



Palm Beach State to host panel discussion on careers in the social sciences

Local professionals will advise on various career tracks in free event open to the public

(Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. – February 7, 2011) Students, job seekers, career-changers or anyone curious about the diverse career possibilities in the social sciences will benefit from a free panel discussion at Palm Beach State College. The “Careers in Social Science” event will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the BioScience Technology Complex, Room SC127 on the College’s Palm Beach Gardens campus, 3160 PGA Blvd.

Distinguished local professionals comprise the five-member panel representing a variety of social science fields, including archaeology, economics, demography and sociology. In a roundtable discussion format, the panelists will share their real world perspectives on their occupations and career planning. In addition, the audience will have the opportunity to ask questions of the panelists, who are:

- **Chris Davenport**, historic preservation officer/archaeologist, Palm Beach County
- **Ian Miller**, lead economist, South Florida Water Management District
- **Sarah Nohe**, outreach coordinator, Florida Public Archaeology Network, Southeast Region
- **Hector Rivera**, adjunct professor of sociology, Palm Beach State College (former public manager at the city, county, state and federal level)
- **Art Wittman**, demographer, Palm Beach County School District

The event is one of a series of career panels organized by Palm Beach State’s Career Center. The social sciences panel is presented by the center and Dr. Andrew Plotkin, who teaches sociology at the College and is a former Massachusetts State College Teacher of the Year and published author. As Dr. Plotkin has observed, “Many students have a strong interest in the social sciences, but hesitate to go into the field due to concerns about getting a job when they graduate. The panel, which features

accomplished professionals from our community, will demonstrate clearly that there are many career avenues in the social sciences and that one can earn a living doing what they enjoy.”

The panel discussion series is an example of the many complimentary career planning services offered through the career center offices on each campus. In addition, panelists are often active as mentors in the College’s Career Consultants program, designed to give students direct access to working professionals. Anyone interested in a career in the social sciences is encouraged to attend this free event. For more information about the panel discussion and Career Center, visit

www.palmbeachstate.edu/career.xml.

Serving more than 52,000 students annually, Palm Beach State College is the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, providing the bachelor’s degree, associate degrees, professional certificates, career training and lifelong learning. Established in 1933 as Florida’s first public community college, it offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.

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