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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR:

After serving eight years, my term as Chair has come to an end. During this time, we created and annually disseminate two Department Newsletters to our alumni. A Wall of Fame ceremony was developed to recognize the outstanding work and service by our alumni. An Outstanding Community partnership recognition has been created that highlights a collaborative effort in research between the Department and a community agency. A joint effort was also undertaken between the Department of Criminology, Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI), and the College of Community and Behavioral Sciences, which has resulted in an annual community symposium that deals with important social issues (offender reintegration, immigration, etc.). Over 250 people on average have attended the symposium. A formalized student/agency internship program was developed to provide our undergraduate students with experience in the field and enhance their opportunities for employment upon graduation. These are just a few of the exciting things that are in place that we believe help us stay engaged with our alumni and the community in general, as well as provide a positive experience and good education for our criminology undergraduate students. At the same time, we continue to have a highly regarded doctoral program. Just over a year ago, we created an online Cybercrime Masters program that has done very well. We are also the host of three academic journals, including the highly regarded Justice Quarterly. For more information on the exciting things the Department of Criminology is doing, please visit: criminology.usf.edu.

I want to thank you for supporting the Department and USF during this time. I know you will continue to do so while Dr. John Cochran serves in the capacity as Chair. While I will be leaving my administrative position, I will continue as a professor in the Department of Criminology conducting research, teaching, and service.

Michael Leiber

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear USF Criminology Students, Alumni, and Friends:

Welcome to our fourth annual edition of the Department of Criminology Undergraduate Newsletter! I want to take this opportunity to tell you what a privilege it is to be both an Instructor and the Undergraduate Coordinator at USF Tampa. I take pride in being part of a great department, with nationally respected professors and instructors who have published extensively, obtained important grants and who continually push the edges of a wide array of criminological subject matter. We remain a highly respected and well-ranked program. A degree from USF Criminology serves you well not just in the job market, but in applying for a Masters, a JD or a PhD. For traditionalists such as myself, I continue to believe firmly that a USF criminology degree will increase your knowledge about the world we all share, making you a better and more well rounded citizen, and our planet a better, happier, safer and more just place.

The Criminology Department fosters a culture of excitement, interest and learning. Our Cybercrime program is moving along strongly. There are a number of opportunities to work with professors directly in their specialized research areas. We offer a SPRUCE Lab under the direction of Dr. Bryanna Fox where there are opportunities to work on compiling important offender data and missing persons cases. We have directed independent studies and study abroad programs that are growing stronger with more interesting options. Our Internship Program, under the direction of Joni Bernbaum is providing amazing experiences and creating important contacts for students. We also have increasing scholarship opportunities and programs.

Truly 2018/2019 has been amazing! Now, with the challenges and benefits of campus consolidation coming, a new USF President, and a new Department Chair, 2019/2020 should be a time of amazing growth and potential; with the possibility of new courses opening up, and for new linkages among programs and peers. Rest assured, we are committed to providing you with the best education and preserving the integrity of your degree. For all of our friends, we seek new ways of engagement, feedback, community service and outreach.

As always, we welcome your feedback and input with regards to this newsletter and encourage you to contact the Department at any time. Please do let us know what you are doing! If you would like to donate to the Department of Criminology, please go to: <http://www.usf.edu/cbcs/criminology/about-us/donate.aspx>.

Andrew Franz

Andrew Franz
Instructor & Undergraduate Coordinator
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Scholarship Opportunities

Lawrence A. Pippins Endowed Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is offered to full or part-time students, at all academic levels, pursuing a Criminology major, in the College of Behavioral & Community Sciences, on the Tampa campus. This scholarship is based on financial need and is renewable up to 8 semesters. One scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate student and one to a graduate student. Preference will be given to students who portray a love of America and a sense of patriotism as indicated in an essay; and who are active military, veterans, police officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel or other first responders. Preference will also be based on merit.

2018 Undergraduate Recipient:

Jahmassa Hylton



In Memoriam

Rene Vasquez
1997 - 2019

Criminology undergraduate student, was expected to graduate in Summer 2019.

INTERNSHIPS

Juniors and seniors with at least 12 hours in the major can apply to approximately 100 pre-approved internships at local, state, and federal agencies and earn up to 9 hours of Criminology elective credits.

Important Steps:

1. All Internship Information, including requirements, the process, available internships, and the information for how to get a class permit for Internship Class, can be found in the **Canvas Module, "Internships - Getting Started"**.
2. You **MUST** use the Internship Checklist (which is the first item in the "Internships-Getting Started" module).
3. All internships should be confirmed and start the first week of classes. All internships must be from the approved list.
4. You must be registered for Internship class (**CCJ 4940**) which starts the first day of classes. Be sure you are registered for the appropriate number of credit hours. To avoid late registration charges, you must be registered the Friday before classes start.

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

Important Dates - Fall 2019

- August 26 - First day of Fall 2019 classes; drop/add week begins
- August 30 - Drop/Add ends, fee liability/tuition payment deadline
- September 2 - Labor Day Holiday; No classes & USF offices closed
- September 23 - Fall 2019 Graduation application deadline
- November 2 - Last day to drop with "W"; no refund & no academic penalty for Fall 2019
- November 4 - Registration begins for Spring 2020
- November 11 - Veteran's Day Holiday; No classes & USF offices closed
- November 28 & 29 - Thanksgiving Holiday; No classes & USF offices closed
- December 4 - Fall semester 2019 classes end
- December 5 & 6 - Reading Days
- December 7-12 - Final exams week
- December 25 - January 1 - USF offices closed

Spotlight Sessions

"Spotlight Sessions" in the Department 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.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES



SPRUCE LAB: SOCIAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH FOR UNDERSTANDING CRIME ETIOLOGY

Students and faculty from the University of South Florida have had unprecedented access to the Pasco County Detention Facility in order to conduct screenings and interview inmates entering the county jail. It's part of a long-term project led by Dr. Bryanna Fox, Associate Professor in the Department of Criminology, and Dr. Edelyn Verona, Director in the Department of Psychology, in close partnership with the Pasco Sheriff's Office.

Student research assistants apply textbook lessons about criminal behavior to real-life experience by collecting data themselves. The one-on-one interviews with inmates will help determine a host of factors including the inmate's IQ, childhood trauma, traumatic brain injuries, and psychopathic tendencies, to better understand what traits may lead to repeat incarceration. The goal is to build a dataset of risk factors, such as problematic personality traits, drug use, or mental health issues, that increase the risk of future criminal activity. In addition, the researchers use the personal stories provided by inmates to determine if certain aspects of the inmates' childhood experiences, societal issues, and others, may be correlated to their criminal behavior. This time-intensive study is expected to continue over the next few years.



For more information on SPRUCE, or to apply to join the lab, please visit their website at usfsprucelab.weebly.com.

OFFENDER DECISION-MAKING PROJECT

Dr. John Cochran and Dr. Chae Jaynes are currently working with undergraduate students on a project examining offender decision-making (ODM). Students are heavily involved in helping design a survey for the study, particularly in vignette design. Because the study will first survey students, it is particularly important to get their insight in designing realistic scenarios to experimentally assess factors which may incentivize (or disincentivize) an individual to commit crime.

They are excited to begin data collection in the fall and students interested in joining the project may contact Dr. Jaynes at jaynes@usf.edu.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROJECT

Dr. Mike Leiber, in collaboration with the District Attorney's office, continues his study of the use of direct filing of youth to the adult criminal justice system in Hillsborough County. Undergraduate students have played a key role in this project. Students have to pass a background check and then are trained to collect data. Data collection involves students reading through case files and pulling information that is detailed in a survey instrument. The information focuses on demographics (race/ethnicity, gender, etc.), offense characteristics (severity of the crime, the type of crime, etc.), the youths' prior involvement in the juvenile and criminal justice system (prior record), and the case outcome (was the youth waived to adult court and what was the specific outcome).

This project will continue through the fall semester. If you are interested in working on this project, please contact Dr. Leiber at mjleiber@usf.edu.

ADVISING

Navigating to Schedule Planner

1. Login to OASIS
2. Click on Student
3. Click on Registration
4. Click on Schedule Planner
5. Select a Term: choose the term you want to register for
6. Select a USF System Institution: Tampa

Schedule Planner Home Page

- Selecting "waitlist" will allow you to select a class that is currently full for registration by adding you to that waitlist. You will be notified if seats open up in that class or if registration for that class closes. Not all classes have waitlists.
- Choose the part of term, instruction mode, and level.

Adding Courses by Subject and Course

- Use the drop down menu to choose the subject and course. Once a course has been selected, a course description appears below the selection.
- Once you have added a course, it will show up to the right of the course search when on a PC. In mobile view, scroll down on "Add Course" page to view courses you've already added.
- When finished, click the "Done" button to return to the home page.

Adding Courses by Attribute

- Courses can be searched to satisfy an FKL, GenED, Capstone, etc. requirement.
- Select the attribute you want to satisfy
- Scroll through possible subject categories in the "Subject" drop down menu OR go straight to all course possibilities in the "Course" drop down menu.
- When finished, click the "Done" button to return to the home page.

Generating Schedules

- Click the "Generate Schedules" button below your list of added courses to create a list of possible schedules. You'll know how many schedules are created and can view them individually or compare schedules side-by-side.

Viewing Individual Schedules

- Viewing individual schedules allows you to view times, location, and instructor.
- Locking a certain class in place allows you to further narrow your schedule search.
- Favorite and name schedules by clicking on the heart in the top right corner of the individual schedule view.
- Clicking on the blue "i" icon on any class allows you to view more specific details about a course including instructor and any permits or prerequisites required.

Sending Your Schedule

- Once you've decided on a schedule arrangement, view it individually and send it to your Schedule Planner Shopping Cart to make it visible in Oasis.
- In mobile view, click "Open" in the top left corner for this option to show.
- Sending a schedule to your shopping cart also exits you from the Schedule Planner and redirects you back to Oasis. **Adding courses to the shopping cart does not register you. Registration is a separate step.**
- In Oasis, you can view your schedule in the "Schedule Planner Registration Cart"
- **Make sure you click on the Register button and verify through OASIS that you successfully added the courses.**

For questions related to academic planning, course selection, etc., contact ccjadvise@usf.edu.

UNDERGRADUATE SPOTLIGHT

ELIANA MCLISH



Eliana McLish is a senior majoring in Criminology. Eliana claims her interest to pursue Criminology was heavily influenced by her obsession with crime related shows and a desire to gain a deeper understanding of human interactions with one another and with social institutions.

Eliana is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) and serves as a mentor for the NSCS Planning to Achieve Collegiate Excellence (PACE) program. PACE is a program that seeks to improve high school graduation rates while increasing readiness for transition to career or college paths. Eliana has also served in the Office for Students with Disabilities since Spring 2017 and on the University Conduct Board since Fall 2017. Currently, Eliana is working to develop a new student organization to increase financial literacy and awareness of resources available to students facing financial hardship.

Upon graduation, Eliana plans to attend law school. Her primary interests are legal technology and innovation and criminal justice reform and community development.

MAHALETH SOTELO

Mahaleth Sotelo transferred to the University of South Florida in the summer of 2017, after completing an Associate of Science in Crime Scene Technology. She is majoring in Criminology and completing a minor in Forensic Behavioral Health. Mahaleth attributes her strive for academic excellence to being a single mother and her desire to set a high standard for her child and others.

Mahaleth is a member of Triumph Over Trafficking, an organization that seeks to raise awareness of human trafficking, and Sigma Alpha Lambda, a National Leadership and Honors Organization dedicated to developing the individual, while serving the campus and community. Mahaleth also maintains a blog that addresses misconceptions of crime.

Mahaleth expects to graduate in Fall 2019 and hopes to pursue graduate education in either criminology or forensic psychology. Her interests include injustice and implications of race in the criminal justice system.



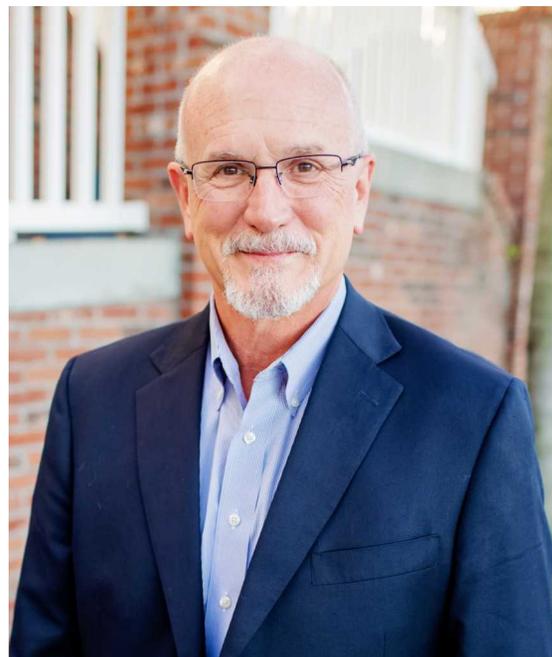
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

REGINA LOMBARDO

Regina “Reggie” Lombardo is the acting Deputy Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and is the first woman to lead the federal law enforcement agency in its history. Ms. Lombardo graduated in 1991 with a BA in Criminology from the University of South Florida and began her law enforcement career in 1992 as a special agent in the ATF Miami Field Division.

Rising through the ranks at ATF, Regina has held many management positions including Deputy Assistant Director of Field Operations' Central Region; Special Agent in Charge of the Tampa Field Division; Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the New York Field Division; Chief, ATF's Leadership Institute; Group Supervisor for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force in Miami; and as Assistant ATF Country in Toronto, Canada.

Regina is a member of several organizations which include: Women in Federal Law Enforcement, The National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives, the Florida Sheriffs Association, the International Associations of Chiefs of Police, and Major City Chiefs. She was inducted into the Department of Criminology's Wall of Fame as a Distinguished Alumnus in 2019.



ART HUSHEN

Art Hushen is a 1996 graduate of University of South Florida and is founder and owner of the National Institute of Crime Prevention (NICP), a global training company that emphasizes crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED). He began his career as a police officer in South Texas in 1977, before joining the Tampa Police Department (TPD) in 1989. As part of the Crime Prevention/Community Affairs Unit, Art began working with city zoning officials to merge crime prevention strategies with minimum code standards. This effort led to Art being tasked with the creation of the CPTED Unit for TPD, the first of its kind in the nation, and later conducting CPTED training for the Florida Attorney General's Office. Art created the NICP in 1999, which allowed him to expand his training to over 40 states and create the internationally recognized CPTED Professional designation.

When asked what advice he would give to undergraduate students, Art responded “Stay positive! Regardless of what is taking place around you, take a deep breath and know it will get better.”



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

CRIMINOLOGY CLUB



The highlight for the Criminology Club this year was a discussion panel called "Gun Rights & Responsibilities". The panel, featuring American Constitution Society, The Brady Campaign, Ban Assault Weapons Now, March for Our Lives, and Mom and Dads Demand Action, discussed the 2nd Amendment, issues of rising gun violence and contributing sociological factors.

The spring 2019 term included a game and movie night featuring *The Basics of Sex*, a movie based on the early career of Ruth Vader Ginsburg. The Criminology Club looks forward to partnering with the USF Police Department to host a self-defense class in Fall 2019.

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

ALPHA PHI SIGMA

Alpha Phi Sigma is the National Criminal Justice Honor Society at USF. It's goal is to serve the community in the criminal justice field.

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



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: IMPROVING PRACTICE THROUGH SPONSORED RESEARCH



Dr. George Burruss

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



Dr. Lorie Fridell

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



Dr. Bryanna Fox

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



Dr. Richard Dembo

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

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



Dr. Kathleen Heide

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



Dr. Michael Leiber

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

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



Dr. Ráchael Powers & Dr. John Cochran

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



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2019 Wall of Fame Inductees



Criminology Club Bake Sale



Assistant Director Kristine Fletcher from Pasco Sheriff's Office came to talk with students about child protection investigations



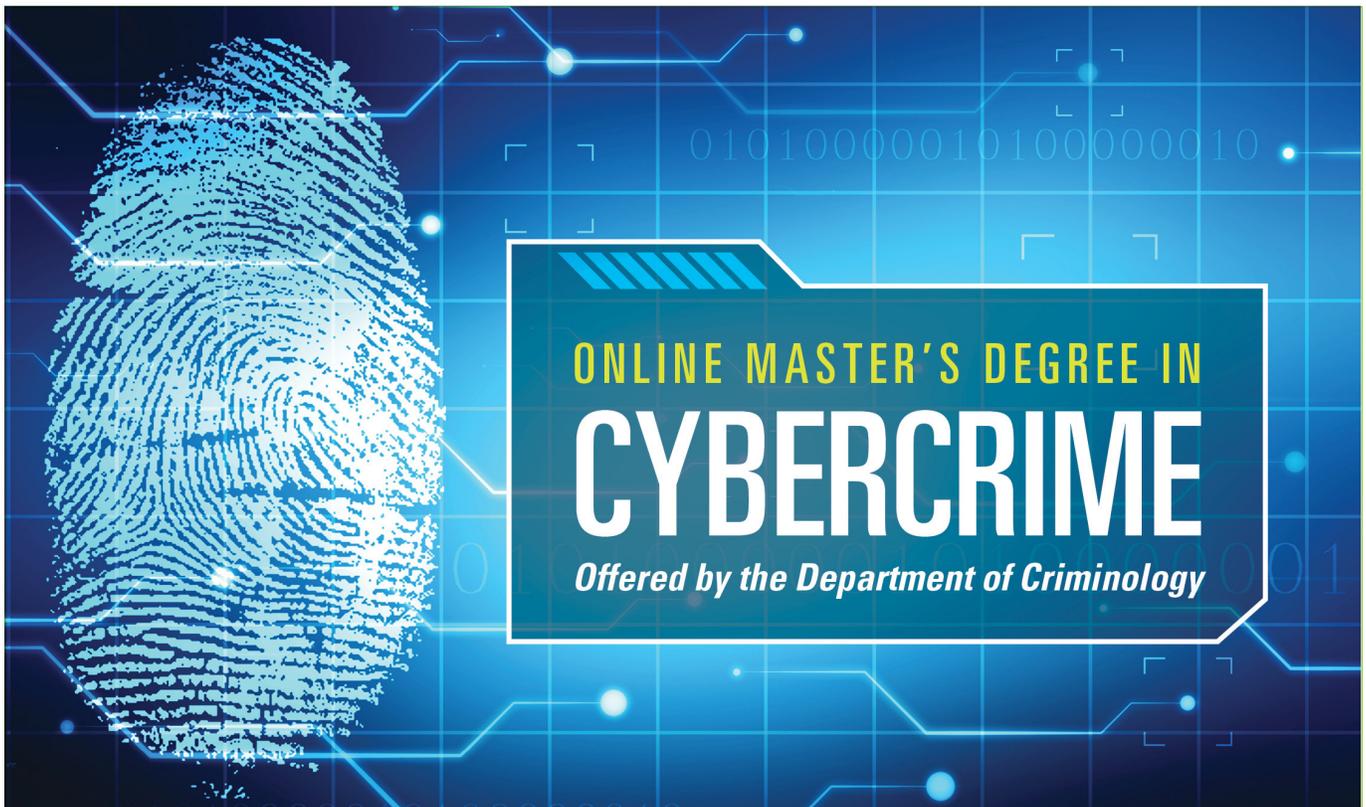
CBCS 10th Anniversary Breakfast Fundraiser



Dr. Lorie Fridell providing Fair and Impartial police training to Clearwater Police Department



Grad Students, Tayler Shreve & Lauren Miley, interview Andrew Warren, State Attorney for Florida's 13th Judicial Circuit, for their "Crimeversation" Podcast



Launch Your Career Fighting Cybercrime

Get the skills you need to start your career in high-tech criminal investigations. The master's degree in Cybercrime at USF prepares students to fight the global cybercrime epidemic. This program offers the training and degree you need to enter or advance in this high-demand field.

The MS in Cybercrime is designed and geared toward criminal investigators, not computer scientists.

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- 30 credit hours
- No GRE required

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Specific program questions? Contact our program's admissions advisor:
Sarah Nobles, SarahNobles@usf.edu, 813-974-4805



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