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Track & Field Brings Home National Title in NCAA Division III for Triple Jump

Stockton University's Track & Field team returned from the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament with the first place national title for the triple jump.

[Jared Lewis](#), a junior, won the NCAA title in the triple jump, topping 14 other competitors with a best leap of 15.05 meters. He won by 38 centimeters, just under 15 inches, to become Stockton's first NCAA individual champion since alumnus Paul Klemic in 2006 (outdoor long jump) and win the 10th solo NCAA crown in school history.

Lewis was making his fifth appearance at the NCAA Championships (three indoor, two outdoor). With the win, he qualified for his sixth career All-American honor, tying the school record shared by Klemic (2005-06), Lisa Shepherd (2007-10 long jump) and Chelsea Vaughan (2014-16 pole vault).

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Jared Lewis, a junior, who received the first place national title for the triple jump, with Todd Curll, head coach of jumps for track & field.

Todd Curll, head coach of jumps for track & field, accompanied Lewis to the DIII championships, held March 10-11 at North Central College in Naperville, Ill. Curll presented Lewis with the first-place trophy, a moment for which the duo have trained two-and-a-half years.

“Winning a national title brings Stockton into the public spotlight and will hopefully draw student athletes to Stockton,” Curll said. “That is our ultimate goal, to continue to grow as a program and a University. These accomplishments by Jared will hopefully do just that.”

Curll describes coaching Lewis as “a pleasure.”

“Jared’s high school coach did an amazing job preparing him for college, so it was nice to work with an athlete that had a good understanding of the events when he arrived. We just had to get him stronger and work on some technical items to get to where we are today,” he said.

Curll and Lewis set the bar high - to win the national title - but another goal is still to claim the team New Jersey Athletic Conference Championship.

In addition to the individual competitions, “team is very important,” said Curll. “Jared is always doing all he can to support our teams and push them to the next level. He’s a team leader, and we are very proud.”

Nazia Kazi Publishes on Islamophobia in Chronicle of Higher Ed

Nazia Kazi, assistant professor of Anthropology, recently published, “How Not to Fight Islamophobia,” in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, a leading source of news, information and jobs for college and university faculty members and administrators.

Kazi’s article observes the rise of Islamophobia in America, and how those who mobilize against it “may actually further entrench it,” and reinforce American racism. She calls this phenomenon, “Islamophilia,” an increase in sympathy for American Muslims.

“American Muslims have been in the spotlight since 9/11,” Kazi wrote in the article. “But the voices that have been ‘allowed’ to represent American Islam have often been relatively privileged ones, those sheltered from the most devastating manifestations of Islamophobia. We must think past simplistic shows of solidarity and do some difficult work: thinking synthetically, sensitively, and analytically — about what racism has meant for people of color in the United States, especially those who are not seen as ‘model minorities’ or are unlikely to enjoy upward mobility.” [Read the article here.](#)

SOBL Faculty Members Present Workshop on Service-Learning

Faculty members from the School of Social & Behavioral Sciences recently presented about service-learning in their classrooms at the 2017 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, which was held in Philadelphia this year.

The presenters included Jess Bonnan-White, assistant professor of Criminal Justice; Nazia Kazi, assistant professor of Anthropology; alumna Brielle Lord; and Jessie Finch, Betsy Erbaugh, and Christina Jackson, all assistant professors of Sociology.

They shared their experiences of conducting community-based research, teaching and service collaboratively with students and community partners in the greater Atlantic City area. The projects included teaching naturalization courses to aspiring citizens, facilitating public forums on Black Lives Matter, creating a report for policymakers on the status of women and LGBTQ youth in Atlantic County, working on emergency and disaster preparedness initiatives and community policing, and cultivating a local and national dialogue on Muslim immigration and Islamophobia.



Jess Bonnan-White, assistant professor of Criminal Justice; Jessie Finch, associate professor of Sociology; Betsy Erbaugh, assistant professor of Sociology; Christina Jackson, assistant professor of Sociology; Nazia Kazi, assistant professor of Anthropology; and Brielle Lord, an alumna.

Matthew Sandusky, Faculty Speak at Conference on Victimization

Speaking at Stockton University on March 2 in the first of two presentations, Matthew Sandusky, 38, characterized Jerry Sandusky, his adoptive father, as “the fun guy,” who was always throwing kids in the pool and wrestling with them.

Years of beatings and a dysfunctional family life left Matthew Sandusky vulnerable to Penn State assistant football coach and sexual predator Jerry Sandusky, who came into his life when a guidance counselor thought positive male mentorship through Sandusky’s Second Mile organization would help.

The Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal at Penn State was one of the most highly publicized such cases in history. He was convicted of 45 charges of child sex abuse in 2012 and sentenced to 30-60 years in prison.

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Matthew Sandusky is pictured with Janice Joseph (left), Distinguished Professor of Criminal Justice, and Cheryl Kaus, dean of the School of Social & Behavioral Sciences.

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During the trial, Matthew Sandusky disclosed that from ages 10-16, his adoptive father sexually abused him.

As founder of Peaceful Hearts Foundation, along with his wife Kim, Matthew Sandusky helps promote stronger statute of limitation laws, education for children and adults, a survivor fund to help alleviate costs of treatment for children who have been sexually abused, stronger mandated reporting laws, and other legislation.



Pictured are presenters at Stockton University's Conference on the Victimization of Children on March 3.

He was introduced by Cheryl Kaus, dean of the School of Social & Behavioral Sciences, a Penn State alumna whose friend, a clinical psychologist who helped break the Sandusky case, told her about Matthew Sandusky and his foundation.

On March 3, Sandusky gave the keynote at Stockton's Conference on the Victimization of Children for legal and medical professionals, teachers, counselors and social workers. The conference addressed the problem of child abuse in its various forms, such as sexual abuse, physical abuse, human trafficking, stalking and bullying, and provided a multidisciplinary approach focusing on the intersections of research, policy, and practice related to child abuse.

Other speakers represented Stockton University and representatives of the Atlantic Prosecutor's Office, Egg Harbor Township School District, Division of Child Protection and Permanency, and the HEAAT Foundation on Human Trafficking.

"The conference was a great success," said Distinguished Professor of Criminal Justice Janice Joseph. "The diverse and dynamic group of speakers and panelists provided in-depth insight into the causes of child victimization and practical tools to address this serious problem."

Joseph, who served as chair of the planning committee, expressed gratitude to the members of the committee for their "collaboration, professionalism and diligence."

"Special thanks also goes to the co-sponsors: Victimology and Victim Services Minor; Criminal Justice Department; Childhood Studies Minor; Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Minor; and the Stockton University Child Welfare Education Institute, for their support," she said.

Robert Nichols Spends Sabbatical Touring, Lecturing in Pakistan

Robert Nichols, professor of History, spent the month of February visiting the American Institute of Pakistani Studies (AIPS) Center in Islamabad, Pakistan, where he collected research material, visited colleagues and presented several lectures while on sabbatical.

During his trip, Nichols visited the Iqbal Institute in Islamabad with center director Nadeem Akbar; met with the chair of the Punjab Higher Education Commission in Lahore; and met the first two participants in the AIPS' community college exchange initiative who were about to leave for the United States.

"I arrived as the issue of the merger of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas on the Afghan border into the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province was generating debate in political circles and the media," he said.

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Having published, “The Frontier Crimes Regulation: A History in Documents,” in 2013, Nichols was invited to lecture at the University of Sargodha; for the Council of Social Sciences in Islamabad; for the history department at Quaid-i-Azam University; and for the AIPS Center.

Following press coverage of his lectures, Nichols was invited to write [a piece for The Friday Times](#), which was published on March 3 after the Prime Minister and the cabinet decided to pursue [the merger](#).

“Occasionally, historians have some relevant perspective,” Nichols said.



Robert Nichols took this photo during his sabbatical in Pakistan. Pictured above is the Wazir Khan Mosque, located in Lahore, which dates back to the 1630s.

Stockton University Community Remembers Gurprit Chhatwal

Gurprit Chhatwal, associate professor of Business Studies, Accounting, passed away on March 14.

Chhatwal made significant contributions in both the Business program and the University throughout his career at Stockton. He was instrumental in the Business program’s move toward full AACSB accreditation, and served in faculty leadership positions, including as chair of the Faculty Senate’s Administration and Finance Committee.

Many Stockton faculty and staff members shared heartfelt condolences, describing Chhatwal as a “soft spoken, kind, gentle man,” a “gracious host,” and a “great teacher.”



Gurprit Chhatwal

A service for Chhatwal will be held on Friday, March 17, at 10:30 a.m. at Clayton & McGirr Funeral Home, 100 Elton-Adelphia Road, Freehold Township, N.J. A procession from the funeral home to the service at Ocean County Memorial Park will follow.

Chhatwal’s presence will be greatly missed by the entire University community.

SAVE THE DATES

- March 25: [African-American History & Genealogy Symposium](#)
- April 4: [Kesha and the Creepies Perform at #WoodStocktonVII](#)
- April 6: [Anna Deavere Smith](#)
- April 22: [Stockton University Scholarship Benefit Gala](#)
- May 10: [Graduate Commencement](#)
- May 12: [Baccalaureate Commencement at Boardwalk Hall](#)

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