numerous studies examining topics like fear of crime, campus safety, intimate partner homicide, stalking, and the efficacy of civil protective orders.

Dr. Pritchard has published articles in several academic journals including Violence Against Women, Crime & Delinquency, Journal of Crime & Justice, and Homicide Studies. His work at the Center for Research on Violence Against Women also involved writing applied research papers to make cutting-edge research more accessible to advocates and practitioners. Dr. Pritchard's dissertation examines the perception of risk in intimate relationships, utilizing the sociological theory known as the “risk society” to examine how the possibility of violence is weighed against other social risks when people think about dating. His ongoing research interests include the study of risk, fear of crime, and intimate partner violence in the lives of young adults.

Dr. Pritchard is very proud to be at UCF, and is looking forward to collaborating with the UCF sociology department’s outstanding faculty and students. He is excited to bring his many years teaching experience to students at the Cocoa Campus, and hopes to inspire his students to become informed and engaged citizens in an ever-changing world. Outside of work, he is looking forward to his favorite time of the year: college football season. Along with his wife, Karen, and his daughter, Char- lie, his family already has plans to become avid Knights football fans.
Congratulations Summer 2012 Graduates!

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Alhajj, Mandy
Benwell-Lybarger, Jerian M
Crane, Bobbie Lynn
Goodman, Charlie Beth
Hatfield, Jonathan
Jewett, Michelle
Kadel, Fallon Madison
Kleinberger, Jessica Amy
Lemaster, Brenna Christine
Pennington, Shannon Nicole

Social Science BS
Acampora, Destiny Rose
Derek, Sean Harris
Hernandez, Brittni Marie
Jobarah, Ginan A.
Kuchta, Alassandra Danielle
Otero, Joel Anthony
Polden, Charlene Lynn

Sociology Ph.D.
Hoskin, Sara
Marshall, Hollianne
Watkins, William

MA in Applied Sociology
Bares, Lindsey
Gatta, Rocklyn
Kelly, Brenna
Malick, Abigail
Minnick Hanson, Brittany
Owens, Nicole
Weller, Mindy

Top: Dr. Ross Hinkle and Dr. Jana Jasinski hood Dr. William Watkins at the Summer graduation.

Orlando Housing Authority “Moving to Work” Evaluation

“Moving to Work” is a HUD demonstration program that allows local public housing authorities to design and test innovative, locally-designed strategies that use Federal dollars more efficiently, help residents find employment and become self-sufficient, and increase housing choices for low-income families. The Orlando Housing Authority is one of only 34 housing authorities in the nation chosen for a Moving to Work grant. The program duration is ten years and ISBS provides the mandated evaluation component. In July, 2012, Drs. Donley and Wright and graduate assistant Marcus Pruitt submitted the first year evaluation report. Data showed an increase in earned income for residents participating in mandatory self-sufficiency activities, although the increase was relatively modest. There was also a substantial reduction in the amount of staff time spent in the annual income recertification process. A one-stop Self-Sufficiency Center was successfully opened at the OHA Ivey Lane site; among mandated participants in the Center (n = 38), 17 (45%) are currently employed and of those, six credited the resource center with helping them find their jobs.

A major employment barrier for OHA residents is lack of education. Fewer than half of the participants (16 of 38, or 42%) have their high school diploma or GED. Transportation to and from work (job interviews, doctors’ appointments, etc.) was the second most frequently mentioned barrier. Although implementation of many of the MTW first year activities was delayed for various reasons and have been rolled into the work plan for year two, “data on the elements that were implemented show a relatively high level of success on most measures.” Planning for the second year of the evaluation is currently underway.

United Way Outcomes Management Workshop

In July, Wright and Donley also put on a workshop on how to conceptualize and measure program outcomes for about twenty local non-profit agencies who are funded under the Heart of Florida United Way’s “Alleviating Hunger and Homelessness” initiative. Outcomes, Wright noted, are the “So what” of social service provision. They are “the relatively long-term, permanent or enduring changes in people’s attitudes, health, behaviors, social condition and so on, which can reasonably be expected to result from the work, activities, and outputs of the program, e.g., increased skills, knowledge, confidence, self-esteem, independence, self-sufficiency leading to longer-term promotion, new jobs, better incomes, more stable housing, etc.”

The problem with “outcomes” in emergency services (e.g., provision of food, shelter, and the like) is that the service itself is often seen as the outcome. In other words, providing food to the hungry or shelter to the homeless are the outcomes; no further “long term changes” are to be expected. So a key workshop challenge was to persuade participating agencies to think about what each of them is trying to accomplish over and beyond the satisfaction of short term emergency needs. Is it enough to feed a hungry homeless man a hot lunch day after day, month after month, year after year, or at some point should someone not pull this guy off to the side and try to understand why he is food insecure and unable to provide food for himself?
Sociology Faculty Research

By Dr. Penelope Canan

Almost 30 years ago, law professor George Pring and I coined the acronym SLAPP (“Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation”) to capture a heinous threat to the Right to Petition the Government which forms the foundation of democracy. This right is enshrined as the last clause of the First Amendment to the US Constitution. Some 35 US states and a few foreign countries have passed anti-SLAPP laws to reduce the onerous financial burden of defending against a lawsuit designed to intimidate active citizens into silence. Each state’s law and subsequent judicial opinions evolve in social practice the meaning of SLAPPs and the behavior that is protected. One provision of many anti-SLAPP laws is that once a civil lawsuit has been found to be a SLAPP, the lawsuit filer has to pay the SLAPP target’s (often substantial) attorney fees and court costs.

In California, the anti-SLAPP law has been expanded to include Free Speech, another right of citizenship protected by the First Amendment. Recently California’s Sixth District Court of Appeal let stand a ruling that declared that a government entity (the city of Salinas) was also covered by the anti-SLAPP law’s Free Speech protection and so could sue its own citizens for the attorney’s fees it incurred in dealing with the citizens who (unsuccessfully) tried to get a measure on the ballot.

This summer in the Motion for Leave and Amicus Brief, depicted in the picture to the left, I joined others to try to get the US Supreme Court to review this California decision which turns on its head the whole idea of protecting the citizen advocate, regardless of issue or ideology.

UCF Sociology Club News

On October 21st the UCF Sociology Club will be participating in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

The Sociology Club have participated in three community service events for the month of September.

Our first community service event was going to Easter Seals Elderly Daycare Facility in Winter Park on September 7th with Volunteer UCF. We helped the residents who have Alzheimers paint wooden canvas with a design on them, socialized with the residents, and did puzzles together.

Our second community service event was International Peace Day event on September 21st. We partnered up with Knight Advocates. We were outside the Student Union. We brought awareness about International Peace Day and promoting peace. Students who visited the tent could take pictures with peace day signs and they could sign their name or write a message on peace sign cutouts. The peace sign cutouts together will be strung together and will be hung in the union. Our third community service event was the Lake Claire
Trail Clean Up with Volunteer UCF on Saturday September 22nd. 11 bags of trash were removed from the Lake Claire Trail.

The Sociology Club participated in the Light up the Night Event on October 1st sponsored by UCF Victim Services. The event was a success. We had a table and we had domestic violence purple ribbon cutouts that students could sign or write a message. All 29 of the ribbons were then made into a collage. Every purple ribbon represents a student that support the ending of domestic violence. We are participating in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure 5k on October 21st at UCF Brighthouse Stadium. In November, we are writing holiday cards to the wounded veterans and having a canned food drive for Safehouse of Seminole.

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**Student Publications**

**Melissa Tetzlaff Bemiller** “Undercover Online: An Extension of Traditional Policing in the United States” International Journal of Cyber Criminology.


Ford, Jason A. & **Lindsey Blumenstein**. “Self-control and substance use among college students.” Accepted by Journal of Drug Issues.

Students in Betsy Swart’s Patterns of Domestic Violence in Society (SYP 3562) class have been busy this October organizing and participating in activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Members of the class joined 353 volunteers from Harbor House to hang more than 13,000 door-hangers to “spread the word” about domestic violence in our community on September 29th. The class also collected used cell phones for Harbor House—a drive which continues till the end of October—and participated in the 3rd National Call of Unity sponsored by National Resource Center on Domestic Violence. On November 7th, the class will welcome a guest speaker from Harbor House, Mary Kogut-Lowell (CL1, Room 308, 6 pm). Ms. Lowell will discuss court responses to domestic violence. All are welcome to attend!

Have you seen your adviser lately?

As a Sociology or Social Sciences major you are assigned a faculty adviser. Meeting with your adviser at least once a semester will help to make sure you are on track to graduate. The Sociology BA and the Social Sciences BS are flexible degrees with a lot of opportunities for you to tailor your education. We offer courses in multiple formats (e.g. face to face, blended, completely online), at multiple locations (Cocoa, Daytona, Metrowest, Orlando), and with award winning faculty.

Take advantage of all that we have to offer by making an appointment with your adviser before registration starts.

To find out who your adviser is call the Sociology office at 407-823-3744.

Faculty Accomplishments

Kudos to Dr. Amy Donley whose data analysis course was highlighted in a recent UCF Today newsletter.

Professor Lin Huff-Corzine and Ph.D. student Aaron Poole of the Department of Sociology were invited students at the National Behavioral Science Research Methods Program offered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Richmond, VA from August 12-17, 2012. Professor Jay Corzine, also from sociology, served as an Adjunct Instructor for the Program.
Alumni News

Former master’s alum Kristina Dzara, Ph.D., is now working as a Research Associate II in General Internal Medicine at the Yale University School of Medicine.

Doctoral alumni Michele Covington is now an Assistant Professor at the University of North Florida and doctoral alumni Christian Bolden has moved to Loyola University New Orleans as an Assistant Professor.

Publications


Rayburn, Rachel L. and Nicholas A. Guittar “This is Where You are Supposed to Be: How Homeless Individuals Cope with Stigma,” forthcoming in Sociological Spectrum.

New Course: Global Family Trends in Peru

Are you interested in traveling to another country and learning about other cultures? Experience firsthand family life in a global context by visiting and interacting with a host family in an international destination.

In summer 2013 we will be offering a study abroad course exploring the diversity of the world’s families by analyzing different family structures, processes and historical, social and environmental contexts. The scope of this program is designed to increase awareness and appreciation to the diversity of global family trends.

This program will look at family structure development with regards to issues such as mate selection, union formations, parenting and divorce. The program will also address aging families and how global social inequality impacts family life. Want to learn more? Contact Dr. Fernando Rivera (Fernando.Rivera@ucf.edu).