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A WILD RIDE

2020 has been an interesting year so far. Here’s what our Director Jon Gould has to say about his first semester.

I think it would be quite an understatement to say that my first few months as director of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice have been a “wild ride,” but there really is no better term to describe the experience. As many of you know, I began the job in January. That first month, I was excited to meet with our faculty and staff to learn more about their exciting research projects underway in the School. It was also fun to greet our eager and inquisitive students. Their energy and curiosity drive so much of our work. In February, I was reaching out to College Marketing, Admissions, Development, and Alumni Relations in an effort to move our program forward on both national and international fronts. In March, we were celebrating Cassia Spohn’s investiture as a Regents Professor, and I was looking forward to the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, where Cassia would continue her leadership by taking the gavel as ACJS’s President.

Then, the Coronavirus arrived, and the world stopped! But did it? Not for our faculty and staff, who quickly shifted in-person classes to virtual classrooms; not for our students, who continued to learn; not for our research projects, which continue forward; and certainly not for me, as I learned the true mettle of our School.

I have been incredibly proud of our School’s quick transition, ensuring that students continue to learn in an authentic way. I have been amazed by everyone’s willingness to pitch in—from our newest staff to our most seasoned faculty member. To orchestrate this was no simple task. But we have done so with one goal in mind—ensuring that ASU and the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice remain true to our mission of service and excellence.

The temporary move to remote work and instruction has created unique opportunities for our School. Because ASU is adept at online instruction, we were able to quickly present two important panels for practitioners and policymakers, Policing During a Pandemic and Prosecuting in a Pandemic. Each was attended by over 500 live participants from around the country. The programs were then made available to anyone who wished to use them in their classroom or organization.

This past year, however, wasn’t just about the last five months. In May, we also spent time celebrating the accomplishments of our alumni, faculty, and students over the entire academic year, more of which you will read about in this edition of our newsletter.

We also have much to look forward to in the new academic year. This fall, we will welcome Abigail Henson as an assistant professor. Abigail joins us from Temple University, where she just finished her PhD. Her research interests include policing, family dynamics, reentry, corrections, evaluation, racial inequalities, qualitative methods, and mixed methods. I also am pleased to announce that Dustin Pardini has joined the ranks of full professor.
Finally, I am excited that our marketing and promotion efforts are underway, ensuring that the important work done by our faculty and students is recognized and put to use by fellow scholars, policymakers, and practitioners. To this end, I hope you will follow us on Twitter (@ASUCrimJustice), Instagram (@ASUCrimJustice), Facebook (ASU School of Criminology and Criminal Justice) and LinkedIn (ASU School of Criminology and Criminal Justice).

As the saying goes, we are living in interesting times. I have no doubt that the Coronavirus will bring additional challenges, but we at ASU and in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice are well-prepared to meet these tests and not only survive but succeed. We hope that you are well and that you, too, are making the best of the current situation. We look forward to hearing from you in the year ahead and wish you good health and security.

- Dr. Jon Gould
#5 ONLINE MASTER'S FOR VETERANS

Criminology and Criminal Justice is a major chosen by many military members after their careers in the armed forces. Our online Criminology and Criminal Justice Master's program offers military members the opportunity to further their education with an advanced degree on their own schedule from anywhere in the world. This program can open many doors and is another way ASU and CCJ work toward a better tomorrow.

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Becky Po Lee Leung is a doctoral candidate of Faculty of Law at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Becky received the Fulbright-RGC Hong Kong Research Scholar Award to conduct research at the Arizona State University School of Criminology and Criminal Justice under the supervision of Regents Professor Cassia Spohn. She studied law during her undergraduate years and psychology for her master’s degree. “What brought me here was the vibrant research culture and diverse research profile that ASU School of Criminology and Criminal Justice has cultivated over the years,” she said.

Her research interest focuses primarily on the disadvantaged outcomes that defendants with mental disorders receive in the criminal justice process. “As I am moving forward to the final stages of my dissertation, I am curious how my research findings could translate into meaningful changes in the real world,” she said. “During my research sojourn here, I was connected to different criminal justice personnel, including the Phoenix and Tempe Police Department, Mental Health Court, and Correctional Health Services of the Maricopa County to explore their views to the current policies and support afforded to defendants with mental disorders.”

Her exchange with the connections she has made has allowed her to look through a more holistic lens and practical approach in formulating policy implications and improve the experience and outcome of defendants with mental disorders. “I am also grateful for new research opportunities collaborating with faculty members here. I enjoy immersing myself in a diverse, supportive, and collaborative research environment like ASU CCJ.”

The emphasis of her time at ASU CCJ has been to create solutions to issues that plague the criminal justice system. She chose ASU for the well-established research excellence in the area of courts and sentencing. “During my stay here, I have come to realize the possibilities that researchers can achieve. I would like to thank Professor Spohn for hosting me in the past six months and all other faculty who have been most kind and generous to have offered insightful advice and guidance during my stay here.”
Thank you to everyone who helped and supported me throughout my program. I am particularly grateful to Ed Maguire for sparking my interest in protest policing and providing several opportunities to explore this new avenue of research. I am also grateful to Ed for chairing my dissertation, which looked at internal procedural fairness within police organizations. I am also incredibly grateful to Danielle Wallace for the numerous opportunities to hone my data management and analysis skills throughout my time at ASU. I am currently pursuing several faculty and academic research positions and am excited for whatever opportunities my job search may bring.

- David Tyler, PhD

My dissertation contained three related studies and focused on using criminological theory to explain offending and victimization in adolescence. I am grateful to my mentor, Kristy Holtfreter, as well as my dissertation committee members. Xia, I know I have said this a million times, but I couldn't have done it without you. Nevertheless, I leave ASU feeling very thankful to have learned alongside some of the most talented students and learned from some of the best scholars in our field. I will forever be grateful for my ASU family and will always be a Sun Devil at heart. I will be leaving the desert for the rainforest as I venture to the Pacific Northwest to start my tenure-track position as an Assistant Professor at Portland State University in the Fall of 2020.

- Arynn Infante, PhD

ASU has become my second home and the faculty, students, and staff have become like a second family to me. It is bittersweet to say my goodbyes, especially during a time when we can't physically come together to celebrate everyone's accomplishments. I would like to thank Mike Reisig and Adam Fine. I look forward to continuing my research on offending and victimization in adolescence as an assistant professor at Texas Tech University.

- Natasha Pusch, PhD

I was fortunate to work in the ASU Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety throughout my doctoral studies. As a result, I had the pleasure of working on various research projects with criminal justice agencies in Arizona and internationally. I am grateful for all of the opportunities that I have had through ASU and the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. I look forward to continuing to work in the Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety.

- Jessica Huff, PhD

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WELCOME TO CCJ

As the school expands and changes, staff additions create new opportunities to provide better service to our students and faculty. Each new staff member brings their own stories, knowledge, and experiences. Please join us in welcoming our new staff!

**Tonja West**
joined the Business Operations team in March. Tonja is the Business Operations Manager. She will provide both financial and human resources oversight as well as budgeting, forecasting and financial projections.
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**Zachary Navarro**
joined the school's Business Operations team in January. Zack is a Fiscal Specialist who will process the day to day financial transactions of the school.
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**Alexis Cibrian**
joined the staff as the Curriculum Coordinator in March. Alexis will work on a myriad of academic items that were left with the schools when the academic advisors were centralized by the college.
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**Gabriela Rosales**
joined the staff as a Human Resources Specialist who will support the school's hiring processes.
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ALUMNI AWARD FOR EARLY CAREER EXCELLENCE
Presented to: Leonard Redhorse, Lieutenant, Navajo Nation Police Department
For demonstrating notable early-career accomplishments that indicate future success for contributions to the fields of criminology and criminal justice through research, practice, or policy. Lieutenant Redhorse developed the first community listening session for NPD. The sessions created a platform for the NPD to speak universally about criminal justice topics to the Navajo Nation community. This effort has improved community relations and has been positively received by the Navajo Nation community. Equally impressive were Lt. Redhorse’s work around NPD’s fleet program, body camera program, and E 9-1-1 pilot.

DR. MARIE GRIFFIN DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD
Presented to: Ben Henry, Deputy Director, Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST)
For having made significant contributions to the advancement of criminology and criminal justice through distinguished leadership achievements as a practitioner in one of the justice professions. Local law enforcement has benefited from Ben’s 26 years of experience in almost every Phoenix Police Department division and bureau, during which time he has received numerous honors including the Distinguished Service Award and the Chief’s Unit Award. He also served as Chief Deputy of the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office before transitioning into his current role of Deputy Director at AZPOST.

ALUMNI SCHOLAR AWARD
Presented to: Eryn O’Neal, Assistant Professor, Sam Houston University
For outstanding scholarly contributions to the discipline of criminology and criminal justice by a person who has received the M.A., M.S., or Ph.D. from the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at ASU. She has won numerous national awards, including the 2019 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Victimology Section New Scholar Award, the 2018 American Society of Criminology Division of Victimology Faculty Researcher of the Year Award, and the 2018 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences William L. Simon/Routledge Outstanding Paper Award among other awards and honors.

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RESEARCH
Our faculty-driven, innovative research provide opportunities for students to participate in hands-on, community focused research.

ROVV Lab
Directed by: Dr. Kate Fox

The Research on Violent Victimization Lab (ROVV) is dedicated to finding finding solutions to reduce violent victimization and promote safer and healthier communities. Much of this work is conducted in partnership with underserved communities, with a focus on partnerships with American Indian and migrant populations. Research in the Lab addresses violent and interpersonal victimization, including intimate partner violence, sexual assault, stalking, and homicide. The ROVV Lab primarily collects original data, including a mix of quantitative and qualitative methods to answer complex questions about health, safety, and victimization.

Arizona Intimate Partner Homicide Study
Directed by: Dr. Jill Messing (ASU Social Work) and Dr. Jesenia Pizarro

According to data recently released by the Violence Policy Center, Arizona is the 7th deadliest state for women in the country, and a bulk of these women are killed by their intimate partners. The present study addresses the issue by examining homicides, particularly intimate partner homicides, in the state of Arizona in an effort to gain a better understanding of the motives and opportunities that facilitate these crimes in order to develop an adequate risk assessment tool. In doing this, we are gathering case information on intimate partner homicides throughout the state that occurred from 2016 to 2019 from Medical Examiner Reports, Law Enforcement Reports, Media Accounts, and interviews with next of kin.

NODD Lab
Directed by: Dr. Danielle Wallace and Dr. Alyssa Chamberlain

Neighborhood Observation Disorder and Drone Lab (NODD) focuses on the physical condition of neighborhoods is important for understanding social problems, including disorder and crime. However, collecting granular data on housing and neighborhood conditions can be challenging. Using unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), also known as drones, and systematic social observation, we can capture disorder in neighborhoods at the micro level. Employing UAV technology allows us to collect photo imagery with corresponding spatial reference data, which can then be assessed in the lab. Students review and classify drone imagery coding for specific instances of disorder, including graffiti, illicit drug use, and litter. In doing so, students gain experience with mixed research methods and learn to use spatial mapping software. We then translate these findings to inform potential strategies for improving neighborhoods and paths for developing proactive policies for reducing disorder and related criminogenic effects.

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HIGHLIGHTS
Academic year 2019 - 2020

- Books published by: Hank Fradella, Ed Maguire, Mike White and Chuck Katz
  - Mike and Hank won an Outstanding Book Award from ASC; and Hank and Christine Scott-Hayward won a Best Book of 2019 from the Vera Institute.
- Editors and more: Mike Reisig, Mike White and OJ Mitchell were named to the Editorial Board of Criminology and Public Policy. Hank Fradella is the Editor in Chief of Criminal Law Bulletin, and Kristy Holfreter returns as the Editor in Chief of Feminist Criminology.
- Shi Yan and Carlena Orosco were recognized by the Arizona Association of Crime Analysts for coordinating the annual training symposium.
- The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences awarded its group honor for meaningful engagement of the community on criminal justice issues and topics to undergraduate student Sayla Evans, masters student Madison Sutton, doctoral student Stephanie Morse and faculty member Kevin Wright.
- The ASU Faculty Women’s Association Distinguished Graduate Student Award was given to Stephanie Morse.
- ASU’s Graduate and Professional Student Organization awarded graduate student Danielle Haverkate the Outstanding Research Award which exemplifies excellence in research on all campuses.
- Bianca Rodriguez has won the Institute for Social Science Research poster contest.
- Carlena Orosco was given the Distinguished Service Award as a crime analyst by the Tempe Police Department.
- Genevieve McKenzie represented CCJ as our distinguished graduate as well as being awarded the The Gold Standard Award by Barrett, the Honors College.
- Adam Fine was awarded the Division of Developmental and Life-course Criminology’s Early Career Award.
- Penn State awarded Bill Terrill the Schuylkill Award, which is given to an alumnus who has achieved success in his or her chosen field and/or within their community.
- The 2020-2021 academic year scholarship recipients were also announced. Each of these scholarships require a minimum 3.0 GPA with the Quasi award requiring a minimum of a 3.5 GPA.
  - The Criminal Justice Legacy Scholarship was awarded to Luvana Saunders
  - The Robert Godlove Scholarship was awarded to Esteban Tovar
  - The Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI was awarded to Taylan Dulac
  - The Quasi Endowment Scholarship was awarded to Taylor Payne