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JANE K. CLELAND IN CONVERSATION WITH  
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**TONIGHT:** April 15, from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm EST

Free and Open to the Public. Pre-Registration  
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## UPCOMING SOCIAL SCIENCES EVENTS

### Spotlight on Asia, International Social Sciences Symposium

Part 1: South Asia: Wednesday, April 21, from 12:30-2:30 pm

Part 2: East Asia: Thursday, April 22, from 7-9 pm

[More information and pre-registration here.](#)

### Undocumented Migration Series

Next: Immigration Rights. Tuesday, April 27, from 5:30-6:30 pm

Pre-register by sending an email to [bandhauerc@wcsu.edu](mailto:bandhauerc@wcsu.edu) with the subject line  
"Undocumented Event" at least one hour prior to the event.

## WCSU BIOLOGY STUDENT

**DANIELLE WEISS** (BA BIOLOGY, ECOLOGY OPTION, '21)

**Danielle Weiss** presented a scientific poster titled *The effect of peridomestic microclimate on blacklegged ticks*, at the Entomological Society of America virtual Eastern Branch meeting in March 2021.

Danielle worked in Dr. Neeta Pardanani Connally's tick research lab for two summers before completing this project for her BIO490 Advanced Senior Research capstone experience. Her findings contribute to our understanding of backyard risk for acquiring Lyme disease in the northeastern United States.



[More information about Danielle's project here.](#)

## WCSU MEDIA PRODUCTION ALUMNAE

CONGRATULATIONS TO FORMER STUDENTS

**Hallie Picarello** (Media Arts, 2011) on her new position as Digital Strategist at Emerging Leaders Fund in Bridgeport,

**Brianna Caberson** (DIMA/Media Arts, 2019) on her new position as 2nd Assistant Camera for the upcoming feature film, *Last Call*, starring Jeremy Piven. Brianna started working her way up the professional cinematography ladder as a student and we're thrilled to hear about her latest production. *Last Call* was available in theaters and VOD this past March. [Watch the trailer she worked on here.](#)



## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES NEWS

### CONGRATULATIONS TO...

**Bakhtawar “Baki” Izzat**, BA Political Science, Class of 2021 (she/her) for being named a 2021 CSCU Henry Barnard Distinguished Student Award Scholar!

**Dr. Laurie Weinstein**, Emeritus Professor of Anthropology (she/her) received a \$3,500 grant from the Fairfield County Community Foundation from their Covid Resiliency Fund for the WCSU Jane Goodall Center Permaculture Garden.

**Dr. Christine Hegel**, Associate Professor of Anthropology (she/her) has been selected to oversee the New York component of The COVID-19 Crisis and the Informal Economy Study (Phase 2), funded by WIEGO and the International Development Research Center, Canada.

**Dr. Howell Williams**, Assistant Professor of Political Science (he/him) presented the paper “Mother on the Court: Amy Coney Barrett and the Racial Politics of American Motherhood,” at the 2021 conference of the Political Studies Association’s American Politics Group in January 2021.

**Dr. Jessica Anderson Schofield**, Assistant Professor of Political Science (she/her) presented the paper "Women's Work: The Role of Women's Organizations in Improving Women's Rights," at the annual International Studies Association conference in April 2021.

**Send submissions for the newsletter  
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