



Dear USF Criminology Students and Alumni:

When I was asked to write this year's faculty letter, I was both flattered and delighted. When I first arrived at USF in 1968, there was no Department of Criminology. Indeed, there were almost no buildings! USF was in its infancy, I had a full time research appointment in an institute devoted to research with Exceptional Children & Adults, and I expected to stay about 5 years and then move on. Life had other ideas. As it happened, I spent my entire academic career here and had the honor and privilege to be a part of a growth pattern that has brought this department and its graduates to the national and international reputation they enjoy today.

Shortly after I arrived, the University decided to dismantle the several institutes and move all that research into departments. Fortunately, we had some options. One of these was to create a Criminal Justice Program, which might entice service men returning from Vietnam with education money from the GI Bill. Besides, criminal justice was just beginning to emerge as an academic discipline and there was no such creature in our part of the state. One of my colleagues and I were intrigued. We were both psychologists, but I had a grant that integrated the efforts of law enforcement, prosecuting attorneys, the courts and rehabilitation agencies in order to reduce the carnage created by drunk drivers. My colleague had a grant involving all the treatment options and facilities for juveniles the state controlled in an effort to discover which option had the best chance to reduce delinquency. Thus, between us we knew all the players not only locally, but also statewide. The results of our research were also being recognized nationally, which gave us additional contacts. So we set to work. The rest, as they say, is history. The Master's program was added while my colleague was Chair and the Ph.D. program was added while I was Chair. Along the way, the name was changed and the MACJA program formalized. Throughout, two principles guided us: (1) the insistence on a Liberal Arts Education and (2) always preparing students for the next step, be that undergraduate to master's student, master's student to Ph.D. student, or Ph.D. student to academic career.

Each faculty member and each Chair have added their own influence. Our current Chair for example, added the newsletters and the Wall of Fame as ways to formally recognize faculty, students and alumni and their contributions. Thus, growth continues. In addition, as Dr. Heide pointed out in her letter last year, our graduates are also permeating fields other than Criminology as well.

While there is ample documentation elsewhere of the many accomplishments of the department, it is pertinent to point out here that as students and alumni, you carry both the recognition our reputation provides and responsibility that comes with it. The distinguished faculty you have had the opportunity to work with and learn from and the opportunities the Department of Criminology and USF have provided set you apart. Those of us who worked so hard over the years to build the program and the reputation are now bragging about you – you can only enhance what we have started – being part of this team is a gift and a responsibility. There are thousands of you out there now and we know you will join them in carrying the mantle proudly.

Sincerely,

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Editor's Note

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Dear USF Criminology Students, Alumni, and Friends:

Welcome to our third annual edition of the Department of Criminology Undergraduate Newsletter! It has been an exciting 2018!

The Department is strong. We have over 800 undergraduate students enrolled, and just under 100 graduate students, which includes our new Masters in Cybercrime program. We have two outstanding new faculty hires—Drs. Chae Jaynes and Yunmei (Iris) Lu. Our Internship Program under the watch of Joni Bernbaum is providing outstanding experience and networking opportunities. Our advising and administrative staff keeps the department running smoothly.

We are engaged with our communities—our co-sponsored colloquium on the intersection of mental health and criminal justice brought in 250 community attendees. Grants were awarded to Dr. Richard Dembo for juvenile health assessment, Dr. Lorie Fridell for her extensive police training, and to Dr. Ráchael Powers and Dr. John Cochran for safe streets and neighborhoods in Tampa.

Besides her extensive community, agency and student outreach efforts, Dr. Bryanna Fox won the 2017 Early Career Award from the American Society of Criminology, Division of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology.

We are respected by our peers academically. Last year, our faculty collectively published over 60 articles in important journals as well as several books. Dr. Dembo was honored by

the United Nations for his work with children. Dr. Ojmarrh Mitchell serves on the U.S. Office of Justice Programs, Science Advisory Board and has been an invited speaker on race and crime. Dr. Michael Leiber continues to serve as a DOJ appointed Equal Protection Monitor overseeing a Tennessee juvenile court. Dr. Kathleen Heide has stayed busy with speaking engagements on mental health and crime. Dr. Michael Lynch is an editor for Routledge's Green Criminology book series and chairs the International Green Criminology Working Group's web project. Dr. Powers does grant reviews for the CDC, study reviews for the NIJ, and played active roles in both the SCJA and the ACJA. Dr. Cochran was nominated for Fellow of the ASC.

Our solid team of instructors and adjuncts provide engaging and unique learning environments. Our aim is to continue to provide undergraduate students with unsurpassed opportunities for academic and personal enrichment, while improving quality of life for the community.

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!

If you would like to donate to the Department of Criminology, please go to:
<http://www.usf.edu/cbcs/criminology/about-us/donate.aspx>.

Important Dates

August 20 - First day of Fall 2018 classes; drop/add week begins
August 24 - Drop/Add ends, fee liability/tuition payment deadline
September 3 - Labor Day Holiday; No classes & USF offices closed
September 21 - Fall 2018 Graduation application deadline
October 27 - Last day to drop with "W"; no refund & no academic penalty for Fall 2018
October 29 - Registration begins for Spring 2019
November 12 - Veteran's Day Holiday; No classes & USF offices closed
November 22 & 23 - Thanksgiving Holiday; No classes & USF offices closed
November 29 & 30 - Reading Days
November 30 - Fall semester 2018 classes end
December 1-6 - Final exams week
December 13 - Last Day of Drop/Add for Winter Session
December 18 - Last day to drop with "W"; no refund & no academic penalty for Winter Session
December 24 - January 1 - USF offices closed

Criminology Internships

The Department of Criminology remains committed to the educational and career development of our undergraduate students. Our network of agency partners continues to expand, the variety and number of internships offered has increased, we are providing and promoting professional development and career-focused activities, and our employer presence on campus is as strong as ever. We are meeting our goal to provide essential workforce skills and are helping students make key connections that directly lead to job offers. We are excited that agencies are seeing USF and the Department of Criminology as a primary source to recruit outstanding future employees.

A few highlights since Criminology has been actively participating in the Governor's "Ready, Set, Work" University Challenge for the last two years:

- 226 Criminology students have completed internships representing over 45,000 hours of internship experience and service to community agencies.
- Partnerships have been developed and each semester over 100 different internship opportunities are offered by more than 80 agencies.
- Over 90 onsite Spotlight Sessions have been held for students on internships, employment opportunities, and career development. Guest speakers and recruiters from approximately 45 community agencies have conducted these sessions.
- An additional 170 career readiness initiatives were infused into the undergraduate course curricula and delivered in various Criminology classes.
- Students have been sent over 300 direct messages via Canvas regarding internship and job opportunities, job fairs, career development workshops, information on graduate school, etc.
- The Criminology Majors/Career Readiness Canvas platform has been expanded to include the following modules:
 - Academic Advising
 - Career Planning
 - Professional Development (interviewing, resumes, attire, professionalism, etc.)
 - Internships – process and listings
 - Criminology Careers
 - "Who's Hiring" (links to current job advertisements)
 - Graduate and law school programs and processes
 - Volunteer Opportunities

Please contact ccjadvice@usf.edu with questions regarding the internship program.

Spotlight Sessions

One of our exciting initiatives continues to be holding on-site "Spotlight Sessions" in the Department. These sessions cover a variety of job readiness/career related topics with guests from various agencies. Topics include:

- Agency Spotlights (police departments, lawyers, federal agencies, etc.)
- Internship Spotlights (recruiting sessions)
- Job Recruitment/Interview Spotlights
- Professional Development Spotlights (resume review, interview techniques, how to job search, application processes – law school, graduate school, etc.)
- Career Spotlights (Policing, Corrections, Forensics, Law, Cyber, Social Services, etc.)

Check Canvas often for information on dates and times.

Academic Advisors



SHARON LOSCHIAVO, M.ED.

Sharon received a B.A. in Communication Processes and Disorders and an M.Ed in Student Personnel in Higher Education from the University of Florida. Prior to her position at USF, she worked in academic advising at Santa Fe College in Gainesville, FL for 10 years, and her most recent position there was the Coordinator of Advising for Transfer and Completion. Prior to that Sharon worked at Lane Community College, the University of Oregon, and the University of Florida. Sharon enjoys getting to know students on a more individual level. She believes it is important to partner with students and provide them with the information and guidance they need to make informed decisions in order to meet their academic goals.



SANDRA JONES, M.A.

Sandra Jones is a proud USF Alumna who earned a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences in Criminology and Psychology and a M.A in Education, Online Teaching and Learning from University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee. Sandra has more than eight years of higher education experience and has been in the USF system for more than six of those. Throughout the years, Sandra has been dedicated to helping students in their pursuit of academic and personal success. Sandra aims to, not only perform a given service, but to teach positive attitudes toward education and knowledge which will benefit the student throughout their academics and careers.

Academic Advising Tips

- Familiarize yourself with DegreeWorks Audit.
- Make an appointment early in the semester to meet your advisor.
- If you plan on discussing how you can improve your grade(s), bring the course syllabus/syllabi.
- Bring any questions you have to your advising appointment.
- Be on time for your advising appointment.
- Inform your advisor of special needs or circumstances so that they may assist.
- Ask questions about your degree progress so that you are well informed and understand your degree requirements.
- Ask how you can enhance your academic profile with internships, volunteering, and student organizations.
- Take notes on what you discuss with your advisor.
- Check Canvas frequently for important dates and information!

Student Organizations



HONORS PROGRAM

Students in the Criminology Honors Program will have the opportunity to make their first contribution to the study of criminology and at the same time gain valuable research, critical thinking, and writing skills. Successful completion of the program will depend upon the student's ability to produce a thesis under the guidance of a Criminology professor. The rewards upon successful completion of the program include:

- Experience in designing a study and collecting and analyzing data.
- A notation on their transcript and diploma that the student graduated with Honors in Criminology.
- Recognition at graduation with an Honors sash.

For more information, please contact Andrew Franz at afranz@usf.edu.

ALPHA PHI SIGMA

Alpha Phi Sigma is the National Criminal Justice Honor Society at USF. Its goal is to serve the community in the criminal justice field. Throughout the 2017-2018 year, the members remained busy, striking a balance between work at USF and the greater Tampa community. On campus, Alpha Phi Sigma participated in the "Mocktail Mixoff", an event where student organizations compete to create the best non-alcoholic drink. This event is an extension of alcohol awareness efforts to provide safe alternatives to drinking. This was their third year participating in the event and they took home the best table award.

Alpha Phi Sigma also held its annual "Coffee for Cops" event, where they deliver coffee and doughnuts to show appreciation to local law enforcement. This year's selected location was District III for Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. Alpha Phi Sigma's most notable accomplishment, was its work with the Gracepoint Foundation, that is dedicated to helping Hillsborough County and the community treat mental health-related issues. They raised a total of \$1,000 through bake sales and donated all proceeds to the foundation. Alpha Phi Sigma remains an active force not only within USF, but in the community as well.

For more information on joining Alpha Phi Sigma, please visit:
http://www.usf.edu/cbcs/criminology/student_alumni_organizations/alpha_phi_sigma.aspx.



Undergraduate Spotlight



NICOLE ALVARADO

Nicole Alvarado is a senior majoring in Criminology. Her interest in Criminology began when she completed an assessment aimed at helping students to align their strengths and interests with potential majors and found that hers matched with the criminal justice field. In addition to Criminology, Nicole has a love of fitness and movement. She is minoring in Science and Physical Activity and has worked at the USF Campus Recreation center as a personal trainer and group fitness instructor for two years. Nicole's favorite Criminology course to date is American Law Enforcement Systems with Dr. Max Bromley. She especially liked the opportunity to make connections with professionals in the field.

In the summer of 2018, Nicole served as an Honors Intern with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Tampa, where she worked on assigned projects and attended trainings. She has enjoyed networking with the people in the agency and learning about the variety of opportunities available within law enforcement. Upon graduation, Nicole aspires to pursue a career in law enforcement. She also hopes to eventually further her education with a graduate degree at USF.

ASHLEY DERTES

Ashley Dertes is a senior Criminology major at USF. She transferred to USF after receiving her Associate in Arts in Criminal Justice from Indian River State College. Ashley chose criminology because she enjoyed learning about criminality and seeing issues from various perspectives. Her favorite criminology course at USF is Crime and Justice in America because it included many guest speakers, making it enjoyable to come to class. Ashley is a member of Alpha Phi Sigma, Criminology Club, and serves as Public Relations and Recruiting Officer for Club Creole, a club that works to promote Haitian culture at USF. She is also a member of Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity that focuses on the acquisition of leadership skills through service to others.

During the summer of 2018, Ashley completed an internship with The Washington Center in Washington DC. Ashley worked as an executive intern assistant preparing affidavits and subpoenas. Ashley reports that this opportunity allowed her to gain invaluable exposure to federal, state, and local agencies in Washington D.C.. After graduating, Ashley intends to attend law school with hopes of becoming a prosecutor. Her long term goal is to become a Circuit Judge in the state of Florida.



Alumni Spotlight

COLONEL JAMES BRADFORD

Colonel Jim Bradford is a 1988 graduate of the University of South Florida with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology. Colonel Bradford started at USF majoring in International Studies, but changed his major to Criminology after taking Survey of the Criminal Justice System. He later completed an internship with Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department, which he notes solidified his decision to pursue criminology. Now, Colonel Bradford is a 29-year law enforcement veteran with HCSO who has held positions in patrol, burglary, robbery, homicide, and intelligence. He has also held supervisory positions in both patrol and detective units.

Colonel Bradford serves on the Hillsborough County Juvenile Justice Board and Hillsborough County Commissioner Sandra Murman's Blue Ribbon Committee for Child Safety. He was also part of the team which brought the HCSO History Center from conceptualization to fruition as it opened in May 2016. Colonel Bradford completed the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Senior Leadership Program in 2013.

Colonel Bradford is most proud of the impact his work has had in the community and within HCSO, as he has watched officers he's mentored reach their own success. Colonel Bradford notes that law enforcement has its challenges, but these can be overcome by maintaining confidence in oneself, letting go of things one cannot control, and being intentional about creating a healthy work life balance. When asked about his advice to undergraduate students, Colonel Bradford encouraged students develop their written and verbal communication skills, noting the criticality of communication in effectively conveying information. a little bit of body text



MARIO MENDEZ

Mario Mendez is a spring 2018 graduate from USF with a major in Criminology and minors in Aerospace Studies and Psychology. During his time at USF, Mario was a member of the United States Air Force ROTC program where he graduated in the top of his ROTC class, was recognized as a Distinguished Graduate of AFROTC, and was nominated for USAF Cadet of the Year.

Mario credits his classmates, ROTC instructors, and professors for his success, but notes that it was his mother who developed his interest in the Air Force and Criminology. While his mother laid the groundwork with her service in both the Air Force and NYPD, he was genuinely interested in the field because of the ability to help others. Mario's advice to current students is "control what you can control. Worry less, study hard, and seize every opportunity given to you."

Mario currently serves as a Gold Bar Recruiter for USAF in the southeast region. As a Pilot Select, he will attend pilot school in the next year. He plans to continue his career in the United State Air Force and hopes to serve for more than 20 years.





Criminology Club

Criminology Club at USF is an unique undergraduate organization that seeks to expose students to topics relating to crime, criminal behavior, the legal system, and law enforcement. Unlike other student groups, Criminology Club does not have any prerequisites in terms of major, GPA, or class standing. The only requirement to join is an interest in criminology.

In the 2017-2018 academic year the club hosted several events to further connect students to the pertinent issues in criminology today and to illustrate the expansiveness of the criminology field. Notably, the club hosted two Cambridge professors, Drs. Andreas and Maria Kapardis, to discuss the history of Forensic Psychology, the current research, and the trajectory of the field in years to come. The club also had a Victim Advocacy Panel consisting of a police officer, a researcher, and a victim advocate to discuss the topic of sexual assault and how to best serve sexual assault victims.

In spring 2018, the Department of Criminology's own expert, Dr. Kathleen Heide, held a special forum to discuss her research on parricide and why kids kill their parents. In late spring, the club hosted Dr. Summer Decker of the Morsani College of Medicine, to highlight the ways in which advancements in medicine, science, and technology have informed and advanced forensic practices in criminology. The club also participated with the Tampa community in the "March for Our Lives" protest which sought to promote positive gun reform. In the 2018-2019 year, the club seeks to continue its work in promoting thought provoking conversations on campus, as well as increase its work with the greater Tampa community.



Follow us on Facebook for more updated upcoming events!
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1104599319634777/>

To join Criminology Club, please sign-up on our Bull Sync page:
<https://orgsync.com/146768/chapter>

Research Opportunities

SPRUCE: Social and Psychological Research for Understanding Crime Etiology

This laboratory, directed by Dr. Bryanna Fox, conducts research on the psychological and developmental risk factors for criminal behavior, and develops evidence-based tools and training for law enforcement. Along with over 25 USF undergraduate and graduate students, SPRUCE lab has conducted research in collaboration with law enforcement agencies across Florida to collect data and produce quality research on policing, forensic psychology, and more.



The SPRUCE lab provides undergraduate students the opportunity to be engaged in applied research on criminal psychology and policing, and serves as an outlet for agencies to partner with on research, data analysis, and grant applications. SPRUCE has two major projects underway: the United States Missing Persons Project, and the Psychological Assessment of Risk of Criminal Behavior (PARC) study conducted in the Pasco County jail. For more information on SPRUCE, or to apply to join the lab, please visit their website at <http://usfsprucelab.weebly.com>.

Undergraduate Research Certificate

The CBCS Undergraduate Research Certificate provides students with a planned sequence of courses to support their systematic development as undergraduate researchers and prepare them for graduate school. The following courses are required for completion of the certificate:

- Introduction to Research in Behavioral & Community Sciences
- Applications of Research in Community Settings
- Social Science Statistics or equivalent
- Research Methods in your major or equivalent
- Advanced Research Methods
- Writing for Research and Publication exit course
- Directed Research or Thesis

Many of these courses will also count toward completion of your general education requirements or your major. When students have completed all courses required for the certificate, they should complete the Undergraduate Research Application form and the Undergraduate Research Worksheet and submit them to Lisa Landis, Director of Student Academic Support Services.

For additional information, please contact Lisa Landis at llandis@usf.edu or visit www.usf.edu/cbcs/undergraduate/certificates.aspx.

Department Activity 2017-18



2017-18 Wall of Fame Inductees



PhD students Jordan Howell and Cassandra Dodge presented research at the European Society of Criminology's annual conference. Cardiff, Wales, UK.



Grad Students, Julie Krupa & Rachel Severson, visit the Stanley Cup while on campus



"Syllabus Hacks & Snacks" Event Sponsored by the Criminology Advisors



"Falling Through the Cracks: The Intersection Between the Mental Health and Criminal Justice Systems" Community Event Co-Sponsored by Criminology, CBCS and FMHI



Grad Students, Tayler Shreve & Lauren Miley, interview Dr. Bryanna Fox for their "Crimeversation" Podcast



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