Congratulations to Dean William Alex Pridemore, PhD '00! He was recently named a SUNY Distinguished Professor, the highest faculty achievement in the SUNY System. Read the story. Distinguished Teaching Professor Graeme Newman will be retiring at the end of this semester, but for the remainder of the semester the School of Criminal Justice has SIX Distinguished Professors on its faculty!

Fundraising

The School’s fundraising efforts are gaining great momentum as we head into our 50th Anniversary year! Richard Gentilcore, BA ‘67 contributed $25,000 for undergraduate and graduate student awards, and Professor Greg Pogarsky made an unrestricted gift of $10,000. You can support the School’s mission to our undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty via our 50th Anniversary fundraising campaign by making your gift at www.albany.edu/scj/give.

Publications


Read more about this research in Study: Parole Violations Are Leading Cause of Prison’s Revolving Door.


Presentations

Professor James Acker served as moderator for a special Constitution Day Roundtable titled The Constitution in Crisis, University at Albany, September 2017.


Professor David Hureau served as a panelist at WAMC’s The Linda Theatre’s Food for Thought Public Engagement Film series, discussing the consequences of mass incarceration after a screening of the recent documentary Milwaukee 53206.


Awards and Honors
Paul Taylor (PhD student) won The American Society of Criminology Policing Division 2017 Outstanding Student Paper Award for his paper, “Dispatch Priming and the Police Decision to Use Deadly Force.”

Three two-person teams of undergraduates competed at the Empire State Regional Moot Court Tournament at Albany Law School on October 27-28. The teams were Patrick Farrell and Samantha McCarthy, Chitra Jaipersaud and Briana Rosso, and Gabrielle Beebe and Lisa Dobrowolsky. Farrell/McCarthy and Jaipersaud/Rosso advanced to the second day of competition and battled through the round of 16. Professor James Acker coached the teams with the assistance of doctoral student Jennifer Weintraub.

Recent Events
Nawal Yazeji, chair of the Women’s Advisory Board for the UN Office of the Special Envoy to Syria, was the featured speaker at A Seat at the Table: Representing Women’s Rights in the Syrian Peace Talks. The event was hosted by the University’s Center for International Education and Global Strategy as part of the Global Forum series. The School of Criminal Justice co-sponsored the event, and Dean William Alex Pridemore served as moderator for the panel discussion. Read more about the event in the article Injecting Women’s Rights.

Service
Professor Robert Worden is among the police researchers and practitioners invited to serve on the National Advisory Committee for the Chicago Early Intervention System. The Committee is the creation of the University of Chicago Crime Lab and is supported by the National Training and Technical Assistance Center of the U.S. Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Public Engagement
The Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace & Security in Washington, DC invited Professor Dana Peterson to participate in their workshop on women and deradicalization.

Reading for a Change, a project led by doctoral students Andrew Thompson (Criminal Justice), Tyler Bellick (Sociology), and Kyle Maksuta (Sociology), was highlighted in the article Going to Jail to Connect Families. The project designed for an assignment in Professor David Hureau’s Public Criminology Seminar, makes audio recordings of inmates reading children's books and then delivers those recordings to the inmates’ children.
MEDIA COVERAGE

Odette Yousef, a reporter with WBEZ, Chicago’s NPR affiliate, interviewed Professor Dana Peterson for a story on females in gangs in Chicago. Portions of the interview were featured:

- In the written story, I did earn my name, part of the WBEZ NPR Chicago series Every Other Hour. The story also links to a publication from a collaborative evaluation of the GREAT program (Esbensen, Peterson, Taylor, & Osgood. (2011). Results from a multi-site evaluation of the G.R.E.A.T. program. Justice Quarterly, 29, 125-151.)
- On NPR’s All Things Considered series, in a segment titled One Woman Shares How She Was Drawn Into A Gang At An Early Age.

Professor Robert Worden offered insight in Local body-worn camera programs move forward, despite new study (The Alt).

Reading for a Change (see Public Engagement section) was highlighted in the Associated Press story College students help inmates connect with their children carried by U.S News & World Report, The Seattle Times, and WAMC Northeast Public Radio, among several other outlets.

DEFENSES

Dissertation Defense

Comprehensive Exam Defense

ALUMNI NEWS

Jeanna Mastrocinque, PhD ’10 joined the faculty in the Department of Law and Justice Studies at Rowan University.

After completing her Master’s degree, Máliqua Solomon, MA ‘16 began working with the US Department of Homeland Security in the Transportation Security Administration. She was with them for a year, when she was admitted to the NYS Court Officer Academy. She also coaches girls varsity basketball in New Paltz.

Gabriel Solomon, MA ’16 left his position with the State juvenile prison to start a new position as an Offender Rehabilitation Coordinator with the NYS Department of Corrections & Community Supervision. He was also ordained as a minister in September 2016.

Please keep sending news and announcements to Diana Mancini at dmancini2@albany.edu for inclusion in future issues!