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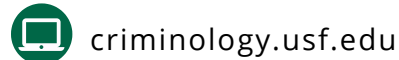
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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The scene played-out something like this – you’ve seen it before. With less than a year remaining on his term as Department Chair, Dr. Michael Leiber initiated our departmental process for identifying his replacement. Our efforts to search for an external chair were rebuffed by the Dean so we needed to identify this replacement internally from among the eligible tenured faculty, preferably among the full professors. That distinguished list included Drs. Dembo, Heide, Lynch, Fridell, Unnever, Stone, and myself. Dr. Leiber lined us up and asked for any volunteers. I had, for just a split second, distracted myself when all the others in the line took one step backwards. I had, unbeknownst to me, just “volunteered” to be the next Department Chair. That’s how it happened. Don’t believe anyone who may tell you otherwise; I need the plausible deniability.

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In reality I did volunteer; I knew that our desire to recruit for an external chair would be declined and that I would likely need to step up. I did so, but not without serious trepidation. It took “an offer I could not refuse” from the Dean to sell me on the job. Actually, while I did receive a great offer to take the position, I would not have accepted the position if not for the support I have received from my colleagues.

So here I am with one semester as Chair under my belt (plus ten years as Associate Chair and six more as Associate Dean in CAS – none of which have prepared me in any way, shape, or form for the current task). It has been a steep learning curve and has resembled a bit of a bi-polar experience: moments of excitement and enthusiasm interspersed among significant periods of uncertainty and anxiety. I am confronted with a need to minimally keep the place from blowing-up, while endeavoring to continue the path of tremendous progress this department has taken under the sage leadership of all of our previous Chairs: Mitchell Silverman, Lenny Territo, Hal Vetter, Bill Blount, Dwayne Smith, Tom Mieczkowski, and Mike Leiber (what a “rogues gallery” to which I am a fitting addition ☺), while also mandated with the task of making our efforts at consolidation a smooth and successful one (see my article on this effort on page 4 of this newsletter).

This department, and I as it’s Chair, are each blessed to live in a great community; to work for a university and college that provides strong, supportive, and understanding leadership; to be blessed with such a talented array of staff; to be able to teach such a diverse array of eager and enthusiastic students; and to have such a strong team of brilliant scholars as its faculty and my colleagues.

I promise to do my best; to have your best interests at heart; and to do my share to add to the department’s proud trajectory of progress. And, I promise to continue the legacy of placing primacy on the value of collegiality in this department originally established by Mitch, Lenny, Bill and my other predecessors. I thank you all for entrusting me with this opportunity.

Overpaid, underworked; strong back, weak mind; my door is always open. Good luck to all of us.

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John Cochran, Ph.D.
Professor & Chair

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USF: ONE UNIVERSITY GEOGRAPHICALLY DISTRIBUTED CONSOLIDATION IN CRIMINOLOGY



St. Petersburg campus



Tampa campus



Sarasota-Manatee campus

As goes the University of South Florida, so goes the Department of Criminology. We are being consolidated. What was once a “system” of three separately accredited universities (USF-Tampa, USF-St. Pete., and USF- Sarasota/Manatee) will soon become “One University Geographically Distributed.” Our sister campuses at St. Pete and Sarasota/Manatee will become, on July 1st of this year, “branch” campuses and what was once three separate and independent criminology/criminal justice programs will become a single program. No doubt this has generated a significant amount of “sturm und drang.” Some have been running around with their hair on fire worried that the sky is falling. Others are much more sanguine taking a wait-and-see approach to the whole thing. I am doing neither though my sentiments do align a bit more closely to the wait and seers. But I am also more optimistic; I am more open and excited about consolidation and see it as a great opportunity for the department, for our students, our faculty and staff, and for the communities we serve. Please permit me to explain. To do so, I will take us back to our past to better foresee our future as a consolidated unit.

I joined the faculty in the department (Tampa campus) in 1994. At that time, we had a very healthy undergraduate program and a robust M.A. program (each singularly accredited) with a presence in five communities: our “main campus” in Tampa and four branch campuses – St. Petersburg, Ft. Meyers, Sarasota/Manatee, and Lakeland. Shortly after my arrival, separate campus histories became very evident; our Ft. Meyers campus was shuttered and became Florida Gulf Coast University (1997). The next year (1998) we were approved to offer doctoral degrees. In 2004 the Florida legislature created the “USF system” comprised of four universities: USF, USFSP, USFS/M, and USFL. Our Lakeland campus which opened in 1986 was subsequently closed in 2012 and became Florida Polytechnic Institute and in the year prior (2011) both USFSP and USFS/M became separately accredited universities. Now the three campuses will once again become a single university with a main campus in Tampa and two branch campuses: St. Pete. and Sarasota/Manatee.

But for a brief period that commenced in 2011 and will continue until we are formally consolidated this coming July, the faculty at all of our campuses operated as a single body reporting to a single department chair. Teaching, service, and research responsibilities were equitably distributed, faculty performance and productivity were, on the whole, identical across campuses, as were both tenure and promotion and annual faculty evaluation criteria.

While each campus has always had, and will continue to have, unique aspects associated with the special nature of the communities they serve, we have always been a single community of scholars. Our joint goals include being effective teachers and mentors, excellent scholars and researchers who are vested in the communities we served. With consolidation, undergraduate students on all three campuses will benefit from faculty who teach a wider range of course topics (for example; policing in a global society, crime prevention crime mapping, ethics in criminal justice, cybercrime, hate crime and abnormal behavior, and miscarriages of justice). Students interested in pursuing a graduate degree can choose from a MA in Criminology, a MA in Criminal Justice (an online degree), a MA in Criminal Justice Administration, or an MS in Cybercrime. Consolidation brings more opportunities for both students and faculty and makes us a stronger department better able to serve our communities.

Perhaps it would also be a useful exercise to examine the faculty profiles of our new colleagues. I urge each of you to visit our website. They bring over 160 years of academic experience with them, including 30 years of administrative experience in higher education and a tremendous amount of "practitioner" experience as well. Collectively we will add four instructors, three Assistant Professors, three Associate Professors, and two full Professors to the consolidated department and to our students. Their degrees come from a host of excellent "Research I" institutions such as Duke, Maryland, Cincinnati, Emory, FSU, Michigan State, and USF. They are responsible for scores of grants/contracts totaling over \$2 million of extramural funding. They have published, by my count, eleven books, and over 160 journal articles. Works have appeared in each of the top scholarly journals in the discipline, including: *Criminology*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, *Journal of Research in Crime & Delinquency*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, *Crime & Delinquency*, and *Criminal Justice & Behavior*. They have presented hundreds of papers at professional meetings and have published dozens of book chapters. And, they have won numerous awards and honors for their teaching, research, and service. They bring so much and they fit in so well with this department. We are so much stronger because of this consolidation – one department, geographically distributed. I enthusiastically welcome consolidation and I urge you to do the same.

John Cochran, Chair
Department of Criminology

Meet our Associate Chair and Campus Chairs

George Burruss, Ph.D. of USF Tampa, Sandra Stone, Ph.D. of USF Sarasota-Manatee and Joan Reid, Ph.D. of USF St. Petersburg have been appointed to the position of Associate/Campus Chair for their respective campuses and are working diligently to see the vision of consolidation realized at the highest potential.

George Burruss, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor on the Tampa campus and is affiliated with the Florida Cybersecurity Center. Before earning his doctorate, Dr. Burruss served as a fraud investigator with the Office of Missouri Attorney General. His research focuses on criminal justice organizations, including policing, homeland security, and juvenile courts. He also studies the causes and correlates of offending in cyberspace and how the police respond to cybercrime. He recently published a book with colleagues, *Policing Cybercrime and Cyberterror*. Dr. Burruss also serves as the editor of the *Journal of Crime & Justice*, a journal of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association.



George Burruss, Ph.D.
Associate Chair
USF Tampa



Sandra Stone, Ph.D.
Campus Chair
USF Sarasota-Manatee

Sandra Stone, Ph.D., is a Professor on the Sarasota-Manatee campus. She has 40 years' experience in the fields of health, social services and education as a direct service provider, teacher, researcher, administrator and consultant. Her teaching areas are sociology and criminology; her primary research areas are family violence, juvenile delinquency/juvenile justice, gangs, women in the criminal justice system, and public policy, and she has a number of publications and paper presentations in those areas. Over her career, Dr. Stone has served on a wide variety of boards, committees and task forces at the local, state and national levels, and, along with others, has obtained over \$9 million dollars in grant funding to support various programs and projects.

Joan A. Reid, Ph.D., LMHC, CRC is an Associate Professor of Criminology on the St. Petersburg campus. Dr. Reid's research focuses on human trafficking, commercial sexual exploitation, sexual victimization, and child maltreatment. Since 2009, she has authored over 50 publications primarily focused on child sex trafficking.

Additionally, Dr. Reid has extensive experience as a practitioner providing mental health counseling to justice-involved youth and survivors of human trafficking and other types of trauma. On a more cheerful note, Dr. Reid loves sailing in the Bay with her pup Cocoa, she is a lifelong member of the "Who Dat!" nation and a die-hard Depthead!



Joan Reid, Ph.D.
Campus Chair
USF St. Petersburg

FACULTY IN FOCUS

Mateus Rennó Santos

Dr. Mateus Rennó Santos joined the Department of Criminology as an Assistant Professor in the fall of 2019. He has a Ph.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland. Dr. Santos is originally from Brazil, where he obtained a MA degree in Sociology and a BA in Social Sciences, both from the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG). While obtaining both degrees, he worked for the Center for Crime and Public Safety Studies at the university, which is a leading research center on crime in Brazil. He was later invited to work as a research advisor for the State Government of Minas Gerais (Brazil). He left that position to pursue his Ph.D. at Maryland.

Dr. Santos' main research objectives are to advance an understanding of crime through (1) the study of the causes of changes in crime rates, and of the differences in crime between populations, (2) the application of innovative methods and data science to social data, (3) the identification of the effect of policy on crime trends, and (4) to test macro-level criminological theory.



While consulting for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Austria in 2017-18, Dr. Santos assisted with developing a new version of the UN Homicide Dataset, a globally representative dataset on crime and criminal justice. Using this data, Dr. Santos and collaborators demonstrated that the great homicide drop which occurred in the United States during the 1990s was in fact a phenomenon shared among most countries across the world. Therefore, the causes for this international trend are likely social causes that occurred internationally rather than nationally.

In his PhD dissertation, Dr. Santos found evidence that the international homicide decline is partially a consequence of a global process of population aging. Most countries across the world have an increasingly smaller proportion of their populations that are late teenagers or young adults, the age groups most likely to be involved in violent crimes. In addition, older population are generally more orderly, stable, and are able to dedicate more resources to educate and socialize their youth.

This project has been the basis for a broader research agenda on crime trends. In forthcoming research Dr. Santos has tested criminological theories specifically designed to explain macro level trends in crime and justice. In addition, he is forming a network of international collaborators to identify and to catalogue policies intended to curtail crime around the world. Ultimately, Dr. Santos intends his work to guide effective public policy that is able to produce change in crime trends.

When he is not working, Dr. Santos spends time with his family and friends. He enjoys nice conversations, interesting books (on history or finance), games, and movies. When the weather allows it, he also enjoys biking to work.

In Memoriam



Michael J. Leiber



Michael J. Leiber passed away unexpectedly on January 13, 2020. Mike should be best remembered for his desire to see the world become a better, fairer, and more equitable place. He believed in advancing knowledge to correct the many challenging social ills in society, and this concern for social justice guided his career. Mike grew up in and cherished his home town, Milwaukee. He earned his BA from Marquette University, and then entered the MA program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He transferred to the University at Albany, where he earned his MA and Ph.D. He held academic positions at the University of Northern Iowa (1989-2005), Virginia Commonwealth (2005-2010), and the University of South Florida (2010-2020), where he also served as department chair (2011-2019). His research focused primarily on juvenile justice and disproportionate minority contact with the criminal justice system. He authored over 100 publications, including 76 articles and more than two-dozen government reports, and received more than \$700k in grants and contracts. Mike was the recipient of several scholarly awards of which he was proud, including those from the Division of Minorities and Women (Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences), a lifetime

achievement award from the Division on People of Color and Crime (American Society of Criminology), the W. E. B. Du Bois Award from the Western Society of Criminology, and a Distinguished Alumni Award from the University at Albany, among others. He served as editor of the *Journal of Crime and Justice*, and more recently, *Justice Quarterly*. He was often an invited speaker at programs and sessions sponsored by the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention, Washington, D.C.. Many knew Mike in a variety of capacities: distinguished scholar, colleague, mentor, and friend. In his personal life, he was a devoted animal lover to his multiple cats and "fidios." An avid sports fan, he loved his Green Bay Packers, along with the Milwaukee Brewers and Bucks, and the Wisconsin Badgers. He maintained a pristine early 1970s Alfa Romeo Spider. He is survived by his beloved wife of eight years, Lana.

Scott F. Allen

Scott F. Allen was born in Binghamton, NY and moved to FL in July 2014 to retire. He was Catholic in faith and a member of St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church. He was employed by Endicott, New York Police Department for 3 years and dedicated 22 years of service to the New York State Police, advancing to Sergeant along with many years in the SIU division. He graduated from Chenango Valley High School, Broome Community College with an Associate in Arts degree, and attended the University of Albany where he obtained his Masters. Coming to the end of his Doctoral studies, USF honored his great accomplishment, by conferring on him his PHD in Criminology. He also served as adjunct teacher at St. Leo University. Scott was the most devoted family man, spending time with his girls and their sports, traveling with them and promoting healthy eating habits. He was always encouraging them to do and be their best at all they did, especially with their academic studies. Scott was a devoted husband to his wife, Stephanie, together they made a beautiful family.



He is survived by his loving wife of 18 years, Stephanie Allen; 3 daughters, Samantha, Alyssa, Gabriella; his parents, Walter and Joanne Allen; his sister, Megan Mercer and her husband, Jim; nephews, Kevin, Brian; niece, Grace; his in-laws, Ronald and Teresa Becker; numerous other relatives, and countless other friends and acquaintances.

CONTRIBUTE TO OUR FUTURE

Dear USF Criminology Graduates:

We are writing to you as faculty members who have been at USF for more than 30 years and have seen our university and our department rise in stature. Like a good stock, your degree has appreciated greatly over time. USF is one of Florida's three preeminent universities. Our university is now ranked 42 in the nation for research expenditures, among all U.S. universities, public or private, by the National Science Foundation. We are including several "points of pride" about the department of Criminology that we know you will be excited to know. We are asking you, as graduates of the Department of Criminology, to consider making a financial gift (tax-deductible) to our department and to invest in our future.

- We are among the Top 10 Criminology and Criminal Justice programs in the United States by most rankings.
- We rank number 8 with respect to publication productivity by faculty.
- By May 2020, 300 criminal justice professionals from 75 agencies will have been graduated from our MA in Criminal Justice Administration program.

Many of our faculty have been honored by professional organizations and institutions.

- Four of our faculty have been recognized as Distinguished Alumni of the University at Albany, State University of New York: Drs. Kathleen Heide, Michael Leiber, Mike Lynch, and Elizabeth Cass.
- Dr. Max Bromley has been recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus of Florida State University.
- Drs John Cochran and Michael Lynch are among the top 2% most influential researchers cited worldwide across all disciplines.
- Dr. Kathleen Heide was inducted as a Fellow into the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) for distinguished contributions in Criminology particularly with respect to juvenile homicide and parricide.

We are also very proud of our graduates. It is thrilling for us to learn what so many of you do, have done, and have become.

It is wonderful to see our students become top ranking police officers, defense attorneys, prosecutors, general practice attorneys, judges, national security experts, Secret Service agents, FBI agents, corrections officers, wardens, probation officers, mitigation specialists, social service providers, juvenile justice employees, and investigators for child protection services, the Public Defender's Office, and the Office of the State Attorney. We take great satisfaction in knowing that many of our students who have pursued graduate degrees are now professors and instructors in colleges and universities. It is also a joy for us to converse with students who do not work directly in the field, but instead are using their Criminology degrees to launch into an area that they enjoy, including insurance, banking, retail sales, business, the medical field, and the mental health profession. It is so gratifying when you tell us that you remember us and our classes, and had a good experience at USF. That is what it is all about.

As you may know, over the years, state funding to public universities has severely decreased. Funds given by alumni help us to continue funding undergraduate scholarships, graduate stipends, research symposiums, and receptions to honor alumni, including the popular annual Wall of Fame event, among other things. If you had a good experience at USF and your Criminology degree has served you well, consider giving a donation to our department. If you are not in a financial position to do so, remember us when your financial situation has improved.

For additional information on how to give, please contact Lisa Isenbeck, Associate Director of Development, at 813-974-3433 or lisenbeck@usf.edu.

In closing, please take a moment to acknowledge our contribution to your success and continue to go forward. You are very much a part of our department. On behalf of ourselves and our colleagues we thank you for all that you do and we wish you the best always.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Heide, Ph.D.
Professor

Max Bromley, Ph.D.
Associate Professor Emeritus
Director of the MACJA Program



For a comprehensive list of foundations, endowments, and scholarships please visit:
<https://www.usf.edu/cbcs/criminology/ab-out-us/donate.aspx>



Dr. Lynch and **Dr. Cochran** listed among the **“Top Cited” Criminologists** in the world.



Dr. LeGrande Gardner named one of the **Top 3 Cybercrime Experts** in the country.



Dr. Ráchael Powers elected as the **Executive Counselor** in the ACJS Victimology Section by Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

Dr. Bryanna Fox and **Dr. Joan Reid** awarded **CBCS Internal Grant** for their proposal entitled Profiles of Child Sex Traffickers: A Forensic Behavior Analyst



Dr. Bryanna Fox received the **2019 USF Outstanding Research Achievement Award**

Dr. Ráchael Powers and **Dr. Bryanna Fox** were awarded a **\$750,000 grant** from the **Bureau of Justice Assistance** to develop and evaluate a new crime gun intelligence center.



CRIME & JUSTICE IN AMERICA: BRINGING EDUCATION TO LIFE



Crime and Justice in America has been among the favorites classes for undergraduates at USF for many years. Focused primarily on introducing students to the aspects of the criminal justice system and the many career options available within the field, students often credit this course as the catalyst for choosing a career path or changing their major to Criminology. Recently, long-time instructor Elizabeth Cass, Ph.D. added another component to the class that is receiving rave reviews.



Nancy Sulinski, FDIAI Region 3 Director, talks about forensic science.

Dr. Cass' Crime and Justice in America provides students with the unique opportunity to spend a portion of the semester "working a case". Using a real DUI Manslaughter case, students start by examining the police reports to identify the evidence that will be available to prosecute the case. Dr. Cass provides instruction on 4th and 5th amendment legal issues and the specifics of the case bring these issues to life.



Dr. Elizabeth Cass with Former Assistant State Attorneys Felix Vega and Victor Zamora.

Students experience first-hand the process of jury selection when local assistant state's attorney question prospective "jurors" and explain the selection process. Closing arguments for the case are delivered by former assistant state attorney, Felix Vega and private defense attorney, Kim Seace. Students are cautioned against discussing the case with anyone until the next day when Judge Chris Nash charges the jury and sends all 350 students off to deliberate. Just like in a real courtroom, jurors with questions can ask the judge for clarification. Often times they are surprised to hear that their question is something they have to decide for themselves. The unit wraps up with Dr. Cass discussing sentencing guidelines.



Victor Zamora addresses the class.

The feedback has been positive, as students credit the course for familiarizing them with laws, procedures, and various roles that are critical to the criminal justice system. Here is one student's response:

"This has by far been one of the most interesting, and beneficial classes I have taken throughout my 3 years in college. Even students who are not criminology majors benefit because it is important to be knowledgeable about our country's amendments, laws and processes."

During other units students hear from speakers representing all aspects of the criminal justice system. Last semester students heard about probation from Manley Jacquiss of the Department of Corrections; child protective services from Kristine Fletcher of the Pasco Sheriff's Office; criminal law from Mike Peacock of the 13th Judicial Circuit Public Defender's Office among others.



Protest Policing and Future Activism Among Ferguson and Baltimore Protestors

Jennifer Cobina, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Michigan State University

Research Series Guest Speaker - January 18, 2019

Race, Politics, and the Criminalizing of Juvenile Justice

Barry C. Feld, Ph.D.
Centennial Professor of Law Emeritus
University of Minnesota Law School

Research Series Guest Speaker - March 08, 2019



Do 'Sanctuary' Policies Encourage Public Safety?: Violent Crime Victimization Reporting in Sanctuary and Non-Sanctuary Cities

Daniel Martinez, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
School of Sociology, University of Arizona

Community Colloquium guest speaker in conjunction with the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences - October 25, 2019



The Department of Criminology proudly serves as home to the following:



Journal of Crime and Justice
Editor:
George Burruss, PhD



Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management
Editor: Lorie Fridell, PhD



Justice Quarterly
Co-Editor:
Bryanna, Fox, PhD

SPRUCE LAB

What is SPRUCE lab?

This laboratory conducts applied research on the psychological and developmental risk factors for criminal behavior and recidivism, develops evidence-based tools and training for law enforcement, and engages USF students in the research development, data collection, and implementation process. Along with 25+ undergraduate and graduate students, SPRUCE lab has conducted research in collaboration with law enforcement agencies across Florida to collect data and produce quality research on forensic psychology, policing, risk factors for crime/recidivism, and more. SPRUCE lab provides USF students the opportunity to be engaged in applied research on criminal psychology and policing, and serves as an outlet for agencies to partner with on research, data analysis, and grant applications.



Dr. Bryanna Fox with SPRUCE lab students.

Research Projects

SPRUCE Lab is currently conducting several major research projects, including the *Psychological Assessment of Risk and Criminality* (PARC) study in collaboration with Dr. Edelyn Verona and the Disinhibition and Affect Regulation Clinical (DARC) Lab in USF Department of Psychology, and the Pasco Sheriff's Office. This project aims to identify the primary risk factors and developmental pathways for offending, recidivism, and desistance in a unique sample of rural jail inmates. To date, over 30 research assistants from SPRUCE and DARC Labs have participated in the risk assessment and clinical data collection on nearly 1,000 inmates in the Pasco County Jail for the PARC study.

Additionally, SPRUCE Lab is conducting several other projects on issues including mental health and offending, auto burglary prevention efforts, bias in sentencing juveniles to life without parole, media coverage of missing persons, corporate crime offenders, and more.

Accomplishments

SPRUCE Lab has published a number of studies on risk factors for criminal behavior, offender profiling, missing persons/runaways, and psychopathy. These studies have been published in journals including *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, *Crime and Delinquency*, *Child Abuse & Neglect*, *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, and the *Journal of Criminal Psychology*. In 2019, SPRUCE Lab's United States Missing Persons' Project also earned an accolade in the "We Love Research" Student Poster Symposium held by the College of Behavioral Health and Community Science Research Council. Research conducted by SPRUCE Lab has been covered by media outlets to include A&E TV, ABC Action News, Bay News 9, the Tampa Bay Times, USF News, and USF Alumni Magazine.



If you would like to become involved with the research lab, please visit:

<http://usfsprucelab.weebly.com/current-projects.html> or email us at usfsprucelab@gmail.com.

WALL OF FAME

The Department of Criminology Wall of Fame honors a select group of alumni and community partners who have distinguished themselves by attaining the highest level of professional accomplishment while demonstrating strong personal integrity and character. We are proud to recognize these alumni who have impacted our community locally, regionally, and nationally.

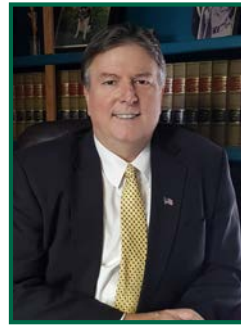
Distinguished Alumni



Kathryn Branch

Dr. Kathryn Branch is a Professor and the Chair of the Criminology and Criminal Justice department of the University of Tampa. She received her Ph.D. in Criminology from the University of South Florida. Dr. Branch's current research examines ways in which sexual violence affects college populations and campus communities. She is dedicated

to serving her community and is actively engaged with Girls on the Run, a 10 week afterschool care program for girls in 3rd-5th grade that teaches life skills through running. In 2016, she was selected by Bay News 9 as an Everyday Hero for her work with the Girls on the Run of Greater Tampa Bay.



Robin Fuson

Robin Fuson graduated from the University of South Florida in 1990 with a B.S. in Criminology and the Stetson University College of Law in 1993. He began his 26 year legal career with the State Attorney's Office in Hillsborough County in 1993. Mr. Fuson was Chief of the State's DUI Prosecution and Narcotics Units. He prosecuted First

Degree Murder, RICO, Trafficking, Kidnapping, Organized Crime, as well as a host of other offenses, compiling over 200 jury trials to his credit. In 2001, Mr. Fuson took his legal experience to the private sector for 18 years before deciding to run for Circuit Court Judge. He was elected in November of 2018.



Clyde Eisenberg

Clyde Eisenberg began his law enforcement career with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office in 1980 working as a Detention Deputy in the County Jail system. Over the next three decades he served as a Detective, Patrol Corporal, Detective Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant, Captain of the Child Protective Investigations Division and

a Patrol Major for six years prior to retiring in 2015, after 35 years of service. After retiring, he served as the Security and Emergency Management Director for Brandon Regional Hospital.

Major Eisenberg received his Masters Degree from USF in 1990 and is a graduate of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Senior Leadership Program, as well as the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police.



Katherine Gomez

Katherine C. Gomez currently serves as the Director of Human Trafficking Intervention for the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (FDJJ). She holds a MA in Criminal Justice Administration from the University of South Florida (2012) and is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Public Affairs at the University of Central Florida.

Ms. Gomez has served Florida since 2006 as a juvenile probation officer, trainer, researcher, and administrator. She served as FDJJ's Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol™ study statewide coordinator and as Institutional Review Board Director. She specializes in youth who have experienced human trafficking, youth who have committed sex offenses, sexually marginalized youth, and high-profile multijurisdictional cases.

WALL OF FAME

Outstanding Ambassadors



Nicole Alvarado

Nicole Alvarado graduated Summa Cum Laude from USF with a B.A. in Criminology in 2019. During her college career, Ms. Alvarado spent time interning with the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a part of the FBI Honors Internship Program. For the duration of her internship, she was assigned to the Violent Crimes Unit in FBI Tampa Headquarters and maintained a Top Secret Security clearance.

Ms. Alvarado recently graduated from the Hillsborough Community College Police Academy. She was selected as a part of the Tampa Police Department scholarship program and was sworn in at the end of January.

Vanessa Centelles

Vanessa Centelles is a first-year doctoral student in the Criminology Department. She received her B.A. and M.A. in Criminology from USF in 2019 as a Graduate Student Success Fellow. Currently, she works as a graduate assistant for the MACJA program under the direction of Dr. Max Bromley, providing mentorship and assistance to the students as the program's writing coach.

Ms. Centelles' research interests include violent victimization, gender-based crime, and the influence of social media on crime. Specifically, she is interested in how forms of in-person victimization may be facilitated by online abuse.



Hyojong Song

Hyojong Song is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at Korea University in South Korea. He received his B.A. in Sociology and M.A. in Public Administration at Korea University. He joined the USF Criminology doctoral program in 2012 and earned his Ph.D. in 2017. After graduation, he was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice for two years at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Dr. Song's teaching/research interests include: deviance in cyberspace, green criminology, and theories of crime and delinquency. He is currently working on several research projects on cyberbullying and environmental victimization.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Michael J. Leiber

Dr. Michael J. Leiber believed in advancing knowledge to correct the many challenging social ills in society, and this concern for social justice guided his career. He earned his BA from Marquette University, and then entered the MA program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He transferred to the University at Albany, where he earned his MA and Ph.D. Dr. Leiber held academic positions at the University of Northern Iowa (1989-2005), Virginia Commonwealth (2005-2010), and the University of South Florida (2010-2020), where he also served as Chair of the Department of Criminology (2011-2019).

His research focused primarily on juvenile justice and disproportionate minority contact with the criminal justice system. He authored over 100 publications, including 76 articles and book chapters, and more than two-dozen government reports, and received more than \$700,000 in grants and contracts.



HAWKINS' COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD



Clearwater Police Department

We are pleased to announce the Clearwater Police Department as the USF Department of Criminology's Community Partner for 2020. Under the leadership of Chief Daniel Slaughter, USF and CPD have entered an MOU with the intention of forming a long-term collaboration that is beneficial to CPD, and USF's faculty and students. Major David Dalton, a graduate of the Department of Criminology's MACJA program, has been our primary point of contact throughout these efforts.

A number of initiatives and studies have occurred as a result of this relationship including the use of service dogs in investigations, efforts to reduce car burglary, and the implementation of a sexual assault prevention program for bar staff in tourist areas.

Most recently, the Clearwater Police Department has asked Criminology faculty to assist in researching and developing an "officer mental health" program. The need for such a program is underscored by the number of police suicides in the Tampa Bay area within the last year. A number of faculty are already involved in the project including: Dr. George Burruss, Dr. Kathleen Heide, Dr. Rick Moule, Dr. Ráchael Powers, Dr. Bryanna Fox, Dr. Max Bromley, and Dr. Kathy Moore from our college's Mental Health Law and Policy Department. Major David Dalton is once again the Clearwater Police Department's project manager. It is the team's intention to seek grant funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, National Institute of Justice, National Science Foundation, and potential private sources such as the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. This grant would allow graduate students to be involved in this project. In summary, the Clearwater Police Department is an outstanding and valuable community partner with our department.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

IMPROVING PRACTICE THROUGH RESEARCH



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DR. GEORGE BURRUSS

"Understanding the Impacts of Policing Strategies and Practices (Beyond Crime Reduction)". Consultant. Champaign-Urbana Police Department.



DR. RICHARD DEMBO

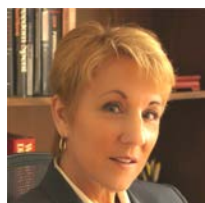
"Culturally Modified Family Based Therapy for Haitian Youth and Their Families in South Florida". Co-Investigator. NIH/NIDA.

Health Coach Services at the Tampa Juvenile Assessment Center. Funder: ACTS.



DR. BRYANNA FOX

"Addressing Prolific Violent Offenders and High Level Drug Distribution Networks through Intelligence Led Policing and Social Network Analysis". PI with the Pasco Sheriff's Office. U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for the Smart Policing Initiative.



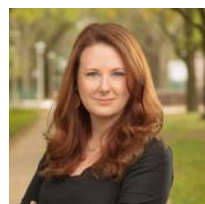
DR. LORIE FRIDELL

"Advancing Fair and Impartial Policing Through Training". Director. Funded by the US DOJ Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.



DR. KATHLEEN HEIDE

Office of the Public Defender - 13th and 5th Judicial Circuits, Florida, as well as services provided to Indiana, and County of San Diego, CA. Office of the District Attorney, Lehigh County, PA. Consultant.



DR. RÁCHAEL POWERS

"Shotspotter and the Tampa Police Department". With Tampa Police Department representing the Middle District of Florida. US. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.



DR. JOHN COCHRAN

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FAIR & IMPARTIAL POLICING



PROMOTING FAIR & IMPARTIAL PUBLIC SAFETY: A SCIENCE-BASED PERSPECTIVE

Over the past decade, police personnel, researchers, community leaders and other stakeholders have engaged in a national discussion about public safety and bias; biases based on race and ethnicity have received the most attention. Much of the national discussion, however, has been based on outdated notions of how bias manifests in our society.

Dr. Lorie Fridell has developed a training program to promote fairness in law enforcement. Her Fair and Impartial Policing (FIP) Training Program is based on the social-psychological research on bias and prejudice, which recognizes that we all have biases—in the form of implicit bias. With grants to USF from the USDOJ Office of Community Oriented Policing Services and assistance from a cadre of experts in policing, implicit bias, and curriculum design, Fridell created FIP, which is the #1 implicit-bias-awareness training program for law enforcement in North America.



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Fridell and 25 sworn law enforcement trainers, administer FIP to federal, state and local agencies ranging in size from 20 officers, such as in a university police department, to the 36,000 sworn personnel of NYPD. A strength of the program, says Fridell, is how well the curricula works to reduce the defensiveness that many police officers bring to a session on “biased policing.” “Generally, our audiences are somewhere between defensive and hostile when we walk into the room,” she explains. “But then we start talking to them about science. And it’s not the science of police bias, it’s the science of human bias and how human implicit biases can make police ineffective, unsafe and unjust.”

The Science of Bias

For decades, social psychologists thought that bias and prejudice came in one, overt form: prejudiced individuals link groups (e.g., based on gender, race, LGBTQ) to negative stereotypes based on animus and hostility towards those groups. Those stereotypes impact their perceptions and behavior, producing discriminatory behavior about which they are unconcerned. Hardin and Banaji (2013) describe how various developments and circumstances—including challenges associated with measuring overt/conscious bias—led to the discovery of another form of bias, implicit bias. “Most politically salient,” they suggest (p. 14), was the fact that racial discrimination in its various forms (e.g., social, economic) persisted through the late 20th century, despite the fact that individuals were less and less inclined to endorse or express racist attitudes. The recognition of this reticence to express bias led social scientists to attempt to measure prejudice “unobtrusively.” They wanted to bypass the social-desirability effects of common prejudice measures and/or try to understand why discrimination persisted even when society seemed less and less inclined to endorse it. These aspirations corresponded in time with the growing recognition within psychology of the extent to which information processing occurs outside of conscious awareness and with the scientific abilities to measure implicit cognition. Hardin and Banaji (2013), credit Patricia Devine (in her 1989 article) with documenting and describing the culmination of these forces; she joined implicit cognition and stereotyping, “(marking) the beginning of a paradigm shift in the social-psychological understanding of stereotyping and prejudice more generally” (p. 14–15). Implicit bias had been discovered.

Devine, P. G. (1989). Stereotypes and prejudice: Their automatic and controlled components. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 56(1), 5–18.

Hardin, C. D., & Banaji, M. R. (2013). The nature of implicit prejudice: Implications for personal and public policy. *The Behavioral Foundations of Public Policy*, 13–31.

FIP cont'd



The program receives overwhelmingly strong reviews from participants, many of whom report favorably, “this is not what I expected.”

FIP consists of a set of curricula designed for the various levels of a police department: patrol officers, supervisors, mid-level managers, and command staff. Fridell only trains at the command-level, because the audiences at the other levels “do not want to hear from an academic” she reports; “they need to hear our message from one of their own.”

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Dr. Fridell’s favored version of the command-level training is the “command-community” 1.5-day session where the 30 seats are split between the leadership of the agency and concerned community stakeholders. In early January, for instance, she held a command-community session in DeLand, FL. “The exchange between the community leaders and police was fabulous. Too often these groups talk at each other through the media about this important, sensitive issue. In our sessions, they talk with each other; they listen to the ‘other’ perspective, gain a common understanding of the nature of the problem, and develop an action plan for moving forward.”

Based on popular demand, Fridell and her team are developing curricula for other criminal justice professionals including judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and jail personnel. More information for the program and training information can be found at <https://fipolicing.com>.



GRADUATE FACULTY

Lyndsay Boggess, PhD

Communities and crime, crime-mapping

Max Bromley, EdD*Director of the MACJA Program*

Law enforcement, campus crime

George Burnuss, PhD

Cybercrime, criminal justice organizations

Elizabeth Cass, PhD*Graduate Coordinator / Instructor***John Cochran, PhD***Department Chair*

Death penalty, theories of crime and crime control

Richard Dembo, PhD

Alcohol and drug use, juvenile justice, youth public health issues, statistics

Bryanna Fox, PhD

Developmental criminology, forensic psychology, evidence-based policing

Lorie Fridell, PhD

Police use of force, biased policing, violence against police

Kathleen Heide, PhD

Juvenile homicide, parricide (children killing parents), trauma

Chae Jaynes, PhD

Offender decision-making, rational choice theory, employment and crime

Michael J. Leiber, PhD

Juvenile delinquency, juvenile justice, race/ethnicity

Yunmei (Iris) Lu, PhD

Age and crime, cross-cultural studies, social change and crime, sentencing

Michael J. Lynch, PhD

Green and radical criminology, corporate crime, environmental justice

Richard Moule, PhD

Criminological theory, street gangs, technology in criminology and criminal justice, mixed methods

Ráchael Powers, PhD*Graduate Director*

Violent victimization, violence against women, gender and crime, hate crime

Mateus Rennó Santos, PhD

Crime trends, drivers of violence, homicide, comparative criminology

Dwayne Smith, PhD*Senior Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs
Dean of Graduate Studies*

Homicide, capital punishment, structural correlates of violent crime

10 ranking by Center for World University Rankings
CWUR - Rankings by Subject, 2017

8 ranking for publication productivity by faculty
Klock and Mims, 2017

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Crimeversation, a podcast that shares emerging criminological research, has become a point of pride in the Department of Criminology. Brought to life by doctoral student, Lauren Miley, and former student, Tayler Shreve, *Crimeverstaion* emerged through a mutual appreciation of podcasts and criminological research. Seeing a need to share the “real science” of criminology, particularly in a time when false and confusing information is being circulated, the driving force of *Crimeversation* was simple, make research available to people who may not pick up an article or have access to academic research.



Above: Host, Lauren Miley, podcast guest, Rick Moule, Ph.D., and former host, Tayler Shreve.

Since its inception, *Crimeversation* has produced 20 episodes, covering a range of topics like immigration, events in Ferguson, Missouri; court cases of the Menedez Brothers and Timothy McVeigh; and crime victims Jeanne Clery and Evan Patz, each leading to the inclusion of relevant research from area experts. Season two brought a new flavor as *Crimeversation* welcomed new co-host Catherine Law, a previous guest, replacing original host, Tayler Shreve, who is continuing her doctoral studies at American University.

Please support our students and our department for Season 3 of *Crimeverstaion*. Episode topics for the upcoming season include of communities and crime, the age-crime curve, violence against women, and corrections.



Above: State Attorney of Florida’s 13th Judicial Circuit, Andrew Warren joins the student-run podcast with hosts Lauren Miley and Tayler Shreve.

Crimeversation started with a bang with an interview with Dr. Alex Piquero, the nation’s number one ranked criminologist, as it’s very first guest. A professor at University of Texas at Dallas, Piquero added valuable insight to the topic of immigration, debunking the notion that immigrants commit more crime and how disadvantage impacts assimilation. Piquero also ranked among Miley’s most memorable guests, not for his accomplished career, but because of his humble demeanor and advice to students to “just be a good person, be kind.”



Above: Podcast hosts, Lauren Miley and Catherine Law

CYBERCRIME

THE NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

Cybercrime has become a global epidemic. According to conservative estimates, cybercrime cost the global economy more than \$600 billion in 2018. By 2021, that impact is expected to exceed \$5 trillion. In an effort to respond to this threat and provide the training needed for criminal investigators, the Department of Criminology created a Master of Science in Cybercrime under the leadership of Dr. Robert "LeGrande" Gardner, one of the top three cybercrime experts in the country.



Dr. LeGrande Gardner
Cybercrime Program Director

Blending a traditional criminological foundation with STEM-based skills in the study of high-tech criminal investigations, practices and procedures, and the tools and methodologies of investigation, the M.S. in Cybercrime is a comprehensive program that offers students the skills necessary to thrive in the field. The M.S. in Cybercrime is truly unique in that it is designed for and geared toward criminal investigators, not computer scientists, and provides training beyond the high-tech skills required for cybersecurity professionals.

Since its inception in the fall of 2018, the cybercrime program has admitted 73 students and has 13 graduates, with 4 more expected in the of spring 2020. All students who completed the exit survey indicated that the program provided foundational knowledge for their career goals.

MACJA

The Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration (MACJA) is a specialized program of study specifically designed for practitioners with an emphasis on administration and management within the criminal justice system.

- Since 2006, 278 students have graduated from the program. These students represent 73 different criminal justice agencies located throughout the Tampa Bay area.
- Approximately half of the MACJA students are from law enforcement agencies, while the other half is distributed among corrections, probation, juvenile justice, and a variety of criminal justice service providers. In addition, MACJA graduates serve in a variety of agency leadership positions and past or current students have been elected as presidents or on the board of the Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Association (Dave Romine, Rick Ramirez, Rob Vincent, Lee Bercaw and David Dalton).
- Since 2013, 14 MACJA graduates have been inducted into the Criminology Department Wall of Fame, as both distinguished alumni and outstanding criminology ambassadors. In addition, each year current students of the program are nominated to receive MACJA scholarship awards, with eight current students being awarded scholarships in 2019.
- The MACJA program has a strong gender, ethnic, and age representation, with 48% of the 278 MACJA graduates being female, 34% minority, and an age range of 22-60 years of age. In addition, inclusive of all past and current cohorts, the average years since completion of their bachelor's degree for students is 7.5 years and student's level within their agencies is representative of entry level positions (58%) through upper level (6%). For those interested in the program, contact Max Bromley:
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MACJA Cohort 13 Graduates with Dr. Bromley (Spring 2019)

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Catherine Law

Catherine Law is a doctoral candidate in her fourth year of the Criminology PhD program. She is the first recipient of the UK-wide 'Fulbright-USF Postgraduate Genshaft Award', named after former USF President Judy Genshaft. Back in her home country of Scotland, she was one of only two students in the Abertay University 2015 cohort to earn a First Class Honors Bachelor's degree in Sociology. She subsequently earned a Master's degree in Criminal Justice and Penal Change from the University of Strathclyde. During her four years at USF, Catherine has served as an online academic coach and teaching assistant for Drs. Boggess and Jaynes. She has been a guest lecturer for Drs. Cochran and Muniz and is teaching 'Domestic Violence' in the spring 2020 semester. After being elected as Secretary and Vice President of the Criminology Graduate Student Organization (CGSO), she now serves as President. She has presented at multiple conferences, including the American Society of Criminology (ASC). She was the first graduate student guest on the department's *Crimeversation* podcast and is delighted to have recently been chosen as the new co-host.



Catherine Law pictured with former USF president, Judy Genshaft

Outside of the department, Catherine is active in service at the university level. For two years she has been a violence prevention trainer with USF's Center of Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention. She has provided workshops and outreach on topics such as intimate partner violence and consent to USF students, as well as middle and high school students. She also serves as a member on USF's Sexual Violence Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month committees. Catherine is a proud Fulbright scholar, and regularly represents USF and Fulbright at events near and far. She has been invited to speak on several panels, including the 2019 Fulbright Gateway Orientation in Miami.

Catherine's research interests include disparities in the criminal justice system and dating violence. She is currently working on a variety of projects in which she examines capital sentencing decisions, web defacement, online sex work, and tech-based violence. Her dissertation will assess types of domestic violence offenders and how they differ globally. She also looks forward to expanding her research on intimate partner violence, dating violence amongst young people, and violence prevention. In her spare time, Catherine loves to travel the US. She traveled to Washington D.C more than 12 times since her arrival in August 2016 and aspires to see all 50 states. She also has the unofficial award for 'most decorated walls' in the office and is a lover of absolutely everything Beyoncé-related.

Making Lasting Connections

In the 20 years since its inception in 1997, our doctoral alums have joined university faculties, government agencies, and private organizations. We are proud of the work they are doing to advance the field of criminology and criminal justice.

We know the importance of having the right network of colleagues, mentors, and friends. For our former students, you can connect with our Doctoral Program Alumni by visiting https://www.usf.edu/cbs/criminology/student_alumni_organizations/index.aspx.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Daniela Oramas Mora

Daniela Oramas Mora is a first-generation student, who received her bachelor's degree in Criminology and Psychology with a minor in Communication Studies from the University of Florida in 2018. She is currently a second-year master's student, planning to graduate in the Spring of 2020. Her research interests include race and class disadvantages within the criminal justice system, environmental crimes and crimes of the powerful. She is working with Dr. Ojmarrh Mitchell on a National Institute of Justice grant that analyzes any disparities that may be present in prosecutorial discretion in Florida. Furthermore, under the direction of Dr. Bryanna Fox, Daniela helps manage the Psychology and Assessment of Risk of Criminality Project (PARC). As lab manager of the PARC project, Daniela trains incoming students and conducts interviews assessing psychopathy, mental illness, intelligence, and adverse

childhood experiences. Lastly, under the direction of Dr. Michael Lynch, Daniela is researching the trends of corporate crime for the past 17 years, as well as helping develop a website to promote this research.

Daniela's thesis explores the relationship between perceived motivation, level of mental distress, likelihood of reporting to police and engaging in self-protective measures among stalking victims. She plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Criminology in the Fall. Dr. Rachael Powers chairs her committee, with Dr. Chae Jaynes and Dr. Matt Nobles serving as committee members. Her long-term goal is for her research to be translational, driving change and reducing victimization and offending within the community. She enjoys reading, spending time with family and friends, and watching sports.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Christopher Marier, Ph.D. Student: Outstanding Graduate Paper Award

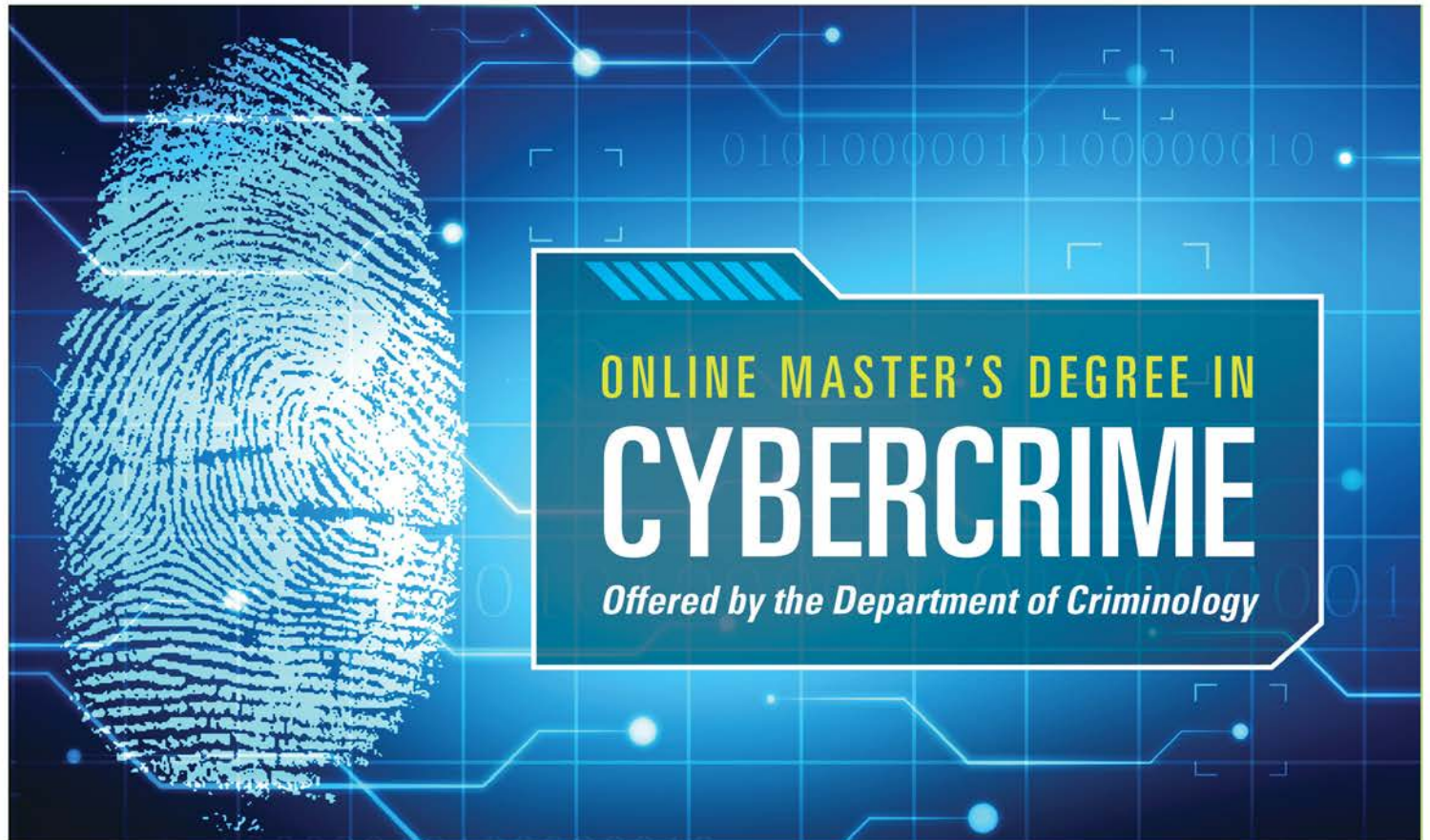
Christopher Marier was awarded Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) International Section Outstanding Graduate Student Paper for his research paper entitled *Minority Threat and Incarceration Rates: A Cross-nation Study*.

Lauren Miley, Ph.D. Student: Executive Board

Lauren Miley was elected to the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Division of the Developmental and Life-Course Criminology's Executive Board. She will serve a two year term for one of the largest divisions in the American Society of Criminology.

Rachel Severson, Criminology Ph.D. Student: Outstanding Doctoral Student Award

Rachel Severson was named as the Outstanding Doctoral Student at the the 2019 Southern Criminal Justice Association Meeting.



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