Aloha! Many of the faculty and several of the students recently attended the Western Society of Criminology Conference in Honolulu, HI. WSC was a great opportunity to learn about research being conducted by other faculty and students at universities across the nation. The department strongly encourages you to present/attend conferences as part of your education at SU. We offer a small travel award that can assist in your efforts to travel to conferences. Feel free to contact Devin for the application. Also, in this issue you will learn about several students who have recently presented at conferences or on behalf of the department.

Be sure to join us on Facebook! I really want to get our page active with lively discussions and information about job opportunities. Please join and share your thoughts about any CJ issue or offer information/advice that could assist both current and former students. Finally, all new MACJ students should have made advising appointments with me. If you have not done so, be sure to make your appointment before Spring quarter begins.

Seattle University Criminal Justice Department Continuing Education Program Series -- Offender Reentry -- A Success!

Friday, March 5th, 2010, the Criminal Justice Department welcomed CJ practitioners, students, alumni, former offenders, faculty and staff to a continuing education program featuring panels on a range of topics related to offender reentry. The program was an all-day event and included faculty research, programmatic overviews of local offender reentry programs, and presentations by / discussions with former offenders who have made the transition from prison to community life.

Our panels featured faculty from Seattle University, the University of Washington, Washington State Department of Corrections, King Co. Mental Health, United States Probation, and Interaction Transition. Individuals were in attendance from King Co. Adult & Juvenile Detention, The Federal Defender, The Defender Assoc., as well as a nice mix of current undergraduate and graduate students and alumni.

This event was the first in a series of continuing education programs we will be offering on a range of criminal justice topics. All proceeds benefited Interaction Transition and the SU Criminal Justice Department Scholarship fund.

Contributions to the newsletter or feature ideas for upcoming editions can be sent to gunnisone@seattleu.edu or mackrell@seattleu.edu.
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Jacqueline Helfgott is the Chair of the Criminal Justice Department at Seattle University. She received her PhD and MA in Administration of Justice from Penn State in 1992 and BA from the UW in 1988 in Psychology and Society & Justice. Her research interests include psychopathy, institutional and community corrections, prisoner reentry, and restorative justice.

Her work has been published in numerous journals such as the Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology, Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice, Federal Probation, and Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice. She has been involved in research and service in correctional settings since 1987. In 1997-2000 she acted as principal investigator on two grants from the Open Society Institute’s Center on Crime, Communities and Culture that involved development, implementation, and evaluation of “Citizens, Victims, and Offenders Restoring Justice” (CVORJ), a prison-based encounter program at the WA State Reformatory that has since been replicated in prisons around the country. She’s currently working on a book with Sage Publications -- No Remorse: Psychopathy and Criminal Justice.

Dr. Helfgott serves on the Board of Directors of Interaction Transition (an ex-offender house in central Seattle) and Virginia Mason Separation and Loss and previously on the Advisory Board for the WA State DSHS SCC. When not working, Dr. Helfgott’s time is spent with her daughter, at step aerobics, or training for a marathon.

George Davisson has been a patrol officer in the Seattle Police Dept for over nine years, the last two of which he’s averaged 3-4 hours of sleep a night --thanks to long hours of study and the arrival of his son Breckin (a pic of whom graced the very first issue of the CJ Blotter!) Perseverence paid off and George earned his Criminal Justice Master’s Degree with a focus in Investigative Criminology from Seattle University in 2009.

Several years prior, wanting to better himself and improve his career potential, George spoke with fellow SPD officer, James Kim, who was pursuing a Masters at SU. George’s wife, Christi was supportive of his plan to continue his education, even attending a monthly information session in his stead when George had to work.

George lists Ethics & Decision-making, Advanced Criminological Theory, and Investigative Criminology among his favorite classes at SU. He was shocked to discover he enjoyed Statistics and Research Methods, thanks mainly to the enthusiasm of Dr. Hickman. Along with cooking, golfing, attending Seahawks games, and spending time with family, George loves to travel. He and his family spent 3 weeks of 2009 in Ireland and have plans to visit places such as Hawaii, D.C., Peru and Portugal before the end of 2011. George’s current aspirations for SPD are to join a pro-active unit like the Anti Crime Team or a detective position in Narcotics or the Major Crimes Task force.
ON THE LAM (CURRENT STUDENTS)

Student Presentations & Research

Several of our MACJ Students presented their research at various conferences and gatherings this past year.

Molly Mee -
Presentation Title-- On the Intergenerational Transmission of Drug Sales and Use: An Ethnographic Exploration of Seattle’s Pike-Belltown Corridor
Date: 9/10/09
Location: MACJ New Student Orientation at SU

Sasha Powers -
Presentation Title-- Service Learning: Organizational Analysis of the US Marshals Service, Western District of WA
Date: 9/25/09
Location: Criminal Justice Advisory Board Meeting at SU

Matt Willms -
Presentation Title-- The Mask: Deviance and Allusion among the Seattle Belltown Elite
Conference: International Crime, Media & Popular Culture Series Studies Conference
Date: 10/6/09
Location: Indiana State University (Terre Haute, IN)

Molly Mee (2008 cohort)

Sarah Lindahl (pictured above) of the 2007 cohort and Matt Willms, cohort 2008, have been assisting Alumna Elizabeth Neidhart in her study of sex offender risk assessment in WA State. Read more about this ongoing study in Vol. 1, Issue 1 of the CJ Blotter, available on the MACJ website.

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