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John Jay: The Man and His Portrait

In the near future students and visitors to the campus will be able to view one of the most famous portraits in the country's history thanks to the generosity of David Livingston Jay Hughes and William Dudley Foulke Hughes, descendants of our country's first Chief Justice for whom the College is named. The portrait of John Jay, a 1935 copy of Gilbert Stuart's original painting, will hang in the lobby of the College's Haaren Hall. In a December ceremony, President Jeremy Travis noted the importance of strengthening the identification between the College and the man. The Hughes family also deposited with the College, a rare family Bible inscribed in 1814 by John Jay to his daughter. The ceremony was marked by a presentation by Landa M. Freeman, Louise W. North and Janet M. Wedge, editors of the *Selected Letters of John Jay and Sarah Livingston Jay*, who read passages of the letters pertaining specifically to the portrait. The occasion also included a lecture by Dr. Elizabeth M. Nuxoll of Columbia University who is the



editor of *The Papers of John Jay*. Although best known as the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Jay held numerous posts in the new country. He was an ambassador to Spain and France, the first Secretary of Foreign Affairs, and Governor of New York to name just a few. John Jay is also considered to be the first counterintelligence chief when he headed the NYS Committee and Commission for Detecting and Defeating Conspiracies during the early period of the American Revolution. The robe seen in this portrait, which was kept in the World Trade Center, was destroyed in the bombing on September 11, 2001.

John Jay: The Magazine

Be on the lookout for a new publication that will be arriving in the mail shortly. *John Jay Magazine* is the latest in a number of exciting endeavors designed to bring Alumni up to date on the many changes taking place at the College. Readers will be able to see how a student is applying his John Jay education in Iraq, how the College has changed over the decades, and how a faculty member's research uncovered serious health risks to workers in the chemical industry. The magazine also highlights an “unconventional” method for crime reduction that is showing remarkable results. For these stories and more, check your mailbox.

John Jay: Needs Your Support

It's that time of year – a time for giving, receiving and reflection. As a graduate of the College, it is a good time to remember the value of the quality education you received at John Jay. Your degree opened doors professionally and was the source of personal pride and achievement. The College is currently conducting its Annual Appeal and by now you should have received a mailing with details. Your gift to the John Jay Foundation will fund scholarships and help us mount programs that will guide tomorrow's professionals today. Our students need your support now more than ever. If you prefer to give on line, [click here](#). Please be as generous as you can.

Learning for Life

Want to keep current in forensic science and psychology? Do you want to know more about criminalistics, mug sketching, crime scene investigations or organized crime?

Are you curious about what goes on in the mind of psychopath? Need to prepare for LSAT or GRE? How about learning a language like Cantonese, creating a blog, or writing short stories? Maybe this is the year to get in shape? These are but a few samplings of the areas of study being offered through John Jay's Continuing Education Program. The course offerings draw on the College's unique expertise in the area of crime and justice as well as providing an array of courses for personal enrichment. For course descriptions, schedules and to register, go to www.jjay.cuny.edu/continuingeducation

Jules Kroll named Chairman of the John Jay Foundation

The John Jay College of Criminal Justice Foundation is indeed proud to announce Jules Kroll as its new Chairman. In the private sector, the name Kroll is practically synonymous with risk management. After a stint as an Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan, he went on to found Kroll Associates in 1972. The company became renowned for its investigations of Jean Claude Duvalier of Haiti, Imelda Marcos of the Philippines and Saddam Hussein. In addition to its global presence and scope, the company was also given contracts to provide monitoring for the Los Angeles Police Department, the Detroit Police Department and the Pennsylvania State Police. In 2004 Kroll, Inc. was acquired by Marsh & McLennan Companies with Jules Kroll becoming Vice Chairman of Marsh, Inc. It is his hope “that the Foundation will enable John Jay to maintain and grow its international reputation as a leader in criminal justice education well into the 21 st Century.”

For more details, [click here](#)

Studying Sex Abuse of Minors by Catholic Clergy

In an effort “to more fully understand the problem of abuse and to enhance the effectiveness of the church's response,” the U.S. Bishops' National Review Board has once again chosen John Jay College to study the causes and context of this unfortunate phenomenon. Along with Fordham University, the College will, among other things, look at its epidemic aspects and the response of law enforcement to reports of sexual abuse committed by priests in the 1970s as compared with current response

protocols. The previous study published in 2004 provided the statistical data on perpetrators and victims over the past 52 years. The study found that from 1950 to 2002, four percent of the ministry, some 4,392 priests had sexually abused 10,667 children.

For more information, [Click Here](#)

Student Highlights

Alumnus Thomas Virgilio (BA '77 & MPA '81) has reason to be proud. His daughter, freshman Lorraine Virgilio was featured on the Fox Sports Net television show “NCAA On Campus” last month. An incredible student-athlete, Virgilio was also highlighted on the show because she is both a standout swimmer and one of John Jay's Justice Scholars. Funded by Princeton University in 2002, the scholarships were created to honor the memory of the College's public service heroes who perished on September 11. Her uncle, Lawrence Virgilio, a New York City firefighter and a former John Jay student was killed in the attack.

Virgilio has already broken three individual CUNY Athletic Conference records (100 yard butterfly, 200 yard individual medley, 1000 yard freestyle). Last month she and teammates Natalia Villar, Katelyn O'Shea, Emily Kopera and Rachel Sullivan headed north to Syracuse for the ECAC where they performed with distinction coming in 9th place.

Alumni Spotlight



Katherine Ramsland (MA '00)

It certainly can be said of popular author Katherine Ramsland that murder becomes her. In the 25 books and hundreds of articles that she has written, it is the prominent underpinning both on natural and supernatural levels. In many respects she has gone from Kierkegaard to vampires. With a Ph.D. in philosophy and a Master's in clinical psychology, she has written two novels, five books on the works of popular fiction writer, Anne Rice, and numerous other works about serial killers and mass murderers. She even went undercover for two years to study the vampire subculture – a frontier where few people with psychological training go. Ramsland is currently an Assistant Professor at DeSales University in Pennsylvania where she teaches forensic psychology in a program she helped design thanks to her Master's in Forensic Psychology from John Jay.

She was teaching philosophy at Rutgers University and was already a prolific author when she began her studies at John Jay. Ramsland emphatically notes that she “*really* loved every minute of it.” The program allowed her to work with some of the nation's top forensic psychologists. The degree also redirected her career and writings to forensic books of which she now does about three a year along with numerous contributions to Court TV and other television programs. The degree also positioned her to create academically viable course offerings at DeSales. Ramsland chose to study at John Jay because of the College's expertise in forensic psychology which extends back more than three decades, long before the field was popularized in today's media. She is concerned that in the wake of this societal popularity, colleges are putting in programs that lack sophistication – a situation she thinks can be remedied by teachers who have been educated at John Jay.

Dr. Katherine Ramsland will be speaking at the College on February 6. She will highlight her new book, *The Human Predator: A Historical Chronicle of Serial Murder and Forensic Investigation*. It gives a historical account of serial killing going back to the first documented case in ancient Rome. Not only is this first case that of a female, but Ramsland also notes that the youngest serial killer on record is female as is the one with the most victims. The

work contextualizes the history of serial killers through the prism of forensic psychology and is braided with world events to show how serial killing manifests under the influence of different cultures.

Monday, February 6, 2006 6:00 pm Gerald W. Lynch Theater

Events



4th Annual Lou De martino Memorial Baseball Dinner

January 27, 2006 6:30 pm Cocktails 7:00 pm Dinner

Coach Dan Palumbo and the John Jay College Baseball Bloodhounds cordially invite you to a special event honoring Gil Bassetti, Scout for the Baltimore Orioles (Lifetime Achievement Award) and Anthony Lamberti, John Jay College Baseball Hall of Fame '96 (Distinguished Baseball Alumni Award).

Tickets are \$50.00 (\$25.00 is tax-deductible). Please make checks payable to the John Jay College Baseball program. Mail to: Coach Dan Palumbo, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 899 Tenth Avenue, Suite 421T, NY, NY 10019.

For more information call 212-237-8369.

Book and Author Lecture with Dr. Katherine Ramsland

Monday, February 6, 2006 6:00 pm

The Office of Alumni Affairs is pleased to present *The Human Predator: A Historical Chronicle of Serial Murder and Forensic Investigation* with author Dr. Katherine Ramsland.

John Jay College
Gerald W. Lynch Theater Lobby
899 Tenth Avenue, NYC

Alumni Day Reunion

Saturday, June 17, 2006 *Save the Date!*

The 2nd annual Alumni Day program is designed to offer formal and informal, thought provoking, reflective and entertaining events which will appeal to John Jay alumni of all ages and interests.

Alumni will be able to select events to attend and may use the day as an ideal opportunity to connect with old friends on an informal basis. Families are welcome. Invitations will be mailed Spring 2006.

Call 212-237-8547 or 212-484-1103 for further information.

Happy New Year!

Have you moved?

Don't forget to contact us with your
email and mailing address.