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Policing: An International
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CRIMEVERSATION

EDITOR'S NOTE

Dr. Michael Leiber - Professor & Department Chair

Welcome to our ninth annual edition of the Department of Criminology Newsletter! It was an exciting 2018.

The Department experienced another productive year in terms of publications, grant productivity, and recognitions. For example, the latest US News & World Report ranked us at 22. Other publications using criteria that relies on article production have the department ranked in the top 10. The Criminology program was also ranked 10th in the world by the Center for World University Rankings. **Dr. Kathleen Heide** was elected AAAS Fellow in the Social, Economic and Political Sciences Section for distinguished contributions to the field of criminology, particularly with respect to juvenile homicide and parricide. **Dr. Yunmei (Iris) Lu** received the Outstanding Contribution Award, presented by the American Society Division of Developmental and Life Course Criminology for her co-authored publication. **Dr. Bryanna Fox** received the 2018 Professional Development & Teaching Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) due, in part, to her service-learning graduate course where students work on an unsolved homicide case to help the Pasco Sheriff's Office, the community, and help bring closure to the victim's family. **Dr. Ráchael Powers** was elected as a Board of Directors for the Southern Criminal Justice Association.

In the spring of 2018, we held our "Wall of Fame" ceremony to acknowledge the contributions of our alumni to academia and/or the community. In cooperation with the Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI) and the College of Behavioral Community Sciences, a community symposium was held on the "The Opioid Epidemic." An old friend, **Dr. Wilson Palacios**, returned to the Tampa area as a featured presenter. Over 200 people from the community attended. As part of our Department Research Series, **Dr. Thomas A. Loughran** (Penn State University), another past colleague and friend, and **Dr. Jennifer Cobbina** (Michigan State University) presented on their research.

Dr. Chae Jaynes (University of Maryland) and **Dr. Yunmei (Iris) Lu** (Penn State University) have joined us. The Department recently hired a new Assistant Professor, **Mateus Renno Santos** (University of Maryland) who will be joining us in the fall of 2019. Welcome aboard!

We welcome your feedback with regards to the Newsletter and encourage you to contact us at any time. Please do let us know what you are up to!



THANK YOU TO OUR CRIMINOLOGY STAFF!

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FACULTY FOCUS

Dr. Chae Jaynes

Dr. Chae Jaynes joined the Department of Criminology as an Assistant Professor in the fall of 2018. She earned her bachelor's degree in economics from Michigan State University (MSU) where she was honored as the "Outstanding Senior" in the Department of Economics. During her time as an undergraduate, Dr. Jaynes had never thought about becoming a professor of criminology. In fact, she intended to go to medical school! However, after shadowing many medical specializations (e.g., plastic surgery, radiology, emergency medicine...you name it) she found that none of them seemed to suit her. She made her last effort exploring the medical field when she started working in the morgue with the hope that her true calling was forensic pathology. Although it was a fascinating experience, performing autopsies was not a career fit. Rather, Dr. Jaynes realized she really enjoyed interacting with local law enforcement who were in the morgue to observe autopsies as part of their investigation or training (new hires were required to observe an autopsy). Faced with the reality that the medical profession was not for her, Dr. Jaynes considered pursuing her new interest in criminal justice.



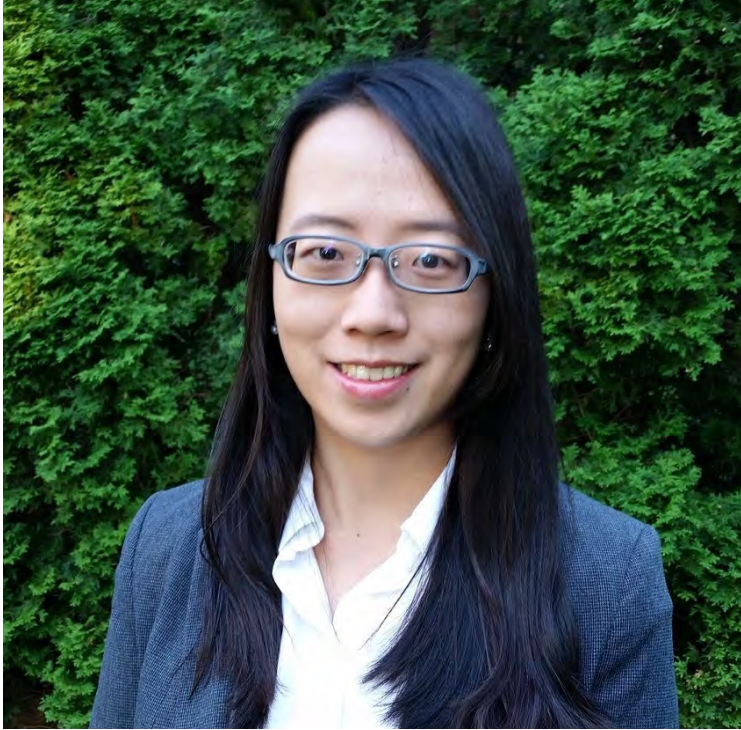
She decided to apply to MSU's Master of Criminal Justice Program with little sense of what she intended to do within the field. While the learning curve was steep, Dr. Jaynes immediately fell in love with her coursework and began to get actively involved in research with Dr. Jesenia Pizarro (studying violence and homicide) and Dr. Mahesh Nalla (studying individuals' perceptions of security guard legitimacy across countries). Dr. Jaynes is extremely grateful to Drs. Pizarro and Nalla for their mentoring, as they provided her with an understanding of what it means to be a "criminologist" and encouraged her to pursue her interest in an academic career.

Dr. Jaynes then went on to earn her doctorate from the University of Maryland, where she studied offender decision-making under the guidance of Dr. Ray Paternoster and Dr. Tom Loughran, to whom she cannot express enough gratitude towards for their time, effort, and guidance. While working with them, she developed an interest in research focusing on individual differences in temporal orientation (e.g., self-control, self-regulation, the discount rate, punishment celerity) which influence offender decision-making. She also developed a research agenda focused on evaluating the role of social preferences (sincere concern for the welfare of others) within rational choice theory, applying methods drawn from behavioral economics to empirically examine the relationship between social preferences and crime. She recently published two studies with this focus in the *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* alongside co-authors Ray Paternoster, Theodore Wilson, and Tom Loughran. Building on her offender decision-making interest, Dr. Jaynes' dissertation examined the relationship between employment and crime, specifically assessing job quality as an informal cost of crime. Currently, she is expanding these lines of research here at USF through working with faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates in the SPRUCE lab.

In her free time, Dr. Jaynes enjoys exploring the many beautiful beaches in the area with her husband Craig. As a Michigan native, she has a strong appreciation for each and every snowless day. Dr. Jaynes also enjoys spending time with family, running, and having dinner with friends. She is a huge fan of Buffy the Vampire Slayer, The Office and reality TV.

FACULTY FOCUS

Dr. Yunmei (Iris) Lu



Yunmei (Iris) Lu joined USF Criminology Department as an Assistant Professor in the fall of 2018 after earning her Ph.D. degree from Penn State University. Originally from China, Dr. Lu received her bachelor's degree in sociology from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. She worked on research projects with Dr. Sara Zhong, a Chinese criminologist who also earned her PhD from Penn State. After hearing many stories from Dr. Zhong about her graduate school experience and the exciting research opportunities in the western world, Dr. Lu decided to pursue her graduate education overseas. She first went to England and earned her master's degree from the University of Cambridge. She then decided to come to the United States, where she earned a second master's degree from SUNY Albany and attended Penn State for her doctoral study. Although it took her a while to adjust to the cultural differences and overcome the language barriers, Dr. Lu says her overseas adventures are by far the best part of her life and have left important imprints in her research.

With a background in criminology and sociology, Dr. Lu integrates the two areas into her research agenda by focusing on two broad questions: (1) how social stratification based demographic profiles (e.g., age and gender) affects criminal offending and punishment; (2) how socio-demographic change influences the macro level crime patterns. Influenced by her cultural experiences from different countries, Dr. Lu believes that international-comparative research has immense potential for criminological theory, thus most of her research involves a cross-cultural perspective and relies on data from multiple countries.

When pursuing her doctoral degree at the Penn State University, Dr. Lu started to engage in cross-national research and became very interested in different quantitative techniques. With the guidance of her mentor Professor Darrell Steffensmeier, whom Dr. Lu is extraordinarily grateful to have had the opportunity to work with, she became involved in a series of projects to test the relationship between age and crime in different countries. Results of these cross-national studies showed that crime is not always concentrated among youth thus challenging the western notion of age-crime invariant thesis and highlighting the importance of cultural context in shaping crime patterns. Their study on the age-crime relationship in Taiwan was recently published in *Criminology* and recognized by the ASC Division of Developmental and Life Course Criminology for its outstanding contribution.

Building on her projects on the age-crime relationship, Dr. Lu's dissertation applied age-period-cohort modeling techniques to examine how age effects, macro-level social change, and population processes shape the crime patterns in both U.S. and Taiwan over the past five decades. Currently, Dr. Lu is extending her dissertation project to more non-western countries, particularly countries that have been through rapid social change in the past three decades. In addition, Dr. Lu is starting a new research direction to look at age, period and cohort effects on the public's perception of different crime-related issues.

In her spare time, Dr. Lu loves running, cooking (particularly Asian cuisine), watching documentary and reality shows, playing with her two cats, and having "academic" debates, (i.e., housework distribution and gender equality) with her husband Chris who also has a Ph.D. degree. Recently, Dr. Lu has resumed running and is training for the Disney half-marathon next year.



THE VALUE OF GRADUATE-LEVEL EDUCATION FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS

Dr. Max Bromley, Director MA in Criminal Justice Administration

During my time as a high school and college student in the late 1960's and the early 70's, I knew I wanted to ultimately pursue a career in policing. It was a tumultuous time in American society - there were numerous civil rights demonstrations as well as anti-Vietnam war protests and riots. In response to these events, the police were often seen overreacting or not being fully prepared to deal with the incidents as peace-keepers.

Three subsequent national commissions, the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders (1968), the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice (1968) and the National Advisory Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals (1973) all underscored the need for police and other criminal justice professionals to be better educated (Terrill, 2018). Student's majoring in criminal justice, like myself, could receive financial assistance provided by the Law Enforcement Education Program (LEEP). Once these students graduated, their student loans could be forgiven if they worked for a criminal justice agency for four years. Criminal justice practitioners could also receive financial assistance while they were working. The President's Commission stated that police departments should require their personnel to have college degrees and departments should immediately require bachelor's degrees for all supervisors and executives.

While it is important for criminal justice practitioners to have bachelor's degrees, it could also be argued that those who are in supervisory or management positions would benefit from having master's degrees that would enhance their critical-thinking, analytical skills and problem-solving skills. As one moves up the "chain of command" in their criminal justice agency, they need to develop enhanced conceptual skills which aids them in seeing the "big picture." In my opinion, given the challenges facing the criminal justice field today, an advanced degree is very beneficial to those who are currently in leadership positions or aspiring to be.

Over the last five decades the USF Criminology department has worked hard to provide undergraduate, master and doctorate-level opportunities. From the 1970's to 2006 our traditional master's program graduated many students who were not working in the field as well as some who were working full-time for criminal justice agencies. In 2005, a decision was made to develop a master's program concentrating on criminal justice administration and specifically designed to meet the need of those already in the field. This would include police officers, probation officers, social service workers and a wide variety of other practitioners (Perez, Fegadel & Bromley, 2015). Based largely upon the input received from local criminal justice executives and our experience with a similar program we pilot-tested in 2001, we established a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration Program (MACJA).

The cohorts represent the future composition of leaders in the criminal justice system. For example, the demographic characteristics of the 262 MACJA graduates include: 54% female, 46% male, 66% white non-Hispanic, 34% minority; age range 22-60; average 7 years since completion of their bachelor's degree. It is evident that the MACJA graduates are being recognized by their agencies; almost 90 graduates have been promoted or had job advancements between 2014-2018.

Today as in the 1960's and 70's there are many challenges facing the criminal justice system. I have been fortunate in having a career as a university police administrator and as a faculty member which provides me insights into the importance of undergraduate and graduate education for practitioners. It is my belief that the Department of Criminology is well suited to provide support, guidance and leadership to those in the criminal justice field. We are proud to be represented by you, our alumni!

References:

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Terrill, W. (2018). *Tapping into the "education" part of higher education and police performance*. ACJA Today, XLIV,5,1-7.

MACJA



Cohort 13 MACJA Scholarship Winners and Donors (Left to Right): Ventoure Watkins (HCSO), Maxine Starling (Largo Police Dept), Dr. Leonard Territo (Donor), Jillian Uhl (Pasco Sheriff's Office), Chief Robert Vincent (Gulfport Police Dept), Dr. Carl Hawkins (Donor), Manley Jaquiss (Donor), Dr. Jamil Jreisat (Donor). Not pictured: Robert Brigham (TPD).

The Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration (MACJA) is a specialized program of study specifically designed for practitioners with an emphasis on administration and management within the criminal justice system. The program is a highly concentrated and structured course of study taught on Saturdays over five consecutive semesters. Since 2006, 262 students have graduated from the program. These students represent 68 different criminal justice agencies located throughout the Tampa Bay area. A Capstone project is developed over the five semesters of coursework that is designed to propose a solution to a problem in the student's current agency that could

potentially be implemented. From 2014-2018 at least 90 graduates of the MACJA program have been promoted after being in the program and numerous capstone projects have been implemented by their agencies. For those interested in the program, contact Max Bromley: mbromley@usf.edu

2018 MACJA Highlights:

- Since its inception in August 2006, 262 students have graduated with an average cohort enrollment of 21. Sixteen more students are on schedule to graduate Spring 2019.



MACJA Cohort 12 Graduates with Dr. Bromley

- Sixty eight different criminal justice agencies have been represented in the MACJA program. Approximately 50% of the MACJA students are from law enforcement agencies while the other half is distributed among corrections, probation, juvenile justice, and a variety of other criminal justice service providers. Local, state, federal, and private criminal justice agencies have had students in the MACJA program.
- MACJA graduates serve in a variety of agency leadership positions and past or current students have been elected as presidents or on the Board of Directors of the Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Association (Dave Romine, Rick Ramirez, Rob Vincent, and Lee Bercaw).
- A considerable number of graduates have had their "problem-solving proposal" partially applied in their agencies.
- Demographic characteristics of MACJA graduates include: 54% female, 46% male; 66% White non-Hispanic, 34% minority; age range 22-60; average 7 years since completion of their bachelor's degree; student's level within their agencies: 54% entry, 33% mid, 6% upper level.



GRADUATE FACULTY

Lyndsay Boggess, PhD

Communities and crime, crime-mapping

Max Bromley, EdD*Director of the MACJA Program*

Law enforcement, campus crime

George Burruss, PhD

Cybercrime, criminal justice organizations

Elizabeth Cass, PhD*Graduate coordinator***John Cochran, PhD**

Death penalty, theories of crime and crime control

Richard Dembo, PhD

Alcohol and drug use, juvenile justice, youth public health issues, statistics

Bryanna Fox, PhD

Developmental criminology, forensic psychology, evidence-based policing

Lorie Fridell, PhD

Police use of force, biased policing, violence against police

Kathleen Heide, PhD

Juvenile homicide, parricide (children killing parents), trauma

Chae Jaynes, PhD

Offender decision-making, rational choice theory, employment and crime

Michael J. Leiber, PhD*Department Chair*

Juvenile delinquency, juvenile justice, race/ethnicity

Yunmei (Iris) Lu, PhD

Age and crime, cross-cultural studies, social change and crime, sentencing

Michael J. Lynch, PhD

Green and radical criminology, corporate crime, environmental justice

Ojmarh Mitchell, PhD

Race and crime, drug policy, courts and sentencing, meta-analysis

Richard Moule, PhD

Criminological theory, street gangs, technology in criminology and criminal justice, mixed methods

Rachael Powers, PhD*Graduate Director*

Violent victimization, violence against women, gender and crime, hate crime

Dwayne Smith, PhD*Senior Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs**Dean of Graduate Studies*

Homicide, capital punishment, structural correlates of violent crime

#10 ranking by **Center for World University Rankings**
CWUR - Rankings by Subject, 2017

#8 ranking for **publication productivity by faculty**
Kleck and Mims, 2017

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Dr. George Burruss

"Understanding the Impacts of Policing Strategies and Practices (Beyond Crime Reduction)". Consultant. Champaign-Urbana Police Department.



Dr. Lorie Fridell

"Advancing Fair and Impartial Policing Through Training". Director. Funded by the US DOJ Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.



Dr. Bryanna Fox

"Addressing Prolific Violent Offenders and High Level Drug Distribution Networks through Intelligence Led Policing and Social Network Analysis". PI with the Pasco Sheriff's Office. US Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for the Smart Policing Initiative.



Dr. Richard Dembo

"Culturally Modified Family Based Therapy for Haitian Youth and Their Families in South Florida". Co-Investigator. Funder: NIH/NIDA.

Health Coach Services at the Tampa Juvenile Assessment Center. Funder: ACTS.



Dr. Kathleen Heide

Office of the Public Defender - 13th and 5th Judicial Circuits, Florida, as well as services provided to Indiana, and County of San Diego, CA. Office of the District Attorney, Lehigh County, PA. Consultant.



Dr. Michael Leiber

Disproportionate Minority Contact Assessment Study for North Carolina. Co-PI. North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission.

Equal Protection Monitor Memphis/Shelby County Juvenile Court. DOJ.



Dr. Ojmarrh Mitchell

"Understanding Prosecutorial Discretion in Florida Criminal Courts". PI. National Institute of Justice. W.E.B. Du Bois Scholars in Race and Crime.



Dr. Ráchael Powers & Dr. John Cochran

"Shotspotter and the Tampa Police Department". With Tampa Police Department representing the Middle District of FL. US DOJ, BJA.

FACULTY AWARDS

Dr. Kathleen Heide was elected as a American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellow in the Social, Economic and Political Sciences Section for distinguished contributions to the field of criminology, particularly with respect to juvenile homicide and parricide.

Dr. Yunmei (Iris) Lu received the Outstanding Contribution Award, presented by the ASC Division of Developmental and Life Course Criminology for her coauthored paper with Darrell Steffensmeier and Hua Zhong: *"Age and its Relation to Crime in Taiwan and the United States: Invariant, or Does Cultural Context Matter?"*

Joni Bernbaum was appointed to serve the Advisory Board for IAHTI (International Association of Human Trafficking Investigators) and certified as a Clinically Certified Human Trafficking Victim Services Provider and Certified Criminal Justice Specialist through the National Association of Forensic Counselors.

Dr. Bryanna Fox received the 2018 Professional Development & Teaching Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS).

Dr. Ráchael Powers was elected as a Board of Directors for the Southern Criminal Justice Association.

RESEARCH SERIES



Wilson Palacios, PhD

Associate Professor
School of Criminology and Justice Studies
University of Massachusetts, Lowell

"Right-Sizing the Criminal Justice System Within the Current Opioid Syndemic"

Guest speaker as part of the Symposium presented by the College of Behavioral & Community Sciences - October 12, 2018



Thomas A. Loughran, PhD

Professor, Graduate Program Director
Department of Sociology and Criminology
Pennsylvania State University

"Criminal Decision-Making Among Adolescent Offenders: Implications for Deterrence"

Guest speaker as part of the Research Series presented by the Department of Criminology - March 9, 2018

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Thomas Wolff

In his thirty-ninth year with the Tampa Police Department, Thomas Wolff is currently the manager of TPD's Communication Bureau. He is responsible for the radio communications between officers and the processing of all 911 and non-emergency calls made within the City of Tampa. Prior to this civilian role, Mr. Wolff served thirty years before retiring as the Major in charge of the Criminal Investigation Division, which included the Forensic Unit, Homicide, Sex Crimes, Hit and Run, and Gang Squads; the Narcotics Unit, the Fugitive Apprehension Unit, and the Communications Bureau. During his career he worked at the Tampa Police Academy training recruits and officers and assisted in maintaining the department's accreditation, including earning a separate accreditation specifically for Communications. He partnered with criminology department faculty as Grant Administrator for a Department of Justice Problem Solving Grant that led to a 24% reduction in auto burglaries in Ybor City. Mr. Wolff successfully coordinated the radio communications between multiple local, state and federal agencies for the Republican National Convention, Bollywood and other special events held in Tampa.

Thomas Wolff received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from USF in 1980 and a Master of Arts Degree in Criminology in 1991.



Manley Jaquiss

Manley Jaquiss is a Correctional Probation Senior Supervisor with the Florida Department of Corrections in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in Tampa, Florida. He has been with the department since 1988 and spent twenty-five years in the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in Ft. Myers. He currently manages the Tampa Intake office and oversees those sentenced for felony offenses.

Mr. Jaquiss received a B.A in Criminal Justice in 1986 from USF and a M.A. in Criminal Justice Administration from USF in 2015. His focus of study in the Master's program was the exploration of appropriate housing for sex offenders in the community. He is utilized as a guest lecturer in criminology and works on obtaining interns for the Department of Corrections.

Mr. Jaquiss is the former Chairman of the Ft. Myers-Naples USF Alumni Chapter and served two terms as a Director on the USF Alumni Association. He remains active with many USF activities together with his wife Jill ('87) and daughter Megan ('16).



Wall of Fame

INDUCTION ♦ CEREMONY

March 1, 2019

The USF Department of Criminology proudly hosts its seventh annual *Wall of Fame* event recognizing distinguished alumni, outstanding criminology ambassadors and community partnerships.

INDUCTEES

Distinguished Alumni



Manley Jaquiss



Regina Lombardo



Kimberley Munzo



Thomas Wolff

Outstanding Criminology Ambassadors



Phillip Beahn



Julie Krupa



Lauren Miley

Community Partnership Award

Pasco Sheriff's Office



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MAKING LASTING CONNECTIONS

In the 20 plus years since its inception in 1997, our doctoral alumni have joined university faculties, government agencies, and private organizations. We are proud of the work they are doing to advance the field of criminology and criminal justice. In 2017, the Department of Criminology conferred it's 50th doctoral degree!

2018

Julie Krupa, Michigan State University
Rhissa Briones, University of South Florida
Carl Root, Eastern Kentucky University

2017

Michelle Jeanis, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Hyojong Song, University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley
Elisa Toman-Brown, Sam Houston State University

2016

Wyatt Brown, Sam Houston State University
Nicholas Perez, California State University, Long Beach
Jason Dobrow, Cherry Creek School District
Laura Gulledge, University of Southern Mississippi
Amanda Sharp Parker, Campbell University
Erin Cotrone, Private Practice
Amy Eggers, St. Petersburg College
Laura Gulledge, University of Southern Mississippi

2015

Brandy Henderson, Tennessee Wesleyan College
Jessica Mitchell, School of Mental Health Law and Policy, University of South Florida
Erin Mulligan, Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation
Carol Trent, University of Pittsburgh
Stephan Van Geem, Utah State University
Douglas Wholl, Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation
Raleigh Blasdel, Southeast Missouri State University

2014

Jennifer Peck, University of Central Florida
Eugena Givens, Central Connecticut State University
Jonathan Maskaly, University of Texas at Dallas
Autumn Frei, Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida

2013

Kimberly Barrett, Eastern Michigan University
Christopher Donner, Loyola University Chicago
Lane Kirkland, Boise State University
Brian Sellers, Eastern Michigan University

2012

Shelly Wagers, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg
Oliver Chan, Criminology at City University of Hong Kong

2011

Michael Caudy, University of Central Florida
James Ray, University of Central Florida
Tara Richards, University of Nebraska - Omaha
Ruth Zschoche, Washington State University
Wen-Hsu Lin, Institute of Sociology, Taipei, Taiwan

2010

Melissa Harrison, Trial Consultant, Trial Exhibits
Janine Kremling, California State University, San Bernardino
Joan Reid, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg

2009

José Ordóñez, University of Los Andes (Venezuela)
Melissa Fenwick, Western Connecticut State University

2008

Kristina Childs, University of Central Florida

2007

Danielle McGurkin, Portland State University

2006

Denise Boots, The University of Texas at Dallas
Timothy Hart, Griffith University, Australia
Cecile Van De Voorde, CEO Mantra

2005

Kathryn Branch, University of Tampa
Kelly Browning, Director, Carl Sagan Academy
Melissa Jarrell, Texas A&M University
Evaristus Obinyan, Fort Valley State University
Stephen Verrill, Capella University
Jennifer Wareham, Wayne State University

2004

Thomas Bazley, University of Massachusetts Amherst

USF CRIMINOLOGY FOUNDATIONS, ENDOWMENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Support of the department enhances our ability to sponsor intellectual growth and life-changing opportunities for students and faculty.

536013 Lawrence A. Pippins Endowed Memorial Scholarship

To offer scholarships to students, at all academic levels, pursuing a Criminology major, in the College of Behavioral & Community Sciences, on the Tampa campus. One scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate student and one to a graduate student, each year. Preference will be given to students who portray a love of America and a sense of patriotism as indicated in an essay; and who are active military, veterans, police officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel or other first responders.

530048 Crime and Justice in America

To support all expenses related to the CBCS Department of Criminology Crime and Justice in America course.

420016 Criminology Science Fund

To support criminology science.

420910 Dr. Leonard Territo Criminology Scholarship

Scholarships for full or part-time undergraduate Criminology majors, in the College of Behavioral & Community Sciences on the Tampa campus.

421410 Criminology Department Operating Fund

Support activities of the Department of Criminology. If scholarships are awarded the criteria will be: full or part-time student, all academic levels, criminology major, College of Behavioral & Community Sciences, Tampa campus.

421490 Criminology Scholarship

Scholarship support for full or part-time, criminology students at all academic levels, in the College of Behavioral & Community Sciences, on the Tampa campus.

426910 Brad Crook Endowed Memorial Scholarship in Criminology

To support scholarships for full or part-time students, at all academic levels, majoring in criminology, in the College of Behavioral & Community Sciences on the Tampa campus.

530032 Dr. Carl W. Hawkins Jr. MAJCA Scholarship

To support scholarships for full and part-time graduate students, pursuing a Masters of Art in Criminal Justice Administration (MACJA), in the College of Behavioral & Community Sciences, on the Tampa campus. This scholarship is based on merit and can be awarded one semester.

530034 Richard Dembo Criminology Support Fund

To support expenses associated with grant projects for the Department of Criminology. Expenses include, but are not limited to: associated with follow-up work on completed grant projects, salaries and other related grant project expenses.

530038 The Department of Criminology MACJA Fund

To support scholarships for full and part-time graduate students, on the Tampa campus, who are Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Administrative (MACJA) majors, within the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences. This scholarship is based on merit and can be awarded one semester.

536005 Marson Johnson Criminology Endowed Scholarship

To assist Tampa students who are majoring in Criminology with tuition and/or textbook costs. For full or part-time students, any academic level in the College of Behavioral & Community Sciences.

To donate to any of the funds listed above, go to:
<https://www.usf.edu/cbcs/criminology/about-us/donate.aspx>

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Cassandra Dodge

Doctoral Student



Cassandra Dodge is a third-year doctoral student in the Department of Criminology. Her current research focuses on cybercrime and the use of technology by law enforcement, with additional interests in the processing of sexual assault cases by the military justice system and victimization of LGBTQ+ populations. Cassandra earned a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Criminal Justice Sciences from Illinois State University.

Prior to her academic career, Cassandra served in the United States Air Force from 2006 to 2011 as a Security Forces Journeyman. Her military career took her to over 20 countries

across Europe, Asia, and Africa, primarily fulfilling security and law enforcement roles; however, she was also involved with humanitarian relief efforts following natural disasters in Indonesia and Japan.

During her last three years as a graduate student, Cassandra has served as a graduate assistant to Dr. Bryanna Fox. She has presented at numerous conferences, including the American Society of Criminology (ASC), the European Society of Criminology (ESC), the Florida Center for Cybersecurity Research Symposium, and Michigan State University's Interdisciplinary Conference on Cybercrime. She was selected to attend the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Doctoral Summit in 2018.

Cassandra has one peer-reviewed article in the *American Journal of Criminal Justice* on the subject of Bitcoin in darknet markets (co-authored with Dr. Sesha Kethineni and Ying Cao) as well as a co-authored book chapter with Dr. George Burruss on digital piracy. She also has a co-authored manuscript with Dr. Fox on cyber profiling, which is pending review. She is working on projects with Dr. Richard Moule, Dr. Ráchael Powers, and Dr. Lyndsay Boggess. Additionally, she was elected as Treasurer of the Criminology Graduate Student Organization (CGSO) for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Outside of her work at USF, Cassandra has also served on the national board for Omega Delta Sigma, National Veterans Fraternity since 2016. The co-ed organization's mission is to assist student veterans across the nation in the transition to academia while providing members with a support system similar to the one they had while in the military. Omega Delta Sigma currently has 13 active chapters across the county, with an active membership of over 200 student veterans.

Cassandra is the first recipient selected for the Lawrence A. Pippins Endowed Memorial Scholarship. Colonel Pippins was an alumnus of USF and served in the U.S. Army for 30 years, primarily in the Military Police. He passed away in December of 2017 following an 18 month battle with ALS.

Cassandra is a self-proclaimed "obsessed corgi-mom" to her 7 and 9 year old Pembroke Welsh Corgis, Camden and Oaklie. She participates in several breed-specific events in the Tampa area, including corgi racing and costume competitions.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Vanessa Centelles

Masters Student

Vanessa Centelles is a second-year Criminology master's student and a USF Graduate Student Success Fellow, graduating in the Summer of 2019. She received her bachelor's degree in Criminology with a minor in Religious Studies from the University of South Florida in the Spring of 2017 becoming the first in her family to receive a college degree. Her research interests primarily include violent victimization and gender-based crime.

Vanessa's thesis explores ways in which college students participate in the use of LBRTD (location-based real time dating) applications to pursue relationships and their effect(s) on student engagement in risky behaviors and potential victimization. Dr. Ráchael Powers and Dr. Richard Moule co-chair her committee, with Dr. John Cochran serving as a committee member. She plans to begin pursuing a PhD in Criminology in the Fall. Her long-term goal is to become a professor in a research-focused university.

Vanessa is also a member of USF's Alpha Phi Sigma chapter and is actively involved in the Hispanic Tampa Bay community as a part of the HOLA foundation. The HOLA foundation is a Tampa-based non-profit organization that was formed to preserve and promote the cultural diversity of the Americas by providing educational opportunities through the arts. She plans on incorporating her criminology background into this type of art-based non-profit work. She enjoys hanging out with friends and family, spending time with her miniature-schnauzer Peaches, and going to local concerts. She is also a big Netflix-fan; her favorite shows to binge-watch include "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" and "The Good Place."

CONGRATULATIONS 2018 GRADUATES

MA

Jordan Boness
Xavier Burch

Danielle Chin
Alexander Johnson
Nathanial Lawshe

Tayler Shreve
Lindy Solow

PhD

Root, Carl. *"Yet another Ferguson effect: An exploratory content analysis of news stories on police brutality and deadly force before and after the killing of Michael Brown."* Chaired by Drs. Lorie A. Fridell and Victor E. Kappeler (Eastern Kentucky University). June, 2018, University of South Florida.

Krupa, Julie. *"Identifying the personal and perceived organizational characteristics associated with job satisfaction among juvenile probation staff."* Chaired by Dr. Richard Dembo. June, 2018, University of South Florida

Briones Robinson, Rhissa. *"The impact of a religious/spiritual turning point on desistance: A lifecourse assessment of racial and ethnic differences."* Chaired by Dr. Michael Leiber. March, 2018, University of South Florida

CRIMINOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION



The Criminology Graduate Student Association (CGSO) is a student-led organization committed to the professional development and advocacy of graduate students in addition to giving back to our community. The CGSO is responsible for hosting workshops aimed at improving teaching and research effectiveness, organizing and implementing annual departmental research symposium, addressing student concerns, enhancing communication between faculty and students, and assisting with orientation of incoming graduate students. The current CGSO officers include Lauren Miley (President), Catherine Law (Vice President), Cassandra Dodge (Secretary), and Tayler Shreve (Treasurer).

CGSO 2018 Events:

- *Annual CGSO Graduate Research Symposium*
- *Co-Sponsored Criminology Department Spring Picnic*
- *Volunteered at Savage Race in Dade City, FL*
- *Sponsored Criminology Tailgate Event for USF Homecoming*
- *Monthly bake sales*
- *Monthly Brown Bag Workshops*
- *Sponsored Criminology Department Welcome New Students Party*

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

MA

Andres Andrew
James Hubbell
Daniela Oramas Mora
Robert Perkins

PhD

Kacy Amory
Sarah Harper Ardis
Xavier Burch
Rachel Fairchild
Tayler Shreve

A YEAR IN PHOTOS



Graduate students Lauren Miley and Tayler Shreve Dr. Alex Piquero withat ASC in Atlanta, GA. Fall 2018



Dr. Lorie Fridell providing Fair and Impartial Police Training to the Clearwater PD management team. August 2018



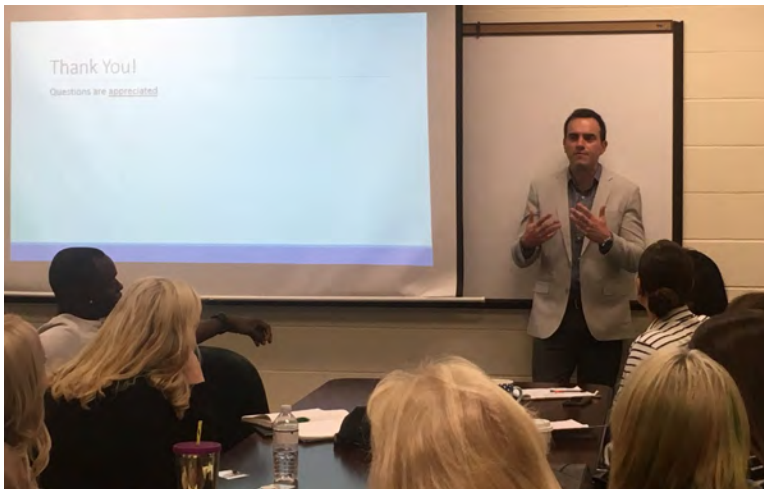
SPRUCE Lab students, Fall 2018



Dr. Wilson R. Palacios - CBCS Sponsored Symposium on The Opioid Epidemic. October 2018



Graduate students Sarah Nobles, Lauren Miley, Chris Marier, Jordan Howell and Leo Genco. CGSO Research Symposium, Fall 2018



Dr. Tom Loughran - Research Series Presentation, March 2018



Dr. Bryanna Fox and graduate student Scott Allen at the US Attorney's Office.



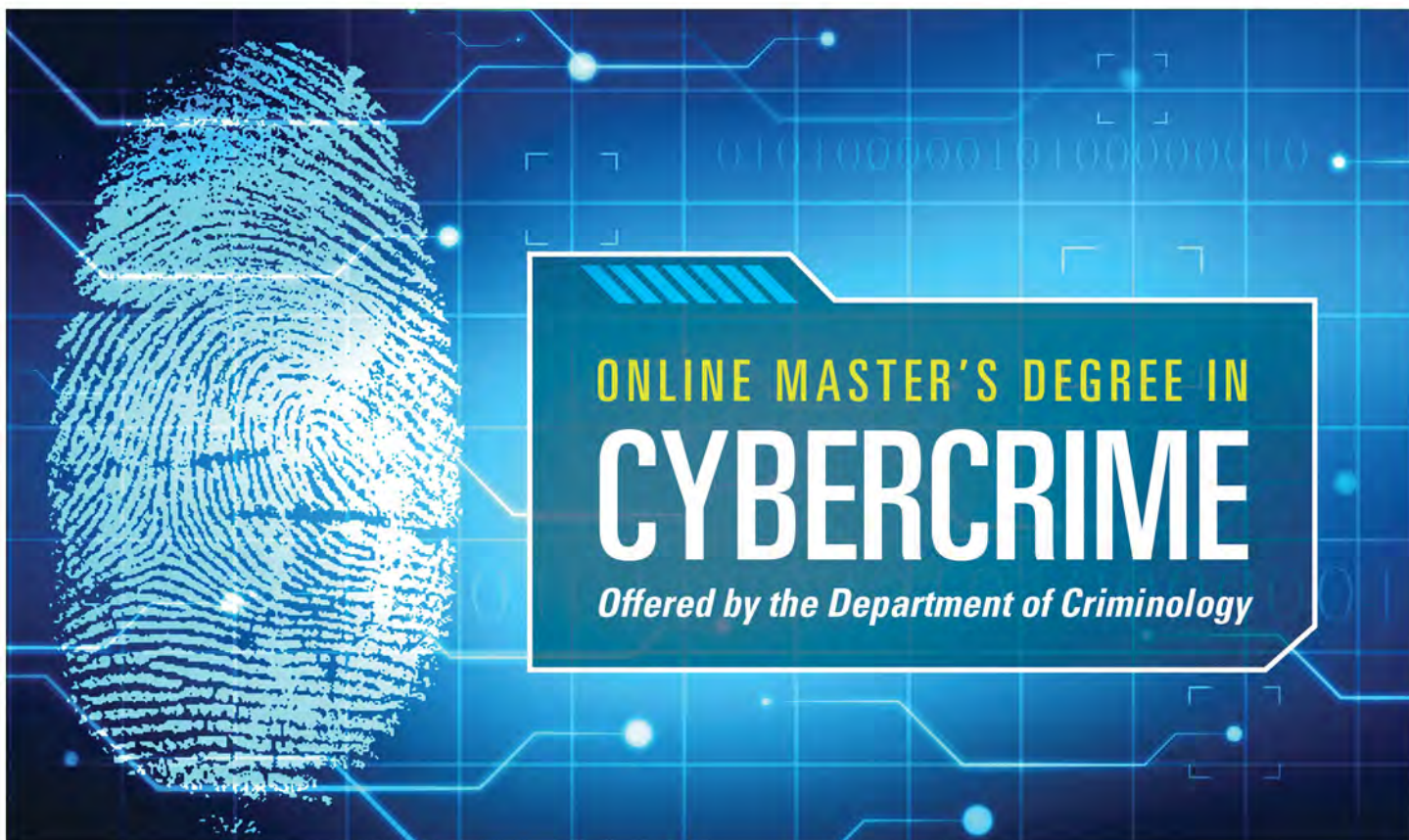
MACJA Orientation, Fall 2018



Drs. Dwayne Smith & Rachael Powers at Commencement, August 2018



State Attorney Andrew Warren, joins the student-run podcast, Crimeversation, hosted by graduate students Tayler Shreve & Lauren Miley. January 2018



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