ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Global Reach of UAlbany SCJ: The impact on criminological knowledge of our faculty and PhD alumni spans the globe. A recent article by Yan Zhang, “Scholarly influence in criminology and criminal justice of China” in the Asian Journal of Criminology, reveals the contributions of UAlbany to Chinese criminology and criminal justice. In a review of studies from leading criminology journals that reference crime or criminal justice in China, the author mentions (1) UAlbany SCJ alumni Ivan Sun, Eric Lambert, and Kam Wong among the most productive scholars in research on Chinese crime and justice, and (2) PhD alumnus Rob Sampson and former UAlbany Professor Marv Krohn among the most cited scholars in Chinese criminology. Our UAlbany colleagues in the Sociology Department also deserve tremendous credit for their contributions. UAlbany Sociology Distinguished Professor (and SCJ Affiliate Faculty) Steve Messner, former professor Allen Liska, and PhD alumni Lening Zhang and Jianhong Liu are cited in the Zhang article as among the most productive and/or cited scholars of Chinese criminological research.

FUNDRAISING

Our SCJ Fundraising Initiative continues successfully with several recent wonderful gifts to the School. Please consider supporting our mission by clicking here, http://www.albany.edu/scj/give/. And watch this space in the first issue of the Dean’s News this fall for an exciting gift pledge to kick off the School’s 50th Anniversary, which we will celebrate throughout 2018.

PUBLICATIONS

The Annual Review of Criminology will be published for the first time in 2018, joining annual reviews in over 60 other fields. Dean Pridemore played an instrumental role in the creation of the new journal, and the 9-member Editorial Board boasts three UAlbany SCJ PhD alumni: Rob Sampson, PhD ’83 (who is co-Editor of the journal), John Laub, PhD ’80, and William Pridemore, PhD ’00.


Presentations

Dean Pridemore organized and chaired a panel on “Crime, Justice, and Death” at the American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting in Boston, MA in February. See the UAlbany news story.


Awards and Honors

PhD student Raquel Derrick is a member of the 2017 class of Dole Caregiver Fellows — 31 military and veteran caregivers from across the country who have become leaders in their communities as public advocates for wounded, ill, and injured veterans. Read Raquel's story.
Crimes of the Centuries: Notorious Crimes, Criminals, and Criminal Trials in American History by Steven Chermak, Ph.D. ’93 & Professor Frankie Bailey, Ph.D. ’86 is among the Best Reference Titles of 2016 (Law & Politics) as selected by Library Journal.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Insight from Kamiar Alaei (SCJ affiliate) included in Trump travel ban will hit Iranian critics of regime hardest, analysts warn, The Guardian.

Study by The Center for Problem-Orientated Policing cited in A mental health crisis, an elite police unit, a death in Jennings, St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Research by Professor Alan Lizotte cited in Did Florida’s stand your ground law reduce violent crime?, Politifact, and PoliticFact Fl Sets Its Sights on Stand Your Ground Claim, WLRN Miami.

Professor David McDowall quoted in Sessions’ Tough-On-Crime Tactics Have a History of Failure, Scholars Say, Newsweek.

Study led by Professor Justin Pickett and PhD student Sean Roche highlighted in:
Study: Public Wants Researchers Held Accountable for Data Fraud, UAlbany News Release.
Study shows public wants researchers held accountable for data fraud, Phys.org.
Study: Public Wants Researchers Held Accountable for Data Fraud, Capital Region Chamber.

DEFENSES

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ALUMNI NEWS

John Laub, PhD ’80 co-authored with Richard Rosenfeld (UMSL) a letter to President Trump titled “Keep Science in the Department of Justice.” See the Washington Post story and the complete letter in Criminologists urge Trump administration not to cut science from crime policy.

Send your announcements for the next issue to Diana Mancini at dmancini2@albany.edu by June 1.