

CJUS News

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We hope everyone is having a great year! We are excited to inform you about upcoming developments in the department. Enjoy!



Dr. KB Turner
Chairman

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Department of Criminology
and Criminal Justice

Welcome Springtime! Greetings, friends of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. We are nearing the end of the 2015-2016 academic year and once again I am very excited to share with you some news regarding the Department, which has 568 undergraduate students and 32 graduate students.

Our Department offers courses Monday-Friday at various times throughout the day and within our online undergraduate and graduate programs. The ultimate goal is to provide our students with quality instruction as they complete their degree in a timely fashion. Our program remains a strong presence within the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy, and one of the largest within the College of Arts and Sciences, and continues to pursue academic excellence through our faculty and students.

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 and Dr. Melissa Tetzlaff-Bemiller, our main faculty members at this location. We also remain connected to the Center for Community Criminology Research (CCCR), a recently opened center targeting university-criminal justice partnerships with many of our prominent community leaders. I expect we will continue to experience growth 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 involved with the Department outside the classroom. More information about the organization and their activities during the Spring 2016 semester are available in this newsletter.

As a Department, we will continue to be an integral part of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Memphis and for the community. Our status as productive researchers, excellent teachers and partners engaging in high levels of community engagement will always be part of our mission. We look forward to working with those interested in addressing criminogenic risk factors leading to high levels of offending.

Finally, we are exciting to welcome Dr. Haley Zettler, our newest faculty member who will be joining us this upcoming fall.

Have a great and safe summer and I hope you will enjoy reading the Spring 2016 newsletter. Go Tigers!

Warmest regards,

K B Turner

University of Memphis News

Focus on College and University Success (F.O.C.U.S.) Act has passed through the Tennessee House of Representatives. This bill revises provisions governing the structure and management of state higher education institutions that are part of the state university and community college system; revises provisions governing the Tennessee higher education commission (THEC); and makes other revisions regarding higher education in this state. The bill allows for the transition from governance under the Tennessee Board of Regents to self-governance.

Criminal Justice Department News and Accolades

- The Criminal Justice Department is excited to announce the hiring of a new professor, Haley Zettler, joining us from the University of Texas– Dallas.
- Dr. KB Turner recently complete the a year-long class for American Leadership Forum Leadership Memphis.
- Dr. Bert Burraston recently coauthored a paper published in the *Journal of Education for Students Placed at Risk*.
- Dr. Amaia Iratzoqui recently coauthored a paper published in the *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*.
- Dr. James McCutcheon recently coauthored a paper published in *Deviant Behavior*.
- Dr. Melissa Tetzlaff-Bemiller recently coauthored a paper published in *Homicide Studies*
- Dr. Stephen Watts recently authored papers in *Victims & Offenders* and the *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*.
- Dr. Amanda Johnson and Dr. KB Turner recently administered a survey on fear of crime on behalf of Memphis, Light, Gas, and Water to Memphis residents.
- Dr. Angela Madden and Dr. KB Turner provided technical assistance to the Family Safety Center and published a report on effective services for domestic violence victims.
- Advisor Mary Tucker recently revitalized the Department’s Death Penalty course this Spring 2016 semester.

First Generation Students

The University of Memphis is participating in the First Scholars program sponsored by the Suder Foundation, whose mission is to dramatically increase the graduation rate of first-generation college students and to prepare each scholar for a life with self-awareness, success, and significance. First-generation students are defined as those for whom the highest level of education by either parent is less than two years of post-secondary education, a high school diploma or equivalent, or less. First-generation students are underrepresented among college going students, and more likely to be African-American, American Indian, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or Latino, older than traditional age, come from low-income families, attend part-time, live off-campus, work while attending school, and drop out or stop out. If these students graduate, they will have higher rates of employment and lifetime earnings, levels of engagement in civic activities, such as voting and volunteering, higher rates of living healthy lifestyles, including lower rates of obesity, and increased likelihood of engaging in educational activities with their children.



More than 40% of UM students and nearly half of SUAPP students are first-generation, so improving the success of these students benefits our Department and the University of Memphis. First Scholars’ comprehensive program was created to specifically address the holistic development of first-generation students throughout their college experience. The program is based on student development and student success research to address the unique challenges first-generation students face, and designed to help Scholars bridge information gaps and challenges common to first-generation students. The process transforms challenges and creates opportunities to support these students on their path to graduation and also to prepare them to build fulfilled lives. From this foundation of self-awareness and personal success, Scholars discover the opportunity and responsibility to make a difference for others.

For further information on First Scholars, or how to get involved, please contact Dr. Angela Madden (acrews1@memphis.edu).

All About Advising

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

Important notes for Fall 2016 advising:

All students will have a Fall 2016 planner saved in UM Degree by February 26th. The courses suggested for you in your Fall 2016 planner are suggestions – it is always the student's choice to decide what to register for, according to 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 Fall 2016 will proceed according to the following schedule:

Monday April 6th: Honors Students and Veteran Students

Tuesday April 7th: Seniors (those who have earned 90+ credits)

Wednesday April 8th: Juniors (those who have earned between 60 – 89 credits)

Thursday April 9th: Sophomores (those who have earned between 30 – 59 credits)

Monday April 13th: 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, 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, May 4th 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 Summer or Fall 2016?

The deadline to apply for Summer graduation is April 6th. The deadline to apply for Fall 2016 graduation is July 13th. This is a FIRM deadline that is set by the University. You apply for graduation through the commencement channel in your My-Memphis 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.



Mary Tucker, Undergraduate Advisor

Meet the Super Graduate Students!



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

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.

Deveeshree 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.

Criminology and Criminal Justice Faculty



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

Department and Community Research



Mr. Jerry Collins, President of Memphis Light Gas & Water and Dr. KB Turner together after administering a survey on perceptions of safety.

Mock Police Oral Board Interviews



The Department recently held mock oral police board interviews for students interested in joining law enforcement agencies after graduation.

Crime Scene Investigation: University of Memphis



Students in Dr. Leonard Wells' Crime and Criminal Behavior course had the opportunity to practice what they have learned over the semester and investigate a "real-life" crime scene! Dr. Wells staged the scene to have students examine evidence, respond to curious bystanders, and deliver death notices to bereaved family members.

CJSA Career Fair



Dr. Stephen Watts, advisor to the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice's Criminal Justice Student Association (CJSA), and the CJSA held the Spring 2016 Career Fair for undergraduate and graduate students interested in working in the criminal justice field. Students spoke with representatives from Collierville and Memphis Police Departments, Shelby County Sheriff's Office, the Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County, U.S. Pre-Trial Services, U.S. Probation Western District TN, the University of Memphis Criminology and Social Work graduate programs, and the University of Memphis law school.

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.

Current Student Spotlight



Rob Reetz is a Senior Criminal Justice Major who graduated from Zionsville, Indiana. He came to the University of Memphis after serving in the U.S. Navy onboard the USS Wasp LHD-1. Away from school, he loves playing rugby, which he's been doing competitively now for 12 years, as well as spending time with his little brother and dogs.

Rob began coaching rugby 3 years ago and took over as head coach of Power Center Academy HS in the summer of 2015. His team plays under the organization, Memphis Inner City Rugby, which funds less fortunate athletes the chance to play this amazing sport. His team took 3rd in the state championships in the fall 7's season and is currently competing in the Spring 16's season. Rob says all of the coaches within MICR and the volunteers do an amazing job, and do their part to give back to the rugby community by coaching and mentoring these amazing young scholar athletes.

After school, Rob plans to pursue a career in the field of analytics, hopefully with ESPN or the ATF. To learn more about the Memphis Inner City Rugby program, please check out their website and story from ABC News.

<http://www.memphisinnercityrugby.com/>

<http://www.localmemphis.com/news/local-news/local-hero-inner-city-rugby>

Former Student Spotlight



Christopher B. Suell, Esq. is a native of Memphis, TN. He is a proud product of the Memphis City School system, graduating from Whitehaven High School. Christopher is an active alumni of the University of Memphis, where he received his Bachelor of Arts & Sciences in Criminal Justice. Upon moving to Orlando, Florida, he decided to pursue a profession and career that would fit his personality, and thus attended and graduated from the famous Florida A&M University College of Law with his Juris Doctor. While in law school, he served as the social chair of the Entertainment, Arts, and Sports Law Society and was a member of the Black Student Association and Christian Legal Society.

Christopher began his legal service as a first-year intern at the Kings County District Attorney's Office in Brooklyn, New York. There he developed an appreciation for the fast-paced environment of the New York Judicial System. Christopher passed the New York State Bar examination the first time, and began his legal career in New York City, working for the New York State Department of Economic Development in Manhattan. While there, he engaged in professional interaction with hundreds of minority and women-owned businesses throughout the State of New York. He was a liaison between many of those businesses and the State of New York. In both capacities, he developed strong communication, people, and analytical skills that have prepared him for a thriving legal career.

Christopher is a licensed and practicing attorney in New York, New York. He is a member of the American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, and the Metropolitan Black Bar Association.

Undergraduate Online Program

The Department is pleased to highlight the growing presence of our online undergraduate program, which was recently ranked by AffordableCollegesOnline.com as 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 Spring 2016 will enable students who are working to take courses that apply directly toward their major in a flexible environment.

Here are the department's Summer 2016 online course offerings:

CJUS1100 Introduction to Criminal Justice	CJUS4100 Independent Studies
CJUS2226 Introduction to Police	CJUS4150 Internship
CJUS2426 Corrections	CJUS4160 Forensic Sciences
CJUS3130 Research Methods	CJUS4460 Race, Ethnicity, and Gender
CJUS3540 Criminology	

The Department is also offering these online courses in the Fall 2016 semester:

CJUS1100 Introduction to Criminal Justice	CJUS3540 Criminology
CJUS2226 Introduction to Police	CJUS4110 Advanced Applications
CJUS3130 Research Methods	CJUS4190 Terrorism
CJUS3426 Corrections	CJUS4460 Race, Ethnicity, and Gender

Graduate Online Program

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 Summer 2016 are the following:

CJUS7110 Independent Study	CJUS7150 Internship
CJUS7131 Research Practicum	CJUS7996 Thesis
CJUS7141 Reading for Comps	

The Department is also offering these online courses in the Fall 2016 semester:

CJUS7460 Race, Ethnicity, and Gender
CJUS7541 Criminology

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

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	CJUS4130 Ethical Dilemmas
CJUS2120 Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice	CJUS4170 Prevention and Deterrence of Crime
CJUS3130 Research Methods	CJUS4533 Juvenile Delinquency
CJUS3226 Police	CJUS4542 Victimology
CJUS3521 Constitutional and Criminal Procedure	

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

In Memoriam



Dr. James M. Knight, a retired Associate Professor from the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, died on Saturday, December 12, 2015. He was 88 years old.

Dr. Knight joined the University in 1971 and became a member of the Department in 1973, one year after Criminal Justice separated from the Sociology Department. He had been a probation officer at Juvenile Court in Memphis before becoming an academic advisor at Memphis State University. He earned a M.Ed. in 1971 from Memphis State and completed his Ph.D. in 1978 in Academic Administration in Higher Education at Southern Illinois University. Dr. Knight's areas of academic interest included juvenile gangs and private and industrial security.

Dr. Knight was a popular instructor and received the W. Russell Smith Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1983. He was a mentor to many students. Dr. Knight was the first African American faculty member and first tenured Black faculty member in the Criminology and Criminal Justice Department.

Dr. David Giacomassi remembers him as a supportive colleague with a wry sense of humor. Dr. Margaret Vandiver remembers his welcoming attitude when she joined the Department in 1992. His door was always open to help young faculty. His real world experience, calm demeanor, and unflinching good humor made him a valuable part of the early years of the Department.

Summer and Fall 2016 Academic Calendar

	Summer 2016	Fall 2016
<u>All POT</u>		
Registration Period Begins	April 4, 2016 / Mon	April 4, 2016 / Mon
Commencement	Aug 6, 2016 / Sat	Dec 11, 2016 / Sun
<u>Full POT</u>		
First Day of Classes	May 31, 2016 / Tue	Aug 22, 2016 / Mon
Labor Day		Sep 5, 2016 / Mon
Break	July 2-4, 2016 / Sat-Mon	Oct 8-11, 2016 / Sat-Tue
Last Day of Classes	Aug 4, 2016 / Thurs	Nov 30, 2016 / Wed
Exams	Aug 5, 2016 / Fri	Dec 2-8, 2016 / Fri-Thurs



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

We appreciate all your contributions to our Department!