Outcome of 2006 Advisory Committee Meeting

Last year was the third annual meeting of the Seattle University Criminal Justice Advisory Committee. The last three meetings were energizing and successful with great ideas and a growing number of committee members each year. The following is a brief review of the past three meetings with elaboration on what we covered in last year’s meeting:

2004: The primary objective of the first meeting in 2004 was to discuss the purpose and goals of the committee and to receive feedback regarding our curriculum, employment trends, and possibilities for university-agency collaboration. We discussed current employment opportunities/trends, what can we do to make our students competitive in the job market and/or for graduate study upon graduation, collaborative partnership possibilities, how our department might be of service to local CJ agencies and/or to public education regarding crime and justice issues.

2005: The second meeting in 2005 was another successful gathering. We discussed what a “criminal justice education for the future” should look like – what innovative programs excite and inspire committee members, and how our department can update and improve our curriculum and departmental offerings to better meet the needs of students who will be the CJ professionals of the 21st century. Committee members discussed the features of the ideal criminal justice program of the future and ideas about innovative collaborative initiatives can be developed unique our urban/NW/Seattle location to bridge academia and the local criminal justice community/theory and practice?

2006: In our third advisory committee meeting committee members came up with concrete CJ Department-CJ Agency collaboration ideas and identified priority projects to work on over the next 1-3 years. Priority projects included development of a criminal justice video, consider addition of a curriculum component on crime analysis/intelligence, and develop a catalog of research needs with potential for grants/funding for collaborative projects. The annual CJ Advisory Committee Member “Innovation in Criminal Justice Education Award” was established. Kelvin Crenshaw from ATF received the inaugural award.

The specific discussion topic last year was “Possibilities for CJ Agency-SU Collaboration and Action Plan.” With attention to two questions:

1) What innovative collaborative programs can we envision that would improve our ability to both educate CJ students and to give back to local CJ agencies and the community?

2) Given our discussion last year and this year, what are the top three goals/action steps we want to work on over the next several years to get closer to that “ideal criminal justice educational program of the future”?

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Committee members came up with the following ideas:

- Connecting agencies/internships within the federal building.
- Create a video showing the relationship between the different agencies involved in the CJ system and advisory committee.
- Develop means of communicating between practical and academic in terms of studies performed by various agencies.
- Evaluation of what makes “good” research for all.
- Look to participants of program for quality piece.
- Create interest in data analysis for crime data (COMSTAT) and provide skill set at graduate level.
- Help to process Blue Ribbon Report.
- Students to help with initiatives.
- Gather information on entry requirements for each agency.
- CJ Department website development.
- Post-study of past clients of public defender’s office.
- Conduct community research about opinions – then develop project from research.
- Catalog various research needs of agencies – find mutual needs and obtain collaborative grants.
- Warrant quashing.
- Conduct background checks for internships in shorter time periods.

Members were then asked to identify their top priorities among the ideas. The top three project ideas were to:

1) Create video of the interrelationship between agencies.
2) Consider development of a curricular component on crime analysis/intelligence – review programs and courses at other universities, qualifications for crime analyst positions, etc.
3) Catalog research needs of different agencies – collaborative grants.

The committee discussed what was needed to initiate these three projects. For the video project, a subcommittee was formed (Bonnie Glenn, Kelvin Crenshaw) and initial ideas were discussed (need for assistance from committee members from different agencies, involvement of both undergraduate and graduate students, collaboration with IT for video equipment). For the crime analysis project a subcommittee was formed (Dave Rodriguez, Denise Turner, Mac Pevey) and initial discussion of what steps were needed included gathering information on curricula from different universities (Dave Rodriguez), identifying what chiefs need (Denise Turner), and how data is merged between law enforcement and corrections. For the cataloging research needs project, Wallace Shields volunteered to participate on subcommittee and it was determined that this might be best suited as a graduate student group project and should include a review of what grant money is available and a survey of the research needs of local agencies. Bonnie, Kelvin, Jackie, and students – Sakshi Sharma, Shawn Kaminsky, and Josh Guerci met to develop the CJ video. During the year, Dave Rodriguez collected information on programs around the country that include a crime analyst component. Wallace Shields raised the idea of developing a web-based catalog of research needs.

Advisory committee members also participated in a number of successful events 2006-07 including the 44th Annual Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meetings held March 13-17th at the Seattle Sheraton in March 2007, the highly successful Law Enforcement Career Fair held on March 28th and participated throughout the year in a range of other events, courses, practicums, etc.
- Brian Stampfl and Kathy Taylor and the students in the Fall 07 “Crime Scene and Medicolegal Death Investigation” course helped coordinate and posed for the 2007 Seattle Times Guide to Colleges and Universities.

- Harold Clarke gave the keynote presentation at the ACJS Corrections Section Breakfast and, along with Deputy Secretary Ruben Cedeno and Mary Leftridge-Byrd helped coordinate panels and prison tours.

- Bonnie Glenn participated in a panel discussion chaired by Mary Leftridge-Byrd entitled “From Where I Sit” with copanelists Ida Leggett (Chair of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission), Nate Caldwell (Community Corrections Division/King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention), and Sekou Shabaka (Assistant Secretary Juvenile Rehabilitation).

- Norm Maleng, Bonnie Glenn, Sheriff Rahr, Jenny Wieland, and Fanny Correa helped with referrals to arrange the ACJS Green River Panel.

- Bev Himick, George Johnston coordinated tours of the WSP Crime Lab for the ACJS conference.

- Al Noriega, and Greg Hewett helped to coordinate and lead Office for the ACJS Conference.

- Tim McTighe organized an ACJS Panel entitled “Pretrial Release Programs: Future.”

- Kathy Taylor and Bev Himick served as panelists on the ACJS “Green Investigation” Roundtable that included Patricia Eakes (Former Prosecuting Attorney, King County Prosecutor’s Office), Brian McDonald (Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, King County Prosecutor’s Office), Mary Kirchner (Victim Advocate, King County Prosecutor’s Office), Thomas Jensen, (Detective, Ret. King County Sheriff), Jon Mattsen (Sergeant, King County Sheriff), Mark Prothero (Co-Lead Defense Counsel Ridgway Defense Team), Tomas Guillen (Former Seattle Times Reporter on the Green River Case).

- Greg Hewett, Al Noriega, and Kathy Taylor hired/supervised/worked with student interns at the KC Medical Examiners Office and CJ Major Lauren Brill was hired on full-time as a death investigator.

- Suzanne Long, Doreen Moore, and Mike Sletten (along with Toni Hergert & Vicki Thorness from the FBI and CJ student interns Shawn Kaminski, Tera Brockman, and at least a dozen student volunteers) launched the highly successful Law Enforcement Career Fair in March 2007.
- Brian Stampfl supervised/worked with intern Tera Brockman on the SPD CSI Unit.
- Chief Kerlikowske taught “Issues in Contemporary Law Enforcement” Winter 07 which for first time was offered to both undergraduate and graduate students.
- Wallace Shields taught a new special topics course “Terrorism and Homeland Security” Spring 07
- Kathy Taylor and Brian Stampfl taught the “Crime Scene and Medicolegal Death Investigation Fall 07.
- Mark Thomas raised idea of “Professional Development Seminars.”
- Bob Boruchowitz retired as Director of TDA and joined the SU School of Law Faculty.
- Karen Kinch worked with student interns at King County Juvenile Detention.

- Tag Gleason taught two sections of the undergraduate “Criminal Law” course Fall and Winter quarters.

- David Miller and Eric Robertson established the United States Marshals Centralized Student Career Experience Program.

- Bill Corn, Tim McTighe, and Mac Pevey assisted with coordination of data collection for faculty research – Elaine Gunnison and Jackie Hellgott’s study on community corrections officer perceptions of offender reentry needs and challenges.

- Deputy Jessica Sullivan conducted a recruiting session and worked with student interns.

- Judge Bonner helped to establish a CJ internship with the Seattle Municipal Court and Seattle City Attorney’s Office.

- Jenny Wieland, Fanny Correa, and Kameon Quillen participated (with Autumn Allen and Mary Miller from Families & Friends of Violent Crime Victims) in a “Victim Impact Panel” in the Fall 07 Forensic Psychology course.

- Tom Teicher worked with student Interns at the Interaction Transition House and met with visitor Isabelle Haafs from the Hague Netherlands, Project Manager on the multiple offenders project for the City of the Hague and gave her a tour of the I/T House.

- Paul Holland, Raven Lidman, and Bob Boruchowitz worked with students in the Trial Skills Practicum Fall 06 and Winter 07 quarters.

- John Mitchell worked with students in the “Forensics Practicum” Fall quarter 07.

- Bev Himick taught another highly successful “Forensic Science Lab” Course Spring 07 (with new Chemistry Assistant Professor Doug Latch).
Departmental Update

ENROLLMENT/STUDENT INTEREST

As of Fall 2007, we have approximately 281 criminal justice students enrolled in the Criminal Justice Department including 233 undergraduates and 46 graduate students (See attached breakdown by degree/specialization). In 2007 we had the largest-ever graduating undergraduate CJ class of 64 students.

In the undergraduate program, 166 (71%) students are working toward the BCJ (Bachelor of Criminal Justice) and 29% (67) toward the Bachelor of Science (BS). The BCJ Administration of Justice, BCJ Forensic Psychology and BS Forensic Science are the most popular specialization areas however there is significant interest in all specialization areas. The undergraduate student organizations (CJ Club and CJ Honor Society) continue to flourish with many student-sponsored CJ events including defensive tactics training (offered by Rob Mahoney and James Kim from SPD), DEA presentation, prison tours, trips to the shooting range and more.

In the graduate program, the most popular program routes for graduate students are the MACJ no concentration (21 students) and the MACJ-Investigative Criminology concentration (19 students). The Research and Evaluation concentration area has the lowest enrollment with only one student in the 1st year cohort designating this concentration. The Victimology concentration is off to a good start with 5 students who are interested in working in victim services and/or research in the area of Victimology. The graduate students include a diverse mix of criminal justice professionals and students coming from traditional undergraduate programs with an increasing number of students coming from out of state and from local criminal justice agencies. Since 2006-07 nine students have been awarded “Criminal Justice Professional Fellowships” of $7,000 over the course of their degrees and two students were awarded the $2,000 Corr Scholarship. Students are coming to the program from CJ, psych, sociology and other disciplines from local universities such as CWU, UW, EWU, and Evergreen and from as far away as Louisiana. CJ Professionals in the MACJ program include criminal justice professionals from the Seattle Police Department, King County Sheriff, Snohomish County Corrections, WA State Department of Corrections, Mercer Island Police Department, Renton Municipal Court, and Seattle University Public Safety

FACULTY

We begin 2007 with five full-time tenure track faculty members and are currently conducting a national search for a tenure-track assistant professor position to begin as early as winter quarter 2008. After we hire this year, this will be an increase of three tenure-track faculty members – this reflects an almost unheard of 100% increase in tenure-track faculty in a two year period! Full-time faculty members in our department are:

Alexander, Arnold Daktari, PhD/Assistant Professor
Research/teaching interests in juvenile delinquency, police-juvenile interactions, strain theory, and prisoner rehabilitation.
Gunnison, Elaine, PhD/Assistant Professor
Research/teaching interests in life course criminology, female offending patterns, comparative criminal justice, and corrections

Helfgott, Jacqueline B., PhD/Associate Professor, Chair
Research/teaching interests in criminal behavior, psychopathy, copycat crime, offender reentry, corrections, and restorative justice.

Hickman, Matthew, PhD/Assistant Professor
Research/teaching interests in police integrity and ethics, criminal justice decision-making, quantitative methods, criminological theory.

Kelliher, S.J., Michael, S.J. D.Crim/Associate Professor
Research/teaching interests in the polygraph, restorative justice, victimology, criminology & literature, and white collar crime

We are extremely fortunate to have a large number of adjunct faculty and affiliated faculty members who teach in other departments and or colleges in Seattle University. Many are professionals who currently work in the criminal justice field and/or are faculty members in other Seattle University Departments who teach or co-teach selected courses and/or coordinate/facilitate practicum opportunities in our curriculum:

- Fred Bonner, JD; Judge, Seattle Municipal Court
- Fanny Correa, MSW; Director of Victim Services, Families & Friends of Violent Crime Victims and Virginia Mason Separation and Loss
- Darlene Conley, PhD; Sociologist-Criminologist/Ethnographer
- Kelvin Crenshaw; Special Agent in Charge/ Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives
- Arthur Davis, PhD; Clinical Psychologist, WA State Dept of Corrections, Monroe Correctional Complex
- Tag Gleason, MA, JD; Captain, Office of Professional Accountability/Seattle Police Department
- Bev Himick, PhD; Forensic Scientist/WA State Patrol Crime Lab
- Paul Holland, JD; Assistant Clinical Professor/Seattle University Law Clinic
- Gil Kerlikowske, MA; Chief/Seattle Police Department
- Trisha King-Stargel., MA, ABD; Ret./Kent & Honolulu Police Departments
- Doug Latch, Assistant Professor, Seattle University Department of Chemistry
- Raven Lidman, JD; Clinical Professor/Seattle University Law Clinic
- Robert Mahoney, PhD; Officer, Advanced Training Unit, Seattle Police Department
- Julianne Marshall, MA; Special Agent, PIO/Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives
- John Mitchell, JD; Associate Professor/Seattle University Law School
- Tim McTighe, MA; Chief/ U.S. Pretrial Services
- Richard Niebusch, MA, ABD; Public Information Officer, Snohomish County Sheriff
- Al O’Brien, MA; Representative, 1st Legislative District, Washington State Legislature, Ret. Sergeant SPD
- Mac Pevey, MA; Community Corrections Supervisor/ WA State Department of Corrections
- Ed Reed, PhD; Lecturer/Seattle University Matteo Ricci College
- Henry Richards, PhD; Superintendent, Special Commitment Center, WA State Dept of Social & Health Services
- Sarah Roberts, JD; Prosecuting Attorney/Shoreline & Lake Forest Park
- Wallace Shields, MA; Special Agent in Charge/United States Secret Service
- Brian Stampfl; Detective/CSI Unit Seattle Police Department
- Kathy Taylor, PhD; Forensic Anthropologist
- Mike Williams, MA; Ret. Assoc. Superintendent MCC/WA State Department of Corrections
- Riva Zeff, MSW; Clinical Director/Seattle University Social Work Program
CURRICULAR IMPROVEMENTS

Minor curricular improvements were made for 2007-08:

- **Two additional undergrad/grad crosslisted courses**
  - Two courses were given new prefixes so that they could be offered as undergraduate and graduate cross-listed course options. “Issues in Contemporary Law Enforcement” is now CRJS 422/522 and “Punishment and Social Theory” is now CRJS 423/523.

- **Practicum Opportunities as regular Course Offerings**
  - Trial Skills, Forensics, and ATF Practicum were given their own course prefixes (CRJS 455/555, 456/556, and 457/557 which means they are now regular course offerings that appear in the academic bulletins. The practicums are offered at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

- **MACJ Program Comps OR Thesis**
  - MACJ students may now choose either the comprehensive OR Thesis option.

- **Internship and Volunteer Opportunities**
  - Our students have been successful in obtaining internships in a wide range of agencies. Thank you to advisory committee members for helping in this regard. Over the past couple of years we have had students interning at the King County Medical Examiners Office, King County Prosecutor’s Office, Kirkland Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, FBI, Families & Friends of Violent Crime Victims, The Defender Association, WA Attorney General’s Office, Interaction Transition, WA Department of Corrections, KC Adult & Juvenile Detention, King County Sheriff, US Probation, US Pretrial, King County Juvenile Detention, Air Force Office of Special Investigation, Seattle Police Department Domestic Violence Victim Support Team, Seattle Police Department CSI Unit, Port Townsend Police Department, Seattle City Attorney’s Office, Home Depot Loss Prevention, Washington State Court of Appeals, and other agencies.

  - The Fall 07 Research Methods course conducted an applied research project with Seattle Parks and Recreation involving conducting a public safety/crime prevention neighborhood survey.

  - The Seattle Police Department Crisis Intervention Team Internship was developed. Currently one graduate student (Elizabeth Neidhart) and two undergraduate students (Michelle Baron and Julie Melewski) are working with Sgt Eddy and others from the CIT on a research project involving evaluation of CIT.

- **Student and Faculty News for 2006-07**
  - CJ Major Michael Leigh was selected for the US Marshals Centralized Student Career
- CJ Major Lauren Brill became the fourth student from our program to receive a full-time position as a medicolegal death investigator and was hired on with the King County Medical Examiners Office. Special Thanks to Greg Hewitt, Al Noriega, Kathy Taylor, Joe Frisino, and Dr Haruff from KCME for the support, education, and personal attention they’ve all extended to the many students who have had the rare opportunity to intern at the KCMEOs.

- CJ Major Samora Covington completed her honors thesis “Hate Crime Offenders: Process of Identity Transformation” which she presented at the Stanford Undergraduate Psychology Conference in the spring. Samora was offered a position with the Community Psychiatric Clinic working with offenders with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse problems. Samora was also selected as one of two Hickey awardees for the College of Arts & Sciences and led the graduation procession.

- CJ Major Chad Winfrey was awarded the 2007 Corr Service & Ethics Award, CJ Major Danielle Mellot and CJ major Sarah Bashaw received the Kelliher Award for highest GPA.

- CJ Major Colleen Wayne was selected for the investigative internship position at the King County Medical Examiner’s Office.

- CJ Major Toni Paspadero is interning with the SE Seattle WA DOC Community Corrections Office.

- CJ Major Melissa DeVol is interning at the US Attorney’s Office.

- CJ Major Shawn Kaminsky developed a meditation program for female offenders at the Washington Correctional Center for Women in collaboration with SU philosophy professors.

- MACJ student Cathy Kapoian who is employed with WA Department of Corrections had her initial thesis proposal approved entitled “Housing Community Corrections Violators in Prison rather than Jail: The Impact on Prison Culture,” will begin her project Fall 07 and will submit an abstract (w/ Jackie Helfgott) for presentation at the March 08 ACJS conference in Cincinnati.

- MACJ student Sadora Anderson had her initial thesis proposal approved entitled “The Exploration into the Progression of Drug Use and the Transition from Drug Selling to Drug Use: Gender and Race Comparisons,” has started her project and will submit an abstract for presentation (w/Elaine Gunnison) at the March 08 ACJS conference in Cincinnati.

- MACJ student Ken Matelski worked in Utah as a Private Investigator summer 07.

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- MACJ student Ryan Rivers completed the academy with the Mercer Island PD.

- MACJ Student Elizabeth Neidhart attended the CIT conference over the summer.

- MACJ Students Sadora Anderson, Jennifer Siegel, Rene Matson, and Kathy Dockins worked as Research Assistants with researchers Mike Smith, Robin Engel, and Geoff Alpert and Tacoma PD Officers in collaboration with SPD on a study of the Seattle Drug Market.

- Father Kelliher was honored for his 35th Year at Seattle University.

- Matt Hickman’s article “Validity of Officer Self-Reported Citizen Complaints” was published in Police Quarterly and his article “On the context of police cynicism and problem behavior” is forthcoming in Applied Psychology in Criminology.

- Elaine Gunnison and Jackie Helfgott’s article, “Community Corrections Officer Perceptions of Ex-Offender Reentry Needs” was published in the Journal of Criminal and Police Psychology.


- Elaine Gunnison’s article (with Lisa McCartan), “The role of unique developmental experiences: A theoretical examination of female persistence” was published in Women and Criminal Justice and her article (also with Lisa McCartan) “Examining the origins of low self control” was published in the Journal of Criminal Justice.


- Faculty and students presented on multiple panels, organized tours, and volunteered at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences conference in Seattle in March including:
  - “Sources of Referral to Juvenile Court: Review of States” (A. Daktari Alexander)
  - “Unidentified Human Remains: Nature and Scope of the Problem” (Matt Hickman)
  - “Family, Friends, and Lovers: Exploring the Impact of Sexual Abuse on Relationships” (w/Lisa McCarten),
  - “Factors that hinder reentry success: A view from community corrections officers” (Elaine Gunnison and Jackie Helfgott)
  - “Criminal Behavior and the Copycat Effect” (Jackie Helfgott)
  - “Sexually violent predators and the use of the PCL-R in the courts” (Jackie Helfgott w/Fran Bernat from Arizona State University-West).

- Jackie Helfgott and Elaine Gunnison received an ACJS service award for outstanding service on the ACJS local arrangements committee for the 2007 Seattle conference.
These are just a small sampling of some of the faculty, student, and department accomplishments for the year with much more that we are not able to list!

**New Committee Members/Agencies Represented**

We have been overwhelmed and inspired by the willingness of local, state, and federal agencies in the area to join the advisory committee.

**New members to the advisory committee for 2007-08** include:
- Fred Bonner, Judge, Seattle Municipal Court
- Floris Mikkelsen, Director, The Defender’s Association
- Ken Quinn, Superintendent, Monroe Correctional Complex, WA State Department of Corrections
- Dan Satterburg, Acting Prosecuting Attorney, King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office
- Jeff Sullivan, US Attorney, United States Attorney’s Office
- Shirley Wilson, Judge, Seattle Municipal Court

**New student members to the advisory committee for 2007-08** include:
- Sakshi Sharma, President of Pi Delta our local chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma the National Criminal Justice Honor Society
- Amanda Devous, President of the SU Criminal Justice Club
- Mike Greer, Criminal Justice Department Student Executive Council Representative
- Shawn Kaminski, Criminal Justice Department Student Executive Council Representative
- Ken Matelski, MACJ Student Representative
- James Kim, MACJ Student Representative and 2007-08 Corr Scholarship Recipient

Welcome to all new CJ Department Advisory Committee Members! Current Member List Attached

**Agencies Represented on the SU CJ Advisory Committee:**

- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives
- Drug Enforcement Administration
- Families & Friends of Violent Crime Victims
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Federal Public Defender
- Interaction Transition
- King County Adult & Juvenile Detention
- King County Medical Examiner’s Office
- King County Prosecutor’s Office
- King County Sheriff’s Office
- Municipal Court of Seattle
- Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
- Port of Seattle Police
- Seattle Police Department
- The Defender’s Association

- Seattle University Center for Service
- Seattle University College of Arts & Sciences
- Seattle University Public Safety
- Seattle University School of Law
- United States Attorney’s Office
- United States Marshals Service
- United States Probation
- United States Pretrial Services
- United States Secret Service
- Washington State Attorney General
- Washington State Department of Corrections
- Washington State Department of Social & Health Services/Special Commitment Center
- Washington State Patrol
Special Dedication to Norm Maleng…

The sudden passing of King County Prosecuting Attorney and advisory committee member Norm Maleng this year was a devastating shock to the local community. Our department was extremely fortunate to have had Norm as a member of our advisory committee for the past several years. His legacy in the community is profound and his contributions to our department are among many examples reflecting his passion and influence. The Victimology concentration of the new MACJ program was formed in part at the suggestion of Norm Maleng who was a relentless advocate for victims of crime. We would like to dedicate the Victimology program to Norm as part of his legacy in our department and pledge to honor his life and his commitment to justice and to the needs, rights, and interests of victims by working to continually improve this component of our program and to work as he did to educate and raise awareness re victims rights.