

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DEAN'S OFFICE

Greetings! Welcome to the NJCU College of Professional Studies newsletter.

The mission of the College of Professional Studies is to educate individuals from diverse communities to succeed in their professional goals and personal aspirations and to effectively contribute to society. Our engaging learning environment encourages students to become self-motivated learners who can think analytically, locate resources, solve problems creatively, and master essential technical skills.

The College attracts career-minded students who are eager to learn skills that are most critical to launching or advancing their professional lives, and our learning community welcomes both traditional and non-traditional students. NJCU's urban location is an integral part of the student experience, and is the perfect setting for educating students who will thrive in today's fast-paced world.

WELCOME NEW FACULTY



Dr. Juste Codjo holds a Ph.D. in Security Studies from Kansas State University, an M.A. in International Relations from Webster University, and a Graduate Certificate in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.



Abdullah Al-Hayajneh's research focuses on IoT privacy and security, wireless security, network security, WBAN security, and biometric authentication.



Dr. Michael Wiltsey holds a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology with a concentration in Forensic Psychology, a B.A. in Criminal Justice and Psychology, and an M.A. in Forensic Psychology.



CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. SHANDA JOHNSON NURSING AWARD

The New Jersey League for Nursing (NJLN) has named NJCU's **Shanda Johnson, Ph.D., APN-C, FNP**, Assistant Professor, Accelerated BSN Program Coordinator, a 2019 NJLN Nurse Recognition Award recipient in honor of her outstanding commitment and contributions to the

profession of nursing. The Nurse Recognition Awards Ceremony took place on Friday, November 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the Pines Manor, Edison, NJ. Dr. Johnson is also a family nurse practitioner. She received a B.S. in Nursing, an M.S. in Nursing, and a Ph.D. in Nursing Science from Rutgers University.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Dr. Venessa Garcia, Department of Criminal Justice, was awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award, New Jersey City University Chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success, 2019. Along with Dr. Cara Rabe-Hemp, Criminal Justice Professor at Illinois State University, she co-edited a book examining women police around the globe. The book, released in November 2019, features prominent scholars from various nations who examine issues faced by women police in their respective countries.

WOMEN POLICING ACROSS THE GLOBE

Shared Challenges and Successes in the Integration of Women Police Worldwide

CARA RABE-HEMP AND VENESSA GARCIA



FITNESS AND EXERCISE SCIENCE

The Bachelor's of Science in Exercise Science was officially launched in Spring 2019. The department is currently building an Exercise Science Laboratory.

Manuela Caciula, Ph.D. is the Assistant Professor and Chairperson of Fitness Exercise and Sports Department.

NJCU scuba students got published in the recent September / October 2019 issue of Dive Training Magazine. <https://dtmag.com/crew-gallery>.



Students and alumni from New Jersey City University in Jersey City, NJ, traveled to Bonaire to explore, train and learn. Bart Snelder and his staff at WannaDive (Kim, Linda, Alex, Emma, Roy, Finn, Dave and Pieter) assisted all week. Three students earned the Reef Renewal Diver Distinctive Specialty. NJCU Dive Team: Tom Lee, Aquatics Coordinator and Dive Instructor, Gabriela Resende, Rose Castillo, Carly Hatcher, Nicole Jusino, Lexis Pacheco-Anci, Eduardo Velarde, Justin Pinckney, Jason Perez, Richard Diaz and Edwin Nazario.



FIRE SCIENCE

The Fire Science Department recently teamed up with the New Jersey Chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (NJ SFPE) on a visit to experience Chubb Labs, Branchburg, NJ. While at Chubb Labs the Chubb staff demonstrated the newest in fire protection equipment and gave us an opportunity to use the equipment. The NJ SFPE has been working with the Fire Science Department over this past year to give our students, alumni, and faculty numerous opportunities to collaborate and learn more about the fire protection field. Our department is a member of the SFPE and attends their monthly meetings, conferences, and special events. We are also collaborating on future courses to offer our students.

The people in the photo are as follows: Walter Nugent, Rich Reitberger (Vice President, NJSFPE), Steve Strauss (FS alumni), Dean Edmondson, Paul McGrath (President, NJSFPE), Robert O'Keefe (FS major), Julio Arenas (FS major), Anna Scanniello, Kelly McKenna (FS major).



HEALTH SCIENCES CALENDAR

November 21, 2019: Life's New Chapter Foundation's 2019 Annual Health Promotion Event: Mental Health Summit: This 2nd annual event is to raise awareness about Mental Health by providing students, faculty, and community with access to care, education, and mental health first aid certification opportunities.

November 19, 2019: Equity Begins Before Birth: Maternal & Child Mortality in NJ Event: This event is put on by the Public Health Education major students as part of their senior capstone project, which is conducted for HLTH 405 (Health Planning).

November 26, 2019: Cannabis Awareness & Education Panel: The purpose of the event is to provide awareness/education on cannabis legalization in NJ, and it's potential impact on the economy, social justice, criminal justice, medicine, and recreational use.

December 4, 2019: Citizen's Guide to Advocating for Change & Health Policy: The event is designed to guide people with how to be active with local legislators to facilitate change for healthier communities. Attendees will learn how to contact & effectively communicate with legislators, how to propose a bill with grassroots support, and how to follow a bill through the legislative process.



INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING

NJCU's Professional Security Studies Program is one of the few university departments in the country designated a *Center of Academic Excellence* in both *Intelligence* and *Cyber Security*. NJCU's National Security Studies program has been designated as a *National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense (CAE DC)* as designated by the *National Security Agency* in conjunction with the *U.S. Department of Homeland Security*. NJCU's National Security Studies program became a federally designated *Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence (IC CAE)* through a grant award from the Defense Intelligence Agency in September 2019.



From June 4-6 2019, NJCU's National Security Studies students and faculty represented NJCU at the *Rutgers IC CAE Certificate Program* in Intelligence and National Security Conference—Critical Technology Studies. **Dr. Scott Fisher**, Assistant Professor in NJCU's Professional Security Studies Department, presented a lecture prepping students of all the participating colleges/universities to both STEM and non-STEM students to conduct briefings for a panel of experts as part of the Rutgers IC CAE Certificate Program in Critical Technology Studies. This was a great opportunity for our student body, as well as our department being recognized as one of the premiere institutions in the field.



ABOUT THE NEW JERSEY LEAGUE FOR NURSING

The New Jersey League for Nursing supports and implements the mission of the National League for Nursing to promote excellence in nursing education to build a strong and diverse nursing workforce to advance the nation's health

at the constituent level, and to share best practices and experiences as an active member in health care.

