ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRIMINOLOGY

Justice Quarterly

UAlbany School of Criminal Justice will be the next home of two of the leading journals in our field: Criminology and Justice Quarterly!

Distinguished Teaching Professor David McDowall will be next Editor of Criminology. Criminology is the official journal of the American Society of Criminology and is widely considered the flagship journal in our field. The journal will be co-Edited by Janet Lauritsen at UMSL, Brian Johnson at Maryland, and Jody Miller at Rutgers. It will transition to UAlbany in Fall 2016.

Associate Professor Megan Kurlychek will be next Editor of Justice Quarterly, with Professor Greg Pogarsky as Associate Editor. Justice Quarterly is the official journal of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and is one of the top-ranked journals in our field. The journal will transition to the School on July 1st.

This will be the first time UAlbany School of Criminal Justice holds the Editorship of either of these outstanding publications.

FUNDRAISING

Our Fundraising Initiative continues with substantial success. You can support the School by going to our giving website here: http://www.albany.edu/scj/give/.

Steven DeBraccio (BA ’10) pledged a gift of $31,000 to endow an Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award. This award will be presented annually to a PhD student in our program who over the prior year has done excellent work in the classroom either as a TA or Instructor of Record.

Bruce Davis (MA ’75) contributed $30,000 to establish The Graeme Newman Award for Entrepreneurial Criminal Justice. The School will select the award’s first recipient in Spring 2017.

Development Officer Michael Boots received the University Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Michael has played an integral role in the School’s fundraising efforts over the past several years. Since becoming a full-time Development Officer in 2006, Michael has secured gifts totaling more than $7 million in support of key University priorities, including the School of Criminal Justice.

RECENT EVENTS

Dr. Chris Uggen, Martindale Chair & McKnight Professor of Sociology & Law from the University of Minnesota, delivered the 2016 Michael J. Hindelang Lecture on Thursday, May 5. Criminal records, spillovers, and the growing stickiness of public labels contrasted the fluidity in criminal behavior with the growing stickiness of public labels, drawing from an experimental study of low-level criminal records, demographic analysis of the population bearing such records, and their spillover effects on health care and other institutions.

Dr. Gary LaFree, Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice and Director of the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) at the University of Maryland, delivered an invited presentation, entitled Black swans and burstiness: Countering myths about terrorism, on Friday, April 22.

Dr. Paul Nieuwbeerta, Professor of Criminology at the Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology at Leiden University in the Netherlands, delivered an invited presentation, entitled The Prison Project: A longitudinal panel study on the effects of imprisonment in the Netherlands, during a special Lunch & Learn event for doctoral students. Professor Nieuwbeerta’s visit was hosted by Professor Shawn Bushway (SCJ affiliate) and the students in his research lab.
Dr. Brandon Welsh, Professor of Criminology at Northeastern University and Director of the Cambridge-Somerville Youth Study, delivered an invited presentation, entitled *Who cares about a delinquency prevention experiment of Boston boys born in the 1920s and 1930s?*, on Friday, April 15.

Dr. Rod Brunson, Professor in the Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice, delivered an invited presentation, entitled *"On the block": Racial profiling and street-level drug enforcement*, on Friday, April 8th.

Representatives from 20 local, state, and federal agencies and more than 200 students from across the University attended the School’s 2016 Internship Fair.

The SCJ Graduate Student Association held its annual Book Sale on March 31st. A dozen students volunteered to help make the book sale a great success, raising nearly $300. Half of the proceeds will be donated to Equinox, a local nonprofit organization that serves Albany’s at-risk populations.

**Publications**


Note: Illustrations by Anna Acker (daughter).


**CRIMINOLOGY & Public Policy**


**GRANTS**

Pickett, J. T. (assistant professor) with Megan Denver (Ph.D. student) and Shawn Bushway (professor, SCJ affiliate). Center for Social and Demographic Analysis Seed Grant. *Minority population growth, offender racial demographics, and public support for criminal background checks: A pilot experiment*.

Pogarsky, G. (professor), Faculty Research Award Program - Category B (FRAP-B), *Sanction risk perceptions - Is mathematical probability truly the language of choice?*
**PRESENTATIONS**

The Global Institute of Health and Human Rights (GIHHR) organized a two-week, three-city, North American study tour for nine senior officials from Turkey. The purpose of the visit was to acquaint representatives from the Turkish Ministry of Health, Ministry of Justice, and prison organizations with North American approaches to drug policy, and to encourage shifting the global perspective of drug users away from a criminal-focused approach and toward a patient-focused approach. Presenters included Arash Alaei, Kamiar Alaei (public service professor, SCJ affiliate), and William Alex Pridemore (dean and professor).


Steve Messner (affiliate professor) was a Distinguished Lecturer at the Justice Center for Research, Penn State University, in April. He presented some of his research on neighborhood control and disorder in urban China.

Pridemore, W. A. (dean and professor), “Rain on the scarecrow, blood on the plow”: The impact of the 1980s farm crisis on suicide in rural America. Invited presentation at the University of Georgia, Department of Sociology. April 2016.


**AWARDS AND HONORS**

Congratulations to Stephen Hogan (part-time instructor), who was selected to receive the *University Award for Excellence in Teaching*. He has been teaching in the School of Criminal Justice for more than a decade and is an invaluable member of our teaching corps.

Congratulations to Alan Lizotte, who was awarded the rank of Distinguished Professor. Alan has been a central part of the School for 30 years. He is a world class researcher who has had a major impact on the School, the University, and our field.

Congratulations to doctoral student Kirstin Morgan, who won a $1,000 *Student Research Award* from the Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Kirstin accepted her award at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in March.

Congratulations to Associate Professor Robert Worden, who won the 2016 *Faculty Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Development*, given annually by the SCJ Graduate Student Association. Doctoral student Paul Taylor presented the award at the GSA’s Spring Dinner. Many of Dr. Worden’s students, past and present, provided anecdotes for the award presentation.
Congratulations to the eight Criminal Justice students who received 2016 President’s Leadership Awards. They are:

**Bachelor’s Degree Students**
- Brittany Bourne – Outstanding Senior Award
- Alyson Erardy – Fraternity & Sorority Leadership Award
- Kayla James – Christine A. Bouchard Spirit Award
- Kayla Potter – UAlbany Fund Award
- Belinda Reyes – Don’t Walk Alone Award
- Phillip Waknin – Outstanding Senior Award

**Master’s Degree Students**
- Benjamin Israel – Five Quad Award
- Rebecca Prince – University Governance Leadership Award

**COMMENCEMENT AWARDS**

The School of Criminal Justice held its 2016 Commencement Celebration on May 14. In total, 188 SCJ students graduated in 2015-16 – four doctoral graduates, 35 Master’s degree graduates, and 149 Bachelor’s degree graduates. The event also included presentation of a variety of student and alumni awards. View our Commencement Celebration [photo album](#).

**GRADUATE PROGRAM AWARDS**
Lt. John F. Finn Scholarship presented to Patrick Russell.
Walter M. Francis Policing Award presented to Jasmine Silver.
Frank Remington Award for Interdisciplinary Legal Studies presented to Kirstin Morgan.
University Distinguished Dissertation Award presented to Robert Norris, Ph.D. ’15.
Eliot H. Lumbard Award for Academic Excellence presented to Sean Roche.

**UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM AWARDS**
Bruce Davis Criminal Justice Scholarship presented to Nicholas Lipsett.
J. Edgar Hoover Leadership Scholarship presented to Nathaniel Burke, Ashley Cummins, Nicholas Lipsett, and Catrina Young.
Presidential Award for Undergraduate Research presented to Emily Schlierer.
Distinguished Teaching Professor James Acker/Dr. Walter Francis Award presented to Cassandra Lee.
Donald J. Newman Award for Outstanding Achievement presented to Victoria Farrell.
Valedictorian Award presented to Krista Fitzpatrick.

**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS**
Presented to Patricia Groeber (M.A. ’97) and Timothy Ireland (Ph.D. ’96, picture at right).

**SERVICE**

Distinguished Professor Alan Lizotte, Professor Jay Albanese (Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University), and Professor Laura Dugan (Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland) evaluated the Ph.D. program offered by the School of Criminology and Justice Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

Professor Greg Pogarsky was invited to serve on the University’s Recognition Program Sub-Committee – part of the President’s Council on Diversity and Inclusion. The sub-committee’s primary task will be to examine current practices at UAlbany and its peer institutions regarding recognition efforts and systems.
Visitors

Huang (Josh) Tien Yu visited the School from Taiwan, where he is a doctoral student at National Chung Cheng University. His primary focus during his visit was to learn more about the correctional system in the United States and, more specifically, to learn how New York State corrections agencies deal with long-term inmates during and after incarceration.

Defenses

Dissertation Defenses


Prospectus Defenses


Comprehensive Exam Defenses


Alumni News

Michele Andre (BA ’16) was featured in the University’s series on graduating students with outstanding post-commencement plans. Read her inspiring story – *Turning Tragedy into Triumph*.

P. Nicole Hendrix (PhD ’06) was promoted to Full Professor at Radford University effective in August.


Thank you for a great year! We’ll see you again in September with the next Dean’s News.