

Welcome to the  
35<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Atlantic  
Undergraduate Social  
Research Conference

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# WELCOME

Welcome to the 35th Annual Mid-Atlantic Undergraduate Social Research Conference (MAUSRC). Since the first conference of twenty-three participants at Elizabethtown College in 1981, the MAUSRC has provided an opportunity for undergraduates to present the results of their social research. The presentation and exposure to social research in several social science disciplines has given students an opportunity to showcase and strengthen their analytical, scholarly, and public speaking skills.

Villanova University is honored to be able to host the conference for the third consecutive year. We are pleased to welcome students and faculty from fifteen schools: Albright College, Cheyney University, Drexel University, Eastern University, Elizabethtown College, Haverford College, Immaculata University, Le Moyne College, Neumann University, Susquehanna University, Swarthmore College, Temple University, University of Delaware, Widener University, and York Country Day School (affiliated with York College). The organizers appreciate the great efforts that everyone makes to participate in the conference and to share their knowledge and expertise. We congratulate the 70 students who will be presenting their research and commend the schools, faculty, and staff that have made the conference possible.

*–Drs. Robert DeFina, Brian Jones, Thomas Arvanites, and Peter Knapp*

## **The History of the Mid-Atlantic Undergraduate Social Research Conference**

The Mid-Atlantic Undergraduate Social Research Conference was first convened on the Elizabethtown College campus on April 6, 1981. The idea of having an undergraduate research conference in the Mid-Atlantic area emerged during a telephone call between Elizabethtown College Professor Donald B. Kraybill and Gettysburg College Professor Donald Hinrichs in the fall of 1980. After agreeing that such a conference would be helpful for students enrolled in their social science courses, Dr. Kraybill agreed to host the first one at Elizabethtown College in 1981 and Dr. Hinrichs agreed to sponsor the second one at Gettysburg College in the spring of 1982. With that impetus, the conference gradually evolved and expanded as more faculty members from other schools supported it by hosting the conference and sending their students.

One of the remarkable things about the conference is that it operates successfully without an on-going steering committee or a budget. Each college or university that agrees to host the event provides the finances for their conference and coordinates the logistics of the event. Organizing and promoting the conference takes considerable work, but faculty and staff from schools in the region have generously contributed their time and leadership so that the conference can thrive and provide an important opportunity for the professional development of their students.

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 10:00am**                    **Registration** (Bartley Hall, LoBiondo Atrium, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)
- 10:30am**                    **Welcoming Remarks** (Bartley Hall 1011)  
*Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., Ph.D.*  
President, Villanova University
- 10:45am**                    **Keynote Address** (Bartley Hall 1011)  
*Kenneth C. Tsang '13 (Criminal Justice, Villanova University)*  
Research Associate, National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE)
- 11:05am**                    **Student Meet & Greet** (outside of Bartley Hall 1011)  
*Led by Jessica Flynn, VU Class of 2015 (Sociology, Gender & Women's Studies)*
- 11:45am-12:55pm**        **Panel Session I\***  
Panel 1.1 Obstacles to Surviving and Thriving: Neglect, Discrimination and Stigma (Bartley 2072)  
Panel 1.2 On the Importance of Values (Barley 2073)  
Panel 1.3 Gender Matters (Bartley 2074)  
Panel 1.4 Through a Religious Lens: Education, Gender & Society (Bartley 33)
- 1:00pm-2:00pm**            **Lunch** (Bartley Hall, LoBiondo Atrium, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)
- 1:00pm-2:30pm**            **Poster Session** (Bartley Hall, Nydick Family Commons, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)
- 2:05-3:15pm**              **Panel Session II\***  
Panel 2.1 Women Under Attack (Bartley 2072)  
Panel 2.2 Injustice in the Criminal Justice System (Bartley 2073)  
Panel 2.3 Youth & Delinquency (Bartley 2074)  
Panel 2.4 Institutional Policies & Practices: Local, National & International Implications (Bartley 33)
- 3:25-4:30pm**              **Panel Session III\***  
Panel 3.1 Family, Friends & Neighbors: Social Dynamics in and around the Home (Bartley 2072)  
Panel 3.2 Attitudes Towards Guns, Drugs & State Power (Bartley 2073)  
Panel 3.3 Life, Death & Inequality: A Comparative Approach (Bartley 2074)

\* Powerpoint presentations that were uploaded via the 2015 MAUSRC website will be available in the "MAUSRC presentations" folder on laptops in all panel session rooms. Martin Fox (*IT Operations, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences*) will be on-site in Bartley on the day of the conference to offer technical/computer troubleshooting support. He will be in & out of panel session rooms throughout the day. His home base will be Bartley 2059 and he can be contacted by phone (610-519-5336) or email martin.fox@villanova.edu. Richelle Hurley & Matthew Zarenkiewicz, two student workers in the Department of Sociology & Criminology, will also be available for technical/computer troubleshooting support.

# THANK YOU!

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## **We would also like to acknowledge the support and contributions of the following individuals:**

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*Student & Faculty Panel Moderators*

*Richelle Hurley & Matthew Zarenkiewicz, Undergraduate Work-Study Assistants, Department of Sociology & Criminology*

*Villanova University Student Volunteers*

*Martin Fox, IT Operations, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences*

## Welcoming Remarks

### Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., Ph.D.



Born in Bronx, N.Y., and raised in Royal Oak, Mich., Father Donohue earned a B.A., with a concentration in theatre and communication arts, from Villanova University in 1975 and was ordained an Augustinian priest in 1979. He holds an M.A. in theatre from the Catholic University of America, a M. Div. from the Washington Theological Union, and a Ph.D. in theatre from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. While pursuing his doctorate, Father Donohue taught theatre at the University of Illinois, where he received honors for outstanding teaching. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest, largest, and most selective all-discipline honor society.

Father Donohue is a tenured associate professor at Villanova who served as chair of the University's department of theatre from 1992 to 2006. He annually directed musical theatre productions on campus, earning six Barrymore Award nominations and one Barrymore Award for Outstanding Direction of a Musical from the Theatre Alliance of Greater Philadelphia.

The Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., Ph.D., became the 32nd president of Villanova University on June 1, 2006. As president, Father Donohue has worked together with students, faculty, staff, alumni, and parents to strengthen the Villanova community and renew its commitment to the institution's Catholic, Augustinian, and educational mission.

**Keynote Address**  
**“First Steps as a Research Professional:  
Advice From a Recent Alumnus”**  
**Kenneth C. Tsang**



Kenneth C. Tsang is a 2013 graduate of the Villanova University bachelor's degree program in criminal justice and currently works as a research associate with the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

During his time at Villanova, Kenneth was involved in several diverse extracurricular activities. He perhaps most notably served as the administrative chairperson of the Association for Change and Transformation, the student group most well-known for the orientation program's diversity workshop, by reforming its management structure and expanding its programming. Through the university's Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships, Kenneth also completed an independent research project on the role of urban dance culture in juvenile crime prevention, which he later presented at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research. In addition, he served as a teaching assistant in the Department of Communication and as a student worker in the Office of Student Development. In his post-graduate, professional role, Kenneth conducts research and authors papers on higher education, labor, and economics. In his short time with NACE, he has published over a dozen articles and reports and continues to develop and contribute to new research projects related to higher education and labor reform.

A committed activist, Kenneth has and continues to use his skills and interests in organizational communication and social science to contribute to accountability, transparency, and equality in whatever field he finds himself in. He hopes to complete his graduate education in the near future, although he is not yet sure in what field.

## PANEL SESSION I - 11:45am-12:55pm

### Obstacles to Surviving & Thriving: Neglect, Discrimination and Stigma

#### Panel 1.1, Bartley 2072

Moderators: Dr. Donald Kraybill, Elizabethtown College &  
Kathleen Tsai, Haverford College

The Effect of Race on Differential Treatment Due to Discrimination

*Mimi Levin, Villanova University*

Racial Inequality in Education Attainment and Socioeconomic Status

*Ashley Bell, Villanova University*

Oh-No, Another Email: An Examination of the Electronic Helping Behavior of Undergraduate Students

*Mallory Slusser, Elizabethtown College*

Race and Education

*Javon White, Villanova University*

Factors that Influence Perceptions of Mental Illness

*Gabrielle Natale, Villanova University*

### On the Importance of Values

#### Panel 1.2, Bartley 2073

Moderators: Dr. Joseph McFalls, Villanova University &  
Sarah Margulis, Drexel University

Amish Schooling: Keeping Tradition in a Hypermodern World

*Gillian Engelbrecht, Elizabethtown College*

Why Is There No "I" in Amsh Culture

*Kayla Furman, Elizabethtown College*

Does Financial Satisfaction Influence One's Propensity to Obey the Law?

*Andrew O'Donnell, Villanova University*

For Green's Sake: The Effects of Household Income, Education, and SEI on Green Purchasing Behavior

*Megan Ebert, Elizabethtown College*

Degree for Dignity: The Effect of Sex and Urbanicity on the Altruistic Behaviors of the College Educated

*Jennifer Frey, Elizabethtown College*

An Investigation of Altruist Preference Between Kinship and Reciprocity

*Bradley Ohlinger, Albright College*

## PANEL SESSION I - 11:45am-12:55pm

### Gender Matters

#### Panel 1.3, Bartley 2074

Moderators: Dr. Gay Strickler, Villanova University &  
Cortnie Belser, Swarthmore College

Does Gender Affect Your Global Job Satisfaction?

*Reilly Esposito, Villanova University*

Fashion in Florentine Identity

*Catherine Patsche, Susquehanna University*

Studying Sibsize and Self-Reported Intelligence

*Meaghan Fabian, Villanova University*

Gender Differences and Neighborhood Fear

*Mitchell Berrang and Conor Balsamo, Villanova University*

Culture of Masculinity Among 911 Medical Emergency Practitioners in Philadelphia

*Svetlana Leonova, Temple University*

Effect of Self-Esteem and Gender on Eating Disorders

*Claudia Tishler, Villanova University*

### Through a Religious Lens: Education, Gender & Society

#### Panel 1.4, Bartley 33

Moderators: Dr. Brianna Remster, Villanova University &  
Allison Borsheim, Villanova University

Plain Dress With a Purpose

*Colby Schweibenz, Elizabethtown College*

An Amish Conundrum: Wisconsin v. Yoder

*Lia Kopar, Elizabethtown College*

Cure-Alls and Chiropractors: Amish Utilization of Complementary/Alternative Medicine

*Gates Failing, Elizabethtown College*

To Parent or Preach: The Work-Family Balance of Women in Ministry

*Amira Allen, Elizabethtown College*

The Effects of Participation in Prison/Post-Prison Ministries on Recidivism

*Margaretta Harding, Villanova University*

It's Raining Men: The Effects of Religiosity on Male's Views of Same-Sex Marriage

*Thatcher George, Elizabethtown College*



**POSTER SESSION - 1:00pm-2:30pm**  
Bartley Hall, Nydick Family Commons, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

How Increased Incarceration Rates Among African American Men Have Caused a Decrease  
in Marriage Rates in the African American Community

*Renee Harris, Cheyney University*

Apartheid Awakened

*Justin Crump, Cheyney University*

Who Teaches Us What's Right? Can Virtue Be Taught in a Classroom Setting?

*Sarah Margulis, Drexel University*

Breathing With Our Anchors On: Mindfulness as a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Classroom  
Management Strategy

*Kathleen Tsai, Haverford College*

Revisiting Miss Ella Baker's Grandchildren: A Research Study on the Life Experiences of  
Black Youth Organizers in Baltimore

*Cortnie S. Belser, Swarthmore College*

The Professional Peer: Examining the Efficacy of an Undergraduate Teaching  
Assistant in Introductory Sociology Courses

*Stephanie Uibel, Villanova University*

## PANEL SESSION II - 2:05-3:15pm

### Women Under Attack

#### Panel 2.1, Bartley 2072

Moderators: Dr. Melissa Hodges, Villanova University &  
Mitchell Berrang, Villanova University

Does Being a Victim of Child Abuse or Witnessing Abuse Impact Future Domestic Violence?  
*Bianca Dudas, Villanova University*

Domestic Violence  
*Christine Connors, Villanova University*

No Place Like Home: A Study of Domestic Violence in India  
*Jessica Flynn, Villanova University*

Boys Will Be Boys: The Effects of Childhood Gender Roles on Violence Against Women Across  
College Campuses  
*Queeneth Igwe, York County Day School*

Women's Incarceration Rates  
*Leslie Guerrero, Villanova University*

Implications of Inadequate Water and Sanitation Infrastructure on Women's Global Health in the  
Global South - A Literature Review  
*Raina Parikh, University of Delaware*

### Injustice in the Criminal Justice System

#### Panel 2.2, Bartley 2073

Moderators: Dr. Robert DeFina, Villanova University &  
Felix Espinosa, Villanova University

Plea-Bargains and Race: A Way to Keep Certain Populations in a State of Disadvantage?  
*Angelica Lieto, Villanova University*

Juvenile Arrests Impact on Adult Arrests Controlling for Rehabilitation  
*Ryan Morris, Villanova University*

Race Influence on Police Stops and Outcomes  
*Felix Espinosa, Villanova University*

Racial Biases in Juror Decision-Making: A Meta-Analysis  
*Michelle Tolan, Villanova University*

Race and Incarceration Rates  
*Denise Feliciano, Villanova University*

Convicted by Juries, Exonerated by Science: A True Quest for Justice  
*Alexandria Barnett, Neumann University*

## PANEL SESSION II - 2:05-3:15pm

### Youth & Delinquency

#### Panel 2.3, Bartley 2074

Moderators: Dr. Allison Payne, Villanova University &  
Amira Allen, Elizabethtown College

Teacher-Student Relationships and Delinquency  
*Heather Schumacher, Villanova University*

The Effects of Bullying and Bullying Victimization on Juvenile Delinquency: A Meta-Analysis  
*Nancy Fisher, Villanova University*

Juvenile Intervention and Labeling Theory  
*Donald Rhinesmith, Villanova University*

Influence of School Attachment on Individuals Who Shoplift  
*Mario Martinez, Villanova University*

Supervision, Deterrence Theory, and Delinquency  
*Christopher Herman, Villanova University*

Youth and Physical Violence: A Study of the Implications of Lacking a Mentor  
*Maria Grasso, Villanova University*

### Institutional Policies & Practices: Local, National & International Implications

#### Panel 2.4, Bartley 33

Moderators: Dr. Lance Hannon, Villanova University &  
Marcus Morales, Villanova University

The Overhaul of College Athletes  
*Amir Abner, Cheyney University*

Gentrification  
*Karen Salmeron, Villanova University*

Test of Poverty on Homicide  
*Brad Seaton, Villanova University*

Education and Race  
*Thomas J. McCarthy, Villanova University*

Evaluating Mexican Narco-Security Strategies in an Era of Transnational Organized Criminal  
Networks and Prohibitionist Drug Policies  
*Isabella Bellezza-Smull, Swarthmore College*

Political Power and the Healthcare Reform  
*Allison Borsheim, Villanova University*

## PANEL SESSION III - 3:25-4:30pm

### Family, Friends & Neighbors: Social Dynamics in and around the Home

#### Panel 3.1, Bartley 2072

Moderator: Dr. Thomas Arvanites, Villanova University

Race and Trust in America

*Isabel Naveira and Brendan Delaney, Villanova University*

Children and Marital Happiness

*Maura Donnelly and Rebecca Felczak, Villanova University*

Rags and Riches: The Effects of Division of Household Labor on Financial Management Practices of Married Individuals

*Gabriella Rossi, Elizabethtown College*

Arranged Marriage: Not an American Topic?

*Samantha Muffuletto, Temple University*

### Attitudes Towards Guns, Drugs & State Power

#### Panel 3.2, Bartley 2073

Moderators: Dr. Rory Kramer, Villanova University &  
Garrett Treer, Neumann University

Gun Control: Efficacy and Social Implications

*Garrett Treer, Neumann University*

The Effect of United States Regions on Attitudes Towards Gun Control

*Elise Samoy-Alvarado, Villanova University*

Mary-Jane, Hot or Not? The Effects of Education and Sex on Views of the Legalization of Marijuana

*Amanda Kling, Elizabethtown College*

How Much is Too Much? The Effect of Level of Education and Sex on Views of Police Officers' Use of Force

*Aaron Rahn, Elizabethtown College*

Race and Religion: Support for Capital Punishment

*Lauren Allingham, Villanova University*

## PANEL SESSION III - 3:25-4:30pm

### Life, Death & Inequality: A Comparative Approach

#### Panel 3.3, Bartley 2074

Moderators: Dr. Satya Pattnayak, Villanova University &  
Jamal Abdur-Rahman, Villanova University

Global Inequality and Mortality Rate

*Margaret Franzetti, Villanova University*

The Impacts of Life Expectancy in a Country

*Marcus Morales, Villanova University*

Modernization and Development

*Jamal Abdur-Rahman, Villanova University*

How Levels of Human Development Affects a Nation

*Kristi Hallowell, Villanova University*

Barriers to Success: Academic Achievement in a Struggling Urban School District

*Chelsea Morrison, Widener University*

# MAUSRC Host Institutions

1981	Elizabethtown College	Elizabethtown, PA
1982	Gettysburg College	Gettysburg, PA
1983	Lebanon Valley College	Annville, PA
1984	Elizabethtown College	Elizabethtown, PA
1985	Shepherd College	Shepherdstown, PA
1986	Shippensburg University	Shippensburg, PA
1987	York College	York, PA
1988	Gettysburg College	Gettysburg, PA
1989	Hood College	Frederick, MD
1990	Elizabethtown College	Elizabethtown, PA
1991	Shepherd College	Shepherdstown, PA
1992	Shippensburg University	Shippensburg, PA
1993	Gettysburg College	Gettysburg, PA
1994	Messiah College	Grantham, PA
1995	Elizabethtown College	Elizabethtown, PA
1996	Wilson College	Chambersburg, PA
1997	York College of Pennsylvania	York, PA
1998	Hood College	Frederick, MD
1999	Shepherd College	Shepherdstown, PA
2000	Shippensburg University	Shippensburg, PA
2001	Cheney University	Cheney, PA
2002	Lincoln University	Lincoln University, PA
2003	Messiah College	Grantham, PA
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