

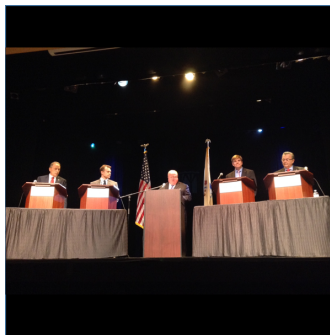


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## Hughes Center Research

On October 1, 2015, the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy celebrated the research of faculty and staff. The evening commenced with a speech given by Stockton's Interim President Harvey Kesselman, who addressed the audience: "This display of research is illustrative of becoming interwoven with who we are, and both the Hughes Center and the institution gain from that relationship."



One of the highlights of the reception was the May 2015 Hughes Center publication of Kelly Sloane's report "Economic Indicators and Quality of Life in Southern New Jersey", an exploratory research project that considers key indicators of economic inequality among the New Jersey counties. Following up on that project, the Hughes Center conducted a statewide poll, which focused on the economy and was based on national opinion surveys. The final report will compare residents living in Northern, Central, and Southern New Jersey, and the analyses will also consider how demographic differences such as gender, age, race, ethnicity, educational attainment, and partisanship influence economic perspectives.

Among the work celebrated was David Carr's latest research "The Invisible Hand of Government". Research suggests that citizens often underestimate the benefits they receive from the government. This survey-based project explores New Jersey residents' awareness of government social policies that are administered either indirectly, through things like tax incentives, or subsidized by the government but delivered through private organizations, such as health insurers offering Medicare supplemental insurance plans.

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## Legislative District 2 Debates

Assembly candidates for Legislative District 2 debated the issues on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at Dante Hall Theater in Atlantic City, in an event sponsored by The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton. Republican Assemblyman Chris Brown and his running mate, Will Pauls, debated Democratic Assemblyman Vince Mazzeo and his running mate, Colin Bell. Daniel J. Douglas, director of the Hughes Center, served as moderator. The questions for the candidates were posed to the candidates by Maryjane Briant, news and media relations director at Stockton, and by Christian Hetrick, Press of Atlantic City staff writer.



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## State Senator Joseph Kyrillos: Legislator-in-Residence

On October 13-14, New Jersey State Senator Joseph Kyrillos Jr. visited Stockton University as part of the Hughes Center's Legislator-in-Residence program. Kyrillos is a long-serving Republican State Senator from Monmouth County. The senator met with students, faculty, and staff during his visit to Stockton's Galloway campus.



Sen. Kyrillos met with students in Assistant Professor of Hospitality and Tourism Management Studies Christina Cavaliere's Economics of Tourism class; Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies Catherine Tredick's Ecological Principles class; Assistant Professor of Political Science Daniel Mallinson's State Government class; Associate Professor of Economics Oliver Cooke's Introduction to Macroeconomics class; and Professor of Political Science Linda Wharton's Civil Liberties class. Associate Professor of Political Science Michael Rodriguez gave the senator an overview of the Washington Internship Program.

During meeting with the Student Senate, the students shared their experiences and impressions of life at Stockton, the various work the Student Senate is involved in, and asked Kyrillos for professional advice. He also met with students employed at the Stockton Polling Institute and discussed their activities.

During his visit, Kyrillos took tours of the Hughes Center and the University's Coastal Research Center in Port Republic. Stockton's Interim President Harvey Kesselman also met with Kyrillos and conducted a tour of the Campus Center.

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## "The State of American Higher Education" symposium at Oxford University

In November 2015, Darryl G. Greer, Hughes Center Senior Fellow for Higher Education Strategic Information and Governance (HESIG), participated in "The State of American Higher Education" symposium at Oxford. The seminar included a presentation by Robert Scott, former president of Ramapo College of New Jersey and recently retired president of Adelphi University in New York, which was followed by a roundtable discussion.



Dr. Greer was on the panel with Gail Mellow, President of LaGuardia Community College, New York; and Professor Margret MacMillan, a globally renowned professor of history, now at Oxford. Dr. Greer focused on policy issues defining and driving change in higher education. About sixty graduate students and faculty participated and engaged in a lively Q&A session. Dinner was enjoyed at Balliol College, one of the oldest and most recognized at Oxford. The seminar was sponsored by the Rothermere American Institute at Oxford.

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## Hughes Center Hosts New York Times Reporter

David E. Sanger, chief Washington correspondent of The New York Times and professor at Harvard University, spoke to a crowd of over 350 students, faculty, staff and community members for Stockton University's annual New York Times Journalist Lecture. Stockton hosted "A Conversation with David Sanger about Today's Global Realities and America's Next President" on Tuesday, November 17. The event was co-sponsored by William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy, Stockton University's American Democracy/Political Engagement Project, Office of Service-Learning, and The New York Times inEducation.



Sanger has reported from New York, Tokyo and Washington, covering a wide variety of issues surrounding foreign policy, globalization, nuclear proliferation and Asian affairs. In 2011, Sanger was part of a team that was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for International Reporting for their coverage of the tsunami and nuclear disaster in Japan.

Additionally, prior to the main event a small discussion session was held, during which Sanger talked about ISIS and the recent Paris terrorist attacks, and answered questions about his career path and his views on newsworthy issues.

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## Social Media News

More news about the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy and its events can be found on the Hughes Center's website, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram, the Hughes Center's most recent addition to its social media platform.

## Columns

To learn more about public policy and economic issues facing southern New Jersey, read our columns in the [News](#) section of the website. Among the most recent articles are:

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