**Welcome**

Dean William Alex Pridemore, Ph.D. ‘00 joined the School of Criminal Justice as dean and professor. Pridemore came from Georgia State University where he served as distinguished university professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology and as senior researcher in the Cluster on Evidence-Based Policy. Some of his research interests include the impact of social structure on homicide and suicide rates, the role of alcohol in violence and mortality, and the sociology of health and illness.

Giza Lopes, Ph.D. ‘13 joined the School of Criminal Justice as an assistant professor. Lopes was previously a postdoctoral research associate in the School. Her research interests include theories of crime, criminal justice contact, health and justice, public defense, and evidence-based legal reform. She teaches graduate-level courses in theories of crime, and aging, crime and incarceration, and the undergraduate introduction to law and criminal justice.

Meghan Rogers joined the School as a postdoctoral research associate. She is finishing up her Ph.D. at Indiana University. Her research interests include cross-national research, violence, quantitative research methods, criminological theory, social structures and crime, and measurement of crime. During her time as a postdoc, she will work with Dean Pridemore on a series of studies on cross-national homicide research.

**Publications**


**Presentations**  
* Presenter, if not all


**Grants**  
* PI or co-PI


Worden, A.* (associate professor), & Davies, A.* (alumnus). Council at First Appearance (CAFA) Project video


**Awards**

Doctoral students Megan Denver, Reveka Shteynberg, and Haemi Won received awards from the Karen R. Hitchcock New Frontiers Fund through the University at Albany’s Initiatives for Women (IFW) Program. The Hitchcock Fund supports doctoral-level women students who show great promise of making a positive, transformational difference in our society. Read about how Megan, Reveka, and Haemi used their award funds at [http://www.albany.edu/scj/2015-IFW-Awards.php](http://www.albany.edu/scj/2015-IFW-Awards.php).
Dean Pridemore was awarded the Gerhard O.W. Mueller Distinguished Scholar Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences’ International Section at its spring meeting. The Mueller Award is conferred annually on an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of comparative/international criminal justice spanning the areas of scholarship, leadership, and service.

Master of Arts student Naithram Singh passed the NYS Crime Analyst Certification Exam in June.

Doctoral student Haemi Won won a Professional Development Award from the Graduate Student Employees Union. She used the award funds to attend The State of Cybercrime: Current Issues and Countermeasures training at the United National Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI) in Tokyo, Japan.

School of Criminal Justice Commencement Awards were presented to five graduate students and four undergraduate students. See our Commencement Photo Album.

Mark Chaires, Ph.D. ‘15 won the Walter M. Francis Policing Award, presented to the graduate student who achieved the highest distinction in the study of policing.

Undergraduate student Alyssa Clark received the Donald J. Newman Award for Outstanding Achievement. The Newman Award recognizes the extraordinary academic and extracurricular achievement of a graduating senior.

Christopher Dum, Ph.D. ‘14 received the University’s Distinguished Dissertation Award, which recognizes distinguished works at the conclusion of a terminal degree.

Undergraduate student Victoria Farrell won the Bruce Davis Criminal Justice Scholarship for her essay describing why she chose to major in criminal justice.

Robert Norris, Ph.D. ‘15 won the Eliot H. Lumbard Award for Academic Excellence. The Lumbard Award is given annually to the graduate student who has attained the highest distinction in academic excellence.

Master of Arts student Nicolle Quinonez Ramirez received the Lt. John F. Finn Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a student who demonstrates an interest in applying social science to crime and an interest in working for, or in collaboration with, law enforcement agencies.

Doctoral student Reveka Shteynberg received the Frank Remington Award for Interdisciplinary Legal Studies. The Remington Award is presented annually to the graduate student who has achieved the highest distinction in the integrated study of law and social science.

Undergraduate student Eric Slater won the Distinguished Teaching Professor James Acker and Dr. Walter Francis Award. The Acker/ Francis Award is presented to a graduating senior who demonstrates a high level of academic achievement and involvement in criminal justice programs and activities. Eric also received the Valedictorian Award for earning the highest cumulative GPA in the graduating class.

Public Engagement

The Justice & Multiculturalism in the 21st Century project begins its fourth year of activities and events exploring the intersection of social justice and criminal justice in an increasingly diverse society. This year will focus on issues of crime, justice, and social structure. Dean Pridemore has secured dedicated funding to support the Project and its activities for the next several years.
MEDIA

Distinguished Professor Emeritus David Bayley was the expert guest on WAMC’s Vox Pop Open Forum on Policing. Listen to the recording at http://wamc.org/post/open-forum-policing#stream/0.

Dean Pridemore recently completed a podcast with Sage Sociology for his research on the effects of incarceration on premature mortality that was published last year in Journal of Health and Social Behavior. The podcast is available at http://hsb.sagepub.com/content/suppl/2015/08/18/0022146514533119.DC1/JHSB_Pridemore.mp3.

Associate Professor Robert Worden was one of five panelists in a “Town Hall” meeting on the relationship between the police and the public hosted by WRGB CBS6. The panelists addressed questions posed in person by a live studio audience and also those posted through social media. The recording is accessible through YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Y9c5EnunAg.

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE AND THE UNIVERSITY

Doctoral student Melissa Noel is representing the School of Criminal Justice as a Future Faculty Fellow on the University’s Future Faculty Leadership Council.

Dean Pridemore is a member of the founding Editorial Board of the Annual Review of Criminology, which was approved by Annual Reviews this summer.

Dean Pridemore was elected this summer to the Coordinating Committee of the Kettil Bruun Society for Social and Epidemiological Research on Alcohol. His term will run 2015-2017.

Dean Pridemore was appointed this summer as an Assistant Field Editor for Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs.

VISITORS

Dr. Sally Simpson, professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice and director of the Center for the Study of Business Ethics, Regulation, and Crime at the University of Maryland, delivered the 14th Annual Michael J. Hindelang Lecture. The Hindelang Lecture is hosted by the Michael J. Hindelang Criminal Justice Research Center each spring. This year’s lecturer will be announced soon.

If you have news you’d like to share, please send your announcements to Diana Mancini at dmancini2@albany.edu. The October publication deadline is Thursday, October 1.