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## Stockton Hosts Gubernatorial Primary Debates

More than 3,000 people across the nation tuned in to the Livestream coverage of the first statewide [gubernatorial primary debates](#) held on May 9 at Stockton University.

Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno and Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli of the 16th District faced off for the GOP beginning at 6:30 p.m., beginning with a handshake. But in several spirited exchanges, each accused the other of “pandering” and they disagreed on how to resolve the state’s economic problems and property tax issues.

After a brief intermission, four Democratic candidates faced off: Jim Johnson, an attorney and a former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement; State Sen. Ray Lesniak, of the 20th District; Phil Murphy, former Goldman Sachs financier and ambassador to Germany; and Assemblyman John Wisniewski, of the 19th District. Read more details for each party [here](#).

The debate was moderated by Sharon Schulman, executive director of the William J. Hughes Center.

“Stockton literally shone throughout this state and even farther at the Gubernatorial Primary Debates,” Schulman said. “The ‘glow’ continues, and it could not have happened without the help of all the campus offices, faculty, staff and alumni volunteers.”

The event was made possible by the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy staff: **Shilon Carter Anderson**, executive assistant; **John Froomjian**, senior research associate; **Regina Kinney**, secretarial assistant; and **Darya Hrybava**, professional services specialist.

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Sharon Schulman (far left) served as moderator for the Republican and Democratic Gubernatorial Primary Debates on May 9 in the Campus Center Theatre.

*Stay tuned for comprehensive coverage of Commencement 2017 in the next edition of The Stockton Times!*

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Shilon Carter Anderson, Regina Kinney, Lolita Treadwell, Lynne Kesselman, Darya Hrybava, Anjanette Christy and Bob Heinrich.

“Hughes Center staff was involved in everything - from all logistics to dealing with campaigns, the media, running polls and virtually every other aspect this took to pull off. Simply put: you were stupendous,” Schulman said about her team.

Additional support was provided by the following faculty members, offices and their staff members: Event Services & Campus Center Operations; Informational Technology Services; University Relations & Marketing (URM); Stockton University Police Department, and other local departments; Facilities; Performing Arts Center; Alumni & Development; Chartwells; **Daniel Mallinson**, assistant professor of Political Science/Public Administration; and **Claire Abernathy**, assistant professor of American Politics. **Kevin Cooper-smith**, of URM served as timekeeper; **Arleen Gonzalez**, associate professor of Criminal Justice, and **Johana de Jesus**, of Human Resources, served as Spanish translators.

## Stockton Women’s Track & Field Wins First NJAC Championship

The Stockton University women’s track & field team won the NJAC championship for the first time in school history. The Ospreys won eight events on May 7, and used their depth to post a team score of 236 to finish 17.5 points ahead of second-place Rowan University, wthe two-time defending NJAC champions.

“Winning the NJAC Outdoor Track & Field Championship has been the culmination of hard work and dedication by this amazing group of young ladies. I could not be more proud to be a part of this program,” said Head Coach Todd Curll. “I’ve waited 20 long years for this and I can’t put in words what it means to me.”

Under Curll’s direction, the Ospreys have finished second at the NJAC Outdoor Championships eight times and NJAC Indoor Championships four times. A former decathlete in college himself, Curll has a vast knowledge of many events but his specialty is the pole vault. While at Stockton, his vaulters have earned a total of 15 All-American honors. [Read more.](#)



The women’s track & field team won their first NJAC title on May 7.

“I am so proud of how these young ladies represent Stockton both on the field of competition as well as in the classroom,” Curll said. “This year started with the women winning the first every NJAC Cross Country Championship and ended with the first-ever Outdoor Track and Field Championship! What a year it was and it will be one that we all will never forget!”

## Shawn Donaldson, Patricia Collins Honored by Atlantic City NAACP



Shawn Donaldson



Patricia Collins

Shawn Donaldson, associate professor of Sociology, and Patricia Collins, community engagement liaison, were honored by the Atlantic City branch of the NAACP at the Freedom Fund Breakfast on April 22.

Donaldson, who has worked at Stockton since 1980, received the Education award. She teaches African Americans: A Seminar; Intro to Sociology, Women and Social Action and Urban Education Issues.

Collins, who has worked at Stockton since 1999, most recently served as special assistant to the chief of staff and board liaison. *Continued on next page*

## Donaldson, Collins Honored by Atlantic City NAACP

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In her new role as community engagement liaison, she will assist in coordination between Stockton's Center for Community Engagement, as well as other community engagement initiatives on campus.

Collins is serving in her fourth term as president of the Council of Black Faculty and Staff and serves on numerous ad hoc committees at the University. She is a member of the NAACP, National Association of Professional Women (NAPW); and 101 Plus Women Incorporated. Collins also serves on the Board of Directors of Treetops Homeowners Association, and Life member of the Outstanding Young Women of America.

"I am extremely humbled to be chosen as the 2017 NAACP Atlantic City Branch Community Service Recipient. An important component of community service, is enjoying the work on a personal and professional level," Collins said.

## Conran-Folks Inducted into Atlantic County Women's Hall of Fame

Eileen Conran-Folks, director of the Hammonton and Manahawkin locations, was recently inducted into the 2017 Atlantic County Women's Hall of Fame for her community activism, dedication to service and contributions to higher education.



Eileen Conran-Folks

"It is an honor to be inducted into the Atlantic County Women's Hall of Fame and to join my long-time heroine and mentor, the late great Vera King Farris," said Conran-Folks to family, friends and Stockton colleagues at the induction ceremony held earlier this spring. "I am most proud of being able to connect students to meaningful projects and educational activities to ensure the lessons of good citizenship are incorporated into their everyday lives."

In addition to working with students and community partners in her role at Stockton, Conran-Folks is a member of several nonprofit boards. She serves as board of directors for The Eagle Theater, the Hammonton Arts District, and the Zefer Foundation for developmentally challenged youth. She is also an advisory board member for Gilda's Club South Jersey, The Noyes Museum of Art and the Atlantic County Teen Arts Committee.

Conran-Folks, whose research and teaching centers around Title IX and Equity in Athletics, is a competitive member of the Viking Master's Rowing Program and a founding member of the Gladiators Dragon Boat Program. In addition to rowing, her personal interests include biking and swimming. She also volunteers on Ventnor's Go Green Committee. She is "happily married to [her] loving husband and partner, Lonnie Folks."

## Manish Madan Presents at Two Criminal Justice Conferences



Manish Madan (right) pictured with graduate students in the M.A. in Criminal Justice program at the 54th Annual Conference of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Kansas City, Mo.

Manish Madan, assistant professor of Criminal Justice, recently presented his research at two conferences: the 2017 ACJS 54th Annual Conference of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Kansas City, Mo. and the 59th Annual Conference of the Western Social Science Association in San Francisco, Calif.

In Missouri, Madan presented with graduate student Elissa Vazquez on, "Sexual Assault (Rape & Fondling) on College Campuses – Nature of Reporting between Public & Private Institutions of Higher Education." In San Francisco, Madan presented his research, "Attitudes Toward Spousal Abuse: A Cross-National Study Using Population-Based Data from Ukraine, Albania, and Moldova."

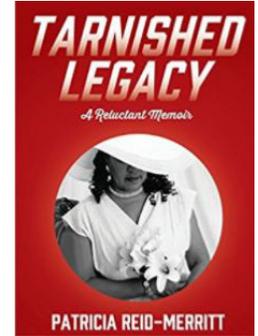
"It is always great to see our students engaging in research and attending professional conferences for dissemination of their work," Madan said. "These opportunities not only provide them a platform to share their research with other scholars but also network with peers from other institutions, hear about their research and possibly generate new ideas."

# Patricia Reid-Merritt Publishes New Book, Tarnished Legacy

Distinguished Professor of Social Work and Africana Studies Patricia Reid-Merritt presented at a book signing for her new book, “Tarnished Legacy: A Reluctant Memoir,” on April 27 on the main campus in Galloway.

In the memoir, Reid-Merritt pens a triumphant, intergenerational story of hope and survival as she vividly recounts the many social obstacles faced by the African-American community.

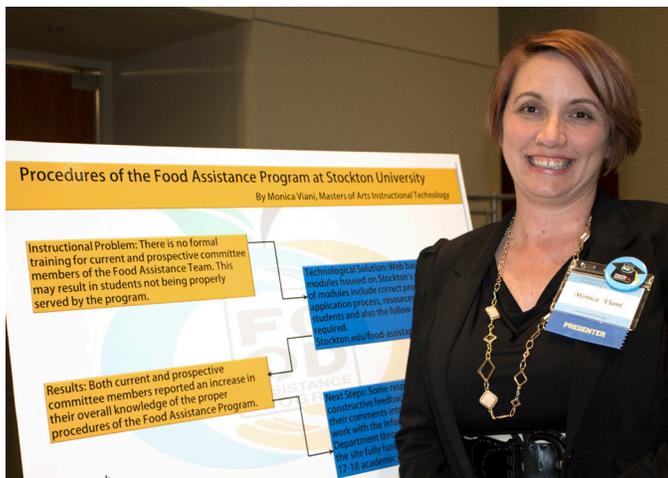
“Everybody has story to tell. This one belongs to me,” Reid-Merritt explained. “Growing up poor, black and female in the city has, over the years, led to many reflections on stories of survival. I often thought about the many obstacles that faced my parents and grandparents and wanted to look to them for inspiration. After coming to grips with their life stories, I knew it was time for their stories to be told.”



‘Tarnished Legacy’ Author  
Patricia Reid-Merritt

Reid-Merritt also is the author of the national Blackboard best-seller, “Sister Power: How Phenomenal Black Women Are Rising to the Top;” “Sister Wisdom: Seven Pathways to a Satisfying Life for Soulful Black Women;” and, “Righteous Self-Determination: The Black Social Work Movement in America.”

## Graduate Research Symposium



The Office of Graduate & Continuing Studies hosted the Graduate Research Symposium on April 26. The annual educational and networking event encourages interdisciplinary exchange and brings together graduate students from both the sciences and humanities.

Pictured above is Monica Viani, of the Dean of Students Office, who presented her research, “Procedures of the Food Assistant Program at Stockton University.”

## The Sixties Concert



Provost Lori Vermeulen, John O’Hara, associate professor of First Years Studies, and President Harvey Kesselman pictured at “The Sixties Concert and Peace and Love Museum,” held on April 26. Students in O’Hara’s The Sixties course planned the event during the semester. They created posters, flyers and a television commercial, and a portion of the show aired on WLFR. The concert featured Barry Bender and Friends, student performers from the class, and the Stockton Faculty Band. Students also displayed course work and artifacts from the 1960s.

### SAVE THE DATES

- May 12: [Commencement Ceremony at Boardwalk Hall](#)
- May 18: Campus-wide BBQ
- May 29-June 4: [ShopRite LPGA Classic @ Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club](#)

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