Welcome to the 35th Annual Mid-Atlantic Undergraduate Social Research Conference

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Sponsored by the Department of Sociology & Criminology
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, 1st 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, 1st Floor)

1:00pm-2:30pm   Poster Session (Bartley Hall, Nydick Family Commons, 1st 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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Jessica Flynn, VU Class of 2015 (Sociology, Gender & Women’s Studies)

MAUSRC student presenters and their project advisors

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
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 1st and 2nd 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 Conners, 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*
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