



A Preacher's Daughter in South Dorchester, Dr. Patricia Riley, Wednesday, 5 June 2019

Dr. Patricia Riley, Human Services Department Head and Associate Professor of Social Science, Wor-Wic Community College, recalled her childhood on Hooper's Island as a preacher's daughter. When Patsy Riley arrived with her family on Hooper's Island from the hills of Kentucky, she was welcomed to the parsonage with a bushel of crabs, bowls and bowls of vegetables, homemade bread, and a banana cream pie. She felt as if she had arrived in paradise. She also embarked that day upon a new life shaped by life on the water and a long community history. As a "preacher's daughter," she also would share in the spiritual life of her father's church, while navigating her own coming of age. In her talk Patsy, recounted their life on the island at a time of lasting tradition in the community and major changes to livelihood and life.

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