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CCJ GRADUATE STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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



Upcoming Events

Graduate Student Committee Meeting -- November 4 11:00-12:00 [Zoom Link](#)

Graduate Student Social -- November 5: Time and place coming soon

ASC Practice Presentations for Doctoral Students -- November 12 10:00-12:45

UCENT 256

Comps Q&A Session -- November 12 1:00-2:00 [Zoom Link](#)

ASC Conference -- November 17th-20th

GSC Student Faculty Social -- December 3rd: More details coming soon

Graduate Student Committee News

Hi Everyone!

The semester is flying by and we are already past the half-way mark. We know you have a lot coming your way with ASC and final class papers right around the corner but we know you will all finish out this semester strong.

With everything starting to get back to a more normal state we were able to hold the first in-person student social for the graduate student committee. We hope you all enjoyed being able to get together and interact outside of the school setting. Our goal is to have a social event every month for students. We are already working on plans for the November event so keep your eyes open for more details. Also to end the semester we are working on putting together a student-faculty social.

The graduate student committee is also planning to bring back the Diverse Perspective of Justice Speaker series in the Spring semester. Remember you can voice your opinions on who or what you would like to hear about in the series by filling out the [Speaker Nomination Form](#).

Finally the graduate committee would like to know more about the current needs of our graduate students and how the committee can best meet these needs. In order to achieve this goal we are planning to hold listening sessions with each of the cohorts. We will be reaching out soon to each group to set aside a time for the sessions. Also if you are interested in learning more about the graduate student committee or working on any of these projects please join us at our next [Zoom meeting](#) on November 4.

The Graduate Student Committee
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Graduate Student Features



Olivia Shaw

My name is Olivia Shaw and I am presently a first year PhD student in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. With that being said, my current research interests primarily focus on correctional rehabilitation and re-entry success. To elaborate I am interested in evidence based practices within correctional institutions and program evaluation. The pursuance of this topic was inspired by ability to volunteer at the California Department of Corrections Rehabilitation Center in Norco, CA. From here, I became thoroughly invested in the ways in which education provides protective factors and reduces risk factors for incarcerated persons. I moved to Arizona in the summer of 2021, however, I am originally a California native and love to go to the beach, hike, ride horses, and eat culturally diverse foods.



Hannah White

Hi! My name is Hannah and I am originally from Boston, Massachusetts. As much as I love the east coast, living in Arizona has been one of the most incredible experiences and I don't think I ever want to leave! My family and friends back home are always jealous that I get to spend my time here in the beautiful weather (when it's not 1,000 degrees) and the amazing desert landscape. Before coming to ASU, I got my Bachelor of Arts in Spanish, Criminology and Criminal Justice, and Social Justice from a small school in Massachusetts called Merrimack College. I am now a second-year masters student in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice and a graduate research assistant at the Center for Correctional Solutions. I didn't plan on applying to graduate school until I worked with a professor, who is now a mentor and good friend, that sparked my interest in research and encouraged me to apply to masters programs. And now that I'm here, I am so glad that I did! I am applying to PhD programs for the Fall and hope to stay at ASU so that I can continue the awesome work that I've had the privilege of being involved in here. My research interests broadly include victimization, trauma-informed corrections, and the life histories of people who are incarcerated. As part of my work for the Center for Correctional Solutions, I am starting interviews (for my first time!) with women in prison to gather data for both my thesis and for a project at the Center called the Point Model, led by the amazing MS student Genevieve McKenzie. Shout out to Gen, you go Glenn Coco! Outside of school, I love to read, watch movies, paint, go hiking at the many different locations in AZ, and spend time with friends and with my bearded dragon. And yes, my bearded dragon does go hiking with me.

Get to Know Your Postdoctoral Scholar



Krystlelynn Caraballo, PhD

About Krystlelynn the academic:

Dra. Caraballo is an incoming Presidential Postdoctoral Scholar and starts at Arizona State University in January 2021. She earned her Ph.D. in Criminal Justice and Criminology at Georgia State University. Her research focuses on the impact of Immigration Law on the potential for polyvictimization of foreign nationals, particularly as it relates to differential impacts based on status and nationality. Her academic career goals are to advance the methodology for studying the “immigrant-crime-nexus” by aligning criminological research with the parameters of immigration law. Eventually, she hopes to be able to provide systematic data to policymakers that pave the way for greater protection of vulnerable foreign national groups.

About Krystlelynn the person:

Krystlelynn is a native New Yorker whose pursuit of escape from the snow first led her to the South and then to Arizona. Aside from her academic interests, Krystlelynn is passionate about environmental issues, fashion inspired by different cultures, and Japanese anime. It is also a well-known fact that she cannot function without Café Bustelo. Off-campus, Krystlelynn and her fiancé Alexander can be found exploring nature, consuming copious amounts of ice cream, or nerding out with Superhero movies and shows.

(Note: Dra. is the abbreviation for the Spanish word “Doctora” which means “female doctor.”)

Message from Dr. Kate Fox, MS and PhD Director

Hi grads!

It's hard to believe we are already at the mid-semester mark. Hopefully you are settling into the semester and the academic year nicely.

We have many exciting things happening this academic year!

First, as you may know, we are searching for a new Director of our School. Dr. Cassia Spohn is now serving as our Interim Director since Dr. Jon Gould accepted the Dean position at UC Irvine. I am the chair of the search committee and I know that you are also invested in finding the right person to oversee our program. I welcome your participation in this process and will be working with the GSC when it comes time for candidate interviews.

In August we held an orientation to welcome our first year MS and PhD students as well as an informal "Coffee with Kate and Karla" event. We love (re)connecting with you all and will plan other opportunities to do so.

This year marks the kickoff of our professional development courses and ProSem (professional seminar), which are all geared toward providing doctoral students with professionalization opportunities. This fall we are hosting the CRJ 614: Professionalization seminar along with the ProSem workshops. For our MS students, we have held workshops on the PhD application process as well as the Capstone vs. Thesis.

For those who plan to present at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) conference next month, we have organized ASC practice panels on Friday, November 12 from 10am-12:45pm in UCENT 256. Please join and support the students who will be delivering their practice presentations. The Comprehensive Exam Committee will host an information session with Q&A the same day, Nov. 12 from 1-2pm via Zoom: <https://asu.zoom.us/j/86385161359>

Let's stay connected, stay healthy, and stay optimistic for what this academic year has to offer.



With Positivity,
Kate

Tips Section - Writing Papers

Choosing Your Topic

- You want to make sure your paper topic is something that is interesting to you as you will be spending a lot of time reading and thinking about your subject
- If you know what you want to do for your thesis or your dissertation it can be helpful to do course papers related to the topic so you can start building your knowledge base as you go

Organization is Key

- You want to make sure you are presenting information in a clear, logical order, and that you have a good flow between all of your sections
 - It can be helpful to create an outline before you start writing
 - Headings and subheadings are your friends, as they make it really clear what you will be covering in each section
- The main arguments/points for each section should be easy for your reader to identify

Introduction

- You want to have a hook that gets your reader interested in your topic right away
 - You could provide a statistics, make a connection to a current event, etc.
- Here you want to make it really clear why your study is important
 - Why is this something we should care about and what gap in the literature are you filling

Literature Review

- Think of your literature review section as a funnel
 - Start with the broadest topic first and then work your way into the specifics
- Make sure you are integrating the studies you find together
 - You do not want to just have a list of what each study found but rather a synthesis of the information
- Develop an organizational system for keeping track of the articles you use as you go so you are not scrambling list minute to figure out your references

Methods

- You can think of this section as the roadmap to your study
 - Your reader should be able to understand exactly what you did and in theory could replicate your work based on the descriptions you provide here

Results

- Here you are presenting exactly what your study found (statistics, themes, etc.)

Discussion/Conclusion

- Remind the reader why your study is important
- Discuss how your study fits with other literature on the topic
- Explain some of the limitations of your study and provide directions for future research on the topic



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Student Accomplishments

- The Graduate Student Committee would like to acknowledge all of the hard work Katie Brown did as our interim chair.
- Margaret Wood and Veronica Holyk did a great job of putting together the first in-person student social for the GSC.
- Danielle Haverkate won the American Society of Criminology, Division on Corrections and Sentencing Dissertation Scholarship Award
- Raven Simonds was named as honorable mention for the American Society of Criminology, Division on Corrections and Sentencing Dissertation Scholarship Award
- Call for Student Accomplishments for future newsletters
 - Do you have an accomplishment you would like to share? Or know about a friend/colleague who has done something you think is cool? We would like to feature student successes each month in our newsletter. So if you have or know of an accomplishment share [here](#) and we will feature you, them, or both in the next newsletter! We are looking forward to hearing about and sharing your success.

Student Voice

- We want students to have a voice when it comes to what is going on in the graduate program including sharing both what is going well and what could be improved.
 - We know it can be hard at times to voice concerns so we wanted to create a way where students can share their feedback anonymously.
 - That way the committee can work to advocate for students both in terms of keeping things that are currently working and providing suggestions to improve the things that are not.
 - In order to fill this need we have created a google form [here](#) where you can share any thoughts you have anonymously.

Karla's Corner

Important student deadlines:

- Last day to schedule thesis or dissertation defense for Fall -- October 22, 2021

Job Market Tools

- This year we created a folder where students on the job market can share their resources with each other. So if you are interested in seeing resources or sharing what you have with other students please click [here](#) to access the shared folder.
- Kate shared this helpful article: A Practical Guide to the Criminology and Criminal Justice Job Market for Doctoral Candidates: Pre-Market Preparation through Offers and Negotiations - [Click here](#)

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

Activity: Maze

