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Editor's Note:

Dr. Michael Leiber
Professor & Department Chair

Welcome....

... to our eighth annual edition of the Department of Criminology Newsletter! 2017 was an exciting year. The Department experienced another productive year with publications, grant productivity, recognitions, and more. Faculty have forthcoming or published over 60 articles with many of these appearing in such outlets as *Justice Quarterly*, *Criminal Justice & Behavior*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, and *Crime & Delinquency*. In a recent article, the Department of Criminology was ranked 8th in total publications and 2nd when proportioned by the number of faculty. Detailed further in the newsletter, Dr. Dembo, Dr. Fridell, Dr. Powers and Dr. Cochran are working on funded projects while Dr. Fox received recognition for her work. Congratulations to all!

This past summer, we **conferred our 50th doctorate degree**. We are proud of our alumni and the work they are doing to advance the field of criminology and criminal justice. 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. Over 30 people from the Department presented at the American Society of Criminology meeting in Philadelphia. The Department of Criminology continues to house two refereed journals. Dr. Mike Leiber is the editor of the *Journal of Crime & Justice* (Maude Beaudry-Cyr is the assistant managing editor), and Dr. Lorie Fridell is a co-editor of *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management* (Christopher Marier is the assistant managing editor). In the spring of 2018, we held our sixth annual "**Wall of Fame**" ceremony to acknowledge the contributions of our alumni to academia and/or the community. In cooperation with the Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI) and the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, **a community symposium was held on the "The Intersections Between the Mental Health and Criminal Justice Systems."** Over 250 people attended. As part of **our Department Research Series**, Dr. Jacinta Gau (University of Central Florida), Dr. Mitch Chamlin (Texas State University), and Thomas Stucky (Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis) presented their research.

Dr. Wesley Jennings left our department and became a Full Professor and Graduate Director at Texas State University. We thank him for his hard work and commitment to our Department. We wish him the best and we know he will be successful in his new position. Ms. Ciera White, Academic Program Specialist, Jessica McCarty and Amber Oderinde – both Academic Advisors – also left us in 2017. While we are appreciative and grateful for their work and we will miss them, we are also happy to welcome USF alumna, Karine Rodrigues as our Academic Program Specialist and Sharon Loschiavo and Sandra Jones as Academic Advisors. The Department has also recently **hired two new Assistant Professors**, Chae Jaynes (University of Maryland) and Yunmei (Iris) Lu (Penn State University) who will join us in the Fall of 2018. Welcome to all!

Dr. Ojmarrh Mitchell stepped down as Graduate Director. The Department is very grateful for his hard work and accomplishments in improving and diversifying the graduate program. Dr. Ráchael Powers has taken over this position so the graduate program will continue to be in good hands. Dr. Powers was also promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. Congratulations!

Ms. Joni Bernbaum continues to teach and run the **department's internship program**. We continue to attract students both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. We have over 800 undergraduate majors and more than 40 graduate students. The Department also houses the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration (MACJA) program which is a specialized area of study specifically designed for practitioners with an emphasis on administration and management within the criminal justice system.

The coordinator of the **MACJA program** is Dr. Max Bromley (mbromley@usf.edu); the **undergraduate director**, Andrew Franz (af Franz@usf.edu); and the **graduate director** is Dr. Ráchael Powers (powersr@usf.edu). The Department has also developed an **Online MS degree in Cyber-Crime** with Dr. LeGrande Gardner as the director (gardnerl@usf.edu).

FACULTY IN FOCUS:

Dr. Bryanna Fox

Bryanna Fox, Assistant Professor, first joined the USF Criminology Department in 2013. She has a background in criminology and psychology, with a Bachelor's degree from Penn State University and PhD from the University of Cambridge in England. While her academic and professional career has taken many unexpected and interesting turns, Dr. Fox says she always knew she wanted to work in the field of criminology and criminal justice. Like many of her students, Dr. Fox's interest in the field stemmed from her favorite TV show (the original Law & Order with ADA Jack McCoy). In fact, as an

undergraduate student Dr. Fox planned to attend law school and pursue a career in the criminal justice system. That is, until she began conducting her honors thesis research with Professor Jeffrey Ulmer at Penn State. Dr. Fox can still recall attending her first American Society of Criminology (ASC) conference, where Dr. Ulmer convinced her to present her thesis results, and realizing that the field of Criminology was filled with a lot of unexpectedly cool and exciting research (and really great people).

Dr. Fox went on to earn her doctorate at the University of Cambridge, where she studied a new statistical approach to offender profiling, and the use of experimental methods to evaluate policing programs in the field. Through the guidance of Professor David P. Farrington, whom Dr. Fox is eternally grateful to for taking her on and mentoring (a lot!) during her years in Cambridge, she was able to develop the first scientific and field-tested profile for police to use in unsolved investigations. Results of an experimental evaluation of the new profiles showed that one year after the agency implemented the technique in their investigations, their arrest rates increased by over 300%. In recognition of this work, Dr. Fox was named the 2014 recipient of the Excellence in Law Enforcement Research Award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the largest and most prestigious group of law enforcement executives in the world. She was also awarded the 2014 Nigel Walker Outstanding PhD Award from Cambridge University for her development and experimental evaluation of offender



profiles in active police investigations, and the 2017 ASC Division of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology (DLC) Early Career Award for her significant contributions to the field.

In 2015, Dr. Fox accepted an offer to become a Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). After successfully completing dozens of tests, try-outs, interviews, and more push-ups than she ever cares to remember, she was sworn in as an FBI Special Agent and assigned to work transnational organized crime and narcotics in the Las Vegas Field Office. After spending over a year in the field (feel free to ask her more over a pint of Yuengling), Dr. Fox returned to the Criminology Department at USF in 2016 with a lot of valuable experience, and a renewed enthusiasm for her research, students, fantastic colleagues and collaborators.

Today, Dr. Fox is committed to her research on the key predictors of criminal behavior, and how this knowledge can be used to form effective prevention strategies and help police identify offenders when crimes occur. She is highly active in DLC research, and works closely with over a dozen law enforcement and government agencies in the Tampa Bay region. Dr. Fox also works with dozens of USF students, serves as Director of the SPRUCE research lab, is Faculty Advisor to the Criminology Club undergraduate student organization, and has served as committee member or chair of over 20 undergraduate and graduate research projects. Her scholarly work at USF has also been featured in local and national outlets including CNN, CBS News, NBC's The Today Show, The New York Times, Washington Post, USA Today, NPR, BBC (UK), Tampa Bay Times, ABC Action News, Bay News 9, News Channel 8, USF Magazine, and more.

In her free time, Dr. Fox can be found hanging out with her husband Matt and their friends in Seminole Heights, listening to her collection of classic rock and blues records, watching old episodes of Always Sunny in Philadelphia or Curb Your Enthusiasm (two of her new favorite shows), or most likely, playing with her two *adorable* dogs Daisy and Bear Grylls.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Rhissa Briones-Robinson

Doctoral Student



Rhissa Briones-Robinson is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Criminology. Her current research focuses primarily on racial/ethnic differences and crime across the life course, with additional interests extending to issues in juvenile justice and violent victimization. Rhissa earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Sociology from Virginia Tech, and her Master of Arts in Criminology from the University of South Florida.

While in pursuit of her graduate degrees, Rhissa gained vast research experience while serving as an assistant on National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) funded projects with Dr. Richard Dembo, and on a National Institute of Justice (NIJ) funded project with Dr. Ráchael Powers. The bulk of her research experience developed under the mentorship of Dr. Dembo, and centered on two NIDA studies that examined the effectiveness of brief interventions among drug-abusing, at-risk youth. The overall findings from these studies suggest that, although they are brief, such treatment strategies produce favorable outcomes among youth participants with demonstrated reductions in substance use and with a “spillover” impact on sexual risk-taking behaviors. Across the U.S and internationally, Rhissa’s assistance on co-authored publications have appeared in the *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse*, *Journal of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders*, and have led to dozens of academic presentations.

More recently, Rhissa assisted Dr. Powers with managing several years of National Crime Victimization Survey Data in order to examine factors related to bias-motivated victimizations. A manuscript developed from this study has been presented at an annual American Society of Criminology conference and appears in *Criminal Justice and Behavior*.

This research experience informs her teaching. Rhissa has taught several sections of undergraduate *Research Methods in Criminal Justice*, as well as introductory statistics courses including *Social Science Statistics* and *Crime Stats*. In the current semester, she is teaching *Domestic Violence* and a senior seminar course, *Juvenile Justice*, which overlap with her research interests. As an enthusiastic instructor, Rhissa imparts to her students the significance of research and knowledge-building in the social sciences. In spite of the rigorous nature of the undergraduate methodology and analyses courses, she reminds them that “how we know is just as important as what we know.”

Under the guidance of Dr. Michael Leiber, Rhissa will defend her dissertation in Spring 2018: *The Impact of a Religious/Spiritual Turning Point on Desistance: A Lifecourse Assessment of Racial and Ethnic Differences*. In this study, multilevel mixed effects models are employed to estimate over time the separate impact of religious behavior and beliefs on deviant conduct, to further assess a religious turning point effect across subgroups disaggregated by race/ethnicity, and to evaluate the influence of religiosity on change from deviant outcomes characterized as violations of secular and ascetic standards.

Rhissa considers herself an epicurean “foodie,” and enjoys sampling the multicultural culinary influences characteristic to Florida. This love for food also extends to cooking and baking sweet treats for friends and family. She is also a long-time movie buff. Her favorite movie genre includes, of course, crime thrillers such as *The Usual Suspects*, *Heat*, *The Departed*, and *Goodfellas*.

Student Spotlight

Taylor Shreve

Masters Student



Taylor Shreve graduated early from the University of South Florida in 2016 with a Bachelor's degree in Criminology and a minor in Political Science. She is currently a second year Master's student planning to graduate in May of 2018. Taylor has worked as a directed research student with Dr. Michael Leiber focusing on racial disparities in court outcomes and sentencing.

Taylor's area of research focuses on racial/ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system, in addition to objective decision-making and juvenile justice court outcomes. Her thesis will examine the relationship between race/ethnicity and risk assessment scoring within the state of Florida using the Positive Achievement Chance Tool (PACT). Dr. Michael Leiber chairs her thesis committee, along with Dr. Ráchael Powers, Dr. George Burruss, and outside committee member, and USF Alumna, Dr. Jennifer

Peck from UCF. After graduation, Taylor plans to pursue a PhD in Criminology and hopes to someday teach at a university in addition to working alongside policy makers.

Taylor is from Bradenton, Florida and enjoys spending weekends with her parents and family. She has a two year old Boston Terrier named Winston who enjoys walking on campus among his fellow Bulls. Taylor is very appreciative for the relationships she has made amongst those within the program and enjoys working in the Bullpen with her colleagues.



Congratulations 2017 Graduates!



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Krista Brewer

Lauren Miley

Abigail Wik

Elsbeth Heiess-Moses

Jordyn Rad

Victoria Iannuzzi

Jessica Trapassi

PhD

Jeanis, Michelle. *“Chronic runaway youth: A gender-based analysis.”* Chaired by Drs. Ráchael Powers and Michael Leiber, June 2017, University of South Florida

Song, Hyojong. *“An exploratory study of macro-social correlates of online property crime.”* Chaired by Drs. John Cochran and Michael J. Lynch, June 2017, University of South Florida

Toman, Elisa. *“Female incarceration and prison social order: An examination of gender differences in prison misconduct and in-prison punishment.”* Chaired by Joshua C. Cochran and John K. Cochran, June 2017, University of South Florida

Featured Alumni: *Dr. Melissa Jarrell*

Melissa L. Jarrell is Professor of Criminal Justice and Chair of the Department of Undergraduate Studies (DUGS) at Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi (TAMUCC). As Chair, Dr. Jarrell oversees the First-Year Learning Community Program, the Honors Program, the Applied Science degree programs, University Studies and the University Preparatory High School program as well as academic advising and new student orientation. Dr. Jarrell works closely with her DUGS colleagues and various academic units to help improve retention rates at TAMUCC and is currently leading the Destination Graduation pilot program, which provides advising and mentoring support for first-year students in seminar courses.



Dr. Jarrell earned a B.A. in Anthropology from Eckerd College and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Criminology from the University of South Florida in 2005. Her research interests include green criminology, environmental justice, and environmental victimization. Dr. Jarrell has published articles in journals such as *Crime, Law and Social Change*, *Environmental Justice*, *Environmental Politics*, and *Review of Policy Research*. In 2017, she received the Praxis Award from the American Society of Criminology Division on Critical Criminology and Social Justice for her work to reduce social and environmental injustice in Corpus Christi.

Featured Alumni: *Major Lee Bercaw*



Lee Bercaw is a Major at the Tampa Police Department. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminology and a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration from USF. He is an active member of the Tampa Bay Area Police Chiefs Association and serves as the secretary treasurer for their newly established Education and Research Foundation.

During his 20 years as an officer, he has become known for his proactive crime reduction initiatives and managing large scale events in security and transportation for the Super Bowl, Republican National Convention, IFFA, Gasparilla and the College Football National Championship. He partnered with the VM Ybor community, members of his MACJA Cohort and authored a Prostitution Exclusion Zone Program, which reduced crime and improved the quality of life along Nebraska Avenue. He established the department's Professional Standards Bureau and launched the Quality Assurance program, which improved the department's best practices through audits and training. Under his direction, the department achieved their accreditation.

Major Bercaw also teaches law enforcement officers to be certified field trainers. He conducted extensive research on training newly promoted police supervisors and maintains a close working relationship with USF through guest lecturing, research projects, and grant partnerships.

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 two journal articles published or accepted for publication in the *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice* and the *Annual Review of Clinical Psychology*. He presented at the American Society of Criminology conference in the fall and will be presenting at the Western Society of Criminology conference in the spring. In addition to his current appointment, he is working as an evaluator for a Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) grant aimed at strengthening relationships between the Long Beach Police Department and members of the Long Beach community. He currently teaches courses on policing, criminological theory, and juvenile delinquency at CSULB. He spends his free time traveling the west coast with his wife, Christina, and dog, Ghost.

Amy Eggers is a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Tampa. She is currently teaching four sections of Introduction to Criminology. She presented a paper on the effect of victimization on changes in marital status at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference. Over the past summer, she visited Las Vegas and Park City with her immediate family.

Jennifer H. Peck is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Central Florida. In 2017, she had the edited book *Contemporary Issues of Race/Ethnicity, Offending Behavior, and Justice Responses* and four articles accepted for publication in *Crime & Delinquency*, *Race and Justice: An International Journal*, *Women & Criminal Justice*, and *Journal of Child & Adolescent Substance Abuse*. She transitioned to Past President of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA) and presented at national and regional conferences. Jen currently works with Pennsylvania’s Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission to examine interactive effects of a juvenile’s race and gender on the decision to waive cases from juvenile court jurisdiction to adult court, and continues to consult on a NIJ grant which focuses on school climate and safety in Brevard Public schools. She teaches the doctoral course “Prosecuting Juvenile Offenders” and undergraduate course “Data Analysis for Criminal Justice.”

Kathryn “Kayte” Branch is Chair and an Associate Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at University of Tampa. In the spring 2018 semester, she was promoted to Full Professor beginning in the 2018-2019 academic year. In the last year, she published on revenge porn, college campus responses to sexual assault, same sex intimate partner violence, and cyberharassment of women. She also served as a committee member for a doctoral dissertation. She is currently teaching a course on Victimology and another on race, class, gender and crime. She loves going on adventures, is a proud mom of her son Zachary (who is now 22), is an avid trail runner and plans to run the JFK 50 miler in November 2018, and is involved on the Race Committee of Girls on the Run Tampa Bay.

Wyatt Brown is a Clinical Assistant Professor at Sam Houston State University where he serves as the Director of the Master of Science in Criminal Justice Program. In the last year he had an article accepted for publication on policing perceptions at *Deviant Behavior*. Shortly after he relocated to Houston, TX, hurricane Harvey devastated the area. Dr. Brown assisted in the disaster relief effort by volunteering with local philanthropic organizations as well as the Red Cross and the American Humane Society.

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. He currently serves as a member of his department’s Graduate Committee as well as his college’s Academic Council. In 2017, as a Co-PI, he received a grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to conduct research on a focused deterrence initiative in Rockford, IL. Dr. Donner’s current research agenda is focused in American policing with a specific interest in police integrity and misconduct. In 2017, 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 Philadelphia. In 2017, his research was published (or was accepted for publication) in *Policing, the Journal of Criminal Justice, Police Practice & Research*, and *Police Quarterly*. Dr. Donner and his wife, Maggie, enjoy traveling, bingeing shows on Netflix, running in 5Ks, sightseeing in their home city of Chicago, and spending time with their dog, Layla.

Heng Choon (Oliver) Chan is an Associate Professor of Criminology, Major Leader of the undergraduate criminology program, and Criminology Stream Leader of the postgraduate applied social sciences program at Department of Applied Social Sciences, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. In 2017, he was granted an early substantiation of appointment (tenured) and promotion to Associate Professor. Also in this year, Oliver was awarded *The President's Award* and *College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences New Researcher Award* by City University of Hong Kong to recognize his exemplary contributions to research and professional education that have helped the University and College to achieve local and global distinction. Oliver's co-edited volume on the psycho-criminological perspective of criminal justice in Asia was published with Routledge early this year, with five co-authored chapters. Besides, he also published 9 SSCI- and SCI-indexed journal articles (i.e., six in print and three in advance online publication), and 3 other book chapters. Oliver has presented at the annual conference of British Society of Criminology in Sheffield, England, and the annual conference of the Asia Pacific Association of Threat Assessment Professionals in Singapore. In the latter part of 2017, he used a part of his sabbatical leave to attach to the Division of Psychology at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, and the other part to complete his upcoming sole-authored monograph draft on sexual homicide. He has also delivered a number of local and regional invited and keynote presentations this year. As before, Oliver continued to service the profession and the community on different roles.

Brian Sellers is an Assistant Professor of Criminology & Criminal Justice at Eastern Michigan University. In the past year, he published 3 articles in the *Journal of Forensic Psychology Research and Practice*; *Contemporary Justice Review: Issues in Criminal, Social, and Restorative Justice*; and *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology*. He also published a book chapter in the edited volume entitled, *Technocrime and Criminological Theory*. Additionally, Brian presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference in Philadelphia. Brian is currently the Graduate Coordinator for the Master's Program in Criminology & Criminal Justice at EMU and he joined the editorial board for the journal *Partner Abuse*. In 2017, he also served on a thesis committee that was successfully completed and is currently chairing 5 thesis committees in progress. Brian continues to volunteer with the DRC at the 14A District Courthouse and with FORJ, which is a local community group focused on promoting social justice. Brian and Kim Sellers are currently raising their 9-month-old daughter, Addison.

Elisa L. Toman is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at Sam Houston State University (SHSU). In 2017, she has published (or was accepted for publication) in multiple top tier journals, including *Justice Quarterly*, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, and *Criminal Justice and Behavior*. Dr. Toman also presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting and received the Simon/Routledge Outstanding Paper Award at the 2017 annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. At SHSU, she teaches courses on the correctional system and criminological theory, oversees several undergraduate and graduate research projects, and serves on a doctoral dissertation committee. In her free time, Dr. Toman enjoys spending time with her husband and their three dogs. She is also an avid runner.

Denise Paquette Boots is in her 12th year at the University of Texas at Dallas and serves as the Program Head (Chair) and Associate Professor of Criminology. Her research over the past year includes the 3rd annual City of Dallas Domestic Violence Taskforce report, an article with USF alumna Shelly Wagers and Jennifer Wareham on domestic violence in the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, and a publication on death penalty public opinion in the *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*. Her service includes serving on the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Executive Board, as a faculty Honors Affiliate to the Honors College at UTD, on the editorial board of *Violence Against Women*, and she just completed her second term as the Senior Executive Counselor for the Division of Women & Crime within the ASC. In her free time, Denise enjoys traveling the world with her husband Barry (who works for Southwest Airlines), taking in live music and festivals throughout Dallas, and quality time with her kids, family, and friends.

Jason Dobrow is in his second year as the School Counselor at Academy at the Lakes, a Prek3-12th grade independent school in Land O' Lakes, Florida. He recently published an encyclopedia entry on Mental Illness and Competency in the *Encyclopedia of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency*. He spends the majority of his free time attending the birthday parties and various social activities of he and his wife Jacqui's two year old daughter Leila.

Eugena M. Givens is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU). She also serves as the undergraduate internship coordinator, responsible for placing 150 students at various criminal justice, social service, and nonprofit agencies throughout Connecticut. In 2017 Dr. Givens was selected as the Research Partner for a Bureau of Justice Assistance Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Grant that focuses on place-based crime reduction in Hartford, CT. She also worked with the Connecticut Judicial Marshals on an effort to update their promotional exams. She has been the recipient of multiple internal research grants as well. Her research focuses on developmental/life-course theories and risk/protective factors associated with trajectories of offending. Her recent publications may be found in the *Journal of Youth and Adolescence & Psychology, Public Policy, & Law*. She has also presented at both national criminological conferences. At present, she teaches statistics, research methods, and criminological theory within the graduate program. She has served as chair on seven Masters theses. Additionally, she teaches a course on Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System within the undergraduate program. In 2017, Dr. Givens was acknowledged as a runner-up for the CCSU Excellence in Teaching award.

Lane Kirkland Gillespie is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice in the School of Public Service at Boise State University where she teaches undergraduate research methods, as well as graduate and undergraduate courses on victimization, gender and crime, and rural crime. Lane continues to engage in research examining issues relating to intimate partner violence and gender and crime; her recent work can be found in *Feminist Criminology, Violence Against Women, and in Sage Research Methods Cases*. In 2017 she served as President of the Western Association of Criminal Justice (WACJ), and continues to serve on the Idaho Rural Community Collaborative for Underserved Youth Victims of Sexual Assault and Dating Violence. Outside of work, Lane and her husband, Thomas, spend their time chasing after their three-year-old twins.

Laura Gulledge is an Assistant Professor in the School of Criminal Justice at The University of Southern Mississippi. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Criminology from the University of Florida. She also holds a Master of Arts and Ph.D. in Criminology from the University of South Florida. Dr. Gulledge’s research has appeared in various journals including *Criminal Justice & Behavior, Deviant Behavior, Journal of Crime and Justice, Criminal Justice Policy Review, Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse, and Journal of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders*. She frequently presents her research at ASC and ACJS. She also serves on the Office of the Provost’s Online Learning Steering Committee and participates in professional development training related to improving online teaching and the effectiveness of the online learning environment. Currently, Dr. Gulledge is teaching courses on juvenile justice, juvenile corrections, and juvenile law. Last year, she was nominated for the College of Science and Technology Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award.

Hyojong Song is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. In the past year, he taught a course on statistical applications in criminal justice and another on juvenile delinquency. He published an article that appeared in *Journal of Child and Family Studies* and presented a paper at the annual meeting of American Society of Criminology in Philadelphia, PA. He has been serving as an assistant editor of *The Korean Criminologists*, the official newsletter of the Korean Society of Criminology in America (KOSCA).

Tara N. Richards is an Associate Professor in the School of Criminal Justice at the University of Baltimore. Her research and teaching focuses on gender-based violence. Her most recent published work can be found in *Child Abuse & Neglect* and two special editions on campus sexual assault in *Journal of School Violence* and *Family Relations*. Richards currently serves as Co-Investigator on two DOJ-funded studies that examine domestic violence offender treatment content and offender outcomes. She also served as the closing keynote speaker at the University of Kentucky’s Center for Research on Violence Against Women’s (CRVAW) Campus Responses to Sexual Misconduct: Pausing to Consider the Implications. Richards will join the faculty in the School of Criminal Justice and Criminology at the University of Nebraska Omaha in Fall 2018.

Wall of Fame

INDUCTION ♦ CEREMONY

Ceremony - March 2nd, 2018

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

INDUCTEES

Outstanding Criminology Ambassadors



Michelle Jeanis



Jihad Nassar



Jeffrey Peake



Jessica Trapassi

Distinguished Alumni



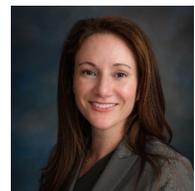
Melissa Jarrell



Deborah McDonald



Don Nelson



Susie Perez Quinn

Additional information, details and photos, go to:

<http://usfcrimwalloffame.cbcs.usf.edu/>

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, 240 students have graduated from the program. These students represent 65 different criminal justice agencies located throughout the Tampa Bay area. A “Capstone Project” is developed over the five semesters of coursework that is designed to propose a solution to a problem in the student’s current agency that could potentially be implemented. From 2014-2017 at least 70 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.

Since its inception in August 2006, 240 students have graduated with an average cohort enrollment of 22. Twenty one more students are on schedule to graduate Spring 2018.

Sixty five 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).

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

Demographic characteristics of MACJA graduates include: 53% female, 47% male; 69% White non-Hispanic, 31% minority; age range 22-60; average 7 years since completion of their bachelor’s degree; student’s level within their agencies: 53% entry, 34% mid, 6% upper level.



MACJA Program Scholarship Winners and Donors (Left to Right): Manley Jaquiss (Donor) Monica Martinez (Juvenile Diversion) Chief Robert Vincent (Donor) Stephanie Thackery (Pinellas County Courts) Dr. Carl Hawkins (Donor) Wakesha Phidd (DJJ) Dr. Leonard Territo (Donor) Bonnie Bush (St. Pete PD) and Dr. Max Bromley.



MACJA Cohort 11 Graduates

John Andrews
Danalessa Borden
Jamie Brown
Merissa Clark
Khalilah Daniels
Tricia Elliott
Daniel Fabiano
Michael Forest
Tanzania Grant
Andre Grubaugh
Guy Habercom

Anthony Hellstern
Jared Hendry
Christa McNeil
Peter Medved
James Nassiri
Isaiah Roberts
Nancy Sulinski
Shelley Turner
Charis Ward
Benjamin Whetstone

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 the annual departmental research symposium, addressing student concerns, recruiting, enhancing communication between faculty and students, and assisting with orientation of incoming graduate students. The current CGSO officers include Rachel Severson (President), Lauren Miley (Vice President), Catherine Law (Secretary), and Scott Allen (Treasurer).

CGSO 2017 Events:

- ◇ Annual CGSO Graduate Research Symposium
- ◇ Co-Sponsored Criminology Department Spring Picnic
- ◇ Sponsored Criminology Tailgate Event for USF Homecoming
- ◇ Navigating the Job Market Workshop
- ◇ Bake Sale Fundraisers



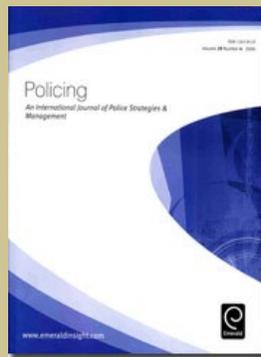
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Going Away Party for Dr. Wesley Jennings



Going Away Party for Ciera White & Amber Oderinde at the Faculty Retreat at Tampa Palms



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



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

Scott Allen is a second year doctoral student. He, along with Dr. Fox and Alex Toth, presented an evaluation entitled “An Experimental Evaluation of the Effects of the Violent Impact Player (VIP) List on Violent and Firearms Offenses in Tampa” at a Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative (CAGI) meeting held at the United States Attorney’s Office – Tampa, FL. He also presented a paper entitled “Legal Socialization and Selective Exposure to “Copwatching” Websites” with Dr. Moule (USF), Dr. Parry (University of Rhode Island) and Dr. Dario (Florida Atlantic University) at the 2017 ASC Annual meeting. Currently he serves as the Treasurer for the Criminology Graduate Student Organization. Additionally, he is working on a BJA grant with the Tampa Police Department, along with Dr. Powers and Dr. Cochran.

Rhissa Briones-Robinson is ABD, and under the direction of Dr. Michael Leiber, is preparing for a defense of her dissertation that involves a life course study of the impact of religious turning points on deviant outcomes across race/ethnicity. In this past year, Rhissa served as a research methods instructor at USF-St. Petersburg, and published “Juvenile Assessment Centers” an entry into *The Encyclopedia of Juvenile Delinquency and Justice*.

Cassandra Dodge is a second year doctoral student. She continues to serve as a graduate assistant to Dr. Fox while also presenting research at both the European Society of Criminology and the American Society of Criminology Annual Conferences. In 2017, she co-authored an article on the use of Bitcoin in darknet market crime which was published in the *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. A book chapter on digital piracy, co-written with Dr. Burruss, is forthcoming this spring. In addition to her course work in Criminology, Cassandra also completed a graduate certificate in digital forensics this fall. Cassandra is also one of two USF students selected to attend the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Doctoral Summit this February.

Averi Fegadel is a third year doctoral student. She presented a poster entitled “The Killing of Indigenous Environmental Activists: An Example of Green-State-Corporate Crime Intersections” with Dr. Lynch at ASC this past November and also presented a paper entitled “The Plight of the Sioux: A 21st Century Battle for Human Rights.” She is currently preparing for the comprehensive exams. Her research interests include Parricide and Family Annihilation, Human Rights and Victimization of Indigenous Native Peoples, Environmental/Green Criminology, and State/Corporate/Green Crime. Averi looks forward to starting her dissertation research this spring and teaching her first class in the summer.

Eva Fontaine is a first year doctoral student who is currently serving as a program assistant under Dr. Max Bromley for USF’s Masters in Criminal Justice Administration (MACJA) Program. She received her master’s degree from Boise State University where her thesis examined the relationship between perceptions of sex workers and acceptance of rape myths among college students. Eva presented a paper evaluating the Idaho Risk Assessment for Dangerousness, a risk assessment for use in cases of intimate partner violence in high gun ownership locations, at ASC. Her research interests include the mental illness-criminal justice nexus, sex work, criminalization of homelessness, and program and policy evaluation.

Junghwan Bae is a third year doctoral student. Last year, he presented a research paper entitled “The Cross-National Study on Causes of Corruption” at the annual ASC meeting. His current research interests include racial inequality in social/criminal justice and community context and crime. He is working as a teaching assistant for an undergraduate online course, Theories of Criminal Behavior.

Jordan Howell is a second year doctoral student who is working as a Graduate Assistant for Dr. Max Bromley. He recently received a graduate certificate in digital forensics to aid him in his research agenda (the study of cybercrime). Jordan presented his research at both the American Society of Criminology (ASC) conference and the European Society of Criminology (ESC) conference.

Alexandra Johnson is a first year doctoral student who returned to USF after she completed her Masters at the University of Colorado Denver. She is a university fellowship recipient and a Graduate Assistant to Dr. George Burruss, whom she is currently working on an encyclopedia entry about online survey methods. Her primary research interests include the application of criminological theory, and controversial issues within corrections and law enforcement.

Julie Krupa is a fourth year doctoral candidate pursuing interests in juvenile corrections, public health and juvenile justice, and juvenile risk behaviors. She continues to serve as a research assistant on JJ-TRIALS, a NIH/NIDA funded project aimed at reducing unmet substance abuse needs of youth. 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 two articles published in 2017, in *Substance Use & Misuse* and *Medical Research Archives*. A third publication was recently accepted for publication at the *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse*. She also presented at the ASC and ACJS conferences this past year. In addition, she served as an adjunct instructor, teaching courses on theory and juvenile justice. Julie plans to graduate in August 2018 after defending her dissertation examining the influence of individual and organizational characteristics on job satisfaction among juvenile probation officers.

Catherine Law is a second year doctoral student and is the first recipient of the 'US-UK Fulbright Postgraduate Award at The University of South Florida in honor of President Judy Genshaft'. She presented at the American Society of Criminology this year on the geographical disparities in capital sentencing decisions, and is working with Dr. Cochran, Dr. Mitchell, and her fellow colleagues to publish this research. She is also working with Dr. Fox on profiling types of aggression in juvenile offenders, and will be presenting this research at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences this spring. Also, this semester Catherine is assisting with teaching Dr. Cochran's undergraduate 'death penalty' class. Catherine is currently the Online Academic Coach for the Online Criminology BA program and the secretary for the Criminology Graduate Student Organization. Catherine's research interests are gender and racial disparities in the criminal justice system, incarceration, and intimate partner violence.

Jennifer Leili is a doctoral candidate interested in bystander intervention, violence against women and children, and cyber victimization. She currently is an adjunct instructor for Survey of Criminal Justice Systems and has taught an online course on domestic violence at USF. Her current research projects include her dissertation, which is an examination into college students' attitudes towards and willingness to intervene in situations involving in person and cyber violence. In 2017, Jennifer was the co-author on an evaluation of the BarTAB program, which was developed by Dr. Powers. Jennifer presented papers at ACJS and ASC in 2017.

Christopher J. Marier is the Managing Editor for *Policing: An International Journal* under journal Editors Dr. Lorie Fridell and Dr. Wesley Jennings. Having recently completed his comprehensive qualifying exams, he is now conducting dissertation research applying Donald Black's *The Behavior of Law* to cross-national variation in incarceration rates. In addition to his dissertation research, he is currently testing propositions of anomie theory with Dr. John K. Cochran and collaborating with Dr. Rick Moule on the role of public antipathy in the etiology of police culture. In the prior year, he has published journal articles with USF colleagues in *Race and Justice* and *Criminal Justice Studies* that examine the role of offender and victim characteristics in capital sentencing. He is an adjunct instructor at USF-Tampa and the State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota.

Sean Mcgarry is a first year doctoral student. He earned his Master's from the University of Massachusetts in 2011. His research interests include police legitimacy, negative coping mechanisms among police officers (including substance abuse, domestic violence and suicide), organizational justice and theory. He is currently working on a project with Dr. Moule regarding the public's perceptions of SWAT Team response. He is also involved in a long term data analysis with Dr. Eric Metchik, a Criminal Justice professor from Salem State University in Massachusetts.

Alex Toth is a third year doctoral student. He has submitted an article on a qualitative study on the deterrence effects of sporadic international drug operations for publication to the *International Journal of Drug Policy*. This study was accepted for presentation at the annual American Criminology Society meeting in Philadelphia. Additionally, he will be assisting Dr. Fox, and Scott Allen in a presentation at the American Criminal Justice Society annual meeting in New Orleans in February. Lastly, he took both of his comprehensive examinations during the fall semester.

Lauren Miley is a first year doctoral student. She currently works as a research assistant for Dr. Roger Peters providing technical assistance to the GFIT Forensic Diversion project in Hillsborough County, and to the Mental Health Court program in Florida's 13th Judicial Circuit. She presented her research on death-eligible mentally ill offenders at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) conference this year. Her research interest include mental illness and the criminal justice system, mental illness and crime, and psychopathy. She is active in the department, currently serving as the Vice President for the Criminology Graduate Student Organization and the Treasurer for the SPRUCE (Social and Psychological Research for Understanding Crime and its Etiology) lab.

Caitlyn Muniz is a fourth 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 will be defending her dissertation this spring, which examines victim help-seeking behavior by testing Black's Behavior of Law using the NCVS. In the past year, she has presented at the American Society of Criminology as well as for the Pasco County Sheriff's Office and the Hillsborough County Department of Children and Family Services. Furthermore, she is the lead research supervisor of SPRUCE Lab, which bridges undergraduate and graduate students' research. SPRUCE Lab is comprised of over twenty undergraduate and graduate students who are learning about various types of research and data collection. Caitlyn also serves as the student member of the scientific review committee.

Sarah Nobles is a first year doctoral student. She received her Masters in Forensic Psychology from George Washington University. She has begun looking at the impact of the HAC (Heinous, Atrocious, and Cruel) classification on death penalty cases with Dr. Cochran. Sarah has recently joined SPRUCE lab with Dr. Fox, where she is working with fellow students on a myriad of different projects. Her research interests include criminal psychopathy, mental illness in the criminal justice system, intimate-partner violence, offender profiling, and the biosocial approach.

Norair Khachatryan is a third year doctoral student. As an adjunct instructor, he taught an online course on serial killers during spring, summer, and fall semesters of 2017. He was a co-author on a paper published in the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, along with Dr. Heide, Dr. Cochran, and Dr. Cedric Michel. He worked on a paper that was recently accepted for publication in the *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, on which Dr. Powers was the main author. Norair and Dr. Powers also collaborated on a hate crime paper that was recently submitted for publication in *Policing and Society*. He worked on two papers for last year's ASC in Philadelphia, and he presented one of them. Norair is currently serving as a Teaching Assistant for Dr. Heide's undergraduate course on parricide and studying for the comprehensive exam on research methods.

Dustin Richardson is a first year doctoral student with an interest in police organization behavior and training as well as criminological theory. He completed his master's degree at Illinois State University. He presented a poster, based on his thesis, titled "Veterinarians and Their Perception of the Treatment of Animal Abuse Cases in the Criminal Justice System" at the ASC annual meeting in Philadelphia. Currently, he is working on tests of criminological theory that will be submitted for publication over the coming months.

Rachel Severson is a third year doctoral student pursuing her interests in mental health and corrections. She presented a paper entitled "Solitary Confinement in the United States: An Analysis of State Policies" at ASC with Dr. Ráchael Powers. 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, as well as mental illness/substance abuse and crime. She is currently conducting research with Dr. Powers on mental health issues in the corrections settings. Rachel is an active student in the department, currently serving as the President for the Criminology Graduate Student Organization as well as representing USF at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Doctoral Summit in the spring of 2017. Additionally, Rachel is teaching the Survey of Criminal Justice course for undergraduates this spring.

Melanie Valentin Rosa is a third year doctoral student whose current research agenda includes examining the developmental correlates of juvenile offending, methodology, and advanced statistical modeling. Currently, she has three manuscripts under review. In the past year, Melanie has presented two papers at the ASC annual conference. One examined age of onset for juvenile sex offenders through a developmental/life-course theoretical lens, while the other compared the utility and applicability of three widely used classification techniques: cluster analysis, multidimensional scaling, and latent class analysis. In addition to research, Melanie continues to hold a dual appointment, working as a TA for Dr. Moule and a statistics course within the Sociology department.

Leo Genco is a second year PhD student who aims to expand animal cruelty literature by integrating green criminological and common criminological theories. Currently, he is working on profiling animal cruelty offenders, analyzing county trends of wildlife violations, and understanding the political economy around the legal definition of animal cruelty. There is much to consider with his focus and he plans to encourage a new area of criminologists to focus on understanding animal cruelty as its own crime, instead of a gateway crime to future human violence. Recently, he presented his thesis at the American Society of Criminology about the relationship between the economic structure of states and animal legislation. His goal is to further his thesis to establish a more comprehensive analysis on how animal cruelty is legally defined and how that impacts our understanding of it.

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Alexandra Johnson	Zach Oliphant
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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 and other national experts.



DR. JOHN COCHRAN & DR. RACHAEL POWERS

Title: Sound the Alarm: Safe Streets, Safe Neighborhoods

Funding Agency: City of Tampa and the Tampa Police Department

Description: Bureau of Justice Assistance, Technology Innovation for Public Safety (TIPS) Addressing Precipitous Increases in Crime.



FACULTY AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS 2017



Dr. Bryanna Fox received the *2017 Early Career Award* from the American Society of Criminology's Division of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology. This award was given "for making a significant contribution to scholarly knowledge in developmental and life-course criminology during her early career."

Joni Bernbaum began her position as Internship Coordinator & Instructor during the Summer of 2016 and was hired in response to USF and the Department of Criminology accepting the Governor’s “Ready, Set, Work” Challenge. Since becoming Internship Coordinator, the department has had 204 students complete internships, representing over 44,000 hours of internship and experience and service to community agencies. Ms. Bernbaum has created a multi-media career platform in Canvas which includes career readiness resources, job openings & employment links, internship policies and procedures, and internship opportunities at approximately 100 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, Sexual Violence Senior Seminar, Survey of the Criminal Justice System, and Internship classes – Ms. Bernbaum renewed her Victim Services Practitioner Designation and Domestic Violence Counselor Certification.

Lyndsay Boggess continued her research with Ráchael Powers on looking neighborhood factors and sex-specific offending and victimization. Their first paper from this collaboration, “The impact of structural disadvantage on the gender-gap and sex-specific rates of nonlethal violent victimization,” was accepted at *Crime & Delinquency*. In 2017, Dr. Boggess’ paper, “Disentangling the reciprocal relationship between change in crime and racial/ethnic change,” was finally accepted at *Social Science Research* after a 16 month review process. Dr. Boggess presented at three conferences: American Sociological Association (ASA), SCJA, and ASC. She is on the program and membership committees for the Crime, Law, & Deviance section of ASA. In Fall 2017, Dr. Boggess chaired a successful search for two Assistant Professors, during which she took the candidates on river taxi rides down the Hillsborough River at sunset to show off the City of Tampa.

Elizabeth Cass continues to teach undergraduates and mentor graduate students. She enjoys teaching both Research Methods (which students don’t always look forward to taking) and Crime and Justice in America (which is one of the most popular courses at USF). She also finds facilitating graduate students’ success to be tremendously rewarding. She is working with *Safe and Sound Hillsborough*, a local violence prevention collaborative to offer the *Criminology Summer Experience* again this summer. This one week program for high school students uses a deadly car crash to teach students about all aspects of the criminal justice process while giving them the opportunity 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 fourth year as Big Sister to a ten year old boy as part of the *Big Brothers Big Sisters* program. Her mentee from the *Starting Right Now* program is a junior at USF, and studying to be an actuary.

Richard Dembo taught an undergraduate topics course on Juvenile Justice Youth Drug Use, STDs, and HIV, and continued to work on two funded grants (JJ-Trials-Translational Research in Intervention for Adolescents in the Legal System cooperative agreement, funded by NIH/NIDA; and Health Coach Services at the Hillsborough County Juvenile Assessment Center.) He co-authored a revised and resubmitted grant application to NIH/NIDA to pilot test an intervention for justice involved Haitian youth in Miami-Dade County, which received a competitive impact score. He had five articles published, three presentations at national and international conferences; and continued his active service to the Department, University and community. He was honored by training on juvenile justice, at the request of the United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNFEI) in Japan, representatives of over 20 nations at the UNAFEI 165th International Senior Seminar, and presenting on the Hillsborough County Civil Citation Program at the Japan Ministry of Justice.

Ojmarrh Mitchell completed his term as Graduate Director for the Department at the end of the Spring semester. He was awarded a sabbatical for the Fall 2017 semester. Dr. Mitchell had several manuscript accepted for publication or published in 2017 including in *Justice Quarterly*, *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, and *Crime & Delinquency*. He was added to the editorial boards of *Criminology* and *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*. He continued to serve on the U.S. Office of Justice Programs, Science Advisory Board. Dr. Mitchell was the invited speaker at UNC Charlotte’s Race and Crime lecture series in the spring.

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, 240 students have graduated from the MACJA program representing 65 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 and doctoral students who are conducting research/evaluation projects. Dr. Bromley also continues to be an active member of the Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Association

Bryanna Fox had 4 journal articles published in 2017, appearing in the *Journal of Criminal Justice*, *Youth Violence & Juvenile Justice*, *Journal of Criminal Psychology*, and *Police Practice and Research*. Dr. Fox was also awarded the *2017 Early Career Award* from the American Society of Criminology's Division of Developmental and Life-Course (DLC) Criminology for her "significant contributions to DLC research in her early career". Dr. Fox worked with undergraduate and graduate students in her role as Faculty Adviser to the Criminology Club @ USF, member/chair of 14 doctoral and honors thesis committees, and as Director of the active SPRUCE research lab. Dr. Fox also collaborated with multiple local and federal law enforcement agencies including Tampa Police Department, Pasco Sheriff's Office, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Clearwater Police Department, Winter Haven Police Department, St. Petersburg Police Department, and the ATF on a variety of community-oriented research projects. In 2017 Dr. Fox was a featured expert on *CNN*, *CBS*, *NBC*, the *Today Show*, *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *NPR*, *Tampa Bay Times*, and more.

Lorie Fridell is continuing her DOJ-funded work to disseminate her science-based Fair and Impartial Policing (FIP) training. Over the years, the USDOJ has invested a total of \$1.6 million in this training program that brings the science of implicit bias to the law enforcement profession. Starting in early 2018 (and continuing over two years), the 36,000 sworn employees of the New York Police Department will receive FIP training from Fridell and her 18 (retired and current) sworn trainers. In 2017, Dr. Fridell published two articles and another is forthcoming. Police deviance is the current focus of her research and is based on survey data from close to 16,000 personnel within 100 nationally representative agencies, which she helped to collect as co-Principal Investigator of the NIJ-funded National Police Research Platform. She serves as co-editor of *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management*.

LeGrande Gardner serves as the Director of the Criminology Department's Cybercrime Masters Degree program and as Director of the Digital Forensics Concentration for the Masters Degree in Cybersecurity for the USF Office of Graduate Studies. Dr. Gardner develops and teaches Digital Forensics courses in both programs. He also administrates the Criminology Department's Graduate Certificate Program in Digital Forensics. He serves 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 IACIS, the High Tech Crime Consortium (HTCC), the Consortium of Digital Forensic Specialists (CDFS), and the American Society of Digital Forensics and e-Discovery (ASDFED).

Michael Leiber had published one refereed article in *Crime & Delinquency* and two book chapters and wrote three 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) and was part of a working group to discuss research on interactions between law enforcement and youth sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice. 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.

John K. Cochran had eight papers accepted for publication, including two each at the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* and *Deviant Behavior* and one each at *Criminal Justice & Behavior*, *Race & Justice*, *International Journal of Offender Therapy & Comparative Criminology* and *Criminal Justice Studies*.

Kathleen Heide had two articles published in peer-reviewed journals and another two articles accepted for publication in 2017. Her published articles included one with Averi Fegadel (first author) on “Offspring Perpetrated Familicide” published in the *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, and another with Norair Khachatryan (first author), Jordyn Rad, and Eric Hummel on the “Post-Incarceration Recidivism of Lone vs. Group Homicide Offenders,” published in *Behavioral Sciences & the Law*. Dr. Heide also wrote a book chapter entitled “Parricide Encapsulated,” which was published by John Wiley and Sons in the *Handbook of Homicide*, edited by Fiona Brookman and colleagues. She co-authored a presentation with Norair Khachatryan and James Hubbell on “Risk Assessment and Post-Release Recidivism among a Sample of Juvenile Homicide Offenders,” which was given at the American Society of Criminology. Professor Heide was one of three featured speakers at the Florida Mental Health Institute’s Colloquium on Corrections and Mental Health, where she addressed an audience of approximately 250 on the topic of “Juvenile Homicide Offenders: Offender Characteristics, Mental Health Issues, Incarceration, and Re-Entry.”

Michael J. Lynch published a book, *Green Criminology: Crime, Justice and the Environment* with University of California Press (coauthors, M.A. Long, P. B. Stretesky and K. L. Barrett), ten articles and three book chapters. He served on the ASC Program Committee as an Area Chair, and submitted a grant to the United Kingdom Economic and Social Research Council, which is currently at the 6th and final national level of review. The proposed study is on taxidermy and the commodification of animals and employs Ebay advertisements and interviews with “rogue” taxidermists to examine animal related crimes. He chaired one completed dissertation, served as chair for three Ph.D. students and one MA student, and served as an outside member of two doctoral students at the University of Florida. He continued as editor of Routledge’s Green Criminology book series, and as chair of the International Green Criminology Working Group’s Web-connect project.

Rick Moule co-authored one article in 2017, examining the effects of viewing cell phone footage of police-citizen encounters on perceptions of police (in *Justice Quarterly*, with M. Parry and L. Dario). He continues to research public perceptions of police militarization and problematic social situations (with colleagues Bryanna Fox and Ráchael Powers, respectively), with a number of manuscripts on these topics currently under review. Research on these topics was presented at both the Southern Criminal Justice Association and the American Society of Criminology annual meetings. He is in the early stages of initiating a research project examining perceptions of emerging technologies, and is pursuing external grant funding for this and other projects.

Ráchael Powers had 4 journal articles appear in print and numerous conference presentations. In addition, her first co-edited volume, *Addressing Violence Against Women on College Campuses* was published by Temple University Press. It has been well-received by both academics and practitioners as she and her co-editors had several requested speaking engagements after its publication. In collaboration with the Tampa Police Department, Dr. Powers (Co-PI Dr. John Cochran) received funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance to implement and evaluate gunshot detection software. She has also been active in her service to the field including serving as a grant application reviewer for the CDC, study reviewer for NIJ’s crimesolutions.gov, chairing the *MA Student Award* for SCJA and the *Donal MacNamara Award* for ACJS among others. Dr. Powers began serving as Graduate Director in Fall 2017 and looks forward to supporting students through their graduate career in this capacity.

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 appeared in print in 2017. The articles were published in *Criminal Justice Studies* and *Race and Justice*. With these two publications, the NCCSP has now served as the database for more than 20 published articles/book chapters. Also, he continues to pursue a project examining the fates of offenders who murder law enforcement officers. That work, along with topics from the NCCSP, will be pursued through 2018.

Department of Criminology Ranks Top 5 Program in Faculty Article Publication

An important component of the quality of a graduate program is the publication productivity of its faculty. However, previous reviews of graduate programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice (CCJ) have failed to consider the breadth of publications in journals outside of CCJ. This has changed with the recent review conducted by Kleck and Mims (2016), who assessed the journal publication productivity of the faculty of all 40 CCJ PhD-granting programs in the United States using both CCJ journals and journals in sociology and the social sciences.

The University of South Florida's Department of Criminology, housed in the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, ranked in the *top 10* most productive departments across all 40 U.S.-based CCJ PhD-granting programs across a number of measures including: a total 'credit/department' score, a 'credit/faculty' score standardized to represent per faculty member productivity, a total 'authorships/department' score, and a 'authorships/faculty' score standardized to represent per faculty member productivity.

In the total 'credit/department' score, USF's Department of Criminology ranked 8th of 40, up 3 positions from earlier 2005-2009 rankings. In the 'credit/faculty' score, USF ranked 2nd out of 40, indicating that once faculty productivity was standardized as productivity per faculty member USF ranked second place overall.

In the total number of authorships, USF ranked 5th out of 40; however, when looking at authorships standardized as per faculty member productivity, USF again ranked 2nd.

USF Department of Criminology Rank by Metric		
Metric	Amount	Rank
Number faculty	13	28/40
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Authorships/faculty	16.69	2/40



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University of South Florida

“Falling Through the Cracks: The Intersection Between the Mental Health and Criminal Justice Systems” Symposium presented by the College of Behavioral & Community Sciences.

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The Last Word: Police Militarization

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Somewhere in the middle of my graduate school career, Ferguson happened. I don't really remember the 1992 Los Angeles riots, so Ferguson was the first time I had been exposed to public protests and (eventually)

riots. As a criminologist, I was interested to see how the police would respond to these events. What I did not expect were vivid images of American citizens confronted by heavily armed and armored members of law enforcement broadcast on the evening news and filling my social media feed.

Reacting to the events of Ferguson—both the civil unrest and the police response—the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing was created by President Obama. The Task Force was comprised of law enforcement professionals, academics, and community stakeholders from across the country, and charged with “[strengthening] community policing and trust among law enforcement officers and the communities they serve” (*President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing*, 2015: iii). I focus on one topic that was touched on by the Task Force: police militarization. By this, I mean the practices of acquiring and using surplus military weapons, equipment, and vehicles, and advanced surveillance technologies by local law enforcement agencies (Balko, 2014). Based on testimony from a variety of stakeholders, the President's Task Force suggested that these behaviors might undermine public trust in law enforcement. In other words, we would expect a link between public trust in police and their support for militarization. Beyond that testimony, however, little is known regarding how the public feels about police militarization. Interest in this topic emerged in the mid-1990s, after the federal standoff in Waco, Texas (Kraska and Kappeler, 1997), and again after the terror attacks of September 11th, 2001 (Balko, 2014), but waned until the events in Ferguson.

For as much interest as this topic garnered, public views on these issues were not prioritized by researchers. Does the public think that police should have access to surplus military equipment or advanced surveillance technologies? Do they feel the police look or act too much like the military? What influences these thoughts and feelings? My colleagues, Dr. Bryanna Fox, Dr. George Burruss, and I

have been working to answer these questions for the past year.

To do so, we have drawn heavily from research on police legitimacy. Legitimacy reflects the public's trust in the police and feelings that the police should be obeyed, and comes from fair and just treatment by law enforcement (Tyler, 2006). When members of the public believe the police treat them fairly, law enforcement should be viewed as being more legitimate. In turn, legitimacy should enhance public willingness to allow the police to acquire and use surplus military equipment.

Our preliminary findings confirm the importance of legitimacy for public perceptions of police militarization. Citizens who feel the police are more legitimate are more willing to allow police to have surplus military gear, while also not viewing the police as being too militarized. Our findings are only the beginning for this line of research, however, and there is much more to be learned regarding public perceptions of law enforcement in the wake of Ferguson.

Overall, my colleagues and I in the Department of Criminology at USF are on the cutting edge of this, and other, research. We are excited to continue pursuing research that has important implications for individuals and communities, the public and practitioners. We look forward to sharing this research with you, our alumni.

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