



HSS ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

CougarMade is an occasional series featuring the handiwork of talented College alumni. Recently, two HSS graduates were featured - communication major and psychology minor [Grant Tankoos '05](#) and urban studies major [Ben D'Allesandro '05](#).

COUGARMADE, IT DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN THAT! >>



>> SPOTLIGHT

■ INTRODUCING THE IRISH AND IRISH AMERICAN STUDIES MINOR

This new minor, which was launched this fall, includes several initiatives in three categories: curriculum, culture and heritage. **The Irish and Irish American Studies Program**, along with Special Collections in the Addlestone Library, are collecting materials that preserve the Irish and Irish American experience. **The Irish Heritage Project** provides a place for Irish American families to deposit their historical papers, including letters, photographs, journals and miscellany. [Learn more here.](#)

FACULTY IN ACTION

The Women's Health Research Team is a truly interdisciplinary approach to understanding women's health issues. The team, which includes faculty and student research assistants, meets monthly and partners with researchers, clinicians, practitioners, and women's health organizations. Students receive research training, and participate in data collection, data analysis, and manuscript writing for various projects the team is working on. [Read more about the team's research and its projects here.](#)

FACULTY PUBLICATION SPOTLIGHT

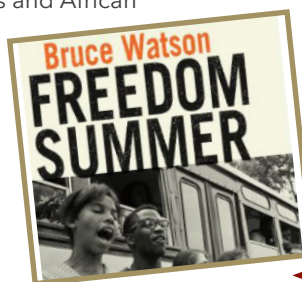


Dr. Jordan Ragusa and alumnus Matt Tarpey '15 (a Ph.D. student at the University of Pittsburgh) published a peer-reviewed paper exploring how local, state and national economic conditions affect presidential and congressional election outcomes. Although local conditions are more relevant to peoples' daily lives, voters focus almost exclusively on national conditions when casting their ballot. [Read more details here.](#)



MEET OUR NEW FACULTY

From a sociologist who studies international migration and the sociology of sport to a specialist on the U.S. Civil War, to a religious studies professor well versed in Catholic studies and African American religions, our departments have augmented their faculty with nine new colleagues.



DONOR PROFILE

"HSS prepares its students to be impactful leaders through challenging assignments, multidisciplinary collaborations and transformative experiences. I contribute annually to support its core activities and a range of initiatives that provide meaningful educational experiences for students, both inside and outside the classroom."

— La Guardia Myers '93

■ UPCOMING EVENTS

>> OCTOBER

- 1 – Alumni Scholars Reception
- 1 – The Neuroscience of the Criminal Psychopath
- 10 – PhilosoFest
- 14 – Charleston Mayoral Debate
- 31 – Avery Center 150th Anniversary

>> NOVEMBER

- 9 – An Evening with Bruce Watson, author of *Freedom Summer*

#HSS SUMMER

We encouraged our faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends to post pictures of their summer adventures and experiences using the hashtag #HSSsummer. From studying creative writing in Spoleto, Italy to visiting the White House, [see what they were up to here.](#)



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