



**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 2018 newsletter, we would like to let you know of a number of recent events within the Department.**

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Dear Friends of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice,

I hope you are enjoying our early cool spring weather and all that comes with it, including the pollen that turns everything yellow. In this issue of our newsletter, we focus, as usual on our outstanding faculty and students. First, we have a new addition to the department since I wrote last. Ms. Laurel Miles has joined the faculty as our second undergraduate Coordinator/Instructor. Ms. Miles is a graduate of our MA program and a former part-time criminal justice academic advisor. We are pleased to welcome her back.

It will soon be time for spring graduation. We will have a record eight students receive their Master's degree. Again, a record number! Of the eight, Kayla Toohy and Karli Province recently and successfully defended their theses. In addition, we anticipate approximately 80 students to earn their Bachelor's degree. Congratulations to all of our graduating students.

Once again, our online programs continue to receive national accolades. Most recently, we were recognized by U.S. News and World Report for our Online Master's in Criminal Justice earning #51-67. Other notable rankings include: AffordableColleges.com Online Bachelor's in Criminal Justice #11; BestColleges.com Online Master's in Criminal Justice #13; GreatValueColleges.net Online Bachelor's in Criminal Justice #16; Best Colleges Reviews Best Bachelor's in Criminal Justice #17; BestColleges.com Online Bachelor's in Criminal Justice #18; GoGrad.org Online Master's in Criminal Justice #21; CollegeChoice.net Best Master's in Criminal Justice #27; and AffordableCollegesOnline.org Best Online Master's in Criminal Justice #37. I feel very fortunate to be affiliated with a group of dedicated criminal justice faculty members who place their students first in the delivery of our curriculum. I extend kudos to the criminal justice faculty for their diligent work.

Another very important event for the department is related to our external review. Many academic departments complete a self-study every 5-7 years. Our last was in 2012. I have recently submitted the self-study and the external reviewers completed their on-site visit on April 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. We were all excited to host the reviewers and look forward to their final report.

I hope you will enjoy reading the Spring 2018 newsletter to learn more about our impressive students and dynamic faculty. Until next time, best wishes. And go Tigers!



*KB Turner*

**Dr. KB Turner, Chairman**

## Welcome, Laurel!



The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice would like to welcome **Laurel Miles**, who has joined the department as an Instructor/Undergraduate Advisor. She is a native Memphian, and completed both her B.A. in Psychology and M.A. in Criminal Justice from the University of Memphis. In addition to experience as an Adult Probation Officer, she has previously served the department as a Graduate Assistant and as an Academic Advising Assistant. She is excited to rejoin the department and return to her passion of helping students achieve academic and career success.

## Memphis Advocacy, Resources, and Support (MARS) Organization

**Dr. Amaia Iratzoqui** is currently involved in the development of the Memphis Advocacy, Resources, and Support (MARS) organization. The organization seeks to place advocates and advisors in contact with those involved in cases of sexual misconduct, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The organization is recruiting graduate students to serve as advocates and specially trained volunteers, who provide support and ensure the individual's interests are represented every step along the path of University processes, as well as advisors, who serve to provide broad information on advocates, University, and community resources, while explaining the path of University processes towards investigating and deciding on a case of sexual misconduct.

Pictured Right: **Lauren Wingard** and **Shawna Roten**, two graduate students in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, are currently being trained as advocates and will begin working with students in March 2018.



## Department News and Accolades

- Our faculty has published several articles over the past semester. **Drs. McCutcheon and Burraston** recently published an article in *Homicide Studies*. **Dr. Keith** recently published an article in *Sociological Inquiry*. **Drs. Iratzoqui and McCutcheon** co-authored a paper published in *Homicide Studies*. **Drs. McCutcheon, Johnson, and Turner** collaborated on a paper that was published in *Justice Policy Journal*. **Drs. Zettler and Iratzoqui** recently had a paper accepted in *Criminal Justice & Behavior*. **Dr. Turner** co-authored a paper with graduate student William Cox that was published in *Law Enforcement Executive Forum*.
- Several of our faculty are working on projects with local agencies. **Drs. McCutcheon, Burraston, Madden, Watts**, along with former graduate student **Maxwell Helms** are working on a grant evaluating the effectiveness of License Plate Readers and Gunshot Recognition Cameras in some of the top shooting locations in Memphis. **Drs. Iratzoqui and Madden** are working on an evaluation of the Family Safety Center and domestic violence services in Memphis/Shelby County. **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.
- **Dr. Zettler** will be attending the Inside-Out Prison Exchange facilitator training this summer and will be beginning an Inside-Out course for students in the next academic school year.
- Our department has received several national rankings in 2018. In January, *U.S. News and World Report* ranked our online graduate program between #51-67. Affordable Colleges ranked our online bachelor's program #11. Top Criminal Justice Schools' ranked our online bachelor's program #19 in terms of tuition, student to faculty ratio, and national recognition. Finally, Great Values Colleges ranked the program #16 out of 50 other colleges and universities.



## All About Advising



**Mrs. Mary Tucker and Ms. Laurel Miles** 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 Spring 2018 enable students who are working to take courses that apply directly toward their major in a flexible environment. The department's Spring 2018 online course offerings include CJUS1100 (Introduction to Criminal Justice), CJUS2226 (Introduction to Police), CJUS 2426 (Introduction to Corrections in America), CJUS3130 (Research Methods), CJUS3226 (Police in America), CJUS3540 (Criminology), CJUS4110 (Advanced Applications), CJUS4130 (Ethical Dilemmas), CJUS4180 (Corporate/White Collar Crime), CJUS4460 (Race/Ethnicity/Gender).

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 2018 are CJUS7100 (CJ Administration), CJUS7128 (Research Methods), If you are considering getting a Master's degree in Criminal Justice, please email our graduate coordinator, Dr. Shelley Keith, at [srkeith@memphis.edu](mailto:srkeith@memphis.edu) for more information.

## Professors Emeritus Corner

Our esteemed Professors Emeritus, Dr. Margaret Vandiver and Dr. David Giacomassi continue to be actively involved in the department as well as conducting research in the Memphis community.

Dr. Vandiver recently published a book chapter: Vandiver, M. (2018). "Capital Punishment and Lynching." In Robert M. Bohm and Gavin M. Lee (eds.), *Routledge Handbook on Capital Punishment* (30-51). New York: Routledge. Dr. Vandiver is also deeply involved in doing research for the Lynching Sites Project of Memphis. The project is currently working on a historical marker and a commemoration of the lynching of Lee Walker in downtown Memphis in July of 1893.

Dr. Giacomassi is gathering materials for a paper himself and Dr. Vandiver are drafting on homicide and gambling in Memphis.

## Lambuth Campus

The Department is pleased to announce the growing presence of our undergraduate program at The University of Memphis Lambuth campus. For Spring 2018, the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice – Lambuth is offering CJUS2226 (Introduction to Police), CJUS3540 (Criminology), CJUS4110 (Advanced Applications), CJUS4126 (CJUS Administration), CJUS4130 (Ethical Dilemmas), CJUS4233 (Organized Crime), CJUS4535 (Capital Punishment).

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 Spring 2018 semester.

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 members at the annual trip touring the Tennessee Prison for Women in Nashville. Students were able to see the various programming, housing arrangements, and even spoke with an inmate who is serving a life-sentence.

What a great trip!

## The Center for Community Criminology and Research (CCCR) Lambuth Campus



The Center for Community Criminology and Research (CCCR) is housed within the Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice at the University of Memphis, Lambuth Campus. The mission of the CCCR is threefold. First, the CCCR serves as a clearing house for the dissemination of information to those interested in achieving a reduction in crime and delinquency. Next, the CCCR provides sound statistical information in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of local, county, and state social justice/criminal justice systems. Finally, the CCCR facilitates social justice/criminal justice agencies at the local, county, state, and region low cost professional development opportunities.

Recent events hosted by the CCCR include a workshop on workplace violence by Jimmie V. Lech, Training Services Group.

For more information regarding the CCCR, please contact Dr. Sheri Jenkins Keenan, Coordinator,

## American Crime Prevention Institute: Crime Prevention Training



**Dr. Amanda Johnson** recently attended the American Crime Prevention Institute two week Basic Crime Prevention Training in Louisville, KY. After completion of the training, she received the Crime Prevention Specialist and Law Enforcement Security Specialist certification.

## New Graduate Assistants

The Department welcomes two new graduate assistants for the Spring 2018 semester (pictured right).

**Melisha Arnett** received a Bachelor's in Psychology and Criminal Justice from the University of Memphis. Melisha hopes to work within the juvenile court system once she completes her Master's degree.

**Alexis Gaskin** received her Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, minoring in Human Sciences from Middle Tennessee State University. Alexis is interested in working with juveniles, specifically surrounding deterrence and rehabilitation. Alexis hopes to work in the juvenile justice system once she completes her Master's degree.



## Graduate Assistants Accomplishments

Our graduate students have a number of accomplishments surrounding research and internship placements. **Kayla Toohy and Karli Province** have presented their research at the annual ASC and the Homicide Research Working meetings. **Atsuhito Saito** participated in a roundtable discussion at this year's ASC meeting. Additionally, **Kayla Toohy and Karli Province** have two publications currently under review. **Kayla Toohy** is a match-supervisor intern with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mid-South, facilitating the match pairings between elementary age and college students. **Karli Province** is an intern with the Memphis Police Department—Police/Investigation Services working with domestic violence victims and advocates. **Miguel Rocha** is an intern with the Memphis Police Department Real Time Crime Center and Grants Office. **Peter Hart** is an intern at the Memphis Police Department Real Time Crime Center focusing on video and GIS Crime Mapping analysis.

Recently, two of our graduate students **Kayla Toohy and Karli Province** successfully defended their Master's Theses. Both Kayla and Karli were accepted and offered full funding from Ph.D. programs to begin this fall. Way to go!

## CJUS Mock Crime Scene



**Dr. Wells'** Fall 2017 Introduction to Police class was highlighted with multiple Mock Crime Scenes in Alumni Plaza. Student investigators reviewed simulations of the bloody murder scene of Nicole Simpson and Ron Goldman. From there they went to a murder scene staged as a suicide. The student investigators read a letter saying, "play the recording." Some knew you were not to tamper with evidence at a crime scene. Others who played the recording heard a message saying, "If you are listening to this message, you were just blown up." This was followed by a recorded explosion.

Our teams of student investigators were armed with water pistols. Some of the investigations were designed to examine how to respond to an intruder or suspect at the scene. An intruder can be the victim's family member, friend, lover, or accomplice.

One of the mock crime scenes skits starred Dr. James Chandler McCutcheon as Doc McDaddy and Dr. Haley Zettler as Ms. Magnolia Belle Harris. The crime leads the student investigators to the resident of the charming southern aristocrat for suspicion of murder. Ms. Magnolia Belle Harris southern charm deceived the student investigators into a sense of complacency. Ms. Magnolia Belle Harris grabbed a knife (toy) hid on her body and took Doc McDaddy hostage.

Shoot or Don't Shoot?



### **Spring 2018 Academic Calendar**

First Day of Classes	<b>January 16, 2018 / Mon</b>
Spring Break	<b>March 5-11, 2018 / Sat-Tues</b>
Last Day of Classes	<b>April 25, 2018 / Wed</b>
Study Day	<b>April 26, 2018 / Thurs</b>
Final Exams	<b>April 27-May 3, 2018/ Fri-Thur</b>