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Profile of a UCF Cocoa Student

Written by Dr. John Lynxwiler

Dr. Sara Hoskin received her PhD in Sociology at UCF’s Summer Graduation Ceremonies in August, 2012. Dr. John Lynxwiler from UCF’s Cocoa Campus served as the Chair of Dr. Hoskin’s Dissertation Committee.

A Florida Bright Futures Scholarship recipient, Dr. Hoskin was awarded the Brevard Community College Principals Scholarship when she began her undergraduate education at BCC in 2002.

After earning two Associate Degrees from BCC, Dr. Hoskin transferred to UCF’s Cocoa Campus. In 2004, she was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and in 2006, Dr. Hoskin graduated Magna Cum Laude from UCF’s Cocoa Campus with a B.A. Degree in Sociology. Upon her acceptance into UCF’s M.A. in Applied Sociology Program on the Cocoa Campus, Dr. Hoskin received a two-year Research and Mentoring Program Fellowship from UCF. In 2007, she was included in Who’s Who Among UCF Students, and in 2008, she was nominated for UCF’s Order of the Pegasus Award. In 2008, Dr. Hoskin completed her M.A. Degree in Applied Sociology, which she earned on the Cocoa Campus. Dr. Hoskin entered UCF’s PhD Program in the Fall of 2008. From 2006-2009, Dr. Hoskin was the Managing Editor of Sociological Spectrum, the Official Journal of the Mid-South Sociological Association.

Since Dr. Hoskin began her graduate education, she has presented ten papers at professional meetings across the United States. Her research covers a wide range of topics including a qualitative study of regulatory laws and sport fishing in the Bahamas, a cross-national quantitative study of attitudes toward homosexuality, a secondary data analysis of European immigrants in the United States, as well as her dissertation research which examined foreclosures and crime using quantitative and qualitative data that she collected. Several of her papers currently are under review at professional journals. For the past four years, Dr. Hoskin has taught sociology courses at UCF’s Cocoa Campus, Daytona Campus, Orlando Campus, and at Brevard Community College in Titusville.

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Dr. Hoskin’s dissertation research, *Foreclosures and Crime: Testing Social Disorganization Theory in the Suburbs*, extends social disorganization theory to examine how residential instability shapes crime within middle- and upper-income neighborhoods. Simply put, social disorganization theory argues that place matters. Sociologists who use social disorganization theory assume that the less cohesion or integration within a group, neighborhood, community, or society the higher will be its rate of crime and deviance. Thus, the physical characteristics of a person’s residential location are just as important as their individual characteristics in shaping the likelihood that they will become involved in illegal activities. The theory also argues that levels of collective efficacy, or the presence of shared bonds, can increase cohesion among residents which can help to reduce crime. Most studies using social disorganization theory have looked at low-income neighborhoods. Dr. Hoskin’s research is one of the first to examine social disorganization within middle- and upper-income neighborhoods. Dr. Hoskin’s research investigated middle- and upper-middle class neighborhoods in Orange County Florida for the years 2005-2009. Using ArcGIS mapping, foreclosure rates in 80+ neighborhoods were compared with data on residential burglary rates. In addition, Dr. Hoskin examined the collective efficacy within 30 neighborhoods that had strong differences between their foreclosure and residential burglary rates. Some of the neighborhoods with high residential burglary had indicators of low collective efficacy, while several neighborhoods with low residential burglary had indicators of high collective efficacy. The major findings from Dr. Hoskin’s research support previous research on various indicators of collective efficacy; however, her findings provide new directions for researchers who use social disorganization theory to examine crime within affluent neighborhoods.

**Important Security Protocols**

Recent questions have been raised about protocol for urgent situations that do not require 911 assistance (i.e. reporting unusual activity or requesting an escort to the parking lot after dark) so here is some information about contacting BCC Security:

In case of emergency, please call 911. For urgent situations on the Cocoa campus that do not require 911 assistance, please call BCC Security immediately at 321 403 5907. This line may transfer and ring up to 15 times before it is answered- please stay on the line and allow the line to ring at least 15 times. If your call isn’t answered within 15 rings, please call 321 634 4963. For urgent situations on the Palm Bay campus that do not require 911 assistance, please call BCC Security immediately at 321 403 5911. Also, as a reminder: if you are on either campus after hours or on the weekend, please be sure to let BCC Security know that you are in the building by calling the numbers listed above.

**Sue’s Tech Tip**

You can now get your UCF Outlook Exchange email on your Android or iPhone without a fee. Just go to the UCF home page and in the search box, type “activesync.” Pick the link that matches your phone model. UCF Outlook Exchange works on Window’s phones, too, but the instructions aren’t listed. Please call me if you need any assistance.

If you own a Blackberry, you will still be charged a monthly fee and your Blackberry will need to be setup to connect to the Blackberry Enterprise Server to obtain your UCF Outlook Exchange email.
Welcome new faculty and staff!

**Gerry Deveau** is the new Coordinator of Business Services at the Cocoa campus. Originally from Massachusetts, Gerry relocated to Florida four years ago with his wife Patti and, youngest of three sons, Michael. He holds a B.S. degree in Accounting which he earned from Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, New Hampshire. He came to UCF with many years of experience in the health care industry managing billing and account receivable functions in both laboratory and physician group environments. He most recently spent the past couple of years at UCF’s Student Health Center on Main campus where he was the billing and collections supervisor.

“I am thrilled to be here at Cocoa and believe that this is where I was meant to be. I look forward to working with everyone in the Southern Region as we strive to meet the needs of our students”.

**Dr. Adam Pritchard** is a new Assistant Professor of Sociology at the Cocoa campus. Dr. Pritchard earned his Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky, and holds a B.A. from Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee. He spent many years working for the University of Kentucky’s Center for Research on Violence Against Women, most recently serving as the Center’s Research Coordinator. Along with his co-authors, he has published scholarly articles on protective orders, homicide, fear of crime, and campus safety. His dissertation examines the consideration of risk in dating violence, attempting to understand intimate partner violence within a broader sociological and theoretical context.

Dr. Pritchard will be teaching Sports and Society (SYP3560) and Sociological Social Psychology (SYP4000) this fall, and Sociology of Deviant Behavior (SYP3510) and Constructing Social Issues (SYP4004) this spring.

**Dr. James McCafferty** was born and raised in the Atlantic City, New Jersey area, so teaching at Cocoa and Palm Bay seems like coming home. “For Monopoly fans out there, my neighborhood growing up was Marven Gardens (Parker Brothers got the spelling wrong) and I used to ride my bike up to Boardwalk and Park Place. The shore is not a strange place for me.

I have taught college and graduate level courses for more than ten years in addition to spending eight years as an insurance agent and spending time as a mediator with the Hampton, Virginia General District Court. My family and I reside in Oviedo, Florida.

My interest areas include Organizational Communication, Organizational Conflict and Conflict Management, Labor Relations, and Communication Theory. My research focuses on Conflict Management and Labor Relations.”
Faculty & Staff Achievements

Patty Farris from Diversity Training presented a session on the Cocoa campus for BARANGA, which is a simulation activity that allows participants to explore and experience the challenges and communication barriers of life in a cross-cultural setting. Staff attendees: Diana Soltys, Wendy Perez, Elaine Cruz, Teresa Youngman, Darlene Kraft, Jessica Houts, Jim Smith, Gerry Deveau, Kimberly Poppert, Nick Pantloni, Paula Cepero, Darlyne Egan and Cara Dixon. Faculty attendees: Erin Murdoch and Jerome Randall. Student attendee: William Willmot.

Congratulations to Steve Heglund who just completed his Ph.D. His dissertation, “Stressors Experienced by Emergency Department Registered Nurses at the Bedside: A Phenomenological Study”, sheds new light on this very important topic.

Dr. Lauren Miller chaired the annual conference of the Florida Association of Branch Campus Administrators which was held on Longboat Key in late June. Dr. Lauren Miller attended the conference “Completing the Mission: Retaining and Graduating Student Veterans”, hosted by UCF Orlando. UCF Cocoa and Palm Bay serve approximately nine percent of all UCF veterans.

Dr. Lauren Miller attended the 2012 Space Coast Science Education Alliance Exemplary Science Teacher awards program. The event celebrates the achievements of Brevard Count science teachers, many of whom are UCF graduates. UCF Cocoa and Palm Bay campuses also provides sponsorship for the event.

Nick Pantloni attended the Florida Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Offices (FACRAO) Conference which was his second session in the Florida Institute for Strategic Enrollment Management (FISEM) program working toward the distinction of Registered Enrollment Professional (REP).

Community Involvement

The Professional MBA Program held Information Sessions this summer at the Palm Bay campus. The next cohort will begin in September.

The 2012 Summer Reading Program was held at the Palm Bay campus. The program offers instruction for pre-school through adults and is a collaboration between the UCF Division of Continuing Education and the Institute of Reading Development.

Sonya Curtis attended the Melbourne Regional Chamber of East Central Florida’s Palm Bay Power Leads Club.

Dr. Young, Sonya Curtis and the Southern Region Psychology Faculty hosted a going away luncheon for the UCF/BCC Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Huyesin Dogan and his family. He completed his time here and has returned home to Turkey.

As part of her community activities on behalf of UCF, Dr. Denise Young, Southern Region Associate Vice President, has participated in many events including:

- continued her collaboration with BCC through
  - BCC Student Services Council Meetings
  - Meetings with the BCC Provosts
  - BCC Executive Council Meetings
  - BCC Board of Trustee Meetings
- Continues to be involved with the Brevard Workforce Development Board through attendance at the quarterly Board meeting, quarterly Business Workforce Committee Meeting. She also attended the Very Special BizLaunch hosted by Brevard Workforce.
- Continued involvement with the Economic Development Commission of Florida’s Space Coast through attendance at the quarterly Board of Directors Meeting
- Attended the Civilian Military Group meeting in July hosted by the Canaveral Port Authority and friends.
- Attended the first meeting of the Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce’s new networking group, NGO, Next Generation Organization. Jeff Piersall, co-founder and CEO of Space Coast Business Media, was the speaker.
Tam Reis, a UCF Cocoa College of Education graduate, is profiled in a Florida Today article about the first day of school. Ms. Reis is employed at West Melbourne Elementary School for Science, where she interned last year.

Submitted by Rachel Chmura, elementary education major and part-time office assistant for the College of Education, UCF Cocoa.

Imagine standing 34 floors above the ground in one of the largest buildings, by volume, in America. Caitlyn Eskew and I were among the lucky few who were given the opportunity to do just that and more recently at the John F. Kennedy Space Center.

As seniors in the undergraduate elementary education program at the UCF Cocoa Campus, we are always looking for ways to develop our teaching skills. When we learned about the NASA Pre-Service Teacher Institute (PSTI), a two-week program to be held in June 2012, Caitlyn and I decided to apply. We were honored to be selected among the 20 pre-service teachers partaking in the program. Also accepted were four other UCF Knights as well as students from Georgia, Oklahoma, Idaho, Utah, and New Jersey.

At Kennedy Space Center’s Educator Resource Center, we participated in twelve different workshops or lessons designed to be used with upper elementary through high school aged students. The workshops focused on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) skills. We were thrilled to participate because teachers who foster STEM skills in their students are helping to create future engineers, astronauts, scientists, doctors, and much more.

After the workshops were completed, participants paired together to create a lesson based on one of the lessons that we were taught. Caitlyn and I collaborated on a lesson that required students to build a “lunar capsule” that would protect an egg (i.e., astronaut or cargo) and keep it safe during a “lunar landing.” The capsules were made from a variety of provided materials and then dropped from a seven-foot-high stand. We headed to Gardendale Elementary School to teach our lesson to fourth graders. The students were very bright and creative during the hands-on experience with design and engineering, and many ended up with unbroken eggs!

On the last day of the program we were given a VIP tour of the Kennedy Space Center. In addition to traveling to the 34th (out of 37) floor of the Vehicle Assembly Building, we also toured the Orbiter Processing Facility 1 and walked underneath the belly of the orbiter Atlantis. Additionally, we visited launch pad 39A, the Saturn V building, and viewed one of the crawlers (the vehicles that transported the shuttles to the launch pads).

The NASA PSTI provided us with new skills and techniques to take into our future classroom that will enhance STEM-related curriculum. We also gained new insight into the abundance of free resources located at NASA’s Kennedy Space Center Educator Resource Center. This was truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that we are very grateful and fortunate to have experienced.

College of Nursing

Dr. Stephen Heglund has taken up office residence on the Palm Bay campus to expand Nursing advising coverage.

The UCF Cocoa nursing program will be graduating thirty-one seniors in August. Four students are graduating with Honors in the Major recognition (Breanna Anderson, Samantha Bainbridge, Amanda D’Ambra and Cecelia Dinh) and a majority of the class will be graduating with cum laude. The SNA Cocoa participated in two collection drives this summer in support of the Women’s Shelter of Brevard County and Brevard School Foundation. Ten new officers were elected to take over the 2012-2013 Student Nurses Association Cocoa positions. Congratulations to all!

On July 18, Cecelia Dinh successfully defended her HIM thesis titled, “Healing Hands: Reviewing the potential applications of energy therapies to redirect pain during labor and childbirth.”
College of Health and Public Affairs

Stacey Hintz, UCF student alumnae, recently graduated from the BCC Police Academy (pictured with Sgt. Tim "Moose" Mosebach, also a UCF Cocoa graduate). Stacey has been hired at Melbourne Police Department.

Tanith Mills, a UCF Cocoa Criminal Justice alumnae, also completed the academy and was hired at Cocoa Beach PD.

Enrollment Services

Nick Pantloni has been promoted to the Assistant Director position for Academic Support Services. You can continue to see Nick in the same office. His former position, Coordinator for Financial Aid, is in the process of being filled.

Kim Poppert, with the help of Jessica Houts and Jim King completed classroom visits to BCC to talk about Direct Connect: Titusville 2, Melbourne 4. She also attended Express Decision Day at the Palm Bay campus and a new student orientation on the same campus.

Sarah Sacra has attended the WalMart Job Fair in Cocoa Village in June making contact with 43 participants, and 4 BCC Cocoa Orientations to promote Direct Connect.

Direct Connect

Ms. Poppert met with Catherine Garland, coordinator for Sports Clubs and Regional Recreation at the Recreation and Wellness Center, to discuss all the fantastic services offered to all UCF students. They discussed opportunities for regional campus Direct Connect students to receive free gym memberships and to participate in recreational related programs offered regionally for our students.

Advising Center

Angel Edgecombe, will be giving two presentations at the NACADA Annual Conference “Empowering Students to Write Their Own Songs of Success” in October. The presentations are “Striking the Right Chord to Empower Transfer Adult Learners in a Regional Campus Advising Office,” and “Advisor Conservation: How to Maximize and Empower Peer Advisors in a Transfer Setting.”

Advising Tip:

One goal for all students is to find ways to help yourself become aware of how you use your time as a resource in organizing, prioritizing, and succeeding in your studies in the context of competing activities of friends, work, family, and other interests. Take a time management workshop, read a self-help book, or talk to someone who seems very organized and prepared about how they successfully juggle their responsibilities.

UCF Joint Use Library

The BCC/UCF Joint Use Library at Palm Bay was chosen as the cover image for Choice Magazine. More than 25,000 academic librarians, faculty, and key decision makers rely on the reviews in Choice magazine and Choice Reviews Online for collection development and scholarly research. Choice reaches almost every undergraduate college and university library in the United States.

The UCF Library homepage will be changing next month. It will feature a new page that showcases OneSearch, the webscale discovery tool we purchased with Tech Fee funding. More information will be available soon.
Writing Center

The BCC-UCF Writing Center will open the first day of the fall semester. Come visit our returning peer consultants and meet two new ones!

Remember that students can log into our scheduler www.uwc.caah.ucf.edu to make online appointments for the remainder of the summer term.

Student Services and Student Outreach Services

The Regional Campuses Student Services Office at the UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay campuses has a very busy fall term planned with an assortment of events on the calendar:

- August 21st – Veteran Orientation – Palm Bay – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- August 22nd – Veteran Orientation – Cocoa – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00pm

Connecting with Veterans resumes in September 2012 with monthly meetings at both campuses:
  - September
    - 18th – Cocoa – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
    - 19th – Palm Bay – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
    - 30th – Cocoa – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
    - 31st – Palm Bay – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
  - October
    - 30th – Cocoa – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
    - 31st – Palm Bay – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Diversity Events:
- September 27th – Hispanic Heritage Celebration – Film: “For Love or Country: The Arturo Sandoval Story” – 9:00 a.m. to Noon
- October 9th – Inclusive Communication – 9:00 a.m. – Noon
- October 15th – Diversity Breakfast – 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- November 8th – Understanding Power and Privilege – 9:00 a.m. to Noon
- November 13th – International Breakfast – 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Other Events to Watch For This Fall:
- Fall DiversiTea – September 13th at 2:00 pm
- UCF Football vs. East Carolina – October 4th – Regional Campuses close @ 3:00 p.m.
- UCF Homecoming Week – Oct 28 through Nov 3 – Football game vs. SMU on November 3rd
- Veteran Services Extravaganza – Nov – Date/Time: TBD
- Student Outreach Services Events from Welcome Backs in Aug to Cram For the Exam in Dec

Student Outreach Services will be hosting several events during the fall semester.

- August
  - 20-24th – Welcome Back Week
  - 8th – Learn To Surf (with Rec/Wellness) (Tentative)
- September
  - 15th – Football Knights
- October
  - Taste of UCF Cocoa (with Multicultural Student Center)
  - Breast Cancer Awareness
  - Spooky Knights
  - Homecoming
- November
  - Veteran’s Appreciation
- December
  - Winter Wonderland
  - Cram 4 the Exam
Cocoa Summer Term Birthdays

April/May: As a result of some odd timing, we combined our April and May birthdays into one party. Happy birthday, Nick Pantloni, Elaine Cruz, and Kristina Watkins.

July: July is our busy birthday month in Cocoa. We congratulated Angel Edgecombe, Gerry Deveau, MaryLou Wade, Paula Cepero, Sarah Sacra, and new faculty member, Adam Pritchard.

August: We had a delightful cheesecake baked by our own Darlene Kraft to celebrate her birthday as well as those of Darlyne Egan, Jim Smith, Jessica Houts, and Sue Sorensen.

Cocoa Parties

Every year, we hold a Staff Appreciation Luncheon to say “Thank you for all your hard work.” Our staff provides essential support for the work of our faculty and services to our students. They ensure that the business processes and operations of departments, colleges, and administrative units in the Southern Region run smoothly. In Cocoa, staff enjoyed a buffet from the Olive Garden and in Palm Bay, the staff traveled to Tijuana Flats for their celebration. Thank you, Interim Vice Provost Joyce Dorner and Dr. Stephen Holmes from the regional campuses central office for joining us.

Randall Brumfeld, Director of Student Services for Cocoa & Palm Bay, has moved on from our region to become the Director of the Undergraduate Advising Center at the University of Kansas. Congratulations, Randall, and good luck!

Kristina Watkins, Assistant Director of Enrollment Services, has moved across the state to Tampa. Congratulations, Kristina on your new adventure!

Ashley Harper, Program Assistant for Academic Advising, has left to pursue a master’s degree in Communication on the Orlando Campus and she received a teaching assistantship as part of her graduate studies experience. We’re sad to see her go, but so happy for her.

Diana Soltys, Office Assistant for Business Services, is transferring to the Orlando campus to work as the Administrative Assistant in the Constituent Relations Office. Good luck Diana and thank you for all you’ve done for us!