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Stockton Model UN Team Represents North Korea, Luxembourg

Members of the Model United Nations team at Stockton University knew it would not be easy representing the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, or DPRK, more commonly known as North Korea, at the Nov. 3-5 conference in Washington, D.C.

"It was a really big challenge," said James Culbertson, who credited the group's president, Dom Tierno with the idea to request a challenging country. "It really was interesting to see which countries would work with us and how many people listened to us. We didn't expect to be taken seriously. It was very diplomatic and professional."

Ali Samran said the club submitted five prospective countries to the national program, then were assigned those they represented.



Stockton's Model UN teams represented Luxembourg and North Korea at the conference in Washington, D.C.

each year. The spring conference is in New York City. Each winter, the International Travel Team attends a conference abroad.

The following students also participated in the fall conference: Josh Battaglia; Wade Van Orden; Ali Samran; Nadira Anderson; Emma Corcodilos; Katharine Casario; Bryan Gonzalez-Mejia; Nick Hubchak; Syeda Sanjdha; Florence Hulbert; Dom Tierno; Allison Uhrick; TJ Urbanik; Axavier Dennis; James Culbertson; and Dario Colombo.

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The Stockton team, representing the DPRK, returned with a Distinguished Delegation award. Another Stockton team represented Luxembourg and returned with an Honorable Mention Delegation award and four position paper awards.

In addition to their delegation award, the Luxembourg team was also recognized for four Outstanding Position Papers in the General Assembly, International Atomic Energy Agency, UN Conference on Trade and Development and the UN Environment Assembly.

Associate Professor of Political Science Tina Zappile formed the Model UN program at Stockton and serves as the club adviser. She also teaches a class on the UN Experience. The team attends conferences in both the fall and spring semesters, and about 25-30 students participate

Council of Black Faculty and Staff Honor Eight at Awards Dinner

The Council of Black Faculty and Staff honored seven Stockton University faculty, staff and alumni, and a Stockton club at the 36th annual Council Awards Dinner & Dance on Nov. 10 at The Renault Winery Grand Ballroom.

Some 300 people attended the event, which raises money for student scholarships. Stockton President Harvey Kesselman praised the group for raising almost \$300,000 that has been distributed to date.

Honorees spoke about the importance of scholarships to making college accessible to more students. Some shared stories of overcoming their own struggles, which made them even more determined to help others.

A Special Recognition Awards was presented by Associate Dean of Students Stephen B. Davis to retired administrator Arthur A. Davis Jr., who recalled his long career and all the people he has met and worked with both at Stockton and in the community.

Jonathan L. Johnson, director of the Office of Community Wellness and Health Education at Stockton presented Lifetime Achievement Awards to Assistant Director of Admissions Melvin Gregory and Vice President for Student Affairs Thomasa Gonzalez. Gonzalez, who is retiring, and was in Puerto Rico when Hurricane Maria hit. Gonzalez said she has discovered her next calling, to return to the country and help rebuild.

Atlantic City Campus Chief Operating Officer Brian Jackson presented Merit Awards to Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance E. Michael Angulo and Program Assistant Renee Tolliver.

Director of Alumni Relations Sara E. Faurot presented the Distinguished Alumni Award to Stockton Trustee and Certified Public Accountant Raymond D. Ciccone '79, and Stockton Professional Service Specialist, Adjunct Instructor and Coordinator of STEM Initiative Dawn N. Watkins.

The Outstanding Stockton University Club Award went to Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Paul Collier, Polemarch of the Atlantic City Alumni Chapter presented the award to Ahmad Shepherd Sloan, president of the Xi Gamma Undergraduate Chapter at Stockton. The event also honored 10 students from the Carver Early College High School Program who are earning both a high school diploma and a degree from Cumberland County College while in high school. The students wrote essays about "What Community Means to Me," and received certificates of recognition at the dinner.



Council of Black Faculty and Staff honorees with Council President Patricia Collins and Stockton President Harvey Kesselman and Lynne Kesselman

Stockton Board of Trustees Host Brown Bag Lunches for Students

On Oct. 18 and Nov. 2, Stockton Board of Trustees members hosted Brown Bag lunches with a small group of students, to share Stockton stories and gather opinions from students of what Stockton does well, where Stockton can improve and why they chose to attend Stockton. Both events had a diverse group of students, including student leadership, veterans, RA's, residential and commuter students.

President Harvey Kesselman attended both events, along with Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff Susan Davenport.

Participating Board of Trustees included Nancy Davis, Mady Deininger, Stan Ellis, Ray Ciccone, Deon Davis (student trustee alternate) and Ike Ejikeme (student trustee). Tom Roth, bursar; Ellen Bailey, interim deputy general counsel; and Bob Heinrich, chief information officer, also participated to answer questions and share opinions as well.



Audrey Wolfson Latourette Presents at NYU; Publishes Article

Audrey Wolfson Latourette, Distinguished Professor of Business Studies, delivered a seminar for about 45 postdoctoral students in the Chemistry program at NYU on Nov. 3. The school's interest was prompted by her [work](#), "Plagiarism: Legal and Ethical Implications for the University," published by the Notre Dame School of Law and the National Association of College and University Attorneys.

The first year that Latourette was invited, she presented about fraud, fabrication and ghostwriting in the scientific community. This year, her presentation, "Plagiarism, Fraud and Ghostwriting: Legal and Ethical Implications for the Scientific Community," focused on the prominence of plagiarism, and more importantly, self-plagiarism.

Latourette emphasized that self-plagiarism, according to the Office of Inspector General and various scientific journals, is the most frequent wrongdoing in the scientific community. She also provided real-life examples and described the devastating impacts such acts can have on one's career.

"The students were very engaged, which rendered them a wonderful audience," she stated. "They queried whether it was true that the length of copyright protection was extended statutorily due to the fact that 'Mickey Mouse' was approaching the end of 'his' copyright and would have soon entered the public domain! Indeed, it was true."

Also present at the seminar was Michael Ward, a silver chair professor of Chemistry at NYU; director of the Molecular Design Institute and the NYU Materials Research Science and Engineering Center; and the editor of Chemistry of Materials.

Latourette's recent [publication](#), "Title IX Office of Civil Rights Directives: An Assault against Due Process and First Amendment Rights," was the lead article in Journal of Law, Business & Ethics, volume 23, published by the Pacific Southwest Academy of Legal Studies in Business. It was also referenced in, "[Dear Colleague: When Due Process Matters More Than Equal Rights](#)," written by Christina Shaman in Women's eNews.

Latourette explained to Shaman that "many federal courts during 2017 have increasingly deemed the treatment afforded those accused of sexual assaults in colleges and universities as lacking requisite due process protections."

Mariana Smith Opens 'Metamorphosis' Exhibit in Dresden

Mariana Smith, assistant professor of Art, recently returned from Germany, where she opened her exhibit, "Metamorphosis: The Human Stories," at the Dresden Academy of Fine Arts, and also hosted several lectures and zine workshops. The exhibit will be on display until Dec. 3.

This opening was a continuation of the International Refugee Crisis Symposium held at Stockton last February. The exhibit features Smith's artwork as well as the artwork of several Stockton ARTV students and alumni including Tiffany Ruiz, Crossing; Hanna DeMarco, Aleppo portrait; Meghan Honey, Black Snake; Dasha Gribov, Aleppo dreams; Katina Johnson '17, Never Forgotten; and Chelsea Regan '17, Aleppo.

In 2016, Smith traveled to Germany and Armenia to host the first series of lectures on the topic of contemporary immigrant art.

"We [Smith and her German and Armenian colleagues] collected that material and then organized the symposium at Stockton," Smith said.



Stockton students Zhane Roberts, Hanna DeMarco and Harley Jarrett at a zine workshop.

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At Stockton, the symposium focused on global crises of humanity related to natural disasters, such as the Gyumri, Armenia earthquake of 1988. Students were encouraged to look at these experiences first-hand; they could speak of their own personal experiences, or they could speak on behalf of somebody else. Students also heard from international guests and Stockton professors, such as Nazia Kazi, assistant professor of Anthropology, and Jessie Finch, assistant professor of Sociology.

One of the most important components of this project are the zine workshops, where students are instructed to make tiny, self-published magazines based off of conversations, such as recipes and how they reflect culture. "American students are going head on; ours are the most contrasted and there. I noticed in Germany, they are much bleaker and more abstracted. It doesn't really hit you over the head. They approach it in a more cerebral way. In Armenia, it is a much more conservative art form, so they kind of commemorate it through nostalgic representation," said Smith, noting the different ways of making art and addressing these cultural issues.

Smith plans to expand the exhibit even more, and she hopes that Stockton students can one day travel with their artwork.

Lisa Cox Writes New Gerontology Book on Life Themes

Lisa Cox, professor of Social Work, recently wrote a new book, "Narratives on Positive Aging: Recipes for Success," published by Cognella Academic Publishing in October. This new gerontology text was made available for the first time at the Council on Social Work Education's (CSWE) 63rd Annual Program Meeting from Oct. 19-22 in Dallas, Texas.

Co-contributors for the book were older adults who had composed essays on life themes amidst writing groups that were sponsored by Stockton's Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA). A handful of chapters included pedagogy pieces surrounding the life themes, written by Stockton University gerontology colleagues, Dave Burdick, professor of Psychology, and Gina Maguire, adjunct faculty.

"Narratives on Positive Aging: Recipes for Success" highlights the true stories and enhanced writing of diverse contributors on subjects related to positive aging. Organized thematically, the various chapters address topics such as family life; storytelling; the influence of money and career; sexual identity; politics; and the essential part these factors play in lives that continue to be well-lived as people age.

Each chapter includes an original introduction to the chapter's theme, which places the stories in context. A series of essays and brief memoirs on multiple themes and reflections for educators, written by educators, enable instructors to use the book most effectively in their courses. Each chapter ends with concluding thoughts and discussion questions for use in class or as writing prompts. The organization and subject matter of the book are appropriate for both undergraduate and graduate students in the field of gerontology.

Learn more about Cox's book [here](#).



Lisa Cox with Kassie Graves, acquisitions editor for Cognella Academic Publishing, in the exhibit area at CSWE Annual Program Meeting.

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