

CJUS News

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We hope everyone had a great summer! We are excited to welcome you to a new school year and to inform you about upcoming developments in the Department. Enjoy!



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Greetings friends of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. We are in the beginning of the 2015-2016 academic year and once again I am very excited to share with you some news regarding the Department, which has approximately 600 undergraduate students and 30 graduate students.

We are pleased to offer a number of both undergraduate and graduate courses Monday-Friday at various times throughout the day and within our online program. The ultimate goal is to provide our students with quality instruction as they complete their degree in a timely fashion. Our persistence was recently rewarded by having Affordable Colleges Online ranking our online program in the top 25 programs in the nation. We are extremely grateful for this recognition. Read more about this exciting news in further detail online via <http://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/degrees/criminal-justice-programs/>. We appreciate the recognition and will continue to pursue academic excellence in this area.

We also maintain a strong presence on the Lambuth campus. The criminal justice major is one of the more popular programs there, in large part thanks to the efforts of Senior Lecturer George Meglesh, who grew the program significantly and later with the addition of Dr. Melissa Tetzlaff-Bemiller, our main faculty members at this location. I expect we will experience continued growth over the 2015-2016 academic year as the result of some targeted and strategic recruiting efforts.

Our Criminal Justice Student Association (CJSA) is also an important part of the Department, giving undergraduate and graduate students an opportunity to become familiar with the different components of the criminal justice system. The students visited to Parchman, Mississippi, the site of Mississippi's largest prison, on October 9, 2015. More information about the organization and their scheduled activities for the Fall 2015 semester are available in this newsletter.

Since our last newsletter, two faculty members have joined our ranks. Dr. Amaia Iratzoqui comes to us as a new Assistant Professor from Florida State University, while Dr. Leonard Wells rejoins the faculty as a Instructor. Read more about these professors inside the newsletter.

After nine years of serving as the Department's dedicated office coordinator, Kim Tucker left at the end of last semester for a position in the private sector. This is truly a significant loss for our Department. However, we welcome Victoria Tardugno as our new office coordinator. She joined the Department this past July and has been doing a marvelous job. We are glad to have her here.

Dr. Margaret Vandiver has completed her post-retirement. She and the retired Dr. David Giacompassi now hold emeritus status. This allows them to remain in close proximity to the Department and provides them an opportunity to continue their research on campus. I am pleased to have the continued presence of both of these (retired) professors.

In closing, the Department is still in the middle of significant changes including the expansion of our faculty and continued growth in student enrollment. As I mentioned in our last newsletter, we continue to be a premier leader within the College of Arts and Sciences, at the University of Memphis, and for the community. Going forward, we will maintain our status as productive researchers, excellent teachers and participating in a high level of community engagement. Additionally, the Department will remain in the forefront by partnering with organizations, agencies and community members to pursue research and develop key policies and strategy to address the criminogenic factors that lead to social disorder. We are up to the task! I hope you will enjoy reading the newsletter.

Go Tigers!

K B Turner

University of Memphis News

- Dr. Stan Hyland, Head of the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy is retiring
- Dr. David Cox is serving as the interim head of the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy

Criminal Justice Department News and Accolades

- The Criminal Justice Department is excited to announce the hiring of two new professors.
- Dr. K.B. Turner was selected to participate in the 2015 year-long Leadership Memphis class.
- Dr. James McCutcheon has recently first-authored a paper to be published in *Justice Quarterly*.
- Dr. Amanda Johnson has recently first-authored a paper to be published in *Administrative Theory & Praxis*.
- Dr. Amaia Iratzoqui has recently authored a paper to be published in the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

Department Transitions

Our former office coordinator, Kim Tucker, recently left the department after over 8 years. She received her BA in Psychology here at the University of Memphis and is working toward a master's degree. Kim was integral to the department and will be greatly missed, but we wish her the best of luck with her new position in the private sector.



All About Advising

Greetings CJUS students! Your advising team is ready to assist you with all of your advising needs. The advising team consists of Mrs. Mary Tucker as the Lead Advisor and Ms. Marsha Harper and Ms. Laurel Miles as Advising Assistants.

Important notes for Spring 2016 advising:

All students will have a Spring 2016 planner saved in UM Degree by October 16th. The courses suggested for you in your Spring 2016 planner are suggestions – it is always the student's choice to decide what to register for, according to your personal and financial needs. It is recommended that you schedule an appointment if you have questions about your planner or any other advising concerns.

Registration for Spring 2016 will proceed according to the following schedule:

Monday November 9th: Honors Students and Veteran Students
 Tuesday November 10th: Seniors (those who have earned 90+ credits)
 Wednesday November 11th: Juniors (those who have earned between 60 – 89 credits)
 Thursday November 12th: Sophomores (those who have earned between 30 – 59 credits)
 Monday November 16th: Freshmen (those who have earned 29 and fewer credits)

It is critical that each student ensure that their account is free from all holds in order to take full advantage of their priority registration date!

Scheduling an advising appointment:

You can schedule an advising appointment by searching for "Find My Advisor" on the U of M main page, then scrolling down to look for Criminology and Criminal Justice, then clicking the link "book an appointment." Appointment Plus is the ONLY WAY to schedule an advising appointment. The front desk personnel in the department cannot schedule an appointment for you.

Walk In Advising:

Walk In Advising is available every Wednesday through Wednesday, December 9th between 1:00 – 3:00 pm. You do not need an appointment to see an advisor during Walk In Wednesdays, simply sign in with the Main Office in 311 McCord Hall and the front desk personnel will direct you from there.

Graduating in Spring 2016?

The deadline to apply for Spring 2016 graduation is November 11th! This is a FIRM deadline that is set by the University. You apply for graduation through the commencement channel in your MyMemphis account.

Contact The Advising Team:

If you have questions, you can email them to the advising team at cjusadvising@memphis.edu. This email goes to all three of us and is the best way to get a timely response.

Spotlight: New and Returning Faculty and Staff



Dr. Amaia Iratzoqui recently received her Ph.D. in Criminology from Florida State University, and also holds a B.S. in Criminal Justice and M.S. in Public Administration from Florida International University. Her research focuses on the causes and consequences of victimization, particularly with regards to intimate partner violence and the gendered nature of repeat victimization. She is currently working on projects involving the applicability of an integrated general strain/risky lifestyles theoretical model towards linking child maltreatment, victimization, and intimate partner violence at different points over the life course. When not working, she enjoys cooking, hiking, kickboxing, and exploring Memphis.

Dr. Lenard Wells has recently returned to the department as an Instructor. Dr. Wells graduated from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee with a B.A. in Psychology and a Master's degree in Public Administration, both while working full time at the Milwaukee Police Department.



Mrs. Victoria Tardugno is the new office coordinator for the Department. She holds a BA degree in Music with a specialization in vocal performance. When you come by her office you just may receive a free recital. Welcome aboard, Tori!

Meet the Super Graduate Students!



From left to right: Taylor Smith, Mason Wellborn, BriAndra Mallard, Max Helms, Carla Edmondson, Trey Moore, Adam Venters, Deveshree Nayak, and Paul Thornton.

Taylor Smith is a first year graduate student. She received her Bachelors in Criminology/Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology from Chicago State University. After she attains her Master's, she plans on working in law enforcement and potentially the FBI.

Mason Wellborn is a second year graduate student. He received his Bachelors in Criminology/Criminal Justice from the University of Alabama. His ultimate goal is federal law enforcement, specifically the Marshals Service, so he plans to gain some form of local/state experience after he attains his Master's.

BriAndra Mallard is a first year graduate student. She received her Bachelors in Anthropology from the University of Tennessee Knoxville. Once she receives her Master's degree, she plans on joining the FBI and become an agent.

Max Helms is a second year graduate student. He received his Bachelors in Criminology/Criminal Justice from Austin Peay State University. He looks forward to taking the knowledge that he learned here into federal law enforcement and would like to work for the CIA or FBI.

Carla Edmondson is a first year graduate student. She received her Bachelors in Psychology from the University of Memphis. Her interests are juvenile delinquents and inmate rehabilitation through animal therapy. Her future goals are to get her Ph.D. and work in academia researching how animals improve inmate morale and promote positive inmate behavior.

Trey Moore is a second year graduate student. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Criminology/Criminal Justice from the University of Memphis. His interest of study is centralized around drug markets and their malignant effects on the communities around them. After graduating, he plans on applying to a federal law enforcement agency and furthering his knowledge in the criminal justice world.

Adam Venters is a second year graduate student. He initially was interested in studying psychology, but was later attracted to the fields of sociology and criminology/criminal justice, specifically in relation to social deviance. He is interested in studying the various influences on human behavior and why people choose to conform to or deviate from societal values, attitudes, norms, and laws. More exclusive to criminology, he is interested in deterrence, drug use and drug history, and crime prevention through environmental design.

Deveshree Nayak is a first year graduate student. She has a Masters in Computer Engineering from Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology University, and in Bhubaneswar and Liberal Studies from the University of Memphis, as well as a Bachelors degree in IT Engineering from Biju Patnaik University of Technology, Rourkela. She has six research publications in the field of privacy and security as well as four posters in Facebook graph-based search.

Paul Thornton is a second year graduate student. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Criminology/Criminal Justice from the University of Memphis. His interests include juvenile delinquency as well as domestic violence issues. His aspirations after graduate school are to attend law school and hopefully use what he learned to help and motivate youth.

Say Hello to our Marvelous 2015 CJUS Faculty!



From left to right: Drs. K.B. Turner (chair), Melissa Tetzlaff-Bemiller, Angela Madden, Amanda Johnson, Amaia Iratzoqui, James McCutcheon, Mary Tucker, Leonard Wells, Bert Burraston, Stephen Watts

Brief Faculty Bios!

Dr. Bert Burraston

Assistant Professor and Graduate Coordinator
Ph.D., University of Oregon

Research Interests:

- Research Methods
- Criminological Theory
- Statistics
- Family and Prison Populations

Dr. Randolph Dupont

Professor
Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin

Research Interests:

- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse Issues and the Criminal Justice System
- Community Psychology

Dr. Amanda Johnson

Assistant Professor
Ph.D., Sam Houston State University

Research Interests:

- Organizational Theory
- Deviant Subcultures
- Police Issues
- Drug-related Crime
- Geographical Criminology and Profiling

Dr. Angela Madden

Associate Professor
Ph.D., Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Research Interests:

- Policies Related to School Safety and Violence
- Correctional Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation
- Policies Related to the Release of Ex-Prisoners into Society
- Comparative Policing and Corrections

Dr. K.B. Turner

Chair and Associate Professor
Ph.D. University of Nebraska
Research Interest:

- * Criminal Justice Administration
- * Judicial Decision Making
- * Race and Ethnicity and Criminal Justice
- * Criminological Theory

Dr. James McCutcheon

Assistant Professor
Ph.D., University of Central Florida

Research Interests:

- Crime Mapping
- Homicide
- Social and Economic Correlates of Crime
- Drug Markets
- Firearm Availability

George Meglesh, M.A.

Senior Lecturer
M.A., Rider University

Research Interests:

- * Police Issues

Dr. Melissa Tetzlaff-Bemiller

Visiting Assistant Professor
Ph.D., University of Central Florida

Research Interests:

- Child Murder
- Mass Murder
- Media Perceptions of Murder
- Sex Crimes
- Gangs
- Crime Mapping

Mary Tucker, J.D.

Instructor and Undergraduate Advisor
J.D., Louisiana State University

Research Interests:

- Constitutional Law

Dr. Stephen Watts

Assistant Professor
Ph.D., University of Georgia

Research Interests:

- Crime
- Gene-Environment Interactions
- Communities
- Victimization
- Family
- Substance Abuse

Upcoming CJSA Events for Fall 2015

The Department's Criminal Justice Student Association (CJSA) is open to any interested undergraduate and graduate majors and minors studying criminology and criminal justice at the University of Memphis. CJSA will be organizing a number of events throughout the Fall 2015 semester. For further information, please contact Dr. Stephen Watts (sjwatts@memphis.edu) or Dr. James McCutcheon (jcmctch@memphis.edu), our CJSA Faculty Advisors.

First Meeting of the Year	September 1 / Tues
Officer Elections and CJSA Dinner	September 15 / Tues
CJSA Tailgate	September 24 / Thurs
Officer Meeting	September 29 / Tues
Parchman Prison Tour	October 9 / Fri
Officer Meeting	October 13 / Tues
Officer Meeting	October 27 / Tues
Halloween Murder Mystery Luncheon	October 29 / Thurs
Officer Meeting	November 10 / Tues



Students and faculty on the Parchman Prison Trip

To join, come on by and sign up! It is \$10 to join and we take cash and credit card. You can stop by the CJUS Main Office in MC 311 to pay the dues. We are also selling t-shirts (\$15), hoodies (\$25), koozies (\$3), and coffee mugs (\$5).

- Don't forget to connect to us on our social media websites:
- Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/University-of-Memphis-Criminal-Justice-Student-Association/203049423060787>
- Follow us on Twitter: @UofMCJSA or <https://twitter.com/UofMCJSA>



Graduate Recruitment Fair



The Graduate School recruitment fair was held September 22, 2015. Many students visited our table to learn more about our graduate program! Students who are still interested in going to graduate school and getting your Masters in Criminal Justice, please email our graduate coordinator, Dr. Bert Burraston, for more details. His email is bbrrston@memphis.edu.

Information Session: Spotighting Careers in Law Enforcement & the Military at University of Memphis at Lambuth



University of Memphis at Lambuth's Career Services and Tigers Supporting Heroes teamed up for "Spotlighting Careers in Military, Law Enforcement, & Court Systems" on September 2, 2015. Sergeant Ron Jackson of the Jackson Police Department's Professional Standards and Integrity Unit held this information session, and George Meglesh of the Department's Lambuth campus was on-hand for interested Criminal Justice students. For more information, he can be contacted at gmmgelsh@memphis.edu.

Undergraduate Online Program

The Department is pleased to announce the growing presence of our online undergraduate program, which was recently ranked among the top 25 programs in the nation! AffordableCollegesOnline.com rated our program number ten in the nation for Best Online Criminal Justice Degrees for 2015. We are moving rapidly to develop and offer more courses online, with a goal that a student may complete their bachelor's degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice entirely online. The online course offerings in Fall 2015 will enable students who are working (or traveling in the summer) to take courses that apply directly toward their major in a flexible environment.

Here are the department's Fall 2015 online course offerings:

CJUS 1100 Intro to Criminal Justice	CJUS 3521 Constitutional Criminal Procedure
CJUS 2226 Introduction to Police	CJUS 3540 Criminology Theory
CJUS 3130 Research Methods	CJUS 4110 Advance Applications
CJUS 3226 Intro to Police	CJUS 4180 Corporate/White Collar Crime
CJUS 3426 Corrections in America	CJUS 4190 Terrorism

Graduate Online and On-Campus Program

If you are considering getting a Master's degree in Criminal Justice, please email our graduate coordinator, Dr. Bert Burraston, at bbrrston@memphis.edu for more information.

The graduate courses provided online in Fall 2015 were the following:

- Criminological Theory
- Research Methods
- Crime Analysis/Criminal Behavior
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Race, Ethnicity, and Gender

CJUS at Lambuth

The Department is pleased to announce the growing presence of our undergraduate Criminology program at The University of Memphis Lambuth campus! The program offers courses towards a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice that may be entirely completed at the Lambuth campus. This Fall, the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice – Lambuth is offering:

CJUS1100	Introduction to Criminal Justice
CJUS2226	Introduction to Police
CJUS3130	Research Methods
CJUS4130	Ethical Dilemmas in Criminal Justice
CJUS4235	Security Management
CJUS4460	Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in America

For further information on the Lambuth program, please contact George Meglesh (gmmgelsh@memphis.edu) and Dr. Melissa Tetzlaff-Bemiller (mjttzlf@memphis.edu).

Spotlight on Faculty: George Meglesh



George Meglesh, M.A., has been instrumental in developing the undergraduate Criminology and Criminal Justice program at the Lambuth campus. Mr. Meglesh is a Senior Lecturer who teaches a variety of courses in the curriculum and serves as the advisor for the program. The program continues to flourish under his guidance and involvement in university programs (see page 8 of this newsletter for a recent example).

Prior to joining the faculty, Mr. Meglesh retired from the Abington Township Police Department as a lieutenant after 26 years of service. His duties included supervising several units in the police department. He is also a graduate of the 197th session of the United States Department of Justice's FBI National Academy and was an adjunct faculty member at Penn State University's Abington College in the field of Criminal Justice.

Fall 2015 Academic Calendar

Fall 2015

All POT

Registration Period Begins
Commencement

Apr 6, 2015 / Mon

December 13, 2015 / Sun

Full POT

First Day of Classes

Aug 24, 2015 / Mon

Labor Day Holiday

September 7, 2015 / Mon

Fall Break

Oct 10-13, 2015 / Sat-Tue

Thanksgiving Holidays

Nov 25-29, 2015 / Wed-Sun

Last Day of Classes

Dec 2, 2015 / Wed

Study Day

Dec 3, 2015 / Thur

Final Exams

Dec 4-10, 2015 / Fri-Thur



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Graduate Assistant: Taylor Smith

If you would like to donate to the to CJ Department's gift fund, please go to:

<https://www.memphis.edu/development/give.php>

The money in this gift account goes to student travel, faculty travel, food, and similar expenditures.

We appreciate all your contributions to our Department!