

# USFCriminology

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## Department Newsletter

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## Editor's Note:

### Welcome....

... to our fifth annual edition of the Department of Criminology Newsletter! It had been an exciting 2014. **Dr. Wesley Jennings** has been named Associate Chair. **Dr. Ojmarrh Mitchell** is our new Graduate Director. We thank **Dr. Lorie Fridell** for her hard work and commitment to the graduate students during her 7 years as Graduate Director. **Dr. Wilson Palacios** has left our department and is now at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. We thank him for the many years of service and collegiality. While we miss him, we know he will be successful in his new position.

The Department experienced another productive year in terms of publications, grant productivity, and recognitions. Faculty published or has forthcoming over 40 articles with many of these appearing in such outlets as: Criminology, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, Justice Quarterly, and Crime & Delinquency. Detailed further in the Newsletter, **Dr. Richard Dembo**, **Dr. Rachael Powers**, and **Dr. Lorie Fridell** continue to be working on funded projects. **Dr. Wesley Jennings** was cited in an article as the 3rd most active publisher. **Dr. Kathleen Heide**, **Dr. Bryanna Hahn Fox**, and **Dr. Michael Leiber** received recognitions

In addition, both faculty and graduate students attended annual meetings, among them the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association, the Southern Criminal Justice Association, and the American Society of Criminology. There were over 25 people from the department who presented at the American Society of Criminology meeting in San Francisco.

The Department of Criminology continues to house three refereed journals. **Mike Leiber** is the editor of the Journal of Crime & Justice (**Maude Beaudry-Cyr** is the assistant managing editor), **Wes Jennings** is the editor of the American Journal of Criminal Justice (**Caitlyn Meade** is the assistant managing editor);

and **Lorie Fridell** and **Wesley Jennings** are co-editors of Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management (**Mathew Lynch** is the assistant managing editor).

**Ms. Chandra Davis** has left the Department to take another position at the University of South Florida. We thank Chandra for her service and wish her well. **Ms. Amanda Rausch** has joined us as an Academic Specialist and **Ms. Amber Oderinde** has joined us as an Academic Advisor. Welcome!

In the Fall of 2014, we held our third "Wall of Fame" ceremony to acknowledge the contributions of our alumni to academics and/or the community.

We continue to attract students both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. We have over 1,100 undergraduate majors and more than 40 graduate students, and continue by most rankings to be among the top 10 criminology and criminal justice programs. The Department also houses the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration (MACJA) program which is a specialized area of study specifically designed for practitioners with an emphasis on administration and management within the criminal justice system. The coordinator of the MCJA program is **Dr. Max Bromley**, mbromley@usf.edu. The undergraduate major coordinator is **Dr. Wesley Jennings**, jenningswgj@usf.edu. The graduate director is **Dr. Ojmarrh Mitchell**, omitchell@usf.edu.

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!

Michael Leiber, Editor  
Maude Beaudry-Cyr, Assistant Editor  
Amanda Rausch, Assistant Editor



## Faculty in Focus: Dr. Lorie A. Fridell

Lorie A. Fridell, an Associate Professor in the department, earned her MA (1983) and PhD (1987) in Social Ecology at the University of California at Irvine (UCI) and took her first job at the University of Nebraska. She left the cold Nebraska winters to join the faculty at Florida State University (FSU) where she stayed for 10 years (1989 – 1999). After leaving FSU and before joining USF in 2005, Lorie served as Director of Research at the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), which is a non-profit think-tank dedicated to strengthening policing.

Lorie's research focus on law enforcement and her experience and success at writing grant proposals were factors in her being hired at PERF. She has, over the years, served as the Project director, PI or Co-PI on close to \$9 million in grants and contracts. She has brought \$1.6 million in federal funds to USF.

Lorie's work is very practice- and policy-oriented—whether she is examining police deviance, use of force, bias in policing, body cameras, or other policing topics. She publishes in both academic and practitioner journals and attends both academic and practitioner conferences (In 2012, she was the only academic in the country to be invited to speak at all three major chiefs' conferences—the academic-policing equivalent of a “triple crown.”). Her current research on deviance is supported by the data produced by the National Police Research Platform, for which she is a Co-Principal Investigator. This NIJ-funded project, directed by Dennis Rosenbaum at the University of Illinois at Chicago, involves 100 nationally representative police agencies. Information regarding the jurisdiction/department and survey data from the chief or sheriff, community members who have had recent contact with the police, and the population of agency personnel allow Fridell and colleagues (particularly former graduate students Jon Maskaly and Chris Donner) to explore multi-level predictors of police amenability to deviance.

Lorie and co-author Hyeyoung Lim used data from over 3,000 use-of-force incidents from a single city over 4 years, to examine the impact of supervision and neighborhood context on police use of force. This research produced field support for a hypothesis based on implicit bias theory regarding the impact of neighborhood-crime on the relationship between subject race and police use of force. With colleague, Wes Jennings, and graduate student, Mathew Lynch, she is conducting controlled studies of the impact of body cameras in several Florida jurisdictions.

Lorie's 15 years of work on the topic of biased policing has culminated in a state-of-the-art training program for police called “Fair and Impartial Policing.” (See [www.fairandimpartialpolicing.com](http://www.fairandimpartialpolicing.com).) She developed five curricula (targeting various subsets of police personnel) with the support of USDOJ funds and national experts on policing and the psychology of bias. The training recognizes that even well-intentioned individuals in policing have implicit biases that can impact on their perceptions and behavior. She and her team of five additional trainers are in great demand in the US and Canada. Many of these trainings are supported with contract funds to USF from the USDOJ Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. At the invitation of George Mason University's Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy and Sage, Lorie is turning her command-level curriculum into a book that will review the science of bias and discuss the policy and practice implications of the science for police personnel—from the line level officer up to the chief's office.

Lorie's undergraduate and graduate courses are focused on policing and individual rights. Over her academic career, she has won five university-level teaching awards and one university-level advising award.

Lorie likes to read, to dote on her cats, ballroom dance, bike riding, and travel. Those who visit her home can see her collection of hats from places she has visited, such as Thailand, Russia, Egypt, South Africa, Botswana, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Peru and China. She and her mother are planning to visit Cambodia next summer – to dedicate the library that her family is having built in a small village. Lorie is a long-time active member of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). She is serving her second term as the Florida representative to the National ACLU Board of Directors.

# Student Spotlight

## Amy Eggers

### Doctoral Student

Amy Eggers is a doctoral candidate in the department of Criminology. She received both her bachelor's and master's degrees in Criminology from the University of South Florida.

Early on in her graduate studies, Amy became a research assistant to Dr. Ojmarh Mitchell. During that time, she worked on a report for the Campbell Collaboration, which consisted of a meta-analysis of drug courts. Amy's involvement in this project led to her first publication in the Journal of Criminal Justice and first authorship on a report for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). Aside from research experience, Amy also developed a mentoring relationship with Dr. Mitchell. As such, Dr. Mitchell was her major professor for her thesis and is, presently, chairing her dissertation committee.

Amy's dissertation examines victimization using an alternative methodological approach, known as Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA). Specifically, she seeks to use QCA to examine combinations of specific components (i.e., situational and offender characteristics) that represent an incident of victimization, which will allow her to highlight any differences that emerge across race, ethnicity, gender, age, and marital status. Essentially, she is interested in determining whether demographic factors play a role in victimization patterns.

Since starting the Ph.D. program, Amy has presented numerous papers at the American Society of Criminology (ASC), Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), and the Southern Criminal Justice Association (SCJA) annual meetings. She has also been working with several USF faculty to complete various manuscripts, one of which was published in Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice with Dr. Wesley Jennings. Amy has also taught "Theories of Criminal Behavior" for the department of Criminology as an adjunct instructor.

External opportunities to gain research experience were also presented to Amy in the form of a summer institute and an assistantship. First, Amy was accepted into the 2013 ICPSR summer program where she became better acquainted with BJS data; particularly, the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS). Second, she served as a research assistant in the Department of Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling in FMHI where she worked on pinpointing gaps in the drugs and crime literature.

Overall, Amy's research interests include the intersections of race, ethnicity, immigration, and family dynamics as they relate to crime and victimization. One of her current interests involves identifying factors that explain the Latino and immigrant paradoxes. Another area of concentration includes testing whether and how these intersections correspond with current criminological theories both as individual factors and as conceptual constellations.

When not academically oriented, Amy enjoys travelling as much as often and hopes to one day tour Europe and Dubai. In the meantime, she has made it a point to vacation in as many Florida cities as she can, while also making time to "return to her roots" by visiting her family in New York.





# Student Spotlight

## Lance Gilmore

### Masters Student

**Lance Gilmore** received his bachelor's degree in Criminology from the University of South Florida in 2007. Shortly after graduating, he obtained a position as a law enforcement deputy with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office where he is still employed full-time. After a long six year break from academics, he returned to the University of South Florida, in the spring of 2013 to begin the Master's program within the Department of Criminology .

While completing his coursework, Lance focused on the area of law enforcement and policing. With this focus, Lance was able to assist Dr. Fox in her research study regarding her work in burglary typologies, which included traveling to the Pasco County Sheriff's Office to train law enforcement deputies in its application. Using this study, Lance completed his Master's thesis titled "Statistical Patterns of Offending Typology for Burglary: A Replication Study."

Lance completed his Master's degree in the fall of 2014, and is currently focusing on his career in law enforcement with plans on returning for his Ph.D. in the future.

In his free time, Lance enjoys spending time with his family, reading, tennis, and golf. He is also a die-hard Buccaneers fan and hopes that one day soon, it won't be so painful to admit.



## Congratulations 2014 Graduates!



### MA - Spring 2014

**Averi Fegadel  
Joy Camacho  
Ian Hayes  
Keith Peterson**

### MA - Summer 2014

**Nicole Larosa  
Julie Siegel**

### MA - Fall 2014

**Lance Gilmore  
Joshua Lovelace  
Caridad Jimenez**

### PhD - Spring 2014

**Autumn Frei**, "*Predicting successful drug court graduation: Exploring demographic and psychological factors among medication assisted drug court treatment clinics.*" Chair: **Christine Sellers**

**Cedric Michel** "*Public Knowledge and Sentiments about Elite Deviance.*" Co-Chairs: **John Cochran and Michael Lynch**

**Jen Peck**, "*The Influence of Community Context on Social Control: A Multi-Level Examination of the Relationship between Race/Ethnicity, Drug Offending, and Juvenile Court Outcomes.*" Chair: **Michael Leiber**

### PhD - Summer 2014

**Gina Givens**, "*Developmental Trajectories of Physical Aggression and Nonaggressive Rule-Breaking among At-risk Males and Females during Late Childhood and Early Adolescence.*" Co-Chairs: **Wesley Jennings and Joan Reid**

**Jon Maskaly**, "*Predicting Fear of Crime using a Multilevel and Multi-Model Approach: A Study in Hillsborough County.*" Co-Chairs: **Lyndsay Boggess and Lorie Fridell**

## *Featured Alumni: Dr. Tara Richards*

Tara N. Richards received her Ph.D. in Criminology from the University of South Florida in 2011. Currently, she is an Assistant Professor in the School of Criminal Justice at the University of Baltimore where she teaches graduate statistics and graduate and undergraduate level courses on intimate partner violence and research methods.

In 2014, Dr. Richards was awarded the American Society of Criminology Division on Women and Crime's New Scholar Award. At present, she has presented 33 papers at national/international meetings, published 30 peer reviewed journal articles, 7 agency reports, and 3 book chapters. She is also the co-editor of the book, *Sexual victimization: Then and now*. Some of her research highlights include an examination of specialization versus versatility among a ten-year cohort of domestic violence offenders using group based trajectory modeling and a survival analysis investigation of the factors that influence time to domestic violence recidivism.



In addition to teaching and empirical scholarship, Dr. Richards is committed to serving practitioners in the field. She has co-lead a process evaluation for Colorado's Domestic Violence Offender Management Board and has been called as an expert witness regarding the dynamics of intimate partner violence. Dr. Richards also serves on the Board of the Maryland Partnership Against Child Sexual Abuse.

Dr. Richards loves to travel and is thrilled to be teaching an immersion course this summer that will include two weeks in London, Amsterdam, and Brussels with ten fabulous UB students!

## *Featured Alumni: Dr. Rick Ramirez*

Rick Ramirez received his Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Management from Warner Southern College and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from the University of South Florida, where he was inducted into the Wall of Fame in 2012. He is also a graduate of the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute, Senior Leadership Program, Class 14.



Mr. Ramirez began his career with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Patrolman and investigator for the Special Investigations Unit. In 2000, he joined the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) where he served as a Special Agent for the Orlando regional office. In 2006, he was promoted to Special Agent Supervisor at the Tampa Bay Regional Operations Center, and in 2008, he was promoted to Assistant Special Agent In-Charge, Chief of Investigative Operations.

On September 29, 2011, FDLE Commissioner Gerald Bailey appointed Rick Ramirez as the Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the FDLE Tampa Bay Regional Operations Center and co-chair of the Regional Domestic Security Task Force (RDSTF) for Region 4.

SAC Ramirez served as an active duty member for both the United States Navy and United States Army National Guard for over ten years. In 2011, SAC Ramirez served as the President of the Tampa Bay Area Chief of Police Association and presently serves as a member of the Board of Directors and an Adjunct Faculty member at the Hillsborough Community College. In addition to spending time with his wife, Philippa, and his sons, Jordan and Alex, he enjoys fishing and flying.

# Alumni Activity 2014

**Lane Kirkland Gillespie** earned her Ph.D. in Criminology from USF in 2013 and is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at Boise State University (BSU). Since joining the faculty at BSU, Dr. Gillespie has continued her research examining issues relating to gender, violence, and victimization as well as teaching undergraduate and graduate courses. Dr. Gillespie is currently collaborating on a grant funded needs assessment of victim services in Idaho. Additionally, she is working with a colleague to complete a contract aimed at examining potential avenues of statutory reform in line with Idaho's Justice Reinvestment Initiative. Dr. Gillespie's recent publications can be found in a special issue of the *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, the *Journal of Family Violence*, *Feminist Criminology*, and *Homicide Studies*. As a new Northwesterner Dr. Gillespie joined the Western Society of Criminal Justice (WACJ) and was recently nominated Second Vice President for the upcoming year. She also serves on BSU's Gender Studies Board and remains involved in the ASC's Division on Women and Crime. In her spare time, Lane enjoys hiking in the Boise foothills and cheering on the local hockey team, the Idaho Steelheads, for which her husband is the athletic trainer.

**Denise Paquette Boots** is an Associate Professor of Criminology at the University of Texas at Dallas. In 2014, she published an article on general strain and police suicide risk in the *Journal of Criminal Justice* and has another work in press regarding a domestic violence court evaluation in *Violence Against Women*. She served on the advisory board of Family Compass in Dallas, as a member of the City of Dallas Domestic Violence Task Force, as an editorial board member for the respected journal *Violence Against Women*, and as the Senior Executive Counselor for the Division of Women and Crime of the American Society of Criminology. In December 2014, she was co-awarded a \$530,000 planning grant with Genesis Women's Support and the Conference on Crimes Against Women to create a new institute to train prosecutors, victim advocates and law enforcement in the most underserved communities in Texas to seek better outcomes for victims of domestic violence. On a personal note, in November 2014 she married Barry Lott, a senior manager at Southwest Airlines in Dallas. In their free time, the couple stay busy raising their four children, enjoy traveling in the US and abroad, and mastering the art of Texas barbeque.

**Kathryn A. Branch** is an associate professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Tampa. Her current research focuses on the secondary impact of sexual assault on support providers such as faculty and friends of survivors. She is especially interested in the ways in which sexual violence affects college populations and campus communities. Her most recent empirical work has been published in *Violence & Victims*, *The Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, and *Violence Against Women*. In 2014, she presented at ACJS and ASC and served as an Executive Board member for the Division of Victimology of ASC. Dr. Branch is a trained Sustained Dialogue moderator and is involved in several campus initiatives to raise awareness about dating violence and sexual assault. In 2014, she was awarded the Joyce Keller Faculty/Staff Volunteer of the Year award by her University. This award is given to one staff or faculty member at the University of Tampa who has done the most to promote community service and/or has personally volunteered in the community. She is an avid runner and a Solemate for Girls on the Run Greater Tampa Bay. Her next big challenge will be Iron Horse 100k February 7.

**Kristina Childs** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Central Florida. In the last year, she has published three articles that appear in *Criminal Justice Studies*, *Youth Violence & Juvenile Justice* and *Deviant Behavior* and edited a special edition of *Criminal Justice Studies* that focuses on researcher-practitioner relationships in criminal justice settings. Through funding from the National Institute of Justice, she also began working with the Brevard County Public School Board on an evaluation of a mental health services program and has continued her work evaluating a number of juvenile justice reform efforts occurring across Louisiana. Her research interests focus on prevention programming for juveniles, understanding the linkages among various adolescent problem behaviors, and juvenile justice reform.

**Jon Maskaly** is a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminology, Law, and Justice at the University of Illinois at Chicago. This year, in addition to finishing his dissertation, he published four articles—one of which appeared in *Social Science Research*—and one book chapter which appeared in an edited volume. This year Jon was recognized as an outstanding reviewer for *Policing: An International Journal of Strategies and Management*. He is currently working on several research projects using data collected as part of the National Police Research Platform; specifically using data from the Police Community Interaction survey and the longitudinal study of police recruits. Additionally, Jon maintains his research partnerships with Dr. Boggess and Dr. Fridell. He is currently teaching the graduate-level courses in quantitative analysis at UIC. Jon is enjoying exploring the urban landscape of Chicago and is slowly acclimatizing to the cold Midwest winters.

# Alumni Activity...

**Heng Choon (Oliver) Chan** is an Assistant Professor of Criminology at Department of Applied Social Sciences, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. In 2014, Oliver has published nine SSCI- and SCI-indexed journal articles (four in print and five in advance online publication), and another three journal articles and one encyclopedia entry currently accepted for publication. His first single-authored monograph on sexual homicide – “Understanding Sexual Homicide Offenders: An Integrated Approach” – published by Palgrave Macmillan, will be on the market in April 2015. Oliver also presented at the “15<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Academy of Investigative Psychology” in England and the “Symposium on Current Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice: A Dialogue between the Pacific and the Greater China Region” in New Zealand. In the last year, he instructed courses on forensic criminology, sexual offending, psychology of law enforcement, and violence and crime. Currently, Oliver supervises a Ph.D. student and as a member in another three Ph.D. thesis panels. He is the Associate Program Leader for the Criminology undergraduate program and in the process of developing a Master’s program in Criminology. Also in 2014, he was awarded the prestigious honorary title “Early Career Award” by the Hong Kong Research Grant Council of University Grant Committee for his outstanding and successful application of the highly competitive Early Career Scheme grant with his research topic on the victim-offender overlap.

**Christopher Donner** is an assistant professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at Fayetteville State University, and he teaches a variety of courses including Law Enforcement, Statistics, Criminal Courts, and Criminological Theory. In May 2014, Chris was honored with his department's annual scholarship award for research productivity. In October 2014, Chris was inducted into the USF Wall of Fame as an Outstanding Criminology Ambassador, and, in December 2014, he was given a SAGE Junior Faculty Professional Development award. His current research is focused in American policing with a specific interest in police misconduct. Chris presented two papers on police deviance at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in San Francisco, and his work was published (or is forthcoming) in the *Journal of Criminal Justice*, *Police Quarterly*, *Computers in Human Behavior*, and *Social Science Computer Review*. Chris and his wife, Maggie, enjoy traveling, exercising, being outdoors, and spending time with their dog, a miniature dachshund named Layla.

**Michael S. Caudy** is an Assistant Professor at the University of Texas at San Antonio. In 2014, Dr. Caudy published articles in *Criminology and Public Policy*, *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, and *Journal of Criminal Justice*. Dr. Caudy works closely with corrections agencies and community-based behavioral health treatment providers to develop and test strategies for implementing evidence based practices and evaluating the effectiveness of current programs, policies, and practices. He is currently working with multiple justice agencies in Bexar County, TX to improve access to housing, employment, and treatment services for individuals returning from incarceration. Dr. Caudy teaches Criminological Theory and Introduction to Corrections at UTSA.

**Joan A. Reid** took a new position as an assistant professor in the Sunshine State at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP). She currently teaches a senior seminar on Crime and Mental Health, Victimology, and Introduction to Forensic Science in the Criminology Program at USFSP. With the assistance of seven different co-authors, in 2014 Joan published seven peer-reviewed articles in journals such as *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*, *The Journal of Crime and Justice*, *Child Maltreatment*, *Criminal Behaviour and Mental Health*, and *The Journal of Criminal Justice*. Joan also applied as co-investigator for grant funding to evaluate the effectiveness of aftercare treatment for child sex trafficking victims in Cambodia. She is waiting for final word on grantee selection.

**Jennifer Wareham** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice (CJ) at Wayne State University. Last year, she was the co-author on five articles published in peer-reviewed journals, and had additional articles accepted for publication, including one in *Violence Against Women* with her graduate school colleague, Denise Paquette Boots. She collaborated with departmental colleagues on applications for four grants, and has been involved in building and strengthening relations between the university and Detroit Police Department. This past year she also spent a good portion of her time serving as the Graduate Advisor for the master’s program in CJ, learning and developing curriculum assessment, and departmental and college service. She has also served as mentor to various master’s students and taught classes at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

# Alumni Activity...

**Evaristus Obinyan** is Associate Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice in the social sciences department at Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO). He has 14 years experience developing and teaching online classes and was certified in 2014 by quality matters in online education. Dr. Obinyan was panel member and presenter at the Community forum on the State of Police and Black Males in December, 2014. He was also interviewed by the highly respected and feared media outlet in the State of Louisiana NOLA.COM. Dr. Obinyan is developing a PH.D Program in Homeland Security and Criminal Justice for the University. He has several publications prior to 2014 and has submitted three papers this year Disproportionate minority contact, and working on a text on World Terrorist Organizations. He chaired several graduate thesis committee for his department. He is teaching Criminal Justice Statistics and Criminal Justice Research this spring 2015 semester for the graduate program in Criminal Justice and Juvenile Justice System in the undergraduate program. Dr. Obinyan chaired two panels at the America Society of Criminology Conference in November, 2014 in San Francisco, California. My son just began his college education in Michigan last year and look forward to see him succeed.

**Melissa L. Jarrell** is an Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. She is the coordinator of the Masters in Public Administration program as well as the internship program in criminal justice. In 2014, Dr. Jarrell published articles in *Crime, Law and Social Change* and *Environmental Politics*. Her research interests include green criminology, environmental justice, and environmental victimization. Dr. Jarrell works closely with Citizens for Environmental Justice, a local grassroots organization founded in 2000 to address issues of poverty, pollution, and injustice in Corpus Christi, Texas. She was interviewed by several media outlets this past year, including the Texas Observer, National Journal, the Crime Reporter and Boulder Weekly regarding the federal environmental crime case, U.S. v. CITGO, as well as fracking and other environmental crime problems.

**Jennifer H. Peck** is an Assistant Professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Florida Atlantic University. In the last year, she has had articles accepted for publication in *Justice Quarterly* (with Dr. Michael Leiber and Maude Beaudry-Cyr), *Deviant Behavior* (with Dr. Michael Leiber and Dr. Kristin Mack) and *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management* (sole author). She was elected as 2nd Vice President of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA) and participated in both regional (MCJA) and national conferences (ASC, ACJS). Jen was also awarded the Junior Faculty Professional Development Award from Sage Publishing and currently teaches the undergraduate course "Criminology" at FAU. In her free time, Jen enjoys spending time at the beach and practicing yoga. Since she has spent the last 6 years on the gulf coast of Florida, she is now adjusting to life on the east coast of the state.

**Brian Sellers** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology at Eastern Michigan University. In the last year, he has published five articles that appeared in *Criminal Justice & Behavior*, *Behavioral Sciences & the Law*, *Partner Abuse*, *Children and Youth Services Review*, and *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*. He recently was awarded an internal research grant to fund a research project entitled, "Testing the Factor Structure of the START-AV to Inform Intervention with Justice-Involved Youth." He also presented at the American Society of Criminology Meetings and is a member on three thesis committees. He currently teaches courses on juvenile delinquency, juvenile justice policy, ethics for criminal justice professionals, and a graduate class on methods in social program evaluation. He continues to serve in a leadership role on the advisory committee for the Friends of Restorative Justice (FORJ), which is a grassroots initiative to support restorative justice practices in the local community. Currently, volunteers are being organized and trained to become facilitators for peacemaking circles for juvenile court referrals in Washtenaw county through the Dispute Resolution Center.

**James Ray** is an assistant professor at the University of Texas, San Antonio in the Department of Criminal Justice. He is currently teaching two undergraduate courses which include Juvenile Justice and Research, Design and Analysis. In the last year, James has published articles that appeared in the journals *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment* and *Psychological Bulletin*. He is currently working on a project that will seek external funding to examine boundaries that impede the effectiveness of prisoner reentry programs.

# Wall of Fame

**Ceremony - October 3rd, 2014**

The USF Department of Criminology proudly hosted its third annual “Wall of Fame” event recognizing distinguished alumni and outstanding criminology ambassadors.

Additional information, details and photos <http://usfcrimwalloffame.cbcs.usf.edu/>

## Wall of Fame Inductees

### Outstanding Criminology Ambassadors



Stephanie Bayly



Monica Canales



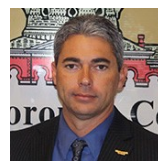
Christopher Donner



Ian Hayes



Melissa Lugo



Robert Parkinson



Brian Sellers

### Distinguished Alumni



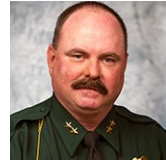
Edward Kori



Jennifer Phillips



Robert Vincent



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## Faculty Awards and Recognition 2014

**Dr. Bryanna Hahn Fox** received the **Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award** to conduct research on the relationship between childhood trauma and psychological, behavioral, and criminal outcomes in adolescence and adulthood



**Dr. Kathleen Heide** was the recipient of the 2014 **Carolyn Rebecca Block Award** for Outstanding Contributions to Homicide or Lethal Violence Research by a Practitioner

**Dr. Michael Leiber** received the **Distinguished Research Alumni Award** from the School of Criminal Justice at the University at Albany

# MACJA

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, 180 students have graduated from the program. These students represent 57 different criminal justice agencies located throughout the Tampa Bay area. A “Capstone Project” is developed over the five semesters of coursework. It is designed to propose a solution to a problem in the student’s current agency that could potentially be implemented. Dozens of 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](mailto:mbromley@usf.edu)

## Masters in Criminal Justice Administration Program (MACJA) Highlights 2014:

A cohort-model weekend program developed specifically for criminal justice professionals completed in 5 consecutive semesters.

The primary goal of the program is to develop problem-solving skills in criminal justice practitioners.

A considerable number of graduates have had their “problem-solving proposal” partially applied in their agencies.

Since its inception in August 2006, 180 students have graduated with an average cohort enrollment of 22. Twenty-three more students are on schedule to graduate Spring 2015.

Over fifty-seven 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 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 of the Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Association (Dave Romine, Rick Ramirez and Rob Vincent).

In the cohort that graduated in the Spring of 2014, five of the students had job advancements or promotions while in the MACJA program. Another graduate, Kim Dandeneau, is now an adjunct instructor at Eastern Michigan University. Eleven of these graduates expected to have all or part of their capstone projects accepted by their agencies.

Demographic characteristics of MACJA graduates include: 52% female, 48% male; 73% White non-Hispanic, 27% minority; age range 22-57; average 8 years since completion of their bachelor’s degree; student’s level within their agencies: 49% entry, 34% mid, 8% upper level



Dr. Leonard Territo MACJA Scholarship Winners Trena Reddick and Manley Jaquiss with Dr. Bromley (left) and Dr. Territo (center).



## *MACJA Spring 2014 Graduates*

Phillip Beahn  
Matthew Belmonte  
Claire Brunhild  
Michelle Church  
Kimberly Corbin  
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# *Student Organizations*

## CGSO

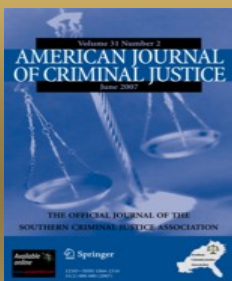
The Criminology Graduate Student Association (CGSO) is a student-led organization committed to the professional development and advocacy of graduate students in addition to giving back to our community. The CGSO is responsible for hosting workshops aimed at improving teaching and research effectiveness, 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 Nick Perez (President), Elisa Toman (Vice President), Bernadette Stewart (Secretary), and Jennifer Leili (Treasurer).

### CGSO 2014 Events:

- ◇ Hosted Annual CGSO Graduate Research Symposium
- ◇ Hosted Comprehensive Exams Preparation Workshop
- ◇ Co-Sponsored Criminology Department Spring Recruitment Picnic
- ◇ Volunteered twice at Savage Race in Dade City, FL
- ◇ Sponsored Criminology Tailgate Event for USF Homecoming
- ◇ Fundraising Drive for Metropolitan Ministries
- ◇ Donation Drive for the Humane Society of Tampa Bay

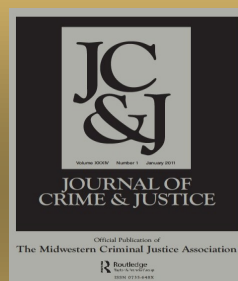


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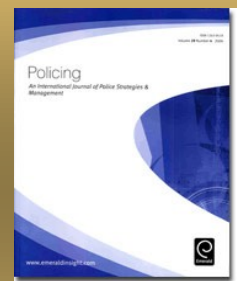
*American Journal of  
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Wesley G. Jennings, Editor



*Journal of Crime & Justice*

Michael J. Leiber, Editor



*Policing: An International Journal of  
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Lorie Fridell & Wesley G. Jennings,  
Editors



# DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES



American Society of Criminology - San Francisco



Spring Picnic



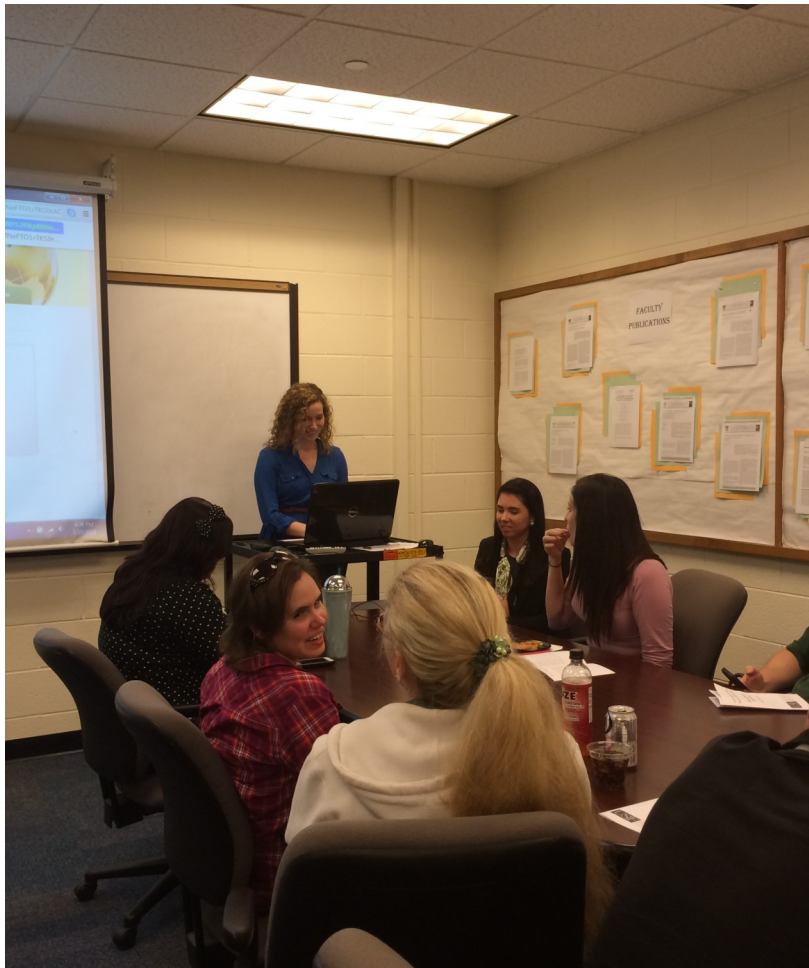
CGSO Research Symposium



Spring Picnic



# DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES



CGSO Research Symposium



Mentoring Award Nomination with  
Michael Lynch



MACJA Hawkins Scholarship



Spring Picnic

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS 2014

**Rhissa Briones Robinson** advanced to doctoral candidacy in 2014 and is currently working on her dissertation. This study examines religiosity and desistance from crime across race and ethnicity using longitudinal data from a sample of serious adolescent offenders transitioning into early adulthood. During the summer, she was a data manager/research assistant to Dr. Ráchael Powers in a National Institute of Justice (NIJ) funded study that examines bias-motivated crimes. In addition to preparing manuscripts developed from this summer study, she also provided teaching assistance to Dr. LeGrande Gardner for an online course, Survey of Criminal Justice Systems during the Fall semester.

**Bernadette Stewart** is a second year Ph.D. student, focusing on offender profiling as well as factors affecting law enforcement protocols and officer safety. She recently completed an internship with the Tampa Police Department, and is currently interning with the Intelligence-Led Policing unit at the Pasco County Sheriff's Office.

**Mathew Lynch** Mathew Lynch is a Doctoral Candidate. Currently in the data collection phase, his dissertation is "Evaluating the Impact of Police Officer Body-Worn Cameras," with the City of Orlando Police Department. Mr. Lynch is the Assistant Managing Editor for *Policing: An International Journal for Policing Strategies and Management*. He assists in managing the journal's daily functions, reviewing manuscripts, assigning reviewers, and developing issues for publication. He is also a Graduate Student Ambassador, Marshall Student Center Advisory Board Member, and recently received a Graduate Certificate in Institute for Translational Research in Adolescent Behavioral Health at USF. Mathew is presently involved in research projects examining hiring practices at the University of South Florida Police Department, evaluating prison treatment programs in Florida's Department of Corrections, and assessing the impact of body-worn cameras at police departments in Miami, FL and Tampa, FL. Mr. Lynch's research interests include Policing, Drugs and Crime, Corrections, Treatment Alternatives, Public Policy, and Sentencing Reform. Recently, Mr. Lynch presented a talk entitled, "Evaluating the Impact of Body-Worn Cameras; Preliminary Evidence from the Orlando Experience" at the ASC annual conference in San Francisco, CA. Mathew recently co-authored an article on police officer perceptions of body-worn cameras in the *Journal of Criminal Justice*.

**Hyojong Song** is in his third year of the doctoral program. Recently, he has finished his coursework and will take the comprehensive exam in Spring 2015. He has been working with Dr. Heide and Dr. Cass for two years as a teaching assistant of the undergraduate course – Crime and Justice in America. In addition, he worked with Ms. Landis as an assistant for her online undergraduate course on cyber-crime in Fall 2014. He attended the American Society of Criminology annual conference, which was held in San Francisco in November 2014, to present his paper on patterns of Internet use and cyber-crime victimization. In March, he will also attend the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting in Orlando to present his paper. During the ASC meeting in San Francisco, he was asked by the Korean Society of Criminology in America (KOSCA) to introduce USF criminology graduate program to Korean criminologists and graduate students who are currently teaching and studying criminology and criminal justice in the United States. His write-up will be published in their upcoming newsletter. His current research interests include cyber-related crime, big data analysis and environmental crime and justice.

**Chris Marier** is a first year Ph.D. student and recipient of the University Graduate Fellowship. Before studying at USF, he earned a Masters in Criminology from Florida State University and served for seven years as a police officer and school resource officer. He is presently the fundraising coordinator for the Criminology Graduate Student Organization. His research interests include law enforcement and racial bias. He is now beginning research under the supervision of Dr. Lorie Fridell with the National Police Research Platform.

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS ...

**Wyatt Brown** is a fourth year Doctoral student who serves as an Adjunct Instructor in the both the Criminology and Sociology Departments as well as a teaching assistant in the Criminology Department. He is currently working on his dissertation which explores various well-known psychosocial measures of deviant behavior and assesses their ability to distinguish subtle differences among juvenile offenders under the guidance of Dr. Wesley Jennings and Dr. Shayne Jones. In 2014, he had an encyclopedia entry accepted for publication on personality and crime in *The Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment*. He presented three papers at the ACJS, SCJA and ASC annual conferences.

**Carl Root** is a doctoral candidate and intends to resume work on a dissertation related to media coverage of police violence in Spring 2015. In 2014 he taught five courses on the topics of Ethics in Criminal Justice, Social Forces and Policing Society and Terrorism/Counterterrorism as a Lecturer in the School of Justice Studies at Eastern Kentucky University. He also co-published a book chapter: Root, C. & Lynch, M.J. (2014). "We Shall Not Forget This: Native Americans and Colonial Racism in American Prisons". In Bowman, S. (Ed.) *Color Behind Bars: Racism in the US Prison System*. Praeger., and a journal article: Boggess, L.N.; Perez, D.; Cope, K.; Root, C. & Stretesky, P.B. (2014). "Do Medical Marijuana Centers Behave Like Locally Undesirable Land Uses?: Implications for Health Geography and Environmental Justice". *Urban Geography*. In November, he presented on Teaching Critical Terrorism Studies in the Criminal Justice Classroom at the annual ASC conference in San Francisco.

**Elisa Toman** is a second year doctoral student pursuing research interests in theories of crime and formal social control, incarceration, prison experiences, and court sentencing. In 2014 she co-facilitated an undergraduate course with Dr. Leiber and Maude Beaudry-Cyr on "Theories of Criminal Behavior", and assisted Dr. Josh Cochran with two undergraduate courses – "Crime and Social Policy" and "American Correctional Systems". Elisa has also worked on a research paper with Drs. Josh and John Cochran concerning theories of prisonization and inmate misconduct. This past year, she presented a poster at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference on the same topic. In addition, a paper on court outcomes of neglected types of juvenile offenders, which was also presented at ASC, has been submitted for publication. She is also active within the department and currently serves as the Vice President for the Criminology Graduate Student Organization.

**Caitlyn Meade** is a first year doctoral student who completed her Bachelors at West Virginia University and her Masters at Texas State University. She has co-written a book chapter on sex offenders and has a forthcoming encyclopedia entry on the juvenile justices system. Additionally, Caitlyn is currently working with Dr. Jennings as the managing editor of the *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. She is also the TA for Dr. Boeringer's Homicide in America online course. Caitlyn hopes to continue exploring her research interests as she continues in the program.

**Laura Gullledge** is an Instructor in the School of Criminal Justice at The University of Southern Mississippi. Her work has appeared in various journals including *Criminal Justice & Behavior*, *Deviant Behavior*, *Journal of Crime and Justice*, *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, & *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse*. She frequently presents at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. She recently chaired an Honors Thesis, sits on the College of Science and Technology Scholarship Committee, serves as an ad hoc reviewer for multiple journals, and participates in regional university and departmental recruitment fairs. Currently, Laura is teaching courses on juvenile justice, juvenile corrections, and juvenile law. She also frequently participates in professional development conferences and trainings related to online learning and improving the effectiveness of the online learning environment. Her research interests include intervention strategies for juvenile offenders in diversion programs, co-occurring disorders in juvenile populations, and psychosocial risk factors associated with delinquency. Laura enjoys spending her free time with her husband, Rich, and their 3-yr old son, Landon.

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS ...

**Amy Eggers** is still currently working on her dissertation, which aims to deconstruct incidents of victimization to determine whether the patterns that emerge are similar or unique across varying demographic and situational factors. In the past year, Amy became better acquainted with the grant writing and submission process after applying for the National Institute of Justice's 2014 Graduate Research Fellowship Program in the Social and Behavioral Sciences. Amy also presented a paper on the preliminary findings of her dissertation at the American Society of Criminology conference in San Francisco. In addition, Amy served as a graduate student ambassador, the student representative for the department's graduate committee, and a reviewer for the *Social Science Journal*. She also taught Theories of Criminal Behavior as an adjunct instructor. Other opportunities for teaching experience were acquired from her assisting in several online courses, including Theories, Serial Killers, and Statistics.

**Norair Khachatryan** is a third-year Master's student who successfully defended his thesis in December 2014. Different portions of his thesis, titled "Thirty Year Follow-Up of Juvenile Homicide Offenders", were presented at the annual meetings of the Homicide Research Working Group in June 2014 and the American Society of Criminology in November 2014. Alongside Dr. Kathleen Heide and other co-authors, he has an article published in the *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology* and an article that is currently under review, both of which examine post-release adjustment of juvenile killers. He also wrote an encyclopedia entry that was accepted for publication in the *Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment* in October 2014. Additionally, during the Spring semester, he served as a teaching assistant for the course "Serial Killers", taught by Brandy Henderson. Norair is currently applying to Ph.D. programs and hopes to start his doctorate in the Fall of 2015.

**Maude Beaudry-Cyr** is a second-year doctoral student. She had one article accepted for publication in *Justice Quarterly* (with M. Leiber and J. Peck) and four currently under review. She also presented at the ACJS, SCJA, MCJA, and ASC annual conferences. Maude was been appointed the Assistant Managing Editor for the *Journal of Crime & Justice* in 2014, and continues to serve as the data analyst to DMC monitor Dr. Michael J. Leiber on the United States Department of Justice: Agreement Regarding the Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County Tennessee. She also continues to serve as Assistant Editor of the *Criminology Department Newsletter*, and served as a graduate student representative for the department open rank position search committee. In addition, she has co-facilitated an undergraduate course with Dr. Leiber and Elisa Toman on "Theories of Criminal Behavior", and assisted in the teaching of two online courses this past year.

**Brandy B. Henderson** is a Ph.D. candidate in the Criminology program at the University of South Florida. Last July, after successfully defending her dissertation prospectus, she moved back to her home state of Tennessee and began her first "real" job as an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at Tennessee Wesleyan College. Although she is sadly no longer the managing editor for the American Journal of Criminal Justice, she continues to be the managing editor for Dr. Wesley Jennings' *Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment* and is continuing to publish with three encyclopedia entries accepted this year and another manuscript almost ready to be submitted. This year she presented at the Southern Criminal Justice Association, where she received the 2014 Outstanding Graduate Student award, and American Society of Criminology conferences. With any luck, she will successfully defend her dissertation on the interaction of social learning theory and psychopathy in March and graduate this May.

**Averi Fegadel** is a first year PhD student. She began the doctoral program after finishing and graduating with her Master's from USF in May working under Dr. Heide. She is currently working on three manuscripts for publication with Dr. Heide and two with Nick Perez (a fellow student) and Dr. Bromley. Her interests are family murder, mass murder/genocide, serial murder, and psychopathy.

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS ...

**Jennifer Leili** is a third year doctoral student. She works with Dr. Ráchael Powers on the BarTAB (Bar Training for Active Bystanders) Program. She has assisted with various aspects of program development including developing key program materials, conducting focus groups, compiling data for an environmental scan and analyzing survey data. She presented a paper at the annual ASC conference in San Francisco and she will be presenting a paper at the annual ACJS conference in Orlando. In addition, a journal article she co-authored was accepted for publication in *Deviant Behavior*. Jennifer also serves as the treasurer for the Criminology Graduate Student Organization.

**Douglas Wholl** successfully defended his dissertation prospectus related to race, rape, and capital punishment in North Carolina. A related manuscript is also currently in development. Douglas will be attending the ACJS conference in Orlando to present a paper on comparative proportionality review in the capital punishment process.

**Nicholas Perez** is a third-year doctoral candidate interested in the subjects of childhood trauma, bullying/hazing violence, and policing. Having just passed his comprehensive exams, he aspires to advance his research interests through his work on a dissertation examining childhood trauma and subsequent violent behavior utilizing Florida Department of Juvenile Justice data. In the past year, he co-presented three papers at ACJS, SCJA and ASC conferences and currently serves as the President of the Criminology Graduate Student Organization. Nicholas has continued working, under the supervision of Dr. Fridell, with the National Police Research Platform. In addition, he began working as Dr. Bromley's assistant with USF's Master's in Criminal Justice Administration (MACJA) Program. Beginning in the spring of 2015, Nicholas will also be the instructor for an undergraduate course on Theories of Criminal Behavior.

**Jason Dobrow** is a 5th year doctoral candidate working on his dissertation examining the relationship between levels of psychopathic traits and deception. He currently works as a high school guidance counselor at J.W. Mitchell High School in Trinity .

**Julie Krupa** is a first year doctoral student who completed her Masters at the University of Central Florida. She has published "Trajectories and Risk Factors of Delinquent Behavior among Females from Adolescence to Early Adulthood" with Dr. Kristina Childs and two articles in *Corrections Today*. She presented her trajectory research at ASC in November 2014. She is currently working as a research assistant for Dr. Richard Dembo on JJ-TRIALS, a NIH/NIDA-funded project. This project aims to reduce unmet substance abuse disorder needs of youth by assisting juvenile justice agencies in their efforts to implement best practices and improve services along the behavioral health cascade. She is also working as a research assistant for Dr. Eugene Paoline III on a NIJ-funded project examining the structure of early intervention systems currently being utilized in law enforcement agencies throughout the country. In addition, she is working with Dr. Dembo on a project examining truant male and female adolescents' sexual risk behavior and its relationship to depression and marijuana use over time. She plans to present this research at ASC in November of this year.

## Welcome New Graduate Students!

### PhD

Avery Fegadel  
Julie Krupa  
Christopher Marier  
Caitlyn Meade

### MA

Amanda Armstrong	Katelyn Heron
Kevin Callaghan	Christian Howell
Leonardo Genco	Anna Kleppe
Chelsea Graham	Batya Rubenstein
Katelind Halldorsson	Kira Oliver

# Faculty Research Grants

## DR. RICHARD DEMBO

**Title:** CJDATS2-Criminal Justice Drug Abuse Treatment Systems2

**Funding Agency:** NIH/NIDA

**Description:** Focus on criminal justice intervention for persons in the justice system in nine states. Studies involve assessment, medically assisted treatment, and linking HIV+ inmates to community services following release from jail or prison.



**Title:** JJ-TRIALS--Translational Research Involving Adolescents in the Legal system

**Funding Agency:** NIH/NIDA

**Description:** An implementation science project involving six research centers. Focus is on agency adaptation processes of evidence-based services for youth involved in the justice system.

## DR. LORIE FRIDELL

**Title:** Fair and Impartial Policing Training

**Funding Agency:** USDOJ Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office)

**Description:** This new funding brings up to \$1.2 million the amount that the USDOJ COIPS Office has provided to USF to develop and implement the Fair and Impartial Policing (FIP) Training Program developed by Dr. Fridell with national experts, and will support the provision of trainings around the country and the production of roll-call videos to reinforce the key concepts after the preliminary training.



## DR. RÁCHAEL POWERS

**Title:** BarTAB: Bar Training for Active Bystanders

**Funding Agency:** Florida Department of Health (and Centers for Disease Control)

**Description:** This program aims to increase awareness of alcohol facilitated sexual assault, help bar staff recognize “red flags” (situations that constitute or May culminate in sexual assault), train bartenders in unique and discrete intervention techniques that ensures patron and bartender safety, and encourage bar patrons to turn to their bar staff for assistance when they need help.



**Title:** Context of Injury, Reporting Decisions, and Clearance Rates; A Comparison of Intraracial, Interracial, and Bias-Motivated Assaults

**Funding Agency:** NIJ Data Resources Program

**Description:** The purpose of this project is to examine the unique nature of bias-motivated assaults (i.e., racial and ethnic). This research addresses three different aspects of the victimization experience: 1) likelihood and extent of injury, 2) decision to report the offense to the police and reasons for non-reporting, and 3) the impact of specialized bias crime units on clearance rates. Sources of data used include NIBRS, NCVS, and LEMAS.

# Faculty Activity 2014

**Scot Boeringer** continues his work as an Instructor in the Department. The last year saw him complete his transfer from the Lakeland campus as it exited USF and the State University System to make way for Florida Polytechnic University. He has been teaching courses in Research Methods and Theory, as well as the Senior Seminars on drugs and homicide. He remains a standing member of the Curriculum Committee for the CBCS, and is a reviewer for *Violence Against Women*. After completing self-training on the Qualtrics platform, he plans to use the online surveying program to begin several pilot studies about exposure to online pornography and its educational/behavioral effects.

**Lorie Fridell** continues to serve as a co-Principal Investigator on the NIJ-funded National Police Research Platform that is headed by Dr. Dennis Rosenbaum at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Data that are being collected from a sample of 100 nationally representative police agencies includes: (1) a survey of the chief or sheriff, (2) on-line surveys of the population of sworn and non-sworn personnel, (3) an agency characteristics survey, (4) surveys of community members who have had recent contact with the police department (e.g., as a victim, as an offender), and (5) crime and census data. These data are being used to Dr. Fridell to examine the multi-level predictors of police deviance. Including the Platform funding, Dr. Fridell continued her work this year on projects supported by the federal government in the amount of \$650k. This includes support for her ground-breaking science-based Fair and Impartial Policing training program that is receiving heightened attention in the wake of incidents in Ferguson, NYC and beyond. On sabbatical for 2014 – 2015, Dr. Fridell is writing a book for Sage Publishers and the Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy at George Mason University on the implications of the modern science of bias for policing. Articles published or accepted for publication this year are on the topics of body worn cameras, procedural justice, and police use of force.

**Andrew Franz** has taught several undergraduate courses and one graduate level course on environmental law and crime this past year. In addition, he served as a reviewer for several academic journals, and also published one encyclopedia article on due process in the *Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment* and another on the right of indigent criminal defendants to have mental health evaluations for fitness to stand trial. Andrew continues to act as the faculty advisor for the Campus NORML Chapter. Outside of the University setting, he has traveled to both Seattle, and more extensively France, where his fiancée currently resides.

**Elizabeth Cass** continues to mentor graduate students and teach. She taught Research Methods and Crime and Justice in America and developed on-line classes on the Death Penalty and Juvenile Justice. She was selected to receive support from the college for an on-line course conversion and will work on converting Research Methods over the summer. Her work with Dr. Bryanna Fox, PhD student Nick Perez and staff from the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice led to a publication titled “Trauma changes everything: Examining the relationship between adverse childhood experiences and serious, violent and chronic juvenile offenders” which will be published in *Child Abuse & Neglect*. She continued her decade long service at the Metropolitan Ministries Holiday Tent over the winter break, continues to serve as a Big Sister to a seven year old boy as part of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and started mentoring a 17 year old girl as part of the Starting Right Now program that focuses on ensuring homeless youth have a chance to go to college. On the home front, her son graduated from college and is 96% self-supporting!

**Ojmarrh Mitchell** became Graduate Director in the Fall 2014. He served as Chair for NIJ’s Research and Evaluation in Justice Systems Standing Review Panel. Dr. Mitchell also participated in the Robina Institute’s conference on Race and Crime in America, 1975-2025. He had manuscripts accepted for publication in *Crime & Delinquency*, *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, and *Advances in Prevention Science Series (Vol. 2)*. He was married to Eleni in the spring of 2014.

# Faculty Activity ...

**John K. Cochran** had one article published (with Wen-Hsu Lin, Richard Dembo, Christine S. Sellers, and Thomas Mieczkowski in the *International Journal of Offender Therapy & Comparative Criminology*), two accepted for publication (the first with Beth E. Bjerregaard, M. Dwayne Smith, and Sondra Fogel at *Crime and Delinquency* and the other with Cedric Michel, and Kathleen M. Heide in the *American Journal of Criminal Justice*), and three others currently under review. Dr. Cochran is also chairing both the departmental and the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences' efforts at revising their respective Tenure & Promotion Guidelines.

**Lyndsay Boggess** had four manuscripts and one book chapter appear in print. Her manuscript "The spatial dimensions of gentrification and the consequences for neighborhood crime," coauthored with John Hipp is now available online at *Justice Quarterly*. She has also been working with her faculty colleagues and has one published manuscript with Rachael Powers at the *Journal of Crime and Justice* and she and Dr. Powers (along with a colleague at Arizona State University) just resubmitted a revised manuscript to another high quality journal. Dr. Boggess also recently had a manuscript with Michael Lynch accepted at *Sociological Spectrum*. She is currently working on research projects looking at neighborhood factors related to burglary patterns and the impact of economic investment and race on crime in cities. Dr. Boggess attended the American Sociological Association in August, where she presented research on gentrification and crime with former Master's student Nick Branich, and presented a project on disorder with recent Ph.D. graduate Jon Maskaly.

**Rachael Powers** continues to serve as the Principal Investigator on the BarTAB (Bar Training for Active Bystanders) to develop, implement, and evaluate a bystander program for bar staff in the Tampa Bay Area. In addition, she was Co-Principal Investigator on a grant from NIJ to examine racially- and ethnically- motivated hate crime. In 2014, she had two articles appear in print and has another four forthcoming. In addition, she also co-authored an encyclopedia entry with PhD student Jennifer Leili on the National Crime Victimization Survey. She served as a reviewer for several journals and was appointed to the editorial board for the *American Journal of Criminal Justice*.

**Bryanna Hahn Fox** had four articles appear in print, including an article published in *Criminal Justice & Behavior* (with David Farrington) which presented results from the first field experiment to ever evaluate offender profiling in active police investigations, and a study published in *Crime & Delinquency* which evaluated the specialization and consistency of crime scene behavior across a crime series (also with David Farrington). Bryanna has conducted behavioral analysis training and field research with several agencies including the Pasco Sheriff's Office, Clearwater Police Department, Winter Haven Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and has been invited to speak at several top policing conferences to discuss the results of this research, including the Florida Police Chiefs Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Bryanna also received the Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award to conduct research on the relationship between childhood trauma and psychological, behavioral, and criminal outcomes in adolescence and adulthood. One study resulting from this grant research (co-authored with Nick Perez, Liz Cass, Mike Baglivio, and Nathan Epps) has been accepted for publication, and Bryanna looks forward to continuing her work with her academic and law enforcement partners in the future.

**LeGrande Gardner** has been engaging in curriculum development for the new Florida Center for Cybersecurity (FCC) located on USF's Tampa campus. In December 2014, he was assigned as a faculty member to the FCC. In 2014, he served on the Examination Review and Development Committee for the Association of E-Discovery Specialists where he assisted in the development and update of the certification examination that will be administered to candidates on an international level. He continued to serve as an IACIS Training Coach/Mentor to candidates seeking Certified Forensic Computer Examiner (CFCE) certification. He maintains active memberships in and engages in service to IACIS, the Association of Certified E-Discovery Specialists, the High Tech Crime Consortium (HTCC), the Consortium of Digital Forensic Specialists (CDFS), and the American Society of Digital Forensics and e-Discovery (ASDFED).

# Faculty Activity ...

**Wesley G. Jennings** published 16 peer-reviewed articles in a number of criminological and criminal justice-related outlets. A sample of these publications include: Jennings, W.G., Fridell, L., & Lynch, M. "Cops and cameras: Officer perceptions of the use of body-worn cameras in law enforcement". *Journal of Criminal Justice*; Jennings, W.G., Park, M., Richards, T., Tomsich, E., Gover, A.R., & Powers, R. "Exploring the relationship between child physical abuse and adult dating violence using a causal inference approach in an emerging adult population in South Korea". *Child Abuse & Neglect*; and Reingle, J., Jennings, W.G., Piquero, A.R., & Maldonado-Molina, M.M. "Is violence bad for your health? An assessment of chronic disease outcomes in a nationally representative sample", *Justice Quarterly*. In addition, he was appointed as Associate Chair of the Department of Criminology at USF and was extended Courtesy Associate Professor appointments in the Department of Health Outcomes & Policy and the Institute for Child Health Policy in the College of Medicine at the University of Florida in 2014.

**Michael J. Lynch** published two books: *Exploring Green Criminology: Toward a Revolution in Criminology* and *Environmental Law, Crime and Justice*. In addition, he published one article, three book chapters, 5 encyclopedia entries, and 92 dictionary entries of about 1-3 pages for the *Green Criminology Dictionary*, and co-authored 5 conferences papers with 4 of those papers appearing at international conferences outside the US. He co-chaired a completed doctoral dissertation, served on a completed doctoral dissertation in social work, and chaired a completed MA thesis. He continued to serve as editor of *Ashgate's Green Criminology* book series.

**Dwayne Smith** continues to serve as the university's Senior Vice Provost and Dean, Office of Graduate Studies. However, work has continued with the North Carolina Capital Sentencing Project of which he is co-principal investigator with Beth Bjerregaard (UNC Charlotte) and Sondra Fogel (USF Honors College & School of Social Work). Five articles of which he was co-author were published from this dataset in 2014: Jennings, W. G., T. N. Richards, M. D. Smith, B. Bjerregaard, & S. J. Fogel, "A Critical Examination of the 'White Victim Effect' and Death Penalty Decision-Making from a Propensity-Score Matching Approach: The North Carolina Experience." *Journal of Criminal Justice*; Gillespie, L. K., T. A. Loughran, M. D. Smith, S. J. Fogel, & B. Bjerregaard. "Exploring the Role of the Victim in Capital Punishment Sentencing: Victim Sex, Victim Conduct, and Victim-Defendant Relationship." *Homicide Studies*; Richards, T. N., Gillespie, L. K., & Smith, M. D., "An Examination of the Media Portrayal of Femicides-Suicides; An Exploratory Frame Analysis." *Feminist Criminology*; Gillespie, L., Smith, M.D., Bjerregaard, B., & Fogel, S. "Examining the Impact of Proximate Culpability Mitigation in capital Punishment Sentencing Recommendations: The Influence of Mental Health Mitigators." *American Journal of Criminal Justice*; and Richards, T. N., Smith, M. D., Jennings, W. G., Bjerregaard, B., & Fogel, S. J. "An Examination of Defendant Sex Disparity in Capital Sentencing: A Propensity Score Matching Approach." *Journal of Criminal Justice*.

**Josh Cochran** recently completed a forthcoming (2015) book with Dan Mears titled *Prisoner Reentry in the Era of Mass Incarceration* (Sage Publications). Josh also co-authored three new papers: "The 'True' Juvenile Offender: Age Effects and Juvenile Court Sanctioning" (*Criminology*), "Who Gets Visited in Prison? Individual- and Community-Level Disparities in Inmate Visitation Experiences" (*Crime and Delinquency*), and "Incarceration Heterogeneity and its Implications for Assessing the Effectiveness of Imprisonment on Recidivism" (*Criminal Justice Policy Review*).

**Richard Dembo** and his colleagues published seven articles, including articles in the *Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research*, the *American Journal of Public Health*, and *AIDS and Behavior*. He also was involved in presentations at the Annual Meeting of American Society of Criminology, and the Society for Research on Adolescence. In addition, he was again appointed to the Scientific Committee of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health, helping plan its 2015 Congress in Vienna. His NIH/NIDA-funded JJ-TRIALS grant was funded for another year.

# Faculty Activity ...

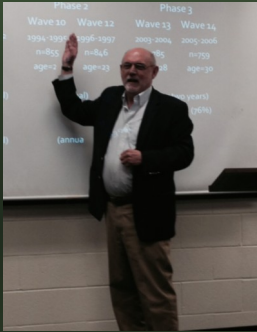
**Max Bromley** continued to administer and teach in the MA in Criminal Justice Administration (MACJA) Program. During the Fall and Spring semesters, Dr. Bromley advises and mentors 40-50 active MACJA students. Upon request, Dr. Bromley provides advice and assistance to local criminal justice agencies that are led by students who have graduated from the MACJA program. In addition, several of these agencies are hosting Criminology faculty members who are conducting research/evaluation projects. Dr. Bromley also continues to be an active member of the Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Association. Nick Perez and Averí Fegadal, two doctoral students who work with the MACJA program have analyzed career-related data collected from 109 students who graduated from the MACJA program. Findings were presented at the annual SCJA meeting. Averí and Nick also have a manuscript under review based on these results. During the year Dr. Bromley reviewed several manuscripts being considered for future publication at the request of publishers. He has also written the lead chapter in a new edited volume published this year entitled “Managing Campus Safety and Security in Higher Education”.

**Michael Leiber** had one article published (with Jennifer Peck and Sarah Jane Brubaker) in the *Journal of Youth Violence & Juvenile Justice*. He also has two forthcoming articles (with Kristin Mack and Jennifer Peck) in *Deviant Behavior* and in *Justice Quarterly* (with Jennifer Peck and Maude Beaudry-Cyr). He also had two book chapters, one encyclopedia entry, and two reports published. In addition, Michael has a subcontract to act as a senior policy associate and materials development task leader with the Development Services Group, Inc. to provide technical assistance to end racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system. The grant was awarded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Prevention (OJJDP). He continues to act as an Equal Protection Monitor of the reform of Shelby (Memphis) County’s juvenile justice system appointed by the U.S. Department of Justice. He is also continuing the editorship of the *Journal of Crime & Justice* and as Chair of the Department of Criminology. This past year he received the Distinguished Research Alumni Award – University at Albany, School of Criminal Justice.

**Kathleen Heide** had two articles published in peer-reviewed journals and another three articles accepted for publication. Published articles included “Patricide and Steppatricide Victims and Offenders: An Empirical Analysis of U.S. Arrest Data” in the *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*; and “Girls arrested for murder: An Empirical Analysis of 32 Years of US. Arrest Data by Offender Age Groups” (with Brian Sellers as second author), *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*. Dr. Heide co-authored five papers presented at the annual meetings of the Homicide Research Working Group and ASC; two of these were with Averí Fegadel on parricide; another two, with Norair Khachatryan on recidivism of juvenile homicide offenders; and the remaining one, with Eldra Solomon on female juvenile murderers. Professor Heide’s work received three significant accolades. Her book, *Understanding Parricide: When Sons and Daughters Kill Parents* (Oxford University Press) was selected in 2014 as one of “Outstanding Academic Titles” published in 2013 by CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries, which is widely regarded as the premier source for reviews of academic books. In addition, CHOICE gave *Understanding Parricide* its highest rating: “Essential. All levels, libraries.” Professor Heide was invited to give the opening Keynote Address on Parricide at the international conference Homicide: Precursors and Prevention sponsored by Griffith University and the Australian Government, Brisbane, Australia. Dr. Heide was the recipient of the 2014 Carolyn Rebecca Block Award for Outstanding Contributions to Homicide or Lethal Violence Research by a Practitioner.

**Shayne Jones** had two peer-reviewed articles appearing in print in 2014, and five additional articles and two book chapters that are forthcoming. Publications include: Parks, G. S., Jones, S. E., & Hughey, M. W. “Victimology, personality, and hazing: A study of black Greek-letter organizations”. *North Carolina Central Law Review*; Wilcox, P., Sullivan, C. J., Jones, S., & van Gelder, J. “Personality and situational opportunity: An integrated approach to offending and victimization”. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*. He also presented several pieces of research at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology; three papers (two of which graduate students took the lead on) and one poster.

# Research Series: Featured Speakers



**Dr. Alan J. Lizotte**

University of Albany

*“Gender and Weapon Carrying in Liz Cass’ Home Town”*

**Dr. Pamela Wilcox**

University of Cincinnati

*“Criminal Opportunity: The Evolution and Extension of  
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## *The Last Word:*

Wesley G. Jennings, Ph.D.

### **Police Body-Worn Cameras: A Significant Policing Technological Innovation in Need of Empiricism**

I am sure that most are aware of the series of recent and tragic events such as the officer-involved shooting and death of Michael Brown and the officer-involved death of Eric Garner. As these events, among others, have reached national media attention and sparked a considerable amount of public discourse and controversy, I believe that it is important issue that we as criminologists and criminal justice practitioners are rightfully situated to address. Furthermore, considering the groundswell of support for police body-worn cameras, particularly in minority and disadvantaged neighborhoods and in many law enforcement agencies across the country, it is imperative that police body-worn camera (BWC) adoption and implementation be informed by empiricism. Unfortunately, at this point, empirical peer-reviewed research on this topic has virtually been non-existent (for an exception, see Jennings, Fridell, & Lynch, 2014).

It is with this recognition that I and my BWC research team members (my department colleague and dear friend, Dr. Lorie Fridell, and our phenomenal Ph.D. student, Mathew Lynch) began to develop and proceed with a pioneering research agenda in order to be at the forefront of infusing empiricism into the BWC discussion. We were first approached by representatives of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and Taser, International to gauge our interest and willingness to serve as an evaluation team for BWC adoption in the Orlando Police Department (OPD) in Orlando, Florida in late 2013. Interestingly enough, while we were intrigued by the potential to be a part of a field experiment in policing, we (and most of the country) were largely unfamiliar with BWCs in policing as these discussions considerably pre-dated the series of tragic events that have made recent national attention toward BWCs almost a daily occurrence. It was at this point that Dr. Fridell and I reached out to our Ph.D. student Mathew Lynch, who had an interest in policing research (and who was in need of a dissertation topic). After our initial discussions, we unanimously welcomed the opportunity to forge a USF-OPD-BWC partnership/project.

As there was essentially no prior peer-reviewed academic research on the topic guiding our research design strategy, we felt that the standard should be the “gold standard”, e.g., a true experimental design. In this regard, we randomly assigned 50 OPD officers to wear BWCs and 50 OPD officers to not wear BWCs, and the random assignment was also stratified by police district to ensure representation of all of the districts in the experimental and control groups. Furthermore, we made a decision that the project must be at least 12 months in duration due to a number of reasons including the fact that some of our outcomes (police use of force, external complaints, internal complaints, officer injuries, citizen injuries, etc.) are low base rate phenomena.

Essentially, our USF-OPD-BWC project focuses around the following three (3) central research questions. First, “*Do police officers randomly assigned to wear cameras differ from officers who do not wear cameras in the rates of use of force, citizen complaints, officer injuries, citizen injuries, etc.?*”; Second, “*What are police officer attitudes and perceptions toward body-worn camera use?*”; and, Third, “*How do key stake holders of the TPD perceive the implementation process of body-worn cameras?*”

As we are now nearing the completion of our 12-month USF-OPD-BWC project, we recently had the very fortunate opportunity of entering into discussions with the Tampa Police Department (TPD) in Tampa, Florida to conduct a nearly identical randomized experiment with their agency and officers. Specifically, we will be randomly assigning 60 TPD officers to wear BWCs and 60 TPD officers to not wear BWCs. Again, the random assignment will be stratified across the three police districts to ensure representation of all of the districts in the experimental and control groups and the project will be conducted over a 12-month time period (as was the case in the USF-OPD-BWC project). In this regard, the USF-TPD-BWC project will serve as a near identical replication experiment for the USF-OPD-BWC project. As such, we will be able to draw even firmer conclusions regarding the impact of BWCs on a host of important outcomes as well as potentially pooling the data from the two sites to perform additional statistical analysis with greater statistical power.

Ultimately, we are extremely grateful to be afforded the opportunity to be at the forefront of BWC research in the nation, and we do not take on this role lightly. Rather, we are fully aware of the implications of our research for the police, society, and police-community relations, particularly in minority and disadvantaged neighborhoods. We certainly hope that you as readers are just as much interested in hearing of our findings from these two landmark BWC randomized experiments as we are. We wish to sincerely thank the Orlando Police Department (OPD) and the Tampa Police Department (TPD), its' Administration, and particularly the officers for their willingness to participate in these research experiments and projects. We anxiously wait, as do many, on the results to emerge from these projects and welcome our role as architects and contributors to the growing efforts of adding in a little empiricism into an area of research where it is generally non-existent, but in an area with profound implications for law enforcement and society.

--Wesley G. Jennings, Ph.D.--

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