



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 Spring 2017 newsletter, we would like to let you know of a number of recent happenings within our Department.

Dear friends of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice.,

As we are nearing the end of the spring 2017 semester I would like to take this time to update you the Department's activities since last fall. For starters, we have had an excellent semester for recruiting new faculty and staff. In fact, we are anticipating the expansion of our faculty and staff for the 2017-2018 school year to include Dr. Shelley Keith, who will be joining us as a tenured associate professor from Mississippi State University. Her research interest centers around juvenile delinquency, theory, gender, and race. Dr. Xin Jiang is also joining as an advanced assistant professor from Slippery Rock University, with a focus on race, immigration, and gender. In addition, Tessica Dooley is joining our department as an undergraduate instructor/coordinator working with Mrs. Mary Tucker, our senior undergraduate coordinator. Ms. Dooley earned a law degree from the University of Arkansas and is currently licensed to practice in the state of Arkansas, and we look forward to her contribution to our undergraduate program. We also strongly anticipate a new clinical professor to join us on the Lambuth campus as well. As we continue to grow, our Department is working to expand our presence around the University and 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. This semester, we anticipate 50-60 undergraduate students representing the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the Spring 2017 graduation. I have set several goals for the Department including a commitment to be productive researchers, excellent teachers and to continuing our level of community engagement.

I am excited to announce that our Department has received another recognition. It has been ranked number 21 in the nation as one of the best value colleges for an accelerated online Master's degree in Criminal Justice. The ranking is based on program's format that allows students to complete the degree at an above average pace and the cost of the program. Kudos to the faculty for their hard work.

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

Go Tigers!



KB Turner

Dr. KB Turner, Chairman
Department of Criminology and
Criminal Justice

Department News and Accolades

- Our faculty has published several articles in the past semester. Dr. Burraston published in *Smith College Studies in Social Work*, and recently had a book chapter accepted. Dr. Watts and Dr. McCutcheon published in *Criminal Justice Review*. Dr. McCutcheon has also had a book chapter accepted. Dr. Zettler has published in *Criminal Justice Studies* and has had articles accepted in *Crime & Delinquency* and *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*.
- 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.
- The University of Memphis was recently ranked number 21 in the nation as one of the best value colleges for an accelerated online Master's degree in Criminal Justice, based on the program being able to be completed at a faster than average pace and the cost of the program.



Welcome, Heather!



Heather Seitz has joined the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice as the Office Coordinator. 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 new 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.

All About Advising

Mrs. Mary Tucker is the Advisor for the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. 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 Mrs. Tucker at cjusadvising@memphis.edu.



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 their bachelor's degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice entirely online. The online course offerings in Spring 2017 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), CJUS3426 (Corrections), CJUS3130 (Research Methods), CJUS3226 (Police in America), CJUS3521 (Constitutional and Criminal Procedure), CJUS3540 (Criminology), CJUS4110 (Advanced Application), CJUS4180 (Corporate and White Collar Crime), 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 Spring 2017 are CJUS6180 (Corporate and White Collar Crime), CJUS7100 (CJ Administration) and CJUS7128 (Research Methods). If you are considering getting a Master's degree in Criminal Justice, please email our graduate coordinator, Dr. Bert Burraston, at bbrston@memphis.edu

Graduate Student Assistants



Eleven graduate assistants assist professors in their teaching and research. Pictured here (from left to right) are our first year graduate assistants, Miguel Rocha, Joshua Jacobs, Kayla Tuohy, Nadiya Ghosheh Workman, Karli Province, Peter Hart, and Atsuhito Saito.

Four of our graduate assistants are graduating in the Spring 2017 semester. These students have spent the past two years in our Department working closely with faculty and assisting in undergraduate courses. This May, they will represent the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice as they graduate with their Masters and enter the field of criminal justice. Congratulations, graduates!



BriAndra Mallard is from Memphis, Tennessee, and received her Bachelors degree at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in Anthropology. After graduating with her Masters in Criminal Justice and Criminology from the University of Memphis, her goal is to work in the field of Probation on the federal or state level.

Max Helms is currently in his last semester of the Masters in Criminology. While working on his thesis, he is also working for Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County as a data analyst and serves West Memphis Animal Shelter with grant writing and data analyst. Max hopes to one day work in federal law enforcement.

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 pursuing a career in corrections.

Carla Edmondson has a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Memphis and is currently an intern at the United States Probation Office. Some of her goals are to work with prisons to develop prison animal programs (PAP) where inmates are tasked with caring for animals in the program. She also wants to conduct research on how this human/animal relationship affects the behavior and morale of inmates.

Criminology and Criminal Justice Faculty 2016-2017



From left to right: Faculty members K.B. Tumer (Chairman), Stephen Watts, Mary Tucker, Amanda Johnson, Amaia Iratzoqui, Haley Zettler, James McCutcheon, Lenard Wells, Bert Burraston, and Tom Nenon (Dean, College of Arts and Sciences) at the Fall 2016 General Faculty Meeting.

Faculty Around Campus

Dr. Amaia Iratzoqui was invited to speak at the Spring 2017 Mass meeting of the University of Memphis Chapter of the NAACP centering on issues of race and opportunity. Her speech discussed the lasting effect of the criminal justice system on opportunities for convicted individuals post-release, particularly in finding jobs and housing, and the disproportionate effects of these barriers on minority men and women.



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 here 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 goals of Operation Safe Community. The PSI is currently 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).

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. In Spring 2017, the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice – Lambuth is offering CJUS2226 (Police), CJUS3510 (Law and Society), CJUS4126 (CJUS Administration), CJUS4160 (Forensic Sciences), CJUS4180 (Corporate and White Collar Crime), and CJUS4233 (Organized Crime).

For further information on the Lambuth program, please contact George Meglesh (gmmgelsh@memphis.edu).

CJSA

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 2017 semester. The most recent event included a trip to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigations (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>

Twitter: @UofMCJSA or

<https://twitter.com/UofMCJSA>



CJSA Career Fair



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 Pulium; Dr. Haley Zettler; Correctional Deputy Sgt. Morris; Chief Deputy Floyd Bonner; Dr. Stephen Watts, and Assistant Chief Cecil Booker.



Students speaking with representatives from various criminal justice agencies.



Three of our Masters students and graduate assistants: Kayla Tuohy, Karli Province, and Miguel Rocha.

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 and Dr. Zettler for all their hard work in organizing this!

Crime Scene Investigation: University of Memphis



Students in Dr. 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 conduct an investigation by asking questions of potential suspects.



Spring 2017 Academic Calendar

First Day of Classes	Jan 17, 2017 / Tues
Spring Break	Mar 6-12, 2017 / Mon-Sun
Last Day of Classes	Apr 26, 2017 / Wed
Study Day	Apr 27, 2017 / Thurs
Final Exams	Apr 28-May 4, 2017 / Fri-Thur

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