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CCJ GRADUATE STUDENT NEWSLETTER

CCJ GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEE - EMAIL - [GSC.CCJ@ASU.EDU.](mailto:gsc.ccj@asu.edu)



Upcoming Events

De-Mystifying the Thesis and Capstone - January 15 9:30-11:30 [Zoom Link](#)

Faculty Student Social - January 15 4:00pm: [Two Truths & Lie Form](#), [RSVP Link](#) & [Zoom Link](#)

Colloquium Series Dr. Spohn - January 22 10:00-11:30am: [Zoom Link](#)

Launching Learning: Re-Imagining Syllabus Day - January 22 1:00-2:00pm [Zoom Link](#)

Addressing Last Minute Comp Questions - January 26 12:00-1:00pm [Zoom Link](#)

Diverse Perspectives Dr. Cobbina - January 29 9:00-11:00am

Colloquium series Dr. Ed Maguire - February 5 10:00-11:30am [Zoom Link](#)

Diverse Perspectives Dr. Spade - February 12 10:00-12:00pm

Graduate Student Committee News

Welcome to the CCJ Graduate Student Committee Newsletter!

We are excited to share this first newsletter with you all as a way to highlight graduate student accomplishments, provide updates on GSC projects and initiatives, share resources, and give reminders for upcoming events across the school and college. For those of you new to ASU CCJ, or unfamiliar with the committee, we are a group of graduate students in ASU's Graduate Criminology and Criminal Justice program committed to CCJ graduate student advocacy, inclusion, and diversity. Currently, we are working with the administration to organize the Diverse Perspectives on Justice Speaker Series. Stay tuned for four amazing speakers presenting this Spring. We have also organized monthly zoom socials, and weekly zoom study hours, where students can socialize in socially distanced informal settings. As part of our initiative to promote diversity and inclusion in the CCJ graduate program, we are also putting together a student mentoring program. If you want to get involved, or find out more about our committee and what we are up to, check out our website [here](#) . Or shoot us an email at gsc.ccj@asu.edu. Also, we have created a listserv for graduate students to communicate with each other directly. This is a good space for you to connect with other grad students, ask for resources (that article you cannot seem to find) or other information (what time is that grant writing workshop?). Keep an eye out for an invite from gsc.ccj.listserv to sign up. Or email the GSC to be added directly. Be sure to look out for the next newsletter, we will be publishing them monthly!

Sincerely,
The Graduate Student Committee

Meet Your Graduate Student Committee Co-Chairs

Stephanie Morse and Suzanne Coble

Stephanie and Suzanne both completed their Masters in Criminology and Criminal Justice here at ASU in 2017, and they are currently 4th year PhD students. Stephanie's master's thesis examined how hypermasculinity acts as a barrier to rehabilitation during incarceration. Her work continues to focus on offender rehabilitation and promoting resilience and positive outcomes with correctional populations. More broadly, she is committed to making an impact through her work and in mentoring the next generation of scholars. Suzanne researches sexual violence, including theories of perpetration, rape myth acceptance, consent communication, and the processing of sexual assault cases in the criminal justice system. Her dissertation will examine the micro and macro-level processes through which rape culture contributes to gender, racial, and other oppressions. As co-chairs of the graduate student committee, Suzanne and Stephanie are committed to promoting positive relationships between faculty and students, improving transparency and communication with the CCJ administration, and advocating on behalf of graduate students. We are so excited and honored to fill this role.



Graduate Student Feature

Gabriel Alvarez

My name is Gabriel Alvarez and I am a concurrent master's student in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice and the School of Public Affairs. I am currently in the first year of working on my MS/MPP program and my research interests include intimate partner violence and homicide, gender and crime, and violent victimization. I moved to Phoenix in the Summer of 2020 from San Antonio, Texas and I am grateful for my decision every day! Some of my hobbies include hiking, gaming, and attempting to cook.



Call for Features

For each issue of our newsletter we are hoping to feature a master and a PhD student in this section. This is designed to be a fun way to get to know a little bit more about each other. All that we need from you is a short biography and a picture (either serious or fun). If you are interested in being featured in an upcoming newsletter please send us an email at gsc.ccj@asu.edu. We look forward to featuring you.



Message from Dr. Kate Fox, MS and PhD Director

Welcome back! In the spirit of moving past (and trying to forget) all of the chaos of 2020, I wish you a warm welcome back this semester. Last semester was especially challenging, and you survived it! The tough times sometimes seem to be never-ending...increased covid19 rates, continued racial injustices, and politically-motivated attacks on our democracy. But it will improve, in time. It's a new year with some fresh beginnings. On a national and global level, the covid19 vaccine is now beginning widespread administration, we are on the cusp of Joe Biden's new presidential term, and JEDI is becoming a valued norm (justice, equity, diversity, and inclusivity). Those are already huge changes!

At the school-level, we also have lots of exciting things happening. We have a slate of new professional development workshops planned for you, engaging speakers lined up for the Diverse Perspectives series, and supportive Q&A sessions with myself and Dr. Rebecca Loftus available for those of you with GSA grader/research work.

Hang in there. You've got this. You are in good company going through all of this with many others in your networks (including your cohort and fellow graduate students). Let's stay connected, stay healthy, and stay optimistic for what this semester and 2021 has to offer. As always, please reach out to me if there's anything you need.

With Positivity,
Kate Fox

Shannon's Corner

Important student deadlines:

Apply for graduation - February 15, 2021

Last day to schedule a thesis or dissertation defense - April 2, 2021

Job Postings - For additional details please click [here](#) for the job postings spreadsheet

Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at Washington State University, Fall 2021

National Institute of Justice, Fall 2021

The College of Juvenile Justice & Psychology at Prairie View A&M University, No date

Department of Sociology at the University of Oklahoma, Fall 2021

Criminology and Criminal Justice Program at UT Dallas, Fall 2021

Innovation for Justice Program at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Spring 2021

Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences at Georgia Southern University, Fall 2021

Department of Sociology and School of Social Work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Fall 2021

SCCJ Graduate Student Dropbox - Click [here](#)

Student Accomplishments

The graduate student committee wants to highlight student accomplishments in our monthly newsletter and we need your help to identify these accomplishment. If you or a fellow graduate student has published a paper, won an award, found a job, or some other accomplishment we want to hear from you. To make it easy we have created a shoutout form where you can submit the accomplishments. Just click [here](#) to get started. We look forward to hearing and sharing all of your successes.

Tips Section - Comps

Comps are anxiety-inducing by their very nature. Throw in social and political unrest, a global pandemic, and general graduate school busyness, and the task may feel insurmountable. But, rest assured, you will make it through. We believe in you. And, as members of the first cohort to go through this process, we hope these tips may be useful as you prepare in the coming weeks:

In the weeks leading up to comps...

- Get organized – Capitalize on accessibility. It's impossible to memorize everything, so you want to simplify and have things in order when you need to access a specific article or section of notes. (Protip: pull together all of your past class papers and put them in a comps folder. You already did the research, make it work for you now!)
- Think big picture – consider theory integration, the impact of theory on policy and vice versa, etc.
- Give yourself breaks – Don't forget to breath and take care of yourself.
- Talk to your cohort – You're going through this together.
- Talk to those who just took comps – we want to help! We are happy to talk to you all, share any notes, or just give you a pep talk!
- Specific readings we found helpful:
 - Annual reviews
 - Sutherland addresses
 - The first half of Tittle's (1995) book

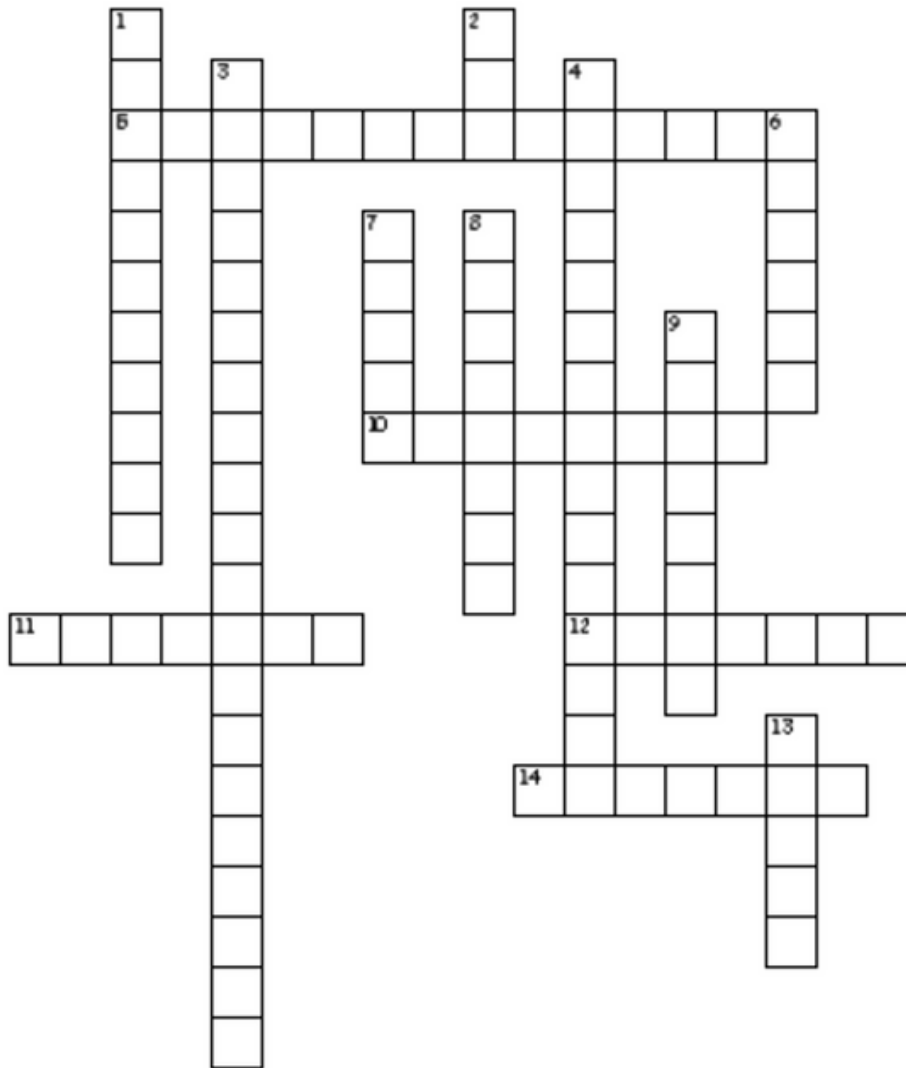
Day of comps...

- Prep your desk where you will be taking comps
 - Sit out a snack, some chewing gum, and a few sheets of paper with a pen for quickly jotting down notes or outlining.
- Disconnect everything but your laptop from your Wi-Fi to maximize the bandwidth for your Zoom call.
- Get your laptop ready
 - Make sure you have a Word doc up, your folders readily accessible, and only have your email up on your internet browser.
- Caffeinate



THE SECRET OF GETTING
AHEAD IS GETTING STARTED -
MARK TWAIN

Activity



Across

5. The person we all rely on most
10. Coffee spot downtown
11. Name of the Honors College
12. Nickname for workstations beyond the M.S. Lab
14. Director of the M.S. and Ph.D. programs

Down

1. Professor speaking at the first colloquium of the semester
2. Acronym for center Dr. Wright is the Director of
3. GSC event scheduled for January 15th
4. Professor speaking at the Diverse Perspectives on Justice Speaker Series this month
6. What you will need two of for the GSC event on the 15th
7. Shortened name of the building we are housed in
8. Our mascot
9. Director of the School
13. Exams coming up in February