The School will mark our 50th Anniversary with a Gala & Silent Auction on October 13th. To register and see the complete Anniversary Weekend schedule, please visit [www.albany.edu/scj/50th.php](http://www.albany.edu/scj/50th.php). We will also celebrate in style at this year’s ASC Annual Meeting. Stop by our reception between 7 and 9 pm on Friday, November 16.

Photo of new students and faculty from 1968.

Welcome to the School

Welcome aboard Carlos Bustamante and Corey Whichard! They joined the School this fall as a postdoctoral research associate and an assistant professor, respectively.

Corey earned his PhD from the Department of Sociology and Criminology at The Pennsylvania State University. His research centers on interpersonal relationships and inmate adjustment during incarceration and community re-entry. More specifically, he is interested in how prisoners cultivate social capital while embedded in a total institution, and how these network-embedded resources become both activated and distorted during the transition out of prison.

Carlos completed his PhD this summer in the Department of Sociology at UC Berkeley. His dissertation research consisted of comparative ethnographies of policing of restricted entertainment (e.g., banned automobile exhibitions, street soccer, soccer hooliganism) in Oakland, Lima, and Stockholm, and has general interests in how justifications like law and order, broken windows, zero tolerance, and community policing can disproportionately punish low income communities of color. During his two-year post-doc at the School Dr. Bustamante will continue this research, work on turning his dissertation into a book, and collaborate with School faculty and students.

Fundraising

Our fundraising initiative continues to be successful. Most recently, we launched a thriving sponsorship campaign for our 50th Anniversary Celebration! Sponsorship forms keep pouring in. Check back here to see the complete list of 50th Sponsors following our Gala and Silent Auction.

Publications


This article is accompanied by a Policy Brief on page 317.


Presentations


**Service**

At the American Sociological Association conference in Philadelphia in August, Dean William Pridemore, PhD ’00 began his duties as Chair of the American Sociological Association’s Section on Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco.

**Public Engagement**

Research Article Cited in Amicus Brief and Court Opinion:

- U.S. Supreme Court Case Amicus Brief:
  - Larry Newton Jr. v State of Indiana: Court of Appeals of Indiana, 5th District, on the issue of granting certiorari because the threat of the death penalty, a punishment the USSC has since recognized as unconstitutional, rendered the plea negotiations coercive. Redlich and Shteynberg (2016) was cited in the Amicus Brief as supporting research/authorities:
    - Brief of Amici Curiae Juvenile Law Center, The Promise of Justice Initiative, and Children and Family Justice Center in Support of Petitioner

- State Court Case (Dissenting Court Opinion):
  - People v. Tiger, State of New York Court of Appeals (2018): majority holds that the defendant’s actual innocence claim is not a ground for relief. The dissenting opinion cited Redlich and Shteynberg (2016) as research supporting why it should be.

**Media Coverage**

Professor Frankie Bailey, PhD ’86 spoke to The Capitol Pressroom to weigh in on the question Is racism a legitimate reason for the state to legalize marijuana?

Professor Frankie Bailey, PhD ’86 is quoted in Pennsylvania grand jury purposely used graphic details in priest sex abuse report (The Morning Call).

Invisible Children cites a study by Shawn Bushway (SCJ affiliate) in 30.2% of America’s youth arrested before their 23rd birthday.

Professor David Hureau’s recent Criminology article was featured in the Buzzfeed story A study of guns in Boston shows that restrictive laws drive up prices on the street.

The Daily Gazette’s Cooperation with police urged in Albany shooting spate quotes Professor Alan Lizotte.

Professor Cynthia Najdowski is quoted in the Los Angeles Times article Paul Manafort’s trial begins: The charges don’t involve politics, the trial can’t avoid it.
Research by Professor Alissa Pollitz Worden, Kirstin Morgan, PhD ’18, PhD student Reveka Shteynberg, and Andrew Davies, PhD ’12 was featured on the London School of Economics U.S. Centre’s American Politics and Policy blog. Read Guaranteeing representation at first Court appearances may be better for defendants, and cheaper for local governments.

School of Criminal Justice stories featured on the UAlbany webpage
Jobs after Jail explores an American Journal of Sociology article co-authored by Shawn Bushway (SCJ affiliate).

Street Value highlights David Hureau’s recent Criminology article.

Trials for the Jury features a recent book co-edited by Professor Cynthia Najdowski.

Waiting to Die features a book recently co-authored by Hans Toch (professor emeritus), James Acker (professor, PhD ’87), and Vincent Martin Bonventre of Albany Law School.

DEFENSES

Dissertation Defense

ALUMNI NEWS

Ed McGarrell, PhD ’86 received the Distinguished Achievement Award in Evidence-Based Crime Policy from the Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy at George Mason University. McGarrell is Professor of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University.

Shannon Torpey, MA ’18 has been selected to serve as a New York State Excelsior Service Fellow with the State Park Police. The Fellowship is an initiative to bring highly talented recent graduates into government service. Shannon will work closely with Agency and Park Police Command and Field staff to provide evidence-based strategic and policy recommendations and to identify steps to fund and implement those recommendations.

Send your news and announcements to Diana at dmancini2@albany.edu for the next issue!