

CRIME & JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, September 25, 2026

11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. | Campion Ballroom

A NEW CHAPTER

Crime & Justice Research Center Becomes a University-Wide Center



The 2025–26 academic year marked an important new chapter for the Seattle University Crime & Justice Research Center.

The Center transitioned to the Office of the Provost as a university-wide center—expanding opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration and strengthening connections between Seattle University and community partners.

Research • Education • Student Engagement • Community Partnership

The Crime & Justice Advisory Committee remains central to this work.

2025–26 AT A GLANCE

Research • Partnership • Engagement

195
Advisory Committee Members

83
External Agencies & Organizations

15
Student Research Analysts

6
Externally Funded Collaborative Projects

12
CJRC Events & Experiential Opportunities

6
Applied Research Reports

25
Agencies at the Annual Career Fair

6
Countries Represented at Continuing Education

$300K+
External Research & Program Funding

$28K+
Gifts & Donor Support



COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

Student • Faculty • Agency • Community-Engaged Research





Six externally funded collaborative research and evaluation projects in collaboration with the Seattle Police Department and the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods involving Seattle University faculty and student research analysts with public agencies, community organizations, practitioners, and residents.





- Micro-Community Policing Plans & Seattle Public Safety Survey
- MCPP Community-Police Dialogues
- Before the Badge Community-Police Dialogues

- Before the Badge Longitudinal Evaluation
- MCPP Little Saigon Evaluation
- Rainier Beach: A Beautiful Safe Place for Youth Evaluation



Actionable findings • experiential learning • sustained community partnership

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY PRISON EDUCATION FOR REHABILITATION AND REENTRY (SUPERR)





SU RED TALK LAUNCHES SUPERR

In February 2026, Jacqueline Helfgott presented Seattle University's Winter Red Talk, "How Prison Education Restores Justice," publicly launching the SU-PERR initiative. The presentation traced decades of prison engagement connecting the SU and prison communities.

FEATURED IN SU NEWS & MEDIA

- SU News (2026) *Restorative Justice*
- Red Talk (2026) *How Prison Education Restores Justice*: Full Talk | Short Overview
- KOMO News (2012) *Restorative Justice Behind Bars at WSR* — planned for relaunch through SU-PERR at MCC–TRU in summer 2027

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY JOINS JPEN

SU-PERR is a Crime & Justice Research Center initiative to establish a BA/BS degree program in Social and Behavioral Sciences at the Monroe Correctional Complex–Twin Rivers Unit. Supported by a $39,000 Raskob Foundation grant, the faculty team conducted a yearlong feasibility study on developing the program and expanding prison education in Washington State. As part of this work, Seattle University became the first Jesuit university in the West to join the Jesuit Prison Education Network (JPEN). JPEN Coordinator Fr. Tom Curran later visited SU and met with the Washington State Department of Corrections education staff and SU faculty, staff, and students.





EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PRACTICUMS

CONCRETE CONVERSATIONS: A JOURNEY INTO PRISON LIFE

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM
Dialogue • Prison Visits • Lived Experience

Concrete Conversations: A Journey into Prison Life is a Crime & Justice Research Center experiential learning practicum that brings together Seattle University students and incarcerated individuals through classroom preparation, facilitated dialogue and visits to the Monroe Correctional Complex and *The IF Project* We Thrive Center, bringing together incarcerated and non-incarcerated communities while providing opportunities to learn about volunteer and career pathways with WA DOC. The 2026 practicum features Rachel Kjack and Anthony Covert of the *Concrete Mama Podcast*.

RESTORATIVE DIALOGUE IN ACTION
Students • Police • Conversation • Change

Restorative Community-Police Dialogue Circles bring Seattle University students and Seattle Police personnel together in facilitated restorative dialogue to share experiences, build relationships and trust, and develop tangible ideas for change. Through conversation in a non-confrontational setting, students and police explore perspectives on policing, community, public safety, and opportunities for systemic change. The practicum provides students with a distinctive opportunity to engage directly with Seattle Police personnel while applying restorative dialogue principles in practice.







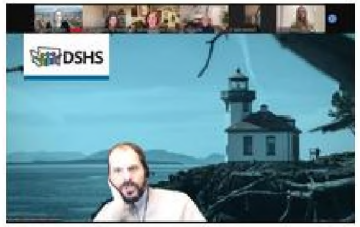
EVENTS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Distinguished Lectures • Career Development • Continuing Education

















2025–26 HIGHLIGHTS

- Dr. Adrian Raine Distinguished Lecture
- Dr. Valerie Jenness — Policing the Rainbow
- Concrete Mama Screening & Discussion
- Careers in Forensic Psychology Q&A
- Criminal Justice Career Fair
- Wildlife & Animal Trafficking Research-a-thon
- Annual Continuing Education Event – “Creating Social Change Through Dialogue & Prison Education“ featuring Lori Pompa and the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP & MEDIA

Center scholarship reached academic, professional, and public audiences through peer-reviewed publications, op-eds, news interviews, invited commentary, and conference presentations. Topics included police training and community engagement, public safety, restorative dialogue, and the influence of digital culture on criminal behavior and violence. Several op-eds and articles were authored or coauthored by current CJRC student research analysts and CJRC alumni who previously served in that role.

Translating Research for Public Audiences







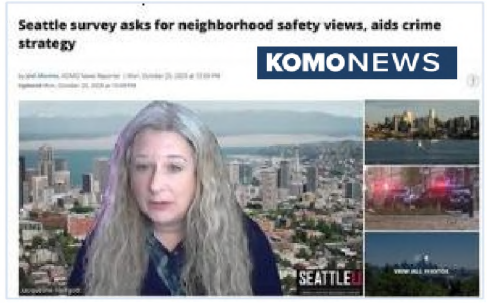
















COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Students • Alumni • Faculty • Staff • Advisory Committee Members

CJRC RESEARCH ANALYSTS GRADUATE

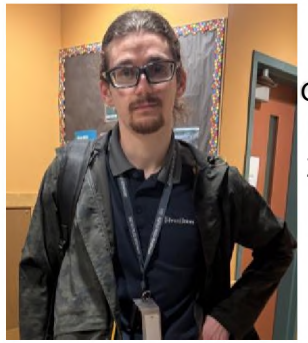


CJRC Research Analysts Tess Harbert, Ella Vermeire, Claire Moore, Alison Davis, and Alondra Gallegos-Campos graduated in June 2026.

2026 BLUME CJ SCHOLARS



Ciarra Matthius
Undergraduate
Blume CJ Scholar



Darion Lamell
Graduate Blume CJ Scholar and 2025-26 MCPP Research Analyst



Bonnie Glenn confirmed as OPA Director — November 19, 2025 and appointed to the Seattle University Board of Regents



Diego Zanella appointed Chief of the Lake Forest Park Police Department

2026 Crime & Justice Advisory Committee Awards



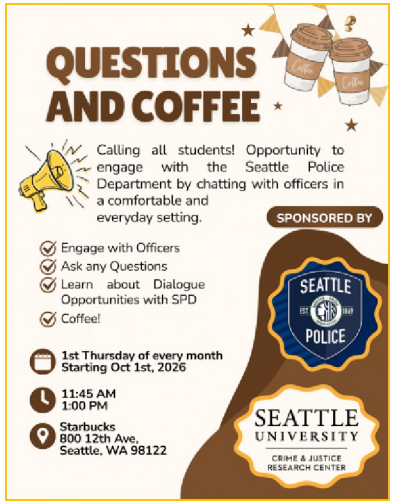
2026 *Alumni Award*
Anna Olson
Urban Renaissance Group



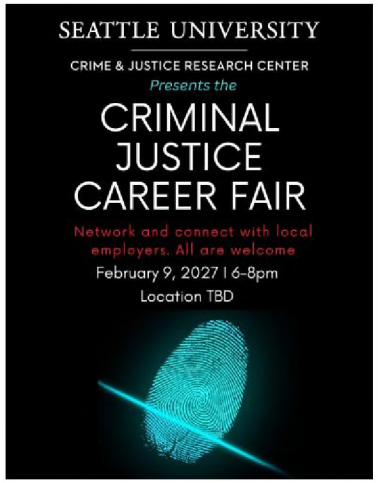
2026 *Innovation in CJ Education Award*
Tim Lang
WA Department of Corrections

Thank you to everyone who makes this community possible.

COMING UP FALL 2026 • WINTER & SPRING 2027



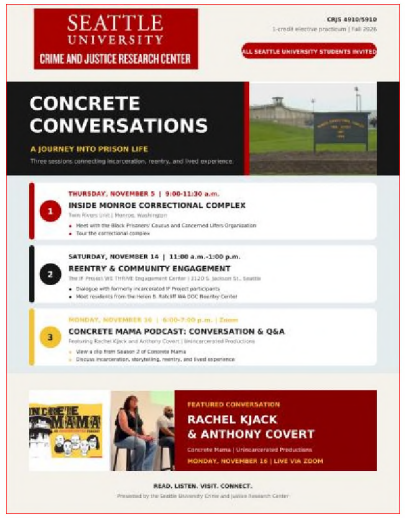




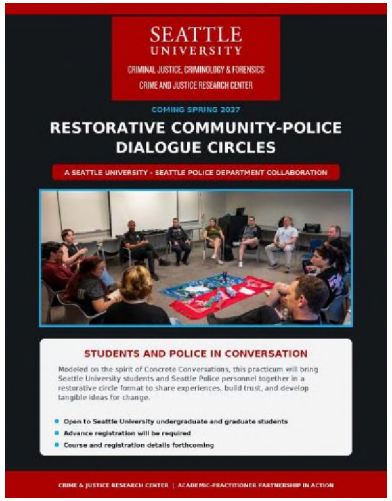












SUPERR Summit • Concrete Conversations • Inside Scholars • Restorative Dialogue Circles • Career Fair • Beyond the Sentence • Public Safety Survey

LOOKING AHEAD

Building on a Year of Research, Partnership & Engagement

EXPAND COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

Develop new interdisciplinary and community-engaged research partnerships addressing emerging crime and justice challenges.

DEEPEN STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Create additional opportunities for students to participate in applied research, experiential learning, professional development, and community engagement.

STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Build on the expertise of the Advisory Committee and CJRC's network of public, private, nonprofit, and community partners.

ADVANCE JUSTICE EDUCATION

Expand SU-PERR, prison education, restorative justice, and initiatives connecting Seattle University with incarcerated and justice-impacted communities.



FEATURED SPEAKER



Valerie Jenness, PhD

Distinguished Professor, University of California, Irvine
Past President American Society of Criminology
American Society of Criminology Fellow

Dr. Valerie Jenness brings nationally recognized scholarship on law, inequality, gender, sexuality, and the criminal justice system to the Crime & Justice Advisory Committee.

Her work examines LGBTQ+ experiences with law enforcement and correctional institutions, with particular attention to how policy and practice shape safety, legitimacy, and justice.



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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

CRIMINOLOGY

Navigating changing contexts: People, policy, and practice in tumultuous times

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Abstract

American Society of Criminology (ASC) President Valerie Jenness delivered the 2024 Presidential Address on the theme of "Navigating Changing Contexts: People, Policy, and Practice in Tumultuous Times." In this address, President Jenness focused on the profound impact of external contexts on criminological research, policy, and practice. Highlighting her research on the sexual victimization of transgender women in men's prisons and recent policy that enables transgender, nonbinary, and intersex people in prison to be housed in a prison that aligns with their gender identity (The Transgender Respect, Agency, and Dignity Act (often called "SB 132" and "TRADA"), President Jenness underscored the significance of context in achieving research success or failure, with the latter conditioned by a turbulent political climate in a "post-truth" society. The context in which research is undertaken can be plagued by misinformation, political polarization, the erosion of trust in science, and declining confidence in higher education. President Jenness calls for renewed efforts to proactively create supportive contexts for criminological research and education.

KEYWORDS
artificial intelligence, declining confidence in higher education, misinformation, political polarization, prisons, public policy, the erosion of trust in science, transgender people

"Why Universities and Justice Practitioners Need One Another Now More than Ever."

TODAY'S DISCUSSION

What is the most important crime and justice challenge that the Seattle University Crime & Justice Research Center is uniquely positioned to help address?

1 PRIORITY CHALLENGE

What specific challenge should be prioritized, and why does it matter now?

2 CJRC'S UNIQUE ROLE

What could the Center contribute through research, education, convening, or community partnership?

PARTNERS & NEXT STEPS

3

Who should be involved, and what is one concrete next step?

Discuss at your table, then post your group's strongest ideas on the corresponding boards.

MACJ 20th ANNIVERSARY & NETWORKING EVENT

Thursday, October 22
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Casey Commons

- Casual mixer
- Feel free to recruit
- FREE drinks & appetizers
- Lots of raffle prizes!

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Crime & Justice Advisory Committee

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