**Welcome**

In fall 2017 we will welcome Evelien Hoeben and Theodore Wilson as Assistant Professors. Evelien is a Postdoctoral Researcher at the Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam. She received her PhD in Criminology from the Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement and VU University Amsterdam. Her research interests include peer influences on adolescent delinquency and substance use, group behavior, time use, and situational explanations for deviance. Teddy is finishing his PhD in Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Maryland. His research interests are offender decision making, criminal justice practitioner decision making, and quantitative methods.

**Announcements**

Governor Andrew Cuomo announced creation of and substantial support for the [Youth Justice Institute](#), a partnership between the State of New York and the University at Albany. The Institute, which will be housed in the School of Criminal Justice, is designed to improve services for children, teens, and young adults in New York’s criminal justice system. Dr. Megan Kurychek will lead the School’s participation in the project.

**Fundraising**

On Tuesday, November 29, the University and the School participated in #GivingTuesday, a special call to action with the goal to inspire philanthropy. Thanks to generous contributions from SCJ alumni, faculty, and friends, the School raised more than $21,000 in one day! This included gifts of $3,000 from Robert Martin, $3,000 from Richard Gentilcore, BA ’67, $1,000 from Kathleen Heide, PhD ’82, $1,000 from Professor Alan Lizotte, and a $10,940 1:1 matching gift challenge from Peter Stevens, MA ’83.

**Publications**


**GRANTS**

Kamiar Alaei (public service professor, SCJ affiliate) and Arash Alaei received a $175,000 federal grant for Global Health Diplomacy.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Kamiar Alaei (public service professor, SCJ affiliate) was invited as a keynote speaker at Trinity University at Texas.


SCJ was extremely well represented at the annual American Society of Criminology meeting in New Orleans, LA. Check out the variety of presentations and posters from our faculty and students.
SCJ doctoral students swept the 2016 Gene Carte Student Paper Competition Awards at ASC. Eric Fowler won first place for “Drawing the line: Empirical recidivism results from a natural experiment raising the age of criminal responsibility.” Sean Roche and UAlbany Sociology doctoral student Dean Weld took second place with “A matter of time: A partial test of institutional anomie theory using cross-national time use data.” And Megan Denver won third place for “Evaluating the impact of ‘old’ criminal conviction decision guidelines on subsequent employment and arrest outcomes.”

Doctoral student Audrey Hickert won second place in the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management poster session for her poster “Prisoner social networks: Patterns observed in longitudinal visitation data.” See the video of Audrey’s poster presentation.

Assistant Professor Cynthia Najdowski was appointed as an Adjunct Assistant Professor with the Psychology Department.

Doctoral student Melissa Noel was selected for the first cohort of Presidential Doctoral Fellows for Research Training in Minority Health Disparities. Read more about Melissa and the Fellows program in the UAlbany News.

Post-Doctoral Research Associate Meghan Rogers is this year’s winner of the Richard Block Dissertation Award from the Homicide Research Working Group.

Kamiar Alaei (public service professor, SCJ affiliate) received a grant from IREX to establish a Center for Women’s Rights to Health at Howler Medical University in Kurdistan of Iraq. He also delivered a week-long training for Howler’s faculty members.

Professor James Acker contributed to the Time Warner Cable News story Albany Law dissects debate from Supreme Court standpoint.

The Center for Problem-Oriented Policing was cited in a letter to the Corvallis Gazette-Times titled “Pierce’s claim seems accurate.”

Dean William Alex Pridemore’s article “Hazardous Drinking and Violent Mortality Among Males” in Social Problems is highlighted in the following articles:

Drinks turn to death for men, new study finds, EIN News
For men, heavy drinking can get you killed, Medical Xpress
For men, heavy drinking can get you killed, University at Albany News

Associate Professor Robert Worden is quoted in the Business Insider’s feature “How New York’s capital avoided becoming ‘a flaming city’ after police killed a mentally ill, unarmed black man.”
The announcement of the new Youth Justice Institute was featured in the following stories:

- Cuomo launches juvenile justice research institute, Oneida Daily Star
- Governor Cuomo Announces New Youth Justice Institute to Improve Services for Children, Teens and Young Adults in the Criminal Justice System, Long Island.com
- Helping Youth In The Criminal Justice System, WGY Radio – Albany
- New institute aims to help youths in criminal justice system, Associated Press
- New institute aims to help youths in criminal justice system, News Channel 13 (WNYT – Albany)

DEFENSES

Prospectus Defense

Raquel Moriarty Derrick, An Exploration of Caregiver Engagement in Youth Residential Treatment, October 20, 2016.

RECENT EVENTS

Adrian Raine, Richard Perry University Professor of Criminology, Psychiatry, and Psychology at the University of Pennsylvania, gave an invited presentation at the School in November on The Anatomy of Violence: Implications for Preventing, Predicting and Punishing Offenders.

The School hosted Crime, Mental Illness, and Justice: From Capital Punishment to Lunacy Commissions, a Forum featuring footage from documentary Mike Camoin’s "Life or Death" and discussion with panelists Bill and Linda Babbitt and Diane Cameron.

The School hosted Excluded: A Dialogue on Safe, Supportive and Affordable Housing for People with Justice Involvement, with Fortune Society representatives Jill Poklemba and Kandra Clark.

Jeffery Ulmer, Professor and Associate Head of Sociology and Criminology at Penn State University, gave an invited presentation at the School in October on Punishment in Indian Country: Ironies of Federal Punishment of Native Americans.

The School hosted Solitary Confinement: Problems and Alternatives and Reflections on Building the School of Criminal Justice by Fred Cohen, Professor Emeritus.

Send your announcements for the January/February issue to Diana Mancini at dmancini2@albany.edu by Wednesday, February 1.