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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**US News & World Report** recently ranked our School of Criminal Justice #2 in the nation among 41 PhD programs in our field. Read the [full story](#) and [watch a fun breaking news alert](#). Thank you to all staff, students, and faculty – past and present – for making our School such a special place.

**John Laub, PhD ’80** will deliver the 17th Annual Hindelang Lecture on May 1st. See the full details for his talk, *A Tale of Two Eras: Reconsidering Turning Points and Pathways Out of Crime*, on the [lecture flyer](#).

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Professor Emeritus Robert Hardt**, an early and longtime faculty member of The School of Criminal Justice, passed away on February 6, 2018. He specialized in crime statistics. Read more about Professor Hardt in his [obituary](#).

**WELCOME**

**Carlos Bustamante**, a doctoral student in the UC Berkeley Sociology Department, will join us in the fall as a post-doctoral research associate. His research explores how everyday life, leisure activities, and the accessing of public space is criminalized in different ways by state and government actors. It builds on scholarship considering how citizenship is shaped and constrained by urban policies broadly defined as “neoliberal” as well as the practices and standards of police organizations.

**FUNDRAISING**

**Peter Stevens, MA ’80**, pledged a $250,000 gift to the School. Beginning this fall, this gift will endow a Stevens Fellowship to help us recruit the leading prospective PhD students to the School. Thank you for this incredible gift, Peter!

**Dean William Pridemore, PhD ’00**, pledged a $100,000 gift to the School. This gift from the Dean follows a recent $100,000 gift from Lisa Jackson and prior Dean Alan Lizotte. It is the fourth gift of at least $100,000 as part of the School’s 50th Anniversary fundraising activities. You can support the School by making a gift of any size on our [giving page](#).

The University’s March Matchness Challenge yielded 28 new gifts for the School, including $1,000 gifts from **Julius Wachtel, PhD ’82** and **Michael Weintraub, MA ’79**. Thanks to all of you for your wonderful support of our School, especially during our 50th Anniversary.


**PRESENTATIONS**

Professor Frankie Bailey participated in the University’s Conversations for Change panel titled “Speaking out on Campus in the 21st Century” in March.

Assistant Professor David Hureau presented the findings of his research on the effectiveness of a gang violence intervention and outreach program in Boston. Titled “The Efficacy of Street Outreach in Reducing Gang Violence,” the research was part of a panel at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the world’s largest multidisciplinary scientific society.


**AWARDS AND HONORS**

Frankie Bailey (professor) and Alice Green (PhD ’83) are the 2018 Albany Public Library Foundation Literary Legends honorees. The APL Foundation will celebrate their important contributions to both literature and the life of the city of Albany at the 5th annual Literary Legends Gala on Saturday, October 20.
Assistant Professor Cynthia Najdowski was named a "Rising Star" by the Association for Psychological Science.

Associate Professor Robert Worden is the 2018 recipient of the O.W. Wilson Award of the Police Section of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. The Wilson Award recognizes outstanding contributions over a number of years to quality higher education for the police field; careful and scientific police research; cooperation and collaboration among police educators, researchers, policy makers, and practitioners; and effective, equitable, and accountable policing. He joins alumni James Fyfe (PhD ’78) and Edmund McGarrell (PhD ’86) among Wilson Awardees.

**Recent Events**


**Service**

Professor Alan Lizotte was invited to join Governor Andrew Cuomo’s Research Consortium on Firearms and Violence. The consortium is part of a partnership formed by the governors of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island to combat gun violence.

**Public Engagement**

Associate Professor Alissa Pollitz Worden participated in the bail symposia over the past several months. Since last spring, the group helped shape Proposal #22 of Governor Andrew Cuomo’s 2018 State of the State speech. The comprehensive package - the most progressive set of criminal justice reforms in the nation -- will guarantee fairness for the accused by reshaping New York’s antiquated bail system, ensuring access to a speedy trial, improving the disclosure of evidence in the discovery process, transforming asset forfeiture procedures, and implementing new initiatives to help individuals transition from incarceration to their communities.

**Media Coverage**

The new Annual Review of Criminology was highlighted in stories on Arizona Republic Online, KITV.com, and News Web India 123. Assistant Professor David Hureau is quoted in “On the Underground Gun Market, a Weapon is Two and a Half Handshakes Away” on The Crime Report.

Professor Alan Lizotte spoke to The Christian Science Monitor for the article “Florida school shooting: Does ‘national emergency’ warrant national response?”

Professor David McDowell served on the Panel on Modernizing the Nation’s Crime Statistics, which was featured in the article Overhaul of Crime Stats Should Include Data Theft, Toxic Spills; Expert Panel on The Crime Report.

Associate Professor Dana Peterson was interviewed about girls in gangs by Dr. Pamela Brewer, who hosts an online program called MyNDTALK.

The preliminary findings of the Counsel at First Appearance (CAFA) Project, an NJI-funded, multi-year, six-county study, led by Professor Alissa Pollitz Worden (PI) and Andrew Davies, PhD ’12 (Co-PI, NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services), with PhD student researchers Kirstin Morgan and Reveka Shteynberg, were cited in "Court watching: How bail gets set" in The Alt.
DEFENSES

Prospectus Defenses

Audrey Hickert, “What’s past is prologue”: Exploring detention as a setting for change in social support and offending, March 22, 2018.


ALUMNI NEWS

NYPD Captain Lourdes Soto (MA ‘16) was promoted to Commanding Officer of the 30th Precinct.

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