Welcome aboard, Evelien Hoeben and Teddy Wilson, who joined our faculty this fall as assistant professors. Evelien’s research focuses on situational aspects of adolescent delinquency and substance use, thus on the particular circumstances under which such behavior takes place. She is teaching Crime, Deviation, and Conformity at the undergraduate level this semester. Teddy’s primary research interests include decision making, both on the part of offenders and criminal justice practitioners, and quantitative methods. He is teaching Statistics in the Master’s and PhD programs this semester.

Announcements

After 45 years with the School of Criminal Justice, Distinguished Teaching Professor Graeme Newman will retire at the end of this semester. Graeme has been an integral and unique part of our School since its early days, and it is genuinely difficult to imagine the School without his presence. We thank Graeme for being such an influential force at and for the School for so long. Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement, Graeme!

Congratulations Justin Pickett! Justin was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure.

In 2018 the School will celebrate its 50th Anniversary! We will mark this important occasion with a year-long series of events – both scholarly and social – culminating with the Anniversary Gala in October. Keep an eye on the Dean’s News, our website, and your email for event announcements and other 50th Anniversary surprises!

Fundraising

The School’s fundraising campaign continues with great success, including recent generous gifts from Michael Weintraub, MA ’79 to our Dean’s Excellence Fund and from John Larivee, MA ’74 to create the Larivee Family Scholarship in Criminal Justice.

Our upcoming 50th Anniversary – which we will celebrate throughout 2018 beginning in January – presents us with a wonderful opportunity to give back to the School. We received a very special gift to kick off our 50th Anniversary-related fundraising activities. Distinguished Professor and former Dean Alan Lizotte, together with his wife Lisa Jackson, pledged $100,000 to endow a fund dedicated to doctoral and post-doctoral training in the School. This is a fantastic gift in itself, and Alan and Lisa also hope it will inspire others to consider gifts of any size to the School, especially during the special 50th Anniversary year beginning in January 2018.

You can help support the School’s mission by visiting the SCJ Giving page.
PUBLICATIONS


**Presentations**

Undergraduates Darius Santana (pictured here) and Max Hsu presented their research during the NSF-funded *Research Experience for Undergraduates Program in Crime Analytics* at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte. Both will be presenting their findings at the Southern Criminal Justice Association conference in New Orleans in late September.

Professor Alissa Pollitz Worden delivered the following invited presentations in the spring:


**Awards and Honors**

Professor Cynthia Najdowski won the 2017 *Louise Kidder Early Career Award* from the *Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues*. The award recognizes social issues researchers who have made substantial contributions to the field early in their careers.

Jasmine Silver (PhD student) won a *Dissertation Research Fellowship* from the University at Albany Office of Graduate Education.
Paul Taylor (PhD student) won second place in the American Society of Criminology’s 2017 Gene Carte Student Paper Competition for his paper, Dispatch Priming and the Police Decision to Use Deadly Force.

Jennifer Weintraub (PhD student) won the University at Albany’s Albert N. Husted Fellowship.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Drs. Kamiar Alaei (SCJ affiliate) and Arash Alaei, of UAlbany’s Global Institute for Health and Human Rights, were profiled on NPR Radio in They Dreamed Of Being Doctors. Now They Help Syrians With The Same Dream.

Professor Cynthia Najdowski’s research was highlighted in a radio interview - Cyber-Abuse: New York and Federal Laws Fall Short - that aired on Fox Sports 980, The River 99.5, 102.3 Kiss FM, Oldies 98.3, PYX 106, and News Radio 810 and 103.1 WGY. Listen to the interview on WGY’s webpage.


DEFENSES

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ALUMNI NEWS

Cristina Alston, MA ’17 recently began a new position as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Intelligence Analyst with the Westchester Intelligence Center, part of the Westchester County District Attorney’s office.

Leonard Moscatelli, MA ‘15 was promoted to Detective - 2nd Grade with the NYPD and subsequently transferred to the Police Commissioner’s Project Management Office, where he is a project manager working on the NYC Criminal Justice Reform Act, body-worn cameras, and Raise the Age, among many other departmental and citywide initiatives. Leo completed 15 years with the NYPD on July 1. He is also a Doctor of Education candidate at Seton Hall University.

Louis Testone, MA ’16 was accepted into several law schools, and chose to attend Syracuse University College of Law this fall.
The SCJ Graduate Student Association hosted bowling night at Lucky Strike to launch their new mentorship program for first-year doctoral students.

The School of Criminal Justice kicked off the new academic year with a night at the ballpark. Students, faculty, and staff gathered at Joe Bruno Stadium to watch the Tri-City Valley Cats battle the Lowell Spinners. View the photo album.

Send your announcements for the next issue to Diana Mancini at dmancini2@albany.edu by October 11.