CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENT

Cultural Competency in Criminal Justice

Date/time: May 4, 2012  8:30am - 5:00pm
Location: The Commons, Casey Bldg

The program will feature panels on a range of topics including cultural competency, power, privilege and oppression. Additionally, this program will provide specific information on various groups such as the LGBTQ community, refugee community, and immigrant community. The panels will highlight presentations and discussions by professionals involved in the previously mentioned topic areas. Panel presenters include the following speakers from New Futures: Laura Garcia, Dana Boales, Mario Paredes, and Lorenzo Cervantes.

To register for this continuing education event and earn continuing education credits, please contact Kate Reynolds at (206) 296-5470 or reynoldk@seattleu.edu.

Qualitative Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice

CRJS 512: WINTER 2012

The seminar is designed to expose students to the major qualitative research methods (e.g., ethnographic, intensive interview, unobtrusive methods) and for students to apply these skills within a service learning context. In past sessions of the course, students worked collaboratively with the SPD and with the Belltown Community Council to better understand the potential for crime and criminality within the City's planned Belltown Park Boulevard, 17,000 square feet of park space which will pierce through an area long known for open air narcotics sales. Student projects focused on topics such as crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED), fear of crime, and crime and nightlife. In support of the service learning component, students also explored the problems, issues, and outcomes of influential published scholarship. Don't miss the chance to take this applied and fascinating course from Professor Rice in Winter 2012!!
Welcome back to all of our returning MACJ students and welcome to the MACJ program to all the new students! This year promises to be jam packed full of exciting academic opportunities sponsored by the Criminal Justice Department including continuing education events and practicums. We hope to see you at these events.

On another front, the Criminal Justice Department is hiring two new faculty members. You will be invited to attend various meetings (e.g., teaching and research presentations, meet and greet opportunities) with the candidates. Please make every effort to attend these meetings as the department values student input on all aspects on your interactions with the candidates.

Please be sure to carefully examine the dates for upcoming conferences on page 1. The Criminal Justice Department strongly encourages you to present/attend conferences as part of your education at SU. Attending conferences allows you to stay abreast of the current research and issues in discipline as well as affording you the opportunity to build a strong set of networks. There is a small travel stipend that you can apply for to help you attend. Please contact Devin for an application.

For all the new MACJ students, as Graduate Director of the MACJ program, I am always available to meet with you if you need advising in the form of course selection or career advice. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

If you have any contributions that you would like to make to the MACJ newsletter or have ideas about features for upcoming editions, please send them to me at gunnisone@seattleu.edu or Devin at mackrell@seattleu.edu.

Lyndsy Dailey: Well-Rounded Scholar

Many people learn early on in their lives what drives them. They are able to pursue their dreams, dovetailing their goals and their education. However, when you're Lyndsy Dailey, and your passion is people, just people, it's a bit more challenging to draw up an educational plan. This probably explains why 26 years after beginning school, Lyndsy is still going.

Lyndsy began her higher education at the University of Florida (Go Gators!) in 1999, majoring in business. Learning very quickly that she and numbers didn't mix, she switched to journalism. Then to psychology. And finally, to political science. Like any good political science major, she pursued a legal education, initially at Michigan State University. The cold weather and ridiculous snow drove her west, to Seattle University, where she obtained her law degree in 2007.

After graduating from law school, she began working at the King County Prosecutor's office, working on a capital murder case. While at the prosecutor's office, she also spent time working in Drug Diversion Court. A world away from a capital murder case, Drug Diversion Court and Judge Wesley St. Clair opened her eyes to a whole new way of looking at crime and those who perpetrate it. Realizing her legal education did not satisfy all of her curiosity, and knowing what a great school SU is, she applied to the MACJ program and began her studies in 2008.

The capital case came to a close in May 2010 and Lyndsy began working in the private sector in loss prevention shortly after. Her certificate in crime analysis has come in handy on more than one occasion, and she foresees its continued use going forward. She also hopes to teach classes upon completion of her master's degree.

In her spare time, Lyndsy enjoys long walks around Green Lake, reading, photography, movies, and spending time with her friends.

DID YOU KNOW?

As a graduate student you are eligible to join Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honors Society. Once you have completed four graduate courses and earned a G.P.A. of 3.4 or higher, you are eligible to join. There are many benefits to joining including the opportunity to apply for scholarships, attend conferences, and your membership meets one of the requirements for entrance at the GS-7 level in the Federal Services. For more information, visit their website at: www.alphaphisigma.org or contact Dr. Alexander, Faculty Advisor for the chapter, Pi Delta, at Seattle University.
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Sasha Powers, ’10

Sasha grew up in a military family that bounced around until she ended up in a small town in Northeast Arkansas. She received her Bachelor’s in Psychology from Arkansas State University. She completed a minor in French at the Université de Cergy-Pontoise in a suburb outside of Paris. She moved to Seattle three years ago and started the criminal justice program shortly thereafter. She was looking for a program that would provide a solid theoretical foundation with practical real world experience. Seattle University not only provided the opportunity to work with practicing professionals but also taught critical skills in research and field work.

These skills have proven to be invaluable to her current position at the Society of Counsel where she has been the felony legal assistant for three years. Each day she meets with people accused of felonies and helps them navigate their paths through the justice system. The clients are persons accused of crimes ranging from drug and property crimes to very violent offenses. She works to obtain mental health information for mitigation purposes and aid the attorneys in trial preparation. While in the future she hopes to secure a position in federal law enforcement, this position has been invaluable in giving her a firsthand look in the Criminal Justice system.

In her free time, she sings opera with the Music Center of the Northwest and has taken up running. She competed in her first 5k in June. She also spends time with the great friends she made while in the program.

FACULTY PROFILE

Dr. Peter Collins, Ph.D.

Dr. Collins joined our faculty as an assistant professor this Fall. He received his Ph.D. in criminal justice from Washington State University, Spring 2011, with specializations in corrections, cost-benefit and evaluation research, and criminal law and criminal justice organizations. His research goals include gaining a better understanding of criminal rehabilitation through treatment, substance abuse issues, community corrections and criminal reentry, the intersection of criminological theory and public policy analysis, and criminology within the context of popular culture. His research has been published in The Journal of Criminal Justice, The Journal of Offender Rehabilitation, Criminal Justice Studies, Western Criminology Review, Police Quarterly, ACJS Today, The Encyclopedia of the United States Constitution, and Oxford University Press, among others. He is currently working on a book entitled “Crime, Justice, and Politics in the City as seen through The Wire,” which is scheduled for publication by Carolina Academic Press in 2012. His recent research employed cost-benefit methods to estimate the economic costs and benefits associated with the provision of substance abuse treatment in Idaho. To lend context to the cost-benefit findings, his research utilized theoretical concepts from the fields of public policy and criminal justice/criminology. Specifically, his study detailed the impact that the network, collaborative capacity, and wicked problem concepts have on the criminal justice and treatment fields. He will be presenting his research titled “Substance Abuse is a Wicked Problem: The Collaborative Capacity, Social Support & Cost-Benefit Nexus” in September at the European Society of Criminology annual conference, to be held in Vilnius, Lithuania. He spends a great deal of his free time with his wife Sancheen, and their two young children, Kaiya (3) and Lucas (newborn). He greatly enjoys fishing, all types of music — along with playing a variety of musical instruments, art, the ocean and the great outdoors.
**Student News**

**MEGAN YERXA** will present a paper entitled, “Assessing a Risk-Based Model to Target Residential Burglary” at the upcoming ASC Conference in November in Washington, D.C.

**LYNN SLAUGHTER** held an internship position with Dr. Geoff Loftus from the University of Washington. Her work included organizing and analyzing discovery materials in preparation for testimony regarding eyewitness reliability. She gained valuable insight on the issues affecting eyewitness testimony and enjoyed engaging in discussions on the difference between accuracy and reliability as it plays out in a court case.

**MATT WILLMS** thesis entitled, *Ethnography of the Deviant Aesthetic and the Carnivalesque in Rollergirls, Rockers and Burlesque: Implications for Assessing Risk, Criminality and Criminogenic Spaces in Late Modernity* includes research on the topic of the roller derby.

**BRITTANY MILLER** and **NICOLE GRABLER** each got married in September 2011.

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If you have recently graduated or if it has been some time and you have been thinking about possibly pursuing graduate study in criminal justice, the time is NOW to jump off the fence! The department has possibilities for partial funding/fellowships. Please contact Devin MacKrell, the Graduate Administrative Assistant, at mackrell@seattleu.edu or the Graduate Director, Elaine Gunnison, at gunnisone@seattleu.edu to find out more!