IN MEMORIAM

Jo Anne DeSilva, long-time student services secretary, passed away on November 22. She was 65. Jo Anne worked her entire career in the School of Criminal Justice and was an important part of our history for nearly 40 years.

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

Our fundraising initiative continues to experience success and to build momentum. Please consider a gift to the School to support the Dean’s Excellence Fund, graduate fellowships, undergraduate scholarships, or other activities. Our giving website is here: http://www.albany.edu/scj/give/.

A member of our first PhD cohort, Larry Siegel, and his wife, Terry Libby, pledged a $30,000 gift to establish The Larry J. Siegel and Therese J. Libby Fund. Given in the name of the Darald and Julie Libby Foundation, the endowment will provide annual support to graduate student activities in the School of Criminal Justice.

A $4,500 gift from The J. Edgar Hoover Foundation established The J. Edgar Hoover Foundation Leadership Scholarships to support outstanding undergraduate students in pursuit of their degrees in Criminal Justice. Eligible students must have a minimum 3.3 GPA and demonstrated leadership skills and experience. The first Hoover Scholarships will be awarded at the School of Criminal Justice Commencement Celebration in May.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dr. Chris Uggen, Martindale Chair & McKnight Professor of Sociology & Law at the University of Minnesota, will present this year’s Michael J. Hindelang Lecture. In addition to the lecture “Criminal Records, Spillovers, and the Growing Stickiness of Public Labels” he will offer a special presentation for graduate students entitled “Professional Development in the Social Sciences: Safe and Risky Career Agendas.” More event information will be provided in the March issue and on our Facebook page.

The School will host invited presentations by three highly respected scholars in April:

- Rod Brunson, Professor, School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University. April 8.
- Brandon Welsh, Professor, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Northeastern University. April 15.
- Gary LaFree, Director, National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), University of Maryland. April 22.

Details for each lecture will be announced in our March issue and on our Facebook page.

PUBLICATIONS


**Presentations**

Professor Frankie Bailey chaired the committee responsible for planning the University’s *Martin Luther King Day Celebration*. This year’s event brought Civil Rights Advocate Carlotta Walls LaNier to campus. LaNier is the youngest member of the Little Rock Nine, a group of Black students who integrated Little Rock High School over the objections of segregationist Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus -- a landmark event of the Civil Rights Movement.

Associate Professor Alissa Worden and PhD students Reveka Shteynberg and Kirstin Morgan were invited participants at the *National Legal Aid and Defender Association’s* recent Defender Research Consortium in Baltimore (December 3-4, 2015). The Consortium, sponsored by the Open Society Foundation, brought together a small group of public defense practitioners, advocates, policy makers, and researchers to develop research agendas and brainstorm on research projects that would address improving the quality of public defense.

Arash and Kiamar Alaei (public service professor, SCJ affiliate), co-directors of the Global Institute of Health and Human Rights, in collaboration with the International AIDS Society, organized *The Second High Level Consultation Meeting on HIV: Conservative Social Settings Promoting a More Inclusive Approach* for distinguished scholars from 15 countries at Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul, Turkey. The project was funded by OPEC Foundation for International Development (OFIT).

**Grants**

**Najdowski, C.** (assistant professor, PI), & **Weintraub, J.** (PhD student, co-investigator), Psi Chi Mamie Phipps Clark Research Grant, *Exploring effects of defendant age and race on jurors' perceptions of coerced confessions*.

Awards and Honors

The Justice Quarterly article “Like parent like child? The role of delayed childrearing in breaking the link between parent’s offending and their children’s antisocial behavior,” written by Alan Lizotte (professor), Matthew Phillips (PhD ’12), Marvin Krohn, Terrence Thornberry, Shawn Bushway (professor, SCJ affiliate), and Nicole Schmidt (PhD ’11), made the short list for the Donal MacNamara Award, which recognizes outstanding scholarship published in one of the publication venues of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. All papers published in affiliated ACJS journals are considered for the award.

Assistant Professor Cynthia Najdowski was appointed adjunct assistant professor in the University’s Department of Psychology.

Alissa Worden (associate professor) has been invited to join the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission’s Research Advisory Group. The group will provide research guidance to the Commission’s oversight of implementation of quality improvement standards for provision of legal representation in Michigan criminal courts.

Defenses

Comprehensive Examinations

Alumni News

Leigh Bates, PhD ’08 received the Nancy Campbell Award for Leadership and Innovation in the 2015 round of the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services’ annual Commissioner’s Awards. The award recognized her role in the implementation of a tool to monitor the effectiveness of the state’s alternatives to incarceration (ATI) programs.

Adam Bouloukos, PhD ’98 is Director of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction. See a recent interview where Adam discusses his work.

Amanda Emmert, PhD ’15 accepted an assistant professor position at Towson University.

John Laub, PhD ’80 is featured in the University’s promotional video Former National Institute of Justice Director Learned Professionalism in Criminal Justice at UAlbany.

The Washington Post

Jay Wachtel, PhD ’82 wrote an op-ed in The Washington Post - Ex-ATF Agent: America is only pretending to regulate lethal firearms.

Andrew Wheeler, PhD ’15 accepted a tenure-track assistant professor position in the criminology program at the University of Texas at Dallas.

Send your announcements for the March issue to Diana (dmancini2@albany.edu) by Monday, March 14.