Welcome Associate Professor **Matt Vogel**! Matt earned his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University at Albany. His research examines the complex ways in which neighborhood processes influence adolescent development and behavior. Prior to joining our faculty, Matt was on the faculty of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Missouri – St. Louis.

Best Wishes for a Happy Retirement, **Michele Fox**

After 37 years at UAlbany, 13 of which were with the School of Criminal Justice, Dean’s Secretary Michele Fox retired. Michele has been an integral part of SCJ. Faculty, students, and especially her staff colleagues have benefited in countless ways from her kindness, her boundless energy, and her entertaining wit. We wish Michele well as she embarks on new adventures.

Welcome **Melanie Lawyeet**! Melanie is our new Dean’s Secretary. She has been with the University for 11 years, most recently working in the School of Business and before that, the Sociology Department.

Welcome (back) **Giza Lopes, PhD ‘13**! Giza is the new Executive Director of the New York State **Youth Justice Institute**. Her scholarly work has investigated, among other topics, the collateral consequences of youth contact with the criminal justice system as it relates to employment, education, and interpersonal relationships. Prior to joining the Institute, Giza was a senior research associate at the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Service.

**Announcements**

Congratulations to our 2019 Student Award Winners! See the [photo album](#) from our Awards Celebration.

**UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM AWARDS**

- Bruce L. Davis Criminal Justice Scholarship presented to **Kenia Flores Coyotectli**
- The J. Edgar Hoover Foundation Leadership Scholarships presented to **Ashley Jones and Matthew Martinez** (pictured right with Dean Pridemore)
- The Graeme Newman Award for Entrepreneurial Criminal Justice presented to **Carolyn Solimine**
- Distinguished Teaching Professor James Acker/Dr. Walter Francis Award presented to **Briana Rosso**
- Presidential Award for Undergraduate Research presented to **Roxanne Grieggs and Julia Melfi**
- Donald J. Newman Award for Outstanding Achievement presented to **Roxanne Grieggs**

**GRADUATE PROGRAM AWARDS**

- Lt. John F. Finn Scholarship presented to **Cie-Nicholas Watson**
- Walter M. Francis Policing Award presented to **Danielle Reynolds**
- Steven V. DeBraccio ’10 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award presented to **Jennifer Weintraub**
- Frank Remington Award for Interdisciplinary Legal Studies presented to **Jennifer Weintraub**
- The Dr. Walter M. Francis Award for Excellence in Master’s Study presented to **Hannah Cochran, Guillermo Escano, and Jessica Van Saders**
- Eliot H. Lombard Award for Academic Excellence presented to **Paul Taylor**
- University Distinguished Dissertation Award presented to **Karise Curtis, Ph.D. ‘18**
PHD STUDENT PLACEMENTS

Recent doctoral graduate Paul Taylor accepted a tenure-track assistant professor of criminal justice position in the School of Public Affairs at the University of Colorado Denver.

NEW PHD STUDENT COHORT

Welcome to Justin Clayton, Guillermo Escano, Yichao Gao, and Brian Rainey! They are our newest cohort of doctoral students.

FUNDRAISING

*** Watch this space next month for the upcoming announcement of a very special gift! ***

Many thanks to Walt Francis, M.A. ’79 for two new gifts. The first gift launched the Dr. Walter M. Francis Award for Excellence in Master’s Study, awarded to three graduating Master’s students. The second gift created the Dr. Walter M. Francis, M.A. ’79 Scholarships for Master’s Study, awarded to three promising members of the incoming Master’s degree class. Walt is also providing the majority of the financial support for the University’s Constitution Day 2019 activities.

GRANTS


PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS

Professors Megan Kurlychek and David Hureau were featured on NPR’s Academic Minute. Listen to their presentations below.

Megan Kurlychek - Improving Responses to Juvenile Delinquency to Reduce Recidivism
David Hureau - Battling the Underground Gun Market

Professor Robert Worden presented “The Impacts of Implicit Bias Training in NYPD” at the annual conference of the American Society of Evidence-Based Policing in Cincinnati. The research on which the presentation was based is conducted in collaboration with (among others) Robin Engel (PhD ’99), Sarah McLean (PhD ’03), Hannah Cochran (MA ’19), Danielle Reynolds (PhD student), and Cynthia Najdowski, and with the indispensable cooperation of NYPD Assistant Commissioner Tanya Meisenholder (PhD ’13).
Awards and Honors

Twenty-five UAlbany undergraduate students participated in the Theodore T. Jones, Jr. Intercollegiate Moot Court Competition sponsored by Albany Law School. Teams also participated from Siena College, The College of St. Rose, and Temple University. Two UAlbany teams advanced to the final round. The three-judge panel presiding over the final round ruled that Mika Ella Rectin-Hernandez and Ashley (MJ) Jones prevailed as tournament champions, with runner-up laurels going to Victoria Giorgio and Aleksandra Smirnova. At the conclusion of the preliminary rounds of oral arguments, the top oral advocates were recognized, as determined by scores issued by the judges. Three UAlbany students tied for first place: Sage McKinley, Connor Reoehr, and Danielle Salazar.

Professor Frankie Bailey won the 2019 Charles Todd Service Award from the Mystery Writers of America. Watch Frankie accept the award.

Professor David Hureau's Seminar in Public Criminology was named a recipient of a 2019 President's Award for Exemplary Public Engagement. To accept the award, David was joined by Sociology doctoral student Tyler Bellick and Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple.

PhD student Victoria Nelson was selected to attend the Graduate Student Publishing Workshop led by Jean McGlone and Christopher Sullivan, co-editors of the Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency. The workshop's goal was to contribute to doctoral students' efforts to write effectively for publication and to help demystify the process from the standpoint of their roles as both authors and reviewers.

PhD student Melissa Noel took third place in the University’s Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) Competition. 3MT, first held at The University of Queensland in 2008, is a competition for Master’s and doctoral students to develop and showcase their research communication skills. Watch Melissa’s presentation.

Distinguished Professor Emeritus Terence Thornberry was selected to receive the Life-Time Achievement Award from the American Society of Criminology’s Division of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology. The award will be presented during the ASC Annual Meeting in November. Following the award presentation, Terry will deliver the David Farrington Lecture.
SCJ Student Services Coordinator Stacey Zyskowski won the 2018-2019 Provost’s Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Academic Advising. Stacey is an outstanding resource for our undergraduate students. On any given day, she is a teacher, a mentor, a cheerleader, and a life coach. We are lucky to have her.

Service

Professor Dana Peterson joined the Editorial Board for Justice Quarterly.

Media Coverage

Why Do Villains All Have Such Impeccable Jawlines? in GQ quotes Professor Frankie Bailey.


Professor Emeritus Fred Cohen was quoted in Who’s Legally Responsible for Prison and Jail Suicides? (Pacific Standard).

Recent doctoral graduate Audrey Hickert’s dissertation research was featured in Global Synergies.

The Christian Science Monitor quotes Professor Justin Pickett in In pursuit of high-profile sex abusers, is balance of power shifting?

Professor Justin Pickett’s research is cited in How News About Crime Warps Your Brain (OneZero).

Police misconduct may spread like a contagion, new study suggests (Science Mag) quotes Professor Robert Worden.

Defenses

Dissertation Defenses
Audrey Hickert, "What’s Past is Prologue": Exploring Confinement as a Setting for Change in Social Support and Criminal Activity, May 9, 2019, Chair: Shawn Bushway.

Walter Shelley, Family Instability as a Turning Point in the Life-Course: An Examination of Whether and How Family Instability and Specific Types of Family Instability Directly and Indirectly Influence Delinquency, June 26, 2019, Chair: Dana Peterson.

Paul Taylor, Human Error in Police Involved Shootings, August 22, 2019, Chair: Robert Worden.

Prospectus Defenses
Danielle Reynolds, Unpacking the Untapped Potential of First-line Supervisors: Sergeants Role in Managing Police Discretion, August 20, 2019, Chair: Robert Worden.

Luzi Shi, Public Perceptions of Crime Trends: Measurement, Perceived Causes, and Behavioral Consequences, August 9, 2019, Chair: Justin Pickett.

Comprehensive Exam Defense
Jingyi Fei, Exploring the Impact of Pretrial Detention on Plea Outcomes, August 12, 2019, Chair: Alissa Pollitz Worden.
Alumni News

Andrew Davies, PhD ’12 has been appointed as the director of research at the Deason Center for Criminal Justice Reform at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX. The Center is a new entity that aims to produce reform to the criminal justice system through a combination of research, litigation, and direct collaboration with policy-makers.

Matthew Phillips, PhD ’12 was granted permanent tenure and promotion to associate professor in the Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

Courtney Wayne, MA ’16 is a social worker at Medical City Children’s Hospital at Medical City Dallas. She works in the pediatric intensive care unit and on a general pediatric floor.

Send your news and announcements to Diana at dmancini2@albany.edu for the next Dean’s News!