Student News

Commencement 2010
The School of Criminal Justice celebrated graduates and award recipients at our Graduate and Undergraduate Recognition Ceremonies. Since last May’s commencement, SCJ students have earned 83 Bachelor’s degrees, 33 Master’s degrees, and 9 doctoral degrees.

Award Recipients

GRADUATE
University Distinguished Dissertation Award
Susan Ehrhard

Eliot H. Lumbard Award for Academic Excellence
Carter Rees

Lt. John F. Finn Scholarship
Amy Starkman

Walter M. Francis Policing Award
Julie Schnobrich-Davis

Frank Remington Award for Interdisciplinary Legal Studies
Catherine Bonventre

UNDERGRADUATE
Valedictorian Award
Steven DeBraccio

Donald J. Newman Award for Outstanding Achievement
Kayla Arias

Presidential Award for Undergraduate Research
Brian Wade

Socia Receives Award for Teaching Excellence
Ph.D. student Kelly Socia was selected to receive the 2010 President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Teaching Assistant. Students who wrote in support of Kelly’s nomination made special mention of his ability to communicate complex concepts using humor and everyday experiences. They also commented on his willingness to accept and apply student feedback in class. Dean Alan Lizotte presented the award to Kelly at a campuswide ceremony on April 23.

Faculty News

Loftin Named Fellow of the ASC
Professor Colin Loftin has been named a fellow of the American Society of Criminology. Colin has distinguished himself as a scholar; not only for his theoretical, methodological, and policy contributions, but also for having published in the top journals in three different fields – sociology, criminology, and public health. A number of his publications are considered classics across disciplines and generations. A gifted, devoted teacher and mentor, he has guided the academic pursuits of countless students. Colin will be recognized as a Fellow at the ASC Annual Meeting in November.
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SCJ Ugrads Present Research

Three members of the moot court team presented a poster during SUNY Undergraduates Shaping New York’s Future: A Showcase of Scholarly Posters. Georgia Crinnin, Steven DeBraccio, and Tali Gellert displayed “The 4th and 8th Amendments,” an overview of the case they argued at this year’s ACMA moot court regional and national tournaments. The event, organized by the SUNY University Faculty Senate, was aimed at showing NYS legislators the many faces of SUNY undergraduate programs.

Five SCJ undergraduates presented their research projects at the University’s 7th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference. Four participated in the poster session:

- **Estrella Carchichabla** - Impediments to Policing Reform in Argentina and Brazil
- **Jane Daquin** - Identifying and Measuring Self-control
- **Brendan Lantz** - Determinants of a Victim’s Decision to Report Following Violent Victimization
- **Brian Wade** - The Impact of Confession Evidence on Life and Death Sentence Decision-Making

**Steven DeBraccio** presented his project - The Legality of Solitary Confinement - in one of the conference’s oral presentation sessions. His presentation was awarded Provost Award Honorable Mention.

Wade Wins Research Fellowship

Undergraduate **Brian Wade**, this year’s recipient of the Presidential Award for Undergraduate Research, has also been selected to receive an Undergraduate Research Endowed Fellowship made possible through the generosity of The Adelaide Schmid ’38 Endowment Fund. The award recognizes demonstrations of outstanding research skills. Wade’s project titled “The Impact of Confession Evidence on Life and Death Sentence Decision-Making” was nominated by his project advisor, Professor Allison Redlich.

Student Publications

**Ph.D. student Kelly Socia** has a forthcoming article in *Criminology and Public Policy* titled “The Policy Implications of Residence Restrictions on Sex Offender Housing in Upstate, NY.”

**Ph.D. student Leona Jochnowitz’** paper “Missed or Foregone Mitigation: Analyzing Claimed Error in Missouri Capital Clemency Cases” appears as the lead article in *Criminal Law Bulletin*, 2010 Spring Issue, (vol. 46 no. 3).
Thanks to all who contributed to this issue of The CJ Chronicles!

If you have news to share, please send details to mancini@uamail.albany.edu, drop a note in Diana’s mailbox or come by Draper 220B to chat.

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**GSA International Dinner**

The 2010 GSA International Dinner was held at Dean Alan Lizotte’s home on April 23. More than 20 graduate students and faculty gathered for a potluck meal of dishes from around the world.

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**Rees Honored for Service to Disabled**

Ph.D. student Carter Rees received a Disability Resource Center Outstanding Achievement Award for outstanding commitment to people with disabilities. He accepted the award at the Annual Awards Luncheon on April 28.

**Grant Sends Davies to Croatia**

Ph.D. student Andy Davies was awarded a grant from the Graduate Student Organization to teach at the World Society of Victimology’s annual symposium in Dubrovnik, Croatia in May.

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**Congratulations!**

**Bice and Krohn Wed in Florida**

Professor Emeritus Marv Krohn married his long-time fiancee Kathy Bice in a beach wedding in St. Augustine, Florida on April 17. Former SCJ Professor Terence Thornberry officiated the ceremony. Happy shouts of ‘mazel tov’ were joined by all. Ron Akers and our very own Andy Davies accompanied Marv in a romantic Jimmy Buffett ballad addressed to his new wife.

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**Symposium on Crime and Justice: The Past and Future of Empirical Sentencing Research**

September 23 & 24, 2010
Page Hall Auditorium

Main Papers:
- The Role of Race in Sentencing Outcomes
  - Risk Assessment in Sentencing
- Discretion and Decision Making in the Sentencing Process
- Managing the Criminal Justice Population

See the complete agenda and more at www.albany.edu/scj/SentencingSymposium.htm

Contact cjsymp@albany.edu to register.
Faculty Presentations

Distinguished Teaching Professor James Acker was invited to deliver the inaugural lecture in connection with the Cleere-Francis Lecture Series at the University of Northern Colorado (UNC). His remarks focused on “Paradoxes of Capital Punishment.” To read the full story, go to www.uncmirror.com/news/professor-discusses-details-legalities-of-capital-punishment-1.1391312#4. The lecture series was made possible through the effort and generosity of SCJ alumnus Walter Francis, M.A. '79, who received his undergraduate degree and first Master's degree at UNC.

In April, Professor Allison Redlich delivered "False confessions, false guilty pleas: The susceptibility of juveniles and best interests" at Rutgers Law Review symposium, Rightsing the wronged: Causes, effects, prevention, and remedies of juvenile wrongful convictions.

She also presented "Mental health courts: yesterday, today, and tomorrow" in January at Special problem-solving courts: Social science and legal perspectives, part of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Law and Psychology Visiting Scholar Program, Program of Excellence.

Professor Jamie Fader presented a paper entitled, “A Long Shower, Good Food, and Some Sex: Reentry Concerns and Realities for Formerly-Incarcerated Youth” at the Eastern Sociological Society. She was also a critic on an author-meets-critic panel at ESS for Timothy Black’s new book, When a Heart Turns Rock Solid (Pantheon Press, 2009).

In addition, Dr. Fader was the keynote speaker for the Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society induction at Montclair State University in Montclair, New Jersey.

Professor Shawn Bushway's research was featured in the Prisoner Reentry Institute's Occasional Series on Reentry Research. The National Reentry Resource Center carried the event via live webcast. Nearly 400 people logged on to the view the presentation.

Faculty Honors

Professor Frankie Bailey received the 2010 George N. Dove Award for Contributions to the Study of Crime Fiction. Dr. Bailey is the author of four mystery novels and several scholarly non-fiction books on crime fiction. Named to honor mystery scholar George Dove, the Dove Award has been presented annually since 1986 to someone who has made a major contribution to “the serious study of crime fiction.” The award was presented by the Mystery/Detective Fiction Caucus at this year’s meeting of the National Popular Culture Association and American Culture Association in St. Louis.

Maguire Honored at Colloquium

UAlbany's Division for Research held its Research Colloquium on April 14 in the Life Sciences Research Building. Honored during the event were the University’s federal research investigators, including Dr. Kathleen Maguire, Co-Principal Investigator of the “Utilization of Criminal Justice Statistics” website funded by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Institute of Justice. Dr. Maguire is also the Executive Director of the Hindelang Criminal Justice Research Center.

The colloquium's featured speaker was Dr. Michael “Jeff” Salyards, Program Manager, Science and Technology, for the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory. He spoke on “The Perfect Storm: Department of Defense, National Academy of Sciences, and the Forensic Sciences.”
**Faculty Publications**

**Professor Allison Redlich** has four new publications to report; two articles and two chapters.


**Professor Greg Pogarsky** and **SCJ alumnus Greg Zimmerman, Ph.D. '09** have a forthcoming article with Ray Paternoster. "Thoughtfully reflective decision-making and the accumulation of capital: Bringing choice back in" has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*. The article can be viewed through Springer's Online First at [www.springerlink.com/content/nu45n0134070m3h0/?p=dab9c7c8b7624f98b090b85f1c4b2b3b&pi=0](http://www.springerlink.com/content/nu45n0134070m3h0/?p=dab9c7c8b7624f98b090b85f1c4b2b3b&pi=0).

**Professor Janet Stamatel** and **Jeanna Mastrocinque**, who recently defended her dissertation, have an article forthcoming in *Victims and Offenders* -- “Using NIBRS to understand financial exploitation of the elderly: A research note.”

Two new publications are forthcoming for **Professor Robert Apel** this summer.


Apel, R. & Sweeten, G. (Forthcoming). The impact of incarceration on employment during the transition to adulthood. *Social Problems*.

**Hindelang News**

**Rosenfeld Delivers Hindelang Lecture**

Dr. Richard B. Rosenfeld, Curators Professor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri-St. Louis was the featured speaker at the 9th Annual Michael J. Hindelang Lecture. His presentation was entitled “Violent Crime, Property Crime, and Economic Conditions: A Unified Explanation.” Following the lecture, Dr. Rosenfeld held an informal discussion session with SCJ graduate students.

Dr. Rosenfeld’s research interests include the social sources of violent crime, crime statistics, and crime control policy. His current research focuses on explaining U.S. crime trends. He has been elected 2010 President of the American Society of Criminology.