Outcome of 2004-2014 Advisory Committee Meetings

The Seattle University Criminal Justice Department Advisory Committee is now in its 12th year and the committee has grown to 100 members representing 45 agencies. Our department’s collaboration with this group of local, state, federal, and private criminal justice representatives has been vital and unrivalled in terms of increasing opportunities for our students and enriching curricular and extracurricular offerings in ways that allow students and faculty to make meaningful links between theory, research, and practice. The advisory committee has become a fundamental and treasured component of our department. Committee members and agencies have collaborated with our department to help us develop programs such as the federal agency practicum courses and internships that have been instrumental in placing students in careers. Committee members have played a pivotal role in developing collaborative research and service initiatives that engage students in evidence-based practice. Committee members have assisted our department in providing and advertising our spring continuing education event and summer CJ Executive Leadership Institute and in providing students rare opportunities for networking and mentorship. These and other outcomes of our collaboration with advisory committee members and criminal justice agencies have led the Seattle University Criminal Justice Department to become known as one of the most reputable criminal justice departments unparalleled for academically rigorous and innovative programs and connections to local, state, federal, and private criminal justice agencies. In a recent market analysis for our department, our advisory committee was referred to as the largest advisory committee of its kind in a criminal justice department and as integral to the development and growth of our programs and opportunities for students. Even more exciting, is that we are now seeing our graduates move from their academic programs to criminal justice positions where they are given opportunities to affect change in the criminal justice system and to bring ethical responsibility and social justice that is so much a part of the education they receive at Seattle University into the work they do in the criminal justice system. Graduates of our programs are bringing their knowledge of the theory and research in criminology and criminal justice into the field and are also reaching back to current students to provide them with guidance and mentorship opportunities. With the help of our dynamic and engaged advisory committee, we have been able to become a community of criminal justice scholars, practitioners, leaders, and students who work collaboratively to make significant impact in criminal justice scholarship and practice – a force to be reckoned with to bring criminal justice into a new era of leading edge, data-driven, socially and ethically responsible, historically, multi-culturally and globally conscious, and evidence-based practice. It is exciting to think about what the future holds.
Summary of Past Meetings:

2014: In 2014 we presented the “Departmental Showcase” and a Q&A segment run by student leaders including questions – *What is the best way to get the foot in the door?*, *Is there a common skill, quality, or knowledge you feel incoming candidates are lacking?*, *Do you feel your agency is utilizing the relationship with SU CJ to its full potential – If not, how can we help build stronger connections? And Since marijuana is now legal in our state, how does that affect hiring processes and continued employment with your agency or organization?* We discussed next steps for our annual summer CJ Executive Leadership Institute and ideas for potential new certificate programs. At our mid-year meeting we featured collaborative research by Collins, Hickman, Boruchowitz, and Larraña and discussed fundraising ideas for an endowment for our SU Center for the Study of Crime and Justice.

2013: In 2013 we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Criminal Justice Department’s Advisory Committee. We presented a 10 year anniversary edition “Departmental Showcase” featuring accomplishments including establishment of the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, overhaul of the undergraduate programs and creation of additional program tracks in forensic science and forensic psychology, faculty and enrollment growth, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) certification, development of programs including the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice program, the joint MACJ/JD, Establishment of the Norm Maleng graduate student award, Crime Analysis Certificate Program, and federal law enforcement agency practicum courses, development of the continuing education program and Summer Criminal Justice Executive Leadership Institute, and establishment of the CJ Center for the Study of Crime and Justice. We discussed our department’s strategic plan for 2013-2018 and how our department is situated within the larger university strategic plan. Our primary meeting discussion centered on the question: *How do we distinguish the Seattle University Criminal Justice Department in light of the external environment, in particular the increase in CJ online and continuing education programs and expansion of regional CJ programs in the Northwest?* We worked in small groups to respond to the question and developed a list of ideas and initiatives for moving forward to further our department’s strategic plan. The 2013 Innovation in Criminal Justice Education Award was awarded to Sue Rahr, Executive Director of the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission and former King County Sheriff (ret.).

2012: Our 2012 meeting featured the “Departmental Showcase” highlighting advisory committee-student-faculty work in courses, research, and innovative student projects. The primary meeting discussion focused on the development of the “Center for the Study of Crime and Justice” and initiatives associated with the Center. Committee members determined that subcommittees would work to develop the Center for the Study of Crime and Justice to provide an organized framework.
for the department to engage in collaborative research, training, and service. The committee discussed specific initiatives that the Center would undertake – Executive Sessions, the Spring Continuing Education Event, the Summer Executive Leadership Academy, and ongoing collaborative research and student engagement. Subcommittees worked during the year on these initiatives and we met at our mid-year meeting in February to discuss additional initiatives (Mentorship Program), to further develop ongoing initiatives (Summer Criminal Justice Executive Leadership Academy) and the spring Continuing Education event – *Rethinking Criminal Justice and Mental Health: Evolving Policy in an Era of Risk Assessment and Evidence-Based Practice* and to discuss the impact of the Seattle University Strategic Plan on the department such as the move to online courses and continuing education programs. The 2012 Innovation in Criminal Justice Education Award was awarded to Seattle Police Sergeant Christi Robbin.

**2011:** In 2011 we started the tradition of a “Departmental Showcase” featuring student work on collaborative projects involving advisory committee members and agencies. Our primary discussion revolved around next steps for the strategic plan for the department, how we want to work on developing the department as a signature program within the larger Seattle University strategic plan, what initiatives we want to work on, and how the advisory committee can contribute. We developed subcommittees to work on the departmental strategic plan, the idea of developing a “Center,” and other initiatives including a mentoring program, marketing, student engagement, continuing education, professional development, research grants, study abroad, and curriculum development. We decided to hold a mid-year meeting in February to keep continuity and continue the work. We met in February and decided that we needed to think more carefully about how many initiatives we wanted to pursue and decided that we should have a steering committee that would work on the strategic direction of the department before moving forward with the other initiatives. A steering committee was formed and met over the summer to develop the priorities and plan for initiatives for 2012-13 for presentation at the 2012 annual meeting. The 2011 Innovation in Criminal Justice Education Award was awarded to Joe Hawe for his work developing collaborative projects with the U.S. Marshals Service and WSCTJC in courses and student-faculty research and assistance with program, curricular, and department initiative development.

**2010:** In 2010 we discussed building on departmental accomplishments and developing a criminal justice department strategic plan. The committee discussed what a departmental strategic plan would look like and how can we work our strengths/accomplishments into a cohesive departmental plan. We discussed development of initiatives including the Curriculum/Degree Programs such as the PhD Program, Continuing Education Programs including executive law enforcement training, Online/Podcasts, Community-Based Research and Service Learning, the development of a Center for Criminal Justice Research and Service, and Professional Development and a mentoring program for students? Directions and ideas were proposed including an executive mid-level supervisory leadership certificate program, cultural competency, and ethics continuing education, needs assessment for law enforcement, community forums, marketing department, engagement with the juvenile court, better connections with other parts of the university, community involvement fair, mentoring program, center for science and technology. The 2010 Innovation in Criminal Justice
Education Award was awarded to David Rodriguez from NW HIDTA for his long association with the department, work with students, and assistance in developing department-agency connections.

2009: In 2009 we showcased collaborative advisory committee-faculty-student research, service learning, and career accomplishments. Presentations included “Integrating Theory, Research, and Practice” featuring faculty research on crime in the Pike-Belltown corridor of downtown Seattle in collaboration with the Seattle Police West Precinct. Also showcased was student research on the Pike-Belltown corridor, the U.S. Marshals Service Learning project, a student thesis proposal presentation by Seattle Police Officer James Kim on measuring reasonable force, and a student panel featuring students who were successful in obtaining positions with a range of agencies. Following the presentations, the committee was posed questions for discussion including: How can we do better at integrating theory, research, and practice? Emerging Needs/Issues? and Ideas for the Future? The committee discussed where to go in the future given that we have achieved the goals set by the committee at its inception (MACJ program, Crime Analyst Certificate Program, increased internships, Professional Development Seminars, Collaborative Research). The committee voted on new initiatives with the most votes in favor of focus on educating students in public speaking, critical thinking, and advanced writing, increased “face time” with agency representatives on campus, emphasizing internships, research on best practices for community programs, and more information sessions and professional development opportunities. The 2009 Innovation in Criminal Justice Education Award was awarded to David Miller from the U.S. Marshals Service for his work with the department on Centralized Student Career Experience Program.

2008: In 2008 we celebrated the committee’s accomplishments including the launching of the Crime Analysis Certificate Program, Professional Development Seminars, and the Criminal Justice interactive web video project which included the official unveiling of the video now available on the CJ Dept website. In addition, we discussed the impact of local budget cuts on CJ Agencies, SU Self-Study and how to measure the success of CJ graduates, and future ideas in the works including the PhD Program, and the possibility of a professional distance-learning Master’s Degree Program. The meeting featured the unveiling of the CJ video which was a major accomplishment of the committee and an enormous undertaking that involved the entire advisory committee. Also discussed were the ACJS certification, how the committee could help, and future ideas for development of programs within the department. Seattle Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske was awarded the 2008 Innovation in Criminal Justice Education Award for his assistance with the development of the MACJ Program, his participation on campus events, and support for collaborative student-faculty research and curricular development.

2007: The specific discussion topic this year was “Implementing SU-CJ Agency Collaborative Initiatives.” Three initiatives identified in the 2006 annual meeting were identified for focus of discussion to develop a plan for implementation: Criminal Justice Video, adding a Crime Analysis/Intelligence Component to Curriculum, and cataloging Research Needs of Local Agencies/ Collaborative Grants. The meeting opened with presentation of a 2-minute introductory video created by CJ Student Shawn Kaminski, Sakshi Sharma, and Communications student Joshua
Guerci with the help of committee members Bonnie Glenn, Kelvin Crenshaw, and King County TV. The video presented an overview of the purpose of the project and call for help from committee members. The committee discussed the next steps in the development of the video, responded to questions regarding the content of the video, and discussed the development of the crime analysis curricular component and developed a subcommittee to address the issues. Regarding the research needs of local agencies, it was decided that the best way to approach this would be for CJ agencies interested in collaborating on research projects to contact the department with their individual requests and ideas as needed. Bonnie Glenn received the 2007 Innovation in Criminal Justice Education Award for her assistance with the CJ video, curricular development, student internships, and department initiatives.

2006: In our third advisory committee meeting committee members focused on “Possibilities for SU-CJ Agency Collaborative Initiatives.” The committee developed 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, consideration of a curriculum component on crime analysis/intelligence, and development of 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 for his assistance with the CJ Video, the development of the ATF Practicum, and service to the department with initiatives, internships, and campus events.

2005: In our second year 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 that can be developed in our unique urban/NW/Seattle location to bridge academia and the local criminal justice community/theory and practice.

2004: The primary objective of the first meeting 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.
Advisory Committee Contributions in 2014-15

Advisory committee members participated in a number of successful activities/events. In 2014-15 advisory committee members:

- Assisted with career nights for freshman advising
- Served as adjunct instructors
- Served as guest speakers in classes and events
- Participated in CJ Club and Honor Society events
- Facilitated federal agency practicum courses
- Facilitated law school practicum courses
- Served as thesis committee members
- Individually mentored students
- Collaborated with faculty and students on grants and research
- Contributed to service learning projects
- Participated in Center for the Study of Crime and Justice initiatives including assisting with and advertising the spring continuing education events and summer Criminal Justice Leadership Institute.
ENROLLMENT/STUDENT INTEREST

In 2015 we have had the all-time largest entering group of students (including undergrad, grad, and certificate students) in the over 40 year history of the department with 50 undergraduates, 38 graduate students, and 6 Crime Analysis Certificate students. As of Fall 2015, we have a total of 264 criminal justice students enrolled in the Criminal Justice Department—150 undergraduates, 108 graduate students (including 26 graduate students who have completed coursework but are working on their thesis projects or studying for their comprehensive exams), 16 Crime Analysis Certificate students (including 10 who are co-enrolled in the MACJ program), and 7 students in the MACJ/JD Program. The undergraduate students are from the Northwest, California, Las Vegas, and around the country. The graduate students are from the local area and out of state and country. Incoming graduate students are from Bemidji State University, Central Washington University, Clemson University, Evergreen State College, Heritage University, Kent State University, Idaho State University, La Verne University, Metropolitan State University, Murray State University, North Dakota State University, Northwest Nazarene University, Pacific Lutheran University, Seattle University, University of Alaska-Fairbanks, University of Ghana, University of Hawaii, University of Massachusetts, University of Montana, University of New Mexico, University of Washington-Seattle, University of Washington-Tacoma, Wheeling Jesuit University, and Wiley College.
Additionally, several of our students are coming from various professional agencies including Boeing, the Department of Homeland Security Grandview Police Department, Sound Mental Health, Staff Pro, Star Protection Agency, Washington Department of Corrections, YMCA, and several legal agencies. Undergraduate enrollment has increased with 111 students pursuing the Bachelor of Criminal Justice and 39 students pursuing the Bachelor of Science and the largest incoming freshman and transfer student cohort in years. The most popular undergraduate specializations in 2015-16 are Forensic Psychology (55 BCJ and 16 BS) and Forensic Science (13 BCJ and 23 BS) with the remainder of students spread evenly across the Administration of Justice (24) and Criminology/CJ Theory (19) specializations. The graduate program and online Crime Analysis Certificate Program enrollment also increased with the largest ever incoming class of 38 MACJ students and 16 Crime Analysis Certificate students. The most popular program specializations in the graduate program are Investigative Criminology (36) and the MACJ (no specialization) (20) with the remainder of the students in the Research and Evaluation (11), Victimology (9), and MACJ/JD (7) specializations.

STUDENT AWARDS

The undergraduate awards include the Kelliher Award for the highest GPA in the major and the Corr Service & Ethics Award. The Kelliher awardee for 2015 was Madison Grimsby (BA – Forensic Psychology) and Natasha Wood (BS- Forensic Psychology). The Corr Service & Ethics Award went to Sarah Robinson (BA – Forensic Psychology).

The 2015 Eugene Corr Scholarship Awardee is incoming MACJ student Jabril Hassan. The "Corr Scholarship," named in honor of Eugene Corr, co-founder of the Seattle University Criminal Justice Department and former Assistant Police Chief of Seattle Police Department, is awarded annually to a MACJ student who is a minority and/or plans to pursue a career in law enforcement after completing the MACJ degree. Jabril is a graduate of the University of Hawaii and returned from the Peace Corp just days before beginning the MACJ program. The Corr scholarship award is a one-time award of $2,000.00.

Jabril Hassan, incoming MACJ student and University of Hawaii grad, 2015 Corr Scholarship awardee.
The Norm Maleng Academic Excellence and Citizenship Award went to Elisabeth Jandro for 2015. Elisabeth worked in 2014-15 as a Research Assistant on the Yesler Terrace Public Safety project, had her first baby, and is completing her thesis involving a qualitative analysis of prostitution. The Norm Maleng Academic Excellence & Citizenship Award is awarded to an outstanding graduating student in the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice program. The award is named in honor of Norm Maleng, former King County Prosecutor, who for 30 years was a vocal advocate for reform in criminal justice and introduced many programs in Seattle related to victim’s rights and drugs. Norm was a CJ Department Advisory Committee member who was instrumental in inspiring the inclusion of the Victimology Graduate Specialization. Selection is based upon exceptional graduate work in the classroom and service to the community.

Criminal Justice Fellowship recipients for the 2015-2016 academic year are: Brooke Bray (YMCA), Kristin Frederick (Star Protection Agency), Cody Larson, Michelle Larson, Ashtynie McKenzie, Michelle Newton, Latonia Patterson, Christopher Pribernow (Staff Pro), Victoria Sack, and Caitlin Simpson.

The Dr. Marylou Wyse Award recipients granted by the Graduate Admissions Office provides $2400 for two academic years. The 2015-2016 awardees are: Obalvanna Chi, Jabril Hassen, and Courtney Miller. Additional awards, granted by the Provost’s Office: Shante Sanchez-Hoover (2K); Chase Yap (2K), and Tia Squires (1K).
STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2015-16 was an exciting year of accomplishments. Here is a snapshot of student accomplishments this past year:

- BCJ/BS, MACJ, and Crime Analysis students have been hired for competitive internships in criminal justice agencies at the local, state, federal, and private levels.
- MACJ 2014 grad Joe Cooper was hired as a University of Washington police officer.
- BACJ 2015 grad Natasha Wood was accepted into the Forensic Psychology Master’s Program
- BACJ FPSY Molly Shepard 2012 was accepted into the Forensic Psych PhD program in Palo Alto where she joins 2013 BA FPSYC grad Patricia McCormick.
- Lindsey McMeekin was hired as a Child Protective Services Investigator with the Department of Social and Health Services.
- Stephanie Martinez was hired at LifeWire as a Community Based Housing Advocate.
- Sara Murphy was hired at Lacey O’Maley Bail Bond Agency in Seattle.
- Loreli Smith was hired by the WA State Department of Corrections as a Corrections and Custody Officer at Reynolds Work Release.

ACJ students Jane Poore, Chelsea Johnson, Emma Grochowsky, and Cecilie Wilhelm were inducted into Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit Honor Society.

ACJ graduate (2011) Shontrice Eaton accepted a position with the Social Security Administration as a Senior Case Technician at their Tacoma hearing office.

- MACJ graduate (2012) Levi Giraud was hired as a Crime Analyst II in Lakewood, CO. He also has a blog about crime analysis: www.crimeanalyisthotspot.com
- MACJ/JD graduate (2015) Elisabeth Gribble, SU CJ’s first MACJ/JD graduate began working in July in a prosecutor position with a private Edmonds prosecution firm, Zachor & Thomas, that handles criminal prosecutions for several Snohomish County cities.
- MACJ graduate (2015) Emma Grochowsky was promoted to Program Coordinator for the Plymouth Housing Group King County Scattered Sites Program.
- MACJ graduate (2014) Courtney Hopkins was recently hired as a Management Analyst with the Background Check Central Unit of the WA State Department of Social & Health Service.
- MACJ graduate (2010) Ian Lawson is now attending Vanderbilt Law School.
FACULTY/STUDENT/ADVISORY COMMITTEE/AGENCY/ALUMNI COLLABORATION:
One of the greatest things about our department and the relationships we have developed through the advisory committee are the meaningful collaborative research and service we have been able to be involved in. In 2014-15 we engaged in a range of collaborative initiatives that involved students, faculty, CJ agency partners, and alumni. Here is a sampling of the many projects completed this past year:

- Faculty, students, alumni, and CJ partners presented at conferences including the American Society of Criminology, the Western Society of Criminology, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, and the International Academy of Law &Mental Health.
- Engaged in collaborative grant-funded research including the Yesler Terrace Public Safety Assessment, the Seattle Police Micro-Community Policing Plans Evaluation, The Evaluation of the WSCJTC “Warriors to Guardian’s” Cultural Shift and CIT Training, the Seattle Police Department CIT Culture Survey, and the Harvard Executive Session Publication From Warriors to Guardians: Recommitting American Democratic Ideals.

Students and faculty worked with Seattle Police Department on a grant-funded evaluation of the SPD Micro-community Policing Plans a 2-year project. The group presented at the 2015 Board of Trustees meeting and the students have been involved in a range of activities working with the community and SPD, including being featured on Kiro News, the West Herald, and the Capital Hill Times.
Faculty, students, alumni, and advisory committee members co-authored published academic peer-reviewed journal articles and reports.
CENTRAL FOR THE STUDY OF CRIME AND JUSTICE

This year we continued with our tradition of offering a spring one-day continuing education event featuring Dr. Adrian Raine author of *The Anatomy of Violence* and a Summer Criminal Justice Executive Leadership Institute featuring Keynote speaker Steve Aos from the Washington State Institute of Public Policy. Both events were a bit success. The spring event brought together undergraduate and graduate students, CJ professionals, faculty and this year we partnered with Town Hall Seattle to include an evening community forum. The summer event was a bit different this year as a 3-day evidence-based practice workshop geared toward CJ professionals from police, courts, and corrections engaged and interested in implementing research and evaluation in their agencies.
FACULTY

Full-Time Faculty
We begin 2015 with seven full-time tenure track faculty members, and over 20 adjunct faculty members. A warm welcome to our newest faculty member, Dr. David Connor who is joining us this year!

Peter Collins, PhD/Assistant Professor
Research/teaching interests in policy/program evaluation, criminal justice organizations, statistics, and criminal law.

David Connor, PhD/Assistant Professor
Research/teaching interests in sex offenders and sex offender registration, social deviance, corrections, and reentry

Elaine Gunnison, PhD/Associate Professor
Research/teaching interests in life course criminology, female offending patterns, comparative criminal justice, and corrections.

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

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

William Parkin, PhD, Assistant Professor
Research/teaching interests in domestic extremism and terrorism, homicide victimization, media and criminal justice, and mixed methods research.

Stephen Rice, PhD/Assistant Professor
Research/teaching interests in procedural and restorative justice, race/ethnicity and justice, terrorism, the social psychology of punishment, and criminological theory.
Adjunct Faculty/Instructors
We continue to be 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 who are members of the advisory committee 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:

- Stacy Cecchet, PhD, Forensic Psychologist
- Darlene Conley, PhD; Sociologist-Criminologist/Ethnographer
- Colleen Cummings, Ph.D, Anthropologist
- Debi Dorsman, JD, Supervisory Intelligence Analyst, FBI
- Tag Gleason, MA, JD; Captain, Seattle Police Department
- Virginia Gleason, J.D.; Strategic Advisor, Seattle Police Department
- Bonnie Glenn, JD, Seattle University Law School Access to Justice
- Chris Fowler, Captain, Seattle Police Department
- Bev Himick, PhD; Forensic Scientist/DNA Unit Supervisor, WA State Patrol Crime Lab
- Trisha King-Stargel, King County Sheriff’s Office
- Doug Larm, Intelligence Analyst, Seattle Police Department
- Shannon Meyer, PhD, Victim Specialist, FBI
- Richard Niebush, PhD, Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office
- Al O’Brien, MA; Representative, 1st Legislative District, Washington State Legislature, Ret. Sergeant SPD
- Mac Pevey, MA; Administrator, 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
- Brian Stampfli; Detective/CSI Unit Seattle Police Department
- Kathy Taylor, PhD; Forensic Anthropologist
- John Vinson, PhD, Chief, University of Washington Police
- Riva Zeff, MSW; Clinical Director/SU Social Work Program
**CJ Highlights**
The Criminal Justice Department completed the first year launch of the fully Online Crime Analysis Certificate Program and rolled out the full CACP curriculum— the first fully online program at Seattle University. The program was a success though we need to work on increasing enrollment. An added benefit of the online CACP is greater flexibility and alternative course format for MACJ students. We are now preparing to submit our proposal for Seattle University’s first-ever research PhD Program – the PhD in Criminal Justice and we will not rest until the deal is done!
Thanks to Jacqueline McMurtrie from the Innocence Project Northwest, Kirk Bloodsworth made an impromptu visit for a lunch and book signing. Kirk will be visiting SU this Fall for a formal visit and screening of the new film An Innocent Man about his story of exoneration from Death Row through DNA evidence.

The Criminal Justice Club and Honor Society participated in Relay for Life, Murder Mystery Night, and a Silent Auction in which advisory committee members and faculty donated themselves and items (such as the taser that tased Matt Hickman) to be auctioned off.
John Vinson aka “Marathon Man” continued to run around marathons around the world including his most recent marathons in Munich, Germany and Sydney, Australia. He was recently featured in an article in the University of Washington News: http://www.washington.edu/wholenu/2015/08/14/uwpd-chief-hooked-on-running/.

John has run 15 marathons just last year and has run over 30 total.

While the rest of us tried our best to keep up with John…Jackie Helfgott ran her 25th marathon – the 2015 Birch Bay Marathon along with John and the Seattle Marathon along with John and Al O’Brien and bumped into US Marshal Deputy and MACJ alum (2012) Laura Polson at around mile 7 which was an exciting reunion. And not to forget the Burien Brat Trot 5K featuring lightning fast Matt Hickman and Dan Satterburg (who I didn’t have a photo of so tracked down one online in full Brat-attire from a previous BratTrat).
New Advisory Committee Members/Agencies in 2015 and Farewells

New members to the advisory committee for 2014-15:
- Chuck Ingram, Warden, Federal Detention Center at SeaTac
- J. Robert Wheeler, PhD, Forensic Psychology Consulting
- Steve Larsen, Chief of Administration, King County Juvenile and Adult Detention
- Runette Mitchell, Corrections Program Administrator, Community Corrections Division, King County Juvenile and Adult Detention
- Nancy Garcia, Project Program Manager III & Inmate Welfare Fund Manager, King County Juvenile and Adult Detention
- Colin Jones, Program Manager, King County Medical Examiner’s Office
- Jonathan (Zack) Gallar, Investigator, King County Medical Examiner’s Office
- Brialle Engelhart, Criminal Division Manager, Seattle City Attorney’s Office
- Chris Fowler, Captain, Seattle Police Department
- Laura Takacs, Clinical Director, Virginia Mason Separation and Loss
- Jim Bloss, Representative, National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI)

New faculty, student members to the advisory committee for 2015-16:
- Loreli Smith, President, Pi Delta/Seattle University Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma, National Criminal Justice Honor Society
- Nicole Argamosa, President, Seattle University Criminal Justice Club
- Joseph Singer, Undergraduate Representative, A&S Student Executive Council
- Jabril Hassan, 2015 Corr Scholarship Awardee
- Kdst Messelu, Social Media Graduate Assistant
- Raymond Cowles, Graduate Student Council Representative
- Megan LeCroy, Graduate Representative A&S Student Executive Council

Sad Goodbyes...Fanny Correa long-time adjunct faculty member and advisory member has left to move to Florida. Special Thanks to Fanny for the many years of contributions to our department as an active advisory committee member and faculty member teaching the victimology courses in our curriculum at the graduate and undergraduate levels. She will be missed®.