ANNOUNCEMENTS

18th ANNUAL MICHAEL J. HINDELANG LECTURE
The Hindelang Lecture is a hallmark annual event for the School. This year’s speaker is Christy Visher, who is Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice and Director of the Center for Drug and Health Studies at the University of Delaware. Among other and substantial research over her career she has made fundamental contributions to the area of reentry, and her Hindelang Lecture is entitled Prisoner Reentry: The Status of Research, Policy and Practice after Twenty Years. The event will be Wednesday, May 8, with a reception at 4:30 and the presentation at 5:00. The event will be held in the Standish Room, Science Library, 3rd Floor, UAlbany Uptown Campus, 1400 Washington Avenue.

Congratulations Megan Kurlychek and Cynthia Najdowski! The University promoted Megan to Full Professor and Cindy to Associate Professor with tenure.

IN MEMORIAM

Scott Allen, MA ‘11 passed away on March 9, 2019. Scott attended the Master’s program as part of the 2010 cohort from the New York State Police, where he worked for 25 years. Following his tenure with the NYS Pol, he began the PhD program at the University of South Florida and was a student there at the time of his death. Scott is remembered by faculty and staff as an outstanding student and one of the nicest people to ever walk these halls.

FUNDRAISING

Many thanks to everyone who helped make this year’s March Matchness campaign a great success! Todd Clear, PhD ’77 challenged School of Criminal Justice donors to make 25 gifts during this event. We exceeded the challenge, earning Todd’s generous $5,000 challenge gift!

Giving to the School of Criminal Justice represents an investment in our faculty, students, staff, and mission. Many of our own faculty and staff support the School’s mission through gifts to the School. President Rodriguez and Vice President for University Advancement, Fardin Sanai, recently hosted a university-wide reception for faculty and staff donors. The School’s Assistant Dean, Diana Mancini, spoke briefly at the reception to describe the reasons she supports the School and the University via giving. This is just one of the countless ways Diana’s wonderful commitment to our School’s mission is expressed, and we thank her for that and for her ongoing investment in our School. We also thank all the other faculty and staff donors for their commitment. The School and the University are now in the midst of our largest capital campaign ever. To provide your own gift to the School and our mission, please visit our giving page.

PHD STUDENT PLACEMENTS

Our PhD students are landing great positions across the country!

- Audrey Hickert will join Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL as an assistant professor.
- Walter Shelley will join Assumption College in Worcester, MA as a professor in practice of criminology.
- Reveka Shteynberg accepted an assistant professor position in the Department of Criminal Justice at California State University San Bernardino.


NOTE: The article features the work of Mika Ella Rectin-Hernandez, an intended criminal justice major who made a brief film for the course.


**Read the [UAAlbany feature story](http://example.com) about this publication.**

**Presentations**


Professor David Hureau gave two invited presentations in March. The first, titled “Street Outreach at the Crossroads: The Past, Present, and Future of Gang Violence Intervention Efforts,” was at the Harvard Kennedy School’s Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management. The second was a Presidential Panel at the *Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting* where he gave a presentation entitled “The War On Guns.” Other presenters included Bruce Western (Columbia), Monica Bell (Yale), and Jessica Simes (Boston University).

Professor Robert Worden was an invited speaker at the Project Safe Neighborhoods Conference convened by the U.S. Department of Justice in Kansas City (December 5-7, 2018). He presented at two sessions, “Data and Stats for Diagnosing and Reducing Violent Crime” and “Police Agency Research Partners.”

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Acker, J. (professor, PhD ’87), & Keough, B. (2019). The death penalty, an American tradition on the decline. The Conversation. **Read the UIAlbany feature story about the National Death Penalty Archive.

Professor James Acker, PhD ’87 is a member of the New York State Bar Association Task Force on Wrongful Convictions.

Professor Frankie Bailey, PhD ’86 will offer a workshop on Mystery and Crime Fiction at The Yale Writers’ Workshop this summer.


Professor Robert Worden was appointed to serve a three-year term on the Research Advisory Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

SERVICE

Professor Alan Lizotte will serve as the University President’s designee on the Excellence in Research and Creative Activities Award selection committee.

AWARDS AND HONORS

The book, Living on Death Row: The Psychology of Waiting to Die (APA Books 2018), co-edited by Hans Toch (professor emeritus), James R. Acker (professor, PhD ’87), and Vincent Martin Bonventre, received the 2019 Association of American Publishers Award for Professional and Scholarly Excellence (PROSE) Award in Social Sciences: Psychology. The book includes chapters by several people with connections to the School, including Emeritus Professor Fred Cohen, Professor Robert Johnson (American University), Dr. Charles Lanier, and Professor Shadd Maruna (University of Manchester).

Professor Cynthia Najdowski received the 2019 American Psychology-Law Society Early Career Teaching and Mentoring Award.
PhD student **Melissa Noel** took 3rd place in the *University at Albany Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition* for her presentation titled “Predicting the Future? The Effect of Caregivers’ Expectations on Adolescents’ Who Have Experienced Parental Incarceration.” Forty students from across the University competed. Watch her [presentation](#).

PhD student **Melissa Noel** received the 2019 *ACJS Doctoral Summit* Scholarship. She participated in the Summit in March.

PhD student **Luzi Shi** won the *University at Albany Dissertation Research Fellowship Award*.

**MEDIA COVERAGE**

Professor **James Acker**, PhD ’87 spoke about the National Death Penalty Archive with Spectrum News. Watch the [interview](#).

Professor **James Acker**, PhD ’87 is quoted in *PunditFact fact-checks the Sept. 14 news shows* (PolitiFact).

The article, The death penalty, an American tradition on the decline, written by Professor **James Acker**, PhD ’87 and Brian Keough for *The Conversation* was reprinted by *The Associated Press*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *Newsweek*, and *Phys.org*.

*Groups plan relaunch of South End Scene newspaper* (Times Union) mentions Professor **Frankie Bailey**, PhD ’86.

Dean **William Pridemore**, PhD ’00 is quoted in *The global suicide rate has seen a net decline. What caused it?* (Christian Science Monitor).

A study by PhD student **Paul Taylor** is featured in *How ‘dispatch priming’ can drive some disastrous shooting decisions* (Police One).

**Hans Toch**’s groundbreaking book *Violent Men* from 1969 is mentioned in the *Times Union’s Looking Back* segment.

**DEFENSES**

**Prospectus Defenses**

**Walter Shelley**, Family Instability as a Turning Point in the Life-Course: An Examination of How Family Instability Impacts Delinquency and Delinquent Associations, January 25, 2019, Chair: Dana Peterson.

**Paul Taylor**, Human Error and the Police Decision to Shoot, March 22, 2019, Chair: Robert Worden.

**Comprehensive Exam Defenses**

**Kimberly Bernstein**, First Amendment Knowledge and Competence in American Adults, December 10, 2018, Chair: Cynthia Najdowski.

**Danielle Reynolds**, The Role of Supervision in Shaping Officer Discretion, November 19, 2018, Chair: Robert Worden.

**ALUMNI NEWS**

**Thomas Brewer**, PhD ’03 was [recently named a Research Fellow](#) at the Center for Public Health Law Research at Temple Law School.

**Megan Fruin**, MA ’18 is an Intelligence Analyst employed through High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area and assigned to the Westchester Intelligence Center (WIC). WIC works with police departments and other partners to assist with investigations, identify trends, and share information.
John Klofas, PhD '83 was awarded the rank of Distinguished Professor at Rochester Institute of Technology. This is the first time RIT has awarded that rank, naming only three faculty in the inaugural class.

Richard Legault, PhD '06, Director of Social & Behavioral Science in the Science & Technology Directorate at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, received the 2018 Under Secretary's Leadership Award for creating a successful multilateral international coordination body, the Five Country Research and Development Network.

Mahesh Nalla, PhD '88 won the Gerhard O.W. Mueller Award. This award is given annually by the International Section of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences for sustained and important contributions to international and cross-national research on crime and justice.


Kam C. Wong, PhD '98 gave an invited presentation based on his book, Public Order Policing in Hong Kong, for the Cincinnati Association for Rational Thought. Cincinnati, Ohio.

Kam C. Wong, PhD '98 is quoted in China Turns to Robotic Policing (Ozy.com).

RECENT EVENTS

Postdoctoral Research Associate Carlos Bustamante presented Dialog and (Dis)order-Keeping: Police organizational sensemaking in Stockholm, Sweden and Oakland, California.

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