the prisons and correctional facilities around Delaware to participate in the Victim Impact: Listen and Learn program. This is a program Kim runs in five correctional facilities in the state. I was telling my story to inmates so they might have the chance to understand what it is like to be a victim of crime and how you do not have to go down a bad path even after something bad has happened to you.

Eventually I was ready to meet with Cliff. On April 2, 2013, we arrived [at the prison] in the early afternoon... I had a bunch of things written down that I wanted to say to him. Kim, Mariann [Kenville-Moore], my social worker from the trial and I walked down the longest hallway....I heard his voice and immediately started crying. I sat down and Cliff was smiling at me, telling me that it was okay and I could take my time to calm down. He seemed happy to see me. But not for one minute did I let that change the way I felt. I started talking, telling him all of the things that he took from me, such as not having a mom for my first dance in high school, first breakups, prom, graduation. She won't be there when I graduate from college, when I get married or when I have children. There will forever be a hole in my heart that no one will be able to fill completely.

I flat out told Cliff that I knew he killed my mom and Gabe and that I basically did not care what he had to say. We then took a break and went back out in the lobby. I felt empowered, something came over me and I was ready to go back in and hear what he had to say because it was his turn to talk. He did just what we thought he would do, he was trying to convince me that he didn't do it, he started rattling off a list of people who could have instead of him. He even mentioned that my dad might have a reason to kill my mom. I looked at Kim and said, "I'm ready," and we walked out of the room. I took the power back that day. Clifford Wright does not control me.... I wanted to see him that day, to do just that, take back the power. And I did. I needed to do this. For years I had had nightmares about Cliff coming after me to hurt me. Having the chance to see him physically in prison, and knowing he couldn't hurt me, has made the nightmares go away...

I am now almost 21 years old. I am a junior in College studying Criminal Justice. I have plans of going to law school to become a prosecutor. I still speak in the prisons. Nothing will stop me from reaching my goals. I could have hit rock bottom, I could be on drugs or be an alcoholic, I could have dropped out of school and not gone to college, but that is not the path that I chose. Everything I do, I do for my mom. I will never let her down. I know she's so proud looking down on me. If you let the person who hurt you determine the outcome of your life, you're letting him win. Cliff will never win.

Legislators, thank you for all your efforts in ensuring that victims of crime have the chance to be heard and for enacting laws that protect victims of domestic violence."

**Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA):**  
**How Wilmington University Students, Alumni, and Faculty**  
**Are Making a Difference in the Lives of Children in Foster Care**

“I am for the Child”™ is both the CASA declaration of allegiance and the reason why so many Wilmington University students, alumni and faculty volunteer for the Court Appointed Special Advocates program. Speaking up for abused and neglected children who are in foster care is tough but rewarding work. Wilmington University is well represented in the cadre of over 200 volunteers throughout the state of Delaware who have stepped up to the challenge by becoming Court Appointed Special Advocates known as “CASAs” for short.



CASAs are appointed by Family Court Judges as a child’s guardian *ad litem* - being party to any court agreement or court plan for the child. CASA volunteers are specially trained and supervised by Court staff as they gather information and make recommendations to Family Court Judges about what is in the best interest of the child. Gwen Stubbolo, CASA program administrator, explains, “The key to the CASA program is the strong, stable connection that volunteers form with the children they represent. Volunteers often remain involved with the child until the youth reaches adulthood and they provide a consistent, supportive adult in the lives of children who have faced so much instability.”

The CASA model works. Research shows that a child with a CASA volunteer is more likely to find a safe, permanent home, spend less time in the foster care system and get more help while in the system.

CASA staff generously give of their time as guest speakers in courses in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Each semester, students from the College complete internships as CASAs. JP Hooker, a Behavioral Science major who also is pursuing his certificate in Child Advocacy Studies, recently completed his internship at the CASA program in New Castle County. “I learned so much from this experience,” Hooker says. “As a CASA, you have a responsibility to look out for the best interest of the child and to be the voice of the child.”

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CASA is a family affair for adjunct instructor Ann Pearce Couzens, who teaches a graduate course at WilmU in special education, and her daughter, Lauren Pearce Brueckner, a graduate of the MSM in Public Administration (2011) and an adjunct instructor in the Behavioral Science program. Lauren is employed as a program coordinator for the CASA program in Sussex County and recruited her mother as a volunteer, “My daughter had no difficulty convincing me to use my 40 years of experience with special needs students in the CASA program,” says Couzens who has been a volunteer since 2013.

The husband/wife team of Kevin and Angie Phillipson are both graduates of WilmU as well as current students – he in the doctoral program and she in a master’s program. Kevin is a CASA and Angie, a court mediator, is a former CASA volunteer. She completed a certificate in Child Advocacy Studies while earning her undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice.

Identical twin sisters, Jeannette and Annette Raiford, graduated together in 1995 and volunteer together in the CASA program. Annette describes a case that made a lasting impression on her. “I recall a case involving five children of a drug addicted mother. The twelve year old girl became the mother to her siblings,” says Raiford. “After the foster mother was given guardianship of the children, it was wonderful to see the girl acting like a child again. These five children, over time, became happy, stable and secure.”

Dottie Copes credits her degrees in psychology (2010) and a master’s degree in community counseling (2012) with providing her a solid background for her work as a CASA volunteer. “Studying in the field of mental health helped me improve my ability to connect with the children on their level.” Copes, who has been a CASA volunteer since 2008, says that although all of her cases have an impact on her in different ways, “The children that stay in the system and can’t be reconciled with family have the greatest impact because of the struggles they face emotionally and mentally.”

Another long-time CASA volunteer, retired school counselor Karen Bitner Skurla, worked on one case for four years until the child “aged out” of the foster care system and dropped out of school. “She had so much potential but never had any family support. I still keep in touch with her,” Skurla says. “It is so hard seeing a child without self-esteem.” Skurla earned her master’s degree in elementary school counseling in 1993.

Jessica Marie Lupu Spurlock is a paralegal in the Air Force reserves and a civilian legal assistant at Dover Air Force Base. The graduate from the legal studies program (2007) and school counseling graduate program (2011), responded to a newspaper ad for CASA volunteers because, “I love working with kids,” Spurlock says. “I wanted to make a difference in the lives of children who do not always have a voice.” Interviewing skills learned as a student have served her well as a CASA. “Many of the skills I developed at WilmU proved to be beneficial when advocating for our kids in foster care. Really listening to a child goes a long way.”

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Margaret Hannan graduated this year from the Organizational Management program and is a newly sworn CASA. While she has been employed by the Blood Bank of Delmarva for nearly three decades, Hannan was looking for a way to give back to her community in a different way. "I thought I could make a difference – even if one child at a time," she says.

Dana Silverman is both adjunct faculty and a doctoral student in the Doctor of Nursing Practice program. As a pediatric nurse practitioner, she has had years of experience with children who have suffered physical and sexual abuse and will focus on those topics in her dissertation. "I became a CASA because I wanted to give back to the community of children I have worked with professionally for so many years," says Silverman.

A 2007 graduate of the Criminal Justice program, Charmaine Johnson Davis earned her graduate degree in Organizational Leadership earlier this year. An early retirement has allowed her to devote time to her work as a CASA and pursue a paralegal certificate. "When children slip through the cracks of the system, it is the child who suffers greatly," says Davis. "It has been a joy and a privilege to serve the families and to help in the proper placement of our children."

Each year, more than 748,000 children are placed in foster care nationally but only 35% are assigned a CASA. To become a Court Appointed Special Advocate, contact the Delaware CASA office at 302-255-0461.

### **"Know Your Rights" Forum**

On May 28, the Criminal Justice program sponsored "Know Your Rights," a forum for understanding citizens' rights and responsibilities. This community forum promoted open dialogue about the rights and responsibilities every citizen has - or does not have - when dealing with law enforcement.

The forum was moderated by William Chapman, Wilmington University Constable and retired Delaware State Police Trooper, with the objective of increased awareness and understanding within the community.

The discussion included the expectations of both the police and citizens during encounters with law enforcement from being stopped for questioning to detainment and possible arrest.





## **Human Trafficking: Know It. See it. Report It.**



*Professors Rinaldi, Thompson, and Wilson.*

Would you recognize a victim of human trafficking? “A victim of trafficking may look like many of the people you see every day. Ask the right questions and look for clues. You are vital because you may be the only outsider with the opportunity to speak to a victim.” This chilling message is from the New Jersey Human Trafficking Task Force, which combats the crime of human trafficking through education, collaboration and prosecution. As defined by the U.S. Department of Justice, human trafficking crimes focus on the act of compelling or coercing a person's labor, services, or commercial sex acts.

January is national slavery and human trafficking prevention month. This year, New Jersey’s annual human trafficking prevention event was combined with the 10 year anniversary of its Human Trafficking Task Force. The event raises awareness about this horrific crime and commemorated the accomplishments of the task force since its inception. Helping to fight human trafficking in New Jersey are four WilmU adjunct faculty members, Tracy Thompson, Linda Rinaldi, Marsetta Lee and Frank Sabella, who all attended the January event. They were joined by assistant professor and assistant chair of criminal justice programs, Sherry Wilson.

Assistant Attorney General Thompson, was appointed director of the New Jersey attorney general’s human trafficking program in January 2013 following a 22 year career as a state and local prosecutor. She chairs and oversees the operation of the task force which trains and assists law enforcement to recognize victims of this crime and the signs of trafficking, helps increase prosecution of trafficking crimes and coordinate services to victims of human trafficking. It also educates the community to recognize and intervene if they suspect trafficking.

Former Deputy Attorney General Rinaldi was recognized at the event for authoring the original grant that established the task force. Now retired after 25 years of service in the New Jersey attorney general’s office, Rinaldi continues to battle human trafficking and currently serves on the board of directors for B.E.S.T. (building empowerment by stopping human trafficking). As a certified victims of human trafficking coach, Rinaldi comments, “Many victims will not self-identify, so it's important to train law enforcement to recognize and acknowledge that some offenders may be victims. It is critical to provide victims the tools and opportunity to move forward in their lives and to become emotionally healthy so he/she can testify against their traffickers.”

Deputy Attorney General Lee was appointed director of the victims of crime compensation office in 2009 following her more than 20 years serving crime victims, including victims of human trafficking, in the division of criminal justice.

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Frank Sabella is a detective with the Cumberland County prosecutor's office and has been the county's liaison to the task force for the last 9 years. In 2008, he attended Human Trafficking Immersion Training with members of state and federal law enforcement from the New Jersey task force. The group trained in Tampa, Florida with the Clearwater Area Human Trafficking Task Force. In 2010-11, Sabella was detailed to a 7-month assignment with Homeland Security Investigations, the investigative arm of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, to do human trafficking investigations. Many of the investigations during that time, as well as those he's conducted in Cumberland County, have included other investigators from the task force. Sabella draws on his experiences for SOC 404 – Human Trafficking - which he teaches.

According to the task force, an estimated 14,500 to 17,500 people are trafficked into the United States each year and 50 percent of those are children. "The only way to stop trafficking is to deter those who prey on the vulnerable and to put behind bars those who continue to traffic," says Rinaldi.

**For more information:  
National Human Trafficking Resource Center  
(NHTRC) at  
1-888-373-7888**

### **Award for Outstanding Commitment to Children and Adolescents**

Adjunct Faculty member, Coleen O'Connor, recently was presented with the Jane P. Maroney Award for Outstanding Commitment to Children and Adolescents for her work at the First State School. O'Connor served as the first director of the school and was with the organization for nearly 30 years.

According to Christiana Care, the First State School, located at Wilmington Hospital, offers kindergarten through high-school education to children who would otherwise be homebound with serious illnesses. It gives them the chance to attend school with their peers while they get the medical treatment they need. The program is only one of three in operation nationwide and is co-sponsored by Christiana Care and the Delaware Department of Education through the Red Clay School District.

O'Connor was surprised and delighted by the award. "I am so honored to receive the Jane P. Maroney Award. Representative Maroney did so much for children and adolescents when she was in the House of Representatives and I am humbled to be honored by an award in her name."

O'Connor is pictured with retired Representative Jane Maroney, Marilee Scarpitti, school nurse and Elizabeth Houser, the current director of the First State School.



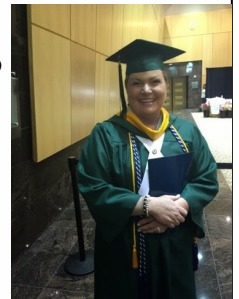
## **2015 Polar Bear Plunge**

Pi Gamma Mu and WilmU alumni raised over \$3500 for the 2015 Lewes Polar Bear Plunge benefiting Special Olympics. Out of 294 registered teams, WilmU polar bears ranked 18th in fundraising, with 120 donors contributing to the team. The WilmU team consisted of 17 registered Polar Bear plungers and many “towel holders” cheering on the team. This was the 5th year that Pi Gamma Mu has organized a plunge team. To date, team PGM has raised over \$10,000.00 for Special Olympics.



## **Pi Gamma Mu Graduate Serves as Commencement Speaker**

Congratulations to Barbara Rosenheim, the latest Pi Gamma Mu - BETA Chapter graduate to serve as commencement speaker for the Spring ceremonies in Wilmington! The Delaware BETA Chapter has a rich history of students nominated, and being selected, as commencement speakers, and Barbara was our 6th BETA Chapter member to do us all proud. Congrats to Barbara!



## **Community Services Award**

Pi Gamma Mu was given the Community Service Award by the Student Life organization on campus. PGM raised over \$3500 for Special Olympics in the last academic year and members contributed over 760 hours to various community organizations and projects. Kudos go to Dr. Glenn Forte, Mr. Scott George, Dr. Stephanie Berridge and Dr. Lem Burnham who have kept PGM going this past year at various campus locations.



## **PTSD Discussion**

On February 11<sup>th</sup>, the Psychology Club and the National Alliance on Mental Illness in Delaware, sponsored a talk on post-traumatic stress syndrome at the Dover site. Retired Air National Guard Nurse, Maj. Roger Rodriguez along with Chuck Tarver, Director of Advocacy and Outreach at NAMI Delaware, discussed the many difficulties veterans face in dealing with PTSD. Maj. Rodriguez shared his struggles with PTSD following his multiple deployments in combat zones in hopes of helping others better understand and overcome the condition. About 50 students and members of the community attended.





## **LES Students Volunteer at Mock Trial Competition**

On February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, six LES students volunteered at the 2015 Delaware High School Mock Trial Competition held at the New Castle County Courthouse.

## **Criminal Justice Career Panel**

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Wilmington University Criminal Justice program and Burlington County College's (BCC) Criminal Justice program presented morning and afternoon panels on criminal justice careers. More than 100 students attended the events throughout the day, where professionals from various federal, state, county and local law enforcement agencies shared information and responded to student inquiries. The panelists discussed their agencies, job descriptions and responsibilities, educational/licensing requirements, police academy requirements, the most rewarding parts of their careers, interviewing tips, suggestions on how to be successful in the field and challenges/disqualifiers seen most often during the recruiting process. Representatives from BCC provided information on job hunting in the criminal justice field during the information session.

## **CRJ Students Win Presidential Scholarship**

The Wilmington University President's Scholarship at both Burlington County College and Cumberland County College in New Jersey were awarded to criminal justice majors this year. On behalf of President, Dr. Jack Varsalona, Sherry Wilson presented the President's Scholarship to Farrell Moskow at Burlington County College's Academic Awards and Scholarship Ceremony on April 25, 2015. This year's scholarship recipient, Farrell Moskow, is a criminal justice major who plans to transfer to Wilmington University in the fall of 2015 to complete his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. Farrell has expressed an interest in the Criminal Justice (BS) to Administration of Justice (MS) accelerated option and intends to make federal law enforcement his career. Kenneth A. Farmer, Jr. received the Presidential Scholarship on May 20th at Cumberland County College in Vineland, New Jersey. Criminal Justice program Director Kirk Trate and Assistant Chair Sherry Wilson presented Farmer with his award.



*Kenneth A. Farmer, Jr. receiving the Wilmington University Presidential Scholarship on May 20th at Cumberland County College in Vineland, New Jersey*



*Farrell Moskow receiving the Wilmington University Presidential Scholarship on April 25th at Burlington County College*

## **Congratulations to Clinical Mental Health Counseling Students!**

Congratulations to JeNai Marshall, a graduate student in WilmU's clinical mental health counseling program on receiving the Minority Fellowship Program-Youth award from the National Board of Certified Counselors Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC). As a Youth Fellow, Marshall will receive funding and training to support her education and facilitate her service to underserved minority populations, with a specific focus on transition age youth (ages 16–25).



The goal of the program is to reduce health disparities and improve behavioral health care outcomes for racially and ethnically diverse populations by increasing the available number of culturally competent behavioral health professionals. After graduating, JeNai plans to continue to work with youth, families and minorities to provide needed mental health services and support. This fellowship will help her to increase her skills through trainings, classes and connecting with other mental health professionals.

Congratulations are extended to Nell Kelly who was the Graduate Academic Award Recipient for the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the spring, 2015 graduation ceremony. Nell graduated with a Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling with a 4.0 grade point average.

She did her internship at Father Martin's Ashley which is a highly regarded, state of the art treatment facility for addiction problems. She is pictured with her internship supervisor, David Brumbaugh, who is also an adjunct instructor at WilmU. Nell was accepted into the Ph.D. program in Pastoral Counseling at Loyola University of Maryland and has received a partial fellowship award from Loyola for her doctoral studies.



Alaina Van Gelder, a student in the clinical mental health counseling program, won the Friends of Wicomico Public Library's Light of Literacy Business Luminary Award for a reading program she started at the Salisbury Barnes & Noble bookstore. Alaina works at the bookstore as the Community Business Development Manager. The reading program, titled "Together We Read" is being piloted in three middle and high schools in Wicomico County, MD. Recently, Van Gelder partnered with a local non-profit, One Year to Empowerment, to encourage mentoring relationships among the girls in the One Year to Empowerment program and the students participating in Together We Read. Van Gelder says, "Even more exciting is that we were awarded a grant from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore for Together We Read. The grant funding will cover one year of books for 100 student participants at the three schools, funding for buses to bring the students to Barnes & Noble for an end-of-year celebration, and money for each of the teacher volunteers to replenish their classroom libraries." Way to go, Alaina!





## **Mental Health Anti-Stigma Campaign Basis for Student Learning**

Reducing stigma and raising awareness about mental illness brought together two undergraduate classes and a community advocacy agency this spring. Students and instructors from psychology and media design courses joined forces with the National Alliance on Mental Illness in Delaware (NAMI) in a service learning project. Dr. Debra Berke's Families and Crisis class (PSY 453) and a Digital Publishing class (DSN 121), taught by instructor Julie Burns, worked together to design two brochures for the Alliance's anti-stigma campaign, one geared towards adolescents and the other for adults. Berke's psychology class also developed a social media anti-stigma campaign for both audiences. The agency couldn't be more pleased. "We are always looking for fresh ideas in the process of increasing awareness and reducing stigma. Students bring new and creative ways of looking at things," said Chuck Tarver, director of advocacy and outreach for NAMI.

Berke finds service learning to be a valuable tool, "Today's professionals need to be prepared to work in an increasingly global society. As educators, we can help our students prepare for this reality by connecting global learning and local community engagement." According to the Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning at Indiana University, "By combining academic theory with practical real-life experience, service-learning provides students with a broader and deeper understanding of the course content, fosters their sense of civic engagement, and sharpens their insights into themselves and their place in the community.... Students provide service in their community that is directly connected to their academic coursework and the community provides an educational experience for the student."

Psychology students, Suzanne Randall and Kristin Hughart, believe the service learning project will be useful to the community and also benefit them as learners. Randall shared, "I personally care for a loved one who suffers with bi-polar disorder and I deal with struggles every day. Working on these projects has opened my eyes up to the enormous amount of resources available." Hughart commented, "I never expected to grow as much as I did in this class. I really had to research what I was putting in [the brochures]. I didn't want to give false information to someone who is already vulnerable. The service projects were my favorite part of the class."

Burns says her design students embraced the project as a valuable learning experience, "So often, students are assigned fictional projects and miss out on the real life client/designer relationship. The NAMI brochure gives them an introduction to the real world of graphic design and opens their eyes to the realities of working on a piece that could potentially be used. They realize that they have to be conscious of the client's expectations and must consider the purpose of the brochure, existing branding standards and audience."

"We are so encouraged by the interest and enthusiasm of Wilmington University in their efforts to help us get the message into the community," says Dr. Joshua Thomas, executive director of NAMI. "A major part of our mission as an advocacy and education organization is to battle the stigma related to mental illness. Working with students helps raise their awareness about stigma related issues. [The service learning project] provides useful tools we can use in a social media initiative to challenge stigma related views and help develop an understanding that mental illness is a health issue like other illnesses."



*Chuck Tarver, director of advocacy and outreach for NAMI*

## TOASTMASTERS COMES TO WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY

Are you comfortable giving presentations? Do you feel prepared for that upcoming job interview? Build your oral communication skills through the newly formed Wilmington University Toastmasters club.

Dr. Adrienne Bey explored Toastmasters at the suggestion of a graduate student in the Administration of Human Services program who had joined the group to improve her oral communication skills for class presentations. Since oral communication is one of WilmU's graduation competencies, Bey saw the value of the Toastmasters program as a tool to teach this skill and brought the chapter to campus. Bey found that Toastmasters, "not only helps participants develop their oral communication skills, it also helps participants develop their leadership skills in a friendly, collegial environment with positive support."

Open to students, faculty, employees and alumni, the new Toastmasters club at WilmU will help you become a more effective communicator and leader. Practice public speaking skills by regularly giving speeches and receiving feedback in a supportive atmosphere. Toastmasters will give you the skills and confidence you need to express yourself in any situation.

The WilmU Toastmasters Club will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, from 6PM-8PM, at the New Castle Campus. For more information, contact Dr. Adrienne Bey at [adrienne.m.bey@wilmu.edu](mailto:adrienne.m.bey@wilmu.edu)

## AAUW Delaware Members Hold Equal Pay Event at the Capitol

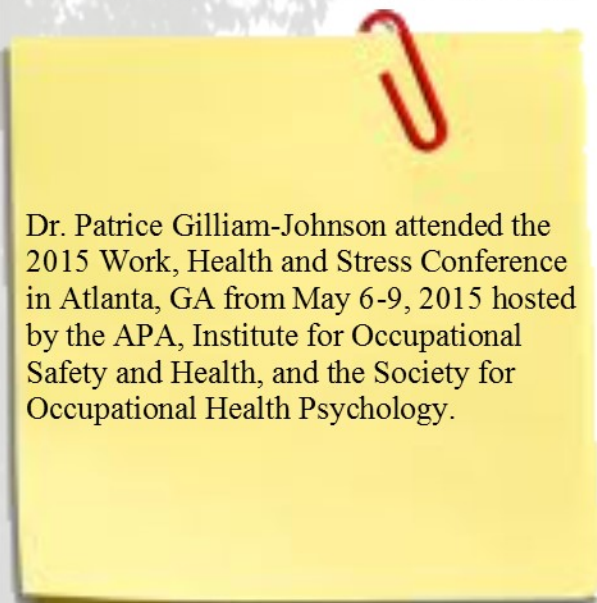
When AAUW of Delaware leaders realized that the state legislature wasn't going to be in session on Equal Pay Day, they decided to shift their annual equal pay event at the Capitol to March 24 – and the day was a success! The Day at the Capitol was organized by AAUW of Delaware and the Delaware Commission for Women, in conjunction with members of the state House and Senate. That day, Rep. Stephanie Bolden, House Majority Leader Val Longhurst, Senate Majority Whip Margaret Rose Henry, and Sen. Nicole Poore introduced a concurrent joint resolution recognizing Equal Pay Day. Cherise King from the Delaware Commission for Women spoke about the resolution in the House, and AAUW-DE Public Policy Co-Chair Dr. Debra Berke (Director, Psychology Programs, Wilmington University) spoke in the Senate. AAUW-DE also prepared a policy brief on pay equity in Delaware that was shared with legislators, along with a Pay Day candy bar. The day began by AAUW Delaware Public Policy Co-Chairs Dr. Debra Berke and Linda Barnett conducting an advocacy training. Prior to the concurrent joint resolution, a press conference was held at the Capitol and well attended by Senators and Representatives on both sides of the aisle. Berke and Barnett were assisted by Danielle Spinner, AAUW Delaware Intern and student in our Administration of Human Services Master's program.





# FACULTY NOTES

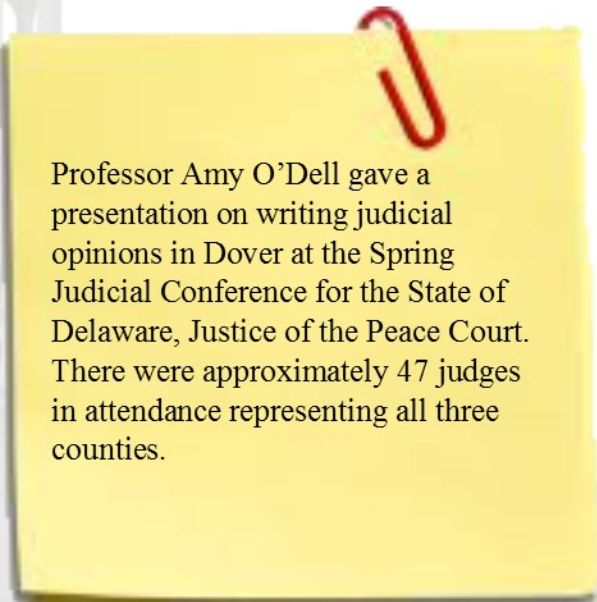
Dr. Lem Burnham was an invited guest at the quarterly dinner hosted by the President of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, for a small group of members of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, President's Circle, and other special guests. This quarterly dinner is meant to be a casual gathering of regional business leaders at which they can meet one another and enjoy conversation on the topics of the day in an informal environment. Among the invited guests were one local university President, and two other high-ranking officials representing local universities. Burnham says, "Although I was officially representing the NFL Alumni, Philadelphia Chapter, I introduced myself as Assistant Chair of Behavioral Science and Psychology at Wilmington University. I was excited to learn from the response to my introduction that the Wilmington University brand is well known and respected among such a high caliber group of business leaders in the region. I was impressed with the level of respect given to the Wilmington University brand by the people at this event."



Dr. Patrice Gilliam-Johnson attended the 2015 Work, Health and Stress Conference in Atlanta, GA from May 6-9, 2015 hosted by the APA, Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and the Society for Occupational Health Psychology.

Dr. Patrice Gilliam-Johnson facilitated the Circle of Elders programs at the Delaware Historical Society in late May.

Dr. Deb Berke and Kelly Cheeseman, adjunct coordinator for the Psychology program, participated in the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Delaware fundraising walk at Glasgow Park this spring.



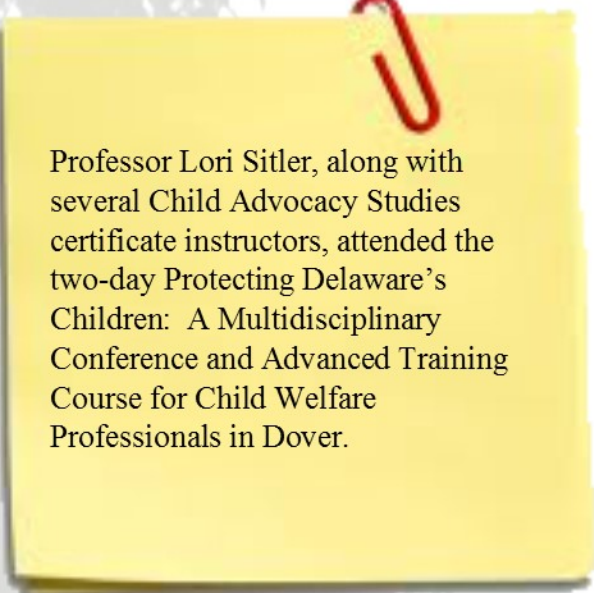
Professor Amy O'Dell gave a presentation on writing judicial opinions in Dover at the Spring Judicial Conference for the State of Delaware, Justice of the Peace Court. There were approximately 47 judges in attendance representing all three counties.

Dr. Adrienne Bey attended the Council for Standards in Human Service Education (CSHSE) Spring Meeting, in Baltimore, MD, where she serves as the Mid-Atlantic Regional Director. At this meeting, four human service degree programs were reviewed for accreditation/reaccreditation including Delaware Technical Community & College – Owens Campus (DE).

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Dr. Debra Berke, Director of Psychology Programs, was the guest editor for a special issue of *Family Science Review*, an open access journal published by the Family Science Association. The special issue has now been published and can be viewed using this link:

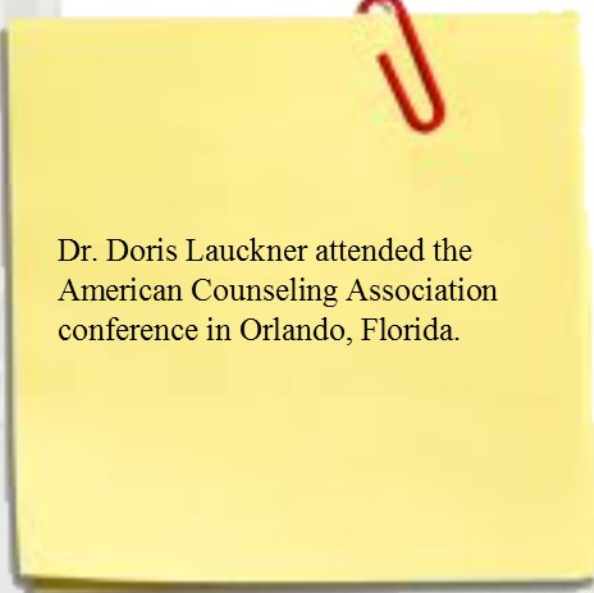
<http://www.familyscienceassociation.org/familysciencereview/vol19/issue2>



Professor Lori Sitler, along with several Child Advocacy Studies certificate instructors, attended the two-day Protecting Delaware's Children: A Multidisciplinary Conference and Advanced Training Course for Child Welfare Professionals in Dover.

Dr. Adrienne Bey participated in a day-long workshop entitled: Faith & Psychotherapy: Complementary Approaches in Assisting Individuals and Families Suffering from Addiction. This workshop was sponsored by the Delaware Council on Gambling Problems, Inc. and was held in Dover.

Dr. Patrice Gilliam-Johnson and Professor Lori Sitler participated as expert panelists in the "Kate Speaks - Taming of the Shrew" forum sponsored by the Delaware Shakespeare Festival and Wilmington University in May. Dr. Gilliam Johnson discussed the systems of social justice and Professor Sitler discussed the power and control issues evidenced in the play from a feminist perspective.



Dr. Doris Lauckner attended the American Counseling Association conference in Orlando, Florida.

Dr. Lem Burnham was the Keynote Speaker for the Wilmington University Athletics Academic All-Star Banquet. His topic focused on specific skill sets that athletes develop over the course of their athletic careers, and how these skill sets are transferable and applicable in life beyond sports. He spoke about process as a skill set; and a strategy to analyze, arrange, and activate the skill set in order to experience its effects on success beyond sports.



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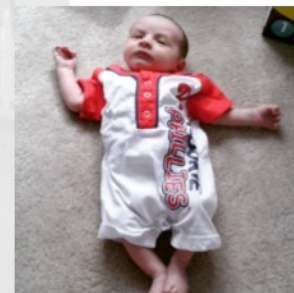
Dr. Debra Berke, Director of Psychology Programs, along with colleagues Rona Karasik, St. Cloud State University, and Scott Scheer, Ohio State University, had a chapter titled “Caring for aging parents: Managing the personal and professional in academia” published in *Family-friendly policies and practices in academe* edited by Solomon and Anderson. The hard copy of the book is available at

<https://rowman.com/ISBN/9780739194409/Family-Friendly-Policies-and-Practices-in-Academe#>

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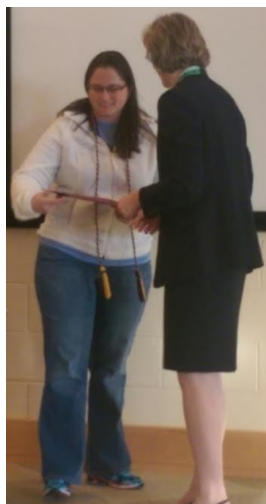
Professors Johanna Bishop and Kirk Trate attended the Emergency Management Higher Ed Symposium in Emmitsburg, MD. Along with colleagues Don Mason from Rio Hondo College in Los Angeles and Rene’ Hernandez from Saginaw Valley State University in Michigan, Bishop presented a whitepaper on creating and managing advisory boards.

Dr. Lem Burnham, Assistant Chair, Behavioral Science & Psychology programs, received the Cookie Gilchrist Award at the NFL’s 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Player Networking Event Crystal Awards at Arizona State University on Super Bowl weekend. Burnham, a former NFL Vice President for Player and Employee Development and a former NFL player, received the award for being “A Pioneering Visionary.”



Adjunct instructor, Lauren Hoeflinger, celebrated the birth of her son, Jakob Stephen, born on 7/28/15, 5lbs 15 oz and 20 inches long.

# 2015 HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES





# 2015 ALPHA PHI SIGMA

<b>Joseph Bassetti</b>	<b>Gustav Hughes</b>	<b>Tracie Rollins</b>
<b>Evelyn Boone</b>	<b>Nicole James</b>	<b>Carmen Rosario</b>
<b>Carlton Brown</b>	<b>Sheron Johnson-Thomas</b>	<b>Melissa Rossner</b>
<b>Stephanie Brown</b>	<b>Jonathan Kaiser</b>	<b>Mikael Rumphrey</b>
<b>Angelina Campana</b>	<b>JoAnne Katrowski</b>	<b>Molley Shaffa</b>
<b>Christopher Campbell</b>	<b>David Klenk</b>	<b>Michael Siegfried</b>
<b>Kyle Chinery</b>	<b>David LeGates</b>	<b>David Skibicki</b>
<b>Rachel Coats</b>	<b>Claudine Malone</b>	<b>Victoria Smith</b>
<b>Charles Davis</b>	<b>J. Robert Marsden</b>	<b>Christopher Smith</b>
<b>Christina Davis</b>	<b>Kirk McCarthy</b>	<b>Ashley Spencer-Connor</b>
<b>Robert Donovan</b>	<b>Jacqueline McGarvey</b>	<b>Laura Theis</b>
<b>Stephanie Duncan</b>	<b>Anthony Mikulski</b>	<b>Laurie Thompson</b>
<b>Stephanie Flores</b>	<b>Shadrack Minor</b>	<b>Devnol Tobias</b>
<b>Houston Foster</b>	<b>Ebony Morris</b>	<b>Ryan Urbshot</b>
<b>America Garcia</b>	<b>Christopher Nielsen</b>	<b>Tiara Vasquez</b>
<b>Michael Gorman</b>	<b>Michelle Panasiti</b>	<b>Mitchell Weiser</b>
<b>Deanna Groves</b>	<b>Le'Neka Peters</b>	<b>Jonathan White</b>
<b>Kaitlin Hearn</b>	<b>Monica Picerno</b>	<b>Andrea Wilson</b>
<b>Edward Hicks</b>	<b>Shannon Robinson</b>	<b>Christopher Zanni</b>

# 2015 LAMBDA EPSILON CHI

**Rebecca Lovin**

**Christie Martin**

**Amanda Rein**

**Kacey Yates**



# 2015 PI GAMMA MU

<b>Colleen Acker</b>	<b>Sara DiGiovanni</b>	<b>Brittney Martinez</b>	<b>Shalynn Rogers</b>
<b>Kolawole Akinbayo</b>	<b>Destiny Edwards</b>	<b>Jessica McCann</b>	<b>Barbara Rosenheim</b>
<b>Shanon Andrews</b>	<b>Gretchen Elhassani</b>	<b>Angela McKinney</b>	<b>Christa Rosenheim</b>
<b>Cory Bailey</b>	<b>Cynthia Foster</b>	<b>Murphy Meghan</b>	<b>Ashley Sanchez</b>
<b>John Bartosh</b>	<b>Donna Galliani</b>	<b>Tara Merlino</b>	<b>Amanda Spinelli</b>
<b>Lacey Bengtson</b>	<b>Stefanie Greenwald</b>	<b>Casey Messick</b>	<b>Anna Stachnik</b>
<b>Yulanda Blackston</b>	<b>Megan Hamilton</b>	<b>Lisa Moore</b>	<b>Valerie Stocker</b>
<b>Raya Brooks</b>	<b>Adrienne Hanna</b>	<b>Sameerah Muhammad</b>	<b>Mary Stratton-Bey</b>
<b>Amanda Buell</b>	<b>Heather Intelicato</b>	<b>Amber Myers</b>	<b>Joann Testerman</b>
<b>Tysheema Burrell</b>	<b>Nicole Interlante</b>	<b>Angelica Nardi</b>	<b>Darryl Thomas</b>
<b>M.Celayos-Martinez</b>	<b>Julian Jackson</b>	<b>Matthew O'Donnell</b>	<b>Unika Thomas</b>
<b>Sharlyne Charles</b>	<b>Nicole Jacquinto</b>	<b>Danielle Parker</b>	<b>Jamie Topolancik</b>
<b>Katrina Compello</b>	<b>Christina Jennings</b>	<b>Amy Parsons</b>	<b>Charis Vululleh</b>
<b>Melissa Conner</b>	<b>Joseph Jones</b>	<b>Tascha Peterman</b>	<b>Tianna Wagner</b>
<b>Daren Criswell</b>	<b>Arieta Kadrioski</b>	<b>Kelly Pettyjohn</b>	<b>Kellie Walker</b>
<b>Sarah Cupps</b>	<b>Celeste Keech</b>	<b>Alyssa Prettyman</b>	<b>Shionlaia Walker</b>
<b>Margarita Custodio-Garcia</b>	<b>Mary Kramedas-Thomas</b>	<b>Tikeyla Price</b>	<b>Sharonda Wesley</b>
<b>Anna Davis</b>	<b>Carrie Krause</b>	<b>Caroline Reaves</b>	<b>Lyna White</b>
<b>Kaitlin DiGiacinto</b>	<b>Caitlin Lally</b>	<b>Denarra Redick</b>	<b>Cynthia Williams</b>

# 2015 TAU UPSILON ALPHA

**Yolanda Alexander**

**Ayshia Alston**

**Adeola Bademosi**

**Juanita Barr**

**Terry Blount**

**Latasha Brown**

**Cristina Cahill**

**Chira Clinkscales**

**Alexis Davis**

**Kimberly Dent**

**Frebecca Frazzetta**

**Nathaniel Gaines**

**Reana Gilchrist**

**Robin Goldsborough**

**Tiffany Green**

**Anitra Hampton**

**Melanie Haynes**

**Merrissa Hickman**

**Rosalyn Jones-Scotland**

**Mark Mason**

**Michael Miller-McCreanor**

**Crystal Mills-Selby**

**Carrema Morgan**

**Maggie O'Neal**

**William Palmer**

**Jennette Patchell**

**Cynthia Poarch**

**Michelle Reynolds**

**Katrina Robinson**

**Camille Simpson**

**Danielle Smith**

**Na'Sha Smith**

**Kyra Tart**

**Jaquaya Thomas**

**Monica Weil**

**Jane Wingters**