

The Clubs @ John Jay

The MPASA Community

This past semester has proven to be one of the most successful semesters for the MPA Student Association (MPASA). The MPASA hosted a variety of events including the largest and most well received academic workshops. There were several Foundation Exam Preparation and Capstone Seminar preparation workshops, as well as workshops on writing and researching in adherence to the rules of APA documentation style.

Additionally, the MPASA provided students with several workshops on careers, internships, and professional development. One of their largest events was hosted by the New York State NYS Public Management Institute (NYSPMI). Representatives from Albany provided students with an overview of the program, internship and career opportunities available for graduate students, and the benefits of the programs offered by the NYSPMI. A representative of the NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB), Ms. Fuentes, facilitated another major workshop. The students learned about the CCRB and the types of investigations conducted by that agency. Ms. Fuentes also explained the job application process in NYC and at the CCRB.

The MPASA also plays an active role in the John Jay Community. MPASA has collaborated with the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) to host the three ASPA track workshops at the Public Management and Criminal Justice Technology Conference hosted by John Jay College's own, Student Technology Club. MPASA has also been able to round up volunteers to assist with college activities, including the Office of Graduate Studies' Graduate Orientation and the Office of Graduate Admission's Graduate Open House.



Most impressively, the MPASA has shown that a united group of students can have a major impact, exemplifying strength in unity. MPASA has streamlined operations so that students and staff can communicate more effectively and efficiently with each other. Their Blackboard communications have been used to gather feedback for focus groups and for a conference held at John Jay College to assist students with applying for the Federal Presidential Management Internship Program. The MPASA has been growing and shining throughout John Jay College and they plan to continue to do so on behalf of students.

The Student Technology Club

The Student Technology Club, in collaboration with the Office of Student Activities, the New York Metro Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA), and the MPA Student Association, hosted a two-day, First Annual Public Management & Criminal Justice Technology Conference. The Conference took place on November 7th and November 8th. The conference was opened with an ASPA reception. Opening remarks came from Shaheen Wallace, President of John Jay's Student Government, Michael Yusupov, Jeanne-Marie Col, President of NY Metro ASPA, and Professor Wandt, Student Technology Club Faculty Advisor.

The keynote speaker was Abraham Rivera, Executive Director, Information Technology and Investigative Operations at the New York City Department of Investigation. The technology track discussed: NYPD Compstat, technology to monitor sex offenders, forensic technology in demonstrating evidence in criminal cases, tracing internet footprints, identity theft, nano technology and security ipods. The ASPA track workshops were hosted and facilitated by John Jay's MPA Student Association. These workshops discussed careers in public service, internships in the public sector, and success in graduate school.

Overall, the event was a huge success. This conference was student-driven and student-led. Its success illustrates the potential of John Jay's graduate students. The students demonstrated leadership, professionalism, and their intellectual strengths. Their collaboration demonstrates the diversity within the fields of Public Management and Criminal Justice. They reflected various ways in which technology has helped bring together Public Management and Criminal Justice.

The student participants representing the Student Technology Club were: **Jean Krinis**, CRJ Graduate Student; **Michelle Joaquin**, BA/MA Student; **Michael Yusupov**, Student Technology Club, and **Jennifer Oddo**, MPA Student.

The student participants representing ASPA and the MPA Student Association were: MPA Students **Emmanuella Mathurin**, **Tanya Grant**, and **Aaron M. Huertas**, and **Jose Luis Irizarry**, CRJ Graduate Student.



GRADUATE STUDIES @ John Jay

News of interest to
John Jay graduate students
Spring 2009

From the Dean Welcome and welcome back to the Spring 2009 semester



As we begin this New Year, it promises to be one in which extraordinary economic and political challenges will continue to confront us. The leadership qualities nurtured by the many opportunities presented by graduate studies will be invaluable to students as individuals but also as contributors to the welfare of our society.

This issue of the *Graduate Studies Newsletter* offers a superb occasion to spotlight the leadership activities and accomplishments of John Jay's wonderfully vibrant master's students. The Newsletter reports on many of Fall 2008's outstanding student achievements. These included student research, student – faculty collaborations, student clubs and College service, international studies and activities, honors and awards, and career development experiences.

We look forward to a Spring semester of continued student success.

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The Reisenbach Scholars

On July 30, 1990, John Reisenbach, a young advertising executive, was shot and killed as he made a telephone call from a phone booth near his home on Jane Street in the West Village. The murder remains unsolved.

John Reisenbach's family and friends were determined that his death would not be just another statistic. They formed the John A. Reisenbach Foundation to do something that would have a positive impact on crime in the New York area; they wanted to bring some good out of tragedy. The Foundation established Master's degree scholarships at John Jay College for students in the Criminal Justice, Forensic Science, and Forensic Psychology graduate programs. The students selected as Reisenbach Scholars are those who are committed to working in the New York area.

The Reisenbach Scholarship was reopened in the fall 2008 to all graduate students. Applicants for this prestigious award met the minimum requirement of a 3.5 GPA. The finalists were drawn from a cross section of the student body and hold a strong commitment to New York City and to John Jay College.

The 2008 recipients of the Reisenbach scholarship are:

Amanda Encke is a student in the CRJ program. Ms. Encke is a Dean's List recipient. She works at the 42nd Precinct, in the South Bronx. She believes that the courses offered at John Jay provide substantial explanations for the causes of crime. On completion of the master's degree, Ms. Encke plans to conduct further research to develop and test crime control policies.

Kathleen Higginbotham is a student in the Criminal Justice Program. She is employed at the Civilian Complaint Review Board as a Supervisor of Investigations. After completion of the Master's Degree, Ms Higginbotham plans to study forensic psychology and to seek a position in law enforcement in New York City.

Jennifer Ortiz is a BA/MA student in the Criminal Justice program. She is a Dean's List recipient and a member of the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society. On completion of her studies at John Jay, Ms. Ortiz plans to join the New York City Police Department and to continue onto law school. After she passes the bar exam, she intends to seek a position with the District Attorney's Office.

Peter Tam is a student in the CRJ program. Mr. Tam is a Team Leader and Instructor in the New York City Police Academy. He believes that the courses at John Jay prepare police officers to think critically about sensitive issues. These courses contribute to healthier policing, improvement in community relations, and give the police the tools to create a safer environment in New York City.

Violence and Femicide

On November 7th, 2008, John Jay College of Criminal Justice hosted *Femicide: Understanding and Preventing the Murder of Women in Intimate Relationships*. Co-chaired by Drs. Chitra Raghavan in Psychology and Natalie Sokoloff in Sociology, this interdisciplinary conference was intended to bring together a wide audience, all of whom work with battered women in various capacities. Graduate students from both the Forensic Psychology and the FMHC program played an important role as volunteers and coordinators of the conference. Fifty free seats were given to John Jay students and both undergraduates and graduate students from different disciplines attended this conference, which numbered close to 300 attendees. Ph.D students in criminology came from as far as Florida to attend the conference, which is the first of its kind in the U.S.

The conference was sponsored by the Dean of Research at John Jay College, Dr. James Levine, and the Urban Resource Institute, a large shelter service organization serving women and their families in New York City. Drs. Raghavan and Sokoloff wanted to open a cross-disciplinary discussion in the field. Both professors study partner violence and femicide within their different disciplines. They noted that femicide presentations are usually subsumed under homicide. However, years of research suggest that the two are very different and require separate considerations. As one speaker Ted Bunch, from [A Call to Men](#) put it, "Naming the problem" calling femicide by its name, rather than homicide, is the first step to creating awareness.

The conference began with key note speaker, Dr. Rebecca Block, a criminologist with extensive expertise in femicide in the U.S. Her address was followed by presentations by members of two panels: (1) *Threats to Life* and (2) *Race, Class, Gender and Femicide*. The Threats to Life panel was opened by a survivor of multiple femicide attempts who shared her life with the audience to rousing applause. Other panelists included prosecutors, psychologists, epidemiologists, sociologists, and activists in the field with an equal focus on New York City murders and nationwide. Topics ranged from steps the Brooklyn DA's office has taken to prevent femicide to assessing femicide risk in "invisible" populations that have escaped attention. Several researchers cautioned the audience that with the beginning of the recession the steady rate of femicide in the past few years is likely to go up in New York City, because poverty, unemployment, and murder rates of women are strongly associated.

A myriad of applied workshops were offered in the afternoon ranging from training to assess the risk of femicide to using immigrant legal remedies. Many were attended to full capacity. The conference concluded with a wine and cheese reception. Deputy Chief Kathy Ryan of the Domestic Violence Unit at the NYPD made closing remarks and presented three awards to two survivors of femicide attempts and Susan Lob, an activist, who has worked tirelessly to champion the cause of women. The Deputy Chief noted that she was delighted to be invited to be part of the John Jay community and hoped for continued collaboration and more conferences on this topic.

News from the Psychology Front

The MA Student Research Group (MSRG), appointed by Dr. Gabrielle Salfati and Dr. Diana Falkenbach, is an organization of current MA Forensic Psychology graduate students who work to facilitate and promote student research at the graduate level. In fall 2008, the MSRG kicked off the semester by hosting a lecture titled, Research on extraordinary crimes: Expanding roles of the forensic psychologist presented by Dr. Louis B. Schlesinger. In addition, the group hosted several other events including a Faculty Research Information Session, to ensure that students learned about faculty research interests and opportunities for research assistants and/or thesis students.

Later in the semester two information sessions were held: (1) a Conference Submission Information Session provided students with materials regarding professional conference presentations and the requirements for the MA Student Research Conference, an annual event to be held in May 2009; and (2) a PhD Application Information Session giving tips and information regarding the doctoral program application process. Current John Jay forensic psychology doctoral students spoke at this event and were available to answer questions. Spring 2009 promises to be another exciting semester with a second Guest Lecturer, and several information sessions. A Poster Presentation Workshop is planned for those students preparing for the conference in May.

The 5th Annual MA Student Research Conference will be a forum for student researchers to showcase their work to fellow students, faculty, staff, the community, and other professionals in the forensic psychology field. Students who have completed their thesis are encouraged to submit an abstract for a panel presentation and all other student researchers will be eligible for poster presentations. This is a great opportunity for students to present their work and to have first-hand experience of a professional conference. The MSRG welcomes anyone who is interested in forensic psychology to attend.

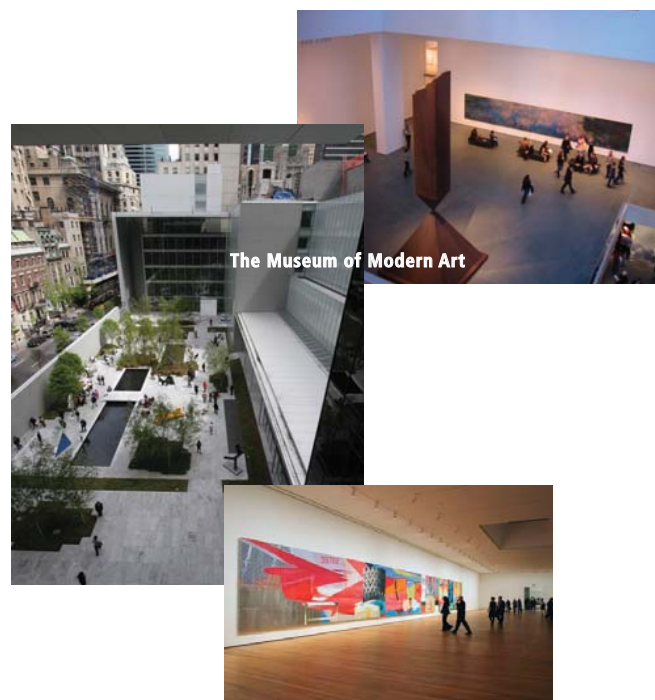
Persons of Distinction

The Office of Graduate Studies is accepting nominations for a Person of Distinction to be honored in the next edition of the Graduate Newsletter. The Person of Distinction could be a student, professor, or staff member whose outstanding achievement during the academic year can be highlighted in the newsletter. Please submit your nomination by email to Janice Carrington at jcarrington@jjay.cuny.edu. The deadline for nominations is December 20, 2008.

Local Areas of Interest

John Jay is one subway stop away from **Times Square** at 42nd Street, a must see for tourists who consider this area the most exciting place in New York City. A short walk will take you to **Lincoln Center** and a Metro Card will take you to the **Museum of Modern Art**.

In the spring, visitors to the **Museum of Modern Art** can view the world's most renowned collection of modern and contemporary art—including the museum's signature collection: *Here Is Every. Four Decades of Contemporary Art*. You can also have a *First Look* at the new **Alice Tully Hall**, which will reopen in February, 2009 with performances by the Juilliard Orchestra and Emerson String Quartet.



Where are John Jay graduates interning? What are they doing?

Asher A. Hoskins, Forensic Psychology, was selected for the highly prestigious Department of the Navy, Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) Student Honors Internship Program. Asher worked at NCIS Headquarters in Washington, DC where he was assigned to the Cold Case Unit.

Clement James, Jr., Vice President of Student Council, MPA, was chosen to intern for Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, New York State Attorney General's Office. As a graduate intern, Clement works in the Inter-Governmental and Community Affairs Bureau in lower Manhattan, where he helps staff events for local politicians. Events he helped to organize include programs for students seeking loans, Medicaid Fraud Seminars for Senior Citizens, Identity Theft and presentations for on victims of crimes. One of his distinguished projects was staffing an event for Attorney General Cuomo and accompanied former Vice President Al Gore at which they announced an agreement with a national energy company to disclose timely and relevant information to investors about climate change risk. Additionally, as a graduate intern Clement is involved in the community, constantly reaching out on behalf of the bureau to plan a calendar of programs to support public interests and needs. Such projects include a "New Yorker Know Your Rights Forum" which addressed Immigration fraud and tenant rights. The event was held at LIU Brooklyn College. He said, "His passion for public service and this internship experience have influenced his desire to become more involved in Civil Rights".



Clement James, Jr.

Kudos to **Veronica DeMoss**, CRJ, **Susan Harvey**, CRJ, **Signa President**, CRJ, **Kalombo Kayembe**, MPA, **Hasmik Vardanyan**, MPA-IG, who were recently inducted into the Legal Aid Society Investigator Internship Program Alumni Association having completed their internship assignments in New York City and the surrounding counties. The four John Jay graduate students participated in a competitive internship experience and were selected from among many graduate and law school students, from primarily Ivy League institutions, to participate in the prestigious Legal Aid Society Internship Program. All graduate students worked for 16-weeks in the field as Investigator Interns. They were responsible for conducting Criminal background checks, locating witnesses, conducting interviews with both witnesses and victims, taking photographs and video recordings of crime scenes

and serving subpoenas. Legal Aid has expanded its opportunities in the fields of Civil Practice and Juvenile Rights. The Director of the Legal Aid Society Internship Program and Internship Alumni Association, **Ms. Alanda Edwards**, MA, is also the Director of Investigators and Paralegals, Criminal Defense Practice. Ms. Edwards is an alumna of John Jay's, Masters Program in Criminal Justice.

Jenna Gillet, Forensic Mental Health Counseling, interned at the Brooklyn Downstate Medical College.

Lindsay Arnold, CRJ, **Devon Geraghty**, CRJ, **Theresa Henry**, CRJ, **Irina Kladova**, CRJ, **Marina Markelova**, CRJ, **Caitlin Noonan**, CRJ, **Lotachuki Okoye**, CRJ, **Hannah Omolade**, CRJ, **Varditra Reid**, CRJ, **Ivette Sierra**, MPA, **Patricia Williams**, MPA, **Christopher Wong**, CRJ, were selected to participate as distinguished members in the Fall Class of 2008, Internship Program with the Kings County District Attorney's Office. The students helped prepare cases by, scheduling witness interviews; obtaining records; arranging simple legal documents; filing documents in court; and providing general administrative support. If you are thinking about law school or a career in government, this program offers an excellent opportunity to graduate students to learn various aspects of the criminal law practice.



Ivette Sierra

Jonathan Cotto, MPA, and **Serge Valbrum**, MPA, were chosen from among a distinguished list of qualified students attending colleges in New York State to participate in a paid two year internships working with the MTA as College Aid Interns. The students representing John Jay have received strategic career placement, working in the MTA's executive offices. Jonathan Cotto is interning in the office of Human Resource Management, and Serge Valbrum in the office of Capital Program Management where he is responsible in part for administering the training needs of Capital Program Management. He works with the TIS division to update and maintain the CPM's training homepage which includes the newly developed on-line CPM Course catalog. Additionally, he develops, monitors, and maintains Matrixes to determine training effectiveness.

If you are looking for an exciting opportunity to leverage your career contact the Graduate Career Advisor, Linda Mitchell at (212) 484-1302 or via email at gradatecareers@jjay.cuny.edu to ask questions or schedule your private consultation. You can also stop by the office, suite 410.07 in the Haaren Building.

Open House

Under new leadership at the Office of Graduate Admissions, Open House was an opportunity for interested students to obtain first-hand information about the seven graduate programs available at the college. For the first time, current graduate students assisted as Student Leaders for this event. They conducted tours, assisted in greeting the attendees and handed out flyers and survey forms to help make Open House a success. The event was coordinated by the Office of Graduate Admissions with the assistance of the staff of the Office of Graduate Studies. The main speakers were Provost Jane Bowers, Vice President Berenecea Eanes and Dean Jannette Domingo.



Open House

Forensic Science Majors Step Out

The Master of Forensic Science students and their mentors were a significant presence at the 34th Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists in White Plains, NY (October 1-4, 2008).

ORAL PRESENTATION

Jeannine DeGrazia and Professor Diana Friedland presented the topic **Plant related Forensics: An Examination of a Native Plant Defense Protein.**

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Jason C. Beckert and Professor Margaret Wallace presented the poster on **Genotyping Diptera using Amplified Fragment Length Polymorphism (AFLP): Development of a Genetic Marker System for Species in the Families Calliphoridae and Sarcophagidae.**

Cassandra J. Gershaw and Professor Linda Chiu Rourke presented the poster on **Forensic Utilization of Familial Searches in DNA Databases.**

The poster presented by Marta Szpilowska and Professor Gloria Proni was titled **Analysis of partial fingerprint.**

Kristen Tregar, and Professors Elise Champell, and Gloria Proni presented the poster on **A Review of Forensic Science Programs in the United States: Student Demographics.**

The Internationals

The Morocco Saga Continues

Ms. Caitlin Noonan was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and moved to Boston to attend Emerson College. There she received a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts in Writing, Literature and Publishing. Ms. Noonan remained in Boston after graduation writing for a business newspaper in the city. A year later, she moved to New York and was employed the Penguin Publishing Co. In January 2008, while still employed at Penguin Publishing Ms. Noonan began the Master's degree in Criminal Justice at John Jay part time. When she learned of the opportunity to study in Morocco during the summer, she left her job and enrolled in the program on a full time basis.

The Saga of her Moroccan connection continues in the interview below:

Q. How has your summer session shaped the research on which you have decided to embark?

A. Dr. Raghavan's class, which included intensive reading and writing assignments, provocative discussions, and tons of guest speakers and trips to NGOs, absolutely gave me the insight necessary to understand the Mudawana reform in the context of Moroccan culture. The program also gave me the motivation to do something that excites me but may have seemed daunting before last June. I'm also looking forward to returning with knowledge gained from a previous trip, like how to say, "No, thank you, I'm full" — "shbet, haam-dula" — when my housemother insists that I keep eating until the last morsel of *tagine* or *couscous* is gone. There is always much learned in an exchange of cultures. More than anything, the summer session gave me the chance to discover how warm and hospitable Moroccan culture is. I think that our group may have been able to debunk some myths about Americans, as well.

Q. What made you decide to return to Morocco after your summer trip with Professor Raghavan?

A. Studying in Morocco while living with a Moroccan family was such an energizing and invaluable way to learn about law reform and culture in an Islamic country. I've always loved to travel and study other languages and cultures, so almost as soon as I returned to New York I began thinking of ways to expand on what I'd learned (and, I hoped, get myself back to Morocco). During the course of the program, we learned what a proud achievement the Mudawana reform was for many Moroccans, from the country's progressive activists to scholars and students. As we completed the program, I was left wondering how successful the practical implementation of the reform has been. In researching that question, I plan to speak with lawyers and judges who work with the reformed law on a daily basis.

Q. What is the nature of your research?

A. In 2004, Morocco's Family Code, or Mudawana, which deals with matters of marriage, divorce and child custody, was reformed to promote equal rights for men and women. One provision of great significance is that the reform made it much

easier for women to file for divorce for reasons of domestic violence, which was almost impossible beforehand. My goal is to examine the implementation of the reform in this context. I plan to interview lawyers, judges and students about their experience and opinions of the reform as it pertains to these cases. In addition, my questionnaire will include questions regarding perceptions of domestic violence. I'm enthusiastic about the unique opportunity to interview individuals whose livelihood and fundamental concept of women's rights have been altered in the past five years.



Caitlan Noonan

John Jay's 2010 Biennial International Conference will be held in Morocco. The conference committee is chaired by Professor Chitra Raghavan.

International Week @ Graduate Studies

International week is an American tradition, but it was a special occasion among John Jay's graduate students in the fall 2008 semester. A group of graduate international students visited the United Nations headquarters. They returned to the college with a universal aspiration to promote human rights and dignity. A United Nations mural reminded them that "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights... they are endowed with reason and conscience and act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood." We ought to implement this phrase in our daily lives the students stated as they left the General Assembly hall.



New Authors of the MA in Criminal Justice

Each semester, nearly 10% of all candidates for the master's degree in criminal justice choose to write a thesis, which requires 27 credits plus CRJ 791, instead of taking the comprehensive exit exam (33 credits plus CRJ 793). CRJ 791 enables graduate students to embark on practical projects that are "doable" given time limitations, IRB requirements, and an absence of funding. In December, Dr. Jannette Domingo, the Dean of Graduate Studies, approved seven theses written by CRJ master's degree students. This semester the topics included such topics as the NYPD's strategies to prevent gang violence, a comparison of kidnappings in New York and Puerto Rico, delinquency and juvenile justice, and escort services in Japan. In his research, one new author, Muvaffak Cemil Çitak, recommended that his employer, the Turkish National Police, include academicians, civilians, and representatives of NGOs in its Human Rights Division.

"The experience of conducting research has been extraordinary" says Rebecca Stanley, who studied harm reduction programs in New York City. "Having the opportunity to go out into the field and meet with drug users and outreach providers was a unique and rewarding opportunity for me. It was remarkable to see how people can benefit so much from simply having a place to go and get clean needles, as well as accurate and vital information about preventing HIV through safer injection and sex practices." She concludes that "it was also a pleasure to be able to put my criminal justice learning to good use and see how practically I can apply my knowledge."

Anila Duro, whose future plans are to study at the doctoral level, investigated the trafficking of women into the U.S. for sexual exploitation. She developed materials to assist and protect the victims and to improve preventive measures. "Tackling this kind of criminal activity makes one even thirstier for research" Ms. Duro said. George Henry wrote about the decrease in murders in New York City. Summing up his experiences, he declared, "It is my humble view that this is the appropriate way to exit graduate work, leaving behind a valid contribution to the institution and the wider community. Dr. Andrew Karmen, professor of sociology, who conducts the CRJ 791 "gateway" thesis prospectus course cautions that the thesis option is only for those who have excellent writing and research skills, and are industrious, self-disciplined, and highly motivated. At the same time, there is a sense of accomplishment when a student obtains the bound volume of a thesis for the library. This can be a very meaningful alternative to passing the comprehensive exam for those with a "good reason" such as unusual access to data, or a deep commitment to a particular issue or cause, or a desire to initiate research that potentially could be expanded into a doctoral dissertation.

Our Person of Distinction – Jose Irizarry

The Office of Graduate Studies is pleased to announce that our Person of Distinction for spring 2008 is Jose Irizarry, a student in the CRJ master's program. Mr. Irizarry is a former graduate of the MPA program. He served as Vice President of the MPA Student Association and continues to assist the Association as Event Facilitator and Professional Development and Academic Advisor. His efforts have resulted in an edgy, informative newsletter, which gives current news and critical information to the MPA students. Mr. Irizarry has been instrumental in making Graduate Open House a great success by organizing student leaders who greet the new students and conduct tours of the college. He also continues to serve the John Jay community as a SEEK mentor and as a leader for students in the MPA program.

After completing his studies in the MPA program, Mr. Irizarry accepted a position as an adjunct at Boricua College in New York where he taught Political Science and an Introductory Course in Computers. He has also been accepted as a Teaching Fellow in New York City's Teaching Fellows Program.

In their varied submissions recommending Mr. Irizarry for this nomination, students, professors and staff have commented, "It is rare to find a person with such drive to succeed, and Jose has proven to himself as well as his colleagues that the path to success is passion, initiative and determination." He has been described as dedicated, motivated and willing to assume the role of teacher and friend. Mr. Irizarry embodies all the ideals of the John Jay spirit in his willingness to share his knowledge and experiences with students, faculty and staff. His passion for all things John Jay is truly amazing.



Jose Irizarry

Mr. Irizarry has shared with us his dream to pursue a Ph.D. in Political Science. We wish him continued success in his studies and future career. He is such a bright star in the John Jay constellation!

Public Administration Hosts Spring 2009 Graduate Lecture Series

The Office of Graduate Studies and the Student Activities Association sponsor a series of graduate lectures each semester. The seven graduate programs rotate responsibility for themes and speakers. Graduate students may obtain a total of 3 credits toward degree requirements by attending the series on a regular basis for three semesters and submitting a report on each lecture.

The Public Administration graduate program will host the series in the fall semester and Professor Marilyn Rubin, program director, will introduce the guest lecturer for each event.

The lectures will take place in the Multi-Purpose Room (2200 North Hall) from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Further information about the lecture series will be published on the John Jay website at the beginning of the semester.

Forget-Me-Nots

- January 26:** First day of classes.
- January 27 through January 31:** Change of program.
- February 1:** Last day to add a course
- February 12 & 16:** No classes.
- February 17:** First day to resign from a course without academic penalty.
- March 4:** Last day to apply for May 2009 graduation
- April 7:** Last day to resign from a course without academic penalty.
- April 8 through April 17:** Spring Recess.
- May 15:** Last day of classes

Internships... Graduate Students Leveraging Careers...

Launching your career is hard work. Gone are the days where students worked exclusively toward developing academic acumen with the expectation of being rewarded with the golden chalice for a job well done. It takes experience, knowledge and education to advance and meet the challenges of a changing global economy. Prudent John Jay graduate students understand what it takes to establish competitive advantage in the workplace and they are making compromises to succeed. John Jay graduate students are committed to professional accomplishment and making contributions in society that continue the legacy of John Jay. For these astute graduate students, digging deep and carving a career path through pursuing distinguished practical experience is giving them the competitive edge to leverage their careers.

Here's what John Jay's graduate students are accomplishing through the Office of Graduate Studies, Graduate Career Advising. Students are strategically planning their careers over 3 to 15 years. They are groomed to prepare the appropriate documents that distinguish them among other students nation-wide. They are prepared to discuss world issues, local events and gain improved confidence in various types of interviewing processes. They receive personalized coaching and secure internship opportunities (paid and voluntary) that help advance their careers where their academic knowledge transcends the classroom experience from a holistic perspective. The results of student consultations through Graduate Career Advising are demonstrated in the successful outcomes of students.