The School celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a weekend of events on October 12 and 13. Take a few minutes to check out the photo albums from our Open House Poster Session and Alumni Panel and from the 50th Anniversary Gala. It was wonderful to mark this historic occasion with so many alumni and friends of the School!

**In Memoriam**

Trooper Jeremy VanNostrand, MA ‘16 passed away suddenly on Tuesday, November 27 as the result of a tragic motor vehicle accident. Jeremy studied in the Master’s degree program as a member of the 2015 New York State Police cohort. He began his career with the NYS Department of Corrections and graduated from the NYS Police Academy in 2013. He will be remembered by faculty, staff, and students as a dedicated, hardworking young man with an easy smile who loved his family, his career, and a good laugh.

**Announcements**

Professor Bruce Western (Columbia University) will present *Homeward: Life in the Year After Prison* on December 6 at 12:15 pm, Milne Hall 200, University at Albany Downtown Campus.

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**Publications**


See the University [news story](#) about the book.
**PRESENTATIONS**

Many SCJ faculty and students presented their research during the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Atlanta. Check out the [list of presentations](#).

UAlbany celebrated Constitution Day with a panel discussion, *U.S. Constitution: Challenges Confronting We The People Today*, and activities throughout the day. The panel featured Professors James Acker, Matthew Ingram, Julie Novkov, and Richard Hamm.


PhD student Jennifer Weintraub presented a talk entitled The Association Between Prosecutorial Misconduct and Identification of True Perpetrators for staff members at The Innocence Project, including co-founder Barry Scheck.


Robert Worden (professor) and Hannah Cochran (MA student) delivered an invited presentation on their evaluation of New York State’s Nonfatal Shooting Initiative, analyzing processes and outcomes of the investigation of nonfatal shootings. Their presentation was part of a panel at the Data-Driven Decision Making Symposium convened by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services, October 2018, Albany, NY.

**RESEARCH**

**A Critical First Impression**

Members of the Counsel at First Appearance (CAFA) project - Associate Professor Alissa Pollitz Worden, Andrew L. B. Davies (PhD ‘12), Kirstin A. Morgan (PhD ‘18), and Ph.D. student Reveka V. Shteynberg - have spent years examining the impact of providing counsel at arraignment. In May, their preliminary findings were published in the *Criminal Justice Policy Review*. The results suggest that defendants who have attorneys at arraignment may be more likely to be released on recognizance, less likely to have high bail set, and therefore less likely to be jailed pending disposition. In August, the study was the topic of an article in the London School of Economics daily *American Politics and Policy* blog.

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

Professor Megan Kurlychek organized the inaugural symposium sponsored by the NYS Youth Justice Institute. The event was kicked off by Michael Green, Commissioner of the Division of Criminal Justice Services, and brought together leading juvenile justice officials from the nine New York Regional Youth Justice teams. The first day of the event included presentations on state priorities for best practices in the juvenile justice system, as well as a chance for officials to present both their achievements and accomplishments. The second day was a data use, training, and planning session led by Dr. Kurlychek to provide these officials with the tools needed to develop regional plans that respond to the new needs of the Raise the Age legislation and emerging state funding opportunities.
Awards and Honors

Fuerza Latina - a service and support network for students of Latino descent - recognized William Andrews (instructor) for his work in the community trying to interdict and redirect high-risk youth from gang and antisocial behavior through the Beverwyck Renegades Lacrosse program.

The School of Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association selected Assistant Professor Cynthia Najdowski to receive the 2018 Faculty Mentor Award.

Media Coverage

Assistant Professor Theodore Wilson was quoted in the following articles:
- Fact Check: Misleading Ads from Leading GOP PAC Citizen Truth
- Misleading Ads from Leading GOP PAC FactCheck.org
- Fact check: Campaign ads from leading GOP PAC misleading USA Today

Dean William Pridemore was recently quoted in a story about economics and homicide rates in Scientific American.

Defenses

Dissertation Defense
Karise Curtis, The Comparative Lethality of Two Disparate World Regions: An Examination of Latin America and Europe to Explain Discrepant Homicide Trends, October 4, 2018, Chair: David McDowall


Prospectus Defense

Comprehensive Defense
Colleen Mair, New York’s War on Drugs and the Impact on Female Incarceration Rates, October 31, 2018, Chair: Colin Loftin.

Alumni News

Myra Albert (formerly Myra Albert Mintz, MA ’78) wrote her first murder mystery entitled Myra’s Thriller: Murder and Information Warfare. Using the background in Criminal Justice she gained at UAlbany, she crafts a creative and enjoyable read with a richness of characters, a twisting-turning plot, and a clever ending.

CaTyra Polland (MA ’10) was named one of Rochester Business Journal’s 2018 Forty Under 40 honorees. Winners were selected based on outstanding professional accomplishments and board-level civic involvement before age 40. She accepted the award at a luncheon on November 14.
Recent Events

Dr. Martin Killias presented *Not migrants, but migration is the problem: Self-reported delinquency among migrants and non-migrants in Switzerland and in ex-Yugoslavia* on October 3, 2018.

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