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Welcome to Volume 2 of *Criminal Justice News*, the official newsletter of the Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology at Washington State University. This newsletter informs alumni, students, current and retired faculty and staff, and our research partners about the news and research activities happening on all of our campuses and WSU Online.

WSU Forms Partnership with Department of Corrections

In the summer of 2010, the Washington State Department of Corrections (WADOC) invited Drs. Lutze, Drapela, and Hamilton to meet with their directors and research staff. Facilitated by Research Manager Teri Herold-Prayer (a WSU alum), a partnership between WSU's Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology was forged. Although still in its infancy, this partnership has created a data sharing clearinghouse that is unprecedented and unrivaled by any other program nationally.

Beginning somewhat organically, the partnership developed around the formulation of a research project. The project sought to examine guidelines for supervision dosage, whereby WSU would identify the duration and frequency of community supervision contacts for those offenders reentering the community from felony convictions. To achieve these lofty project goals, WSU faculty innocently suggested, "we may need all of your data to complete this project." WADOC unexpectedly agreed and, in partnership with WSU, established a process for the secure and routine transfer of any and all data collected. A data sharing agreement was created to allow WSU access to any and all WADOC data through the year 2021. This general agreement has provided for additional data access possibilities for any and all faculty and student research projects utilizing DOC data.

It was quickly realized that work load requirements to access, download, and creation of data sets needed for future projects would be a laborious task, an unfeasible task for any one faculty member or WADOC employee to take on. Graciously, the WADOC agreed to co-sponsor a graduate Research Assistant to provide the needed technical support. In 2011 Alex Kigerl was hired and is currently serving his second year as data manager.

Although the potential for the partnership's success is seemingly limitless, positive outcomes have already been experienced. In January an article evaluating the WADOC's Housing Voucher Program was published, and three additional articles utilizing the shared data source are currently under review at top tier journals. In addition, four graduate student-led projects with topics ranging from offender typological construction (general and sex offender specific), to prison transfers effects, to an evaluation of the state's Parenting Sentencing Alternative are currently in production and expected to be completed in the coming year.

Finally, a roundtable at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) annual meeting was presented, where Lutze, Herold-Prayer, Hamilton and van Wormer described the current and projected success of the collaboration. Attendees heralded the WSU-DOC partnership for its innovation and ease of project facilitation and its potential to inspire similar state-sponsored collaborations.

Message from the Chair

As we wrap-up the academic year, I am pleased to report that the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology has continued to grow in terms of size, productivity, and reputation for excellence. The demand for the department's academic programs continues to grow. Last year we proudly saw 110 BA degrees, 9 MA degrees, and 2 Ph.D.s awarded in criminal justice. The department oversees over 500 undergraduates, 20 master's students, and 35 doctoral students. Overall, this represents an increase of over 25% since the department was established as an independent unit in 2011.

To meet the demand caused by this increased enrollment, the department made several additions to our already excellent faculty and staff in Pullman and Spokane. Last summer, as the number of criminal justice majors approached 500, Mary Ohnemus was hired as a second undergraduate advisor. Mary's incredible work ethic, as well as her experience at WSU and the graduate school, have aided the operation of the department and undergraduate program tremendously.

Azra Rasic joined the department this past March as a fulltime administrative assistant on the Spokane campus. Azra, who possesses an MS in Criminal Justice from Georgia State University, joined the department after writing a column for the Correctional Healthcare Report in New York City. She will be supporting the Spokane-based faculty, serving as graduate coordinator for Spokane students, and taking the lead on updating our web site, and publishing our semi-annual newsletter.

In addition to Mary and Azra, the department has added two clinical and four tenure-track faculty members during the past year. Lois James joined the department as a Research Assistant Professor last summer. She works in Bryan Vila's Simulated Hazardous Operational Tasks Laboratory where she oversees experiments, pursues and administers grants and contracts, and facilitates the publication of study results by departmental faculty and graduate students.

David Makin is a clinical instructor in the department. In addition to his teaching and research responsibilities, David is Director of Distance Education for the department where he oversees the department's BA and MA degree programs offered through WSU Online.

Aaron Roussell was awarded his Ph.D. Spring 2013 from University of California-Irvine. His research and

teaching interests involve race and crime, drugs and addiction, policing, and research methods. We are thrilled that they have both chosen to begin their careers in academia at WSU.

We are also thrilled that we recently finalized the hiring of two full professors who will join the department in August. Craig Hemmens is President of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. He has written dozens of books and peer-reviewed articles, and is regarded as one of the leading scholars in the area of criminal law and procedure. His wife, Mary Stohr, will also be joining the department as a full professor. Mary is also the Executive Director of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. She is a leading expert in institutional corrections and criminal justice management. We are truly fortunate to be able to hire two distinguished professors who are leaders in academic criminal justice.

A primary reason we are able to recruit top-level scholars such as the four individuals discussed above is due largely to the quality of our faculty. While our faculty are great teachers and outstanding mentors for graduate students, first and foremost they are world-class scholars. During the past year faculty members published 3 books, 25 journal articles and book chapters, and received external research support, totaling nearly 5 million dollars. Additionally, several faculty members received special recognition for the college and university. Otto Marenin received the CLA Outstanding Achievement in International Teaching and Research Award; Bryan Vila received the CLA Career Achievement in Scholarship Award; and Faith Lutze received the President's Award for Leadership. In addition to this, emeritus professor Nick Lovrich received the President's Award for Distinguished Lifetime Service.

While the past year has been great, the department's future looks even brighter. Both of these are due in no small part to the continued support of our friends and alums. Rest assured, we will keep you posted twice a year via these newsletters, and more frequently on our soon to be redesigned web site. In the interim, we'd be delighted to hear from you or have you visit us in Pullman or Spokane. Additionally, please let us know of any new developments in your careers and personal lives.

As always, thanks for your support of the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology.

David Brody

Online Master of Arts in Criminal Justice to Begin in Fall

Beginning in the Fall of 2013, the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology will provide students with the opportunity to obtain a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice through the WSU Global Campus. Like the program offered in Pullman and Spokane, the online MA degree program emphasizes theoretically based applied research designed to benefit both working professionals and recent graduates looking to enter the field or pursue a Ph.D. The degree is designed to help students develop skills to advance their careers, be intelligent decision-makers, evaluate information, and conduct important research.

The online master's degree was designed with input from the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology Advisory Committee, which is made up of 12 leaders of state and local criminal justice agencies and departments.

With advisory committee input, the online offerings were designed to allow students—particularly those working in the criminal justice system—to study items involving their individual interests.

While the academic requirements for online students will be the same as the Pullman and Spokane based students, being based outside of Pullman or Spokane will provide students with the opportunity to examine aspects of local criminal justice agencies and systems throughout their coursework.

As with our on-campus degree programs, the online degree program will continue to focus on preparing graduates to lead organizations through data-based decision-making. By understanding the theoretical basis for criminal justice policies, as well as how to conduct and evaluate research that examines real world programs and problems, students will be able to meet the needs of criminal justice administrators, advance their careers, and improve the criminal justice system.

For more information about the department's online degree programs visit our web site or contact Dr. David Makin (dmakin@wsu.edu).

WSU's Prisoner Debate Project Collaboration with the CRCC

The Prisoner Debate Project, led by Johannes Wheeldon, Amber Morczek, Loretta Taylor (class of '91), and Faith Lutze uses debate as a medium, specifically the Debate and Dialogue Program at Coyote Ridge Correctional Center in Connell, Washington, to facilitate structured academic discourse between WSU Criminal Justice majors enrolled in CRMJ 499 and CRCC inmate students. Topics used in the debates were selected by student participants in both institutions and involve pertinent criminal justice issues (e.g. gun control and juvenile justice reform). One of the overarching goals of the project has been to enrich WSU student experiences in the criminal justice system via “hands-on” participation and the subsequent association between textbook knowledge with “real-world” interactions. Based on feedback from both sets of students, the project has been an overwhelmingly positive learning

experience and offered unique insight into the role of post-secondary education within a correctional facility.



Left to right: Inmate Kinsey (CRCC), Tyler D'Souza (WSU), Inmate Bolden (CRCC), Alex Clark (WSU), and Ryan McGovern (WSU).

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Reception 2013

The Department hosted a reception at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) in Dallas, Texas on March 21, 2013. The reception was held to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of ACJS and its founding at WSU Pullman in 1963 in the Department of Police Science. ACJS has since grown into one of the nation's leading criminal justice associations with a membership of nearly 3,000 criminal justice educators, practitioners, and students. The reception served as a festive gathering with over 150 attendees including 35 graduate student alums from across the nation who were joined by current faculty and graduate students, the President and Executive Director of ACJS, and many other friends of the Department.



Left to right: Chyla Aguiar, David Makin, and Ricky Gutierrez.



Left to right: Ming-Li Hsieh, Chyla Aguiar, Francis Boateng, and Zach Hamilton.

The reception also served as an opportunity to celebrate the recent transition from being a Criminal Justice Program to becoming the new Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for our Alumni and graduate students, as well as our current faculty, to embrace the extent of the success that we all share and to meet the wonderful people who we are so proud to call our own.

Campus Camera Surveillance Project Helps Solve Crime

In the early morning of March 30, 2013, WSU instructor Dr. David Warner (Department of Critical Culture, Gender, & Race Studies) was assaulted while attempting to break up a fight. Fortunately, four suspects in the assault were caught on tape by some of the newly installed safety cameras that were funded as a part of a National Institute of Justice Smart Policing Initiative grant obtained by the Pullman Police Department, the Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology (CJC), and the Division of Governmental Studies and Services (DGSS).

Dr. Zachary Hays and Michael Gaffney (Director, DGSS) are the principal investigators on the grant and are tasked with evaluating the effectiveness of the cameras for improving public safety and assessing how the cameras affect public perceptions of the Pullman PD. In a nationwide effort to promote evidence-based policing, one requirement of the grant program is that police departments collaborate with local universities to conduct methodologically sound evaluations of new or innovative crime-fighting strategies so that effective ones might be reliably replicated through the country. Toward this end, Dr. Hays and Director Gaffney have engaged both undergraduate and graduate CJC students to conduct interviews, surveys, and data

analyses to determine exactly what effect five cameras in the Adams Mall area might have on crimes like the assault on Dr. Warner.

Additionally, Dr. David Makin has enlisted students in his CJC Crime Prevention Strategies course to assist the PD by monitoring the cameras during peak crime days and times. The cameras and Dr. Makin's student monitors had already assisted the PD in several investigations before Dr. Warner's assault, but the incident on March 30 has truly demonstrated just how valuable the cameras can be as the video evidence that was captured that morning has been integral to the PD's investigation and has aided in the identification of four suspects who have all since been arrested. And, while the research grant evaluating the cameras ends in Spring 2014, the cameras will remain even after the research is completed.

If you have interest in assisting in this research, please contact Mike Gaffney at mjgaffney@wsu.edu for more information. If you have interest in signing up for a new internship with Dr. Makin (starting Fall 2013), which involves working with the local dispatch center to monitor the safety cameras, please contact him at dmakin@wsu.edu for more information.

The 2012-2013 Pierce Faculty Award



The Greg and Beth Pierce Faculty Award in Criminal Justice and Criminology was established in 2012 through a generous donation from Greg and Beth Pierce. The Pierces have been long time supporters of criminal justice at WSU. Greg earned an MA in Criminal Justice from WSU in 1975. After earning his degree, Greg pursued a career in criminal justice education. He worked many years as a criminal justice professor and department chair at several community colleges, most notably Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, Oregon. He was also elected by his peers to serve as representative of the Community College Section of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

The Pierces not only have been longtime supporters of criminal justice, but are lifelong Cougs, as well. In 2011, after learning that criminal justice had become an independent department at WSU, they explored ways of supporting the department, and in particular, its faculty. After discussing available options with the department and WSU Foundation, the Pierces decided to establish the Greg and Beth Pierce Faculty Award in Criminal Justice and Criminology. The award, which is made on a competitive basis, provides financial assistance to a faculty member to support any work, research, or professional development the faculty wanted to pursue.

The 2012-13 Greg and Beth Pierce Faculty Award in Criminal Justice and Criminology was presented to Assistant Professor Jacqueline van Wormer. Dr. van Wormer, who is a leading expert of the evaluation of problem solving courts, will use the award funds to pursue advanced statistical training to enhance her research and mentoring capacities. All of us in the department congratulate Jacqueline on receiving this award, and sincerely thank the Pierces for their support and generosity in making it possible.

Internships Take Students Above and Beyond the Classroom

I have been an Undergraduate Academic Advisor for the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology since it was established several years ago. Within that timeframe I have seen the number of majors double in size to almost 600 students. Given this enrollment explosion, and our status as an independent department and the number of majors, it was recently decided that it was time to have an internship coordinator within the department. When discussions were held about who would fill this role, I happily volunteered to take on the role of Internship Coordinator.

My new role as internship coordinator ties in closely with my work as an advisor. The advisor's role is to not only make sure that the students completed all requirements needed to graduate but also for them to get the most out of their college experiences. Part of that experience is an internship which not only adds value to a student's education but prepares a student for the next stage in life...Life after College!

There are two areas that I hope to focus on in the coming months. First, I will be setting up a system to continuously update internship opportunities that are available to our students. In particular, I plan to

increase the number of partnerships the department has with criminal justice agencies across the state, with a focus on providing internship opportunities available to students when they are back home during the summer.

A second area I will be focusing on is working with students majoring in criminal justice via WSU Online. I will work with interested students in finding suitable internship placements which are of substantive interest and located where they live.

My goal is to grow the internship program not just by the number of students who are interning but also to expand the visibility and contact beyond the WSU campus. I look forward to building partnerships with agencies and organizations so that we can provide an opportunity for our students to learn, grow, and network, above and beyond the classroom.

Sisouvanh (Sis) Keopanapay

Criminal Justice & Criminology Graduate Student Association

While it has only been two years since the separation of Criminal Justice and Political Science, the Criminal Justice & Criminology Graduate Student Association (CJC-GSA) is pleased to report many great achievements and future goals.

In the past academic year, the CJC-GSA has aided in the arrangement of several professionalization presentations in a "Brown-Bag" series. This series allows for graduate students to accumulate skills and information necessary for the two most important aspects of graduate school: successfully navigating the program and procuring a job following graduation. The series included topics ranging from grant writing seminars and conference professionalization to learning how to operate web-based survey software.

Just prior to spring break, with the help of Alpha Phi Sigma (Criminal Justice Honor Society), the CJC-GSA successfully hosted a public event in the Compton Union Building auditorium to discuss how best to deal with police encounters. Following a screening of a short film by the Flex Your Rights organization, we held a question and answer session

with a constitutional law professor from the University of Idaho's law school Shaakirrah Sandars, public defender and criminal procedure professor John Snyder, and the WSU police Chief Bill Gardner. With a turnout of over 200 people, the event is now planned to take place annually.

Lastly, as the CJC-GSA maintains a strong commitment to aiding its graduate students to further their careers and experience, supplying them with opportunities to fund research and teaching endeavors are a priority. As such, we are slowly accumulating funds to offer students research and teaching grants. This year the grant was in the form of a \$300 summer project to help one student complete a professional project during the summer break. Next year, the CJC-GSA not only plans to host fund raising events to continue offering grants, but also hopes to create a fund large enough to promote masters students and senior doctoral candidates separately.

It is not all work and no play at a CJC end of the year celebration BBQ.

Back row left to right: Amber Morczek, Francis Boateng, Jihye Yoo, Philip Woodford, Rubin Lu and Joyce Rehms. Front row left to right: Ming-Li Hsieh, Chris Campbell, Gassan Abess, Chyla Aguiar, John Turner and Liz Tollefsbol.



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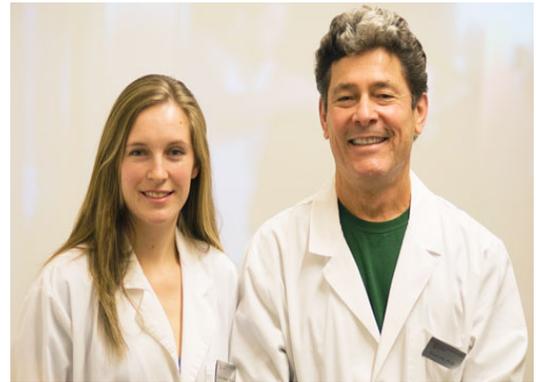
Bryan Vila Awarded DARPA Grant

Our very own Drs. Bryan Vila and Lois James have been awarded a three-year grant worth \$2.25 million by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) to help develop a high-tech social interaction training module for warfighters sent on foreign missions.

Some of Dr. Vila's previous projects gave an opportunity for him and his staff to convert training simulators into research tools in order to measure police officers' judgment and driving performance while well rested and while sleep deprived. These were funded by the National Institute of Justice, Office of Naval Research, as well as by DARPA.

For their current project, Drs. Vila and James will collaborate with the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (WSCJTC) and Advanced Interactive Systems, where their focus will be training techniques research. The WSCJTC handles training of most law enforcement, corrections and public safety professionals in Washington, while Advanced Interactive Systems manufactures realistic use-of-force training simulators.

This collaboration aims to develop not only a training curriculum, but also metrics to measure both trainer and trainee performance. The research will also provide



Drs. Lois James and Bryan Vila at the WSU Sleep and Performance Research Center, Spokane.

training to experienced military and police trainers, as well as oversee the formation of a mobile training team. The training team will be able to pilot test the curriculum in the field.

The importance of this project was expressed by Dr. Vila as he stated, "What we're developing isn't just cultural sensitivity training. By teaching young warfighters how to observe, understand and engage people - some of the same skills valued in cops - we will help them be safer and do their jobs better in a tough environment."



The WSU Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology would like to acknowledge its own graduating and new members of Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society.

Graduating Members:

Whitley Barnes	Annette Novey
Aaron Dickinson	Lindsey Sebastian
Brittney Myles	Aleksander Sils

New Members:

Kyla Chappell
Cora Fisher
Madison McKenzie
Haley Scott

WSU Criminal Justice & Criminology Graduates

We would like to extend our congratulations to this year's graduates from our graduate programs!

PhD Graduates:

Blake Randol
Lauren Waggoner

MA Graduates:

Eliza Conlin	Brian Love Noah
Sara Enyeart	McWilliams
Maureen Erickson	Darrin Patterson
Rebekah Hollwedel	Doug Weable
David Kim	Phillip Woodford

The WSU Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology wishes you great luck with your future careers and studies!

Criminal Justice & Criminology Graduate Student Publications

Our graduate students have been busy! Below is a list of a select few publications by our graduate students, sometimes joined by our faculty:

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Hamilton, Z. & **Block, L. M.** (2013). Harm reduction strategies: The Hampsterdam Perspective. In David C. Brody and Peter A. Collins (Eds.), *Crime, Justice, and Politics in the City as Seen through The Wire*. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press.

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Hamilton, Z., **Kigerl, A.**, & Hays, Z. (2013). Removing release impediments and reducing correctional costs: Evaluation of Washington State's Housing Voucher Program. *Justice Quarterly*, DOI: 10.1080/07418825.2012.761720.

Johnson, R., Miranda, C., Stone, B., Vila, B., Behneman, A., James, L., **James, S.**, & Berka, C. (in press). Identifying neurophysiologic indices of expert versus novice performance in deadly force judgment and decision making. *Human Factors: The Journal of Human Factors and Ergonomics Society*.

Kigerl, A. (forthcoming 2013). Infringing nations: Predicting software piracy rates, BitTorrent tracker hosting, and P2P file sharing client downloads between countries. *International Journal of Cyber Criminology*, 7(1).

Lutze, F. & **Kigerl, A.** (2013). The Psychology of Prisoner Reentry. In Jacqueline Helfgott (Ed.), *Criminal Psychology, Volumes 1-4*. Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers.

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Schaefer, R. L. (2012). Book review: Psychosocial criminology: An introduction. *Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Criminology*, 4(2), 133-137.

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