



A Word from the Chair

There are some new leadership roles for faculty in our department this year. First and foremost, our intrepid Department Chair for the past 16 years, Dr. Jacqueline Helfgott, is taking on a new role as the inaugural Director of our Criminal Justice Research Center (CJRC). I'll be taking over as Department Chair for the next three years. Jackie and I agreed to divide up some of the previous Chair duties, so she will be taking some of those duties into her new role such as coordinating our outreach efforts and working with our external CJ Advisory Board. Funny thing – when we were done I realized she took all the “fun” things and left me with the budget and personnel stuff. Rookie mistake. Dr. Elaine Gunnison has returned from a one-year sabbatical and is back as Graduate Director.



I have some big shoes to fill. Jackie did a tremendous job growing our criminal justice program from essentially a two-person show with 55 undergraduate students that, for a time, was administratively housed within another department in the late 1990's, to a stand-alone department with seven full-time tenured faculty, 300 undergraduate and graduate students, and now a research center. Over those 15 years we also added a Master's program, a certificate program, some online courses, and too much else to list. I'll do my best to live up to the high bar set by Jackie.

Some things to look forward to: We have two new programs that should come online in the next couple years. In both cases, we are responding to the rising cost of higher education by trying to create some packages or ladders to higher degrees that come in at lower total cost and less time. Our first program is a new 5-year BA/MA program (we call it the “4+1”). Highly qualified students admitted to this program will be able to complete their BA and MA in criminal justice in five years (rather than the more typical six years) by taking MA-level classes during their Senior year which will count toward completion of their BA degree. They finish their MA degree in the 5th year.

Second, we have a new 6-year BA/JD program (we call it the “3+3”). Highly qualified students admitted to this program will be able to complete their BA in criminal justice and their JD degree in six years (rather than the more typical seven years) by taking law school courses during their Senior year which will count toward completion of their BA degree. They finish their JD degree in the 5th and 6th years.

I only have a limited amount of space, so these are the things I've chosen to highlight. I'm looking forward to serving as Chair and building on the strong foundation Jackie has created.

Matt Hickman

Chair, Criminal Justice

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Events & Conferences



A Higher Loyalty - James Comey

Earlier this spring, Seattle University Criminal Justice students, staff, and faculty welcomed former FBI Director James Comey to campus to discuss his new book and his thoughts on loyalty, mindful leadership, and the role of humor throughout his life.

Continuing Education - Social Media & Crime

In June, SUCJ hosted a continuing education event concerning social media, performance crime, and how law enforcement is adapting to the current role social media plays in our lives. Our featured speakers Dr. Mary Ellen O'Toole (seen right) and Dr. Ray Surette offered their expertise in this field and addressed an audience of CJ students, faculty from SU and UW and other professionals in both law enforcement and education.



Copycat Crime Research-a-thon

CJ students, directed by faculty worked on an all day marathon of research and data-mining on copycat crimes to offer a better understanding to scholars for years to come. Students' hard work was broken up throughout the day by guest speakers from various aspects of criminology, sociology, and law enforcement.

Commencement 2018

Congratulations to all graduates - Class of 2018!

Each year, commencement marks the end of tremendous accomplishments amongst our students as they head towards their careers and futures. This year we honored distinguished grads (right) who this year completed various degrees in this exciting field. From left to right: **Gillian Knapp** and **Destinee Ripperger** - Kelliher Awardees - BA Summa Cum Laude and BS Magna Cum Laude respectively, **Nadine Guyo** - Corr Service and Ethics Awardee - BS Cum Laude, and **Paige Treff**, double BA in Psychology and Criminal Justice Summa Cum Laude.

Good Luck to all CJ Grads!



Spotlight CJ Students



Shannon Ro (left)

Shannon is an alum of our Masters program and an Officer with the Lynnwood Police Department.

This June she graduated from the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission's Basic Law Enforcement Academy. Congratulations, Shannon!



Autumn Murtagh (above)

Autumn graduated with a MACJ specialization in Investigative Criminology in June 2018. After working for a year at the U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services as a Probation/Pretrial Services Technician, Autumn was hired as a United States Probation Officer and was sworn in in August 2018. Special thanks to SUCJ Advisory Committee Member and U.S. Probation & Pretrial Services Chief, Connie Smith (pictured here), for her mentorship to Autumn and other SUCJ students and for providing Autumn with this opportunity.

Emily Stefhon (right)

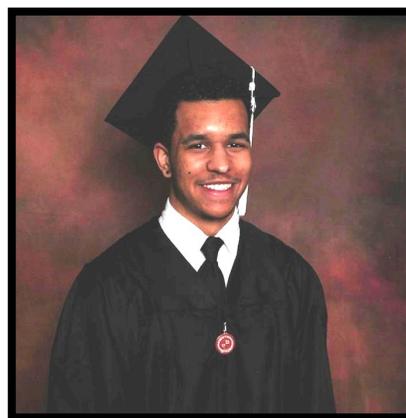
Current CJ undergrad Emily Stefhon has begun working with the IF Project as an Administrative Assistant. The IF Project works with law enforcement and currently and previously incarcerated individuals to produce media geared towards reducing incarceration and recidivism throughout the country. Congratulations, Emily! Learn more about the IF Project at:

theifproject.com



Susan Nembhard

Susan graduated with an MACJ specialization in Victimology in June 2018. While in the MACJ program, Susan served as Research Analyst on the Seattle Police Department Micro-Community Policing Plans (MCPP) initiative. Upon graduation, she was hired as an investigator with the Office of Police Complaints in Washington D.C.



Malachi Dunbar

MACJ Grad and 2017 Corr Scholar, Malachi Dunbar, recently accepted an offer from the Department of Corrections at the West Seattle Field Unit for a position as a Community Corrections Officer. Congratulations, Malachi!

CRIME & JUSTICE RESEARCH CENTER



The Seattle University Department of Criminal Justice **Crime & Justice Research Center (CJRC)** was established in 2012 to expand the SU Department of Criminal Justice's research, continuing education, public-criminal justice agency engagement, and collaborative partnerships. The mission of the CJRC is to support research, training, and public education on crime and justice issues, recognizing that crime and its response is a community issue that requires evidenced-based practices developed through collaborative engagement.

In 2018, after serving since 2002 as Director/Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice, **Dr. Jacqueline Helfgott** will take on a new administrative role as the **Director of the Crime & Justice Research Center**. This new role will enable the SU Department of Criminal Justice to maintain and expand their focus on research, training, and connections with criminal justice agencies and the public.



Message from Dr. Jacqueline Helfgott *Director, Crime and Justice Research Center*

Hello! I am excited to have the opportunity to serve as our department's inaugural Director of the Crime & Justice Research Center. Since 2012, our research center has supported collaborative research, continuing education, public forums, and executive leadership training on a broad range of crime & justice topics, including mental health and crisis intervention, prisoner reentry, criminal justice ethics, cultural competency, neuroscience of crime, threat management, sex-offender risk assessment, innocence exoneration, race/ethnicity and justice, social media and crime, and other topics.

A primary function of the CJRC is to support ongoing collaborative academic-agency research partnerships that advance evidence-based practice in criminology and criminal justice. CJRC initiatives are externally funded through grants and donor funds that provide paid research assistantships, networking, and training opportunities for students. Past and current projects have been funded by local, state, and federal organizations including the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), the Seattle Police Foundation, the Washington State Legislature, the City of Seattle, the Seattle Housing Authority, the Laura and John Arnold Foundation, the Open Society Foundation, and through private donors.

Advancing the Field of Criminal Justice

CRIME & JUSTICE RESEARCH CENTER

Examples of past and current research initiatives include:

- Seattle Police Department Micro-Community Policing Plans
- Research Network on Misdemeanor Justice
- Seattle Women's Reentry Initiative Evaluation
- Analysis of the Economic Costs of the Death Penalty in Washington State
- Seattle Housing Authority Yesler Terrace Public Safety Assessment
- Seattle Police Department Crisis Intervention Team Culture Survey
- Force Analysis Initiative
- Research-a-thons on Homicide and Copycat Crime

One of the most exciting things about the CJRC is that the center complements our department's academic mission through initiatives that offer SUCJ students opportunities to be involved in research projects that take them beyond the classroom and academic curriculum. CJRC initiatives result in published technical reports, regional, national, and international academic presentations, and publications that involve collaborative partnerships



that benefit criminal justice agencies and the community.



Involvement in CJRC initiatives provide students with hands-on experience conducting research and training in public education and service on topics that are timely, important, and that matter on local, national, and international levels. Students who have participated in agency initiatives and events have used them to obtain applied research experience with criminal justice agencies and have been successful in securing

highly competitive positions in criminal justice agencies, research agencies, and doctoral programs. Through the CJRC, students will expand their professional skillset and networks while providing a service to criminal justice agencies and to the community.



Misdemeanor Justice Network

CJ Faculty **Dr. Will Parkin, Dr. Christopher Fisher, and Dr. Jacqueline Helfgott** (from left to right) met again this year with the Misdemeanor Justice Network in New York City as representatives of the Seattle site. Their research and the network collects data on misdemeanor response by law enforcement to improve overall response throughout the country.

Dr. Fisher, in addition to being a member of our adjunct faculty and advisory board is a Strategic Advisor to the Seattle Police Department.

More information at: misdemeanorjustice.org/

Changing of the Guard



Managing Editor

Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society

Andrea Giuffre (left) who graduated this year is off to pursue her doctorate in Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Missouri St Louis. We are thrilled to welcome current MACJ student **Kabrianna Tamura** (right) as the new managing editor of our journal, the August 2018 issue of which was just recently released!

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Graduate Social Media & Marketing Assistant

Kidst Messelu (left), who left for Washington D.C. to begin training with the State Department for a diplomatic future in the Foreign Service, has been our Graduate Social Media Marketing Assistant for several years. Thank you for all of your help! We are excited to welcome **Kerry Burke** (right) to this role. Kerry is obtaining her Masters of Social Work from Seattle U and will begin her second year this fall. Previously, Kerry had a career in non-profit development and worked on fundraising and marketing campaigns with local healthcare and human services organizations.



Program Coordinator

Andrew Gutzmer (left) accepted a new position with the Washington State Attorney General as a Program Specialist in Public Records and Constituent Outreach after a year with Seattle University as the MACJ Program Coordinator. **Haily Perkins** (right) joins our department as our new Program Coordinator. Haily is a doctoral student at the University of Washington Law School and a 2016 graduate of the SU MACJ program. We are excited to have Haily join our faculty and staff!

Upcoming Events

Continuing Education Event:

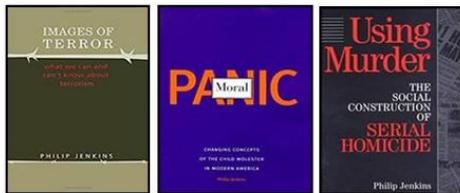
MORAL PANIC



Join us for an in-depth look at how fear, panic, and group mentality impact Criminal Justice and our sociological understanding of the world around us with our featured speaker:

Philip Jenkins, PhD

Dr. Jenkins is a distinguished Professor of History at Baylor University, author of 24 books including work on crime, history, and religion. Notable publications include: *Images of Terror*, *Moral Panic*, and *Using Murder*.



May 10 - 9am to 5pm

Seattle University Lemieux Library - Boeing Room

Cost of admission includes parking, breakfast and lunch, professional development with our featured speaker, and a certificate of completion of continuing education hours.

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: Register by 12/15/18

\$10 - Students | \$25 - Alumni & SU Affiliates |
\$50 - General Public

After 12/15/18:

\$25 - Students | \$50 - Alumni & SU Affiliates |
\$75 - General Public

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Registration covers the costs of the event and any additional proceeds benefit the SU Crime & Justice Research Center to support student research.