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Editor's Note:

Dr. Michael Leiber
Professor & Department Chair

Welcome....

... to our seventh annual edition of the Department of Criminology Newsletter! It was an exciting 2016.

The Department experienced another productive year in terms of publications, grant productivity, and recognitions. Faculty have forthcoming or published over 60 articles with many of these appearing in such outlets as: *Journal of Research in Crime & Delinquency*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Criminal Justice & Behavior* and *Crime & Delinquency*. Detailed further in the Newsletter, Dr. Richard Dembo and Dr. Lorie Fridell continue to be working on funded projects. Drs. Max Bromley, John Cochran, Wesley Jennings, and Michael Lynch received recognitions. Congratulations!

In addition, both faculty and graduate students attended meetings at 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 30 people from the Department who presented at the American Society of Criminology meeting in New Orleans.

The Department of Criminology continues to house three refereed journals. Dr. Mike Leiber is the editor of the *Journal of Crime & Justice* (Maude Beaudry-Cyr is the assistant managing editor), Dr. Wesley Jennings is the editor of the *American Journal of Criminal Justice* (Caitlyn Meade is the assistant managing editor); and Dr. Lorie Fridell and Dr. Wesley Jennings are co-editors of *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management* (Christopher Marier is the assistant managing editor).

In the fall of 2016, we had to cancel our fifth "**Wall of Fame**" ceremony to acknowledge the contributions of our alumni to academia and/or the community due to bad weather. The event has been rescheduled for early March of 2017. In cooperation with the Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI) and the College of Behavioral Community Sciences, **a community symposium was held on the "Effects of Incarceration on Offenders, Families, and Communities"**. Over 250 people attended. Dr. Elizabeth Cass ran our first **USF Criminology Summer Experience** – a summer camp for high school students (discussed in the newsletter). As part of **our Department Research Series**, Dr. Michael Gottfredson (University of California – Irvine), Dr. Marvin Krohn (University of Florida) and Winsome Gayle (attorney- Department of Justice) presented on their research and responsibilities to our faculty and graduate students.

Dr. Joshua Cochran left our department to become an Assistant Professor at the University of Cincinnati. We wish him the best and we know he will be successful in his new position. Dr. George Burruss and Dr. Richard Moule have joined us as has Dr. Bryanna Fox who came back after a year absence. Ms. Joni Bernbaum has also joined the department as an instructor and the coordinator of the **department's internship program**. Welcome aboard!

We continue to attract students both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. We have over 800 undergraduate majors and more than 50 graduate students. The Department continues 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 (MCJA) 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 director 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!



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FACULTY IN FOCUS:

Dr. Lyndsay Boggess

Lyndsay Boggess, Associate Professor, joined the Department in 2009. She received her Bachelor's degrees in Sociology and Psychology from Vanderbilt University (2000) and her Master's degree in Criminal Justice from George Washington University (GWU) in 2003. While at GWU, she befriended Dr. Charis Kubrin, who, between swapping cat stories and sharing Twix bars, convinced her to get her doctorate. Dr. Boggess completed her Ph.D. in Criminology, Law and Society from the University of California, Irvine in 2009 and worked with Drs. George Tita and John Hipp. She was awarded grants from both the Center for Disease Control and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to complete her dissertation work on racial and ethnic change and crime in Los Angeles.

Dr. Boggess' research focuses broadly on communities and crime. She studies neighborhood dynamics related to changes in social and demographic structure and the spatial distribution of crime. In her work, Dr. Boggess often utilizes longitudinal data to look at the interconnectedness of neighborhood processes and how factors that produce crime in neighborhoods are also likely outcomes of crime itself. Additionally, Dr. Boggess incorporates spatial analysis and geographic information systems (GIS) in order to account for neighborhood effects that cross geographic boundaries and map the distribution of crime.

Dr. Boggess is particularly interested in issues related to housing and crime, such as the spatial and temporal relationships between home sales, housing prices, and crime. In some of her recent research, Dr. Boggess is examining the importance of economic investment through residential home loans for reducing crime across different types of neighborhoods. She is also working with USF doctoral student Julie Krupa to study the negative consequences of single room occupancy facilities (also known as SROs, though more colloquially known as "shady motels") for different types of crime.



In a series of ongoing research projects, Dr. Boggess is working with departmental colleague Dr. Ráchael Powers and Dr. Alyssa Chamberlain at Arizona State University to examine structural correlates of violence and victimization across sex. Specifically, they are looking at whether neighborhood characteristics differentially impact Black, Latino, and non-Latino White male- and female-perpetrated non-lethal violence, the gender composition of the victim-offender dyad, and male versus female victimization. They have presented this work as part of a colloquium series at the University of

Florida, the American Society of Criminology (ASC), and will present it at the American Sociological Association (ASA) this summer in Montréal.

Dr. Boggess has also been active in the community, where she has been invited to speak to community groups in Tampa and St. Petersburg regarding wrongful convictions and understanding crime statistics. She is hoping to work with the City of St. Petersburg to collect interview data in part of the city that is undergoing

a multifaceted coordinated revitalization effort. She has also collaborated with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) and the Tampa Police Department (TPD) in the past.

Dr. Boggess grew up outside of Cleveland Ohio. She has three older brothers, all of whom still live in Ohio, but her mother, stepfather, and grandmother escaped the cold and recently moved to the Sunshine State. She currently lives in St. Petersburg with her husband Tony, who runs the special events department for the City of Tampa. They share their house with three cats Loki, Nainer, and Toter, who often sabotage Dr. Boggess' work efforts by walking across her laptop and laying on top of the papers she is grading. In her limited spare time, Dr. Boggess enjoys playing board games (while she is a skilled Yahtzee competitor, her Scrabble skills could use some work), watching horror movies, and avoiding doing housework. Currently, Dr. Boggess is also taking a social network analysis class in the USF Sociology department.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Elisa Toman-Brown

Doctoral Student

Elisa Toman-Brown is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Criminology. Her research focuses on theories of punishment, trends in criminal sentencing, and the implications of individuals' experiences with the corrections system. She received her bachelor's degree in Criminology from the University of Miami and her master's degree from the University of Central Florida.

As a doctoral student at the University of South Florida, Elisa has worked on a range of projects focused on understanding the application of criminal sanctions and the implications of individual's experiences in the corrections system. Her research work in this area has led to several scholarly publications, including *Justice Quarterly*, the *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, and the *Journal of Criminal Justice*. Elisa's work has also been recognized by the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Student Scholarship Award and the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Division of Corrections and Sentencing Student Paper Award.

Elisa was also actively involved in a funded project as a research associate working with Dr. Joshua Cochran. In this position, she managed a large, longitudinal dataset, and applied multilevel modeling techniques to examine the use of solitary confinement in the state of Florida. The manuscript developed out of this project has recently received the ACJS 2017 Outstanding Paper Award (with Drs. Joshua Cochran, Daniel Mears, and William Bales).

Beyond this work, Elisa has taught "Theories of Criminal Behavior" as an adjunct instructor and served as Vice President of the Criminology Graduate Student Organization (CGSO). During the first three years of her doctoral studies, Elisa served as a Graduate Assistant for various faculty members.

In the summer of 2017, Elisa will defend her dissertation, *Female Incarceration and Prison Social Order: An Examination of Gender Differences in Prison Misconduct and In-Prison Punishments*. The study examines whether there is gender and race based variation in in-prison misconduct, whether there are gender and race differences in the use of in-prison punishments (e.g., solitary confinement, loss of gain time, extra work duty), and how these punishments affect future in-prison behavior. Following her graduation, Elisa has accepted a position as an Assistant Professor in the College of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University.

In addition to her academic pursuits, Elisa enjoys spending time in the outdoors with her three dogs, Henny, Heidi, and Koda. She also enjoys travelling to Germany, her native country, to visit family and friends. In December of 2016, Elisa married USF graduate Wyatt Brown, and the two are looking forward to moving to Texas for her new job.

Student Spotlight

Jessica Trapassi
Masters Student



Jessica Trapassi graduated *magna cum laude* from Rhode Island College in 2015 with a bachelor's degree in Justice Studies with minors in Sociology and Spanish. She is currently a second-year Master's student planning to graduate in the summer of 2017. Jessica was a teaching assistant for Dr. Scott Boeringer's online Homicide class her second semester in the program, and is now a graduate assistant for USF Research and Innovation's Research Administration Improvement Network (TRAIN[®]).

Jessica has had the opportunity to work with faculty in the department including Dr. John Cochran and Dr. Dwayne Smith. She has also been given the chance to collaborate with faculty outside of criminology, namely Dr. Sondra Fogel from the Social Work department. These three faculty members are also on her thesis committee, along with Dr. Wesley Jennings. Her thesis will examine the effects of adverse childhood experiences as mitigators in capital sentencing trials using the North Carolina Capital Sentencing Project data set. After graduation, Jessica plans to pursue a PhD in Criminology and hopes to someday teach at a university while working in tandem with state or federal agencies.

As a Rhode Island native, Jessica intends to continue to expand her horizons and develop relationships within the academic community. The camaraderie she has found within the program has been an integral part of her incredible experience at USF. She enjoys spending time with family and her cohort, traveling, reading, and going to the beach year-round.



Congratulations 2016 Graduates!



MA

Chelsea Graham

Katelind Halldorsson

Anna Kleppe

Leo Genco

Christian 'Jordan' Howell

Batya Rubenstein

PhD

Brown, Wyatt, *Disinhibition, Violence Exposure, and Delinquency: A Test of How Self-Control Affects the Impact of Exposure to Violence*. Chaired by Wesley G. Jennings.

Cotrone, Erin. *The Guilty but Mentally Ill Verdict: Assessing the Impact of Informing Jurors of Verdict Consequences*. Chaired by John Cochran.

Dobrow, Jason, *The Relationship between Psychopathic Personality Traits and Lying*. Co-chaired by Kathleen Heide and Shayne Jones.

Eggers, Amy. *Delving into the Heart of Victimization Risk: Examining the Interactive Relationship between Demographic Factors and Context*. Chaired by Ojmarrh Mitchell.

Perez, Nicholas, *The Path to Violent Behavior: The Harmful Aftermath of Childhood Trauma*. Chaired by Wesley G. Jennings.

Featured Alumni: *Dr. Danielle McGurrin*

Dr. Danielle McGurrin is an Associate Professor and Internship Coordinator in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Portland State University. During the past year, she continued her teaching in the undergraduate, graduate, and online programs which included courses: Crimes of the Powerful; Women, Crime, and Justice; Criminology; Internship; and Domestic Violence (offered at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility). She actively served on 10 distinct departmental and university committees, was awarded a College of Urban and Public Affairs grant for online course design, and was nominated for a CUPA teaching award at PSU. In research and community-engagement, she collaborated with one of her students on a meta-analysis of white collar crime scholarship that showcases the globalization of its content and authors (to be co-presented at ASC 2017). Her two most recent (ASC and PSU) conference presentations include “Things I Wish I Knew Pre-Tenure” and “Inspiring Justice through Education: Engaging College Students and Those Experiencing Incarceration”. Danielle hopes to serve on fewer committees this year so she can land an axel by the 2018 alumni update.



Featured Alumni: *Captain Meg Ross*

Captain Meg Ross began her career with the USF Police Department in 1988 as a patrol officer. She spent fifteen years in Patrol, as an officer, corporal and sergeant. During this time she earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in the USF Business College. She then served as the Accreditation Manager and was promoted to Support Services Lieutenant after successfully overseeing the agency's 3rd reaccreditation. She continued as the Accreditation Manager, but then also served as the Public Information Officer and manager of the Records section and the Communications Center. Meg joined the first cohort of the USF MACJA program in 2006, earning her Master of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice Administration in 2008. In 2010, Meg was assigned as the Patrol Commander. Under her leadership, the agency placed a renewed emphasis on traffic and pedestrian safety and won first place in the University Law Enforcement category of the IACP National Law Enforcement Challenge (2011), first place in the Florida Law Enforcement Challenge (2012) in the University Law Enforcement category and placed in the Florida DUI Challenge (2012). In January, 2014, she was promoted to Captain and assigned as the Operations Commander, overseeing Patrol and Communications. She and her family live in Temple Terrace and remain very active in the USF community.



Raleigh Blasdell is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice & Sociology at Southeast Missouri State University. She currently teaches Victimology; Race, Gender, Class and Crime; Crisis Management; Theories of Crime; and Research Methods. As the Faculty Advisor for Alpha Phi Sigma, she accompanied a combined eleven students to the 2016 ACJS and MCJA Conferences, where they all presented independent research that she oversaw. In 2016, Raleigh published articles in *Race, Gender & Class* and ACJS's Section on Restorative and Community Justice's newsletter, *Dialogue*. In September, Raleigh helped to coordinate and then moderate a panel discussion entitled *Community Policing: The Intersection of Black & Blue Lives Matter*. A former crime analyst, she also consults for a local police department that is developing a crime analysis program. Raleigh volunteers at a nearby male maximum security prison and recently assumed responsibility for coordinating and facilitating the prison's victim impact panels, as well as providing facilitator training for the Missouri Department of Correction's Impact of Crimes on Victims program. Raleigh, her partner, Christopher, and their four dogs are still celebrating the Chicago Cubs' 2016 World Series win.

Denise Paquette Boots is an Associate Professor of Criminology at the University of Texas at Dallas. In October of 2016, she also assumed the Program Head position. She served as the Principal Investigator or co-PI on numerous grant projects, including projects with the United Way, Texas Offender Reentry Initiative, the Dallas Domestic Violence Taskforce, and Genesis Women's Shelter and Support. She recently co-authored the second annual Dallas Domestic Violence Taskforce Report and an article in *Texas Probation*. She served as a member of the City of Dallas Domestic Violence General and Executive Taskforce, as an editorial board member for the journal *Violence Against Women*, and is in her second term as the Senior Executive Counselor for the Division of Women and Crime of the American Society of Criminology. She is currently working on research regarding Title IX and college sexual assault and a test of the Marshall Hypothesis and death penalty opinion. In 2016, she was awarded the Evelyn Gilbert Unsung Hero Award for her contributions to scholarship and teaching from the Minorities and Women Section of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. In May of 2016 she was awarded the UT Dallas President's Teaching Excellence Award for tenured faculty.

Christopher Donner is an assistant professor in the Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology at Loyola University Chicago, and he currently teaches courses related to policing, criminological theory, and statistics. In 2016, he began a two-year committee membership on the College of Arts and Sciences Academic Council, and he recently served as a committee member for his department's tenure-track faculty search. His current research is focused in American policing with a specific interest in police deviance. Dr. Donner presented his research at the annual meetings of both the Midwest Criminal Justice Association in Chicago and the American Society of Criminology in New Orleans. In 2016, his work was published (or was accepted for publication) in *Policing, Victims & Offenders*, and *Police Quarterly*. Chris and his wife, Maggie, enjoy traveling, running in 5Ks, sightseeing in their home city of Chicago, and spending time with their dog, Layla.

Jessica Mitchell is the Research and Evaluation Partner at Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBSA), National Office for the Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) non-profit organization, consisting of a network of over 300 affiliates nationwide. Jessica determines research and evaluation priorities for BBBSA and leads research and evaluation initiatives and pilot projects to inform effective BBBS program practices, as well as national strategies for innovation in youth mentoring. This past year, Jessica worked with leaders in youth mentoring to develop and test an updated BBBS Youth Outcomes Survey (YOS); Engaged the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to create and pilot test a new child safety video to increase knowledge and promote the prevention of child sexual abuse for BBBS parents; and Directed the implementation of external research/evaluation projects, including a new randomized control trial (RCT) study of the BBBS community-based program. Jessica continues to collaborate on publishing articles with former colleagues from the Department of Mental Health Law and Policy at the University of South Florida (USF). In 2016, she published in the *Journal of Dual Diagnosis*. In her free time, Jessica enjoys spending time with her husband, Josh, and their two boys, Beau and Mason.

Janine Kremling is an Associate Professor in the Criminal Justice Department at California State University at San Bernardino (CSUSB). In the last year she has published a book "Why Students Resist Learning: A Practical Model for Understanding and Helping Students." She is currently finishing a book with Amanda Parker titled "Cyberspace, Cybersecurity, and Cybercrime" to be published by Sage in August 2017. She is also the director of the Criminal Justice BA Degree Completion Program, which she built in 2013. The program is among the top ranked Criminal Justice online degree completion programs and has over 100 students. Janine Kremling is the CSUSB President of the California Faculty Association (CFA). In 2016 the CFA won a fair contract after months of negotiations and strike preparations on all CSU campuses.

Nicholas Perez is an Assistant Professor in the School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Emergency Management at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB). In the past year, he has had journal articles published or accepted for publication in the *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management*, and *Crime & Delinquency*. He presented at the American Society of Criminology in the fall and will be presenting at the Western Society of Criminology in the spring. In addition to his current appointment, he is working as a project evaluator for a Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) grant aimed at strengthening relationships between law enforcement and members of the community. He currently teaches courses on policing and juvenile delinquency at CSULB. In the past year, he also got married and adopted a puppy.

Jennifer H. Peck is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Central Florida. In the last year, she was a guest editor for a special issue in the *Journal of Crime and Justice* titled “Contemporary Issue of Race/Ethnicity, Offending Behavior, and Justice Responses.” She also contributed to the “Future Directions Series” for *Race and Justice: An International Journal*, where her manuscript discussed the importance of evaluation and monitoring within the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Mandate. She transitioned to President of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA) and participated in both national (ASC, ACJS) and regional (MCJA) conferences. Jen was awarded an In-House UCF Research Grant to support a project that examines the impact of community context, race/ethnicity, and risk assessment on juvenile court outcomes. She is part of a research team on a NIJ grant with fellow USF alumni, Dr. Kristina Childs, which focuses on school climate and safety in Brevard Public schools. Jen also collaborated with Dr. Childs on an evaluation of the Orange County Drug Free Coalition’s initiatives to enhance prevention efforts of underage drinking. She currently teaches the doctoral course “Prosecuting Juvenile Offenders” and undergraduate course “Data Analysis for Criminal Justice.”

Kathryn ‘Kayte’ Branch is Chair of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice and an Associate Professor at the University of Tampa. In the last year, she has published work on cyberharassment of women and the impact of revenge porn on victims. She also presented at the American Society of Criminology and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. She currently teaches Victimology and Race, class, gender and crime. October 31, she was recognized by Baynews 9 as an everyday hero and was featured on the “Everyday Heroes” segment because of her community involvement with the Girls on the Run Greater Tampa Bay. Kayte is an ultrarunner. This year she completed her longest run (82.2 miles in 24 hours and 39 minutes) and plans to complete a 100 mile race within the next year. If you don’t find her at work or on the trails running you will find her spending time with her son Zachary (now 21 years old), her fur family, her friends, or her family.

James Ray is an Assistant Professor at the University of Texas, San Antonio in the Department of Criminal Justice. He is currently teaching an undergraduate course in research methods and the Masters Quantitative Analysis course. In the last year, James has published articles that appeared in the journals *Developmental Psychology*, *Criminal Justice and Behavior* and the *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology*. He is currently working on collecting data on individuals who are reentering the community from jail in order to identify boundaries to successful reentry. Most recently, he accepted a position in the Criminal Justice Department at the University of Central Florida which will begin in August of 2017.

Heng Choon ‘Oliver’ CHAN is an Assistant Professor of Criminology at Department of Applied Social Sciences, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. In 2016, Oliver has published 14 SSCI-indexed journal articles (10 in print and four in advance online publication), and one other journal article and two book chapters currently accepted for publication. More importantly, Oliver has secured the book contract for his next single-authored monograph on sexual homicide – “Sexual Homicide: A Global Casebook” with University of California Press, which due to be released to the market in 2018. He also presented at the “8th Annual Conference of the Asian Criminological Society” in Beijing, PRC; the “3rd Asian Conference of Criminal and Operations Psychology” in Singapore; and the “29th Annual Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology Conference” in Tasmania, Australia. In addition, Oliver has also delivered two conference keynote presentations (i.e., Hong Kong and Malaysia) and three invited seminars (i.e., Singapore and Malaysia). In the last year, he instructed courses on forensic criminology, sexual offending, and psychology of law enforcement. Currently, Oliver supervises a Ph.D. student, and as a member of several Master’s and Ph.D. thesis panels. Oliver has also been regularly interviewed by electronic media and quoted in print media on criminological issues. This year, Oliver was also elected to the General Assembly of Asian Criminological Society to serve as a Member of Presidium for the 2016-2018 term, and continue to serve as the appointed member of the Research and Development Committee of the International Corrections and Prisons Association (ICPA; since 2013).

Joan A. Reid continues to teach courses on victimology and human trafficking at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. In 2016, Joan published six peer-reviewed articles on child trafficking and exposure to violence in journals including the *American Journal of Public Health* and *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*. Along with co-author, Tara Richards, she has a forthcoming article to be published in January 2017 in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*. This year Joan was awarded grant funding (with Thomas Loughran, University of Maryland) from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) for a project aimed at understanding the development of trauma symptoms among juvenile justice-involved youth. In November, Joan enjoyed traveling to Orvieto, Italy as part of her coursework in a certificate program on “Global Mental Health: Trauma and Recovery” from the Harvard Program in Refugee Trauma and Harvard Medical School.

Stephen VanGeem is a Lecturer in the Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Anthropology at Utah State University where he just won "Lecturer of the Year" for the College of Humanities and Social Science. Currently, he's establishing a new Criminal Justice-themed Sociology major at USU and developing a 250-seat course on "Statistics in Everyday Life". In July 2016, he helped organize, and then presented at, the National Mental Health Court Summit in Park City.

Kristina Childs is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Central Florida. She received her Ph.D. from the Department of Criminology in December 2008. Her research focuses on improving the decision-making processes and intervention strategies for adolescents that are either at-risk for or involved in the juvenile justice system. Her research is currently being funded by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA). She teaches undergraduate and doctoral level courses related to data analysis, community-based research strategies, and juvenile justice.

Wyatt Brown successfully defended his dissertation and graduated in May 2016. He accepted a tenure-track Assistant Professor position at Marshall University where he began in Fall 2016. In addition to completing his doctoral degree, he had an article accepted for publication on policing perceptions at *Deviant Behavior* and published one manuscript on capital punishment at *Justice Quarterly*. He also presented two papers at the ACJS and ASC annual conferences.

Brian Sellers is an Assistant Professor of Criminology & Criminal Justice at Eastern Michigan University. In the past year, he published 3 articles in the *International Journal of Methods in Psychiatric Research*, *Psychiatry Research*, and *Journal of Theoretical & Philosophical Criminology*. He also published 7 encyclopedia articles. Additionally, Brian presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference in Denver, served as an invited expert panelist for a community event in Washtenaw County on zero tolerance policies in Michigan schools, and held a continuing education workshop on restorative justice practices in schools for the EMU School of Social Work. Brian served as the Program Committee co-chair for the Critical and Conflict Theories Section at ACJS in 2016. Brian also served on 2 thesis committees and is currently chairing 3 thesis committees. He has received certifications in civil court mediation and peacemaking circle keeping (restorative justice practices) for the Washtenaw County Dispute Resolution Center (DRC). Brian continues to volunteer with the DRC at the 14A District Courthouse and with local community groups focused on promoting social justice (i.e., FORJ & Healing Communities). Brian married Kim Dandeneau in February 2016, and they are expecting a baby girl in April 2017.

Tara N. Richards 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 in victimology, intimate partner violence, and research methods. Her most recent published work can be found in *Annals of Internal Medicine*, *Crime & Delinquency*, *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, and *Violence and Victims*. Richards currently serves as Co-Investigator on two OJP funded studies that examine domestic violence offender treatment content and offender outcomes. In December 2016, Tara and her husband Eric welcomed their first child, Owen Becket Young.

Jon Maskaly is an assistant professor in the criminology program at the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD). This year, Jon finished a graduate program in *measurement, evaluation, statistics, and assessment* (MESA) at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He chairs the research committee of the Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board and was elected Treasurer of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice. He continues to develop his research agenda focusing on communities and the police and the relationship between the two entities. This year at UTD, Jon taught courses in his areas of expertise and also taught a graduate-level research design course.

Wall of Fame

INDUCTION ♦ CEREMONY

Ceremony - March 3rd, 2017

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

INDUCTEES

Outstanding Criminology Ambassadors



Lee Bercaw



Eric Biel



Tre' Bryant



Joshua Lovelace



Nicholas Perez



Joan Reid



Robert Siwik

Distinguished Alumni



David Dalton



Allison DeFoor



Meg Ross

Additional information, details and photos, go to:

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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, 222 students have graduated from the program. These students represent 63 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

Masters in Criminal Justice Administration Program (MACJA) Highlights 2016:

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, 222 students have graduated with an average cohort enrollment of 22. Twenty one more students are on schedule to graduate Spring 2017.

Sixty three 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).

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.



MACJA Program Scholarship Winners (from left to right), Anthony Zarate, Zach Link, Chelsea Kingsbury, Charlene Marchant, Dr. Max Bromley, Dr. Carl Hawkins (Donor).



MACJA Cohort 10 Graduates

Kyle Brett	Georgia Lavoy
Mark Curtis	Zachary Link
Denise Duran	Eneida Lopez
Bryan Felts	Harry Lowell
Cavin Greenup	Karlene Marchant
Brandi Hayes	Stephen Mcdonald
Richard Inman	Emily Snow
Lauren Jalowiec	Lanard Taylor
Chelsea Kingsbury	Anthony Zarate-Moch

CGSO

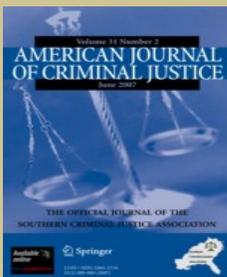
The Criminology Graduate Student Association (CGSO) is a student-led organization committed to the professional development and advocacy of graduate students in addition to giving back to our community. The CGSO is responsible for hosting workshops aimed at improving teaching and research effectiveness, 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 Julie Krupa (President), Rachel Severson (Vice President), Lauren Miley (Secretary), Jordyn Rad (Treasurer).

CGSO 2016 Events:

- ◇ Annual CGSO Graduate Research Symposium
- ◇ Co-Sponsored Criminology Department Spring Picnic
- ◇ Volunteered twice at Savage Race in Dade City, FL
- ◇ Sponsored Criminology Tailgate Event for USF Homecoming
- ◇ Fundraising Drive for Feeding America
- ◇ Navigating Graduate School Workshop
- ◇ Co-Sponsored Criminology Department Holiday Party



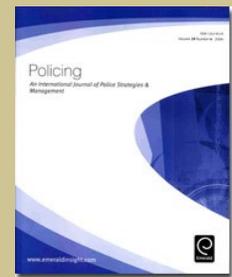
Home to Journals



American Journal of Criminal Justice
Wesley G. Jennings, Editor



Journal of Crime & Justice
Michael J. Leiber, Editor



Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management
Lorie Fridell & Wesley G. Jennings, Editors

A YEAR IN PHOTOS



Fall 2016 Career Cruise



Fall 2016 Back to School Party



Graduate Student Fundraising



Annual Halloween Party

A YEAR IN PHOTOS



Graduate Student Orientation



Josh Cochran's Going Away Party



Criminology Summer Experience 2016



MACJA Orientation

Scott Allen is a first year doctoral student who completed his Masters at the University at Albany. He is currently an Online Academic Coach for USF's online criminology program. His research interests include managing police in the 21st century, terrorist recruitment abilities, the effect of social media on police operations and policy, the correlation between sports and criminal behavior and lastly terrorist group behavior, both international and domestic groups.

Rhissa Briones Robinson is currently a doctoral candidate working toward the completion of her dissertation which explores the impact of a religious/spiritual turning point in processes of desistance across racial and ethnic subgroups. Under the guidance of Drs. Leiber, Mitchell, and Cochran, she successfully defended her prospectus and is now ABD. In addition, she teaches a research methods course at USF-St. Petersburg.

Cassandra Dodge is a first year doctoral student who completed her Masters at Illinois State University in Criminal Justice Sciences in 2016. She was awarded the department's Graduate Student Fellowship for 2016-2017. At the American Society of Criminology's annual conference, she presented her paper, "The Role of the Institution on the Adoption of Law Enforcement Technology." She has also had two encyclopedia entries and a book chapter published in 2016. Currently, she is working as a Graduate Assistant for Dr. Bryanna Fox, as well as working on a book chapter with Dr. George Burruss. Her primary areas of research interests are the effects emerging technologies have on criminal behavior, technology's effect on law enforcement policy, and LGBT issues in justice.

Leo Genco is a first year doctoral student who focuses on the political economy around criminal legislation and the social and environmental structure that induces animal cruelty. His master's thesis examined the association between economic factors and animal cruelty legislation. Currently, he is studying with Dr. Lynch to integrate more green criminological research with mainstream criminology. He plans to present at the 2017 ASC Conference on social structure factors that influences government taking of wildlife.

Junghwan Bae is a second year doctoral student. Last year, he presented a research paper entitled "The Effects of Political Trust on Anti-terrorism Police Power in South Korea" at annual ASC meeting. His current research interests include macro-social theories of crime, racial inequality in criminal justice and punishment. Currently, he is a teaching assistant for an undergraduate online course, Theories of Criminal Behavior.

Jordan Howell is a first year doctoral student who is working as a Graduate Assistant for Dr. Max Bromley. He received his Master's degree in Criminology from USF. He recently published a paper with Dr. David Maimon, Dr. John Cochran, and Dr. Ráchael Powers in the *International Journal of Cyber Criminology (IJCC)*, which examined hackers' behavior in post-compromised computer systems. The same paper was presented at the annual ASC meeting in New Orleans. His research interests include cybercrime, terrorism, and drugs and crime.

Melanie Valentin Rosa is a second year doctoral student whose current interests include race and gender differences in crime and justice, capital punishment, and advanced statistical modeling. In the past year, Melanie presented an authored paper (with Drs. John Cochran and Wesley Jennings) at ASC on capital punishment and co-authored paper at SCJA (with Drs. Michael Leiber and Jennifer Peck) on racial disparities in court outcomes. Currently, she has a manuscript under review at *Sociological Spectrum*, and a book chapter recently revised and resubmitted to *Punishment Decisions: Sites of Disparity*. In addition, she had an entry on juvenile delinquency accepted for publication in the *Encyclopedia of Juvenile Delinquency and Justice*. Melanie serves as a graduate assistant to both Dr. Bryanna Fox and Dr. Rick Moule, during which time she continues to enhance her data management and analytic skills.

Julie Krupa is a third year doctoral candidate pursuing interests in juvenile delinquency, court sentencing, and juvenile justice. She continues to serve as a research assistant on JJ-TRIALS, a NIH/NIDA-funded project aimed at reducing unmet substance abuse disorder needs of youth by assisting juvenile justice agencies in the implementation of best practices. She also works as a research associate on a local Health Coach project aimed at providing linkage to treatment for justice-involved youth. Julie had one article accepted for publication this year in the *Journal of Child & Adolescent Substance Abuse* which focused on drug use, depression, and sexual risk behavior of justice-involved youth. She also presented two different projects at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) conference this year. One focusing on truant adolescents' sexual risk behavior and another examining the impact of accepted/rejected mitigating and aggravating factors in death penalty cases. Julie represented USF at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Doctoral Summit this past March. She is also active within the department and currently serves as the President for the Criminology Graduate Student Organization, coordinating events such as the Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium.

Monica Landers, M.A, M.S.W. is a second year doctoral student whose research interests consists of the intersection of mental health and juvenile justice, systems collaboration, and multi-system interventions for dually-involved and dually-adjudicated youth. Monica also holds a full-time position at USF with the Department of Child and Family Studies as a Social and Behavioral Researcher. Currently, Monica is working on several manuscripts and has presented her research at a number of conferences within the past year. She was also nominated to serve as a board member of a national organization commitment to mental health, social justice, and human rights. Looking forward, she plans to focus on research and evaluation activities aimed at systems collaboration and commercially sexually exploited youth.

Catherine Law is a first year doctoral student who started her studies at USF in Fall 2016. Prior to arriving in the United States, she earned a First Class Honours degree in Sociology and a Masters in Criminal Justice and Penal Change back home in Scotland, UK. She is the first ever recipient of the 'US-UK Fulbright Postgraduate Award at The University of South Florida in honour of President Judy Genshaft'. She also received a USF Global Achievement Award in November 2016. In her first semester as USF, Catherine worked with Dr Powers, Palmetto Police department, and her Victimology classmates to undertake a project on improving police-community relations. She has also started working with Dr Cochran and some of her fellow cohort to research geographical disparities in implementing the death penalty, with regards to the female offender. Catherine's research interests focus on racial and gender disparities in the criminal justice system, particularly in relation to incarceration. She also a strong interest in the issue of dating violence, and hopes to do research in this area in the near future.

Elisa Toman-Brown is a fourth-year doctoral candidate. Her research focuses on theories of punishment, trends in criminal sentencing, and the implications of individuals' experiences with the corrections system. In 2016 she published an article in the *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* (with J. Cochran, M. Lynch, and R. Shields), which examined sentencing patterns for environmental crimes in the state of Florida. In addition, she currently has three manuscripts under review. In the past year, Elisa won the ACJS Student Scholarship Award as well as the ASC Division of Corrections and Sentencing Student Paper Award. She also presented several papers at the ASC and ACJS annual conferences. Elisa plans to graduate in August of 2017 after defending her dissertation examining the nature of male and female prison misconduct, gender and race differences in prisons' responses to misconduct, and gender and race differences in the impact of in-prison punishments on future in-prison behavior. In the Fall of 2017, Elisa will be joining the faculty at Sam Houston State University as an Assistant Professor.

Christopher Marier is a third-year doctoral student. He is currently the Managing Editor for *Policing: An International Journal* under journal Editors Dr. Lorie Fridell and Dr. Wesley Jennings. He presented on capital sentencing outcomes of cases with vulnerable victims at the 2016 Annual Meeting of ASC, and is working on two capital sentencing research studies with Dr. John Cochran and colleagues. Furthermore, he is evaluating the ways perceptions of low public support affect officers' propensity to use physical force, based on National Police Research Platform data collected by Dr. Lorie Fridell and colleagues. He is an adjunct instructor at USF-Tampa and the State College of Florida.

Caitlyn Meade is a third year doctoral student whose research interests include sexual victimization, perceptions of deviant sexual relationships, and the long-term effects of such victimization and relationships. She is currently conducting research with Dr. Ráchael Powers on perceptions of high school student/teacher sexual relationships. Caitlyn has published a book chapter on campus sexual assault and a peer-reviewed article on the death penalty and sexual assault. In the past year, she has presented at the American Society of Criminology as well as for the USF foundation board. Furthermore, she and fellow student Michelle Jeanis, created a research lab to bridge undergraduate and graduate students' research. Caitlyn is also teaching At-Risk Youth and Violence, a new course offered to undergraduates. Additionally, she works with Dr. Wesley Jennings as the managing editor of the American Journal of Criminal Justice. Caitlyn also serves as the student member of the scientific review committee.

Muttaki Bin Kamal is a first year doctoral student. His research interest is in Green Criminology. His most recent article titled, "Indigenous Knowledge Vs Adopted Knowledge" was presented at the International Conference on "Anthropology, Adaptation and Resilience in Climate Change Regime" in Dhaka on 23rd October, 2016.

Brittany Poyer is a first year doctoral student. She received her Master's Degree in 2015 from the University of South Florida. In addition to serving as a teaching assistant, she will also be serving as a graduate assistant for Ms. Joni Bernbaum working on the Criminology Internship Program. She had an entry in the *Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment* on crime measurements.

Rachel Severson is a second year doctoral student. She presented a poster entitled "Solitary Confinement: A Content Analysis of State Policies" with Dr. Powers at ASC this past November. She is currently the program assistant for USF's Masters in Criminal Justice Administration (MACJA) Program. Her research interests include mental health issues in the criminal justice system, the dynamics between mentally ill individuals and formal social control theories and policies, mental illness/ substance abuse and crime, as well as violent victimization. She is an active student in the department, currently serving as Vice President for the Criminology Graduate Student Organization. Additionally, Rachel looks forward to representing USF at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Doctoral Summit this spring.

Hyojong Song is a fifth year doctoral student. As an adjunct instructor, Song taught an undergraduate course on cyberbullying during Spring, Summer, and Fall semesters last year. He is currently working on his dissertation which explores macro-social correlates of online property crime under the guidance of Dr. Lynch and Dr. Cochran. He recently published a paper that examines an overlap of developmental trajectories between cyberbullying and traditional bullying in *Crime & Delinquency*. He has also submitted two manuscripts to *Crime, Law and Social Change* and *Criminal Justice and Behavior*. He attended the ASC and presented a paper on examining applicability of Wikström's situational action theory in explaining macro-level internet crime perpetration.

Michelle Jeanis is a fourth year doctoral candidate interested in examining the topics of missing persons, crime in the media, and runaway youth. Michelle is working towards completing her dissertation, which examines offending and victimization trajectories of runaway youth. She has presented at ACJS and ASC conferences and has co-authored manuscripts that were accepted to *The Prison Journal* and *Deviant Behavior*. Michelle currently serves as the academic success coach for the online undergraduate criminology program at USF. In addition, she serves as an adjunct instructor, teaching courses on serial killers and media and crime. Michelle, along with Dr. Fox and classmate Caitlyn Meade, launched a criminology research lab at USF that exposes undergraduates to the research process. Michelle also serves as a volunteer researcher for the non-profit organization Research Association for Missing People.

Jennifer Leili is a doctoral candidate interested in bystander intervention, intimate partner and sexual violence victimization of juveniles and young adults, and cyber victimization. She currently is an adjunct instructor for an online course on domestic violence at USF. Her current research projects include an analysis of high school students attitudes towards dating and sexual violence and her dissertation, which is an examination into college students attitudes towards and willingness to intervene in situations involving cyber dating abuse, cyber stalking, and cyber sexual violence. Jennifer co-authored a book chapter on men's anti-violence leadership programs with Dr. Powers. Jennifer presented a paper at the 2016 ASC conference and presented a paper and represented the department in the Doctoral Student Summit at ACJS.

Alexander Toth is a second year doctoral student. He teaches a Criminal Investigation course at Hillsborough Community College. Additionally, he is working on two different papers for publication exploring qualitative data relative to international drug trafficking interdiction efforts. He has been a guest lecturer at several USF classes including the Criminology Department and the College of Health and Science. He served as a discussant for a Law Enforcement Conference at the St. Leo University. After the Fall 2017 Semester, he will have completed his course requirements for his degree.

Maude Beaudry-Cyr is a fourth-year doctoral student. She was invited to contribute and produced three book chapters for publication in the *Handbook of Corrections in the United States*, *Encyclopedia of Adolescence, and Race, Ethnicity, and Law*. She currently has two manuscripts under review and also presented research at the ACJS and MCJA annual conferences. Maude has been appointed as 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: A agreement regarding the Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County Tennessee*. She continues to serve as Assistant Editor of the Criminology Department Newsletter. In addition, Maude has co-facilitated an undergraduate course with Dr. Leiber and Julie Krupa on "Theories of Criminal Behavior" and she was the instructor of an undergraduate online course on the same topic this year.

Welcome New Graduate Students!

PhD

Scott Allen	Jordan Howell
Natasha Baloch	Muttaki Kamal
Cassandra Dodge	Catherine Law
Leo Genco	

MA

Jordan Boness	MacKenzie Lyle
Xavier Burch	Melissa Morales
Danielle Chin	Lillian Rosario
Hector Huertas	Taylor Shreve
Alexander Johnson	Mariel Snouffer
Nathaniel Lawshe	Lindy Solow

USF DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY PROUDLY WELCOMES:

George Burruss

Associate Professor



George W. Burruss received his Ph.D. in criminology and criminal justice from the University of Missouri, St. Louis in 2001. Before earning his doctorate, Dr. Burruss served as a fraud investigator with the Office of Missouri Attorney General. His research focuses on criminal justice organizations, including policing, homeland security, and juvenile courts. Also, he studies the causes and correlates of offending in cyberspace and how the police respond to cybercrime. Publications have appeared in *Justice Quarterly*, *Crime & Delinquency*, and the *Journal of Criminal Justice*. He recently coauthored a book on Policing

Bryanna Fox

Assistant Professor



Bryanna Hahn Fox earned her PhD in psychological criminology from the University of Cambridge in England. She is a former Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), former research consultant for the FBI's Field Investigation Group in Tampa, Florida and former research fellow in the FBI's Behavioral Science Unit (BSU) in Quantico, Virginia. Her main research interests relate to the identification of psychological and developmental risk factors for criminal behavior, developing evidence-based training and tools for law enforcement, and conducting Experimental field research. Her publications have appeared in *Social Forces*, *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, and the *Journal of Criminal Justice*.

Richard Moule

Assistant Professor



Richard K. Moule Jr. earned his PhD (2016) in Criminology and Criminal Justice from Arizona State University. His research interests primarily involve criminological theory, the role of technology in crime and crime control, gangs and deviant networks, and the micro-social processes conducive to offending. His current research projects focus on the contributions of technology to police legitimacy and interpersonal violence. His publications have appeared in the *Journal of Research in Crime & Delinquency*, *Justice Quarterly*, and the *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*.

Faculty Research Grants

DR. RICHARD DEMBO

Title: Health Coach Services at the Juvenile Assessment Center

Funding Agency: The Florida Department of Children and Families, via the Central Florida Behavioral Health Care Network and ACTS, Inc.

Description: The Health Coach project provides health services at the front end of the juvenile justice system by addressing the growing public health needs of Justice involved girls-- who bear a disproportionate burden of STD/HIV and other health problems.



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 \$1.6 million the amount that the USDOJ COPS Office has provided to USF to develop and implement the Fair and Impartial Policing (FIP) Training Program developed by Dr. Fridell with national experts.



FACULTY AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS 2016

Dr. Wesley Jennings received the 2016 Southern Criminal Justice Association's Outstanding Educator Award. The Outstanding Educator Award recognizes a criminal justice educator for outstanding academic achievement in teaching, research and service. He was presented with the award at their annual meeting on September 9th at the Savannah DeSoto Hilton in Savannah, Georgia.

Dr. Max L. Bromley was recognized with a 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Florida State University College of Criminology and Criminal Justice. The award was presented to Dr. Bromley at the 2016 Criminology Development Council Hall of Fame Celebratory Dinner, held Sept. 9 at Hotel Duval in Tallahassee, Fla.

Dr. Michael Lynch was awarded by the American Society of Criminology, National White Collar Crime Research Consortium (NWCCRC) the 2016 Gilbert Geis Lifetime Achievement Award for scholarship.

Dr. John Cochran was a recent recipient of the Simon/Routledge Outstanding Paper Award at the 2016 ACJS Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado. Cochran, John K., Jon Maskaly, Shayne Jones, and Christine S. Sellers. *"Using Structural Equations to Model Akers' Social Learning Theory with Data on Intimate Partner Violence."* Crime and Delinquency, doi: 10.1177/0011128715597694.



Dr. Wesley Jennings



Dr. Max Bromley



Dr. Michael Lynch



Dr. John Cochran

Richard Dembo, in addition to teaching an Advanced Research course, worked on two funded grants (1. JJ-Trials-Translational Research in Intervention for Adolescents in the Legal System (TRIALS) cooperative argument, funded by NIH/NIDA; 2. Health Coach Services at the Hillsborough County Juvenile Assessment Center.). He also co-authored a grant application to NIH/NIDA to pilot test an intervention for justice involved Haitian youth in Miami-Dade County. He had five articles published, four presentations, and continued his active service to the Department of Criminology, University and the community. He was honored by being invited by the United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNFEI) in Tokyo to serve as a visiting expert to its 165th International Senior Seminar, and conduct training with others, on issues relating the juvenile justice system in various nations. Attendees are expected from approximately 20 counties in Asia, Oceania, Africa, Europe, and South America—in addition to five practitioners from Japan.

Andrew Franz has stayed busy teaching four classes per semester this past year. He teaches in the areas of criminal law; criminal rights; individual violence; state violence; international law; environmental crime; law and society, and criminal justice survey. He has steadily been working on to incorporate international law, environmental crime and state criminal violence into more of his courses. He has also taught a seminar course, independent directed writing classes, and sat on a Master’s Thesis Committee. His current academic interests include: state actor violence; international crime; interactionist criminology and the morality of emotions; and “rights” and “rights theory” (including: constitutional, human, non-human, criminal, fundamental and emerging). Mr. Franz continues to travel in the summers, and is an avid golfer.

Lorie Fridell received another grant in 2016 from the USDOJ Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) to support the provision to agencies nationwide of her science-based Fair and Impartial Policing (FIP) training. This brings up to \$1.6 million, the amount that the COPS Office has provided to USF to support this training. The command-level training content is contained in her new book (Springer, 2017) entitled *Producing Bias-Free Policing: A Science-Based Approach*. Seven articles published in 2016 or already slated for 2017 publication appear in *Deviant Behavior, Criminology & Public Policy, Journal of Criminal Justice*, and other academic journals. Fridell co-authored a practitioner-oriented article that was published in *The Police Chief* in February 2016 and continues to serve as co-editor (with Wesley Jennings) of *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management*.

George Burruss came to USF in 2016 as part of a strategic hire for the Florida Center for Cyber security and the Criminology Department. He continued his research on cybercrime and criminal justice organizations with three publications. One article examined the macro-level correlates of malware infections globally, which was published in the *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*. The second article (published in *Criminal Justice Policy Review*) examined college students’ perceptions of campus safety in the wake of policy changes after high-profile campus shootings. The last publication (in press at the *American Journal of Criminal Justice*) also examined views on campus safety policies between faculty and students. In the fall, he was invited to lecture on cybercrime at a conference in Hangzhou, China. He was also invited to present his cybercrime research at the University Of Ontario Institute Of Technology in Toronto, Canada. Finally, he received a seed grant from USF’s College of Behavioral & Community Sciences to study sentinel events in policing.

Michael J. Lynch published nine articles and one book chapter, including an article on the environmental kuznets curve in the environmental-economics journal, *Capitalism, Nature, Socialism*. He completed a three year project (thanks to his former PhD student, Randy Nelson) connecting Bethune-Cookman and USF to provide a minority graduate student fellowship for 2016-2018, with possible extension through 2021. He received the Gilbert Geis Lifetime Achievement Award for White Collar/ Corporate crime Scholarship from the National White Collar Crime Research Consortium and the National White Collar Crime Center. He has continued as editor of the Routledge *Green Criminology* book series. Supervised several graduate student independent studies, MA theses and doctoral dissertation research.

LeGrande Gardner serves as the Academic Liaison between USF’s Cyber Security academic program and the Florida Center for Cybersecurity to include acting as administrative representative on behalf of the USF Office of Graduate Studies to the various USF Colleges, Departments, and faculty participating in the Cyber Security academic program. He also administrates the Criminology Department’s Graduate Certificate Program in Digital Forensics and the Digital Forensic Concentration for the Master’s Degree in Cyber Security. Dr. Gardner teaches Digital Forensics courses in both programs. He continues to serve as an IACIS Training Coach/Mentor to candidates seeking Certified Forensic Computer Examiner (CFCE) certification through the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists. He maintains active memberships in and engages in service to IACIS, the High Tech Crime Consortium (HTCC), the Consortium of Digital Forensic Specialists (CDFFS), and the American Society of Digital Forensics and e-Discovery (ASDFED).

Kathleen Heide had five articles published in peer-reviewed journals and another three articles accepted for publication in 2016. Published articles included two on white collar crime with Cedric Michel (first author) and John Cochran published in the *American Journal of Criminal Justice* and *Crime, Law and Social Change*. Two other manuscripts focused on a 30 year-follow-up of juvenile homicide offenders (JHOs) and juvenile sexual homicide offenders and were published in the *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology* and the *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*. Co-authors included Norair Khachatryan (first author), Eric Hummel, Heng Choon (Oliver) Chan, Michelle Ingraham, and Jordyn Rad. The fifth article with Oliver Chan (first author) compared the literature on sexual homicide offenders with non-homicidal sex offenders and was published in *Aggression and Violent Behavior*. Dr. Heide also wrote an encyclopedia article on “Parricide” published in *The Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment* and co-authored three presentations given at the American Society of Criminology. Two focused on the role of empathy on death penalty support (with Jordyn Rad, James Hubbell, Brian Godcharles, John Cochran, and Eldra Solomon), and the third examined the relationship of Conduct Disorder diagnoses and subsequent recidivism among JHOS (with Norair Khachatryan, Reshma Pinnamaneni, and Eldra Solomon). In May 2016, Dr. Heide delivered the opening keynote address entitled “Biological and Psychological Effects of Trauma” at the Association of Paroling Authorities International, Daytona Beach, FL., which was attended by more than 150 parole commissioners and parole board members from the United States and abroad.

Elizabeth S. Cass continues to mentor graduate students and teach. In addition to teaching Research Methods and Crime and Justice in America, she taught a Winter Term course in Juvenile Justice. Working with the Online Course Design and Development team, she created a multi-media rich course. In the summer of 2016 she oversaw the inaugural year of the Criminology Summer Experience. This one week summer program for high school students uses a deadly car crash to teach students about all aspects of the criminal justice process and allows them to interact with criminal justice professionals from the local community. She continues her work in the community and with young people. Over the winter break she served as a volunteer supervisor at the Metropolitan Ministries Holiday Tent. She completed her third year as Big Sister to a nine year old boy as part of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. Her mentee from the Starting Right Now program is a sophomore at FSU.

Joni Bernbaum began her position as Internship Coordinator & Instructor during the Summer of 2016. As part of both the Governor’s “Ready, Set, Work” Challenge and USF’s “Fifty First Days”, she developed the “Criminology Career Cruise: Sailing the Seas of Success”, and had over 135 students set sail on the 2 hour (mock) educational adventure. She has created a muti-media platform in Canvas that includes career readiness resources, internship policies and procedures, and internship opportunities at approximately 80 different local, state, and federal agencies who have partnered with the department. She also created and implemented Criminology Spotlight Sessions - these are on-site educational programs that include: career readiness workshops, agency representatives meeting with students to recruit for internships and/or jobs, and professionals in the field providing information on careers and their fields. In addition to teaching Victimology, Survey of the Criminal Justice System, and Internship Classes – she renewed her Victim Services Practitioner Designation and Domestic Violence Counselor Certification.

Ráchael Powers had 5 articles appear in print in peer-reviewed journals including *Criminal Justice & Behavior*, *Violence and Victims*, *Journal of Crime and Justice* and *Journal of Child Custody*. She also completed work on a grant from the Florida Department of Health and CDC to develop, implement, and evaluate a bystander intervention program for alcohol-serving establishments. Her work on sexual and intimate partner violence, particularly as it applies to college women, has culminated in the completion of her first co-edited volume, *Addressing Violence Against Women on College Campuses*, which will appear in print in July 2017. Dr. Powers presented her work at a number of academic conferences, including the International Sociological Association in Vienna, Austria where she and a colleague presented their work on rape myth acceptance in India and the UK. Dr. Powers has also engaged her students in research. Her graduate class, Seminar in Violence, took advantage of a unique opportunity to apply classroom lessons to the “real world.” As part of USF’s Community Sustainability Partnership Program (CSPP), Dr. Powers’ class examined citizens’ perceptions and experiences with the police in the city of Palmetto.

Dwayne Smith continues to serve as the university’s Senior Vice Provost and Dean of the Office of Graduate Studies. He has continued work with the North Carolina Capital Sentencing Project (NCCSP) of which he is co-principal investigator with Beth Bjerregaard (UNC Charlotte) and Sondra Fogel (USF School of Social Work). Using data from that project, and working with several other departmental faculty members and graduate students, two articles of which he was co-author were accepted and have appear as advance on-line publications in 2016. One appears in *Justice Quarterly*, the other in *Women and Criminal Justice*. Also, he began a project examining the fates of offenders who murder law enforcement officers, and presented a set of preliminary findings via a poster at the American Society of Criminology meetings in New Orleans. That work, along with continuing topics from the NCCSP, will be pursued through 2017.

Bryanna Fox had three articles published in 2016, including a study in *Crime & Delinquency* comparing statistical analyses used to measure the consistency of offending behavior, a study in *Development and Psychopathology* assessing trajectories of adult adjustment problems up to age 56 for males in the Cambridge Study in Delinquent Development, and a test of an expansion of Developmental and Life-Course theories to include situational and environmental factors published in the *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*. Dr. Fox is also building on her experience as a Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation by conducting applied research on predicting and prioritizing serious, violent, and chronic offenders with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Tampa Police Department, Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office, Pasco Sheriff’s Office, Clearwater Police Department, Winter Haven Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the Tampa Bay Violent Crime Intelligence Center, which aims to understand and prevent violence and gun-related offenses through a collaboration of local law enforcement agencies and research. Dr. Fox supervises the SPRUCE research lab aimed at engaging undergraduate and graduate students in applied research, and is faculty adviser to the newly formed Criminology Club @USF.

Michael Leiber had published five refereed articles; two in *Justice Quarterly* and one in *Crime & Delinquency*, *Race & Justice*, and the *Journal of Crime & Justice*. He also had one encyclopedia entry and two technical reports. He continues to act as an Equal Protection Monitory of the reform of Shelby (Memphis) County’s juvenile justice system appointed by the Civil Rights Division of the US Department of Justice (DOJ). He has provided technical training to the state of Massachusetts through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) as well as being invited by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to discuss a framework for addressing Hispanic and Latino communities and criminal justice system reform. Mike is also continuing the editorship of the *Journal of Crime & Justice*, a journal of the Midwest Criminal Justice Association, and as Chair of the Department of Criminology.

Wesley G. Jennings published 17 peer-reviewed articles, edited a 300 entry, three volume *Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment* (with Wiley Blackwell), and published an academic press book with Springer (*Offending from childhood to young adulthood: Recent results from the Pittsburgh Youth Study*, with Rolf Loeber, Dustin Pardini, Alex Piquero, and David Farrington) and co-authored the 7th edition of *Criminological Theories: Introduction, Evaluation, and Application* (with Ron Akers and Christine Sellers and published by Oxford University Press). He was also the recipient of the 2016 Educator of the Year Award from the Southern Criminal Justice Association. In addition, he continued to serve the Department in his administrative roles as Associate Chair and Undergraduate Director.

Max Bromley continued to administer and teach in the MA in Criminal Justice Administration (MACJA) Program as well as teach undergraduate policing courses. During the Fall and Spring semesters, Dr. Bromley advises and mentors 40-50 active MACJA students. To date, 222 students have graduated from the MACJA program representing 63 agencies. 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. Rachel Severson, a doctoral student who works with the MACJA program, analyzed career-related data collected from students who have graduated from the MACJA program. Findings were presented by Dr. Bromley and Rachel at the annual SCJA meeting. Dr. Nick Perez, Dr. John Cochran, and Dr. Bromley co-authored an article on the commitment of Sheriff’s deputies to community-oriented policing.

Scot Boeringer completed his tenth year of full-time employment with USF in August of 2016. He ended up “celebrating” the banner year by teaching more courses during a calendar year than he ever had before (12, counting an independent study). His regular courses include several “flavors” of the Senior Seminar course including one focused on homicide and another dealing primarily with drugs and society. The other course he commonly teaches is Research Methods, but he also teaches the Patterns of Criminal Behavior course and Drugs and Crime on occasion as well. This year was especially busy, as Dr. Boeringer applied for and was awarded a semester of University Professional Development Leave (equivalent to a sabbatical for faculty with tenure). He will use this time to redevelop his most commonly taught courses to “flip” them, freeing many classes for enrichment and knowledge development activities, and enhancing his online offerings with a full complement of multimedia lectures and an expanded set of educational and evaluation tools. He plans not only to implement these changes in his own courses, but the documentation he creates regarding course activities and projects will be made freely available to the grad students in Criminology, to provide them with a set of premade course projects, activities, and discussions they can use, adapt, and change for their own beginning solo courses.

Lyndsay Boggess is currently working on a series of research projects with Ráchael Powers looking at the influence of neighborhood factors on male versus female offending and victimization by race and ethnicity. Her paper, “Relative difference and burglary location: Can ecological characteristics of a burglar's home neighborhood predict offense location?”, was published in the *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, and several manuscripts that were accepted in previous years finally came out in print in *Justice Quarterly*, *Crime & Delinquency*, and the *Journal of Crime and Justice*. She presented her work on the spatial distribution of economic investment, race, and crime (with Tom Stucky) at the Midwest Criminal Justice Association, and a project examining the influence on low-budget extended stay motels on crime (with graduate student Julie Krupa) at ASC; she also chaired the 2016 Mentor Award Committee for ASC.

Ojmarrh Mitchell continues to serve as Graduate Director for the Department. He was a co-author on the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services’ 2016 investigation of racial profiling allegations against the Tampa Police Department. He also served as Panel Chair for NIJ’s Standing Review Panel on Institutional Corrections/Policing research. Dr. Mitchell also continued to serve on the Office of Justice Programs, Science Advisory Board. He had several manuscripts accepted for publication or published in 2016.

Nayab Hakim continues to teach courses within the department. She taught live and online sections of Survey of Criminal Justice Systems, Theories of Criminal Behavior, and Senior Seminar on Corrections. Nayab traveled to Pakistan (December 2016) to continue working on her “honor killings” research project. She also continued her research surrounding domestic violence among south Asian-American communities. Nayab regularly presents her research at the American Society of Criminology and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. She is looking forward to her upcoming presentation at ACJS (March 2017) titled, “Honor or General Deterrence: The Real Motive Behind Honor Killings.” Nayab is working on the final stages of her dissertation (Indiana University of Pennsylvania) and plans to defend in April 2017.

John K. Cochran was the 2016 winner of the ACJS William L. Simon/Routledge Outstanding Paper award. He published four articles at *Justice Quarterly*, *Policing*, *Women & Criminal Justice*, and the *International Journal of Offender Therapy & Comparative Criminology*. He directed/co-directed successful defenses of three dissertations and six theses. Finally, he served on five departmental and two college committees.

Rick Moule joined the Department of Criminology in 2016 after completing his dissertation at Arizona State University. Under his USF affiliation, he has co-authored two articles on the contribution of the Internet and new technologies to street violence (in *Crime, Law and Social Change*, with S. H. Decker and D. C. Pyrooz) and situational factors influencing individual perceptions of disrespect (in *Social Science Research*, with D. Wallace). He is currently in the process of initiating two research projects with his new colleagues at USF. The first project, with Dr. Bryanna Fox, examines citizen perceptions of police militarization. The second project, with Dr. Ráchael Powers, examines individuals’ willingness to intervene in problematic social situations.

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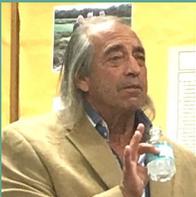
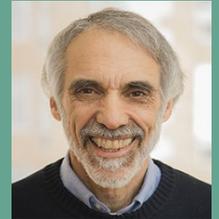
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Criminology Summer Experience 2016

In June, the Department of Criminology hosted a one week no-cost immersion into the criminal justice system for high school students from 10 Hillsborough County high schools including the Law & Criminal Justice Academy at Jefferson High School. The program was developed and designed by USF Department of Criminology faculty member, Elizabeth Cass and former assistant state attorney, Felix Vega. Police officers, prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges all volunteered their time to bring the material to life.

Utilizing a mock traffic homicide investigation, students learned how a case proceeds from investigation to arrest and ultimately makes its way before a judge and jury. The week began at the Tampa Police Department’s Training facility where students had the opportunity to study a crash scene, learn about traffic accident investigations, participate in field sobriety tests, and drive the simulated impaired driving cart. The day was spectacularly topped off with a simulated car chase/hostage taking /SWAT team demonstration by the Tampa Police Department. Later in the week, students had the opportunity to discuss policing on a college campus with USF police officers, took part in a jury selection exercise, and watched closing arguments from assistant state attorney, Chris Castillo and private defense attorney Kim Seace. The week ended in the courtroom of Judge Lisa Campbell who gave the “jurors” jury instructions before bailiffs lead them to the jury room for deliberations.

The goal of the summer program was to encourage students’ interest in attending college and pursuing careers in the field of criminal justice as well as provide students with the opportunity to interact with criminal justice professionals and develop first hand impressions of the criminal justice system. A student who thanked us for “restoring my faith in the police this week” gave us hope that we accomplished that.





The Last Word:

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When I was in graduate school in the late 1990s, it was clear offenders were finding novel ways to use computers. But most social scientists at that time thought of cybercrime, especially hacking, as a kind of white-collar crime by the middle class or traditional crime using a computer. However, as the Internet grew and cybercrime incidents soared, it did not appear to behave as traditional criminal behavior like burglary or larceny.

My interest in cybercrime developed from my days as a state fraud investigator. I noticed that analog frauds were going digital: the ever-suffering Nigerian Prince was switching from mailed letters to e-mail and the endless advanced fee loan scams, timeshare offers, and other too-good-to-be-true swindles began spamming inboxes.

Today the impact of cybercrime is widespread touching on various acts such as intellectual theft, terrorism, and espionage. Yet despite the growing public and private interest in preventing cybercrime, our knowledge about its etiology remains limited. And this is despite the vast data generated by computing devices, which is tailor made for big data analytic techniques. Before getting into that, let me define what I mean by cybercrime.

There is no official violation of the law known as a cybercrime. You cannot today be accused of or arrested for committing cybercrime. It is a catchall term that includes behaviors such as cyberbullying, cyberstalking, hacking, launching denial of service attacks, distributing malware, phishing, or owning or trading in digital child pornography. Originally, the word "cyber" referred to the integration of humans and machines. Now it refers to integrating computing devices for a particular purpose such as cyberwarfare. Cyberbullying, for example, implies bullying done through connected computing devices.

When criminologists refer to cybercrime they mean behavior that uses technology or cyberspace to facilitate acts of crime or deviance (Wall, 2007). Note this moves us beyond computers and includes the concept cyberspace, which includes the Internet, cellular connections, and cloud-based computing. This definition also moves us beyond criminal violations into the more general category of deviance or violations of normative behavior. Thus cyberbullying need not be unlawful nor the bully arrested for it to be counted as a cybercrime.

To date, most criminological research into cybercrime, including my own, has focused on whether motivations behave like those in traditional or white-collar crime. Some researchers have suggested cybercrime challenges our accepted views of victimology (Yar, 2005). For example, hacking into computers or cloud-based accounts can occur long after initial contact and from anywhere around the globe. The focus on temporal and spatial intersection of victim and offender therefore may no longer make sense. Some research suggests, however, that hacking is bound by geography (Maimon, 2015). My own research finds country-level factors (like gross domestic product, rate of Internet use, and level of political freedom) can be predictive of malware victimization (Holt, Burruss, and Bossler, in press) and malware production (Burruss, Holt, and

Bossler, 2013). Another area of interest to criminologists is how law enforcement, government, and businesses respond to the growing cybercrime problem. For example, while local police experience more incidents of cybercrime victimization, resources to help make an arrest or deter such crimes are limited (Holt, Burruss, and Bossler, 2015), though efforts to identify and arrest those involved in Internet crimes against children remain effective.

As I mentioned above, we should at this point know more academically about the distribution, victimization, means, and motivations for various kinds of cybercrime given the amount of data generated by online activities. Traditional crimes have three prominent measurement points: the Uniform Crime Reports, the National Incident-Based Reporting System, and the National Crime Victimization Survey. None of these, however, provide any real insight into cybercrime. The only current effort to count cybercrime is done by the Internet Crime Complaint Center, operated by the FBI. These data are victim driven and we know victims, especially of fraud, are reluctant to contact law enforcement. Thus while useful, these data are limited. Beyond official crime data, social media sites, Internet providers, and other private entities collect vast data on our online activities. Yet this information is seldom available to criminologists.

Despite these limitations to researching cybercrime, there is a growing effort within academia to investigate the problem from a multidisciplinary approach. The Florida Center for Cybersecurity (FC²), housed at USF, is one such effort. The FC² brings together scholars from various departments to study the problem of cybercrime. The promise of this multidisciplinary research effort is what brought me to USF this past Fall. I hope that by teaching cybersecurity students about criminology they will appreciate the need for behavioral explanations for offender motivation. As these students become industry leaders, they will hopefully work with researchers. But learning goes both ways as the students in my cybercrime class have taught me much about the technical means to commit cybercrime. This effort should pay off in better research opportunities.

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