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Department of Criminology  
and Criminal Justice

**Greetings from the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice within the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy and the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Memphis! In our Fall 2016 newsletter, we would like to let you know of a number of recent developments within the Department.**

Dear friends of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, we are approaching the final leg of this fall semester. There have been some changes since we last visited. The Department is still experiencing growth, which is very exciting. A new faculty member, Dr. Haley Zettler, has joined us and is teaching Introduction to Criminal Justice and Introduction to Corrections. We are happy to have Dr. Zettler join us.

Another change for the Department and the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy is the addition of the Public Safety Institute (PSI). The PSI is a partnership between the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission and the University of Memphis. The PSI is led by Bill Gibbons, who recently resigned as the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security. Also related to the PSI is the transition of Dr. Angela Madden, who will serve as the new Research Associate with the PSI. She will lead the research efforts of the PSI. Faculty from the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice as well as other faculty across campus will collaborate on efforts to address and reduce crime in the Memphis area.

Dr. Melissa Tetzlaff-Bemiller, who was assigned to our Lambuth campus, has taken a position at another institution. We are appreciative of her contributions to the Lambuth program and the impact she had on her students. We wish her well and look forward to seeing her at our future criminal justice conferences.

Our Criminal Justice Student Association (CJSA) is also an important part of the Department, giving undergraduate and graduate students an opportunity to become familiar beyond the classroom with different components of the criminal justice system. The first activity the students held this semester was a tailgate party at the University of Memphis and Temple football game. More recently, the CJSA sponsored their annual Murder Mystery on Halloween. Additional activities are planned in near future.

In closing, the Department continues to experience growth in our student enrollment. It is one of the larger programs at the University. We are also growing in terms of new faculty with expectations to hire additional faculty in the coming years. I have set several goals for the Department including a commitment to be productive researchers, excellent teachers and to continue our high level of community engagement. I hope you will enjoy reading the newsletter. Go Tigers!



*KB Turner*

**Dr. KB Turner, Chairman**  
Department of Criminology and  
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## Department News and Accolades

- Our faculty has published several articles in the past semester. Dr. Amaia Iratzoqui and Dr. Stephen Watts were recently published in the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* and Dr. Bert Burraston was published in the *Smith College Studies in Social Work*.
- Faculty members have also been engaged in collaborative work, including projects related to homicides in Memphis led by Drs. James McCutcheon, Amanda Johnson and KB Turner. Additionally, Drs. McCutcheon, Bert Burraston, Amaia Iratzoqui, and Stephen Watts collaborated on a project to study juvenile access to firearms in major cities in Tennessee.
- Dr. KB Turner just recently returned from attending a Criminal Justice Advisory Board meeting in Cincinnati.
- Dr. James McCutcheon participated as an invited guest at a Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System (TIBRS) User Group in Pigeon Forge, TN.
- Mrs. Mary Tucker attended the annual National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) conference in Atlanta, GA where she received the completion award for the Emerging Leaders Fellowship, Class of 2014-2016. See picture below:



## All About Advising

Mrs. Mary Tucker is the Senior Advisor for the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, with Ms. Marsha Harper as her Advising Assistant. Students 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 students. Students with any questions can email the advising team at [cjusadvising@memphis.edu](mailto:cjusadvising@memphis.edu).

## Undergraduate Online Program

The Department continues to grow our online undergraduate program, which 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 their bachelor’s degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice entirely online. The online course offerings in Fall 2016 will enable students who are working to take courses that apply directly toward their major in a flexible environment. The Department’s Fall 2016 online course offerings include CJUS1100 (Introduction to Criminal Justice), CJUS2226 (Introduction to Police), CJUS3130 (Research Methods), CJUS3426 (Corrections), CJUS3540 (Criminology), CJUS4110 (Advanced Application), CJUS4190 (Terrorism), and CJUS4460 (Race and Ethnicity).

## 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 Fall 2016 are CJUS7460 (Race and Ethnicity) and CJUS7541 (Criminological Theory). If you are considering getting a Master’s degree in Criminal Justice, please email our graduate coordinator, Dr. Bert Burraston, at [burrston@memphis.edu](mailto:burrston@memphis.edu) for more information.



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## Graduate Student Assistants



Ten graduate assistants assist professors in their teaching and research. From left to right they are:

**Paul Thornton** is a second year graduate student with a Bachelor's in Criminology from the University of Memphis. His interests include juvenile delinquency and domestic violence issues. His goal is to attend law school and use what he learned to help and motivate youth.

**BriAndra Mallard** is a second year graduate student with a Bachelor's in Anthropology from University of Tennessee-Knoxville. She plans on working within investigation, possibly with the FBI or within corrections or probation, upon graduation.

**Miguel Rocha** is a first year graduate student with a Bachelor's in Criminology from the University of Memphis. His goal is to attend law school and have a career in law where he can make a difference in the legal system.

**Kayla Toohy** is a first year graduate student with a Bachelor's in Criminology from the University of Memphis. She plans to pursue a Ph.D. after graduating.

**Taylor Smith** is a second year graduate student with a Bachelor's in Criminology and a minor in Sociology from Chicago State University. She plans on working in law enforcement and potentially the FBI.

**Max Helms** is a second year graduate student with a Bachelors in Criminology from Austin Peay State University. He plans on pursuing federal law enforcement and would like to work for the CIA or FBI. He plans to pursue a Ph.D. after graduating.

**Carla Edmondson** is a second year graduate student with a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Memphis. She currently works as an intern at the United States Probation Office, with the goal of working with prisons and detention centers to research and help develop prison animal programs (PAP), where inmates are tasked with caring for animals in the program.

**Karli Province** is a first year graduate student with a BA in Criminology from the University of Memphis. Her goal after graduation is to join the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

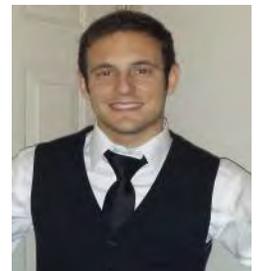


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*Not pictured in the group photo are:*

**Devee Nayak** is a second year graduate student originally from India with an interest in Cybercrime related research. Devee was recently accepted into the doctoral program at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock. Congratulations!

**Joshua Jacobs** is a first year graduate student with a combined Bachelors in Criminal Justice, Political Science, and History from the University of Memphis. His interests include Christianity, Islam, international relations, military affairs, and constitutional law. He plans on returning the United States Army as a Combat Infantry officer.



Jacobs

## Criminology and Criminal Justice Faculty 2016-2017



From left to right: Faculty members Drs. K.B. Turner (Chairman), Stephen Watts, Mrs. Mary Tucker, Drs. Amanda Johnson, Amaia Iratzoqui, Haley Zettler, James McCutcheon, Lenard Wells, Bert Burraston, and Tom Nenon (Dean, College of Arts and Sciences).

### Faculty Highlight

#### Dr. Haley Zettler

Dr. Haley Zettler has joined as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Dallas in May 2016. Dr. Zettler is a Dallas native, and a former Adult Probation Officer. As a probation officer, she was responsible for the direct supervision of adult probationers, serving as a court officer, and conducting presentence investigation reports. Dr. Zettler's primary research interests include community corrections, specialty courts, pretrial release, and recidivism. She has experience collecting and managing data in order to present technical reports to Dallas County on various specialty court programs. Most recently, Dr. Zettler has conducted research examining how dual diagnoses impact recidivism outcomes for drug court participants. Her publications appear in *Journal of Criminal Justice* and *Criminal Justice Review*. She is also the recipient of the University of Texas at Dallas School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award (2014-2015). In her free time, she enjoys practicing yoga and spending time with her dog Lucy.



## Affiliate Faculty: Practice brought to the Classroom



**Jerrick Murrell** received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology summa cum laude from the University of Memphis in 2009. After earning his Master's from the Department, he entered law school at the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis, and graduated in 2015. He is currently licensed to practice in the state of Tennessee. Murrell currently serves as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Judge John T. Fowlkes, Jr. in the United States District Court, for the Western District of Tennessee. Murrell is currently teaching online the Race, Ethnicity, Gender and Crime in America course. His course incorporates current events and topics that the students can relate to, and uses class discussion as a place to stimulate academic debate and discourse.



**Robert Gatewood** graduated from Whitehaven High School and enlisted in the United Air Force in 1989. A native of Memphis, TN, Gatewood is In-house counsel with Farmers Insurance and currently teaching Law and Society at the University of Memphis. In teaching his course, he shares past experiences (from both his legal background and personal life) to broaden the social and philosophical perspectives of his students. His challenge is to encourage students to become more informed as they cultivate their critical thinking skills.



**Michelle Shirley** graduated from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University and serves as personal staff attorney to a Justice on the Tennessee Supreme Court. Shirley has also worked for the Court of Criminal Appeals and for the Tennessee Judicial Department as a Capital Case Attorney, as well as an Assistant District Attorney and an Assistant Attorney General in the Capital Litigation Division in Alabama. Shirley teaches Constitutional Criminal Procedure at The University of Memphis-Lambuth. She strives to maintain an interactive learning environment that fosters discussions among the students by supplementing the class with guest lecturers who are accomplished professionals within the field and by offering "real world" examples of how the classroom material is applied in the criminal justice system.



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## CJUS at Lambuth

The Department is pleased to announce the growing presence of our undergraduate Criminology program at The University of Memphis Lambuth campus, which 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 (Intro to Criminal Justice), CJUS2120 (Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice), CJUS3226 (Police in America), CJUS3521 (Constitutional and Criminal Procedure), CJUS4130 (Ethical Dilemmas), CJUS4170 (Prevention and Deterrence of Crime), and CJUS4542 (Victimology).

For further information on the Lambuth program, please contact George Megelsh ([gmmgelsh@memphis.edu](mailto:gmmgelsh@memphis.edu)).

## CJSA



CJSA Tailgating at the Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium for the Memphis-Temple game

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 Spring 2016 semester. To join, come on by and sign up! It is \$10 to join and we take cash only. You can stop by the CJUS Main Office in MC 311 to pay the dues, for further information, contact Dr. Stephen Watts ([sjwatts@memphis.edu](mailto:sjwatts@memphis.edu)).

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Follow us on Twitter: @UofMCJSA or <https://twitter.com/UofMCJSA>



### **Fall 2016 Academic Calendar**

First Day of Classes	<b>Aug 22, 2016 / Mon</b>
Labor Day	<b>Sept 5, 2016 / Mon</b>
Fall Break	<b>Oct 8-11, 2016 / Sat-Tues</b>
Thanksgiving Break	<b>Nov 23-27 / Wed-Sat</b>
Last Day of Classes	<b>Nov 30, 2016 / Wed</b>
Study Day	<b>Dec 1, 2016 / Thurs</b>
Final Exams	<b>Dec 2-8, 2016 / Fri-Thur</b>

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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!