Greetings from the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, housed within the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy and the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Memphis! In our Fall 2017 newsletter, we would like to let you know of a number of recent events within the Department.

Editor: Dr. Haley Zettler

Dear friends of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice,

As we have started a new academic year, I would like to take this time to update you on the Department’s activities since last spring. For starters, we have had an excellent year for recruiting new faculty and staff. In fact, we have expanded for the 2017-2018 school year to include Dr. Shelley Keith, who joined us as an Associate Professor from Mississippi State University. Dr. Keith’s research interests centers around juvenile delinquency, theory, gender, and race. Dr. Xin Jiang joined us as an Assistant Professor from Slippery Rock University. Dr. Jiang’s focus is on race, immigration, and gender. Mrs. Tessa Dooley joined our department as an undergraduate instructor/coordinator working with Mrs. Mary Tucker, our senior undergraduate coordinator. Mrs. Dooley earned a law degree from the University of Arkansas and is currently licensed to practice in the state of Arkansas. We look forward to her contribution to our undergraduate program. Dr. Sheri Keenan joined us as Clinical Assistant Professor on the Lambuth campus and serves as Coordinator of the Center for Community Criminology and Research. (CCCR). Her research interests include policing special populations with an emphasis on juveniles; delinquency, mental illness, gang, and juvenile justice program evaluation. As we continue to grow, our Department is working to expand our presence at the University and in community with interdepartmental research collaborations and community projects. More information can be found within the current newsletter. In addition, the Department continues to experience growth in our student enrollment, particularly our undergraduate student body, and remains one of the larger programs at the University. Last semester, sixty-four undergraduate students and four graduate students earned their degrees during commencement exercises.

I am excited to announce that our online Master’s program is ranked #13 by Best College.com! The ranking is based on the program’s academic quality, affordability and online programming. The Master’s program emphasizes research, preparing students for positions in advanced administration and management, and teaching. Courses in the program include criminology, victimology, criminal justice organization and administration giving students a theoretical and practical understanding. Kudos to the faculty for their hard work.

In conclusion, the Department will continue our strong commitment in the important areas of teaching, research and community engagement.

I hope you will enjoy reading the Fall 2017 newsletter about our great students and dynamic faculty.

Go Tigers!

Dr. KB Turner, Chairman
From left to right: Faculty members Bert Burraston, Randy Dupont, Lenard Wells, Xin Jiang, Mary Tucker, Tessica Dooley, Shelley Keith, Amaia Iratzoki, George Megelsh, Sheri Jenkins Keenan, James McCutcheon, Stephen Watts, Amanda Johnson, Haley Zettler, and KB Turner (Chairman).

Meet Our New Faculty!

From left to right: Dr. Shelley Keith, Dr. Xin Jiang, Dr. Sheri Jenkins Keenan, Mrs. Tessica Dooley
Welcome, Heather!

Heather Seitz joined the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice as the Office Coordinator during the Spring 2017 semester. She brings over six years of experience in higher education in both student services and registrar functions. Heather is dedicated to contributing to the success of our students in any capacity. In her role, she will assist the department with various projects and duties.

Recently relocating from Fort Lauderdale, Heather has enjoyed the sights and sounds of Memphis. She is currently completing her Master’s in Human Resource management. In her spare time, she enjoys the great outdoors by camping and kayaking.

Professors Emeriti

Dr. Margaret Vandiver (pictured right) and Dr. David Giacopassi are Professors Emeriti in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. In retirement, Dr. Vandiver has done extensive research for the Lynching Sites Project of Memphis. This organization works to document lynchings and to commemorate the victims by placing historical markers at the sites of the killings. Dr. Vandiver’s work for the group has involved identifying Shelby County lynchings; locating and contacting the descendants of lynching victims; documenting cases through newspapers, court and vital records, and oral histories; writing the text for historical markers; and finding the sites of lynchings and the locations where victims were buried. He is grateful to the Department for providing office space and equipment for the Lynching Sites research.
Department News and Accolades


- **Dr. Watts** was awarded the College of Arts and Sciences Summer Research Stimulus Grant for Summer 2017.

- Several of our faculty are working on projects with local agencies. **Drs. McCutcheon, Burraston, and Watts** are working on a grant concerning electronic monitoring of sex offenders and domestic violence batterers, while **Drs. McCutcheon and Iratzoqui** are partnering with the Memphis Police Department to examine patterns of domestic violence homicides. **Dr. Iratzoqui** is also part of an interdepartmental collaboration with faculty in Public Administration and Social Work within the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy. **Dr. Zettler** is working on a multidisciplinary project through the Memphis Research Consortium, examining the use of neurofeedback therapy for the treatment of adolescents exposed to Adverse Childhood Experiences.

All About Advising

Mrs. Mary Tucker and Mrs. Tessica Dooley are the Undergraduate Coordinators/Instructors for Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Students can schedule an advising appointment by searching for “Find My Advisor” on the U of M website main page, scrolling down to look for Criminology and Criminal Justice, then clicking the link “book an appointment.” This is the ONLY WAY to schedule an advising appointment. The front desk personnel in the department cannot schedule an appointment for students. Students with any questions can send an email to their designated advisor.

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Undergraduate and Graduate Online Programs

The Department continues to grow our online programs. Our undergraduate program was recently ranked among the top 25 programs in the nation for the second year in a row. We are moving rapidly to develop and offer more courses online, with a goal that a student may complete his or her bachelor’s degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice entirely online. The online course offerings in Fall 2017 enable students who are working to take courses that apply directly toward their major in a flexible environment. The department’s Fall 2017 online course offerings include CJUS1100 (Introduction to Criminal Justice), CJUS2226 (Introduction to Police), CJUS3426 (Corrections), CJUS3130 (Research Methods), CJUS3540 (Criminology), CJUS4110 (Advanced Application), CJUS4190 (Terrorism), and CJUS4460 (Race and Ethnicity).

The Masters program in Criminology offers many of its courses via online instruction. Students will be allowed no more than six hours of credit toward the degree in non-classroom courses. The graduate courses provided online in Fall 2017 are CJUS6190 (Terrorism), CJUS7161 (Intervention Strategies), CJUS7460 (Race and Ethnicity), and CJUS7541 (Theory). If you are considering getting a Master’s degree in Criminal Justice, please email our graduate coordinator, Dr. Shelley Keith, at srkeith@memphis.edu for more information.
Graduate Student Assistants

This semester the Department is supporting ten graduate assistants. These students work closely with professors to assist them with their teaching and research responsibilities. Pictured above (from left to right) are our graduate assistants: Miguel Rocha, Karli Province, Joshua Jacobs, Atsuhito Saito, Shawna Roten, Nadiya Ghosheh Workman, Shelby Cavagnaro, and Lauren Wingard. Not pictured: Kayla Tuohy and Peter Hart.

CJUS Alumni Spotlight

We are proud of our recent MA graduate, Trey Moore. He earned his badge to serve as a police officer for the city of Memphis. Stay safe out there Trey!
**Department Partnership with the new Public Safety Institute**

The Public Safety Institute (PSI) is a new center for research housed on the University of Memphis campus and working closely with the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice on research related to crime and the community in Memphis. Dr. Angela Madden, previously an Associate Professor with the Department, has transitioned to a role as a Research Associate with the PSI and maintains the partnership between the two organizations.

The PSI is focused on working with multiple criminal justice and community partners and stakeholders, including the Shelby County District Attorney General’s Office and Community Services, Juvenile Court, Safeways, Memphis Police Department, and Office of Reentry to determine existing capacity for collecting data aimed at fulfilling Operation Safe Community. The PSI is also involved in the development and submission of several grant applications, many in partnership with the faculty of the Department, to target the goals of Operation Safe Community. In addition, the PSI is involved in a working group to develop a Youth Assessment Resource Network to improve outcomes for youth in need. Questions on the nature and status of this organization can be directed to Dr. Angela Madden (acrews1@memphis.edu).

**Lambuth Campus**

The Department is pleased to announce the growing presence of our undergraduate program at The University of Memphis Lambuth campus. For Fall 2017, the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice – Lambuth is offering CJUS1100 (Intro to Criminal Justice), CJUS2120 (Contemporary Issues), CJUS3130 (Research Methods), CJUS3521 (Criminal Procedure), CJUS345 (Criminology), CJUS4170 (Deterrence), CJUS4190 (Terrorism), and CJUS4542 (Victimology).

For further information on the Lambuth program, please contact Dr. Sheri Keenan (Sheri.Jenkins.Keenan@memphis.edu) or Mr. George Meglesh (gmmgelsh@memphis.edu).

**CJSA**

The Department’s Criminal Justice Student Association (CJSA) is open to any interested undergraduate and graduate studying criminology and criminal justice at the University of Memphis. CJSA will be organizing a number of events throughout the Fall 2017 semester. The most recent event included our annual football tailgate (pictured right).

Joining CJSA is $10 (cash or credit), which can be paid at the CJUS Main Office in MC 311 or by contacting Dr. Stephen Watts (sjwatts@memphis.edu) or Dr. Haley Zettler (hzettler@memphis.edu).

**Department website:**
http://www.memphis.edu/cjustice/cjsa.php

**Facebook:**
https://www.facebook.com/pages/University-of-Memphis-Criminal-Justice-Student Association/203049423060787
CJSA Career Fair

The CJSA held a career fair April 13th for undergraduate students interested in working in the field of criminal justice. Students had the opportunity to speak with representatives from 21 different agencies, including local law enforcement, federal probation, and corrections. The Criminology and Criminal Justice Masters program was also represented as an avenue for our students upon graduation. Thanks to Dr. Watts for his hard work organizing this!

Dr. KB Turner with officers from the Columbus, Mississippi Police Department. From left to Right: Officer Kevin McCrary; Dr. KB Turner; Officer Rhonda Sanders; and Training Director Liz Patrick.

Dr. Zettler and Dr. Watts, CJSA advisors, with the Shelby County Tennessee Sheriff Department. From left to right: Patrolman Pul- lium; Dr. Haley Zettler; Correctional Deputy Sgt. Morris; Chief Deputy Floyd Bonner; Dr. Stephen Watts, and Assistant Chief Cecil Booker.

Students meeting with various criminal justice agencies at the

Three of our Masters students and graduate assistants: Kayla Tuohy, Karli Province, and Miguel Rocha.
Faculty Around Campus and the Community

Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Dooley at the SAPLA Pre-Law Conference.

Dr. Wells welcomes back students with Tom on the first day of classes.

Dr. Iratzoqui (right) and Kevyanna Rawls (left) at the Domestic Violence Summit. The event, sponsored by Dr. Gayle Beck of Psychology and the Athena Project, provided information about resources for domestic violence in Memphis.

The Student Government Association sponsored #TigersTakeAStand initiative. This was a collaboration with the Prevention Task Force, a University initiative that is working to raise awareness of sexual assault on campus.
Fall 2017 Academic Calendar

First Day of Classes  Aug 28, 2017 / Mon
Fall Break  Oct 14-17, 2017 / Sat-Tues
Last Day of Classes  Dec 6, 2017 / Wed
Study Day  Dec 7, 2017 / Thurs
Final Exams  Dec 8-14, 2017 / Fri-Thur