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The UNIVERSITIES at Shady Grove

USG is an innovative model for expanding access to quality higher education in the Montgomery County Region. As a regional center for the University System of Maryland, USG brings together nine of Maryland's top public universities, all at one convenient location. USG collaborates with its partner institutions to offer more than 60 of the most popular upper-level undergraduate and graduate degree and certificate programs on a full and part-time basis.

USG links the region's growing and diverse student population with top-level programs that match their needs and those of the region. Strong partnerships with the business, government, and civic communities keep USG in touch with workforce demands from business, nursing, and teaching to the rapidly expanding biotechnology and information technology areas.



The Rockville Institute for the Advancement of Social Science is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to advancing the social sciences by performing research and disseminating research findings to the public. Research areas that the Institute associates are active in include health care, education, employment and training, criminal justice, Native American issues, racial/ethnic minorities, substance abuse prevention and treatment, and children and families.

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Whether you are seeking to transfer to complete your bachelor's degree, or have decided to go on to graduate school, the Universities at Shady Grove lets you explore those options and receive your degree without ever leaving Montgomery County. We've also taken special steps, working closely with area community colleges, to make sure that transferring to USG to complete your bachelor's degree is an easy and seamless process. At USG you enroll in the university that offers the degree program that you want, and you receive your degree from that university.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES:

- Biological Sciences
- Business
- Communication
- Computer Information Systems and Technology
- Construction Management Technology
- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Education
- Health Systems Management
- History
- Hotel & Restaurant Management
- Homeland Security Management
- Investigative Forensics
- Laboratory Management
- Nursing
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Health Science
- Respiratory Therapy
- Social Work
- Simulation & Digital Entertainment

GRADUATE DEGREES AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS:

- Biotechnology Studies
- Business
- Computer Information Systems and Technology
- Education
- Engineering
- Geographic Information Systems
- Health Care Administration
- Industrial and Organizational Psychology
- Library Science
- Information Management
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Public Administration
- Publications Design
- Social Work

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The Universities at Shady Grove
& Rockville Institute
present

CONTEMPORARY Social issues

2011 SEMINAR SERIES

Informing and fostering public conversations
about contemporary social issues

Medical Errors and Patient Safety—
What Do We Know and What's Being Done?
Monday, March 14th, 4:00 pm

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Wednesday, March 30, 4:30 pm

Teen Driving Safety Issues
Monday, April 11, 4:00 pm

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Students with Disabilities:
Where We Have Been and Where We Are Today
Tuesday, April 19, 4:30 pm

All programs will be held at the Universities at Shady Grove



The Contemporary Social Issues Seminar Series presents the opportunity for social scientists and researchers at the forefront of their study areas to present fact-driven, research-based findings on topics affecting the public. Practitioners in the field bring the findings to life, with examples from real-world local settings. The seminars are sponsored by the Rockville Institute and the Universities at Shady Grove. Each seminar, which is free and open to the public, is held in the Camille Kendall Academic Center, Building III, Room 3241, 9636 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, Maryland, 20850.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Community Organizations
- Businesses
- Students
- Public Interest Groups
- Policymakers
- Parents / Seniors
- Educators

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Directions to USG:
www.shadygrove.umd.edu

For additional information please go to:
www.rockvilleinstitute.org



Medical Errors and Patient Safety—What Do We Know and What’s Being Done?

Monday, March 14th | 4:00 pm

Medication errors, surgical complications, infections, and patient falls continue to endanger lives and undermine the quality of health care. Learn about initiatives led by Federal agencies and innovative health care organizations to track and reduce medical errors, improve patient safety, and ensure quality of care.

Speakers:

Russ Mardon, PhD, Westat

Joann Sorra, PhD, Westat

David C. Stockwell, MD, MBA

Medical Director, Patient Safety and the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Children’s National Medical Center

Comprehensive Review of the Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell (DADT) Policy

Wednesday, March 30 | 4:30 pm

Under contract to the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD), Westat administered a comprehensive review of the Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell (DADT) policy prior to its repeal. The review obtained the views of nearly half a million military personnel. Hear the results of the review, the challenges in studying a highly political topic, and the role that the findings had in informing DOD.

Speakers:

Shelley Perry, Ph.D., Westat

Susan Berkowitz, Ph.D., Westat

Dr. Sunil Dasgupta

Program Director, UMBC Political Science



Teen Driving Safety Issues

Monday, April 11, 4:00 pm

To combat the high crash risk of teen drivers, most states have implemented Graduated Drivers License (GDL) programs to place limits on the conditions in which novice teen drivers are permitted to operate vehicles. Researchers will discuss the underlying factors associated with teen driving behavior and the effectiveness of GDL-related countermeasure programs.

Speaker:

Mark Freedman, Westat

Neil Lerner, Westat

Captain Tom Didone, Director of Traffic Division
Montgomery County Police Department

Thirty-Five Years of Educating Students with Disabilities: Where We Have Been and Where We Are Today

Tuesday, April 19 | 4:30 pm

Learn how children with disabilities have received special education since 1975, where they are receiving services, the services they receive, their outcomes, and new instructional approaches in use today to assure that all students with disabilities are receiving a free appropriate public education.

Speakers:

Marsha Brauen, PhD, Westat

Elaine Carlson, PhD, Westat