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## Pappas Visiting Scholar Series Brings Anna Deavere Smith to Stockton

Anna Deavere Smith brought the audience of over 800 people to their feet in the Sports Center on April 6 with her portrayals of people from all across America in “Snapshots: Portraits of a World in Transition,” at Stockton University.

Deavere Smith’s appearance was the second in the [Dean C. and Zoë Pappas Visiting Scholar series](#). The program was endowed in 2012 by Dean Pappas, a University trustee who died in 2016, and his wife, Zoë. The [inaugural Visiting Scholar](#) was retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor.

The nationally known actress, playwright and educator recreated moments from conversations she has had with 250 people, sparking a variety of emotions and points of view on timely issues.

She “did” Allen Bullock, a teenager who got six months in jail for taking out his frustration over Freddie Gray’s death in Baltimore police custody by smashing a traffic cone through a police car windshield.

“Police ask me - Why am I walking on the street? Not out late, none of that. Just being police, what they do ... If they ain’t got no reason, they find one. They going to beat you ... they going to do what they going to do.”



Anna Deavere Smith during her presentation at Stockton University on April 6.

Black police do it, too, Bullock told Smith when she interviewed him. “This ain’t no racist thing. This is a hate thing.”

Her portrayals ranged from a Jewish woman after the Crown Heights riots in Brooklyn in 1991, to a Korean shopkeeper after the Los Angeles riots in 1992, to Congressman John Lewis, who heard an ex-Klansman apologize decades later for beating him in 1961, to the late, former Texas Gov. Ann Richards and a woman operating a South African orphanage for children with AIDS.

Smith is currently the artist-in-residence at the Center for American Progress, a progressive policy research and advocacy organization in Washington, D.C. In 2015, she was named the Jefferson Lecturer by the National Endowment for the Humanities, which termed the lecture “the highest honor the federal government confers for distinguished intellectual achievement in the humanities.”

“Trying to become America word-for-word does not pay the rent,” Smith told the audience, alluding to her television work on such shows as *The West Wing*, *Nurse Jackie*, *Black-ish* and *Madam Secretary*. [Read more.](#)

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## Organizational Leadership Recognized by Center for Creative Leadership

The Doctorate in Organizational Leadership program was recently recognized in an article by the Center for Creative Leadership (CCL) for its perspective on vertical and horizontal leadership integration.

The article, “Transformations in a Ed.D. Program at Stockton University,” highlights a report from George Sharp, assistant professor of Education, about the program’s use of Transformation and Catalyst cards, which represent processes, triggers or catalysts for human development. The current version of the deck includes 50 catalyst cards designed to help an individual more deeply explore their life journey.

Stockton’s interdisciplinary program is closely linked to the CCL philosophy and materials, explained Joseph J. Marchetti, professor of Education and director of the program.

“Kudos goes to George for making this significant contact,” said Marchetti.

## ITS Announces Updates to Stockton University Mobile App

Information Technology Services announced that updates have been made to the Stockton University Mobile App for Apple iOS devices. These updates provide a more user-friendly interface, as well as updates to existing functionality.

In addition to the updates for the Apple iOS version, the Stockton Mobile App is now available for Google Android devices, allowing Stockton to offer the mobile app for the majority of mobile phones and tablets available on the market.

Download the Apple iOS app by going [here](#) from your Apple device. Download the Google Android app by going [here](#) from your Android device.

## Faculty, Staff Present at 2017 NJEDge Faculty Showcase



Pictured are Naz Onel and Jane Huggins at the 2017 NJEDge Faculty Showcase at Monmouth University on March 15.

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Noel Criscione-Naylor, assistant professor of Hospitality and Tourism Management Studies, presented “Create and Accelerate Learning with Adobe Presenter Add-on.” Criscione-Naylor reviewed Adobe Presenter and how it can be utilized to redesign course content and integrate competency-based learning assessment into course modules. She also demonstrated how to set up a skills measurement strategy.

Linda Feeney, director of E-Learning, presented “Planning for Success: Selecting Instructional Materials for All Students.” Feeney’s breakout session provided a checklist of questions to consider when selecting materials for instruction in order to ensure accessibility to all students, including individuals with physical and cognitive challenges.

In her presentation, “Analogies to Art and Music: Clarifying Content in Non-Major Science Courses,” Jane Huggins, adjunct faculty in the School of Natural Sciences & Mathematics, described the use of abstract art and music analogies to help non-science majors learn basic concepts in the scientific disciplines of toxicology and ecology.

Naz Onel, assistant professor of Business Studies, presented “Video Projects in the Classroom: Teaching and Learning Sustainability Marketing.” Onel described a semester-long project where Sustainability Marketing students engaged in a video competition. The project provided the students meaningful understanding of course content and taught them how to work in teams, collaborate and present ideas to a larger audience.

## Faculty, Staff Receive Diversity Grants from Provost's Office

The Office of the Provost recently developed the Diversity Grants as a new funding opportunity to support work that strengthens recruitment and retention of a diverse student, faculty and staff population Stockton.

The following projects were approved for funding in FY17 and FY18:

The F.U.T.U.R.E. (Future Urban Teachers Uniquely and Responsibly Empowered) program will work in tandem with two urban school districts in Atlantic County (Atlantic City and Pleasantville) to identify the “best and brightest” students to engage them in programming and dialogue which will steer them in the direction of the teaching profession. The project is led by John Gray, assistant dean of Education; Darrell Cleveland, associate professor of Education; Ananda Davis, assistant principal at Atlantic City High School; and Antoinette Gray, guidance counselor for Uptown School Complex.

The Diversity in Graduate Research Education program will provide Stockton students the opportunity to participate in the Yale Bouchet Conference on Diversity and Graduate Education. The students attended as observers at the conference this year, which was held April 7-8. They will pursue research on campus next year and then return to the conference to present their work the following year. The project is led by Elizabeth Pollock, associate professor of Chemistry; Luis Garcia, assistant professor of Health Science; Manish Madan, assistant professor of Criminal Justice; Valerie Hayes, chief officer for Institutional Diversity & Equity; Peter Straub, dean of School of Natural Sciences & Mathematics; John Gray, assistant dean of Education.

The Black and Latino Faculty Recruitment program will support travel to the 5th Annual Black Doctoral Network (BDN) to meet potential candidates for upcoming faculty and staff positions at Stockton. The project is an effort to address the decreasing number of Black and Latino faculty, due to both retirement and retention, and difficulties recruiting Black and Latino faculty. The work team includes Donnetrice Allison, associate professor of Communications; Darrell Cleveland, associate professor of Education; Jessica Grullon, graduate enrollment counselor and events coordinator; and Allison Sinanan, associate professor of Social Work.

The First Generation Impact Collaborative is designed to streamline federal work-study placements of students to the Office of Service-Learning. The program will identify incoming students through an admissions process to support and introduce them to the Bonner Leader program and help federal work study students find opportunities to work 8-10 hours per week in the community via service to local nonprofits and government agencies. The program is led by Daniel Fidalgo Tomé, director of Service-Learning.

The Supporting Recruitment and Retention of International Faculty and Staff project aims to identify and remediate challenges faced by international employees at Stockton in order to increase the recruitment and retention of international faculty and staff and forward the University's globalization efforts. The research project will include interviews, surveys and collaboration with other groups carrying out studies with similar goals. The project is led by Lois Spitzer, associate professor of Teacher Education, and JY Zhou, internationalization specialist.

The Hispanic Emphasis Specialization option is for students enrolled in Stockton's Master of Science in Communication Disorders Program (MSCD) as an effort to prepare future bilingual speech-language pathologists with a special interest in working with Spanish-English bilingual individuals diagnosed with communication and/or swallowing disorders. The curriculum requirements are integrated through specialized assignments in core courses with students utilizing a bilingual/multicultural focus in at least one course requirement. It also includes community service in the Hispanic community as well as bilingual clinical experience. The program is led by Amy Hadley, associate professor of Communication Disorders, and Phillip Hernandez, assistant professor of Communication Disorders.

The Sankofa Retention Initiative: Recruitment Process will support orientation and campus engagement initiatives to successfully transition underrepresented male students to the university environment during the first three weeks of their first semester. The Sankofa Retention Initiative serves as a support, mentorship and retention program for underrepresented male students by providing opportunities for professional and personal development and encouraging engaging citizenship values. The project is led by Gerald Martin, associate dean of Students, with additional support from faculty and staff mentors.



## Faculty Present at NCBS



Patricia Reid-Merritt, Donnetrice Allison and Allison Sinanan (pictured L-R), presented at the 2017 National Council of Black Studies conference in Houston, Texas, bringing three students from the Unified Black Student Society along with them. The faculty members introduced students to noted scholars and were “inspired” by “cutting-edge scholarship.”

Reid-Merritt described sharing her current research on race issues in America as “priceless.” Allison, who has attended for about 10 years, said the conference is her favorite and “like a family reunion.”

## Dante Hall Hosts GSFF



Dante Hall Theater served as a screening venue for the 15th Annual Garden State Film Festival (GSFF), held March 30 - April 2 in Atlantic City. Pictured above is Stephanie Clineman (fourth from left), manager of Dante Hall, with other members of the GSFF board of directors.

Stockton community members who served as hosts for the festival include: Alex Marino, Michael Cagno, Laurie Greene, Turiya Raheem, Simone Simone, Tatiana Fiore, Yu’Seph Cornish and Jennie Meltzer.

## Math Mayhem Competition



Over 120 students from 11 area high schools recently competed in Stockton’s annual Mathematical Mayhem event.

“This is the sixth year for this event and the largest one to date,” said Chia-Lin Wu (pictured right, with competitors), professor of Mathematics and founder of the competition.

## AFT Campus Rally



Stockton faculty, staff and students rallied on April 12 as part of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) statewide protest after working nearly two years without a contract. The New Orleans funeral-themed rally featured a formal funeral march on campus, with hundreds wearing blue (CWA members wore red) to show union support.

### SAVE THE DATES

- April 20: Atlantic City Gateway Project Groundbreaking Ceremony
- April 22: [Scholarship Benefit Gala](#)
- May 9: [Gubernatorial Primary Debate](#)
- May 10: [Graduate Commencement](#)
- May 12: [Baccalaureate Commencement at Boardwalk Hall](#)

### Send Us Your News!

We want to know about things going on in the Stockton community. Do you have an unusual hobby? Did one of your co-workers win an award or perform outstanding public service? Births, weddings, graduations and the like are all good things to submit to The Stockton Times. Contact the editor at 609-626-5521 or email [StocktonTimes@stockton.edu](mailto:StocktonTimes@stockton.edu).

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