Welcome to the latest issue of SU Criminal Justice Newsletter! In this issue we highlight some of the department accomplishments during the past year, and provide updates on plans for 2015-2016.

The 2014-2015 academic year was a very busy and productive one for the Department of Criminal Justice. We saw more than seventy-seven undergraduates obtain the degree, as well as a number of graduate students. Our department remains the largest in the College of Education and Human Services with a steadily increasing number of undergraduate majors, minors, and graduate students.

The highlights of the year include the certification of our Bachelor of Science degree program from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), becoming just the sixth such program in the country to earn the accolade. SU is the only university in Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education to hold certification of its bachelor's degree program in criminal justice.

Founded in 1963, ACJS is an international association that fosters professional and scholarly activities in the criminal justice field, promoting education, research, and policy analysis among both educators and practitioners. An academic program must demonstrate substantively that it meets or exceeds all parts of every certification standard to receive the recognition. In collaboration with CRJ faculty and Bonnie Heming, department secretary, Dr. Cynthia Koller spearheaded the completion of the certification application and the program self-study.

The self-study is an arduous yearlong process of reflection about, and examination of, our criminal justice program and its learning outcomes. The self-study resulted in the compilation of a 250-page document and all the associated evidence such as course syllabi, sample exams, and job placement data that demonstrates the extent to which the program meets or exceeds the certification standards. In addition to compiling the information for the self-study, ACJS required an on-site review, consisting of a three-day (eight hours-plus per day) campus visit by three CRJ faculty from New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Washington, D.C. The reviewers interviewed students, faculty, the university president, and other administrators, and toured all...
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campus facilities in October 2014. Two follow-up reports were generated for the reviewers and our program was approved for certification on March 3, 2015.

Achieving the certification is an outstanding accomplishment driven by the hard work and efforts of the faculty, staff, and SU administration. This distinction not only benefits the faculty by giving us a focus for our work going forward, but also our students, who are getting an education of nationally recognized quality.

Department faculty had an outstanding year in research and service. Faculty and students, both graduate and undergraduate, presented their research at several conferences, including the ACJS meeting in Orlando, the American Society of Criminology meeting in San Francisco, and the Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice in Rhode Island. Faculty published a number of peer-reviewed research articles, book chapters, and encyclopedia entries on such diverse topics as cybercrime to racial discrimination. Some examples of recent faculty titles include: Domestic and International Sex Trafficking, The Likelihood of Injury Among Bias Crimes; An Analysis of General and Specific Bias Types; Social Networking as a Criminal Enterprise; and The Thief with a Thousand Faces and the Victim with None. The honors society in criminal justice, Alpha Phi Sigma—Pi Chapter, hosted a charity dinner that brought the campus and surrounding communities together to shed light on the issue of human trafficking. A silent auction was held at the event which raised close to $1,200 for CHAT (Compassionate Humans against Trafficking)—an organization that serves victims of human trafficking here in Central Pennsylvania.

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In the spring of 2015, Dr. Michele P. Bratina was elected as Second Vice President of the Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences. In the fall, Dr. Bratina was also elected as Executive Counselor of the Academy of Criminal Justice Science's (ACJS) Juvenile Justice Section.

Professor Stephanie Jirard and Dr. Bratina participated in a multidisciplinary panel discussion regarding the events at Selma, hosted by Dr. Charlene Lane, Department of Social Work & Gerontology.

With best regards,
Dr. Melissa L. Ricketts

Outstanding CRJ Moments

- In February 2015, the department hosted a talk by Kirk Bloodsworth, the first American to be exonerated with DNA technology. Bloodsworth had been originally sentenced to death for the killing of a nine-year-old girl and was eventually freed for the crime he did not commit through the use of DNA. Bloodsworth met with students and discussed his positive message to always keep faith that justice will prevail.

- Human Trafficking Campaign: Lecture and Charity Dinner for National Criminal Justice Month – March 31, 2015: The human trafficking charity dinner brought the campus and surrounding communities together to shed light on human trafficking in honor of National Criminal Justice Month. Alpha Phi Sigma was proud to introduce Dr. Jay Albanese, a criminologist and professor at Virginia Commonwealth University, as our speaker for the evening. Dr. Albanese educated the audience about the types of trafficking, its prevalence in the U.S. and abroad, and how society could improve upon prevention and response. There was also a silent auction of items donated by businesses in the local community, Dr. Albanese, and APS students. Overall, the event raised close to 1,200.00 for C.H.A.T. (Compassionate Humans against Trafficking)—an organization that serves victims of human trafficking here in Central Pennsylvania.

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Community Service
Professors Stephanie Jirard and Matthew Fetzer presented at a Hate Crimes Symposium exploring the criminal justice response to a very crucial issue.

Publications

Dr. Michele P. Bratina


Dr. Billy Henson


Dr. Matthew Fetzer


Ms. Stephanie Jirard

Dr. Melissa L. Ricketts


Sabbatical Report

Dr. Melissa L. Ricketts
When asked what it was like to be on sabbatical over the Spring 2015 semester, Dr. Ricketts replied, “very busy and very productive.” Although she was not teaching classes for the first half of 2015, Dr. Ricketts spent her time working on a variety of research projects which centered on crime victimization. Specifically, she continued her work with colleagues from the University of Louisville and Appalachian State University on cybercrime victimization. In addition, Dr. Ricketts was granted access, and is currently analyzing data which focuses on the perception of sexual assault in the military. Dr. Ricketts also continued her work with Ms. Nancy Chavez providing research assistance to a variety of community-based projects geared toward helping children who are exposed to domestic violence. Now past the midpoint of the Fall semester, Dr. Ricketts is back in full swing balancing her time chairing the department, teaching classes, and writing a series of manuscripts about her research that she intends to have published. Reflecting back on her sabbatical experience, Dr. Ricketts believes it is one of the best personal and professional experiences of her career, and she was elated to have the time to devote to her research.

Curriculum Updates
During spring semester 2015, the Department of Criminal Justice advocated for and received approval to make Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System (undergraduate-level course) and Mental Health and the Administration of Justice (graduate-level course) permanent criminal justice electives.

This fall in the CRJ 363: Intimate Partner Violence course, Dr. Melissa Ricketts hosted Lynn Shiner and Nancy Chavez, who discussed their book Stabbed in the Heart: Three Murdered Children, Two Resilient Mothers. Through the power of their stories, these women helped our students understand the impact of crime, the stages of grief, the struggles they endured on their unique journeys, and the importance of families and friends in the healing process.
Criminal Justice Club

The Criminal Justice Club is one of the most exciting clubs at Shippensburg University, and it is open to all students. The club seeks to provide interesting events, critical information, and valuable skills to students interested in all fields of criminal justice, including law enforcement, forensics, corrections, law, and criminology. Members are committed to helping students reach their academic and professional goals through networking and skill building, while also assisting the local community with creative charity work and community service.

Advisor:
Professor Stephanie Jirard

2015-2016 Officers:
Lauren Miller, President
Ryan Holler, Treasurer
Riley Eidenmiller, Vice President
Evan Shircliffe, Secretary

2015 Update

Kate Chadwick-Johnson ’05 is pictured below with members of the 2014-15 CRJ executive committee, Noah Hayze, Nate Heilman, and Chancellor Campbell. Chadwick-Johnson went on to earn her master’s degree in CRJ at Northeastern University in Boston. She now is security lead and enterprise risk management director for Harsco Corporation and recently spoke to the CRJ Club about what it’s like to work in private security.

Celebrating Student Achievements

JCJC Awards
- Michaela Mowers received the Dr. Thomas L. Austin Undergraduate Scholarship Award.
- Carrie Orndorff, a JCJC Program graduate student with Dauphin County Juvenile Probation, received the Dr. Anthony F. Ceddia Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Juvenile Justice.

Undergraduate Recognition
- Senior Ryan Girton received the Eric Williams Scholarship. Eric Williams was a correctional officer at USP Canaan who was attacked and killed by an inmate in 2013. The scholarship was created on behalf of Eric’s father, Don Williams.
- During spring 2015, APSCUF student awards went to graduate student Joseph Koza and undergraduate student Michael Chubb.

Graduate Research

Undergraduate Research
- Michael Chubb ’16M, a criminal justice major and ROTC Cadet, received a Shippensburg University Undergraduate Research Grant. He presented his human trafficking policy research, “Breaking the Chains: An Examination of Legislation Pertaining to Human Trafficking in the United States,” at the annual American Society of Criminology in Washington, D.C., and will present in April 2016, at the Minds@Work Conference at Shippensburg University. Dr. Michele P. Bratina is his faculty advisor.

Calling All Mentors

Over the years since the inception of the criminal justice program at Shippensburg University, faculty in the department have forged partnerships with local criminal justice and human service agencies. Aside from gaining recognition as a provider of quality criminal justice education, another goal of the department has been to link students with practitioners who can serve as mentors and potential future internship supervisors and/or employers. To further develop these relationships, we are reaching out to alumni who would like to serve in a new student-alumni mentoring program pilot slated for the spring. If you are interested mentoring a student who volunteers to be matched with an alum, please send an e-mail to crimjust@ship.edu. In the e-mail, please include your graduation year, current position, and current place of employment.

APS and the CJ Club plan on partnering in the spring and hosting a fundraiser for fallen law enforcement officers.
We were thrilled to host our second official induction ceremony for new members of Alpha Phi Sigma (APS), Pi Chapter, the National Criminal Justice Honors Society. We recruited fifteen new members, nine of whom were inducted. Dr. Whelan, keynote, spoke about law enforcement in the next decade.

Pi Chapter
National CJ Honor Society

Advisor: Dr. Michele P. Bratina
Co-Advisor: Dr. Billy Henson
Officers: Michael Chubb, President
Jaelin Smith, Vice President
Amanda Martin, Treasurer
Shelby Clark, Secretary
Public Relations: Grato Paneque, Co-Chair
Alexis Waton, Co-Chair

Fall 2015 Inductees:
Anthony Boak
Tariah Burton
Katrina Clark*
Gregory Fry
Elizabeth Gavin
Dawn Hooten*
Jessica Johnson*
Cheyenne Lee-Ballard
Daniesa Lyles
Sadie Jo Mack*
Michaella Mowers*
Grato Paneque
Kelsey Rousseau *
Jaelin Smith
Alexis Walton
Devin Yeager*

* Unable to attend ceremony

As a newly active group, we are currently in the process of recruiting members and planning future events. If you are an alum and are a member of APS, please contact Dr. Michele Bratina, mpbratina@ship.edu, so that she can include you on our e-mail distribution list for various APS-sponsored events.
The Department of Criminal Justice would like to thank the following:

Abraxas
Abraxas Open Residential Fire Setter/Sex Offender Program
Abraxas Youth and Family Services
Adams County Adult Correctional Complex
Adult Probation & Parole Services
Berks County Adult Probation
Berks County Adult Probation and Parole Office
Carlisle Army War Barracks Directorate of Emergency Services
Carlisle Police Department
Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research
Chambersburg Police Department
Chester County Adult Probation and Parole Department
Chester County Adult Probation Department
City of Westminster Maryland Police Department
County of Adams Victim/Witness Assistance Program
Cumberland County Adult Probation
Cumberland County Criminal Investigative Division
Cumberland County Probation
Dauphin County Probation Services-Juvenile Division
Dauphin County Sheriff’s Office
Delaware Valley Intelligence
Department of Probation and Parole
Department of Public Welfare: Bureau of Juvenile Justice
Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)
Ephrata Police Department
Fairfax County Police Department
Family Court of Philadelphia
Federal Probation Office of Eastern PA
First Judicial District of PA
First Judicial District of PA Court of Common Pleas
Judicial Chambers
Franklin County Adult Probation Department
Franklin County DA’s Office
Franklin County Jail
Franklin County Juvenile Probation Department
Franklin County Office of the District Attorney
Franklin County Probation Department
Franklin County Sheriff’s Office
Franklin/Fulton County Mental Illness/Intellectual Disability/Early Intervention Program
Fulton County District Court 39-4-01
G-Force Investigations LLC
Hagerstown MD Police Department
Hershey Park
Lebanon County Probation
Lehigh County Sheriff’s Office
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Maryland State Attorney’s Office
Mechanicsburg Police Department
Mifflin County Regional Police Department
Monroe County Sheriff’s Office
Montgomery County Adult Probation and Parole
Montgomery County Coroner
Montgomery County Detectives Bureau
Montgomery County Juvenile Probation
New Vision Inc.
New Visions
Newville Police Department
North Middleton Twp. Police Department
North Middletown Police Department
Northampton County Juvenile Probation Department
Northwest Regional Police Department
Ocean City, MD, Police Department
PA Army National Guard
PA Board of Probation and Parole
PA State Police Headquarters
PA State Police: Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Penn Township Police Department
Philadelphia Adult Probation and Parole Department
Rainbow USA Loss Prevention
Randi’s House of Angels
Schuylkill County Sheriff’s Office
SCI Huntington
SCI Mahony Prison
Shippensburg Police Department
Shippensburg University Police
Taneytown Police Department
Tioga County Probation Department
U.S. marshals
Union County Adult Probation
Victim Witness Assist Program of Adams County
Women’s Center, Shippensburg University
Yellow Breeches Educational Center
York City Police Department Community Service Division
York County Adult Probation
York County District Attorneys Office
York Youth Development Center

Recruitment Opportunity

To continue to pursue outreach opportunities that benefit criminal justice students at Shippensburg University, we had several on-campus job and internship recruitment visits from GeoCare, Inc. (Abraxas), Glen Mills School, New Castle County Delaware Police Department, Ocean City Police Department, and G4S Secure Solutions.

If you are interested in offering a criminal justice internship or in recruitment opportunities on campus, please contact the Department of Criminal Justice at (717) 477-1558 or crimjust@ship.edu.
Jay Albanese and Michael Chubb at the American Society of Criminology Conference, Washington, D.C.

Congratulations Jaelin Smith!

A CRJ student, named 2015-16 Homecoming Queen!

“My name is Jaelin Smith. I am a senior criminal justice major and psychology and anthropology minor at Shippensburg University. I work as an intern with New Visions, Inc., is a community-based mental health agency, and also am a criminal justice tutor with the Learning Center. I am an active member of the National Criminal Justice Honors Society, Alpha Phi Sigma, and am vice president of the African American Organization.

My experience as a criminal justice major has been memorable. With the help of amazing department staff, I have excelled in the collegiate arena and worked toward my future. If it wasn’t for this department and all it has to offer, I would not have established my career interests, nor would I be interning with one of best mental health agencies in the Shippensburg area. I personally would like to thank each and every one of the criminal justice professors who motivated me, listened to my cries, and supported me over the years.

I ran for homecoming queen because I felt that it was a representation of extended dedication and commitment to being more than just a part of the student body. Being crowned queen now has provided me with a platform of reaching the youth of the community on a wider scale with the support of the university. My future aspirations are to work with the mental health courts, particularly with the juvenile justice system. I believe that every child deserves a fair chance to excel, and the harsh reality that some youth face greater challenges than others drives my motivation to keep working toward my dreams.”

Homecoming king, Jeremy Flick, is a psychology major and the president of Psi Chi and the Psychology Club. He also serves on the executive board of In Motion Dance Troupe.
The Department of Criminal Justice would like to congratulate all of our graduates from the 2014-15 academic year.

Above: Juvenile Court Judge’s Commission (JCJC) graduates; Right: Undergraduates preparing to attend the graduation bagel breakfast sponsored by the CRJ department before the spring graduation ceremony.

What’s New with You?

Do we have your current information? The University Relations Office maintains records for all SU alumni. To update your personal information, go to [www.ship.edu/Alumni_Alumni_Information_Update_Form](http://www.ship.edu/Alumni_Alumni_Information_Update_Form). (Please indicate clearly using upper and lower case.)

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