2018 marks the School’s 50th Anniversary! We will celebrate all year long, including special guest lecturers, research symposia, and our 50th Anniversary Gala. Keep checking our Anniversary Events Calendar for updates and additions.

**50th Anniversary Highlights**

Save the date for the year’s capstone event. Our 50th Anniversary Gala will be on Saturday, October 13th, with events occurring the entire weekend. Mark your calendar.

Also, plan to join us for the 2018 Hindelang Lecture on May 1st. John Laub, PhD ’80 will present A Tale of Two Eras: Reconsidering Turning Points and Pathways Out of Crime. Complete details are coming soon.

**Welcome**

In Fall 2018, we will welcome Corey Whichard to our faculty as an Assistant Professor. Corey is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Sociology and Criminology at The Pennsylvania State University. His research interests include criminology, social network analysis, prisoner re-entry, and life-course studies. Welcome, Corey, and we look forward to you joining us!

In November, Marcell Mallette joined the School of Criminal Justice as our new Director of Development. Marcell brings a great deal of fundraising experience, just in time for our 50th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign!

**In Memoriam**

Norman White, PhD ‘00 passed away on December 6. Norm was a criminal justice professor at Saint Louis University and a juvenile justice activist, fighting on behalf of children who are “immersed in risk.” You can read more about his life’s work in his obituary or in the St. Louis American’s story, St. Louis community loses ‘quiet giant for change’.

**Fundraising**

Giving Tuesday in November 2017 was a great success, with the School raising over $20,000 thanks to generous gifts from Bob Martin, Rob Sampson, PhD ‘83, and several others, as well as a wonderful matching gift of $10,000 from Peter Stevens, MA ‘83.

Our 50th Anniversary fundraising campaign is off to a great start. This includes a wonderful $100,000 gift from Larry Siegel, MA ‘70 and PhD ‘74, and wife Terry Libby to endow a graduate fellowship to help us recruit and retain the most talented PhD students. You can support the mission of our world-class School during our 50th Anniversary year by visiting our giving page to make your gift.

**Publications**


**PRESENTATIONS**


Check out the wide variety of [research projects presented by SCJ faculty and students](#) at the 2017 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting.

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

**Professor James Acker** won the 2018 UAlbany Alumni Association’s Excellence in Education Award. He will receive the award at the Alumni Association’s 2018 Excellence Awards Gala on Saturday, April 28 at the Albany Country Club.

**Professor Evelien Hoeben** won the Willem Nagel Award for her dissertation titled “Hanging out and messing about: Elaborating on the relationship between unstructured socializing and adolescent delinquency.” The award recognizes the best Dutch Criminology dissertation defended between January 1, 2014 and January 1, 2017.

**Professor Cynthia Najdowski** received the Saleem A. Shah Early Career Development Award, which is co-sponsored by the American Academy of Forensic Psychology and the American Psychology-Law Society (Division 41 of the American Psychological Association).

**MEDIA COVERAGE**

The student-led Reading for a Change project was featured on WGY’s Upstate Issues with Diane Donato. Listen to the [podcast](#). The project was also highlighted in Reading mends sundered families ([Times Union](#)).

An article co-written by **Professor Shawn Bushway** (SCJ affiliate) on the likelihood prisoners released on parole will wind up back in prison was published in [The Conversation](#), an online journal of academic research, news, and commentary.

**Professor Shawn Bushway** (SCJ affiliate) was the featured guest on [Top of Mind with Julie Rose](#), a production of BYU Radio.

**Professor Alan Lizotte** contributed to Violent crime is up some, but still well off historical highs ([Politifact](#)).

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