IN MEMORIAM

Nicole (Nicky) Hahn Rafter, PhD ’78, passed away on February 29, 2016. An internationally known scholar, she published countless articles and more than a dozen books. In 2009 the American Society of Criminology recognized her exceptional career with The Edwin H. Sutherland Award for outstanding contributions to theory or research in criminology. View her obituary.

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

The success of our Fundraising Initiative continues. Among others, thanks to Eric Lambert, PhD ’99, for his second generous gift of this academic year. Keep an eye on this space in the next few issues of the Dean’s News to learn about exciting gifts to the School. You can support the School by going to our giving website: http://www.albany.edu/scj/give/.

RECENT EVENTS

The SCJ Graduate Student Association and the Association for Black Social Workers co-sponsored Flint Week, a week of fundraising activities to benefit victims of the Flint, Michigan, water crisis. Events including raffle ticket sales and a screening of Blue Gold: World Water Wars raised more than $580 for the cause.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8 -- Rod Brunson, Professor, School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University. "On the Block": Racial Profiling and Street-Level Drug Enforcement.

April 15 -- Brandon Welsh, Professor, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Northeastern University. Who Cares about a Delinquency Prevention Experiment of Boston Boys Born in the 1920s and 1930s?

April 22 -- Gary LaFree, Director, National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), University of Maryland. Black Swans and Burstiness: Countering Myths about Terrorism.

May 5 - Chris Uggen, Martindale Chair & McKnight Professor of Sociology & Law, University of Minnesota. Michael J. Hindelang Lecture - Criminal Records, Spillovers, and the Growing Stickiness of Public Labels.

PUBLICATIONS


MEDIA
Assistant Professor Cynthia Najdowski wrote the op-ed “Stereotype Threat in Police Encounters: Implications for Miscarriages of Justice” for The Psych Report.

PRESENTATIONS
Dean Pridemore (PhD ‘00) organized and chaired a panel on situational dynamics of interpersonal violence and conflict escalation at the American Association for the Advancement of Science’s annual meeting in Washington, DC, in February. Pridemore did this as part of his role as the American Society of Criminology’s Liaison to AAAS. This was one of only a handful of social science panels on the program and included Andrew Papachristos (Yale Sociology), Mark Berg (U. of Iowa Sociology), Rod Brunson (Rutgers Criminal Justice), former UAlbany SCJ Dean Julie Horney as Discussant, and Pridemore as Organizer and Chair.

AWARDS AND HONORS
Congratulations to Dennis McCarty, PhD ‘85 (part-time instructor), who was selected to receive the 2015-2016 Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching. Dennis is one of only 46 part-time instructors across the entire SUNY system of 64 campuses to be honored with this recognition.

Master’s student Rebecca Prince is a finalist for the Presidential Management Fellowship. Following opportunities to network with agency heads, she will be appointed to a PMF position in one of several participating federal agencies.

VISITORS
The Justice & Multiculturalism in the 21st Century Project hosted a screening of the film Missing People and a community discussion with the director, David Shapiro, as part of the film series with the New York Writers Institute.

ALUMNI NEWS
Congratulations to JoAnne Malatesta, Ph.D. ‘08, who won the Excellence in Advising Award from the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA). She served as assistant dean in the School of Criminal Justice for nearly 10 years before becoming the director of the University’s Advisement Services Center in 2014.

Send your announcements for the April issue to Diana (dmancini2@albany.edu) by Monday, April 11.