

# Seattle University Criminal Justice Advisory Committee 2017 Annual Report

## Advisory Committee Overview and Contributions

The Seattle University Criminal Justice Department Advisory Committee is in its 14<sup>th</sup> year. Our department's collaboration with this group of local, state, federal, and private criminal justice representatives has become a hallmark of our department. The committee contributes to our department through the development of collaborative initiatives including research, internships, practicum courses, continuing education, and public events. The committee informs our curriculum and ensures that we keep our students informed about the ways in which their academic work links to real-world criminal justice practice. The committee continues to grow now with over 100 members and 52 agencies.



#### ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER CONTRUBUTIONS

In 2016-17 advisory committee members:

- Collaborated with faculty and students on grants, research, service learning, conference presentations, and special events.
- Participated in Center for the Study of Crime and Justice initiatives.
- · Assisted with career nights for freshman advising
- Served as adjunct instructors and guest speakers
- Facilitated federal agency practicum courses
- Participated in CJ Club and Honor Society events
- Served as thesis committee members
- Mentored students



### SUMMARY OF LAST YEAR'S MEETING

In our 2016 meeting U.S. Probation and Pretrial Chief Connie Smith was awarded the *Innovation in Criminal Justice Education Award* for her work establishing a research unit employing graduate students as embedded researchers in US Probation and Pretrial Western District and we showcased collaborative research initiatives. In our mid-year meeting Pioneer Human Services VP Steve Woolworth presented on the upcoming ICCA Conference, and Matt Hickman and MACJ student Jessica Chandler presented on their American Society of Criminology conference.



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### Departmental Update





### **ENROLLMENT/STUDENT INTEREST**

For 2017-18 we begin the year with over 300 students including 203 undergraduate students, 107 graduate students, and 17 Crime Analysis Certificate students. As of Fall 2017, we have a total of 310 – almost a 15% increase in enrollment since 2016. In the undergraduate program, forensic psychology is the most popular specialization area (88 students – 70 BA and 18 BS) – 43% of all majors, followed by administration of justice with 44 students –-22% of all majors, forensic science (39 students – 13 BA and 26 BS) – 19% of all majors, and criminology (33 students) – 16% or all majors. Graduate program enrollment remains strong with 31 incoming students. The most popular program specializations in the graduate program are Investigative Criminology (48) –-47% of all graduate students and the MACJ (no specialization) (28) –-27% of all graduate students, with the remainder of the students in the Research and Evaluation (11)—11% of all graduate students, Victimology (10)—10% of all graduate



2017 Kelliher Awardees Emma Koehler and Mirium Woodruff and Corr Awardees Joseph Singer and Collin Porter

students, and MACJ/JD (6)—6% of all graduate students. The selected students graduate attending our program are from the local area and out of state and country. Our new students are graduates of Ball State University, Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, George Washington University, Mansfield University of Pennsylvania, Metropolitan State, Morehead State University, Morris College, Portland State University, Seattle University, University of Denver, University of Oregon, University of Washington-Seattle, The New School, Western Oregon University, and Western Washington University.

### STUDENT AWARDS

The undergraduate awards include the *Kelliher Award* for the highest GPA in the major and the *Corr Service & Ethics Award* named for CJ Department co-founder Eugene Corr, former Assistant Police Chief for the Seattle Police Department honors a graduating senior in the Criminal Justice Department undergraduate program who has made significant service and ethics contributions to the criminal justice system. The Kelliher awardees for 2017 were Emma Koehler (BA-Administration of Justice), (BA – Forensic Psychology) and Mirium Woodruff (BS – Forensic Psychology). The Corr Service & Ethics Award went to Joseph Singer (BA –Administration of Justice/BA-Humanities for Leadership) and Collin Porter (BA-Forensic Psychology).

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The 2017 *Corr Scholarship* goes to the incoming graduate student who honors CJ Department co-founder and former Seattle Police Department Assistant Chief Eugene Corr's vision to increase women and minorities in law enforcement. The 2017 Corr Scholarship was awarded to incoming MACJ student Malachi Dunbar. The Corr scholarship award is a one-time award of \$2,500.00. Malachi graduated from Seattle University in 2017 at which time he received his Bachelor of the Arts in Criminal Justice with a specialization in Forensic Psychology and a minor in General Psychology. He is currently in the MACJ program specializing in Investigative Criminology, where he hopes to take what he learns from this program as well as psychology and criminological theories into the area of the Department of Corrections and more specifically into the post-incarceration process of the system. He is currently an intern for the Department of Corrections at the Kent Field Office where he works within their Community Corrections Unit. His career goals include becoming a full time Community Corrections Officer as well as working within the Federal Bureau of Investigations in the future.

The 2017 Norm Maleng Academic Excellence and Citizenship Award went to Kidst Messelu. Kidst is a Sergeant in the National Guard and worked as the department's graduate marketing assistant. Kidst also is part of the research team examining the reentry trajectories of women coming out of the Washington Corrections Center for Women as part of the evaluation of Seattle Women's Reentry. Kidst is in the process of applying for a position with the State Department. 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 or 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. Kidst was presented the award by Judy Maleng, Norm's wife.



2017 Maleng Awardee Kidst Messelu with Judy Maleng

*Criminal Justice Fellowship* recipients for the 2017-2018 academic year are: Cassondra St. Cyr (KC Sheriff), Courtney Neufeld (WA DOC), Stephanie Jones (KC Superior Court), Kabrianna Tamura (Adler Forensic Psychiatry Associates), Heather Chesnut, Albina Laskovtsov, Colby Newbold, Quintellea Grant-Carr (Allied), Kaely Wickham, and Katlynn McDaniels.

The *Dr. Marylou Wyse Award* recipients granted by the Graduate Admissions Office provides \$2400 for two academic years for 2016-2017 are Malachi Dunbar, Amanda Welle, & Toni Martinez. Mohammad Alshammari & Albina Laskovtsov also received additional one-time awards.

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The Blume Criminal Justice Scholars Program was established in 2016 through a generous gift to our department from Ann and Bruce Blume to support advances in research and practice at the intersection of criminal justice and mental health. In the 2016-17 academic year, we awarded our first Blume Scholarships to two students - Ellary Collins, BACJ, Forensic Psychology and Brooke Bray, MACJ ) whose academic work, research, and/or service advances scholarship and practice at the intersection of criminal justice and mental health. The Blume Scholarship recipients receive a \$2500 award and serve as student members of our department's advisory committee for the academic year they receive the award. Ellary presented on her work as an intern with the Seattle Police Department CIT at the International Academy of Law and Mental Health Congress in Prague, Czech Republic in July 2017. Brooke worked as a research analyst with the

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2016 Blume CJ Scholar
Brooke Bray with Ann Blume

Seattle Police Micro-Community Policing Plans and completed the 40-hour CIT training at the Washington Criminal Justice Training Commission.



The 2017 Blume scholars are Rian Williams (Graduate Blume Scholar) and Connor Desing (Undergraduate Blume Scholar). Rian is a first-year MACJ student continuing education after recently completing a B.A. in Psychology and a secondary major in

criminal justice. Rian is a filmmaker, artist, and writer who loves to integrate criminal justice and psychological theories into art. Rian has managed mental illness for years and aims to use that experience to aid both educative and creative endeavors. After discovering a research interest in psychopathy, Rian continues to exam many facets of the topic through academic literature reviews and research papers. Many of these papers have focused on the merger of mental health and criminal justice issues regarding the diagnosis, treatment, and potential prevention of psychopathy. The 2017 undergraduate Blume Scholar is Connor Desing. Connor is a senior year interested in becoming an investigator. His work at the intersection of mental health and criminal justice has focused on mental health courts examining services for individuals who are homeless and have a mental illness.



2017 Blume CJ Scholar (MACJ) Rian Williams

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### STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A *snapshot* of student accomplishments this year:



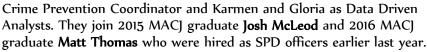


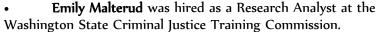
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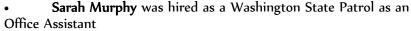
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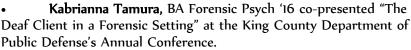
- Steven lenkins received his BACI Administration of Justice after 15 years and walked at the 2017 commencement! Steve's story of his struggle with cystic fibrosis, multiple lung transplants, and cancer was featured in the Seattle Times.
- BACJ 2017 graduates Katherine Rottman, Megan Johnson, and Brooke Fincken and 2017 MACI graduates lessica Chandler, were hired as officers with the Seattle Police Department. Katherine, Megan, Brooke, and Jessica are currently in the Basic Law

Enforcement Academy at WSCJTC. MACJ 2017 graduates Karmen Schuur, Jennifer Burbridge, and Gloria Lara were hired by the Seattle Police Department -- Jennifer as the Southwest Precinct

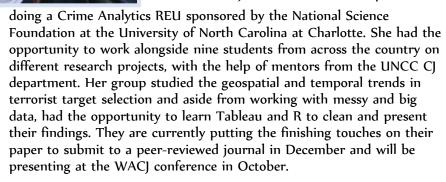








Undergraduate Sophie Jenkins will present at the Western Association of Criminal Justice Conference in Spokane. She spent 10 weeks during the summer



- Candace McCoy was hired as an officer with the Federal Bureau of Prisons.
- MAC] 2017 graduate Karolyn Kukoski was hired as an Ombudsperson at the Special Commitment Center at McNeil Island.
- BACJ graduate and 2017 Blume Scholar Ellary Collins was hired as a Juvenile Rehabilitation Residential Counselor.









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 MACJ graduate 2016 Grace Goodwin was hired as a Global Intelligence and Security Risk Analyst for Starbucks

• 2017 MACJ graduates **Raymond Cowles** and **Katie Sullivan** were hired as research analysts with US Probation and Pretrial Services and student **Autumn Murtagh** was hired as a location

monitor.

• 2017 MACJ graduate **Caitie Healing** was hired as a Crime Analyst for Pinkerton.



#### FACULTY/STUDENT/ADVISORYCOMMITTEE/AGENCY/ALUMNI COLLABORATION:

In 2016-17 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 we worked on this year:

 Faculty, students, alumni, and CJ partners presented at national conferences including the American Society of Criminology, Western Society of Criminology, and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. An especially large group attended the 2017 WSC conference in Las Vegas.

• A group of 14 students, faculty, and alumni presented papers at the International Academy of Law and Mental Health

Congress in Prague, Czech Republic.





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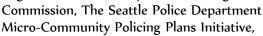
#### CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF CRIME AND JUSTICE

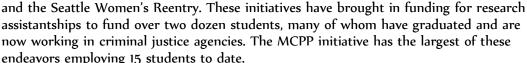
• In 2016-17 we held a series of events on Policing and Protest in the United States featuring a summer informal dialogue headed up by CJ Advisory committee member Kelvin Crenshaw, a fall panel discussion featuring NAACP NW President Gerald Hankerson, Not This Time Director Andre Taylor, Seattle City Counsel's Kshama Sawant, University of Washington Chief John Vinson, University of Washington Assistant Chief Lex Liggins, Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission's Rex



Caldwell, Seattle Police Department Assistant Chief Perry Tarrant, Seattle Police Crime Prevention Coordinator Felicia Davis, Department of Corrections Cynthia Softli, and Seattle University Criminal Justice faculty Matt Hickman, Steve Rice, and Al O'Brien, and Seattle University Ministry Jimmy McCarty, and SU Department of Psychology Adjunct Professor Jorge Reyes Alverez del-Castillo and a winter showing of the film Do Not Resist followed by a discussion panel facilitated by SUCJ Adjunct faculty Carmen Rivera featuring panelists Andre Taylor, and SUCJ Advisory member SPD's Brian Stampfl.

- In the spring we continued our tradition of offering a spring oneday continuing education event featuring Dr. Lorie Fridell who conducted an all-day training on "Fair and Impartial Criminal Justice Practice." It was an excellent turn-out of criminal justice professionals, faculty, staff, students, and the public.
- In 2016-17 we continued collaborative grant-funded research projects with the Washington State Criminal Justice Training





• Seattle was selected as a site for the John Jay College of Criminal Justice Misdemeanor Justice Network. Drs. Helfgott and Parkin are heading this up which has brought funding for undergraduate and graduate student research assistantships.







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#### FACULTY/STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

We begin 2017 with seven full-time tenure track faculty members and 20 adjunct faculty members. A warm welcome new adjunct faculty joining us this year Chris Fisher from the Seattle Police Department and Alum and Advisory Committee member Jonathan "Zack" Gallar from the King County Medical Examiner's Office who will be co-teaching the CRJS 4650-5650 Medico-legal Death Investigation course with Washington State Patrol's Bev Himick. We have a new location for the skeletons buried for the course. Special thanks to Zack and Bev and family for leading the grave-digging effort, and to Jonathan Bechtol and Al O'Brien for helping out! We also bid farewell and good luck to our outgoing administrative staff Kate Reynolds and Devin Mackrell who have served our department for many years and welcome our new administrative staff Jonathan Bechtol as a full-time administrative assistant and Andrew Gutzmer as our new part-time Program Coordinator.



#### **FACULTY PUBLICATIONS**

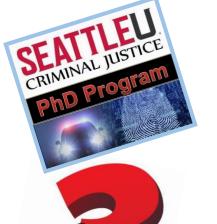
Our full-time tenure track faculty continue to be active scholars in criminology and criminal justice. This year we are celebrating Elaine Gunnison's new book *Community Corrections* hot off the press in 2017 (her second book in two years!) and lots of other faculty publications – too many to list!



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### Other News!



- The PhDCJ Program Proposal was approved by the College of Arts & Sciences curriculum committee late Spring 2017. Unfortunately, we do not know if or when it will move forward. Thank you to all advisory committee members for the letter of support!
- We plan to propose a new BA/MAC joint degree program in the fall.
- We welcome new tiny members of our department! Congrats to Drs.Will Parkin
  and Stacey Cecchet and MACJ students Obalvanna Chi and Michelle Newton on
  the new additions to their families and in our classrooms. Little Chi attended as
  an extra student in Chief O'Toole's Issues in Contemporary Law Enforcement
  course!
- Congrats to MACJ student Kidst Messelu and CJ Dept Photographer James Dennis
  who got married in 2016-17 and also to MACJ student Tia Squires who also tied
  the knot in the middle of very busy workloads impressive!
- Al O'Brien continues to win races in his age category and John Vinson is running marathons all over the world!



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## New Advisory Committee Members/Agencies in 2017 and Farewells

#### Farewell and Good Luck and THANK YOU!

Carolyn Woodbury, FBI? Nakia Ray, FBI? Doug Dawson, ATF

### New members to the advisory committee for 2017-18:

lay Tabb, FBI

Ed Holmes, Chief, Mercer Island Police Department

Deborah Jacobs, Director, Office of Law Enforcement Oversight

Patricia Scully, Public Defender Association

Chris Fisher, Seattle Police Department

Jennifer Burbridge, Seattle Police Department

Jeff Sass, Washington State Patrol

Andrea Giuffre, President, Seattle University Criminal Justice Club

Tia Squires, Co-President, Pi Delta/Seattle University Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma, Criminal Justice Honor Society

Paige Treff, President, Seattle University Criminal Justice Club; Undergraduate Representative, A&S Student Executive Council

Puao Savusa, Graduate Representative A&S Graduate Student Council

Malachi Dunbar, Corr Scholar 2017-18

Cherilyn (Rian) Williams, Blume Criminal Justice Scholar (Graduate) 2017-18

Connor Desing, Blume Criminal Justice Scholar (Undergraduate) 2017-18

#### SU CJ Faculty

- 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

- Stacy Cecchet, PhD, Forensic Psychologist
- Darlene Conley, PhD; Sociologist-Criminologist/Ethnographer
- Colleen Cummings, PhD, Anthropologist
- **Debi Dorfsman, JD**, Supervisory Intelligence Analyst, FBI
- Jonathan "Zack" Gallar, Medicolegal Death Investigator, King County Medical Examiner's Office
- Tag Gleason, MA, JD; Captain, Seattle Police Department
- Virginia Gleason, JD.; Strategic Advisor, Seattle Police Department
- Bonnie Glenn, JD, Washington State Office of Administrative Hearings





- Chris Fisher, PhD, Strategic Advisor, Seattle Police Department
- Chris Fowler, MA, Captain, Seattle Police Department
- Bev Himick, PhD; Forensic Scientist/DNA Unit Supervisor, WA State Patrol Crime Lab
- Collen Ingalls, MA, Victim Support Services
- Trisha King-Stargel, EdD, King County Sheriff's Office
- 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
- Henry Richards, PhD; Superintendent, Special Commitment Center, WA State Dept. of Social & Health Services (Ret.)
- Carmen Rivera, MSc, Echo Glen, WA State Dept. of Social & Health Services
- John Vinson, PhD, Chief, University of Washington Police



## **NEXT MEETINGS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Mid-Year Meeting -- January 19, 2017 8-10am, Casey Commons 2018 Annual Luncheon -- September 28, 2017, STN 160

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