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**Watts College
of Public Service
and Community
Solutions**

**Arizona State
University**

CCJ BY THE NUMBERS:

2019-2020

2,895 STUDENTS

The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice is home to 2,895 students: **2,530** undergraduates, **327** master's students, and **38** Ph.D. students.



FACULTY 103



CCJ has 45 full-time faculty including **10** full professors, **11** Associate Professors, **5** Assistant Professors, **1** Clinical Professor, **1** Professor of Practice, **6** Lecturers, **11** Instructors, and **58** faculty associates.

21 FOCUS AREAS

Our program contains **21** different focus areas, **3** research centers, and **3** labs for students to explore their passions in-depth and make a difference in the world.



RANKED #5

Our program is ranked **no. 5** in the nation by U.S. News and World Report and our **world-class faculty** are engaged in **cutting-edge research** which prepares students for the challenges of criminal justice practice in the 21st century.

Our 21 focus areas include:

- Child Maltreatment and Criminal Justice Responses to It
- Community and Institutional Corrections
- Criminal Justice Policy
- Drug Use
- Effects of Race/Ethnicity and Gender on Sentencing Decisions
- Fraud Victimization
- Gangs
- Gender and Crime
- Immigration, Crime and Social Justice
- Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Court Processes
- Legal Issues in Criminal Justice
- Neighborhood Dynamics and Crime
- Organizational Leadership
- Policing
- Prisoner Reentry and Reintegration
- Sentencing Policies
- Sociology of Punishment
- Theoretical Criminology
- Theories of Disorder, Neighborhoods, and Crime
- Violence and Firearm Violence
- Wrongful Convictions

The 3 Research Centers include:

- The Center for Correctional Solutions, directed by Kevin Wright;
- The Center for Problem-Oriented Policing, directed by Michael Scott;
- The Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety, directed by Charles Katz

The 3 Research Labs include:

- The Children in the Law Lab, directed by Stacia Stolzenberg Roosevelt;
- The Developmental Etiology of Externalizing Problems Lab, directed by Dustin Pardini;
- The Neighborhood Observation, Disorder, and Drones Lab, directed by Alyssa Chamberlain and Danielle Wallace

THANK YOU DIRECTOR CASSIA SPOHN

Cassia Spohn, who has been the director of the school since 2014, will be stepping down effective January 1, 2020.

Dr. Spohn has overseen tremendous growth and recognition of the program since taking the helm, including the **US News and World Report** ranking of the program as **#5 in the United States**. The school currently has more than **2500** undergraduate majors and **327** graduate majors, including **38** doctoral students. In 2018 School awarded **574 Baccalaureate** degrees, **139 MACJ** degrees, **12 MSCCJ** degrees, and **8 Ph.D.** degrees. The faculty has grown as well with **45 full-time faculty** including 10 full professors, 11 Associate Professors, 5 Assistant Professors, 1 Clinical Professor, 1 Professor of Practice, 6 Lecturers and 11 Instructors.

The school continues to enhance its curriculum through the development of new degree programs that will launch in the coming years. This upcoming admission season, the graduate program will be waiving certain requirements for qualifying students in an effort to put ASU's Charter of being "**measured not by whom it excludes, but by whom it includes**" into practice.

Faculty members in the school are involved in **important and policy-relevant** research on issues such as police-community relations, use of technology by the police, mass incarceration and its consequences, racial profiling by criminal justice agencies, the response of the criminal justice system to crimes such as domestic violence and sexual assault, plea bargaining and sentencing, neighborhoods and crime, and gangs and crime. Our newest faculty members are involved in research on juvenile delinquency, juvenile justice, at-risk youth, and the effectiveness and fairness of criminal justice sanctions. The results of these research projects are incorporated into the classes that faculty teach; they also inform policy and practice at the **local, state, national and international** levels.

Although Spohn is stepping down as director of the school, she will continue in her role as a faculty member. She will be focusing on her research interests, which include **judicial decision making and sentencing outcomes, prosecutors' charging decisions, plea bargaining, and sexual assault case processing decisions**. In addition to her appointment to the **Department of Defense Advisory Committee on the Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces**, she will serve as **President of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in 2020**.



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DR. SPOHN, **CLICK ON HER PHOTO**, OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE
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WELCOME DIRECTOR JON GOULD

CCJ Welcomes New director Jon Gould, who will join the faculty of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice in January of 2020 as Foundation Professor and Director of the School.

Prior to coming to ASU, he was the inaugural director of the Washington Institute for Public Affairs Research and chair of the Department of Justice, Law and Criminology at American University. He served as the principal investigator for the **Preventing Wrongful Convictions Project**, a multi-year research initiative funded by the National Institute of Justice. Most recently, Gould was appointed and served as a **Senior Policy Advisor in the U.S. Department of Justice during the Obama Administration** and was the director of the **Law and Social Sciences Program at the National Science Foundation**.

Professor Gould is an internationally known expert on justice policy, social change, and government reform. His research has been supported by more than **\$3.5 million** in external funding and has been cited in multiple court pleadings and judicial decisions. He has received grants from the **National Institute of Justice and the National Science Foundation** and has been supported by several **private foundations, state and local governments, and government of Canada**. He is regularly called upon to serve as a consultant to governments and non-governmental organizations alike, both domestically and abroad.

Professor Gould is a fellow of the **American Bar Foundation** and is a former **U.S. Supreme Court Fellow**. He has served on multiple non-profit boards and was a trustee of the **Law and Society Association**. In 2015, U.S. Chief Justice John Roberts appointed



him as a reporter for a committee of the federal courts evaluating the operation of the Criminal Justice Act. Professor Gould received the **Administration of Justice Award from the U.S. Supreme Court Fellows Association in 2017**. Gould is looking forward to his tenure at Arizona State University, experiencing first-hand the New American University's Charter and contributing to it through the advancement and innovation of the school.

Welcome, Dr. Gould!

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NEW FACULTY

As the school expands and changes, faculty additions create new opportunities to grow our program. Each new faculty member brings their own stories, research, and experiences. Please join us in welcoming our new faculty!

Associate Professor Ojmarrh (OJ) Mitchell

joined the school this fall from the University of South Florida. His research interests center on criminal justice policy, particularly in the areas of drug control, sentencing and corrections, and racial fairness in the criminal justice system. More broadly, Dr. Mitchell studies the effectiveness and fairness of criminal justice sanctions.

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Assistant Professor Andrea Montes

joined the faculty from Florida State University in the Fall of 2018. Montes's research examines the uses and impacts of privatized corrections as well as juvenile delinquency and how schools can assist at-risk youth. She employs both quantitative and qualitative methods to investigate questions related to theories of crime and punishment, crime prevention and school safety and privatization.

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Assistant Professor Adam Fine

also joined the faculty from the University of California, Irvine in the Fall of 2018. Fine is a developmental psychologist conducting research at the intersection of psychology, law, public policy and criminology. Fine's research broadly focuses on juvenile delinquency and juvenile justice. His current work centers on two areas: how juvenile probation processes affect youth offending, employment, education and attitudes; and how youth develop their perceptions of the law, law enforcement, and the justice system.

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ALUMNI AWARDS

The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice proudly announces its 2019-2020 alumni awards, which include three categories. To nominate someone for an award visit: <https://ccj.asu.edu/content/ccj-alumni-awards-nomination-form>

School of Criminology and Criminal Justice 2018 – 2019 Alumni Award Winners

ALUMNI SCHOLAR AWARD

Presented to: **Scott Wolfe**, Assistant Professor, Michigan State University
Awarded 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.

ALUMNI AWARD FOR EARLY CAREER EXCELLENCE

Presented to: **Allyson J. Roy**, Tempe Police Department
Awarded 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.

DR. MARIE GRIFFIN DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Presented to: **Det. Randall W. Snyder**, Pinal County Sheriff's Office, Criminal Investigations Bureau, Internet Crimes Against Children
Awarded 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.



Left to Right:
Dr. Cassia Spohn: Foundation Professor & Director of CCJ;
Scott Wolfe: Assistant Professor, Michigan State;
Allyson J. Roy: Tempe Police Department;
Det. Randall W. Snyder: Pinal County Sheriff's Office

TO NOMINATE SOMEONE, VISIT OUR WEBSITE
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RESEARCH LABS

Every year, our faculty and students participate in hands-on research for the betterment and understanding of our community.

Here is a look into our three student research labs.

DR. STACIA STOLZENBERG ROOSEVELT'S CHILDREN IN THE LAW LAB

Children in the Law Laboratory is a working group that conducts projects examining how children **report maltreatment**, as well as how their reports are **investigated and prosecuted**. This lab started in the fall of 2015 and has since worked with 26 student researchers. The lab focuses on **mixed-methods research** by assistants at all levels (undergraduate, MS, law, Ph.D.) across multiple units from Criminology & Criminal Justice; psychology; social work; behavioral sciences and the law; and law. The students work on various research projects that they **co-develop** with Dr. Roosevelt. They assess what transpires in real cases and use these insights to assess children's **developmental capacities** in the laboratory. The findings are used to inform current practices and provide data-based principles for **improving case decision-making**, during both the investigation and later prosecution of child maltreatment.

DR. DUSTIN PARDINI'S THE DEVELOPMENTAL ETIOLOGY OF EXTERNALIZING PROBLEMS LAB

The DEEP lab is currently working on several **grant-funded** longitudinal studies aimed at identifying **risk** and **protective factors** for the development of serious **violence**, **gun carrying**, and **substance** use among **adolescents** and **young adults**. The results from these studies are currently being used to develop screening tools designed to identify children most in need of **delinquency** and **substance use prevention services**. Since 2017, the lab has also been collaborating with the **Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC)** to conduct a biennial survey assessing risk and protective factors for delinquency and substance use among about 50,000 **middle** and **high school** students across Arizona.

DR. ALYSSA CHAMBERLAIN AND DR. DANIELLE WALLACE'S NEIGHBORHOOD OBSERVATION, DISORDER, AND DRONES LAB

At the Neighborhood Observation, Disorder and Drone (NODD) Lab, we study neighborhoods in new, **technologically savvy** ways that allow us to look in **fine detail**. 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 photos** with corresponding spatial reference data, which is then assessed in the lab. The drones enable us to **explore changes in a community**, such as flood damage, water drainage pathways, and dumping or squatting in alleyways that usually cannot be seen from the street. Students review and classify the drone imagery coding for **specific instances of disorder**, including graffiti, illicit drug use, and litter. We link this information with on the ground observations for a **multifaceted** way of examining place to address **complex and enduring problems** like disorder or environmental degradation.

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SPOTLIGHT

Michael White and Hank Fradella were awarded the 2019 Outstanding Book Award from American Society of Criminology's Division of Policing for *Stop and Frisk: The Use and Abuse of a Controversial Policing Tactic* (New York University Press)



The American Society of Criminology's Division of Policing honored ASU School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Professors Michael D. White and Henry F. Fradella with the "2019 Outstanding Book Award" for their work telling the story of one of contemporary law enforcement's more controversial tactics.

White and Fradella analyze stop-and-frisk's long history by tracing its evolution over more than 250 years.

After confusion about the constitutionality of stop-and-frisk in the early- to mid-20th century, *Terry v. Ohio*, decided by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1968, sanctioned the policing tactic within a framework of particularized, reasonable suspicion of criminal activity. But within 35 years, several U.S. jurisdictions morphed stop-and-frisk into a broad and aggressive crime control strategy. By 2011, the New York City Police Department recorded 685,000 stop-and-frisk interactions between officers and members of the public. The experiences of New Yorkers and residents in many other jurisdictions—including Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago, Newark, and Detroit—collectively demonstrate a strong disconnect between the constitutionally sanctioned principles outlined in Terry and contemporary policing practice.

Set against a backdrop of racial injustice that permeates the history of policing in the United States, White and Fradella explore the legal and social consequences of the misuse of stop-and-frisk, including an analysis that challenges the notion that stop-and-frisk resulted in a precipitous drop in New York City's crime rates. Nonetheless, White and Fradella argue that stop-and-frisk has a legitimate place in policing today, but changes need to be made to prevent officers from engaging in racially biased or otherwise improper and illegal behavior during stops of citizens. Their book describes what those changes should be, thereby charting a course forward for the proper, effective, and constitutional use of stop-and-frisk in 21st century policing.

The image shows the front cover of the book 'STOP AND FRISK: THE USE AND ABUSE OF A CONTROVERSIAL POLICING TACTIC' by Michael D. White and Henry F. Fradella. The cover is white with a yellow header and footer. The title is in large, bold, black letters. Below the title is a subtitle in red and black. The authors' names are at the bottom. The central part of the cover features a yellow 'STOP QUESTION AND FRISK REPORT WORKSHEET' form with various checkboxes and fields for recording police stops.

Stop and Frisk: The Use and Abuse of a Controversial Policing Tactic by Michael White and Hank Fradella

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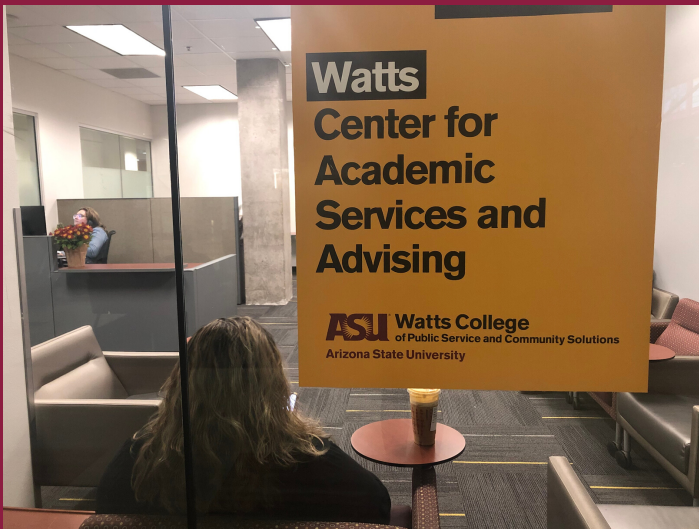
ADVISOR SEND OFF

To better serve our undergraduate students, Watts College has centralized its Academic Success Services. Students can now "one-stop-shop" by visiting UCENT suite 164.

With a "Bon Voyage" theme, a small going away party was held for our wonderful academic advisors before they ventured down into their new office space together. Our 6 undergraduate academic advising specialists moved down to the first floor of the University Center building. The move was also coordinated with the other undergraduate academic advisors from the schools of Community Resources and Development, Social Work, and Public Affairs, into the new Watts Center for Academic Services and Advising suite. This new suite is currently home to all the academic advisors across the Watts College.



Advisors **Juan Fortenberry** and **Kristen Brignone** cutting the cakes during the advisor send-off party



A look outside of the new Watts Center for Academic Services and Advising Suite

Students can now access all of the Watts College undergraduate academic advisors in one place. The new suite features several individual offices for the advisors to meet one-on-one with students at a time that works for both the student and the advisor to discuss the student's academic success. The former advising offices on the 6th floor will be offices for new staff and faculty as our school expands and grows.

Two cakes were enjoyed by the advisors and staff for the send-off following the "Bon Voyage" theme



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HIGHLIGHTS

Each edition, we will highlight the accomplishments of our staff and faculty. Here are some of the 2019 accomplishments.

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- Cassia Spohn was given Western Society of Criminology 2020 Meda Chesney-Lind Award
- Adam Fine was awarded the Division of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology Early Career Award
- Scott Decker, Dustin Pardini, Cassia Spohn, and Michael Reisig made the list of the 100,000 most-cited authors across all scientific fields; including 4 of the 158 criminology/criminal justice authors included on the list.
- Dustin Pardini was re-elected as Vice President of the Biopsychological Criminology Division of American Society of Criminology
- Michael Reisig, Mike White, and OJ Mitchell were named to Editorial Board of Criminology & Public Policy
- Hank Fradella was named the Editor-in-Chief of the *Criminal Law Bulletin*
- Kristy Holtfreter was named the Editor-in-Chief of *Feminist Criminology*

Grants:

- Dustin Pardini and Gary Sweeten received a \$320,000 grant from the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission to conduct the 2020 Arizona Youth Survey
- Cassia Spohn received \$316,000 from Arnold Ventures for a study about the failure to appear in 4 Arizona Counties
- Mike White and Chuck Katz received \$750,000 from Bureau of Justice Assistance for technical assistance to law enforcement agencies receiving federal grants for body-worn cameras
- Mike White received \$2 million with \$400,000 to ASU for process and outcome evaluation from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
- OJ Mitchell received \$450,000 in funding from the National Institute of Justice to support year two of his project on prosecutorial decision making in Florida