

Stockton's Jess Bonnan-White to Speak on Historic Refugee Crises on Nov. 10 at Kramer Hall

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Galloway, N.J. - Stockton University's Kramer Hall will present a compelling lecture by Jess Bonnan-White, assistant professor of Criminal Justice, on **Thursday, Nov. 10** at 6 p.m.: "Examining American Public Support for early 20th-Century Refugee Relief and Humanitarian Action (1917 – 1925) with Implications for Today's Global Response to Refugees."

Following World War I, hundreds of thousands of refugees throughout Syria, Lebanon, Iran, Egypt, Iraq, Greece, France, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Palestine and Jordan were affected by conflict, forced displacement and infectious disease. On the American home front, unprecedented expansion of American Red Cross activities at this time represented a new direction in international humanitarian assistance.

Bonnan-White will discuss how refugee need was communicated by the Red Cross to the American public and its own volunteers through examination of almost century-old archival material. She will discuss how these historical lessons provide opportunity for growth as internally displaced and refugee populations increase around the world.

Bonnan-White teaches homeland security and disaster studies courses at Stockton. As an active anthropologist, she examines barriers to emergency management practice in communities facing prolonged conflict and has gained experience through travel and fieldwork in Palestine, Israel, Jordan and most recently, Northern Ireland. Bonnan-White serves as a volunteer for the American Red Cross New Jersey Region, director of training and education of the Forage Center for Peacebuilding and Humanitarian Education, and a board member of MainStreet Hammonton.

Kramer Hall is located at 30 Front Street in Hammonton. RSVP to this event by e-mailing ginna.petrillo@stockton.edu or calling 609-626-3840.

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